

A Letter from Our Seminarian

My name is Taylor Colwell, and I am the seminarian assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes this summer. I began this past week and will stay through mid-July. I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible and learning how I can best serve you during my time here.

I just finished my first year studying for the priesthood at St. John Paul II Seminary, the minor seminary for the Archdiocese of Washington. I am taking courses in pre-theology, the initial two-year period of studies (mainly philosophy) for those who have already obtained an undergraduate degree.

I grew up in Griffin, Georgia, a small town about an hour south of Atlanta. I came to Washington to attend Georgetown University, where I studied Culture & Politics in the School of Foreign Service. Raised as a Baptist, I became a Catholic in 2014 after exploring the faith for about a year, meeting friends from the Georgetown Knights of Columbus Council, and receiving instruction from a priest-mentor who was also my professor. After graduating college in 2015, I worked for two years at the Federal Trade Commission, where I helped attorneys investigate merger transactions. During that time, I began sensing a possible call to the priesthood; I decided to test that call by entering seminary. My first year in seminary has been a transformative one of growth in freedom and trust in God in order to respond to His call.

Thank you all for the giving me the opportunity to serve at your parish. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

- Taylor Colwell

Monsignor Beattie Scholarship:

The Monsignor James T. Beattie Scholarship began with a donation from Al and Mary Ann Pierce of Alexandria, VA. Al met Fr. Beattie in 1961 at St. Ambrose in Cheverly, MD, on his first assignment after ordination. Al and Mary Ann offered to inaugurate this scholarship in thanksgiving for all that Fr. Beattie meant to the Pierce family, in recognition of his enduring love for children, and out of gratitude for all the blessings the priests, staff, and people of Our Lady of Lourdes bestowed on Fr. Beattie. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship, please contact the school at 301-654-5376, or send a check to the rectory or the school.

Memorial Day Rectory Hours:

Please note the rectory office will be closed on Monday, May 28th. There will also be **NO 7:00AM MASS.**



Masses for the Week

Monday, May 28th (Gospel reading: Mk. 10: 17-27)

7:00 AM NO MASS
8:00 AM + Manuel & Emilia Torres Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON + Monica Shewmaker Msgr. Filardi

Tuesday, May 29th (Gospel reading: Mk. 10: 28-31)

7:00 AM + Dorothy B. Delacroix Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM + Annie Durkin Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON Int. Susana Sharpe Fr. Barbieri

Wednesday, May 30th (Gospel reading: Mk. 10: 32-45)

7:00 AM + Lois Lewis Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM + Katherine Nally Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON Int. Martha Novelty Fr. MacFarlane

Thursday, May 31st (Gospel reading: Lk: 1: 39-56)

7:00 AM + Msgr. James T. Beattie Fr. Barbieri
8:00AM + Ellen Wycoski Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON Int. Monique August Fr. Barbieri

Friday, June 1st (Gospel reading: Mk. 11: 11-26)

7:00 AM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM + Augusto Franco Mora Fr. MacFarlane
12 NOON + Frank Lopez Fr. Barbieri

Saturday, June 2nd (Gospel reading: Mk. 11: 27-33)

8:00 AM + George Bridge Fr. Barbieri
11:00-11:55 AM Confessions Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON + Hernan Arias Fr. Barbieri
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions Fr. Conway
5:00 PM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham Fr. Conway

Sunday, June 3rd (G. reading: Mk: 14: 12-16, 22-26)

7:30 AM Priest's Intentions Fr. Barbieri
9:00 AM People of the Parish Fr. Victor
10:30 AM Priest's Intentions Fr. Victor
12 NOON Priest's Intentions Fr. Barbieri
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.

June Rectory Hours:

Please note the following changed rectory hours in June:
June 6th: 9:00am - 4:00pm, June 7th: 10:00am - 4:00pm,
June 8th: 9:00am - 4:00pm, June 11th: 9:00am - 4:00pm.

The Retirement of Mrs. Patricia McGann:

Join us on Saturday, June 9th, 2018 for 5:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church to celebrate the retirement of Mrs. Patricia McGann as she will retire from her position as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes after 13 years. After Mass, families are cordially invited to attend Mrs. McGann's retirement celebration from 6:00 to 8:00pm on the Lourdes field. If you plan to attend the celebration, please RSVP via this link **NO LATER than Thursday, May 31st:**
<http://evite.me/Z3YpJhCeqs>.

