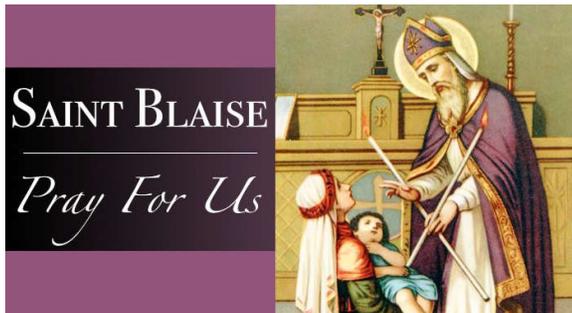


Prayer to Saint Blaise: Patron Saint of Sore Throats, Feast Day: February 3rd:

O Glorious Saint Blaise, who by thy martyrdom has left to the Church a precious witness to the faith, obtain for us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift, and to defend, without human respect, both by word and example, the truth of that same faith, which is so wickedly attack and slandered in these our times. You who miraculously cured a little child when it was at the point of death by reason of an affliction of the throat, grant us your powerful protection in like misfortunes; and, above all, obtain for us the grace of repentance, together with a faithful observance of our Church, and avoidance from offending Almighty God. Amen.



Mobile Response Vehicle Drive:

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School are helping support Fr. John Enzler and Catholic Charities to stock the Mobile Response Vehicle. The MRV is a commercial vehicle that stores much needed items for low income families and homeless people in our area. We will be collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes for the MRV.

If you would like to help, please drop off your donation this weekend. This is the last weekend to donate items. They will be picked up Monday, February 4th. Thank you for your generosity.

Sign of Peace During Flu Season:

Because of the increase in cases of the flu this season, the priest may choose to forego the Sign of Peace during Mass. Please note you always have the choice to express the Sign of Peace through a bow or a wave.



Masses for the Week

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| Monday, February 4th (Gospel reading: Mk: 5: 1-20) | | |
| 7:00 AM | + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham | Fr. Barbieri |
| 8:00 AM | + Onyioza Maris Asuku | Fr. Barbieri |
| 12 NOON | + Anita Teberg | Msgr. Filardi |
| Tuesday, February 5th (Gospel reading: Mk. 5: 21-43) | | |
| 7:00 AM | + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham | Msgr. Filardi |
| 8:00 AM | + Onyioza Maris Asuku | Msgr. Filardi |
| 12 NOON | Special Intention | Fr. Barbieri |
| Wednesday, February 6th (Gospel reading: Mk. 6: 1-6) | | |
| 7:00 AM | + Onyioza Maris Asuku | Fr. Barbieri |
| 8:00 AM | + Mary Sheehan | Fr. Barbieri |
| 12 NOON | + Consuelo Zapater Landa | Msgr. Filardi |
| Thursday, February 7th (Gospel reading: Mk. 6: 7-13) | | |
| 7:00 AM | + Onyioza Maris Asuku | Fr. Barbieri |
| 8:00AM | + Mary A. Sheehan | Fr. Barbieri |
| 12 NOON | + Lois Lewis | Msgr. Filardi |
| Friday, February 8th (Gospel reading: Mk. 6: 14-29) | | |
| 7:00 AM | + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham | Msgr. Filardi |
| 8:00 AM | + Onyioza Maris Asuku | Msgr. Filardi |
| 12 NOON | + Ellen Wycoski | Msgr. Filardi |
| Saturday, February 9th (Gospel reading: Mk. 6: 30-34) | | |
| 8:00 AM | + Leo Van Houtven | Msgr. Filardi |
| 11:00-11:55 AM | Confessions | Msgr. Filardi |
| 12 NOON | + William O'Connell | Fr. McManus |
| 4:00-4:45 PM | Confessions | Fr. McManus |
| 5:00 PM | + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham | Msgr. Filardi |
| Sunday, February 10th (Gospel reading: Lk. 5: 1-11) | | |
| 7:30 AM | Priest's Intentions | Msgr. Filardi |
| 9:00 AM | Priest's Intentions | Fr. McManus |
| 10:30 AM | Priest's Intentions | Msgr. Filardi |
| 12 NOON | People of the Parish | Fr. McManus |
| 1:30 PM | Priest's Intentions | Fr. Visitor |

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.

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Religious Education 301-654-5954

The birth of Christ was revealed by three kinds of witnesses in three different ways—first, by the shepherds, after the angel's announcement; second, by the Magi, who were guided by a star; third, by Simeon and Anna, who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

All who, like Simeon and Anna, preserve in piety and in the service of God, no matter how insignificant their lives seem in men's eyes, become instruments the Holy Spirit uses to make Christ known to others. In His plan of redemption God avails of these simple souls to do much good to all mankind. (The Navarre Bible Commentary, Saint Luke 2: 25-38). Prayer which is a source of grace and a way of discerning God's will for us is consoling.

