

**A Letter from Our Pastor**

As part of Catholic Schools Week our students were invited to submit an essay on, *'Why I love my Catholic School'*. There were an number of wonderful submissions. I share with you a portion of a winning entrance by **Angela Walsh, 5<sup>th</sup> grade**:

Why do I love my Catholic school? Not just because of my friends, Ms. Moore, Mr. Long, or the teachers. Of course, they are a big reason why I love Lourdes, but the one thing I love most about Lourdes is our Catholic faith. If someone asked what has Lourdes done to make you a better person, I would tell them, well, I have been at Lourdes since I was five, and when I was five, I certainly did not know that much about my faith or what I was doing when I went to mass, but when I started to go to mass every Friday at school with the eighth graders, they taught me to realize how important it is to be at Lourdes. When I was about eight years old, I realized that Lourdes is my second home, that Lourdes makes me a better person and a better Catholic. When Lourdes teaches me Religion, they don't use big and complicated words, they make it easier for the students to learn.

I have to be completely honest, I'm sorry, Mrs. Cooley, I have never been that into reading, but when Lourdes' teachers teach me Religion, all I like to do is smile and keep reading. At the end of every single day, Ms. Moore says our prayers and at the end of the prayers, she says, "May God be with you," and what I think is that God is really with us at Lourdes. I could not think of a better place to spread your faith, be included, be able to pray alone, or as a community, than Lourdes. Lourdes is a place where you are not judged by the way you pray, the way you speak, or what you look like; Lourdes is an all-inclusive school. Lourdes is the place to be, do not worry, you do not need to change your personality.

Another big thing I love about Lourdes is that the students are not afraid to spread their faith. When we are asked to pray at Lourdes, I do not feel like I'm being forced to do it, I feel like God is telling me to do the right thing, and I know that not everyone feels that way, and that is why I spread my faith to them and tell them, "You pray to God when you are feeling down, and God will turn that frown upside down!" Well, what I'm trying to say is that if you are having a problem, just give God a call, and you will feel much better. If someone ever asked me, "Have you ever thought about leaving Lourdes?" I would say, "Why would I? Lourdes is my second home, my home away from home!"

**Masses for the Week**

<b>Monday, February 11th</b> (Gospel reading: Mk: 6: 53-56)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ George Onderchek	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Maggie Riddle	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Tuesday, February 12th</b> (Gospel reading: Mk. 7: 1-13)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Judd Welliver	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Lisa Neary	Fr. MacFarlane
<b>Wednesday, February 13th</b> (G. reading: Mk. 7: 14-23)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Al & Margaret Delacroix	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Eleanor Lindeman	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Thursday, February 14th</b> (Gospel reading: Mk. 7: 24-30)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	Special Intention	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Geraldine Marklin	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Friday, February 15th</b> (Gospel reading: Mk. 7: 31-37)		
7:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. MacFarlane
8:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. MacFarlane
12 NOON	+ Steve O'Neil	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Saturday, February 16th</b> (Gospel reading: Mk. 8: 1-10)		
8:00 AM	Int. Nikki Shaffer	Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. President Trump	Msgr. Filardi
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Sunday, February 17th</b> (G. reading: Lk. 6: 17, 20-26)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
10:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
1:30 PM	People of the Parish	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.

***Come Celebrate the Feast of  
Our Lady of Lourdes:***

**This Monday, February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and our Parish Feast Day.** To celebrate, Msgr.

Filardi will pray the Rosary in the church at 7:00pm with a short reflection, followed by a reception in the enclosed portico. We would appreciate donations of wine, cheese and crackers, appetizer plates, and finger



desserts, Please contact Margaret Sheridan at 202-215-0809 if you can make a contribution to this event. Thank you, and hope to see many of you there.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

“Abortion has always been built on a lie. Today, the lie is switching from ‘abortion is a choice’ to ‘abortion is healthcare.’ New York passed a law that not only legalizes abortion essentially for any reason through the nine months of pregnancy but removes any protection for children born alive after abortion. A similar bill, defeated in Virginia, yet allowed in other states, including Maryland, all in the name of women’s health. This legislation is evil, pure and simple. This should shock the conscience of everyone to see such evil celebrated; most grieving to *Our Lord of Life* which puts many souls who advocate for abortion in eternal jeopardy. Late-term abortion, always involve purposeful destruction of a child which could have been born alive, with much less risk to the mother, had they both received real healthcare.

