

A Letter from Our Pastor:

It is said that the problem with obscenity is not that it shows too much, but that it shows too little. Casually displaying that which is innately intimate, has the effect of obscuring the dignity of the person, while the sacred beauty of the body becomes diminished and demeaned. I am convinced that the effect on society, particularly on the young, is having a deeper psychological and spiritual impact than we realize or acknowledge. White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) week starts on this last Sunday of October. It brings together hundreds of state and local groups, along with concerned citizens, to educate the public on the harms from explicit material and to provide resources to aid those effected. In a way though, we are all effected. It is a critical task to confront this scourge that hardens the human heart.

Just a few weeks ago in the gospel the Lord says, *“And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell.”* Mark 9:47 Perhaps this admonition has never been more relevant. Of course there are better ways to take on the challenge short of mutilation. But underlying the Lord’s words is the seriousness of his warning of the spiritual damages that can be inflicted on the soul, leading to spiritual death.

Like no time in history, perverse enticements have never been more easily assessable, and the battle to exercise custody of the eyes has never been more difficult. Nonetheless we must persist. And with the grace and wisdom of God, it is possible. It begins with individuals, especially parents, being vigilant in their homes. This may mean restricting access to certain devices, and teaching through word and example the need for purity of heart, mind and vision.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

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.

Marriage Banns



First Time:

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

Masses for the Week

Monday, October 29th (Gospel reading: Lk. 13: 10-17)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Special Intention	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Frances & Tyler Williams	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, October 30th (Gospel reading: Lk. 13: 18-21)		
7:00 AM	+ Albert J. Savage Jr.	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Mildred & Andrew Sheridan	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Rose-Marie Germain	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, October 31st (G. reading: Lk. 13: 22-30)		
7:00 AM	+ Pat Flynn	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. Anton DeSzily	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, November 1st (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 1-12a)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Dominik Pettey	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Augusto Franco	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, November 2nd (Gospel reading: Jn. 6:37-40)		
7:00 AM	Holy Souls	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Holy Souls	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Holy Souls	Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, November 3rd (G. reading: Lk. 14: 1, 7-11)		
8:00 AM	Int. Charles Carroll	Fr. Barbieri
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Holy Souls	Fr. Barbieri
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
5:00 PM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, November 4th (G. reading: Mk. 12: 28b-34)		
7:30 AM	People of the Parish	Fr. Barbieri
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	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.

**Thursday, November 1st,
The Solemnity of All Saints, is a Holy Day
of Obligation. The Masses are: 7:00am, 8:00am,
9:00am, 12:00 Noon, 5:30pm, and 7:00pm.**



THIRTIETH 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**

In the Book of Revelation 12:4 we see the great portent of the woman is accompanied by another portent, the great dragon which represents Satan and the personal powers of evil at work in history and opposing the Church's mission. The hostility of the powers of evil is an insidious opposition which, before affecting the disciples of Jesus, is directed against His Mother; Mary has to flee with Joseph and the Child to Egypt (cf. Matthew 2:13-15). Mary helps the Church to *realize that life is always at the center of a great struggle* between good and evil, between light and darkness. The dragon wishes to devour "the child whom Mary brought forth in the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4) and whom the Church must unceasingly offer to people in every age.

. . . that child is also a figure of every person, every child especially every helpless baby whose life is threatened. It is precisely in the "flesh" of every person that Christ continues to reveal Himself and to enter into fellowship with us, so that *rejection of human life*, in whatever form that rejection takes, *is really a rejection a Christ*. This is the fascinating but also demanding truth which Christ reveals to us and which the Church continues untiringly to proclaim: "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me" (Matt. 18:5).

(*The Gospel of Life*, Saint John Paul II, March 25, 1995)

All Souls Day Visits to Catholic Cemeteries:

On All Souls Day, we remember our beloved dead and all those who may still be undergoing their purification in the love of Christ. While the souls in Purgatory can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. That spiritual work of mercy is up to us. Parishioners are encouraged to make a prayerful visit to the sacred ground of the archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries on Friday, November 2nd to pray for their departed loved ones and all the souls who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, located at 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 301-871-6500. For further information, please contact the Cemetery Manager or visit the Catholic cemeteries website at: ccaw.org.

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.

Open House at The Academy of the Holy Cross:

Prospective families are invited to attend Open House at The Academy of the Holy Cross on **Sunday, November 4th** from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Mass will be offered at 9:00am. School tours will be available as well as opportunities to speak with faculty, administration, coaches, board members, parents and alumnae. Information about Financial Aid, Scholarships will be available in addition to our signature programs. Holy Cross is located at 4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. Visit our website at: www.academyoftheholycross.org.

