



Please note that the rectory office will be closed on Labor Day: Monday, September 3rd. There will also be no 7:00am Mass.

The Ladies of Lourdes:

The first meeting of the 2018-19 Session of the Ladies of Lourdes will take place on **September 18th** in the Library Media Center in the school, starting promptly at 7:30pm. Our speaker will be Julie Blatty and her presentation will be **From Playboy to Adoration**. All women of the parish are welcome and to bring a friend. For further information please contact: Barbara Black at fsbbob@verizon.net or 301-652-0749.

LOLO Men's Retreat: Friday, September 14th through Sunday, September 16th at Loyola Retreat House -- a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD:

This year's retreat theme is: God's Dream. For additional information, please pick up a flyer from the table as you leave Mass today. For a reservation and/or more detailed information, please contact our retreat coordinator, Geary Fisher. He can be reached by telephone at 301-654-1806 or e-mail at: gandfisher@verizon.net.

Give a weekend to God "Come Away and Rest Awhile".

Why Not Make a Change This Fall in the Way You Support Our Lady of Lourdes?

Sign up with eGiving through *Faith Direct*, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Our Lady of Lourdes. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through *Faith Direct* will also save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. To enroll, please visit *Faith Direct's* website: www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **MD33**. You can also pick up an enrollment form from the parish office.

Masses for the Week

Monday, September 3rd (Gospel reading: Lk. 4:16-30)		
7:00 AM	NO MASS	
8:00 AM	+ Msgr. James T. Beattie	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Elvira Arias	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, September 4th (Gospel reading: Lk. 4:31-37)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Int. Brandon Carroll	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Jack Karasack	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, September 5th (G. reading: Lk. 4:38-44)		
7:00 AM	+ Walter & Doris Curtin	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Ginger Wolf	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. Maria Freire	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, September 6th (Gospel reading: Lk. 5: 1-11)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Deb Morris	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Philip McCarty	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, September 7th (Gospel reading: Lk. 5:33-39)		
7:00 AM	+ Mary A. Sheehan	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Peter Rudnicki	Fr. Barbieri
Saturday, September 8th (Gospel reading: Mt. 1: 18-23)		
8:00 AM	+ Ellen Wycoski	Fr. Barbieri
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM	+ Anton Petrak	Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, September 9th (Gospel reading: Mk. 7: 31-37)		
7:30 AM	People of the Parish	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	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.

On the Weekend of September 8th-9th, 2018, the Archdiocese of Washington will Take up The Catholic University of America Second Collection:

The university provides an academically rigorous education, guided by Catholic intellectual tradition, to over 6,000 students, including clergy, religious, seminarians, and young lay men and women. It is committed to being a comprehensive Catholic and American institution of higher learning, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church. For more than 100 years, this national collection has been a pillar of support for the University and, by helping fund financial aid and more, is critical to a successful academic year for both students and faculty. You may find information at collection.cua.edu, and thank you for your generosity.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Religious Education 301-654-5954

Prayer is a daily battle. On some days, we may not even want to get out of bed, let alone spend time in prayer. But half the battle is already won if we simply pray, whether we feel good or not, whether prayer brings sweet consolation or a hard trial of dryness. If my prayer is dry and listless, I can examine myself and ask: Am I being lax? Am I being fervent enough? Am I free of sin? I may be doing everything right. It may well be that God is purifying me of all self-reliance and teaching me, in His apparent absence, to rely totally on Him. *Prayer is an act of the will, and act of love, a decision to continue putting faith in God.* As one person put it, 80 percent of prayer is simply showing up!

Prayer is a battle not only against ourselves, in our fickleness and varying moods, but a battle against the wiles of the tempter, engaged in all-out warfare to turn us away from prayer, from union with God. ...Saint Paul says, in prayer, we fight the hardest, most important battle for the salvation of our souls and of every soul.

(Taken from Homiletic & Pastoral Review © Ignatius Press 2010; Homilies by Father Alvaro Delgado; Stockton, Ca.

With the recent crisis in the Church, we must remember that there are many good and virtuous priests, bishops, cardinals and so many respectful seminaries with so many holy and faithful seminarians. ***The Church is Holy because of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is Holy!*** The result of the first instance of mistrust harms the Church. It is spiritual murder; yet let us not commit spiritual suicide by leaving the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Sun. Sept. 9th: CCD Religious Education begins at 10:15 AM in the cafeteria.

