

A Letter from Our Pastor

Over three hundred and eighty years ago, two ships crossed the Atlantic Ocean from England, landing on an island in the Potomac River. They named it for the patron saint of mariners, Saint Clement. The almost 150 passengers on the Ark and the Dove had survived a harrowing journey. On March 25th, 1634, Father Andrew White celebrated the first Mass in the English-speaking colonies. After Mass, the Catholic colonists carried on their shoulders a large cross hewn from a tree, and planted it in the ground. Then they knelt down and prayed the Litany of the Holy Cross "with great emotion," the priest recorded.

This past Friday, September 14th was the commemoration of the Triumph of the Cross, where we remember that on the cross, Christ gave His life so that we might live. Taking up our cross, we die to self. And at the foot of the cross, we find our identity, our strength and our victory.

It is therefore fitting that on this day the Archdiocese has initiated a "Season of Healing". It is six weeks in which each parish is encouraged to unite in prayer to offer our pain, suffering and anger, and to commit both personally and as a people to more faithfully following Jesus in virtue and truth, imploring healing and hope for all those feeling hurt and betrayed.

I have put together a Litany of the Holy Cross to be offered this season following each Mass after the final blessing. I hope you will join in praying it with us.

Today, Jesus' call to you and me, "*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*" Mk 8:34

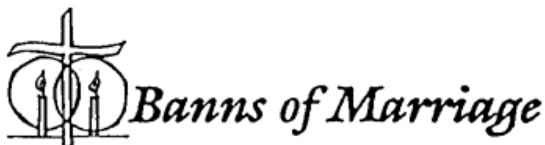
The path to restoration and repair will be difficult and arduous, and requires perseverance in hope, as together we carry this cross to purification and triumph.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

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, a Journey of Faith.**

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.



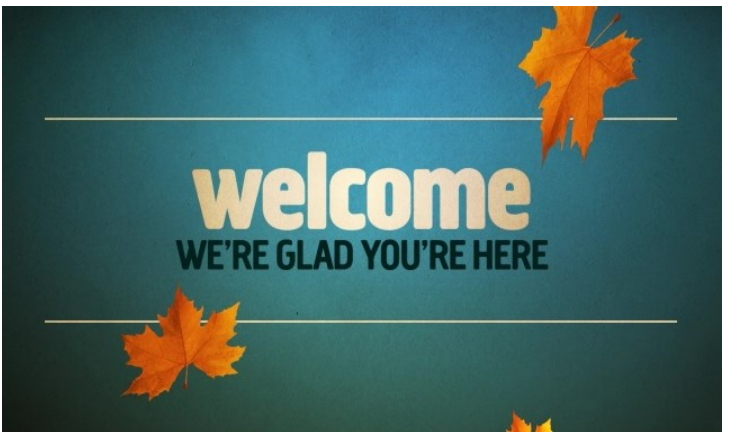
Second Time: John Aylor of Spartanburg, South Carolina and Lea Biciocchii of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Second Time: Charles Pollack of Rockville, Maryland and Claudia Diaz of Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Masses for the Week

Monday, September 17th (Gospel reading: Lk. 7: 1-10)		
7:00 AM	+ Irene Mora DeFranco	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Holy Souls	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Timo Teo Fajardo	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, September 18th (G. reading: Lk. 7: 11-17)		
7:00 AM	Int. Erin Abate	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Our Country	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Jeffery Nguyen	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, September 19th (G. reading: Lk. 7: 31-35)		
7:00 AM	Int. Riley Malwitz	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Jean Dunkelberger	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. Maria Freire	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, September 20th (G. reading: Lk. 7: 36-50)		
7:00 AM	Int. Molly Pitcher	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ John Joseph O'Donnell	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, September 21st (Gospel reading: Mt. 9: 9-13)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Don Bowe	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Mary Ann Kilbane	Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, September 22nd (G. reading: Lk. 8: 4-15)		
8:00 AM	+ James Hagy	Fr. Barbieri
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Dorothy B. Delacroix	Msgr. Filardi
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, September 23rd (Gospel reading: Mk. 9: 30-37)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	People of the Parish	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.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Religious Education 301-654-5954

"The Church has always considered catechesis one of the primary tasks. . . the name of catechesis was given to the whole of the efforts within the Church to make disciples, to help people to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, so that believing they might have life in His Name, and to educate and instruct them in this life and thus build up the Body of Christ. The Church has not ceased to devote her energy to this task."

