

A Letter from Our Pastor

The Acts of the Apostles describes the selection of the first deacons in the Church, men particularly tasked with the duty of service, in ancient Greek, *Diakonia*.

“And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility.” Acts 6:3 This past Saturday at the St. Matthew’s Cathedral, Fr. Barbieri, our seminarian Taylor Colwell and I attended the ordination of seven new transitional deacons to the Church. Transitional deacons are men preparing for the priesthood, as opposed to permanent deacons, who are usually married men who remain as deacons.

This ordination was particularly significant because one of these young men, John Benson, is a life-long Lourdes parishioner, who was raised just up the street. You may know his parents Paula and Bernie. Paula ran our RCIA program for many years, and I am grateful for her joy and her continued active service in the parish. As they say, the apple does not fall far from the tree. John, now 26, was baptized by Msgr. O’Donnell and attended local schools: Rosemary Hills, Bethesda, Westland, and B-CC. He was able to attend the Mass with Pope Benedict at the new Nationals Stadium in 2008. This may have played a part in helping him hear his special calling. In 2010 he entered the seminary for the Archdiocese under the auspices of the Neo-Catechumenal Way. When I think of John, I envision his big broad smile which he never seems to be without. I was able to congratulate him after the Mass last week on behalf of all of us at Lourdes. Please keep John in your prayers in this final year of prayer and preparation before the priesthood. I know he will be a man of wisdom and service to us all and we are truly proud of him.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, June 18th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 38-42)		
7:00 AM	+ Mary Ann McInerny	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Msgr. James T. Beattie	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. Joseph Lopez	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, June 19th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 43-48)		
7:00 AM	+ Katie Fiora	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Msgr. James T. Beattie	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Ana Maria Angulo	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, June 20th (G. reading: Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18)		
7:00 AM	+ Daniel Boyle	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Msgr. James T. Beattie	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ John Tuinstra	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, June 21st (Gospel reading: Mt. 6: 7-15)		
7:00 AM	Int. Mr. & Mrs. Stephan Strickland	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Msgr. James T. Beattie	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Ellen Wycoski	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, June 22nd (Gospel reading: Mt. 6: 19-23)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Antonio J. Fernandez	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Russell Strand	Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, June 23rd (Gospel reading: Mt. 6: 24-34)		
8:00 AM	+ Joan Chestnas	Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Peter & Carroll Bowers	Msgr. Filardi
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, June 24th (Gospel reading: Lk. 1: 57-66, 80)		
7:30 AM	Priest’s Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	Priest’s Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
10:30 AM	Priest’s Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Priest’s Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
1:30 PM	People of the Parish	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.		

The Fourth Annual Epic Barbecue for Young Adult Catholics:

Will be held on Friday, June 22nd at Our Lady of Lourdes on the field. There will be veggie burgers, bratwurst, hot dogs, turkey dogs, beer, wine, and snacks. Sports and great camaraderie. Sponsored by the St. Catherine & St. Lawrence Societies. Admission just a \$10 donation at the door.



Peter’s Pence Collection:

On the weekend of June 23rd-24th, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Peter’s Pence second collection. Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. In responding to those who are suffering, Our Lord teaches us, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Our participation in this collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord’s love and mercy for the vulnerable and suffering around the world. Please give generously as you are able.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Religious Education

301-654-5954

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

When a man becomes a priest, he becomes another Christ. Before his ordination he received grace from others; yet after his ordination he can communicate grace to others. He is the active, human instrument through which the grace of Christ passes to men. This makes it apparent that Holy Orders is a social sacrament. Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, Penance and Anointing of the Sick sanctify the individual for his own advantage. But Holy Orders sanctifies a man for the benefit of others. It makes him holy so that he can communicate holiness to others. Holy Orders has a social aim--the spiritual care and rule of the Christian community. It is through the priesthood that Christ provides for the continuance of the spiritual life of the Church. In His priests Christ still walks the earth, seeking the salvation of men, preaching the Gospel, administering the sacraments of His grace. By the agency of His priests, Christ still offers Himself to His Father as the eternal Victim of the sacrifice of the Mass, acknowledging God's dominion over the universe, thanking Him for His gifts, praying to Him for the needs of men, and expiating men's sins. With His priests Christ visits the sick, comforts the afflicted, gives alms to the poor, shelters the homeless, instructs the ignorant, feeds the hungry, and forgives the sinner.

