

A Letter from the Pastor

Last Sunday after Mass one of the ushers handed me a watch that was found in the collection basket. Good folks often hand me items found in the church pews. We do have a Lost & Found but if an object does not have an innate value, such as a tattered child's book or well-worn rosary beads, I will often ask for it to be left in the pew. My thought is that if someone comes looking for it they are most likely to go to the place where they were. If it is not in their pew they may presume it was taken, not realizing that we have a Lost & Found. (Of course, now you know.) As for the watch I put it on my wrist and told those in the sacristy that if anyone came looking for it, it was on me. (Later a friend wondered if it might be someone's way of saying I am too long-winded. Huh?)

Then it dawned on me, could it be that someone gave the watch as a contribution to the church? It is very nice. It is not a Rolex, but it is not a Timex either. (And I say that with affection for the Timex watches I've owned through the years.) If no one claims it, I will presume it is for parish support.

I point this out after I heard a conversation on the Catholic radio station: WMET 1160 AM, regarding the purpose and meaning of the Offertory Rite in the Mass. In the early church, gifts of support to the parish came in an array of objects from coins to food items to live animals. The radio speaker pointed out that these donations, including the bread and wine ("Works of human hands") were given openly, not as a way to show-off, but to publicly portray our self-offering and surrender to God. He stated that money is not dirty but a real reflection of individuals' time, effort and excellence, a portion of their lives. We appreciate what you are able to share, your sacrifice. Cash is still king, and unlike let's say, a live chicken, it is easier to claim as a tax deduction. If no one claims it, and you are the donor of the watch, thank you.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, April 30th (Gospel reading: Jn. 14: 21-26)		
7:00 AM	+ Richard Murray Bland	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. James O'Connell, Jr.	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, May 1st (Gospel reading: Jn. 14: 27-31a)		
7:00 AM	Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Claudia Fernandez	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Veronica & Warren Stanion	Fr. Benjamin
Wednesday, May 2nd (Gospel reading: Jn. 15: 1-8)		
7:00 AM	Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Albert & Marguerite Schuelke	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	The Mother's Rosary Group	Fr. Mendl
Thursday, May 3rd (Gospel reading: Jn. 14: 6-14)		
7:00 AM	Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Charlie & Bessie Luby	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ William & Patricia Abell	Msgr. Filardi
Friday, May 4th (Gospel reading: Jn. 15: 12-17)		
7:00 AM	Int. Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ George Bridge	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Dezider Kosecky & Parents	Fr. MacFarlane
Saturday, May 5th (Gospel reading: Jn. 15: 18-21)		
8:00 AM	+ Ruth Ryan	Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. MacFarlane
12 NOON	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. MacFarlane
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, May 6th (Gospel reading: Jn. 15: 9-17)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	People of the Parish	Fr. Conway
12 NOON	Priest's Intentions	Fr. MacFarlane
1:30 PM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Presutti
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.		

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.



First Time:

Kathleen Sheridan of Chevy Chase, Maryland and Graham Lubinsky of Washington, DC.

Music at the Monastery:

Music to uplift your soul! Enjoy Music at the Monastery on Sunday, May 13th at 4:00pm with organist Carol Feather Martin. Held at the historic Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC, this monthly series is co-sponsored with the DC Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A light reception follows; free-will offering. For information visit: myfranciscan.org or call 202-526-6800.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Office of Religious Education

301-654-5954

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Catechists in proclaiming Christ lead their disciples to holiness and parents are the first catechists of their children. Yet we praise our catechists who are fearfully and wonderfully made in proclaiming the message of God in its entirety and purity to the Lourdes Parish students and families throughout the Year:

