

A Letter from Our Pastor

We showed a documentary in the library this past week that examined the last fifty years of contemporary culture. It looked particularly at the consequences of separating the complementary physical love of man and woman and their procreative natures from marriage: disconnected and disrespected they fall down.

The following is a partial list from the website, catholicscomehome.org. Much of it we may already know. Warning, it can be very dispiriting. But it is also a call to be different. In the face of the difficulties all around us, we can either quit or commit. There is only one choice, to commit to living more truly the faith we have been given for the good of our children. And the not so secret secret, that it begins at home.

A few trends affecting today's youth:

- 1. Changing families:** As we hear frequently cited, about half of all marriages now end in divorce, having a dramatic impact on the children of these families.
- 2. Rise in cohabitation and out-of-wedlock births:** About 70% of teenagers now approve of couples living together before marriage.
- 3. Crisis of fatherlessness:** One out of every three young people will go to bed tonight in a home in which their biological father does not live.
- 4. Decrease in time that parents spend with their kids:** Almost half of teenagers say that their primary wish for a better life is more time spent with family. The average father spends one minute a day in meaningful conversation with his kids.
- 5. Increase in use of media:** Young people today spend an average of 6.5 hours a day consuming media, and media has a powerful, noticeable impact on their worldview, lifestyle, and spirituality. Over the course of a year, an average child will spend more time watching TV than they will spend in school.
- 6. Prevalence of a postmodern worldview:** Only 6% of youth now believe in absolute moral truth; 83% think truth depends on the circumstances.
- 7. Influence of a sex-saturated society:** Sexual sin is becoming normalized to teenagers, with the innocence of young people being compromised at earlier and earlier ages in one's childhood.
- 8. Epidemic of depression and suicide:** Suicide is now the third leading cause of adolescent death, and one in eight teenagers suffer from clinical depression.

What children need from their parents:

Unconditional love, Attention, Boundaries, Consistent discipline, Listening ears, Honesty, FAITH.

Young people today are yearning for love, attention, and spiritual formation from adults—especially their parents. They really do want guidance through their difficult childhood years, and as parents, it is our duty to be there to teach, help, and love our kids through this time in their lives when people and culture pull them in so many directions. Remember that one of the most important things you can do with your children is to pray with them. Prayer is what holds families together.

**Trends and needs from Youth Culture 101 by Walt Mueller*

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, October 15th (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 29-23)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Margaret O'Connor	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Elena Arias	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, October 16th (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 37-41)		
7:00 AM	+ Mary Ann McInerny	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Int. Guido & Mary Anne Adelfio	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Al & Margaret Delacroix	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, October 17th (G. reading: Lk. 11: 42-46)		
7:00 AM	Int. Victor Landa Caballero	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Anna Ragnacci	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Sheridan	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, October 18th (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 1-9)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Joseph Walsh	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Mary O'Malley	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, October 19th (Gospel reading: Lk. 12: 1-7)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Tony Brennan	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Williams	Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, October 20th (Gospel reading: Lk. 12: 8-12)		
8:00 AM	+ Michael Victory	Fr. Barbieri
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	+ Maria Kakosova	Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, October 21st (Gospel reading: Mk. 10: 35-45)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
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.

World Mission Sunday Collection:

During the weekend of October 13th-14th,

the Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate World Mission Sunday, which reminds us of Our Lord's Great Commission to the Church to go into the whole world to proclaim the faith (Matthew 28:19). The World Mission Sunday collection is unique in that it is a global effort for the entire Church. It is a moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy that renews hope and peace. For more information, contact Jenean Jones at 301-853-4527 or Sr. Annai at 301-853-4528 in the archdiocesan Office of Missions. Thank you for your generosity!

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

With Living Faith We Remember Our Beloved Departed:

On Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 at the 12:00 Noon Mass, a special liturgy will be celebrated asking Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to recall in prayer those beloved parishioners, relatives and friends who have passed into eternity during the past year. During the Mass, as the name of each person is read, a yellow rose will be placed in a golden vase. All are welcomed.