Franciscan Monastery's Annual Mass and Benefit Dinner:



On Saturday, November 10th, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC will celebrate their Annual Mass and Benefit Dinner. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:00pm celebrated by the Custos of the Holy Land in the main church. Immediately following the Mass, the gala will be held at St. Francis Hall. For tickets or more information, visit: myfranciscan.org.

Young Men in High School: Quo Vadis? "Come and See" Weekend Retreat for Juniors and Seniors:

If you are a Junior or Senior, consider joining other young men for a discernment retreat at John Paul II Seminary on **November 2nd-4th, 2018** to experience seminary life first-hand. Meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation. It will be a great weekend and we hope you can join us. For more information and to register, visit: www.dcpries.org, or email vocations@adw.org.



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 cotms@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**.

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.

Registration:

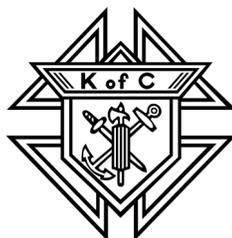
It is important that you register in the parish since baptisms, weddings, Godparent and Confirmation sponsorship certificates and other parish services require registration. **Please note that adults who were previously registered with their parents should register on their own by age 21.** Please contact the office at 301-654-1287 to request a parishioner registration form.

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.

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

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.



Finance & Administration:

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



**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2018 Offertory: \$10,938**

**Second Collection for November 4, 2018:
Priests of the Archdiocesan Retirement Fund**

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.

**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!

“Tu fe te ha salvado”



San Marcos inserta este pasaje del evangelio después de haber hablado sobre el seguimiento de Cristo por parte de sus discípulos. ¿Por qué? Tal vez para dar a entender que cualquier hombre, o mujer, puede llegar a ser discípulo de Cristo aún sin haber estado con él desde el inicio. El encuentro con Cristo se puede dar en algún momento de nuestra vida, como sucedió con el ciego que encuentra a Jesús al borde del camino. Bartimeo pide limosna, pide que la gente se apiade de él y lo ayude a sobrevivir. Ha escuchado hablar de Cristo y sabe que es una gran posibilidad para cambiar de vida, para poder ver. Por lo tanto grita y hace todo lo posible para que Jesús lo remarque, se fije en él. La multitud se lo impide, ¿por qué?, tal vez porque es una persona despreciable y no creen que valga la pena que distraiga al Maestro, tal vez también porque hay

varios que quieren un favor por parte de Jesús y no quieren que otros lo acaparen.

Jesús lo remarca y pide que se lo lleven. También tiene derecho a estar frente a él. Jesús le pregunta qué es lo que desea y Bartimeo le responde que quiere ver. Jesús le dice que es su fe la que lo ha salvado, Bartimeo recobra la vista y enseguida se pone a seguirlo.

¿Qué podemos reflexionar a partir de este pasaje? En la oscuridad más profunda de nuestra vida, cuando parece que no hay un rayo de luz que oriente nuestra existencia, debemos gritarle a Cristo: ¡Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí! Si en otros pasajes del Nuevo Testamento la multitud se compadece del que sufre y trata de acercarlo a Cristo, por ejemplo metiendo al paralítico por el techo para que lo vea el Maestro, en esta ocasión parece que los otros le impiden un encuentro personal con Cristo. Él tiene que esforzarse y gritar para hacerse remarcar, para llamar la atención de Jesús. **El ciego no podía ver pero no había perdido la esperanza, deseaba encontrarse personalmente con Cristo y lo consigue. Y una vez que ha experimentado la luz que viene del Maestro ya no lo quiere dejar. Jesús le dice: “Vete; tu fe te ha salvado”.** Pero Bartimeo no se quiere ir, quiere seguirlo, se convierte en su discípulo. “Al momento recobró la vista y comenzó a seguirlo por el camino.”

Tener un encuentro profundo con Cristo es comenzar a vivir de otra manera, es anhelar algo más profundo. Si Bartimeo al principio manifiesta su deseo de ver físicamente, una vez que ha experimentado el encuentro con el Señor, la luz interior, ya no quiere dejarlo. Pidamos al Señor que nos dé el deseo de buscarlo a pesar de la oscuridad en la que a veces nos encontramos. Experiencia que nos permitirá acercarnos para nunca más abandonarlo.

Avisos:

- **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 grupo de Emaús se reúne el 1er domingo de cada mes con Christiam Mejías a las 11:45am 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 412-377-4208 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: _____