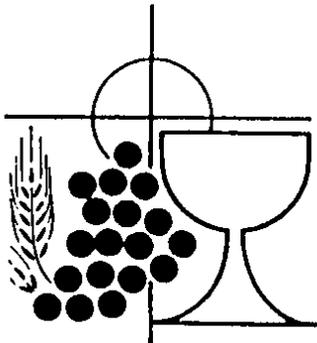
Christa Childs (Kindergarten); Nancy Shifter (1st grade); Kathleen Carlner (First Penance/First Holy Communion); Ellen Sarnecky (3rd grade/Adult Bible Study); Isabelle Buchanan (4th Grade/RCIA); Dominic Nathan (5th Grade); Jack Buchanan (6th Grade/RCIA); Joseph Monte (7th Grade); Danny Gannon (Confirmation); Anne Hoover (Special Sacramental Preparation); Anthony Federico-seminarian, Alejandra Flores, Charlotte Hanstad, Jacqueline McCloskey, (substitute catechists); Leila Hamidi-Imani, Alyssa McCloskey (high school assistants); & Grace Gilmore (Administrative Secretary).

Ever grateful to scores of others who also contribute their many talents for us:

Sheri Golden (Parish Manager); Claire Toms (Parish Assistant); Tony Ayala (security); Linda Hardin (rectory housekeeper/chef); Gregory Gannon, Mary Gresock, Paul Newport, Patricia Severinsen, Patrick Mulhern (musicians); Luis Argueta, Oscar Rodriguez, Mario Garcia (maintenance/setups); Nan Kiyonaga (LOLOL school receptionist); Eleanor Brennan (coffee & doughnuts); and the hosts of the Confirmation reception, the families of school, CCD English & Spanish communities.

In thanksgiving for their prayers and support, we are indebted to Monsignor Edward Filardi, our pastor; Father Rafael Barbieri; Deacon Andru O'Brien, and a special remembrance to our late Monsignor James Beattie. Yet the most important catechesis comes from attending the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Mass, each Sunday and Holy Day Obligation, and daily when possible. **Yes, Christ Jesus the Teacher is the Most Important Person in our daily lives.**

Sun. May 6: May Procession after the 10:30am Mass. All the children of the parish are invited.



Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild Open House:

Beekeeping, garden tours, and a volunteer-run vegetable garden that produces local, fresh food for parish food pantries and food non-profits in our community. Learn more about what we do and how you can volunteer. The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild Open House is Saturday, May 5th from 10:00am-12:00pm (1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017). Meet at the greenhouse behind the gift shop. All are welcome. Visit www.fmgg.org or email gardenguild@gmail.com.

DC Padres Are Back!

The DC Padres, a baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians, will play their first game of the 2018 season on Sunday, April 29th against St. Mary's Ryken at Blue Crabs Stadium in Waldorf, MD. The Padres games begin shortly after the 2:00pm Blue Crabs/Baysox game ends around 5:00pm. Tickets are \$4 each with printed flyer found at sacredheartlaplata.org, the DC Padres Facebook page, or the DC Padres website www.dcpadres.com. Tell your friends! Let's fill the stadium in support of our priests and seminarians!

Ever Considered the Priesthood?

Join us for a men's discernment dinner on Sunday, May 13th from 5:00-8:30pm at the Saint John Paul II Seminary 145 Taylor Street, NE Washington DC. The evening includes Holy Mass, dinner and an opportunity for young men, college age and up, to discuss the priesthood with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Washington. Please register to attend at www.DCproest.org. For additional information contact: Fr. Mark Ivany, director of priest vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org.

Saint John Paul II National Shrine: Weekly Programs:

The Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Road, NE) has launched two new ongoing weekly programs: Thursday Adoration from 7:00-8:00pm, hosted in collaboration with parishes and groups of the Archdiocese of Washington, and "The Art of Prayer" series on Sundays from 6:00-7:00pm, on interior prayer with time for silent meditation followed by a Sunday Vespers service. On Sunday, April 29th, "The Art of Prayer" will be led by two Brothers of Taize, Brothers Emile and John, who will lead a Taize Evening Prayer Service. For more information, please contact Anne-Elisabeth Giuliani at Anne.Giuliani@jp2shrine.org or 202-635-5428.

