

A Letter from the Pastor

I began Lent with the personal theme, **Clean up, Clear out, Calm down**. How have I done? Well, I have really worked to cut out a lot of the clutter in my life. You know how we might just turn on the radio or TV to be informed or for a mood lift, not bad things in themselves. But while the imposed silence can seem restricting, it has also had a general quieting and calming effect these last few weeks, allowing me to be more focused and feel less frayed. This goes as well for cleaning out much of the accumulated clutter in my office, night stand, and e-mails. While I am not where I thought it would be at this point, as I write, it is finally a real snow day. The office is closed and I am doubling down reading old articles I saved, and listening to and erasing over 200 old voicemail messages.

How many of us get to this point after 30 plus days and say, "Another Lent under spent." My response to that is first, it is God's work and we may not always know the way we are being formed and reformed on a deeper level, even in our little penances or in our frail and failed attempts. Secondly, Lent is not over. The most important part lies ahead of us, the ancient practice of Holy Week. We begin with this Passion (or Palm) Sunday, but traditionally this whole week is a time to focus in prayer, both personal and liturgical, as we follow Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem, to the Upper Room, along the way of the cross to the Hill of Calvary, to the quiet of the Tomb. I invite you in particular to join us the evenings of the Triduum (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) to participate in the ancient liturgical rites that allow us to join the first disciples and those throughout the world, in being joined to Jesus. And in this way to find the clean, clear and calm that matters most.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, March 26th (Gospel reading: Jn. 12: 1-11)		
7:00 AM	Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Dorothy B. Delacroix	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Gerry Sullivan	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, March 27th (G. reading: Jn. 13: 21-33, 36-38)		
7:00 AM	Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Gerry Sullivan	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Jerry Collins	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, March 28th (Gospel reading: Mt. 26: 14-25)		
7:00 AM	Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Gerry Sullivan	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Antonina Fabella Tugado	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, March 29th (Gospel reading: Jn. 13: 1-15)		
11:00 AM	Confessions	
7:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday, March 30th (Gospel reading: Jn. 18: 1-19:42)		
11:00 AM	Confessions	
12 NOON	Stations of the Cross	
5:00 PM	Service of the Lord's Passion	
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)	
8:00 PM	Service of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)	
Saturday, March 31st (Gospel reading: Mk. 16:1-7)		
11:00 AM	Confessions	
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass	
Sunday, April 1st (Gospel reading: Jn. 20: 1-9)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	People of the Parish	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
1:30 PM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri

The Priests' schedule is subject to change without notice. Because of printing deadlines, Mass intentions requested less than two weeks ahead might not appear in the bulletin. Masses are offered for the names/intentions written in the parish intention book. The graces of each Mass are applied to the persons listed in the book regardless of whether they appear in the bulletin or are mentioned during the Mass.

There will be NO DAILY MASSES on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday. Please see the posted schedule in the blue section above.

40 Days for Life Closing Rally:

Holy Cross Catholic School located at 4900 Strathmore Ave, Garrett, MD on **Sunday, March 25th** at 7:00pm. Join us in the Social Hall of the school for an evening of prayer, praise & worship and personal testimonies as we continue to pray for the end of abortion and the transformation of hearts of those facing the difficult choice of an unplanned pregnancy. For more information go to 40daysforlife.com/Bethesda or contact Jill Perry at 301-924-3838 or socialconcerns@mothersetonparish.org.



Good Friday Collection on March 30, 2018: Support Christianity in the Holy Land:

The challenges for Christians living in the Holy Land are great. Many have chosen to leave, depleting the Christian faith communities and making the need of families that remain all the more urgent. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the ministry of the Holy Land Franciscans, who for 800 years have nourished Christians in the Holy Land with presence, care, and service. Last year's collection supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, and three academic institutions. It helped keep schools open for over 10,000 students and supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers. It also provided senior care facilities, created 1,500 jobs for Christians, and preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets. Please give generously to this collection. Holy Land Christians, together with all the clergy and religious working there, deeply appreciate your help, keeping the Christian faith alive in the land where it was born.