Any questions, please contact Michelle Harmon at michellecharmon@gmail.com or Susan Apgood at sapgood@newsgeneration.com.

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The Most Holy Trinity

The Trinity invites us through Christ's passion and incarnation, through His Cross, to enter daily into the eternal communion of persons that they experience among themselves. They are the perfect society because they spend all eternity doing nothing but giving and receiving truth and love.

The Sign of the Cross is an especially powerful testimony of our belief in this mystery. One who makes this sign literally covers himself with the cross and the three persons in all parts of this body, thus expressing the total transformation in God that faith in the Holy Trinity accomplishes in the engrafted person. Those who are lonely or feel unloved need only to constantly recall how loved they are to have three such infinite, true and loving companions on the journey through life through the power of this sign. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you."

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It is to our comfort, and as an emphasis of the infinite personalities of the Trinity, that we speak of the works of power as works of the Father, works of wisdom as works of the Son, and works of love as works of the Holy Spirit.

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Memorial Day at Catholic Cemeteries:

"A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness," says Pope Francis in *Gaudete et Exsultate*. "He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus." On Memorial Day, come gather in loving memory of family, friends, and fellow citizens who have given their lives for our freedom. "Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness," says the Pope. Special outdoor Memorial Day Masses will be held at 10:00am on Monday, May 28th on the sacred grounds of the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, including:

All Souls Cemetery, Germantown, MD,
Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD
Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Clinton, MD
St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Mechanicsville, MD.

Parishioner Registration:

We have recently noticed that many of our frequent Mass attendees are not official Lourdes parishioners. That brought up questions such as: How many people live within our parish boundaries and attend our church but are not registered as parishioners? And regardless of that number, what does it matter? The sacraments are available to all and we welcome all to our community. But it does in fact make a big difference.

Our parish population is a major factor in our parish's relationship with the Archdiocese. Are we big or small? How much support do we need? How many priests are required to serve such a population? One example of how much it matters: the number of tickets allotted to Our Lady of Lourdes for Pope Francis' Mass at the Basilica was determined by our official parish population, a count of our REGISTERED parishioners.

Our parish register is the source of all of our parish mailings and emails. Most of these include critical information about the parish and its activities. Crucial information about dates for events, food drives and other charitable activities, volunteer opportunities and much more is conveyed to our parishioners, based on our official mailing list of registered parishioners.

Finally, if you are a registered parishioner, we are able to vouch for your church participation when called upon for Godparent letters, Confirmation sponsor letters, and the like. These "good standing" certifications are not so simple for unregistered churchgoers. Also, if you or your child received a sacrament or attended the school at Lourdes, it does not automatically make you a parishioner. To register, you may call the rectory office, email Claire Toms at ctoms@bethesdalourdes.org, fill out the form in the bulletin, or stop by the rectory for a registration card.

Our Lady of Lourdes is open to all and we welcome you whatever your registration status. We ask only that you help us document the incredible scope of our parish's ministries and community work by being counted officially as a member of the Lourdes family.

Please know that our priests pray for you, your families, and all the members of the Our Lady of Lourdes community.

Mass with Healing Prayers for Children and Families:

All families are welcome as we celebrate a teaching Mass with Healing Prayers for Children and Families at St. Andrew Apostle in Silver Spring on Friday, June 8th at 6:30pm. Following a teaching mass for children, families will be invited forward to kneel together before Our Lord in adoration, and the children will receive healing prayers through the priesthood. Confession will also be available throughout the evening. Please visit: <https://standrewapostle.org/worship/masses-with-healing-prayers/> for more information.

Low Gluten Hosts:

If you would like a low gluten host, please come to the sacristy before Mass to request one.

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.

Apartment Sublease Opportunity:

Efficiency apartment "with a view" sublease opportunity within walking distance of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and NIH. Available by or before the end of June through November 30th, 2018. \$1132 per month, utilities included. Application subject to approval by Aldon Management. Call 240-672-7135.

