

A Letter from Our Pastor

An ad came on my car radio recently, advertising the Filet-O-Fish. I knew it could mean only one thing: Lent is around the corner. Honestly, I rarely look forward to it but this year I am eager for the retreat (a treat for the soul) and renewal it can provide. I suspect you may feel the same way. If the Church is to get back to basics and to purification, so must each of us who makes up the Church. This is what Lent is for. We do it together with the universal Church in the days of fasting and abstinence (see this bulletin for more detail) and with the personal program we design for ourselves based on the ancient pillars of Prayer, Penance, and Almsgiving or Charity. As a parish we will be providing a few opportunities that we would love you to be part of:

The first is our Ash Wednesday Masses, wonderfully the busiest day of our year. On Thursdays, beginning March 7th, the Young Adult Fellowship will meet in the vestibule meeting space from 7:00 to 8:15pm. On Fridays, beginning March 8th, we will hold a communal Stations of the Cross (half an hour) at both 11:00am and 6:30pm. Following the evening Stations, there will be a simple Lenten meal and movie in the Library Media Center at 7:15pm. This year we start with *Ben Hur*, the 1959 Oscar winner for Best Picture. Starring Charlton Heston, it is a portrayal of Roman Gladiators' eventual conversion to Faith through the power of Christ and the example of early Christians. It will be shown over two Fridays. On Wednesday evenings, (starting March 13th) Confessions will be offered from 6:00-7:00pm and from 7:15 - 8:15pm there will be an *Into the Desert* prayer series, by Dr. Tim Gray, a 6-week (30 minute) video based study/discussion on prayer in the Library Media Center. And lastly, our five-week bible study series will be on Monday evenings at 7:00pm, starting on March 18th. I hope to see you at these events as we go forward into this Lenten season. And don't forget your fish sandwich on Fridays.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, March 4th (Gospel reading: Mk: 10: 17-27)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Pat Conroy	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. Myra Miskill	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, March 5th (Gospel reading: Mk. 10: 28-31)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Special Intention	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ K.C. Berry	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, March 6th (G. reading: Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Int. Joseph Monte	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Ellen Wycoski	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, March 7th (Gospel reading: Lk. 9: 22-25)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	Int. Margaret Fiore	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Mary Sheehan	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, March 8th (Gospel reading: Mt. 9: 14-15)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. Sheridan Family	Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, March 9th (Gospel reading: Lk. 5: 27-32)		
8:00 AM	+ Martha Lewis	Fr. Barbieri
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Martin Asher	Fr. Barbieri
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
5:00 PM	+ Guiomar Aguirre-Vivas	Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, March 10th (Gospel reading: Lk. 4: 1-13)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
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.

Ash Wednesday is March 6th, 2019. It is not a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am, 12:00 Noon, 5:30pm, and 7:00pm. All Masses will be in English.

Please note that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Religious Education 301-654-5954

Entering into Lent. Lent is a propitious time in which the Church invites Christians to be more intensely aware of Christ's redeeming work and to live our baptism more profoundly. . . . With its duration of forty days, Lent tries to recall some of the events that marked the life and history of ancient Israel, presenting to us again its paradigmatic value. . . .

The Lenten season is an invitation to relive with Jesus the forty days He spent in the desert, praying and fasting, before undertaking his public mission. . . . This is the authentic and central program of the Lenten Season: *to listen to the Word of truth, to live, speak, and do the truth, to reject lies that poison humanity and are the door to all evils.* It is urgent during these forty days, to listen again to the Gospel, the Lord's Word, Word of truth, so that in every Christian, in each of us, the awareness be reinforced of the truth that has been given, that He has given us, to live it and be his witnesses.

Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life. . . . the Lenten season offers us an ascetic and liturgical journey that, helping us to open our eyes in face of our weakness, makes us open our hearts to the merciful love of Christ.

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Wed. March 6th: Ash Wednesday/LENT BEGINS

No Greater Love

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion:

Filmed on location in the Holy Land is a five-part video series with Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.

In this study, you will discover:

- *The Biblical background to each scene in Christ's passion.
- *What was Jesus going through at each moment?
- *How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death.
- *Why did Christ die for us? What did it accomplish?
- *What was the meaning behind of the tearing of the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, and other events during Christ's Passion.
- *In this study you will **encounter God's love** to the fullest. In the cross we see God fully revealed as "a lover with all the passion of love".

Jesus doesn't want our applause. He wants our hearts. Are you ready to draw closer to Jesus in his passion than you ever have before?

