

*Monsignor Filardi,  
Father Barbieri and all  
the staff at Our Lady of  
Lourdes wish you all a  
very happy and blessed  
New Year!*

*Happy New Year 2019*

**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
(Holy Day of Obligation) Mass Schedule:**

**Monday, December 31st: 5:30pm**

**Tuesday, January 1st: 8:00am, 10:00am,  
12:00 Noon (Spanish).**

**Please note: The rectory will close at 2:00pm  
on Monday, December 31st and will be closed  
on Tuesday, January 1st.**

**Masses for the Week**

<b>Monday, December 31st</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 1: 1-18)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Fr. William Silk	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ John McGrath	Msgr. Filardi
5:30 PM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Tuesday, January 1st</b> (Gospel reading: Lk. 2: 16-21)		
8:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
10:00 AM	+ Ellen Wycoski	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Wednesday, January 2nd</b> (G. reading: Jn. 1: 19-28)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Dinenna Mastrangelo	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Fr. Radolf Magnane	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Thursday, January 3rd</b> (G. reading: Jn. 1: 29-34)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Antonietta Mastrangelo	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Members of Gospel Prayer Group	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Friday, January 4th</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 1: 35-42)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Int. Jackie Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Saturday, January 5th</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 1: 43-51)		
8:00 AM	+ Charles O. Magnetti	Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Raul Fernandez	Fr. Barbieri
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
5:00 PM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Sunday, January 6th</b> (Gospel reading: Mt. 2: 1-12)		
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.



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### Office of Religious Education

301-654-5954

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
Family Life: A Life of Love*

From his birth until his public ministry, the Gospels only record one story; the years Jesus spent with Mary and Joseph, the “hidden years” at Nazareth. Saint Pope Paul VI wrote, there is much that we can learn about family life from this silence. First we learn from the silence itself. That the home life is a private life; a place to protect and nourish the children as they grow.

Family love begins its imitation of the Cross of Christ with the pangs of labor. The mother endures the pains of labor so that the child might have life. It continues with the hard work with which father and mother, continue to support and raise the child. The many little sacrifices, such as getting up in the middle of the night in order to attend the baby’s needs, or be with a sick child. Other sacrifices include the parents to forego their own activities, so that their children can participate in sports, school plays, music, etc.

In time, sacrifices get turned around, as the parents age, it becomes the children’s turn to sacrifice. They run errands for parents who no longer can drive or walk; or parents move in with the family who can no longer live by themselves.

Nazareth also teaches us about the dignity of work. Joseph was a carpenter and by his work, he supported his family. The dignity of work comes from the fact that it supports the family life; enabling the parents to feed, clothe, and shelter the children. In the autobiography *The Cliff Walk* the author, a college professor, relates how he was laid off. He takes up painting to support himself and his family. Losing his job helps him to find his life—a life centered around the people he loves, his family.

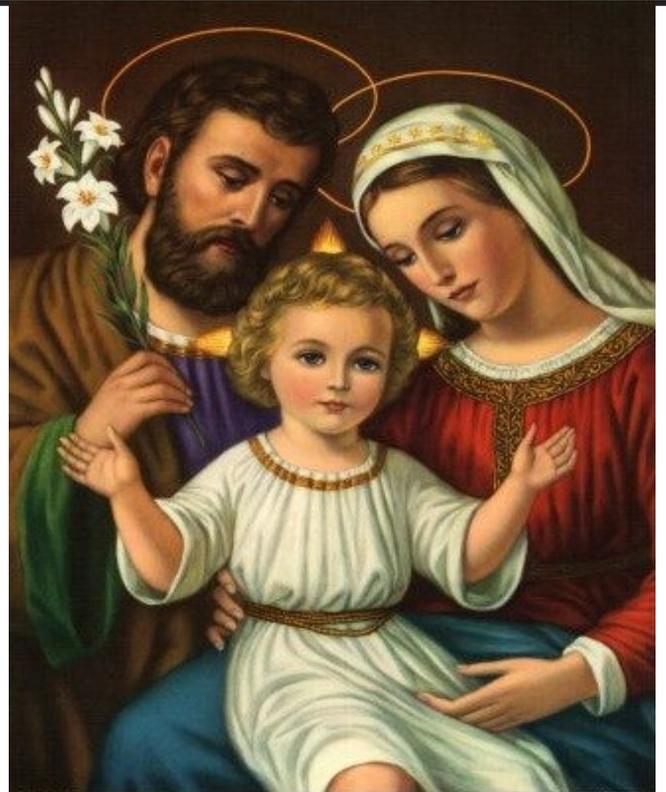
The presence of Christ in the family should be made explicit. For the home is the domestic church, a community of believers. In C. S. Lewis’ book “The Great Divorce” about a bus ride from hell to heaven, some of the passengers would choose to stay on the bus. They were not willing to forgive others who had made it to heaven, nor did they see any need to be forgiven, since they could not see any wrong they had done. (I did enjoy reading *The Great Divorce*.)

