

A Letter from Our Pastor

Last week I had a chance to see the movie ***Unplanned***. Based on a book by the same name, it chronicles the true story of Abby Johnson. Identifying as "extremely pro-choice," she worked at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas for eight years, eventually becoming its director and employee of the year. But things changed in 2009 when she was asked to assist in an ultrasound-guided abortion at 13 weeks gestation. She saw how similar the image on the screen looked to that of her own daughter. This experience sparked a change of heart and a journey that has led her to become one of the most eloquent pro-life activists in our day.

A similar ultrasound imaged procedure is shown in the movie. Honestly, I could not watch it. The tiny figure on the screen was so beautiful, and I did not need a memory of its dismemberment in my mind. This difficult moment is not meant to be gratuitous but gets to the core of the matter. Otherwise, the movie had the homey feel of the Hallmark Channel while still dealing with the complexities of good and evil. For example, some of the pro-lifers came across as obnoxious while co-workers at the clinic, for the most part, are downright likable. Neither did it shy away from portraying genuine motives and emotion that move women and men to seek such 'solutions'. But in the end we walk with Abby in facing up to the facts that led her to flee this manipulative industry and to speak-out against its destruction program.

I came away from the film better informed and inspired to do more in defense of life. One point of interest not included in the movie is the conversion of Abby and her husband to Catholicism in 2012. If interested in viewing ***Unplanned*** at a nearby theater with other parishioners, including myself, a group is being organized for this Thursday April 11th evening. For details please be in touch with Christa Childs at cc65012@gmail.com.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, April 8th (Gospel reading: Jn. 8: 12-20)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Thomas R. Flynn	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Leonard & Tillie Sandstrom	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, April 9th (Gospel reading: Jn. 8: 21-30)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Ellen Wycoski	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Thomas R. Flynn	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, April 10th (Gospel reading: Jn. 8: 31-42)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Msgr. Thomas Duffy	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Thomas R. Flynn	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, April 11th (Gospel reading: Jn. 8: 51-59)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Thomas R. Flynn	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Anne Boniface	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, April 12th (Gospel reading: Jn. 10: 31-42)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Thomas R. Flynn	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Max Kikendall	Fr. Barbieri
Saturday, April 13th (Gospel reading: Jn. 11: 45-56)		
8:00 AM	+ Thomas R. Flynn	Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ The Gilley Family	Msgr. Filardi
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM	+ Msgr. James Beattie	Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, April 14th (Gospel reading: Lk. 19: 28-40)		
7:30 AM	People of the Parish	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	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri

2019 Holy Week Schedule:

Wednesday, April 17th:
Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available in English and Spanish from 6:00-7:00pm.

Holy Thursday: April 18th:
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
(NO DAILY MASSES).

Good Friday: April 19th:
11:00am confessions, 12:00pm Stations of the Cross, 5:00pm Lord's Passion, 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish), 8:00pm Lord's Passion (Spanish)
(NO DAILY MASSES).

Holy Saturday: April 20th:
11:00am Confessions, 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
(NO DAILY MASSES AND NO 5:00PM MASS).

Easter Sunday: April 21st:
Masses at: 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30am, 12:00 Noon, and 1:30pm (Spanish).

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Office of Religious Education 301-654-5954 Fifth Sunday of Lent

What is Calvary? It is Mount Moriah on which God commanded Abraham to slay his son, Isaac; a place where King David raised an altar and offered sacrifice that God might stop the plague; a site on which Solomon erected the Temple of Jerusalem; Mount Sion, Mount Moriah, and Calvary is part of the same chain of hills.

Calvary stained with the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ which penetrated and impregnated His Mother far more than it soaked the soil of Calvary. Saint Jerome quotes Saint Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, as saying, ***“All the wounds which covered the body of Jesus, had their counterpart in Mary’s Heart.”*** *The whips, the thorns, the nails, every blow rending the body of the Son had its cruel echo in the heart of His Mother.”*

The saints exclaim ***O My Queen:*** Saint Bonaventure: ***Thou are crucified with Him;*** Saint Lawrence Justinian, Patriarch of Venice.: ***Mother and Son nailed to the Cross, the Son in the body, the Mother in her heart;*** Saint Bernard: ***Could not Mary die in her heart, as Jesus died in His Body?***

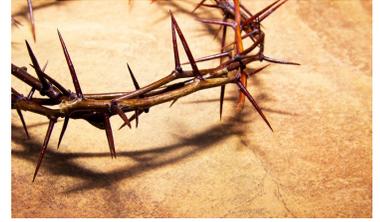
Among the great miracle wrought by Our Savior on Calvary the most remarkable, according to Saint Augustine, was the miracle of goodness and charity on behalf of His executioners, ***“Heavenly Father forgive them.”*** Living in His holy Mother’s heart, He communicated to her the charity which filled Himself, inducing her to imitate. It was on Calvary that our Redeemer accomplished and consummated the work of our salvation, in which His Mother’s heart cooperated so faithfully. Therefore, Calvary is a most excellent picture of the ***Admirable Heart of Mother Mary*** of our crucified Redeemer.

Let us embrace, cherish and bear all the crosses that will be sent to us, in the spirit of humility, patience and submission to the Divine Will, and all the holy dispositions with which the Son of Mary and the Mother of Jesus carried their heavy cross.