Today is **Catechetical Sunday** "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus" is the theme for 2018. At the 9:00 AM Mass there will be a brief Rite of Commissioning for catechists, staff and administrators of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Continue to pray for all who teach, catechists and families, that our lives may be faithful to Christ and to the teachings of His Holy Mother Church.

*You spare all things, because they are Yours,
O Lord and Lover of all souls, for Your imperishable Spirit
is in all things! Wisdom 11:26, 12:1*

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

Mondays 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.

Fifth Annual CBN-DC Gala:

The Board of Directors of the Catholic Business Network of Washington, DC cordially invites you to attend the Fifth Annual Gala supporting Catholic education and honoring distinguished members of our community.

Join us as we honor Our Catholic Business Persons of the Year, **Bill and Mary Noel Page** of Page Honda and Our Religious of the Year, **Sister Mary Bader** of St Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families.

Thursday, October 4th, 2018: 6:00pm at

The Four Seasons: 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased at: <https://www.cbndc.org/events/gala>.

For more information contact Justin Silvers at jsilvers@cbndc.org or 202-957-5188. We hope you can join us!

MEN: Deepen your Faith, Friendships, and Relationships Within your Family: That Man Is You:

A program for men seeking to refresh their spiritual life and deepen their family commitments, meets in the Library Media Center on **Saturday mornings from 6:25-7:55**. Please RSVP by contacting Paul Bizot at pbizotpe@aol.com or 301-648-5945.

RCIA - Thursdays at 7:00pm in the School Library:

Through weekly gatherings, those attending RCIA 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. Please call the rectory office for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes in Spanish: will begin on **Sunday, September 16th from 11:30am-1:15pm**. Please contact Gilvar Morales at 301-788-9651 for more information.

Do you suffer from Toxic Family Syndrome?

Does time with your family bring tension and old hurts rather than joy? This can be the lingering results of growing up in a dysfunctional family. A class for **Adult Children of Alcoholics/Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families (ACOA/ACDF)** is offered to help you to understand family dynamics and heal the pain of growing up in such a family. This healing program seeks to improve coping and intimacy skills and to help you grow in appreciation and love of one's self and others. The first six-weeks of a three part series will be offered at 4405 East West Highway, Suite 304B beginning **Wednesday, September 26th, 2018**. Call Kathleen Scheg, JD, LCPC, LPC at 301-681-3590. The fee is \$360 for each six weeks.

English Speakers of Other Languages Program (ESOL)

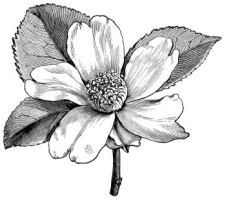
Would you like to learn English or improve your English language ability? A second registration session will be held on **Sunday, September 16th, from 10:30am-11:30am** in the new vestibule space. The first class will be held on **Sunday, September 16th, 2018 from 11:45am-1:15pm**. Classes are held on **Sundays from 11:45am-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.



ESOL

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Altar Flowers:



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by **Jackie Asuku** in loving memory of **Onyioza Maris Asuku**.

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.

Finance & Administration:

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018
Offertory: \$10,218

Second Collection for September 23, 2018: None

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes received a total of \$5,884.23 from June through August, for the Assumption Outreach Program. We are sincerely grateful for your generous support.

**The Our Lady of Lourdes Class of 1968
50 Year Reunion:**

To all alumni of the Our Lady of Lourdes Class of 1968: Our 50-year class reunion will be held at the school on **October 6th, 2018**. Please contact Bill Glacken at william.glacken@yahoo.com for details.

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.

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. Please contact: Deb VanLandingham at 301-351-5940 or Sandy Buffalano at 301-219-5912.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
life is precious -defend it



**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 Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario– Setiembre 16, 2018

“Tú eres el Mesías”... “el que pierda su vida por mí y por la buena noticia, la salvará”

El evangelio de Marcos de este domingo, nos relata un momento de la vida pública de Jesús. El texto nos sitúa junto al Señor y sus discípulos, caminando hacia un poblado a las afueras de Galilea. Hagamos el esfuerzo por seguir la invitación del evangelista, poniéndonos también nosotros en el camino. **Acércate al Señor y a sus compañeros ¿Qué oyes? ¿De qué hablan? ¿Qué es lo que vienen conversando por el camino?**

