

**A Letter from Our Pastor**

This week I had the honor of participating in the funeral Mass for Littell Edward Wilson at St. Bernadette's in Silver Spring. He was a long-time member at Saint B's but spent some of the first and last of his 94 years here at Lourdes. Why is that? His father, Alexander Hamilton Wilson, was the architect of our school whose cornerstone was laid in 1940. At the time it was not simply a school, but cleverly designed to serve as the church as well until another church could be built in the future. It turned out that would be ten years later in 1950. Our current school gym still retains details which indicate it was once the center of the sacramental and spiritual life of our area. To this day people tell me of their Baptism, First Communion or marriage in that sacred space. Some of Littell's younger siblings attended Lourdes school in its initial years. One sister told me that Father Joseph Little, the pastor at the time, directed her dad that there be no restrooms on the main floor. Perhaps he did not want to make it too easy to slip out in the middle of Mass. (I am glad that never happens anymore.)

Littell served at the end of World War II in the Navy as an engineer on the USS Collett in the Pacific. Back home he became an electrical engineer and worked in buildings such as the U.S. Capitol and the Senate Offices. He and Monica, his wife of 55 years, raised four children. I got to know him over the last few years and recall the big smile he always showed even as he carefully made his way up the side entrance. He said that his secret to life was getting at least nine hugs every day. As we send our brother to the Lord, he leaves behind a beautiful extended family including great-grandchildren who now attend the school his father designed. May they learn at our school and make their own the same strong Faith that their great-grandfather Littell loved and so joyfully lived.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, January 28th** (Gospel reading: Mk. 3: 22-30)  
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri  
 8:00 AM Int. Bowe Family Fr. Barbieri  
 12 NOON Int. Antonio Golden Fr. Barbieri  
**Tuesday, January 29th** (Gospel reading: Mk. 3: 31-35)  
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri  
 8:00 AM + Tyler & Anne Williams Fr. Barbieri  
 12 NOON + Judd Welliver Fr. Barbieri  
**Wednesday, January 30th** (Gospel reading: Mk. 4: 1-20)  
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri  
 8:00 AM + Bridie McGrath Fr. Barbieri  
 12 NOON + Michael & Margaret Reif Fr. MacFarlane  
**Thursday, January 31st** (Gospel reading: Mk. 4: 21-25)  
 7:00 AM Int. James Valcour Fr. Barbieri  
 8:00AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri  
 12 NOON + Margaret Nolan Fr. Barbieri  
**Friday, February 1st** (Gospel reading: Mk. 4: 26-34)  
 7:00 AM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham Fr. Barbieri  
 8:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri  
 12 NOON + Charles O. Magnetti Fr. Barbieri  
**Saturday, February 2nd** (Gospel reading: Lk. 2: 22-40)  
 8:00 AM + Mary O'Connell Fr. Barbieri  
 11:00-11:55 AM Confessions Fr. Barbieri  
 12 NOON + George Bridge Msgr. Filardi  
 4:00-4:45 PM Confessions Msgr. Filardi  
 5:00 PM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham Fr. Barbieri  
**Sunday, February 3rd** (Gospel reading: Lk. 4: 21-30)  
 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.

**Our Lady of Lourdes 2018 Tax Letters were mailed out this past week.** Please contact the rectory office if you do not receive your letter by the end of the month, or if there are any discrepancies.

**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.



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 or next weekend.** The MRV delivers these everyday items to households that can not afford to buy them. Thank you for your generosity.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Office of Religious Education**  
**301-654-5954**

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the nonviolent Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, helped Americans to understand that while obedience to the law is important, one is not required to obey an unjust law. In his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" on April 16, 1963, he drew on the teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas to explain the difference between just and unjust laws:

*One may well ask: "How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?" The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with Saint Augustine that "an unjust law is no law at all.*

*How does one determine whether a law is a manmade code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of Saint Thomas Aquinas: An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust.*

Thomas Aquinas, in the *Summa Theologiae*, argued that we must obey laws only

\*when they confirm to "eternal law," the law of God, and  
\*when that eternal law is self-evident—is exhibited in the universal principles of practical reason (what we call "natural law").

