

A Letter from Our Pastor

We have been privileged over the last few years to have a seminarian deacon serve in our parish as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood. This year we are doubly blessed.

Deacon Chris Masla **Deacon Anthony Federico** will serve at Mass, alternating weekends. To distinguish, Chris is the one with a beard (at least for now.) Both study at Theological College at CUA. As we welcome them, here is a little bit about each:

Deacon Chris Masla: I am a transitional deacon studying for the diocese of Richmond, VA. I am in my final year of seminary formation at The Catholic University of America. I am originally from Williamsburg, VA, and prior to entering the seminary I completed my undergraduate degree in Business Management at Virginia Tech in 2013. My hobbies mainly include sports and music - more specifically, soccer, tennis, golf, and acoustic guitar and banjo. My projected ordination to the priesthood is June 1st, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, VA.

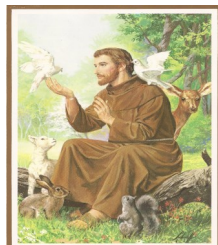
Deacon Anthony Federico: I am from New Haven, CT, in formation for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Hartford. I'm in my sixth (and final!) year of studies at Catholic University. I am the oldest of five kids from a very close Italian-American family. After graduating from Providence College, I worked at ESPN as a sports writer and editor for about seven years and two years as a consultant to a sports-technology company but God had other plans. I still love following sports. Any other Yankees fans here in Bethesda? I was ordained a transitional deacon in May and I am eagerly awaiting my ordination to the priesthood, God willing, in the spring of next year. I'm excited to return to Lourdes for a second year of walking with the Lord together.

Please Note the Following Changed Rectory Hours in October:

Tuesday, October 9th: 10:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday, October 10th: 9:00-4:00pm
Thursday, October 11th: 10:00am-4:00pm
Friday, October 12th: 9:00am-4:00pm.

The Blessing of the Animals:

Will take place in front of the grotto at **12:30pm on Thursday, October 4th.** Bring your pets for a special blessing.



Masses for the Week

Monday, October 1st (Gospel reading: Lk. 9: 46-50)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Gerardo Alferez	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ President Ronald Reagan	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, October 2nd (G. reading: Mt. 18: 1-5,10)		
7:00 AM	Int. Angelli Fabella Tugado	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Dr. Angelesio Tugado	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Maria Freire	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, October 3rd (Gospel reading: Lk. 9: 57-62)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Int. Angel Tugado	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Antonina Fabella Tugado	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, October 4th (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 1-12)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Fr. Winthrop Brainerd	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Andrew Kotonias	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, October 5th (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 13-16)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Frances & Tyler Williams	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Peter Rudnicki	Fr. Barbieri
Saturday, October 6th (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 17-24)		
8:00 AM	+ George Bridge	Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
5:00 PM	Int. Frank & Diane Black	Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, October 7th (Gospel reading: 1 Jn. 4:12)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	People of the Parish	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
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.		

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. Our Lady of Lourdes has committed to the following time slots to pray at Leroy Carhart's abortion clinic on the public right-of-way, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Suite 104. Please go at any point during these times if possible:

Tuesdays: 10:00-11:00am or 11:00am-12 noon
Thursdays: 5:00-6:00pm or 6:00-7:00pm,
Sundays: 1:00-2:00pm or 2:00-3:00pm.

For more information call Christa at 301-785-1797 or visit: <https://40daysforlife.com/bethesda>.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Religious Education
301-654-5954

Why do so many leaders in the Church seem not to be angry? A friend of mine told me last week, "What makes me most angry is that some bishops don't seem angry at all!" . . .they deliver without any evident conviction behind words. They express "shame," "regret" and "sorrow," but few express the **holy anger** that would engender confidence that they're going to persevere in fighting to eradicate the problem.

The lack of anger flows from the lack of sufficient horror at what has been done against the victims, their families, God and the Church. This lack of horror comes, I believe, from having been so accustomed to sin that they are no longer shocked at the destruction sin wreaks.

Many bishops just don't behave like spiritual fathers in defending their spiritual sons and daughters. What's so apparent to most dads and moms is somehow, inexplicably complicated for some prelates. I think the fundamental reason is that many are tempted to look at the world as CEOs who say their prayers rather than as true spiritual dads. The renewal of the Church begins with the renewal of spiritual fatherhood among the clergy.