"Singles Sunday" Mass and Dinner:

Taking place on June 10th. Mass is at 3:00pm at Holy Redeemer Church at 4902 Berwyn Road in Silver College Park, MD. Dinner at 4:00pm in the Four Seasons Room below the church. Reservations required for dinner. Dinner cost is \$10 before June 4th or \$15 thereafter. Single Adult Catholics; most attendees are 45 and older. Visit: <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call Greg at 301-906-9422.

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!

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:

Seventh Sunday of Easter 2018 Offertory: \$8,144

Second Collection for June 3, 2018: None

Our May Poor Box will be going to the Holy Family Hospital.

The Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem serves women and children of all faiths. No one is turned away from this Catholic hospital, which delivers over 4,000 babies each year. The students of the school are honoring their mothers and Mary Our Mother by collecting money for the hospital. Please consider a donation to the Holy Family Hospital which depends on donations for over 50% of its operating budget. There are envelopes in the back of the church for your donations. You can send or drop off donations at the school and rectory. We will be collecting until the end of May. Thank you for your generosity. Follow this link to learn more about Holy Family Hospital, and to watch a video about the work they do: www.birthplaceofhope.org.

Parish Support:

May can be a busy month. Are you booking travel for Memorial Day? Gearing up for summer vacation? 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. 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.) Food should be ready to eat, although it 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. 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.

Noticias en Español – Domingo Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad – Mayo 27, 2018

“Yo estoy con vosotros todos los días hasta el fin del mundo”



Hoy la Iglesia universal celebra la fiesta de la Santísima Trinidad. La doctrina de la Santísima Trinidad surgió de las Escrituras y de la oración comunitaria de la iglesia primitiva; fue promulgada oficialmente en los Concilios de Nicea (325) y Constantinopla (381). Esta doctrina afirma la comunión íntima de Dios con nosotros, a través de Jesucristo, en el Espíritu Santo. Los cristianos creemos que Dios interviene y participa en la historia. Desde un principio, Dios ha tratado de comunicarse y relacionarse con todas sus criaturas. En el Antiguo Testamento lo hizo a través de sus hazañas y de los profetas. En la plenitud de los tiempos, Dios se hizo uno con la humanidad en Jesucristo, quien es la imagen visible del Dios que no podemos ver (Col 1:15). La Encarnación, la Palabra hecha carne, es la prueba más radical del amor de Dios por nosotros al

querer hacerse partícipe de nuestra humanidad. Por el poder del Espíritu Santo, Dios continúa su presencia activa entre nosotros, buscando una comunión eterna con sus criaturas. Hoy Jesús envía a sus apóstoles a evangelizar el mundo, aunque algunos todavía dudamos. Evangelizar es ayudar a una persona a profundizar sus experiencias pasadas hasta el momento en que reconozca a Cristo como la verdad que ilumina su propia existencia.

Cada persona en el mundo tiene una misión específica que Dios le ha confiado. De cada quien depende si quiere llevar a término esa misión. Cada camino tiene sus dificultades, pero nosotros debemos ir de las manos de Dios para poder salir al paso de todos esos tropiezos de la vida.

Que nadie se sienta omitido de su propia misión, pues es Dios el que nos ha creado y quiere un propósito de nuestra vida, y de nosotros depende si ese propósito se cumplió o desgraciadamente se le va a tener que confiar a otro.

Diálogo con Cristo: Señor Jesús, haz que no te defraude en mi vida, y que no me importe cuantas sean las caídas, sino que, con la experiencia de las mismas, pueda llegar algún día a tu presencia habiendo cumplido la misión de mi vida.

Anuncios:

- Queremos felicitar a todos los niños que recibieron su Primera Comunión el domingo pasado y agradecer a los padres y catequistas por la preparación y colaboración.
- Todos los niños y padres están invitados a participar de nuestro “Curso de Verano” que **comenzará el 3 de Junio al 5 de Agosto (solo los 1º y 3º domingos del mes)**, ya están abiertas las inscripciones. Contacto: Mateo Evans (412)377- 4208.

Por favor actualice su información - Recorte el siguiente formato de inscripción y entréguelo en la Misa junto con 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.**

NOMBRE: _____

DIRECION: _____ APTO: _____ CIUDAD: _____

CODIGO POSTAL: _____ TELEFONO: _____ CORREO ELECTRONICO: _____