To be just, a law must be good as to:

1. its end: it must be ordered to the common good;
2. its author: it must not exceed the jurisdiction of the one who imposes it; or
3. its form: it must not place disproportionate burdens on any of the people in the community.

... a law ceases to have binding force if any of these is true:

1. the law is not ordered to the common good, but merely to the private good of those who impose it;
2. it exceeds the authority of those who impose it; or
3. it places disproportionate burdens on any of the people in the community.

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., continues his legacy of peaceful protest today—reminding us that her uncle was pro-life.

(Source: National Catholic Register; 21 Jan. 2019; Kathy Schiffer)

Mon. January 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church; Patron of Catholic Schools.

**If you want to be Holy, will it.** St. Thomas Aquinas

***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](http://bethesda-lourdes.org) or call the school office at (301) 654-5376.***



**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019**

January 27 - February 2

**#CSW19**

***Save the Date - A Witness to Joy:***

**Join us Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Library Media Center** for a witness on 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.chiaracorbellapetrillo.it/en/>.



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](mailto:pbizotpe@aol.com) or 301-648-5945, or just show up. More information at: [www.paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/](http://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](mailto: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](http://HolyCrossHealth.org).

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:**

Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on **February 8th-10th, 2019 in Gaithersburg, MD or October 25th-27th, 2019 also in Gaithersburg, MD.** Go to: [moments4marriage.org](http://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](mailto:k2000swartz@hotmail.com) or 240-506-6016.

### **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



### **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>.



OUR LADY of BETHESDA  
RETREAT CENTER

### **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.

**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, Jeff Goldshine, and Cristina Ayala.**

**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.**

**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](http://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](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)*



**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
Offertory: \$8,384**

**Second Collection for February 3rd, 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](http://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 –Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – Enero 27, 2019

"El espíritu del Señor esta sobre mi, porque me ha ungió"



Con esta frase de Isaías, Jesús se presenta como el Mesías prometido y anunciado por las profecías bíblicas. En hebreo el título Mesías significa **Ungido**, lo mismo que Cristo en griego, y hace referencia al rito con el que los reyes, sacerdotes y profetas en el Antiguo Testamento recibían el poder del Espíritu de Dios que los hacía capaces de cumplir la misión para la cual el Señor los había elegido. Nosotros, desde nuestra fe, reconocemos a Jesús como el Mesías prometido, en quien se revelan la esencia y la acción de Dios, que es Amor Misericordioso y cuya misión es dar la Buena Noticia a los pobres, liberar a los oprimidos, aliviar el dolor de los que sufren. Y esto es lo que significa en griego "eu-angelion": una buena noticia realizada en hechos concretos.

Esa sería también la misión que Cristo les iba a dar a todos cuantos creyeran en Él y quisieran seguirlo: evangelizar, es decir, proclamar con hechos que, para todo ser humano que se encuentre en una situación difícil o esté sufriendo cualquier tipo de opresión, empezando por la que experimentan los pobres y explotados, es posible un porvenir nuevo, no sólo en el más allá, sino desde esta vida presente.

Por lo tanto, revisemos nuestro compromiso de seguidores de Jesús y dispongámonos a ser también nosotros, como Él, portadores de esa Buena Noticia mediante el testimonio de obras concretas para la construcción de un mundo mejor para todos, empezando por los más necesitados. Que Él, con el mismo Espíritu con que fue ungió y que también nosotros hemos recibido en nuestro bautismo (como lo dice San Pablo en la segunda lectura -1 Corintios 12, 12-30-: "hemos sido bautizados en un mismo Espíritu"), nos ilumine y nos dé la fuerza necesaria para ser, cada cual desde su vocación específica, auténticos seguidores de Jesús."

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

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