Now is the time for all Catholics—bishops, priests, and laity—to fight for the unborn with renewed vigor. We must educate family, friends, legislators, and fellow citizens about how it is never necessary to intentionally kill unborn children in order to save their mothers. Though we live in very dark days, we know that the Lord has already triumphed over death. But we must use this time on earth to be His hands and feet. This means each of us rededicating ourselves to prayer, and fighting for the most vulnerable among us, especially unborn children and their mothers.

(Source: USCCB Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, KS and Chairman of the U.S. Bishop’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities.)

February 14: Sister Colette Marie Land, CSC was born on Valentine’s Day. Sister Collette taught in OLOL School for many years, including CCD. Sister Colette went into eternity in December 2018. *Requiescat in pace* – may she rest in peace.

### ***New Bible Study: “No Greater Love A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion”:***

To begin on **Monday, March 18th.**  
Thousands sought Jesus during His life.  
Only a few followed Him to Calvary.  
What will you do?  
More information to follow.

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

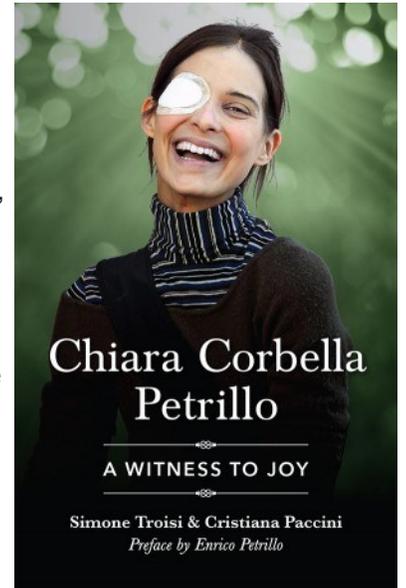
**Join us Friday,  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at  
7:00pm in the Library  
Media Center** for a

witness on 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** at Saint Andrew Apostle Catholic Church in Silver Spring to hear Immaculee’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](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/).

**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](mailto:moriartym@adw.org) or 202-636-9020.

**Support The Academy of the Holy Cross  
Benefit Auction & Gala:  
"The Masquerade - A Night to  
Remember" on April 6, 2019:**

Please visit:  
[academyoftheholycross.ejoinme.org/2019ParishAds](http://academyoftheholycross.ejoinme.org/2019ParishAds)  
to purchase a parish ad.

For **\$20 per family** each family member (with a current AHC student, recent graduate, or alumni) can add their name(s) to their Parish Ad. Each Parish Ad will appear in the auction gala Catalog Program. This is a great way for families to participate in the Auction Gala and show your support of AHC.

**Spread the word!** Please forward this email to any AHC current students, alumni or family members -- even if they're not in your parish.

**Donation link:**  
[academyoftheholycross.ejoinme.org/2019donations](http://academyoftheholycross.ejoinme.org/2019donations).

*The Masquerade  
A Night to Remember*

Saturday, April 6, 2019  
The Academy of the Holy Cross



**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).

### ***A Thank You Letter for a Successful Coat Drive:***

The Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive thanks you for allowing us to help our community by collecting coats for the Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive. We were able to collect over 230 coats in addition to a box of new socks. This was possible only through a team effort as we received much assistance from Mrs. Jill Gadwood, Mrs. Merlene Brodie, Mrs. Lovleenrai Grewal and Mrs. Elizabeth Maloney. Also assisting us were Our Lady of Lourdes 6th grade students who wrote letters that were put in the coat pockets. Going through the notes, they were very appropriate with prayers, well wishes and even jokes to brighten the day of the new coat owner. We received coat donations from many Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church parishioners. We are so grateful to them, Msgr. Filardi, the maintenance men, the Coat Collection Team and the 6th grade class for their efforts and dedication to the community in helping to provide notes and clean coats for the homeless. We are very thankful to everyone for their assistance in making this year's coat drive a huge success.

- Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive

### ***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

### ***Put Your Pro-Life Beliefs Into Action:***

The Gabriel Project assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (**especially bilingual Spanish speaking women**) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via phone or email during their pregnancy, bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month (or less). Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. Donations of diapers, formula, and baby clothes are also appreciated. For more information, please call or text Toni Wohleber at (240) 882-9893, or e-mail Carmen Rojas at [gccthompson@juno.com](mailto:gccthompson@juno.com).



THE  
GABRIEL  
PROJECT

### ***Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:***

A workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) in English will be offered on three Saturdays, 9:00am -12:00pm, during this winter and spring: **February 16th** at St. Catherine Laboure Church (Wheaton, MD); **February 23rd** at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center (Hyattsville, MD); and **April 6th** at St. Matthias the Apostle Church (Lanham, MD). This workshop will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. It is intended primarily for those who wish to be certified as an EMHC in the Archdiocese of Washington, but it is open to all. A \$5 registration fee can be paid at the door.

Please RSVP by emailing [liturgy@adw.org](mailto:liturgy@adw.org). If you have additional questions, you may call Maria Hamm in the Office of Worship at 301-853-4594.

**Altar Flowers:**



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by **Jessica Coan** in memory of **Dr. Ralph MacDonald Coan, MD, Internist, FACP, IMAL.**

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.

**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: [adwcatholicschools.org](http://adwcatholicschools.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)*



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019  
Offertory: \$9,298

Second Collection for February 17th, 2019: Building Fund

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.

**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](http://jp2shrine.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: \_\_\_\_\_

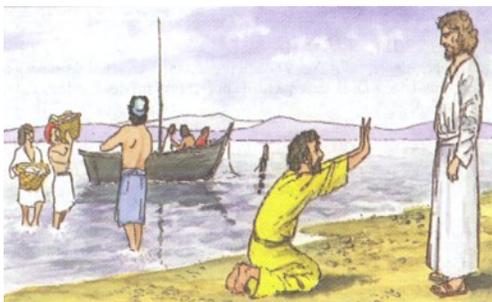
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- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we am/are new to the parish. Welcome!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Change of address within the parish. Thank you!
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we am/are moving out of the parish. God be with you!

**Noticias en Español –Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – Febrero 10, 2019**

**"Apártate de mí Señor , porque soy un pecador"**



Jesús no quiere la muerte del pecador, sino que se convierta y viva. Quiere ayudarlo a regresar a la gracia y a la comunión con Dios y sus hermanos los hombres. Al final de la parábola, sin embargo, hay uno justificado y otro no. Dios desea ardientemente involucrarnos en su misericordia y restaurar aquello que hemos perdido por culpa del pecado. Sólo basta con decir como el publicano: **"Dios mío, apiádate de mí, que soy un pecador"**, para que el Señor nos tienda la mano y comience a guiarnos en nuestro caminar. Su amor llega al punto de dar la vida por nosotros, por cada uno de nosotros, y quiere que lo aceptemos libremente, reconociendo que tenemos necesidad de Él.

A este punto se borra la diferencia entre el justo y el pecador. Todos, todos, necesitamos a Dios, su amor y su misericordia.

Considero necesario dar un paso importante: no podemos analizar, reflexionar, y menos todavía rezar, sobre la realidad como si nosotros estuviésemos en orillas o senderos diversos, como si estuviésemos fuera de la historia. Todos tenemos necesidad de convertirnos, todos tenemos necesidad de ponernos delante del Señor y renovar siempre de nuevo la alianza con Él y decir junto con el publicano: Dios mío, ten piedad de mí que soy pecador. Con este punto de partida, quedamos incluidos en la misma "parte" -no separados, incluidos en la misma parte- y nos ponemos ante el Señor con una actitud de humildad y de escucha.

Justamente, mirar a nuestras familias con la delicadeza con la que las mira Dios nos ayuda a poner nuestra conciencia en su misma dirección. **Adaptado: homilía Papa Francisco 16 de Junio 2016.**

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