

A Letter from Our Pastor

October is sometimes known as the Month of the Holy Rosary, and is a good time to take up the practice of the simple yet profound prayer. I encourage you to find the time this month to pray the rosary, if only once. October is especially significant because this Sunday, October 7,th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, or Our Lady of Victory. It marks the day in 1571, when The Battle of Lepanto took place, where a cobbled together group of European ships was invaded by a larger and superior Turkish fleet. Foreseeing the inevitable confrontation, the pope called for the praying of the rosary for the defense of Europe. Against the odds, the Christian forces prevailed. I encourage you to read more about it. Some may find it a bit discomfoting to think of the rosary in the service of military conflict, but it should not be dismissed in the more important battle for your soul and the souls of others.

It helps to understand that the rosary is not meant to simply be a recitation of so many "Our Fathers" and "Hail Marys". In the rosary, we turn to heaven, praying with our Mother Mary, as we meditate on the life and work of her son, asking for insight, courage, peace, and her intercession for ourselves, our families, our Church and our world. It has been given to help us meditate on the "Mysteries", those sacred moments of the lives of Jesus and Mary, which convey truths of our faith, examples of virtue, and which ultimately prepare us for communion with Him in the sacraments. The pattern of beads, while accompanied by the sacred words of those familiar prayers, times our meditations with a sacred pace and rhythm. The rosary personally brings me to a place of peace and opens me to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Playing on an old adage, I like to say, 'A Rosary a day keeps the Devil at bay.' And I really believe this –prayed alone or with family, at home, at church, during a walk, or even in the car, it can bring us to a place of needed quiet. In the battle of life it is also a source of deep healing for individuals and for the Church. I have asked that little guides be placed in the vestibule for those who may need help in remembering how it works. So this month dust off that old rosary and give it a spin. And don't underestimate the good that it can help accomplish in our world.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

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 that has been traveling worldwide for 70+ years. The statue will be at our parish on **Friday, October 19th from 7:00am to 5:00pm.** It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Learn more about the statue at: www.fatimatourforpeace.com.



Masses for the Week

Monday, October 8th (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 25-37)		
7:00 AM	NO MASS	
8:00 AM	+ Peter Rudnicki	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Pedro Fernandez Prada	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, October 9th (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 38-42)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Int. Marie Vincent & Fabien Longy	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, October 10th (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 1-4)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Rios	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Int. Antonio Gutierrez	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. Maria Freire	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, October 11th (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 5-13)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	Int. Mary Patricia O'Malley	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Roxanne Heffrick	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, October 12th (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 15-26)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Int. Mary Ellen Bank	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Doris Curtin	Fr. Barbieri
Saturday, October 13th (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 27-28)		
8:00 AM	+ Julie Scott Shashy	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	+ Julie Scott Shashy	Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, October 14th (Gospel reading: Mk. 10: 17-30)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	People of the Parish	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.

Please Note the Following Changed Rectory Hours in October:

- Monday, October 8th: The office will be CLOSED**
- 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 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 are welcome to attend. For further information contact: Barbara Black at 301-652-0749 or fsbbob@verizon.net.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Religious Education

301-654-5954

October is Respect Life Month

Respecting the Inviolable Right to Life

In effect, the acknowledgment of the personal dignity of every human being demands *the respect, the defense and the promotion of the rights of the human person*. It is a question of inherent, universal and inviolable rights. No one, no individual, no group, no authority, no State, can change-let alone eliminate-them because such rights find their source in God Himself.

The inviolability of the person which is a reflection of the absolute inviolability of God, finds its primary and fundamental expression in the *inviolability of human life*. Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights-for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture- is false and illusory if the *right to life*, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.

The Second Vatican Council openly proclaimed: "All offences against life itself, such as every kind of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia and willful suicide; all violations of the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, physical and mental torture, undue psychological pressures; all offences against human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, degrading working conditions where men are treated as mere tools for profit rather than free and responsible persons; all these and the like are certainly criminal: they poison human society; and they do more harm to those who practice them than those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are supreme dishonor to the Creator."

Today maximum vigilance must be exercised by everyone in the face of the phenomenon of the concentration of power and technology. In fact such concentration has a tendency to manipulate not only the biological essence but the very content of people's consciences and life styles, thereby worsening the condition of entire peoples by discrimination and marginalization.

(CHRISTIFIDELES LAICI *On the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful In The Church and In The World* given in Rome, in Saint Peter's, on 30 December 1988 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in the eleventh year of his Pontificate of Saint John Paul II.)

Sun Oct. 7th: **No CCD Classes.** Columbus Holiday Weekend.

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.

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!

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.

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 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!

Finance & Administration:

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018 Offertory: \$6,578

Second Collection for October 14, 2018: School Support

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!