The things we need for a good family life, are the same things we need for eternal life. They are silence marked by prayer and forgiveness. They are work and sacrifice on behalf of the ones we love. All of us desire eternal life, and we all desire a happy family, so realizing that Christ is the way, let us do these simple things, to save us from the great divorce.

(Source: Homiletics & Pastoral Review © Ignatius Press 2015, Homilies December; by Father Tom McQuillen.)

Today: No CCD Classes. Christmas Vacation.

**Wishing all a most Blessed New Year in  
2019 AD.**



### ***Men’s Discernment Retreat:***

St. John Paul II Seminary invites men in their 20’s – 40’s who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held **the weekend of February 1st-3rd, 2019** at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. The weekend will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God’s call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the seminary and priesthood. Registration is now open at [www.DCPriest.org](http://www.DCPriest.org). For more information, contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

### **MEN’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT WEEKEND**

Friday through Sunday, February 1-3, 2019



**OLOL Coat Drive Extended Until January 11th:**



Please consider donating a new or gently used coat to the OLOL coat drive. Sizes XXL and up are especially needed. Also accepting new unopened packages of socks. Designated collection bins are in the school and church vestibule.

***Please remember to pray for our brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our Parish family who are serving their country in the Armed Forces. We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm, and we pray for their families while they are away from home, especially during this Christmas season.***

***Upcoming Pro-Life Events:***

**Rosary Tour: New Year's Day, January 1st, 2019:**

At the local abortion facilities. Contact: Bill Luksic at 301-461-9282 or bluksic1@verizon.net.

***Parental and Spousal Bereavement Support Group:***

St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The Winter series will meet on **Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30am, from January 16th-March 6th.** There is no fee but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** To register contact Deacon Kevin Byrne at kevin\_byrne@verizon.net or Claudia McAuliffe at 301-881-1457.

***Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Giving Tree:***



In keeping with the parish tradition of giving, Our Lady of Lourdes is sponsoring the Annual Giving Tree to help mothers and babies at the Tepeyac Center. Please take a tag from the tree and place an unwrapped gift in the box next to the tree by **Sunday, January 6th.** Thank you for your generosity.

***Evenings with the Merciful Jesus:***

On the **22nd of every month** at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine **from 7:00-10:00pm**, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy welcome you to find a deeper understanding of the Father's infinite mercy and experience the joy that can come with it. This gathering includes a thought-provoking talk, Adoration with Praise and Worship, Confession, and fellowship over refreshments. The next Evening with the Merciful Jesus will be on **Saturday, January 22nd.** For more information, contact 202-635-5400 or [events@jp2shrine.org](mailto:events@jp2shrine.org).

***For Single Catholics - 21st Annual Epiphany Party:***

At Saint Raphael Church, located at 1513 Dunster Road Rockville, Maryland 20854 on **Saturday, January 12th at 7:00pm.** It will include a delicious Greek dinner, salsa dance lessons, complementary wine and beer, a DJ, and more. Please send a \$21 donation by **Thursday, January 3rd** to SCS Epiphany Party, Saint Raphael, 1590 Kimblewick Road Rockville, Maryland 20854, or by credit card at: <http://slsociety.org/epiphany-payment>. (\$25 cash or check at the door.) For more information please call 240-426-5589.

