

A Letter from Our Pastor

If you are reading this in the church you have no doubt noticed our big beautiful scaffolding along with the matching "caution" tape marking off the area around it. As you may recall, we had a roofing company address the long-standing problem of our leaking roof at the end of last year. Apparently this has gone on for decades, no doubt to the frustration of many pastors. A new technique has given us some hope that we have successfully addressed it. So far, so good. I am very grateful to our roofers for this, A & E Construction, LLC.

The scaffold belongs to a painting team, A & M Services who also specialize in plastering (as well as heights, apparently.) They have been here after hours, and will continue to work around the nave to address the damage inflicted over time. Like sin in our lives, it can be easy to lose sight of the many areas that have been affected until you really begin to look closer.

This weekend we have our monthly 'Building and Maintenance' collection. For the most part, the majority of the work is complete and the expense of the addition is paid for. Thank you very much! We will continue the collection to confront the continued work of keeping this big ship afloat, and the cost of updates and fixes that constantly present themselves. I hope you will see in the temporary structures a sign of your 'tax dollars at work.' Sometimes these signs are not always as obvious, but please know your support is always appreciated.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, January 21st (Gospel reading: Mk: 2: 18-22)
 7:00 AM NO MASS
 8:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri
 12 NOON + Fr. Derek Goerg Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, January 22nd (Gospel reading: Mk. 2: 23-28)
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Msgr. Filardi
 8:00 AM + Pietro & Anna Tundo Msgr. Filardi
 12 NOON + Andrew & Mildred Sheridan Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, January 23rd (Gospel reading: Mk. 3: 1-6)
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri
 8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory Fr. Barbieri
 12 NOON + William O'Connell Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, January 24th (Gospel reading: Mk. 3: 7-12)
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Msgr. Filardi
 8:00AM Int. The Tundo Family Msgr. Filardi
 12 NOON + Dorothy Delacroix Fr. Barbieri
Friday, January 25th (Gospel reading: Mk. 16: 15-18)
 7:00 AM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham Fr. Barbieri
 8:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri
 12 NOON + Peter Rudnicki Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, January 26th (Gospel reading: Mk. 3: 20-21)
 8:00 AM + Yolande Thimothee Fr. Barbieri
 11:00-11:55 AM Confessions Fr. Barbieri
 12 NOON + Ellen Wycoski Msgr. Filardi
 4:00-4:45 PM Confessions Msgr. Filardi
 5:00 PM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, January 27th (G. reading: Lk. 1:1-4, 4:14-21)
 7:30 AM Priest's Intentions Msgr. Filardi
 9:00 AM People of the Parish 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.

Please note that the rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 21st for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will also be no 7:00am Mass.

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.



On Sunday, January 13th, a scam email was sent out from what appeared to be Msgr. Filardi's email. The email: MsgrFilardiLourdesBethesda.net@gmail.com is NOT legitimate. If you ever receive what appears to be a suspicious email from Our Lady of Lourdes asking for any type of funds, please check with the rectory office for its legitimacy. Msgr. Filardi and/or the parish staff will never ask for money or gift cards of any kind. We anonymously received gift cards at the rectory office. If this was you, please call the office at 301-654-1287 and speak with Sheri or Claire to retrieve them.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Religious Education 301-654-5954

*At the Wedding of Cana (John 2:1-11), we first notice that John mentions that the Mother of Jesus is present before he mentions Jesus and his disciples. In the Sacrament of Marriage couples invite Christ to be part of their wedding, yet do we also invite Our Lady? Yes, Our Lady needs to be part of our marriages, and our lives as Catholics.

*Second, it was Mary who noticed that the wine had ran short. Our Lady is aware of the couples need even before they are. If we invite Mary into our marriages and our lives, Mary will pay great attention to providing what we need to find true happiness.

*Third, Mary goes immediately to her Son Jesus. She does not try to rectify the problem by herself. This is a beautiful example of Our Lady's willingness to intercede on our behalf. How much more will Mother Mary be willing to intercede with Jesus if we ask her?

*Fourth, upon hearing her request, Jesus seems to hesitate at first ("My hour has not yet come"). Yet, Jesus listens to his Mother's request, Jesus works a miracle for the couple. Jesus is always willing to hear, and to respond, to the requests of his mother, especially if it is for our genuine benefit.

*Finally, Mary tells the servers: "Do whatever He tells you." Our Lady always defers to Jesus. Mary always put the focus on her Son. These words tell us what Mary believes is important in all things, being obedient to Christ by doing whatever He tells us.

*Let the story of the Wedding of Cana encourage us to renew our devotion of Our Lady in our lives and in the lives of our families. Holy Mother Mary, we pray, guide us to your Son Jesus and teach us to be more like Him.