In another month, The Lenten season will invite us to relive with Jesus the forty days He spent in the desert, praying and fasting, before undertaking His public mission. "Each year the Church invites us to ponder more seriously the purpose of our existence and the ultimate goal of our being. *It is the journey that goes from ashes, Ash Wednesday, to glory, the Solemn Easter Vigil. It is our time of the year for intensive prayer and devotions, and of almsgiving and unselfish generosity.*" (A Shepherd Speaks by Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz)

With our loving Mother Mary, let us spread and defend the Catholic Faith by word and action as true witnesses of her Son and His Church. *If loving the Mother leads us to the Son, loving the Son will lead us to the Mother* (Mary of Nazareth by Iginio Giordani; copyright, 1965, by the Daughters of Saint Paul).

The Lenten season gives us an opportunity to invite those that we know to come back to the Church; including others who are not of the Catholic Faith. Do not be afraid! Jesus waits for them, as he waits for you, and for me.

Upcoming Pro-Life Events:

Join OLOL parishioners this **Sunday, February 3rd**, to pray outside the Carhart late-term abortion clinic at the Wildwood Medical Center, 10401 Old Georgetown Road. We will go over after the noon Mass from approximately 1:15-2:00pm. Please text or call Jill Gadwood with any questions at 949-280-9494.

Save the Date - A Witness to Joy:

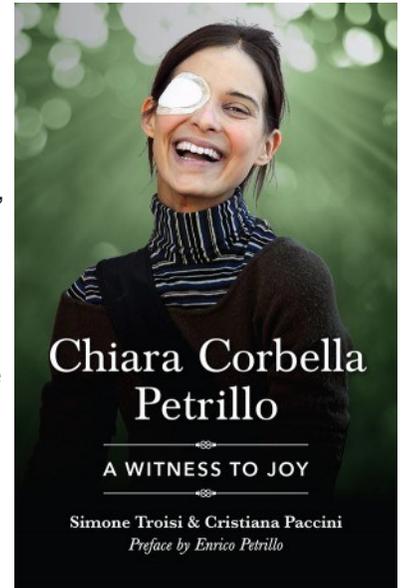
Join us Friday,
February 15th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Library Media Center for a

witness on the life of Chiara Corbella Petrillo, Servant of God, a wife and mother from Rome whose brief life testified that everything is possible for God! At the age of 28 she died of an aggressive and rare form of tongue cancer.

Her husband, Enrico

and her physician,

Angelo will be present to speak about this different way of facing life and death, a Christian way. For more information on Chiara's life visit: <http://www.chiaracorbella Petrillo.it/en/>.



Join Us for a Powerful Story of Faith, Hope, and Forgiveness:

For three terrifying months during the horrific 1994 Tutsi genocide in Rwanda, **Immaculée Ilibagiza** and seven other women hid for their lives in the tiny, secret bathroom of a local pastor. During that time, an estimated 800,000 people—including nearly all of her family—were brutally murdered. Amidst the ordeal, Immaculée discovered the power of prayer and a profound and lasting relationship with God, which enabled her to seek out and forgive even her family's killers. Immaculée not only survived the genocide, but emerged as a fierce advocate for peace and reconciliation.

We hope you can join us on **Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00pm** at Saint Andrew Apostle Catholic Church in Silver Spring to hear Immaculée's moving story of the power of prayer and the need for forgiveness. For more information and to reserve your ticket please visit: <https://standrewapostle.org/immaculee-ilibagiza/>. Reserved tickets are \$10 or \$15 at the door.



This is to encourage men to try out That Man Is You (TMIY), which has been running at Lourdes for 4 years.

This program strengthens marriages with deeper relationships between the spouses and fosters children's development. TMIY is an interactive men's program at Lourdes which:

- Utilizes brain and social science, scriptures, the teachings of the church, and the wisdom of the saints to examine and enrich your faith life.
- Engages men in challenging and occasionally highly amusing discussion with peers, to share practical methods and develop understanding of the true challenges and achievements of their lives.
- Explores the harmony of faith and science
- Helps each man develop a systematic, yet uniquely personal plan, no matter where you are in your spiritual life.

That Man is You will be conducted at Lourdes on **Saturday mornings from 6:45-8:00am.**

Please contact Paul Bizot at pbizotpe@aol.com or 301-648-5945, or just show up. More information at: www.paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/.

