

A Letter from Our Pastor:

I recently had a visit from an older gentleman who I have known for a few years. He is not a parishioner here at Lourdes but he called asking to meet to “get his spiritual life in order.” For a man his age, he was spry and had a clear recollection of the vast sweep of his interesting life, which he shared at the prompting of my curiosity and questions. Born in the city, his immigrant parents ran a small grocery store off North Capitol Street. The family lived upstairs. He married, raised a family, and found much success in his own business. He recalled the events of his long life with gratitude and joy, as well as a bit of the melancholy that comes from outliving many friends and loved ones. And, yes, we spoke of his spiritual life. This is obviously more personal, but I think I can share with you that he mentioned praying the rosary every morning. On his departure we talked about seeing each other again and I encouraged him to “keep saying that rosary.” The reason I share this with you is because two days later, I received word that he had quietly passed away. Though in his 90s, there was no indication in manner or mind that this was immanent. But I was very thankful that we got a chance to ‘get things in order’ and to discuss ‘life after life’.

November is a month in which we give particular attention to prayer for the dead. Through personal petition and Masses offered, we ask graces bestowed so that their souls might be made right with God. I encourage you to fill out the memorial envelopes with the names of those to be remembered at one of our Masses each day this month. A stipend is welcomed but not required. Please fill out the names of your friends and loved ones, which can then be put into the collection basket or the rectory mail slot. In this way, we all help each other get our spiritual lives in order.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

All Souls:

Through the month of November, we will remember your deceased family members and friends in our daily Masses and prayers. Please list the names of your beloved deceased in the monthly envelopes provided by your monthly mailings or at the entrances to the church so we can place their names on the altar and lift them in prayer to God. Please put these envelopes in the collection baskets.

Marriage Banns



Second Time:

Patrick Jacob Gallucci of Bethesda, Maryland and Nicolette Marie Jimenez of Bethesda, Maryland.

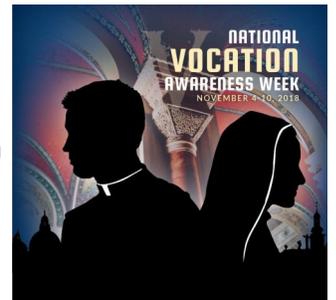
Masses for the Week

Monday, November 5th (Gospel reading: Lk. 14: 12-14)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Barbara Finnegan	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Holy Souls	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, November 6th (Gospel reading: Lk. 14: 15-24)		
7:00 AM	+ Fr. Winthrop Brainerd	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Holy Souls	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Aida Arias	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, November 7th (G. reading: Lk. 14: 25-33)		
7:00 AM	Holy Souls	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Int. Anjelica Misyel Tugado Marzan	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Pamela Cafritz	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, November 8th (Gospel reading: Lk. 15: 1-10)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	Holy Souls	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Elvira Arias	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, November 9th (Gospel reading: Jn. 2: 13-22)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Int. Shannon Margitch	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Holy Souls	Fr. Barbieri
Saturday, November 10th (G. reading: Lk. 16: 9-15)		
8:00 AM	+ George Brigge	Msgr. Filardi
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	Holy Souls	Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, November 11th (G. reading: Mk. 12: 38-44)		
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.

National Vocation Awareness Week:

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country **November 4th-10th, 2018**. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Religious Education 301-654-5954

Catholics have a moral obligation to promote the common good through the exercise of their voting privileges (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 2240). But voting cannot be arbitrary. "One needs a well-formed Christian conscience that does not contradict the fundamental contents of faith and morals" (Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith-CPL 4). **Remember to vote Tuesday, November 6th.** *National Vocation Awareness Week*, November 4th-10th is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Prayer To Obtain Vocations: Jesus, Divine Master, who said: "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few," we lovingly accept Your invitation: "Pray the heavenly Father to send forth laborers in His harvest." Inspire a crusade for vocations. More priests! May they be the salt of the earth, the light of the world, the city placed on the mountaintop for the salvation of mankind redeemed by Your Blood. More religious!—both men and women—to promote the glory of God and the peace of men of good will. May the earth be filled with seminaries and religious houses. O Mary, God's chosen one, Mother and guardian of holy vocations, pray with us, pray for us, and for all those called by God. Amen

Pray also for the vocation of marriage; that holy men and women will come to the Sacrament of Marriage from which all vocations come. Amen.