(Source: Homiletic & Pastoral Review, Ignatius Press 2019; Scriptural Basis for Mary's Ability to Intercede Marian Catechesis, and Devotion to Mary by Father Bryce Sibley, STL)

Sunday January 20:
No CCD Classes. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

News from our Blue Ribbon School:

January 27th:

Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass, 9:00am

January 28th:

Middle School Science Fair, 6:00pm.

January 29th: OLOL School Open House, 9:30am - 11:30am and 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

Please invite your family and friends to the OLOL Open House. This is a great opportunity to take a tour of the school, meet our Administrators, chat with current parents, and see our wonderful teachers in action!

January 30th: Teacher Appreciation Day

January 31st: Student Appreciation Day

February 1st: First Friday School Mass, 9:00am.

For more information, visit the school website at: bethesda-lourdes.org or call the school office at (301) 654-5376.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2

#CSW19

Evenings with the Merciful Jesus:

On the 22nd of every month from 7:00-10:00pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit: jp2shrine.org.

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.



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/.

Montgomery County Christian Unity Service on January 27th:

All are welcome to join with Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox churches in observance of the annual worldwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Sunday, January 27th at 3:00pm** at North Bethesda United Methodist Church at 10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD. The theme of the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is: *Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue* (Deuteronomy 16:20). Host Pastor Jeff Jones will preside, and Msgr. John Macfarlane will preach. Special music will be provided by a combined choir of the participating churches and the Trinity Lutheran Church Handbell Choir. A reception and fellowship will follow the service. All are welcome to join in our 25th annual celebration of song, scripture, and prayer in fulfillment of the Lord's will "that all may be one."

For further information please contact Joseph Weiss at thattheyallmaybeone@gmail.com or (301) 942-4183.

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 Seminarians. 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:

Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage sacrament. Take time for your marriage by attending a **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.

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

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. For more information, contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT WEEKEND

Friday through Sunday, February 1-3, 2019



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.



OUR LADY of BETHESDA
RETREAT CENTER

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>.

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.

Sick in Our Parish:

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

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.

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: adwcatholicsschools.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)



Epiphany of the Lord Offertory:
\$11,590

Second Collection for January 27th, 2019: None

Our January Poor Box will be going to the Father McKenna Center. It serves as a food pantry, hypothermia center, and a safe and drug-free environment for the poor. The center is primarily funded by private donations in order to continue to offer its many services. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support.

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.



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 –Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – Enero 20, 2018

"El vino de la vida"

¿Cuál es el vino que nos falta? ¿El de la paz, de la ternura, de la fe, la esperanza y del amor...? Cuando faltan estos vinos, la vida se "avinagra".

El nuestro es un tiempo no fácil, sobre todo para nuestros los jóvenes. La mesa está repleta de muchas cosas deliciosas, pero, como en el episodio evangélico de las bodas de Caná, parece que haya faltado el vino de la fiesta. Sobre todo, la dificultad de encontrar un trabajo estable extiende un velo de incertidumbre sobre el futuro. Esta condición contribuye a dejar para más adelante la asunción de decisiones definitivas, e incide en modo negativo sobre el crecimiento de la sociedad, que no consigue valorar plenamente la riqueza de energías, de competencias y de creatividad de nuestra generación.



Falta el vino de la fiesta también a una cultura que tiende a prescindir de claros criterios morales: en la desorientación, cada uno se ve empujado a moverse de forma individual y autónoma, a menudo solo en el perímetro del presente. La fragmentación del tejido comunitario se refleja en un relativismo que oculta los valores esenciales; la consonancia de sensaciones, de estados de ánimo y de emociones parece más importante que compartir un proyecto de vida. También las decisiones de fondo se vuelven frágiles, expuestas a una perenne revocabilidad, que a menudo se considera expresión de libertad, mientras que señala más bien su carencia. Pertenece a una cultura privada del vino de la fiesta también la aparente exaltación del cuerpo, que en realidad banaliza la sexualidad y tiende a hacerla vivir fuera de un contexto de comunión de vida y de amor. (Benedicto XVI, 11 de septiembre de 2011).

Propósito: Necesitamos milagros de "vino"; el mundo necesita ver que los vinagres del absurdo se transforman en vino bueno y generoso, el del amor y la esperanza, el que germina en fe. Hay un brindis pendiente siempre. Que sea con vino como el de María en Caná. No dejemos de participar en la Eucaristía esta semana.

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: _____

DIRECCION: _____ APTO: _____ CIUDAD: _____

CODIGO POSTAL: _____ TELEFONO: _____ CORREO ELECTRONICO: _____