**Morning of Recollection:
"Simon Peter ~ Our Call to Discipleship:"**

EVERYONE IS INVITED to a Morning of Recollection offered by Fr. Kevin Regan, Pastor of Saint John Neumann Catholic Church, Gaithersburg, and a Spiritual Director at the St. John Paul II Seminary. The morning will take place at St. Patrick's in Rockville and will include celebration of Mass, Reflection, Adoration and Confession.

DATE: February 23rd, 2019
TIME: 9:00am - 12:00 noon
PLACE: St. Patrick Catholic Church
4101 Norbeck Road
Rockville, MD

For more information, contact Maris Moriarty at moriartym@adw.org or 202-636-9020

**Seminarian Support Knights of Columbus
Cash Bingo and Dinner on
Friday, February 8th:**

Germantown's Mother Seton Parish Center doors open at 5:00pm for Dinner, Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Over \$1000 in cash prizes! Admission is \$25/ player with free Bingo dauber if paid by February 3rd, \$30/ player after February 3 (if not sold out). Admission includes door prize raffle, regular



bingo games, snacks, dinner, dessert, water/soft drinks and fun. Must be 18 or older to attend and no alcohol is allowed. For more information and to register, including seating requests for up to 8, please mail checks made out to "KOC #11024" with name, email address and seating request in an envelope addressed to KOC Bingo at Mother Seton Parish 19951 Father Hurley Blvd. Germantown, MD 20874. Tables for groups of 8 to be reserved on first registered, first served basis. Paid players will receive an email confirmation. Proceeds will support Mt. St. Mary's Seminarists. If February 8th does not fit your schedule or Bingo is not your thing, donations are also welcome.

**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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:

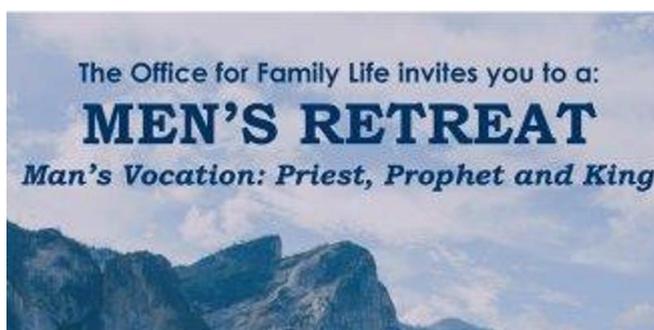
Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on **February 8th - 10th, 2019** in Gaithersburg, MD or **October 25th - 27th, 2019** also in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to: moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up! Early registration is highly recommended.

An Overnight in Richmond:

April 2nd-3rd are the dates for this trip into the history of our country – “Colonials, Cannonballs and Confederates,” which allows us to delve into the early days of Richmond including Shockhoe Slip and Church Hill. We'll visit St. John's Church (1741) of Patrick Henry fame, and will stay overnight at the historic Jefferson Hotel. For further details and a registration flyer, please contact Kathy Swartz at k2000swartz@hotmail.com or 240-506-6016.

Archdiocesan Men's Retreat:

On the weekend of February 8th -10th, the archdiocesan Men's Retreat will be held at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV, which is a short drive from the Washington, DC area. The theme of the retreat, directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Fr. Rick Kramer, is "*Man's Vocation: Priest, Prophet and King.*" This retreat will provide you with time away to reconnect and recharge the most important relationship in your life - your relationship with the Lord. There will be Daily Mass, Confessions, and Adoration. The cost is \$235 for the weekend, covering a double occupancy room (two double beds and a private bath) and meals including dinner Friday night, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. To register, please visit: 2019adwmenretreat.eventbrite.com. For additional questions, call the archdiocesan Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546.



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.
- 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>.



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RETREAT CENTER

7th Annual Sweetheart Charity Ball:

On Friday, February 8th from 7:00 - 11:00pm, St. Ambrose Church in Cheverly, MD (3107 63rd Ave) will host their 7th Annual Sweetheart Charity Ball in the parish's Fannon Hall. This year the event will benefit the Promise Place emergency shelter in Capitol Heights, MD. This shelter helps homeless youth, including those who have experienced or are at-risk of trafficking or sexual exploitation. Also benefiting is St. Ambrose's Parish Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, which provides food, rent, and other assistance to local people in need. This event will feature the wonderful music of Dino (Efantis) and Friends, with swing, samba, waltz, and more! Reservations are available for tables of 10 at a discount rate of \$200, with individual tickets costing \$25. Donations are gratefully accepted. You may mail a check made out to "St Ambrose Ladies of Charity" to Ilona Horchler, 2E Plateau Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Including your name, email, and mailing address allows us to send you a receipt for your tax-deductible donation. For more information, including online registration, contact Ilona Horchler at: sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com or 301-814-7605.