The series will begin on Monday, March 18th at 7:00pm in the Office of Religious Education. A Book and a Workbook will be available for \$24.95. To register, you may contact the Office of Religious Education at 301-654-5954.

Maryland March for Life:



There will a bus leaving Our Lady of Lourdes to go to the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis on **Monday, March 4th at 4:30pm and returning at 9:00pm.** For more information about the March, please visit: <https://www.mdmarchforlife.com>.

Bethesda 40 Days for Life March 6th - April 14th:

Join our local 40 Days for Life Campaign this Lent as we pray and witness for an end to abortion outside LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion clinic at the Wildwood Medical Center, 10401 Old Georgetown Rd. Vigil hours are 7:00am-7:00pm daily. Please try to join your fellow parishioners during the **Our Lady of Lourdes Vigil Hours:** Sundays from 1:00-2:00pm and Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm. Sign up sheets will be available after Masses the weekend of March 2nd-3rd or contact Christa at cc65012@gmail.com.

2019 Lenten Schedule:

Thursdays in Lent, starting March 7th:

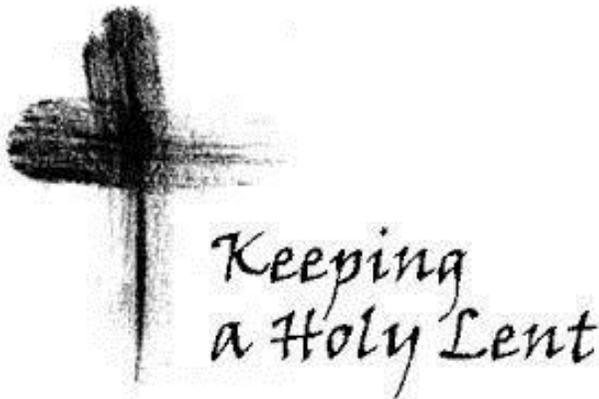
The Our Lady of Lourdes Young Adult Fellowship will meet in the new room in the vestibule from 7:00 - 8:15pm.

Fridays in Lent, starting March 8th:

There will be Stations of the Cross at 11:00am and 6:30pm and Lenten Movie Night at 7:15pm in the Library Media Center.

Wednesdays in Lent, starting March 13th:

The Light is On for You (Confessions) will be from 6:00 - 7:00pm and the *Into the Desert* Prayer Series will be at 7:15pm in the Library Media Center.



Young Adult Fellowship Prayer Group:

Please join the Our Lady of Lourdes Young Adult Fellowship prayer group on **Thursday evenings in Lent, starting March 7th from 7:00 - 8:15pm** in the vestibule meeting space. The theme this Lenten season is prayer. If you wish, you may purchase the book, *Prayer for Beginners* by Dr. Peter Kreeft.

Into the Desert Prayer Series:

Is a 6-week video-based study on formed.org featuring Dr. Tim Gray. You will learn a powerful method of prayer, called *Lectio Divina*, and you will be able to put this prayer method into practice with daily meditations provided to you in a study guide.

The program will be 6 weeks, starting **Wednesday, March 13th at 7:15pm**, with an episode to watch each week. As a parish family, our goal is to have every parishioner participant whether you are going through the study with your family in the home, or in a small group, or in a large group offered here in the parish. Please visit: formed.org for more information.

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington:

An organization for single Catholics, ages 21 to 65+, enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Most members are 45 and older. Please find out more about us at: www.catholicssinglesofgreaterwashington.org or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass:

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held **Sunday, June 23rd, 2019** at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please use the sign-up forms in the back of the church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office at **Friday, April 26th**.

The Ladies of Lourdes:

The next meeting of the Ladies of Lourdes will be on **Tuesday, March 12th** starting promptly at 7:30pm. It will be our Annual Lenten Evening of Recollection and will be located in the Church. Father Rafael Barbieri will conduct the evening with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a reflection, meditation, prayer, and will close with Benediction. Please join us as we walk and work together on our Lenten Journey 2019. For information please contact: Barbara Black at 301-652-0749 or fsbbob@verizon.net.

**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
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.

The Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C.:

Please join the Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. for an evening networking reception on **Thursday, February 28th from 5:30-7:30pm** in the Great Hall of Saint Matthew's Cathedral.

The Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. (CBN-D.C.) is an independent nonprofit organization bringing together businesses and individual professionals to create valuable business and networking opportunities through monthly networking receptions and an annual gala.

All fundraising efforts from CBN-D.C.'s events and sponsorships go to support students in need at Catholic schools in Washington D.C. in the form of scholarship and grant opportunities.

For additional information or to register, please visit our website at: www.cbndc.org or contact Justin Silvers at (202) 957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.