As We Move Into the Next Stage of the Season of Healing:

We recognize that the healing continues for all survivors of abuse. Therefore, on **December 1st from 8:30am–5:30pm** the Archdiocese of Washington is offering a one day retreat for survivors. For more information, please contact Deborah McDonald at: mcdonald@adw.org or 301-853-4466.



Calling Catholic Physicians and Healthcare Professionals!

Please join us for the annual DC Catholic Medical Association Morning Retreat which will be held on **Saturday, November 17th at Our Lady of Lourdes**. Start the day at 8:00am with Mass in the Church, or join us in the School Library at 8:30am for breakfast, fellowship, and a presentation by Dr. Marguerite Duane on *Humanae Vitae*. Dr. Duane is a family medicine physician and co-founder and Executive Director of FACTS – the Fertility Appreciation Collaborative to Teach the Science. The retreat will conclude with a rosary in the Grotto at 11:00am. We welcome physicians, medical students, residents, as well as nurses and other healthcare professionals. Please RSVP by emailing: dc.cma.guild@gmail.com.

Dinner-dance for Single Catholics (21 - 65+):

Saturday, November 17th in Fairfax, VA. Dress is semi-formal (coat and tie for men; cocktail attire for women). Cash bar. Following dinner there will be dancing to a DJ. Most attendees are 45 and older. Paid reservations required by November 7th. Cost \$35/chicken, \$37/salmon, or \$40/prime rib. Pay online with a credit card or PayPal at: www.dcsinglecatholicpro.org. Or contact dance@dcsinglecatholicpro.org or Luis at 240-447-1946.

The Ladies of Lourdes:

The next meeting of the Ladies of Lourdes will be on **Tuesday, November 13th** starting promptly at 7:30pm in the Library Media Center of the school. Our speaker will be Clare Lise Kelly, an architectural historian, who will discuss the architecture of our Church as an example of Mid-Century Modern. She is the author of [Montgomery Modern: Modern Architecture in Montgomery County Maryland 1930-1979](#). All parishioners are welcome to attend. For further information contact Barbara Black at 301-652-0749 or fsbbob@verizon.net.

Put Your Pro-life Beliefs Into Action:

The Gabriel Project assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (**especially bilingual Spanish speaking women**) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them during their pregnancies, bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month (or less). Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. Donations of diapers, formula, and baby clothes are also appreciated. For more information, please call or text Toni Wohleber at 240-882-9893, or e-mail Carmen Rojas at: gccthompson@juno.com.



THE
GABRIEL
PROJECT

Altar Flowers:



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by **Buffy Cafritz** in loving memory of **Pamela Cafritz**.

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.

Sick in Our Parish:

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters, especially **Cristina Ayala**.

Deceased in Our Parish:

Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially **Angelo Puglisi and Patricia Thompson**.

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.

Shepherd Foundation's Annual Mass of Appreciation:

All are welcome to join us for the Shepherd Foundation's Annual Mass of Appreciation on **Saturday, November 17th**, at Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington, MD at their already scheduled 5:30pm Mass. Monsignor John Enzler will be celebrating the Mass and the beautiful and joyful Archbishop Carroll Choir will once again be leading us in song. Please join us immediately after Mass for refreshments in the HR School Herb Young Auditorium. Any questions please go to: theshepherdfoundation.org.

Come one, Come all!