Si bien no se nos dice, qué venían conversando; lo cierto es que mientras caminaban, Jesús les pregunta acerca de su propia identidad. “¿Quién dice la gente que soy Yo?” Pregunta que en principio no compromete la opinión de sus discípulos; que responden a una sola voz “algunos dicen que...”, pero el Señor va más allá, como si deseara acercarse a la profundidad de sus corazones. “Y ustedes ¿quién dicen que soy Yo?” El único que toma la voz es Pedro, confirmando frente a todos “Tú eres el mesías”. **Y tú, que también vienes caminando junto al Señor ¿quién dices que es Jesús?**

Una vez más, es la figura de Pedro la que sale a escena, conduciendo al Señor “aparte”. Separándolo del grupo, lo lleva a un lugar oculto y allí lo reprende. ¿Cómo se explica esta reacción del hombre, que hace un momento, había confesado a Jesús como el Mesías? ¿Qué habrá pasado por el corazón de Pedro? ¿Qué habrá sentido? No sabemos que fue lo que Pedro le dijo a Jesús, pero sí queda claro, cuál fue la reacción del Señor. Que dándose vuelta, primero miró a sus discípulos. Es decir, que Pedro también estaba con ellos. Recién allí viene la respuesta del Hijo de Dios, “Retírate, ven detrás de mí Satanás”. ¿A quién desafía Jesús si no es al mismo Pedro? El Señor reta a aquel que es capaz de enturbiar, y entristecer el corazón de los hombres, con falsas razones. A aquel, que entrando con temor en el corazón de Pedro, lo confunde haciéndole creer que es él quien marcha delante del Señor. Es al mismo Satanás, a quien Jesús increpa diciéndole, tú no irás delante de mí. Yo soy el Señor, no tú. Pensemos, en cuántas ocasiones de mi vida me he visto en la situación de Pedro. **¿Cuáles han sido aquellos momentos, en los que el maligno enturbiándome la mirada, me hizo creer que él era más poderoso que nuestro Señor? ¿En qué situaciones, me ha hecho creer que Jesucristo, me había abandonado?**

Luego viene la llamada que Jesús hace a toda la multitud. Que ubicándolos junto a sus discípulos, les comienza a anunciar como debe ser el camino, de aquellos que desean caminar con Él. El seguimiento al que Jesucristo nos invita, es ir tras sus pasos. Sin adelantarnos. Sin embargo, Jesús introduce aquí una frase, que sondea las profundidades de nuestro corazón. “El que quiera venir detrás de mí, que renuncie a sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y me siga”. **Renunciar, cargar y seguir.** En estos tres verbos, el Señor de la vida nos da las pistas para nuestro propio caminar. En estos tres verbos, se resume el modo en cómo vivió el Hijo de Dios. **Renunciar, cargar y seguir, nos hablan de una invitación a hacer de nuestra vida, una donación y entrega.** Pero esta frase quedaría incompleta e incómoda, sino fuese por la mirada y el horizonte que el mismo Jesucristo le otorga; al terminar diciendo “el que pierda su vida por mí y por la buena noticia, la salvará”. Es decir, que **es solo en la persona de Jesús, donde nuestro corazón descansa, porque es solo en Él, donde la renuncia, la carga y el seguimiento al que Él nos llama, cobran sentido.** **Adaptado: francoraspasj.**

Avisos:

Este 16 de Setiembre empezamos el curso de Catequesis en Español 2018-2019, aún están a tiempo de inscribir a sus hijos y comprar sus materiales. El horario de catequesis es de 11.30am. a 1.15pm y nos reunimos en la cafetería de la escuela.

También se inicia el Grupo de Jóvenes en el mismo horario, para mayor información contactarse con Mateo Evans 412-3774208 y Laura Salazar 240-6658124.

Asimismo, se iniciará el Curso de RICA en el mismo horario, contactarse con Gilvar Morales 301-7888651 y Lourdes 240-4573946

También tendremos reuniones con los Padres de familia y que lleven a sus hijos en la catequesis y todos los que quieran unirse a este grupo, habrá charlas, temas, oración, Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y confesiones los 2do, 3ro y 4to domingos del mes. Mayor información con el Padre Rafael Barbieri, José Miguel Mejía y Margarita Rodezno.

Tendremos el grupo de Fe, Valor y Alegría el 1er domingo de cada mes con Ester Munt-Brooks.

El grupo de Emaús se reunirá el 1er domingo de cada mes con Christian Mejias.

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 inscribimoso.**
- Llevo (tenemos) ya tiempo asistiendo a esta parroquia y **queremos inscribimoso.**
- 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: _____