Office of Religious Education 301-654-5954

Because of our belief not only in the immortality of the soul, but also in the resurrection of the body, the Church professes hope in the face of death, and acts with charity in the funeral rites. The Church provides a number of **prayers** for the faithful to offer both to accompany the dying of a loved one and to strengthen our faith upon their death. Through private prayer and public **funeral rites**, we strengthen our faith and hope, comfort those who mourn, and bury the bodily remains of the deceased with care befitting what was the *Temple of the Holy Spirit*.

(Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Bereavement and Funerals)

Tues. Oct. 23: First Penance Meeting for parents and children at 7:00pm

Sun. Oct. 28: Confirmation Candidacy Mass and Meeting. Mass at 9:00am. Meeting at 10:15am.

The World-Famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is Coming to Our Parish:

Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima on **Friday, October 19th from 7:00am to 5:00pm.**

Learn more about the statue at:
www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

All Souls:

Beginning with the Feast of All Saints on November 1st, and continuing throughout the month, 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.



Our Lady of Lourdes Family Fall Festival:

We hope that all our families will join us at the Family Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 27th**. We will start with a Mass in the OLOL Gym at 3:30pm. Msgr. Filardi will celebrate Mass with us in a special way as we recall our school and church history in the gym that used to serve as the church. After our Mass, there will be fun, games and food! There will be hayrides, a pumpkin patch, a haunted house, carnival games, crafts and more! Tickets will be on sale at the festival for entrance to activities and games (cash sales only). This wonderful event is the kickoff to our Annual Fund Drive that supports our school's new projects, tuition assistance, and building renovations.



Donations to the Annual Fund can be made online anytime at: www.bethesda-lourdes.org/annual-fund.html or at the event. Everyone who donates to the Annual Fund through October 27th will be entered into a drawing for a prize! Please RSVP at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/PGbuCXU80z6SL6CK2>
by **October 24th** so that we can get an accurate count for food and activities. We hope to see you there!

Defend Life: October Lecture Tour:

Bud MacFarlane, Sr. will be giving a talk on: *Humanae Vitae: Celebrating the Great Gift and Beauty of the Church's Teaching on Married Love* on **Thursday, October 18th at 7:30pm** at Holy Redeemer Catholic School: 9705 Summit Avenue, Kensington, Maryland 20895 Please contact Debbie Van Landingham at 301-351-5940 or DebVann@Aol.com.

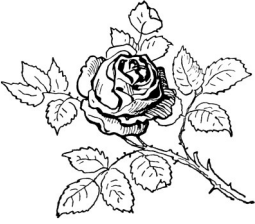
40 Days for Life: September 26th - November 4th:

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 located at 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>.

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.

**Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive:
October 27th and October 28th:**

The Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternity, is looking for men like you who understand the importance of giving back to their communities – making the world a better place through service. In a world full of challenges, the Knights of Columbus equips men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect their families, serve others and defend their values.

Knights from Rock Creek Council will be available **after all Masses on October 27th and 28th** to invite the men and families of Our Lady of Lourdes to join the Knights of Columbus. They look forward to visiting with you and offering more information on the fraternal activities and benefits of being a Knight. We are stronger together – come join us.

The Northwest Center Fundraising Gala:

Please join *The Northwest Center* on: **Saturday, October 27th from 8:00pm - 12:00am** at the Organization of American States for our annual Indian Summer Ball to raise money for their pregnancy center and maternity home programs. As one of only two pro-life pregnancy centers in D.C., The Northwest Center is dedicated to defending the dignity and life of both mother and child so that no woman feels forced to choose between her unborn child and ability to take care of her family or herself. Since its founding in 1981, the Northwest Center has served over 56,000 women and children, born and unborn, in the D.C. area. Tickets are \$120/individual or \$220/couple and can be purchased by check or online at: www.northwestcenter.net/events.

Sponsorship levels ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 are also available. For more information please contact Kelly Marcum at 207-400-4116.