***The Monsignor Thomas Wells Society:***

Invites all parishioners to its annual Mass and banquet on **Saturday, January 12th, 2019.** The event will be held this year for the first time at Sacred Heart Church in Bowie, where Msgr. Wells began his ministry 47 years ago and where he is buried. **Mass is at 6:00pm, with the banquet to follow.** The evening has traditionally been a time to thank its members for their generosity, to introduce seminarians receiving our support and to remember Msgr. Wells. President Kevin Wells this year, in addition to discussing plans for 2019, will be discussing his book. *Scepter Books will be publishing **The Priest I Need** in 2019 - my book that unpacks the irrepressible joy and intentionality of Msgr. Thomas Wells.* Those wishing to attend are asked to **RSVP to [kvnjwlls@gmail.com](mailto:kvnjwlls@gmail.com) or call 240-381-3533.** There will be a bus from OLOL to Sacred Heart if there is enough interest. Please email [fsb5604@gmail.com](mailto:fsb5604@gmail.com) or call **301-652-0749 by January 7th, 2019** if you wish to travel by bus.

### **Save the Date - World Youth Day in DC:**

Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18-39) on **Saturday, January 26th, 2019** for a one-day Catholic festival at The Catholic University of America. Experience World Youth Day in Panama, including world-renowned speakers, live music, simultaneous streaming of Pope Francis in Panama, and authentic Panamanian culture! For more information visit: [www.wyddc.org](http://www.wyddc.org)



### **FertilityCare for Natural Family Planning and Women's Health:**

Please join us for a free introductory lecture on FertilityCare. Therese Rodriguez, RN, FCP, FertilityCare Practitioner will present a lecture on the basics of FertilityCare for natural women's health and family planning. FertilityCare is a method of holistic fertility awareness that can benefit women from teens through the menopausal years. Couples are encouraged to attend together. Information will be provided about private follow up sessions and materials for purchase.

The next lecture will take place on **Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 from 7:00-9:00pm.**

To register, call 301-754-8800 or visit: [HolyCrossHealth.org](http://HolyCrossHealth.org).

### **Clases de Planificación Familiar en Español:**

La Oficina de Vida Familiar ha programado clases de Planificación Familiar (en español) para parejas el sábado **12 de enero, 2019**, en la Misión San Andrés localizada en el 12247 de la Georgia Avenue en Silver Spring, MD 20902 (Salón 301). Las parejas interesadas deben asistir a las dos charlas para aprender el método.

Las clases cuestan \$40 que cubren el pago de materiales. Para inscribirse, favor enviar su dirección de correo electrónico a la Oficina de Vida Familiar: [signovisible@adw.org](mailto:signovisible@adw.org) o llámenos al 301-853-4499.

### **Personal Retreat Day:**

**Date:** Friday, January 11th: 9:00am-4:00pm.

#### **Details:**

- Experienced retreat master will guide you to a place of rest with Christ, but you control your prayer time, allowing you to follow wherever the Holy Spirit leads you
- Optional meeting with a member of the Retreat Team to receive guidance is available at certain point of the day
- Optional time for one-on-one spiritual direction
- Continental breakfast and lunch
- Private room provided for your personal refuge. Each bedroom is outfitted with a bed, desk, sink and water closet.

**Cost:** \$120 per person: In addition to the high-quality programming of our retreats, your registration fee includes retreat materials, meals, and lodging.

#### **Register:**

<https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/personal-retreat-days#panel--5>.

### **Healing Your Love: Tools for Overcoming Obstacles in Marriage:**

*A Christ-Centered Marriage Renewal Workshop for couples looking to reconnect, repair, and re-energize their marriage.*

**Date:** Saturday, March 9th- Sunday, March 10th (Not Overnight)

#### **Details:**

- A Christ-centered weekend retreat designed to nurture emotional closeness in your marriage. The workshop will offer a road-map for addressing sensitive issues, encourage healthy conversations framed in faith and guide you and your spouse toward forgiveness and re-bonding. You will not have to "share" with anyone except your spouse.
- Opportunities for confession, celebration of the mass, and renewal of Marriage Vows are all included in the schedule.

**Cost:** \$600 per couple

**Register:** <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/three-stay-married-marriage-enrichment>.



OUR LADY OF BETHESDA  
RETREAT CENTER

**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](mailto:sgolden@lourdesbethesda.net) or [ctoms@lourdesbethesda.net](mailto:ctoms@lourdesbethesda.net). The donation for the flowers is \$150.00.