Fiat Camp for Young Women:

Fiat is Latin for "Let it be done." This was Mary's response to the angel Gabriel when she was asked to become the mother of Jesus. At Fiat Camp, young women will be challenged to become fully who they are and to discover the great dignity of their vocation as a woman. For this year's camp for young women who are rising 9th-12th Graders, the Archdiocese of Washington is partnering with the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The camp will be held from July 27-29 at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, and it includes prayer, talks, discussions with religious sisters, games, and sports. Fee is \$150 (sibling discounts & scholarships available). Details and registration at www.quovadisfiat.org.

Sick in our Parish:

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

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the March Poor Box. The total contribution came to \$1,622.30 for the Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg. We are truly grateful for your generosity.

Altar Flowers:

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.

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!

Registration:

It is important to register in the parish since baptisms, weddings, Godparent and Confirmation sponsorship certificates and other parish services require registration. **Please note that adults who were previously registered with their parents should register on their own by age 21.** Please contact the office at 301-654-1287 to request a parishioner registration card.

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:

Third Sunday of Easter 2018 Offertory: \$8,581

Second Collection for May 6, 2018: School Support

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.

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Yo soy la verdadera Vid



Para realizar esto, deben permanecer unidos a Cristo. Sus palabras son la base de su eficacia: "Yo soy la vid. Ustedes los sarmientos... porque sin mí no podéis hacer nada" (Jn 15,5). Él nos llama también hoy a un mayor amor, porque nos invita a una permanente conversión del corazón. Nos llama a una mayor unión con El en su Iglesia, pues es allí donde le encontraremos. Y la unión con Cristo en su Iglesia es la condición esencial de toda su eficacia apostólica. Es Cristo quien os confía su misión, una misión que, sin embargo, está coordinada dentro de la unidad de su Cuerpo mediante los Pastores de la Iglesia. Esto explica el gran valor que tiene una amorosa comunión de fe y disciplina con sus obispos quienes, como dice la Carta a los Hebreos, "velan sobre vuestras almas, como quien ha de dar cuenta de ellas" (He 13,17). Han escuchado la Buena Noticia de la salvación y la han abrazado con alegría, produciendo frutos de justicia y santidad de vida. Pero es importante que la gracia de la fe se desarrolle en nosotros y en todos los creyentes con la ayuda de Dios, y nos conduzca a un conocimiento más profundo de la persona y del mensaje de nuestro Señor Jesucristo (cf. Catechesi tradendae CTR 19).

La necesidad de una catequesis sistemática es una de las mayores necesidades de la Iglesia en este momento. Es un gran reto para nosotros como católicos. Como seglares, estamos llamados, individual y colectivamente, a hacer frente a este reto.

Entre todas las oportunidades que tenemos abiertas para el ejercicio del apostolado individual, la familia ocupa un lugar de primordial importancia. La familia puede proporcionar una respuesta eficaz a la secularización del mundo; **la familia tiene un carisma especial para transmitir la fe y para estimular en su desarrollo una evangelización inicial.** Dentro de la intimidad de la familia, cada individuo puede encontrar la oportunidad para dar un testimonio personal del amor de Cristo. **Los padres tienen el derecho y el deber de catequizar a sus hijos;** tienen el inmenso privilegio de ser los primeros en enseñar a sus hijos a rezar. Juan Pablo I decía: "estimular a los padres en su papel de educadores de los hijos; ellos son los primeros catequistas y los mejores. ¡Qué gran tarea tienen y qué reto! Enseñar a sus hijos a amar a Dios, a hacer de este amor una realidad de su vida. Y, por gracia de Dios, qué fácilmente aciertan algunas familias a cumplir la misión de ser primum seminarium; el germen de una vocación al sacerdocio se alimenta a través de la oración familiar, el ejemplo de fe y apoyo de amor". (Discurso en Filipinas de Juan Pablo II el 20 de febrero de 1981).

Anuncios:

El 6 de Mayo será nuestra Clausura de Catequesis y los esperamos a las 11am en la cafetería de la Escuela. Todos los niños y padres están invitados a participar de nuestro "Curso de Verano" que comenzará 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: _____