

A Letter from the Pastor

This week we have been focused on lifting up our beloved Msgr. Jim Beattie to the mercy of God, in prayer, liturgically, and personally. And we will continue to do so. He served so many souls for almost 57 years in various positions and parishes, bringing the healing power of God to thousands of lives.

Monsignor was known for his kindness and his humor. One priest, a friend for many years, called him the “class clown”, always lightening up any situation with his wit. But beyond this, I think it is important to remember that at his core, Monsignor found his strength and purpose in offering the Mass, and the union with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Over these last couple of years as his health declined, I was always taken by his insistence at saying daily Mass, even when he was recuperating and another priest was happy to “cover” for him. Until about a month ago, the staff would set up a credence table and special chair in the church so that he could offer the prayers, the gospel, a homily, and the Holy Sacrifice without having to move around. I thank them for this and for your patient understanding as well. When he no longer had the physical strength to leave his room, he was able to exercise the celebration from his bed using a hospital table, attended by staff or old friends. For the last few weeks it was poignant to visit with him and see his chalice, with which he offered his first Mass in 1961, always by his bedside ready for the next day.

In fact the day before he died, Father Barbieri helped him celebrate the Mass in his room. Receiving from the chalice, required for priests, rather than a simple sip of the Precious Blood, he requested, “More”. He wanted a larger portion of the life-giving Sacrament. Perhaps he knew the time was close. From the ancient Church until now, Holy Communion before death is called, *Viaticum*. This is understood as “food for the journey.” Indeed, Monsignor Beattie died in the embrace of grace. We now thank the Lord for this remarkable man who gave his life so that we too might know, as he did, the Goodness of God with us in the Blessed Sacrament.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, April 23rd (Gospel reading: Jn. 10: 1-10)
 7:00 AM Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri
 8:00 AM + Dorothy B. Delacroix Fr. Barbieri
 12 NOON Special Intention Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, April 24th (Gospel reading: Jn. 10: 22-30)
 7:00 AM Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku Msgr. Filardi
 8:00 AM + Antonio J. Fernandez Msgr. Filardi
 12 NOON + Kathleen T. Royals Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, April 25th (Gospel reading: Mk. 16: 15-20)
 7:00 AM Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri
 8:00 AM Int. Diane P. Black Fr. Barbieri
 12 NOON + Neil William York Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, April 26th (Gospel reading: Jn. 13: 16-20)
 7:00 AM Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku Msgr. Filardi
 8:00AM + Jaime Acevedo-Navas Msgr. Filardi
 12 NOON Int. The Tundo Family Fr. Barbieri
Friday, April 27th (Gospel reading: Jn. 14: 1-6)
 7:00 AM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham Msgr. Filardi
 8:00 AM Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri
 12 NOON + Jaime Acevedo-Scott Fr. Barbieri
Saturday, April 28th (Gospel reading: Jn. 14: 7-14)
 8:00 AM + Ellen Wycoski Msgr. Filardi
 11:00-11:55 AM Confessions Msgr. Filardi
 12 NOON + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham Fr. Barbieri
 4:00-4:45 PM Confessions Fr. Barbieri
 5:00 PM Int. Kate Cox Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, April 29th (Gospel reading: Jn. 15: 1-8)
 7:30 AM Priest's Intentions Fr. Barbieri
 9:00 AM People of the Parish Msgr. Filardi
 10:30 AM Priest's Intentions 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.

Building Fund Collection Correction:

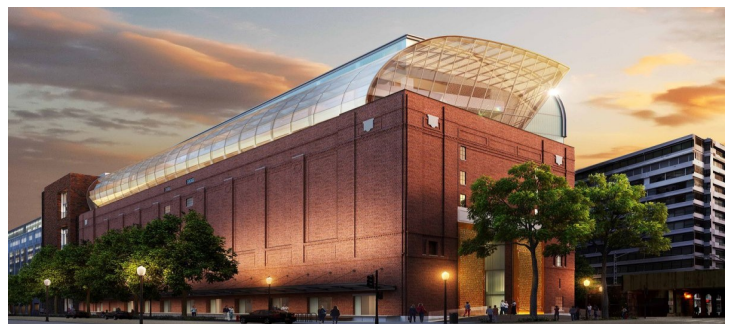
The parish office made an error regarding last week's second collection for the Building Fund. The Building Fund second collection will be taking place today, April 22, 2018. Thank you to everyone who contributed last week and we apologize for the confusion.