40 Days for Life: September 26th - November 4th:

You're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil from 7:00am- 7:00pm in the public right-of-way outside Leroy Carhart's late term abortion facility, 10401 Old Georgetown Rd. Help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Deb VanLandingham at 301-351-5940 or Sandy Buffalano at 301-219-5912.

English Speakers of Other Languages Program (ESOL)

Would you like to learn English or improve your English language ability? Join us on **Sunday, September 9th** from 12:00pm to 1:30pm in the new vestibule space of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and register for the fall session of the English Speakers of Other Languages Program. A second registration session will be held on **Sunday, September 16th**, from 10:30am to 11:30am in the new vestibule space. The first class will be held on **Sunday, September 16th**, 2018. Classes are held each Sunday from 11:45am until 1:15pm. We look forward to meeting and speaking with you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact ESOL Coordinator, Maya Wilson, at 516-455-9169.

Join us at Our Lady of Lourdes for the next Bible Study: *Psalms: The School of Prayer*:

Starting **Monday, September 10th** at 7:00pm in the Religious Education Office on the lower level of the school. The DVD Series is taught by Jeff Cavins and runs for ten weeks with opportunities for discussion. To register call the Religious Education Office at 301-654-5954. There is no cost for the class. If you wish to purchase a workbook the cost is \$25.00. Fliers are available in the vestibules of the church.

RCIA - An Invitation to Come and See! -- Thursday September 13th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the School Library:

RCIA is an opportunity:

- For those who have not been baptized.
- For those who have been baptized, but have little affiliation with, and/or training in the Catholic religion.
- For those who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith.

Through weekly gatherings, those attending gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices. All are welcome, and there is no obligation to make any commitment to become Catholic.

The first gathering is for information and inquiry, not commitment. Please call the rectory office and leave your name and phone number. Msgr. Filardi will return your call and put you on our registration list.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes in Spanish:

will begin on **Sunday, September 16th** from 11:30am-1:15pm. Registration is every Sunday following the 1:30pm Spanish Mass. Please contact Gilvar Morales at 301-788-9651 for more information.

MEN:

Deepen your Faith, Friendships, and Relationships Within your Family:

That Man Is You (TMIY), a program for men seeking to refresh their spiritual life and deepen their family commitments, meets in the Library Media Center from **6:25 to 7:55 on Saturday mornings**. TMIY is both substantive and--given the early hour-- sacrificial. It is a nationwide, transformative program that builds authentic Catholic male leadership.

Each session includes a brief gathering for a light breakfast, a video teaching, and small-group discussion.

Come join us. Learn more about your faith and how it can bring peace and purpose to your life. TMIY's teaching videos and small group discussions help you examine your life and let God renew it.

Connect: TMIY is an opportunity to develop and deepen friendships with other men of the parish.

Integrate: TMIY is a practical way to more fully integrate your faith with your daily life, both at work and in the family. If you'd like to sample TMIY without registering, just drop by the school library on **September 15th, or subsequent Saturdays**. Please RSVP by contacting Paul Bizot at pbizotpe@aol.com or 301-648-5945.

Altar Flowers:



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by **Myra Nicdao** in loving memory of the **deceased members of Samson-Nicdao-Miskell Family.**

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@lourdesbethesda.net or ctoms@lourdesbethesda.net The donation for the flowers is \$150.00.

Ministry to the Elderly and Homebound:

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

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington: is an organization for single Catholics enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Ages 21 to 65-plus; most members are 45 and older. Please find out more about us at: <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

Holy Child's Tiger Trot:

Put your paws up and running shoes on for Holy Child's 8th Annual Tiger Trot 5K Run/Walk, which will take place on **Sunday, September 23rd** at 8:30am. After the scenic race, the finish line celebration and awards ceremony will include music, kid rides and entertainment as well as food and drinks – free to all runners and families. This is a fun-filled morning for the whole family! Please visit: www.holychild.org/tigertrot5k to register.

The 26th International Week of Prayer and Fasting: *The International Prayer and Fasting Coalition* is calling people to unite for nine days (**Sept 29th – Oct 7th, 2018**) of prayer and fasting for the following goals:

To convert peoples and nations, to build a culture of life, to protect marriage and family life according to Heaven's Divine Order, and for peace in the world.

For the opening day, on **Saturday, September 29th**, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9:00am – 4:30pm for an international prayer event. Registration is FREE, but please register online at www.iwopf.org to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event. For more information visit www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).

Finance & Administration:

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018 Offertory: \$7,854

Second Collection for September 9, 2018: The Catholic University of America

Our September Poor Box will be going to Bethesda Cares.