(Source: *My Way of Life*, The Summa Simplifies for Everyone; by Walter Farrell, O.P., and Martin J. Healy, S.T.D.; Copyright (c) 1952 by Confraternity of the Precious Blood; pages 571,572)

Saint Pope John Paul II in his letter to the Priests; Holy Thursday, 1990 tells us that: The priesthood is not an institution that exists alongside the laity or above it. The priesthood of bishops and priests, as well as the ministry of deacons, is for the laity, and precisely for this reason it possesses a ministerial character, that is to say, one of service.

On Saturday, June 9th 2018, parishioner, John Benson, was ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Archdiocese of Washington. Deacon Benson who studies at the Redemptoris Mater Seminary for diocesan missionary priests, will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood in 2019. As a youngster Deacon Benson study with the Religious Education Program (CCD) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. One terrific student! His parents are Bernard and Paula Benson. Congratulations! Remember to keep Deacon Benson, all the other transitional deacons, and all the recently ordained men in your prayers. Pray that God will sanctify and bless their Holy Priesthood.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:

Happy Father's Day! Take time for your marriage by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on August 3rd-5th, 2018 in Hanover, MD, or November 2nd-4th, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up! Early registration is highly recommended.

Quo Vadis Camp for Young Men:

The Archdiocese of Washington's annual Quo Vadis Camp, sponsored by the Office of Priest Vocations, is for mature young men in high school who desire to grow in holiness. This year's four-day camp will take place from July 15th-18th at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. It includes daily Mass, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, recreation, sports, and fraternity. Bus transportation is available, and for more information and registration, visit www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020 with any questions.

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. Mary was called to live courageously and to give her whole life, and because of her response, she changed the world. At Fiat Camp, young women will be challenged to become fully who they are – to embrace the unique gifts given to them by God 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.

July Weekend Retreat:

"Living by the Rule - Saint Albert for All"

Please come to a Weekend Spiritual Retreat at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg beginning on the evening of Friday, July 6th and closing after lunch on Sunday. This time of recollection and prayer will be led by a Carmelite Friar, Father John Sullivan, renowned retreat master, spiritual director and author. Father Sullivan will, beginning with the Rule of St. Albert, show the ways in which we can live a holy prayerful life even in these frenetic materialistic times. Father Sullivan will highlight the opportunities that God provides for us to be closer to Him. You will experience Holy Eucharist, Liturgy of the Hours, Exposition, Adoration, silent recollection, and three conferences given by Father Sullivan. The cost for the entire residential weekend is \$210, and the option to attend individual days is available. Please come, and invite your family and friends to share this Retreat organized by the Frederick and Westminster communities of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. For more information please contact Dawn Walsh at dwalsh33@gmail.com or Ken Vaughan at 301-473-5112 or Kvaughan@doc.org.

Sick in our Parish:

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters especially Margaret Ervin.

Congratulations to the parents and family of Hannah Dawn Harden who was recently baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Congratulations to Erik Orellana and Rosibel Benitez who were recently married at Our Lady of Lourdes.

May God's Blessing be with them always.



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 sgolden@bethesdalourdes.org or ctoms@bethesdalourdes.org. The donation for the flowers is \$150.00

Welcome Visitors! We are delighted that you have joined us for Mass. Please note that if you regularly attend Mass and contribute to Our Lady of Lourdes but have not completed a registration form you are not yet an active member. It is important that you register in the parish since baptisms, weddings, Godparent & Confirmation sponsorship certificates and other parish services require registration. To register, please contact the rectory office at 301-654-1287, email Claire Toms at ctoms@bethesdalourdes.org, or fill out the form below.

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:

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

Corpus Christi 2018 Offertory: \$8,223

Second Collection for June 24, 2018: Peter's Pence

Our June - August Poor Box will be going to the Assumption Outreach Program.

The Assumption Outreach Program is a food pantry that provides food to struggling families year-round. However, donations during the summer months are particularly important to families with children who would otherwise be receiving meals at their schools. We would prefer monetary or gift card donations which will be sent to the Assumption Outreach Program. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Faith Direct:

Summer can be a busy time. Gearing up for 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.

Low Gluten Hosts:

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

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.