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 ASAP.**

Museum of the Bible:

The Ladies of Lourdes will be hosting a trip to The Museum of the Bible on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, from 8:45—2:45pm. The cost is \$40 for transportation and the museum entrance fee. For more information contact Barbara Black at fsbbob@verizon.net



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Office of Religious Education

301-654-5954

Fourth Sunday of Easter

On Friday we welcomed His Excellency the Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Jr. Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington who conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 58 of the candidates of the English and Hispanic Religious Education, Our Lady of Lourdes School, and the children of the parish who attend Private Catholic Schools.

To the confirmands: “ **You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses**” (Acts of the Apostles 1:8).

Liliana (Nuestra Senora de la Altogracia) Alfaro; Sofia (Martin de Porres) Appolonia; Nathalie (Maria Magdalena) Becerra; Brandy (Rosa de Lima) Benitez; Johana (Isabel de Hungria) Benitez; Francisco (Francisco de Asis) Bonilla; Andrew (Peter) Cabrera; Marioandres (Juan Diego) Cisneros; Claire (Cecilia) Deausen; Luis (Augutine) Diaz; Ian (Peter) Eskenazi; Dante (Josemaria Escriva) Estrada; Gabriella (Marie Amandine) Fernandez; Ann Marie (Brigid) Gannon; Natalie (Cecilia) Goodman; Diego (Jude) Guevara; Christian (Ann)Hansen; Lily (Lily) Heller; Joel (Martin de Porres) Hernandez; Nicholas (Joseph) Hessick; Omar (Andrew) Jarquin; Alana (Bernardita) Jiron; Gabriel (Nicholas) Jones; Zachary (Zechariah) Jones; Guyer (Michael) Kopplin; Caroline (Elizabeth of Hungary) Krauth; Sean(Timothy) Lacey; Quinlan (Michael) Long; Aidan (Aidan) McCloskey; Yanica (Gregorio) Mejias; Graciela (Juana De Arco) Miranda; Aidan (Michael) Murphy; Dylan (Thomas More) Murphy; Taryn (Gianna Beretta Molla) O’Leary; Carlos (Padre Pio) Orellana; Giulio(Francis of Assisi) Orlandi; Hilary (Maria Magdalena) Orozco; Nicholas (Christopher) Palazzo; Andres (Francis of Assisi) Peterkofsky; Nora (Joan of Arc) Pulizzi; Sean (Patrick) Quinn; Ada (Rita de Casia) Ramos; Thomas (Jude) Reiser; Noelia (Virgen de Guadalupe) Reyes; Emma (Catherine of Siena) Robinson; Oriane (Philomena) Sanon; Richard (Isidore of Seville) Sbaschnig; Jacob (Anthony of Padua) Sclafani; William (Tarcisius) Smith; Martin (Madre Teresa de Calcuta) Soros; Jack (Sebastian) Squier; Maximillian (John the Baptist)Stan; Otto (Bernard of Clairvaux) Troxler; Ashley (Marie Amandine) Tsozock; Kevyn (Juan Bosco) Turcios; Jackson (Joseph) Van Wagener; Noah (Jude) Vetter; Ian (Maximilian Kolbe) Wassmann.

To the newly confirmed: “Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee, wheresoever thou goest.” Joshua 19.

Continue to keep the confirmands and their families in your prayers.

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.

Marriage Renewal Workshop: Healing Your Love: Tools for Overcoming Obstacles in Marriage:

On May 19-20, 2018 at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center A Christ-Centered Marriage Renewal Workshop for couples looking to reconnect, repair, and re-energize their marriage. Opportunities for confession, celebration of the mass, and renewal of Marriage Vows are all included in the schedule. This is a two-day workshop, but you do not stay overnight. The registration fee includes the workshop fee for you and your spouse, all materials, expert guided assistance during the workshop from therapists and facilitators, plus breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages throughout the weekend. If you have additional questions or any special needs, do not hesitate to contact us at (301) 365-0612 or info@ourladyofbethesda.org.

Sick in our Parish:

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters especially Deacon John Shewmaker and James Johnson III.

Deceased in our Parish:

Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters especially Monsignor James T. Beattie and Joe Walsh.

Mass Requests:

Please note that if you are requesting more than two Masses, the parish office would prefer that you submit a written list with your Mass requests. Please include the preferred date and time, if the person is living or deceased, and your phone number or email so we may contact you if needed. Mass stipend is \$10 per Mass.

Calling All Members of the Lourdes Class of 1968:

The Our Lady of Lourdes Class of 1968 is planning a celebration of the 50th anniversary of their graduation. The reunion date and detailed information will be forthcoming. Please send your contact information to Bill Glacken at william.glacken@yahoo.com. If you are in contact with any of our classmates from 1968, please also forward their contact information to Bill Glacken. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Altar Flowers:

The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by Jennifer Polney in loving memory of her mother, Josephine Sarain.