PALM SUNDAY

Office of Religious Education 301-654-5954

*Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord
Holy Week – The Week That Changed The World!*

Passover was celebrated at home. Jesus did this too. But after the meal He got up and went out, and He overstepped the bounds of the law by going beyond the Brook Kidron which marked the boundary of Jerusalem. He went out into the night.

At the end of the Holy Thursday liturgy we shall imitate the path taken by Jesus. We shall carry the Blessed Sacrament out through the church and take it to the chapel of his loneliness and mortal anguish. We accompany Him in the hour of His forsakenness, so that He is no longer forsaken. This Holy Thursday procession must be a commitment on our part to be continually entering into Jesus' forsakenness, to be continually wherever He is lonely, to stand by Him whenever men do not want to know Him. Let us ask the Lord to let his light shine in all the dark places of this world, and to reveal it to us in times of loneliness and darkness. Let us ask Him to be with us in the midst of the darkness of this world and to use us to build the new city, the place where his peace dwells, the New Creation. Amen.

(Taken from: *"The Passover of Jesus and the Church, a Mediation for Holy Thursday"*; Behold the Pierced One by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger; Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; © 1986 Ignatius Press, San Francisco; All rights reserved; pages 108, 109, 110).

Palm Sunday March 25: No CCD Classes
Easter Sunday April 1: Easter Sunday No CCD Classes
Mercy Sunday April 8: Second Sunday of Easter; CCD Classes resume.

Easter Lily and Palm Cross Sale:

Pick up beautiful Easter lilies and palm crosses for your garden or yard, or donate them to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in honor of loved ones. Your order supports the gardens of the historic monastery. Details and online orders at www.fmgg.org and the monastery's Holy Land Gift Shop, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. **Pick up items on Palm Sunday Weekend, March 24-25.** Sponsored by the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild. Questions? Contact Joe Bozik, 1retrojoe@gmail.com or call 703-967-0958.

Burial of Christ:

Experience the Holy Land on Good Friday, March 30th, with a recreation of the Burial of Christ ceremony held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The crucified Christ will be carried through the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land church in this service of song and prayer, then anointed and placed in the tomb (a full-size replica of the Tomb of Christ in Jerusalem). The monastery is at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. More information and a schedule of Holy Week and Easter events: myfranciscan.org and 202-526-6800.

News from our Blue Ribbon School:

Our Lady of Lourdes Alumni & Parents:

We have a wonderful opportunity to share with you! Help support OLOL and you could win 4 tickets to Hamilton on the date and location of your choice. These tickets are good for any date at the Kennedy Center in D.C. or the Richard Rodgers Theater in New York! Along with these amazing tickets, the winner receives a \$1000 gift card and a Hamilton script. Tickets are \$200 each and we will ONLY sell 200 tickets. All proceeds go toward outfitting and renovating our new Science Lab. Go here to buy your raffle ticket: <https://www.trailblz.info/ourladyoflourdes/EventComplete.aspx?eventid=3>. The winner will be drawn at the 10th Annual Lions' Roar Kate Truax 5K/1K on April 28th. You do not need to be present to win, but we would love to have you there with us! If you would like more information about registering or sponsoring the Lions' Roar please visit our website at www.bethesda-lourdes.org.

Save the date for the 9th Annual Our Lady of Lourdes Lions' Roar Kate Truax 5K/1K on Saturday, April 28, 2018!

The family-friendly festivities begin on Friday, April 27th with the Pre-Race Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Ledo's Pizza. The event begins with the race/walk on Saturday morning at 9:00am. After the race/walk, we will host a picnic with delicious breakfast and lunch food, enjoy music from a DJ, award prizes for top race finishers in each age category, select the winners of our raffle baskets, enjoy moon bounces and more! All proceeds from the event will benefit the Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is used for structural improvements to our building, professional development for our teachers and tuition assistance for families who would not otherwise be able to afford a Lourdes Blue Ribbon education. The entire Lourdes community is invited to attend this fun event and to celebrate the life of our wonderful teacher, Ms. Kate Truax! Visit our school website at bethesda-lourdes.org for event details, to register for the 5K/1K and for information about becoming a Lions' Roar Sponsor! We hope to see you on the weekend of April 27-28! Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School.