Bethesda Cares is a community outreach program for the homeless. Their mission is to respond with compassion and creativity to help the homeless and persons in need in the community and to help prevent impending homelessness in Montgomery County. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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).

Volunteers also operate a "clothes closet" where our guests can obtain donated clothing. (Please note we are only accepting men's clothing at this time.) Bring donations to the clothes closet 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.

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: _____

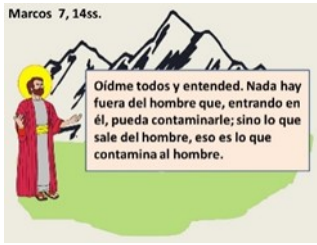
____ I/we am/are new to the parish. Welcome!

____ Change of address within the parish. Thank you!

____ I/we am/are moving out of the parish. God be with you!

Noticias en Español –Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario– Setiembre 2, 2018

“Lo que sale de dentro es lo que hace impuro al hombre”



Estamos en el mundo y recibimos constantemente la influencia del mundo, todo entra por nuestros oídos, por nuestra boca, por nuestros ojos... Nuestro ser es un receptáculo en el que metemos la “comida” que nos llega del exterior. El hombre es un vientre hambriento que asimila todo lo que encuentra a su paso.

En tiempos de Jesús sus contemporáneos hacían la diferencia entre los alimentos puros y los impuros, es decir aquellos que podían contaminar al hombre, por ejemplo la carne de cerdo y de conejo era considerada impura. Una mujer que tenía sus reglas, una persona que tenía he morragias, eran impuros por cierto número de días: nadie debía ni siquiera tocarlos. Un leproso

era impuro hasta que sanara. El que se había manchado incluso por accidente, aunque no fuera culpa suya, debía purificarse, habitualmente con agua, a veces pagando sacrificios. Jesús no viene a abolir prácticas religiosas sino que viene a purificarlas y a sacarlas de la hipocresía y del escrúpulo. **“Lo importante no es lo que entra en el estómago del hombre sino lo que sale del corazón”**.

¿Qué es lo que entra en el estómago del hombre? No se trata solamente de la comida como alimento que ingerimos y que masticamos con los dientes. Sino de todas las influencias que entran en nosotros a través de nuestros cinco sentidos. No comemos solamente con la boca, también lo hacemos con los ojos, con los oídos, con el tacto, con el olfato. El hombre, decía el filósofo Emmanuel Levinas, es un vientre hambriento, comemos y devoramos todo lo que está a nuestro paso. Cuando vemos una película de cierta manera nos la comemos, al igual que cuando leemos un libro o escuchamos una canción. Todo mediante el conocimiento lo podemos “meter en nosotros” es por esta razón que Picasso en una de sus pinturas pinto al hombre como un gran estómago con dientes, dispuesto a devorar todo lo que se presente a su paso.

¿Tenemos que tener cuidado de lo que metemos a nuestro estómago? Sí, ya que de ello depende nuestra salud. Saber escoger una buena película, un buen libro es casi como escoger el alimento que más le conviene a nuestro estómago, que no le va a perjudicar. Sin embargo al estar expuestos en la sociedad, hay veces que la sociedad “escoge” por nosotros nuestro alimento. Nos dicen las películas que hay que ver, los libros o revistas que hay que leer etc. ¿Cómo poder escapar ante este mercado de “cosas” que nos quieren imponer? Es aquí donde entra la sabiduría del corazón, aquella sabiduría que habitó el corazón del rey Salomón. En la medida de lo posible yo debo elegir lo que es bueno para mí (espectáculos, libros, pasa tiempos etc.), pero aún estando casi forzados a “dejarnos contaminar” por la alimentación chatarra que nos impone la sociedad, ya que no podemos cerrar los ojos –el estómago- al mundo -debemos aprender a purificarnos desde el interior. Aprender a mirar desde la perspectiva de Dios lo que la sociedad nos propone como alimento, en esto consiste la sabiduría a la que nos invita Dios. Tener un espíritu crítico hacia los alimentos del mundo (la sociedad consumista que nos dice que hay que tenerlo todo para poder ser felices). Pidamos al Señor que nos ayude a purificar siempre nuestro espíritu, a partir de la bondad y de la sabiduría del corazón.

Avisos:

Las inscripciones para la Catequesis y ventas de libros estará abierta desde el 9 de setiembre en la cafetería de la escuela de 11:45 a 1:15pm.

La Catequesis 2018-2019 empezara el 16 de Setiembre de 11:45 a 1:15pm.

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: _____