**Sick in Our Parish:**

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters, especially **Bob Stephan, Ryan Christian, Florence Crisafulli and Cristina Ayala.**

**Deceased in Our Parish:**

Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially **William Lawler.**

**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.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

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

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

Takes place every Sunday in the school cafeteria. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at: <http://vols.pt/3XNY26> or send an email to [OLOLHomelessDinner@gmail.com](mailto:OLOLHomelessDinner@gmail.com). Please bring food to the cafeteria from 4:15-4:45 on Sundays (use the blue door 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 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.

**Finance & Administration:**

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



Third Sunday of Advent 2018

Offertory: Figures unavailable due to early deadline.

Second Collection for January 6th, 2019: School Support

Our December Poor Box will be going to the DC Diaper Bank. This program empowers families in need throughout DC, Maryland, and Virginia, by providing a reliable source for basic baby needs and personal hygiene products. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Give the Gift of Service:**

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland.

For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit: [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer).



**Catholic Charities**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

**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 –Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José - 30 de Diciembre, 2018**

Tanto en Belén, como en Egipto y en Nazaret, la vida de Jesús, María, y José, fue una vida sencilla y corriente, parecida a la de todas las personas de su país y de su época. Dios Padre no quería que fuera distinta, porque buscaba, precisamente, que ellos nos sirvieran de ejemplo a todos nosotros; ejemplo de amor, de unidad, de sencillez, de trabajo honrado, de servicio a los demás, y de amor muy grande y muy profundo por Él.

Nadie en Nazaret conocía el gran secreto de María y José; nadie sabía que Jesús era distinto, porque era el Hijo de Dios, pero todos podían darse cuenta de que los tres formaban una familia muy, muy hermosa, y que todo lo que hacían lo hacían bien, porque Dios estaba en sus corazones; podían verlo en sus ojos cuando los miraban a la cara, y en todas sus actitudes.

En la festividad de la Sagrada Familia, recordamos y celebramos que Dios quiso nacer dentro de una familia para que tuviera alguien que lo cuidara, lo protegiera, lo ayudara y lo aceptara como era.

Al nacer Jesús en una familia, el Hijo de Dios ha santificado la familia humana. Por eso nosotros veneramos a la Sagrada Familia como Familia de Santos.



**¡FELIZ AÑO 2019 LES DESEA NUESTRA PARROQUIA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOURDES!**

**Avisos:**

- **El Domingo 2 de Diciembre se inició un grupo para niños mayores de 8 años que no hayan recibido el Sacramento del Bautizo. Las clases serán los domingos de 11:45 a 1:15 y termina con la Misa en español. Mayor información: Lourdes Baeza 301-412-5259 y María Virginia Rodríguez 301-602-4626.**
- **Los invitamos a tomar una figurita del árbol de navidad y traer un regalo para los bebés del “Centro Tepeyac”, por favor depositarlo en una caja que estará en el vestíbulo de la puerta principal de la Parroquia. Los regalos se estarán recibiendo a más tardar el 6 de Enero del 2019.**
- **No habrá clases a partir del 30 de Diciembre, retornamos el 6 de Enero a las clases normales.**
- **Dios sigue llamando hoy a más hermanos cristianos para encomendarles la tarea de catequizar, es decir, anunciar con su vida a Cristo. Nuestra Comunidad Hispana abre las inscripciones para todos los que sientan el llamado a catequizar y compartir su experiencia de Fe. Mayor información: Lourdes Baeza 301-412-5259 y María Virginia Rodríguez 301-602-4626.**
- **Todos los domingos de 11:45am a 1:15pm en la cafetería de la escuela: tenemos 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.**
- **Nuestra Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes les desea a toda la Comunidad Hispana una Feliz Navidad y que el amor, la paz y armonía que nos trae la venida de nuestro Señor Jesús, inunde los corazones de cada uno.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECCION: \_\_\_\_\_ APTO: \_\_\_\_\_ CIUDAD: \_\_\_\_\_

CODIGO POSTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEFONO: \_\_\_\_\_ CORREO ELECTRONICO: \_\_\_\_\_