Save the Date for the First Archdiocesan Intercultural Conference:

On Saturday, April 21st from 9:00am-5:00pm, the Archdiocese of Washington will host the First Archdiocesan Intercultural Conference at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The diversity in our local Church provides new and exciting opportunities to strengthen our evangelization efforts, as well as new opportunities for encounter and accompaniment. This conference, sponsored by the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach, will help participants grow in the knowledge of the role of culture in the process of faith transmission. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, call 301-853-5335 or email culturaldiversity@adw.org.

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass:

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please use the sign-up forms in the back of the church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office Monday, April 16.

Way of the Cross Along the National Mall:

On Good Friday, March 30, the ecclesial movement Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross along the National Mall. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill, at 9:30am. Cardinal Wuerl will join the group at St. Peter's. After a station near the Capitol, the procession will follow the cross to a few stations along the National Mall and will end at the Washington Monument at 12:30pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please visit www.wayofthecrossdc.com.

Called to Leadership: Spirituality for Catholic Women:

On Saturday, April 21 at the Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville, MD, women are invited to discover how to enhance their spirituality to be a faith-filled leader in the home, parish, workplace, and community. Keynoter Dr. Susan Timoney, archdiocesan Secretary for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns, will speak on women's unique leadership gifts. After lunch, Shelia Parker, President of the Archdiocesan Sodality Union, will speak on how to be a better leader by being a better follower of Jesus. The third speaker, Desi Balla, will share leadership experiences in her amazing pro-life apostolate. The conference starts at 8:30am (check-in at 8:00am) and will conclude at 3:00pm. Open to 70 people, registration can be accessed at www.facebook.com/washaccw and is \$50 per person. For more information, email archdioceseCCW@gmail.com.

Moving In, Out or Within the Parish?

Please help us keep our records up-to-date by filling out this form and dropping it in the collection basket or rectory mail slot. Thank you.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

- _____ I/we am/are new to the parish. Welcome!
- _____ Change of address within the parish. Thank you!
- _____ I/we am/are moving out of the parish. God be with you!

Finance & Administration:

March 17/18 2018 Offertory: Figures unavailable due to inclement weather.

Second Collection for April 1, 2018: None

Our March Poor Box will be going to a local Montgomery County Food Bank.

Our Lady of Lourdes 2017 Tax Letters were mailed in January. Please call the rectory office if you did not receive your letter or if there are any discrepancies.

Social Responsibility:

Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound: If a parishioner is ill or unable to attend church and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call our coordinator, Margaret Carroll at 301-325-6398.

Give the Gift of Service:

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

The Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday Meal for the Poor and Homeless:

Feeds 30-40 people every Sunday in the school cafeteria. If you would like to volunteer to help serve the meal, please sign up at <http://vols.pt/3XNY26> or send an email to OLOLHomelessDinner@gmail.com. The online sign up process is mandatory – you MUST sign up online before showing up to volunteer. (We do this to make sure we don't have more volunteers than we need.) Various churches and synagogues in the area take turns providing food each week, but if OLOL parishioners want to provide food too on an ad-hoc basis, they're more than welcome. The food should be ready to eat, although food can be reheated on site if necessary. Bring the food to the cafeteria from 4:15-4:45 on Sundays (use the blue door on Pearl Street to the left of the school's main entrance).

In conjunction with the Sunday meal, volunteers also operate a "clothes closet" where our guests can obtain donated clothing. If you have non-dressy adult clothes you don't wear any more, please consider donating them to our clothes closet. Bring donations to the clothes closet (located down the long hallway opposite the main entrance to the cafeteria) from 4:30 to 5:30 on Sundays, or contact Dan Keen at 301-564-0077 to arrange a pick-up at your home. Please, nothing stained or torn. Clothes don't have to be in season.