To Blessed Sacrament's Annual Sodality Bazaar:

Saturday, November 10th from 10:00am-3:00pm:

There will be used clothing, toy and sports equipment areas, plus a huge white elephant sale! It will include artisan vendors-jewelry, Turkish towels, home goods, a bake sale, hospitality corner-homemade sauces, jellies, and other yummys for the holidays, specialty pie from spring mill bread company, plus holiday ordering from Broad Branch Market and raffle baskets. Lunch will be provided by Panera bread.



Finance & Administration:

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



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2018 Offertory: \$8,721

Second Collection for November 11, 2018: School Support

Our November Poor Box will be going to the Assumption Outreach Center. This program provides the basic necessities of life to those with the greatest needs, including food and clothes to struggling families year-round. Monetary or gift card donations are a great help. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Retired Priests of the
Archdiocese of Washington Collection:**

The second collection for November 3rd and 4th, 2018 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades. Let's join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that have been mailed to your homes from the Archdiocese and/or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews for the weekend of November 3rd and 4th. ***New this year, you can also give through your smart phone by texting "Priest" to (301) 231-1816.*** A link will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.

Bulletin Deadline:

Please have your printed notices at the Rectory office or emailed to office@lourdesbethesda.net by **Monday at 3:00 PM.**

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!

“Amor a Dios es amor al prójimo”



Gracias a la pregunta del letrado sabemos a cuál de las numerosas normas que tenían los judíos -tenían más de seiscientos- le daba más importancia Jesús. La respuesta no se hace esperar y responde claramente: "amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". El Santo Padre nos ha mencionado que tenemos que llenarnos completamente del amor de Dios. Esto se puede lograr, ya que San Pablo nos da un gran ejemplo cuando dice: «No soy yo el que vive, es Cristo quien vive en mí». Es verdad. Todos los que están con Jesús y saben amarlo al igual que al prójimo, pueden parecerse a Jesús, que siempre nos muestra un gran ejemplo de amor al Padre y a los demás. Por eso, en este día, Cristo nos quiere invitar a acercarnos más al Reino de los cielos sabiendo amarlo por medio del prójimo.

Por ello, vale la pena recordar que, antes de ir a comulgar se nos invita a dar la paz a los que tenemos al lado, como representantes de todos los que encontraremos a lo largo del día. Tomemos conciencia por tanto de que recibimos a Cristo, modelo de cómo hay que amar y darnos a nuestros hermanos. Modelo de cómo debemos entregarnos a los demás y ser pan partido para ellos.

Para conocer a Dios nuestro intelecto, la razón es insuficiente. Dios se conoce totalmente en el encuentro con Él, y para el encuentro la razón no basta. Hace falta algo más:

¡Dios es amor! Y sólo por el camino del amor puedes conocer a Dios. Amor razonable, acompañado de la razón. ¡Pero amor! Pero ¿cómo puedo amar lo que no conozco?; 'Ama a los que tienes cerca'. Y esta es la doctrina de los dos mandamientos: El más importante es amar a Dios, porque Él es amor; Pero el segundo es amar al prójimo, pero para llegar al primero debemos subir los escalones del segundo: es decir, a través del amor al prójimo llegamos a conocer a Dios, que es amor. Sólo amando razonablemente, pero amando, podemos llegar a este amor.

Es por eso que debemos amarnos los unos a los otros, porque el amor es de Dios y quien ama ha sido engendrado por Dios. Para conocer a Dios hay que amar.

Avisos:

- El próximo 10 de noviembre tendremos el Dia de Reflexión de los Monaguillos de 9:30am – 3:00pm en el Media Center, contamos con la participación de todos los niños participantes y los nuevos que se unirán al grupo de Monaguillos.
- El grupo de Fe, Valor y Alegría es el 1er domingo de cada mes con Ester Munt-Brooks a las 11:45 am en la Cafetería.
- El grupo de Emaús se reúne el 1er domingo de cada mes con Christiam Mejías a las 11:45 am en el Convento.
- 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 412-3774208 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: _____