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Finance & Administration:

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



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2018 Offertory: \$7,870**

Second Collection for October 21, 2018: None

Our October Poor Box will be going to The Gabriel Project. It is a pro-life organization that assists pregnant mothers in crisis and mothers with infants. Donations help secure necessities such as cribs, clothing, prenatal vitamins, diapers, grocery gift cards, and religious articles. Every contribution is a great help. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sick in Our Parish:

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters, especially **Marina Veliz and Alice McGurty.**

The Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday Meal for the Poor and Homeless:

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. 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 Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario– Octubre 14, 2018

“Para Dios todo es posible”



Jesús llama la atención sobre el peligro de las riquezas (Mc 10,23-27). El hombre rico no aceptó la propuesta de Jesús, pues era muy rico. Una persona rica está protegida por la seguridad que la riqueza le da. Tiene dificultad en abrir la mano y dejar escapar esta seguridad. Agarrada a las ventajas de sus bienes vive defendiendo sus propios intereses. Una persona pobre no acostumbra tener esta preocupación. Pero puede que tenga una cabeza de rico. Entonces, el deseo de riqueza crea en ella una dependencia y hace que esta persona se vuelva esclava del consumismo. Hay gente que tiene tantas actividades que ya no tiene tiempo para dedicarse al servicio del prójimo. Con esta problemática en la cabeza, tanto de las personas como de los países, vamos a meditar el texto del hombre rico.

Es importante mirar bien la respuesta de Jesús. El joven había preguntado por la vida eterna. ¡Quería vivir cerca de Dios! Pero Jesús no menciona los tres primeros mandamientos que definen nuestra relación con Dios. Recuerda los mandamientos que hablan del respeto a la vida ¡cerca del prójimo! Para Jesús, sólo conseguimos estar bien con Dios, si estamos bien con el prójimo. No sirve de nada engañarse. La puerta para llegar a Dios es el prójimo. La observancia de los mandamientos es apenas el primer grado de una escalera que va más allá y más alto. ¡Jesús pide más! La observancia de los mandamientos prepara a la persona para que pueda llegar a la entrega total de sí a favor del prójimo. Jesús pide mucho, pero lo pide con mucho amor.

¡Qué difícil es entrar en el Reino de Dios! Es más fácil que un camello pase por el ojo de la aguja, que el que un rico entre en el Reino de Dios.» La expresión “entrar en el Reino” indica no sólo y en primer lugar la entrada en el cielo después de la muerte, sino también y sobre todo la entrada en comunidad alrededor de Jesús. La comunidad es y debe ser una muestra del Reino. La alusión a la imposibilidad de que un camello pase por el ojo de la aguja viene de un proverbio popular de la época usado por el pueblo para decir que una cosa era humanamente imposible. Los discípulos quedaron desconcertados ante la afirmación de Jesús y se preguntaban unos a otros: “¿Y quién se podrá salvar?” Señal de que no habían entendido la respuesta de Jesús al joven rico: “Va, vende todos sus bienes y dalos a los pobres, luego ven y ¡sígueme!” El joven había observado los mandamientos desde su juventud, pero sin entender el porqué de la observancia. Algo semejante estaba aconteciendo con los discípulos. Ellos habían abandonado ya todos los bienes según había pedido Jesús al joven rico, pero ¡sin entender el porqué del abandono! Si lo hubiesen entendido no se hubiesen quedado asombrados ante la exigencia de Jesús. Cuando la riqueza o el deseo de la riqueza ocupan el corazón y la mirada, la persona deja de percibir el sentido del evangelio. ¡Sólo Dios puede ayudar! Jesús mira a los discípulos y dice: “Para los hombres, imposible, pero no para Dios. ¡Porque todo es posible para Dios!”.

adaptado: carmelitas.org

Avisos:

- [¡¡Y empezó nuestra Catequesis 2018-2019!!!](#), nuestro nuevo horario es de 1130am 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 Christiam 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: _____