Noticias en Español – Domingo de Cuaresma – Marzo 25 , 2018

Entrada Triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén



La Iglesia Católica celebra hoy día el Domingo de Ramos, que recuerda y revive la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén, donde pocos días después había de morir clavado a la cruz. Este domingo recibe su nombre de un hecho que está registrado en el Evangelio: al paso de Jesús que entraba en Jerusalén, montado sobre un burro, "muchos extendieron sus mantos por el camino; otros extendieron ramas cortadas de los árboles" (Mc 11,8). De aquí habría recibido el nombre "Domingo de Ramos". Si se pregunta, ¿ramas de qué árboles? Debemos responder: de olivos. En efecto, la caravana que escoltaba a Jesús partió del monte de los Olivos, el monte que está frente a Jerusalén al otro lado del torrente Cedrón, llamado así precisamente porque estaba cubierto de olivos. Era imposible encontrar ramas de otro árbol. Por eso hoy día en la Misa principal en cada parroquia se hace memoria de este episodio evangélico por medio de la procesión de los fieles que escoltan al sacerdote, revestido de rojo, llevando ramos de olivos en las manos.

Es importante registrar lo que gritaba el pueblo al paso de Jesús: **"¡Hosanna! ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor!...¡Hosanna en las alturas!"**. Así fue aclamado Jesús a su entrada en Jerusalén. Estos gritos iban a desencadenar los hechos que lo llevaron a su muerte en la cruz. Todos reconocemos en esos gritos de júbilo la misma aclamación que en cada Misa introduce la plegaria eucarística. Si con esa aclamación se dio entrada a Jesús en Jerusalén, donde iba a ofrecerse en sacrificio muriendo en la cruz, es significativo que se cante esa aclamación en la acción sacramental que va a hacer presente sobre el altar ese mismo sacrificio con toda su eficacia salvífica. Por eso resulta inoportuno que al canto del "Sanctus" se le acomoden otras palabras. En efecto, adoptar otras palabras en ese lugar de la Misa hace perder toda la ambientación de lo que se está conmemorando. En hebreo suena así: hoshiá-na. El verbo en cuestión es el verbo "hoshía" (raíz "yashá") que significa: salvar, liberar.

Este domingo toma también el nombre de "Domingo de Pasión", porque en la celebración de la Misa se lee el relato de la Pasión. Este año se toma del Evangelio de San Marcos. La celebración de este día es como recorrer con Cristo el camino desde su entrada en Jerusalén hasta su muerte en la cruz. Como dijimos, es lo mismo que hacemos en cada Eucaristía que celebramos. Pero en la Eucaristía se hace memoria de todo el ciclo pascual, es decir, tenemos allí el encuentro con Cristo resucitado y glorioso, tal como está ahora a la diestra del Padre en el cielo.

Que esta introducción de la Semana Santa mueva a todos a participar en las celebraciones litúrgicas de estos días, sobre todo, durante el triduo pascual. Tomar esos días como meras vacaciones y ocasión para divertirse, es profanar los hechos que nos han dado la salvación. Esos días debemos contemplar a Jesús haciendo realidad su declaración: "Nadie tiene mayor amor que el que da la vida por sus amigos" (Jn 15,13). **adaptado: aciprensa**

Noticias:

El viernes 30 de Marzo a las 7pm se celebrará el Via crucis seguido de la misa en Misa en Español.

Si es nuevo o ha cambiado su información – Por favor recorte el siguiente formato de inscripción y entréguelo en la Misa junto con la colecta. Recuerde que los datos que usted nos suministre son confidenciales.

- Soy (somos) nuevo(s) en la Parroquia. **Queremos inscribirnos.**
- Llevo (tenemos) ya tiempo asistiendo a esta parroquia y **queremos inscribirnos.**
- Estoy (estamos) inscritos y **esta es la nueva dirección.**
- Ya no podré volver a esta parroquia. **Favor eliminar mi nombre de la lista.**

Por favor marque
con una según
corresponda

NOMBRE: _____

DIRECCION: _____ APTO: _____ CIUDAD: _____

CODIGO POSTAL: _____ TELEFONO: _____ CORREO ELECTRONICO: _____