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.



THE
GABRIEL
PROJECT

April Pilgrimage to Italy:

Father Christopher Pollard, Pastor of St. John's in McLean, Va would like to invite the members of Our Lady of Lourdes on a pilgrim's journey through some of the beautiful and ancient cities in Italy this April! Experience the saints and sacred sites, the food and culture of Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice and holy locales in between.

There are three options to attend this pilgrimage:

- Option One:** Full Trip: April 23rd-May 6th,
- Option Two:** First Part of Trip: April 23rd-April 29th,
- Option Three:** Second Part of Trip: April 29th - May 6th.

For more information please visit:
www.JMJ Tours.com/StJohns.

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.

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.



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)



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019
Offertory: \$9,184

Second Collection for March 10th, 2019: School Support

Our March Poor Box will be going to the Lenten Food Drive. Bags for your donations will be provided the weekend of March 23rd - 24th and the collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of March 30th - 31st. Our collection will be donated to the Southern Maryland Foodbank. Please be generous with your contribution. You may also make a contribution to "Catholic Charities" with a note that it is for the food drive. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

Please note that your regular financial contributions not only show that you are an active parishioner of Lourdes, but also are a crucial part of keeping the church up and running.

To register, please contact the rectory office at 301-654-1287, email [Claire Toms at ctoms@lourdesbethesda.net](mailto:ctoms@lourdesbethesda.net), or fill out the form below.

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 –Octavoo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – Marzo 3 2019

"Podrá un ciego guiar a otro ciego? "

Lucas 6, 39ss

¿Podrá un ciego guiar a otro ciego? ¿No caerán los dos en el hoyo? No está el discípulo por encima del maestro. Todo el que esté bien formado, será como su maestro.



El apelativo «hipócritas» que Jesús da varias veces a los doctores de la ley en realidad es dirigido a cualquiera, porque quien juzga lo hace en seguida, mientras que Dios para juzgar se toma su tiempo.

Quien juzga se equivoca, simplemente porque toma un lugar que no es suyo. Pero no solo se equivoca, también se confunde. Está tan obsesionado con lo que quiere juzgar, de esa persona -¡tan obsesionado!- que esa idea no le deja dormir. ... Y no se da cuenta de la viga que él tiene. Es un fantasioso. Y quien juzga se convierte en un derrotado, termina mal, porque la misma medida será usada para juzgarle a él. El juez que se equivoca de sitio porque toma el lugar de Dios termina en una derrota. ¿Y cuál es la derrota? La de ser juzgado con la medida con la que él juzga.

El único que juzga es Dios y a los que Dios da la potestad de hacerlo. Jesús, delante del Padre, ¡nunca acusa! Al contrario: ¡defiende! Es el primer

Paráclito. Después nos envía el segundo, que es el Espíritu Santo. Él es defensor: está delante del Padre para defendernos de las acusaciones. ¿Y quién es el acusador? En la Biblia se llama «acusador» al demonio, satanás. Jesús nos juzgará, sí: al final de los tiempos, pero mientras tanto intercede, defiende.

Hoy vemos que la perseverancia en esa lucha por lograr unirse cada vez más a la voluntad santísima de Dios, pues en ello estriba la verdadera perfección, tiene su premio.

Aunque la vida esté llena de dificultades, desalientos y trabajos, también es verdad que es muy corta y que es pasajero el sufrir. Pronto llegará el fin de la jornada y ahí encontraremos el descanso y el premio si hemos sabido luchar por Jesucristo.

Qué hermoso programa el seguir a Cristo buscando hacer felices a los que viven a nuestro lado sin pensar en nosotros mismos y a la vez cuánta fuerza de voluntad y cuánta abnegación nos exige y qué premio tan grande nos conquista para el cielo. Ser viriles en la caridad, ser generosos y magnánimos, sin entregarnos a la estrechez tacaña de lo que es obligación estricta. Más allá comienza el amplio campo de la delicadeza y de las atenciones, del sacrificio y de la afabilidad ingeniosa para dar gusto a los demás en todo. Hay que llegar al detalle y no despreciar las pequeñas ocasiones de sacrificarse dando a nuestro hermano una muestra de atención, un rostro alegre, una palabra de aliento, una condescendencia en la conversación.

Hay que aprovechar esa vida tan pequeña, que es un punto en medio de la eternidad, pues al final nos espera el premio, la corona; nos espera la inefable dicha de poseer a Dios, a Jesús, con plenitud y sin temor de perderle más.

Adaptado: (Homilía de S.S. Francisco, en Santa Marta).

Avisos:

- **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: _____