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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.

English Speakers of Other Languages Program (ESOL)

Would you like to learn English or improve your English language ability? 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.

The Ladies of Lourdes:

The next meeting of the Ladies of Lourdes will be on **Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30pm** in the Library Media Center in the school. Taylor Colwell, our seminarian who was with us over the summer will return to speak with us. His topic will be **Conversion, Vocation, and Formation - My Journey to the Seminary**. All women of the parish to welcome to attend. For further information contact: Barbara Black at 301-652-0749 or fsbbob@verizon.net.



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 1st, 2018**, to Jingle & Mingle at the 38th Annual Gonzaga Gala, our biggest social event and fundraiser of the year! The success of the Gala depends on the support of the entire Gonzaga community. Proceeds from the Gala are used directly to support Gonzaga's educational programs, service projects and need-based student aid. The Gala plays a significant role in Gonzaga's mission of educating its students in the Jesuit tradition of Men for Others.

Please visit the link below to send your family donations no later than **Friday, October 12th**:

gonzagamothers.ejoinme.org/2018GonzagaGalaParishAds

RCIA - Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Library Media Center:

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. Please call the rectory office for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes in Spanish: will be held on Sundays from 11:30am-1:15pm. Please contact Gilvar Morales at 301-788-9651 for more information.

The Our Lady of Lourdes Young Adult Fellowship is Excited to Announce the Following Events:

1. Please take a moment to join fellow young adults for our monthly Adoration, Reconciliation and Fellowship on **October 26th** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. We will begin adoration at 7:00pm, which will include the rosary, quiet prayer and reflection. The sacrament of confession will also be offered. Following adoration at 8:00pm, please join us for a simple meal downtown Bethesda.
2. Movie night - Please join us at the Our Lady of Lourdes school library to view the movie *Sexual Revolution* on **October 11th and 12th at 7:30pm**.
3. Hike/Brewery trip - If you are interested in a group hike, or brewery trip, please email us so that we can help to plan this event.

Please stay tuned. For more information please check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OLOLYAF>.

Thank you and God bless!

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@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.

New and Gently Used Coats are Now Being Collected for the Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive:

Your donations will help keep those in need warm throughout the winter months. Note, sizes XXL and up are especially needed! We are also accepting new unopened packages of socks. A donation box is in the vestibule and we will collect items from



September 24th to October 28th. Thank you for your generosity .

Join us for the screening of the documentary movie: *Sexual Revolution* on October 11th and October 12th at 7:30pm in the Library Media Center:

The movie *Sexual Revolution* seeks to examine the effects of the free-love experiment of the hippie generation and the prophetic encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*. This beautiful documentary closely examines the history of the parallel developments of the Pill and modern Natural Family Planning (NFP) by telling the little known story of the founding doctors – Dr. Gregory Goodwin Pincus and Drs. John & Evelyn Billings. The centerpiece of the film is the dramatic life story of Alana Newman, a talented secular musician who gives up her entire musical career for life, family, and love. Alana shares how through desperation to know her father, she finally discovers the treasures of Theology of the Body, *Humanae Vitae*, and the riches of true freedom through a dramatic conversion.

The movie is totally Family friendly! Anyone who can walk into the Sistine Chapel and appreciate its beauty and take it seriously can appreciate this film. There is absolutely NO nudity, obscenity, or graphic images. Topics of fertility, Natural Family Planning, human sexuality, contraception, and abortion are mentioned or discussed tactfully and in accord with Catholic teaching. Duration: 90 minutes. For more information about the movie see www.sexualrevolutionmovie.com.

Finance & Administration:

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

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

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Second Collection for October 7, 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.

A Note from the Little Sisters of the Poor:

The love and support that you gave the Little Sisters of the Poor was a sign of your genuine charity.

The collection amounted to **\$11, 671**. Your gifts are truly a sign of God’s loving and caring Providence, which will help us provide the best possible care for many elderly in need who come to make their Home with us. Thank you all!

Our Residents join with us in promising you our daily prayers for all your many intentions. God bless each and every one of you!