If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers for a special intention, a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, please call the Parish Office or email sgutierrez@bethesdalourdes.org. The donation for the flowers is \$150.00.

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:

Easter Sunday 2018 Offertory: \$23,138

Second Sunday of Easter 2018 Offertory: \$11,271

Second Collection for April 29, 2018: None

Our April Poor Box will be going to Saint Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. It is a nonprofit organization providing house and support programs, committed to lifting vulnerable children, mothers and families out of poverty and homelessness.

Parish Support:

Christ is Risen! As his disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue, requires not only gifts of time, but also financial help. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can find the paper enrollment forms in the parish office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net by using our church code: MD33.

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.

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 – Cuarto Domingo de Pascua – Abril 22 , 2018

Yo soy el Buen Pastor



"Yo soy el buen pastor". Esta afirmación es una de las más bellas del evangelio, pues refleja con muchísima claridad el corazón de Cristo. No fue sólo un título usado por Cristo para describir su misión, sino algo que llevó a cabo, de allí que sus primeros discípulos hayan resumido su vida con esta frase: "pasó haciendo el bien" (Hch 10, 38). Cristo pasa todavía por nuestras vidas haciendo el bien como hace dos mil años, Cristo sigue tocando a la puerta de nuestro corazón para que nos abramos a la conversión cómo lo hicieron Mateo, María Magdalena, el buen ladrón. Cristo sigue sufriendo su Vía Crucis cuando nosotros lo ofendemos y no somos capaces de amar como Él, pero Cristo, también, se alegra hoy cuando ve al hijo pródigo regresar a casa porque **Él es el buen pastor**.

"Conozco mis ovejas y las más me conocen a mí". Cristo nos ama porque nos conoce, porque nuestra grandeza y nuestra miseria no son desconocidas para Él, precisamente, porque nos conoce, vino a este mundo para salvarnos, porque nos conoce quiso quedarse en la Eucaristía y dejarnos su perdón en el sacramento de la penitencia. Pero ahora nos debemos preguntar ¿Realmente conozco a Cristo? ¿Realmente lo conozco como el buen pastor? Que nunca nos olvidemos que Dios, que se ha revelado por Jesucristo, es Amor, es misericordia, comprensión y perdón. Jesús quiere establecer con sus amigos una relación que sea el reflejo de aquella que Él mismo tiene con el Padre: una relación de pertenencia recíproca en la confianza plena, en la íntima comunión. Para expresar este entendimiento profundo, esta relación de amistad Jesús utiliza la imagen del pastor con sus ovejas: él las llama y ellas reconocen su voz, responden a su llamado y lo siguen. Esta parábola es hermosísima. El misterio de la voz es sugestivo: desde el vientre de nuestra madre aprendemos a reconocer su voz y aquella del papá; por el tono de una voz percibimos el amor o el desprecio, el afecto o la frialdad. La voz de Jesús es única. Si aprendemos a distinguirla, Él nos guía por el camino de la vida, un camino que supera también el abismo de la muerte.

Que este evangelio sea para nosotros una invitación a ser también los buenos pastores para con nuestros hermanos los hombres, que con sus nombres y apellidos se cruzan todos los días por nuestras vidas. Que realmente seamos ese bálsamo que sane sus heridas, que cure sus almas atribuladas por el dolor, la tristeza, el odio. Que les demos de comer manjares de eternidad con nuestra palabra y testimonio de cristianos auténticos. Que al final nuestras vidas se puedan resumir al igual que la de Cristo: Pasó haciendo el bien.

Reflexión:

¿Han escuchado a veces la voz del Señor que a través de un deseo, una inquietud, les invitaba a seguirlo más de cerca?
¿Han tenido ganas de ser apóstoles de Jesús? Pregunta a Jesús qué cosa quiere de ti y sé valiente. **Adaptado:pildorasdefe**

Anuncios:

El 6 de Mayo será nuestra Clausura de Catequesis y los esperamos a las 11am en la cafetería de la Escuela.
Los alumnos que recibirán la Primera comunión tendrán Retiro el 29 de abril a las 9am. En la cafetería de la Escuela.
El Domingo 29 los alumnos de Confirmación recibirán sus certificados durante la Santa Misa.
Todos los niños y padres están invitados a participar de nuestro "Curso de Verano" que comenzara en Junio, próximamente daremos mas informaciones de fechas.

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: _____

DIRECION: _____ APTO: _____ CIUDAD: _____

CODIGO POSTAL: _____ TELEFONO: _____ CORREO ELECTRONICO: _____