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.

Bulletin Deadline:

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

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.

The Art of Prayer:

Taking place on **Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm** at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE), The Art of Prayer includes a presentation on interior prayer, time for silent meditation, and a sung Sunday Vespers service. For more information, visit: jp2shrine.org.

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. 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)



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019
Offertory: \$10,458**

Second Collection for February 10th, 2019: School Support

Our February Poor Box will be going to the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, Inc. It is an organization founded to aid in feeding the working poor of Washington, DC. Canned and packaged food are collected and delivered weekly and monetary contributions are used to purchase and deliver fresh produce, milk and eggs, poultry and meat. We also like to think we deliver hope and dignity. The Foundation is completely volunteer, with no paid staff or directors, relying solely on the generosity of our donors and supporters. Thank you in advance for your support.

Catholic School Open Houses:

Are you interested in finding the right Catholic school for you? Catholic schools instill a life-long love of learning in a safe and faith-filled environment. Take the first step by visiting an open house near you. Learn more at: adwcatholicchools.org.

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!

"Nadie es profeta en su tierra"



**NADIE ES PROFETA EN SU
TIERRA**
¿No es éste el hijo del carpintero?

Jesús nos ha advertido muchas veces que debemos ser personas de fe, y que la fe es la llave que abre todos los tesoros de su Corazón.

En el Evangelio nos va a decir lo mismo, pero de una manera del todo inesperada. Diríamos que lo va a hacer presentándonos un cuadro a contra luz. Jesús quiere llevar el mensaje de la salvación a un pueblo muy querido --¡y tan querido, como es su pueblo de Nazaret! --, pero la incredulidad de sus paisanos va a cerrar todas las puertas a la generosidad de ese su Corazón, tan delicado y sensible.

El Evangelio presenta la imagen de la viuda precisamente en el momento en el que Jesús comienza a sentir las resistencias de la clase dirigente de su pueblo: los saduceos, los fariseos, los escribas, los doctores de la ley. Y es como si Él dijera: Sucede todo esto, pero mirad allí, hacia esa

viuda. La confrontación es fundamental para reconocer la verdadera realidad de la Iglesia que cuando es fiel a la esperanza y a su Esposo, se alegra de recibir la luz que viene de Él, de ser —en este sentido— viuda: esperando ese sol que vendrá.

Por lo demás, no por casualidad la primera confrontación fuerte que Jesús tuvo en Nazaret, después de la que tuvo con Satanás, fue por nombrar a una viuda y por nombrar a un leproso: dos marginados. Había muchas viudas en Israel, en ese tiempo, pero sólo Elías fue invitado por la viuda de Sarepta. Y ellos se enfadaron y querían matarlo.

Cuando la Iglesia es humilde y pobre, y también cuando confiesa sus miserias —que, además, todos las tenemos— la Iglesia es fiel. Es como si ella dijera: Yo soy oscura, pero la luz me viene de allí. Y esto nos hace mucho bien. Entonces recemos a esta viuda que está en el cielo, seguro, a fin de que nos enseñe a ser Iglesia de ese modo, renunciando a todo lo que tenemos y a no tener nada para nosotros sino todo para el Señor y para el prójimo. Siempre humildes y sin gloriarnos de tener luz propia, sino buscando siempre la luz que viene del Señor.

El Señor nos muestra en el Evangelio la necesidad de los hombres al escuchar la palabra de Dios. Jesús habla, en primer lugar, de dos extranjeros que recibieron la gracia de Dios: un leproso y una viuda. En ellos, están representados todos los leprosos, es decir, los pecadores, los que están infectados con la lepra del egoísmo, y por otra parte, nos muestra a la viuda, la figura del necesitado. A ambos, Dios presta su socorro, a ambos, los abraza con su inmenso amor.

Ahora, podemos preguntarnos por qué dice esto el Señor. ¿Qué encontró Jesús en su pueblo natal? ¿Incredulidad? Tal vez. ¿Soberbia? Quizás. Todo esto lo podemos suponer, pero lo que no podemos suponer es lo que se nos narra: ellos quisieron despeñarlo, lo quisieron matar. Jesús les reprochó el que no estuvieran abiertos a la acción de Dios, al divino amor que les tenía. Les recordó cómo hasta los extraños no eran ajenos a la caridad de Divina. Sin embargo, los nazarenos no estuvieron abiertos ni dispuestos para escuchar esas bellas palabras de Dios: Os amo.

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.**
- **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.**

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: _____