**The Little Sisters of the Poor and Residents of the Jeanne Jugan Residence
Washington, DC**

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 Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario– Setiembre 30, 2018

“Todo aquel que no está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor”



Ante Jesucristo no cabe la suspensión del juicio, o estas con EL, o estas en contra de EL. Hay que posicionarse ante el Señor, reafirmando nuestra Fe y la existencia de EL. La fe crece con la práctica y es plasmada por el amor. Por eso, nuestras familias, nuestros hogares, son verdaderas Iglesias domésticas. Es el lugar propio donde la fe se hace vida y la vida crece en la fe. Jesús nos invita a no impedir esos pequeños gestos milagrosos, por el contrario, quiere que los provoquemos, que los hagamos crecer, que acompañemos la vida como se nos presenta, ayudando a despertar todos los pequeños gestos de amor, signos de su presencia viva y actuante en nuestro mundo.

Por eso hay que vivir atentos, con la mirada alerta para descubrir el bien que pueden hacer las personas a nuestro alrededor. Cuando ves a un joven que ayuda a una pareja anciana en sus trabajos de casa, cuando una persona hace un favor sin esperar recompensa, cuando tú haces por los demás el bien evitando todo tipo de acto dañino para tu prójimo, entonces estarás seguro de estar haciendo lo que Cristo quiere y no impide a nadie: amar a los demás sin esperar ser amado sino solamente por Dios.

Esto es lo que Jesús quiere que hagamos todos los días. "Haz el bien y evita el mal", sí pero no se trata de evitar el mal, sino transformarlo por todo tipo de bienes para quien está más cercano de ti. Tengamos en cuenta de que en el mundo hay muchos carismas, unos predicán, otros enseñan... pero todos actuamos con el mismo fin: la Iglesia. Cristo nos lo pide: "haz esto y vivirás".

Reflexión: Un personaje predicaba en nombre de Jesús y los apóstoles se lo querían impedir. Jesús simplemente les dice que lo dejen actuar. ¿Qué había en aquella persona, de la cual no sabemos ni el nombre, ni la edad? No sabemos nada de él y, sin embargo, realizó actos buenos. Era una persona sencilla común y corriente. Podemos comparar aquella persona con uno de nosotros. Un seglar convencido en difundir el reino de Cristo. Nosotros somos una pieza clave en la iglesia. Mas ahora en estos tiempos ser católico es luchar contra corriente, si lo queremos ser con autenticidad. Tratemos de serlo en nuestro corazón, pero también hay que serlo en el exterior compartiendo con los demás las riquezas de nuestra fe. Trabajemos siempre pensando en que somos Iglesia, no de forma individual.

Avisos:

- **¡¡¡Y empezó nuestra Catequesis 2018-2019!!!, nuestro nuevo horario es de 11:30am a 2:30pm y consta de 2 partes: horario académico de la catequesis, es de 11:45 am a 1:15pm, continua la preparación con la Santa Misa hasta las 2:30pm.**
- **El grupo de Emaús se reúne el 1er domingo de cada mes con Christian Mejías a las 11:45am en el Convento.**
- **El grupo de Fe, Valor y Alegría es el 1er domingo de cada mes con Ester Munt-Brooks a las 11:45am en la Cafetería.**
- **El 2º domingo de cada mes los Padres de los alumnos de catequesis tendrán reunión con los catequistas de sus hijos a las 11:00am en la cafetería de la Escuela**
- **El Grupo de Jóvenes tiene el mismo horario que las clases de catequesis, para mayor información contactarse con Mateo Evans 412-377-4208 y Laura Salazar 240-665-8124.**
- **El Curso de RICA el mismo horario que las clases de catequesis, contactarse con Gilvar Morales 301-788-8651 y Lourdes Castillo 240-457-3946**
- **También tendremos reuniones con todos los que quieran unirse a este grupo todos los domingos de 11:45am a 1:15pm en la cafetería de la escuela: habrá charlas, temas diversos, oración, Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y confesiones el 1er y 3er domingo del mes. Mayor información con el Padre Rafael Barbieri, José Miguel Mejía y Margarita Rodezno.**

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: _____