(Source: *The Admirable Heart of Mary* by Saint John Eudes; Loreto Publications, Fitzwilliam, NH; 2004, 2006) Saint John Eudes was born at Ri, a country parish near Caen, Normandy, in 1601. Endowed with extraordinary talents, and filled with burning zeal for the salvation of souls, he devoted 50 years of life to the preaching of missions and to organization of ecclesiastical seminaries. Founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, the Eudist Fathers.

Veneration of the Relics of Christ’s Passion:

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites the faithful on **Good Friday, April 19th,** to participate in the Exposition of the



Relics of the Passion in the Crypt Church from 7:00am - 6:00pm. The relics will be displayed for veneration by the faithful throughout the day except for the hour between 12 noon and 1:00pm, at which time the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated. Following the Stations, the relics will be returned for veneration until 6:00pm.

The relics include a particle from the table of the Lord’s Supper, stone particles from the Garden of Gethsemane, particles of the pillar of the scourging, the purple garment worn by Jesus, a spine from the crown of thorns, stones particles from Mount Calvary, a particle of the inscription tablet, shavings of the nails or spikes, particles of the sponge and reed, particle of the seamless linen garment worn by Jesus, the lance which pierced his side, the bindings and cloths used in the burial of Jesus, stones from the Holy Sepulchre, and a particle of the True Cross. Also displayed are relics of Mary, the Mother of Jesus; her sister, Mary, wife of Clopas; Mary of Magdala; the Twelve Apostles; and Saint Paul.

This event is open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica offers ample free parking and is conveniently located within walking distance of the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro’s Red Line. For more information, please call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 19th:

On Good Friday come to our modern Calvary, outside Leroy Carhart’s late term abortuary at Wildwood Medical Center: 10401 Old Georgetown Rd. Bethesda MD 20814. We will gather from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm on Good Friday and pray the Stations of the Cross. Come with your parish prolife group, your family or your friends any hour of your choice. Prayer books and Stations provided. Prayer and fasting is the only answer to these horrendous late term abortions committed in the Archdiocese of Washington. For more information call Diane Hess at 301-466-4765 or Cathy Roth at 301-452-7180

2019 Lenten Schedule:

Wednesdays in Lent:

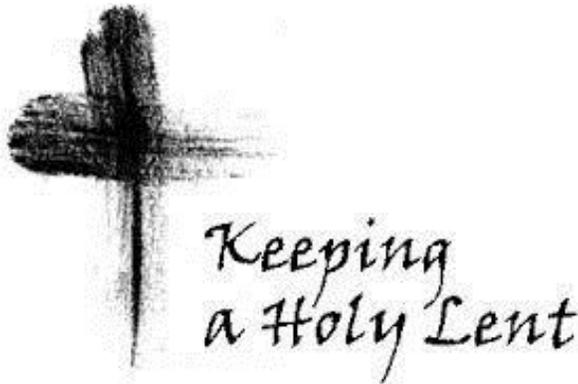
The Light is On for You (Confessions) will be from 6:00 - 7:00pm and the *Into the Desert* Prayer Series will be at 7:15pm in the Library Media Center.

Thursdays in Lent:

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:

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.



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.

Into the Desert

A Lenten Study on Prayer



The program is on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm, with an episode to watch each week.

Week Five - Contemplatio

The desire of the Christian's heart is to see God. In contemplatio we rest at the pinnacle of the ladder of prayer, gazing upon God in love.

The Ladies of Lourdes:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th starting at 7:30pm in the Library Media Center. Our presenter will be Deacon Anthony Federico who will speak on "*Everything I Learned About Praying While in Seminary*". Please join us as we continue on our Lenten journey. For further information please contact Barbara Black at fsbbob@verizon.net or 301-652-0749.

Young Adult Fellowship Prayer Group:

Please join the Our Lady of Lourdes Young Adult Fellowship prayer group on **Thursday evenings in Lent 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.



Cathedral Penance Service:

The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle invites you to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a **Lenten Communal Penance Service, "Come Home for Easter," on Tuesday, April 16th at 12:10pm**. More than 15 priests will be available for individual confessions, including Spanish-speaking and other foreign language confessors. The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, between Connecticut Ave. and 17th St., near the Red Line Farragut North Metro station. For more information, visit:

<https://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/Lent2019>.

Easter Octave Concert:

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to attend the annual Easter Octave Organ Recital on **Sunday, April 28th at 6:00pm** in the Great Upper Church. The organist for this recital will be Clay Christiansen of Salt Lake City, Utah. This event is free and open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica offers free parking and is conveniently located within walking distance of the Brookland-CUA Station of Metro's Red Line. For more information, please call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

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 16th, 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**.

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 Spring series will begin **Wednesday, April 10th and continue for eight consecutive Wednesdays through May 29th**. This will be an evening series running from 7:00 - 8:30pm. 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. Located at 917 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

**Knights of Columbus
CASH BINGO on Friday, May 3rd:**

Taking place at Mother Seton Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00pm, Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Over \$1500 in cash prizes! Admission is \$25/player with extra door prize ticket if paid by April 28th; \$30/player after April 28th (if not sold out again).

Admission includes door prize raffle ticket, *double 3* by 20 game book since no dinner this time (eat before arrival, or bring your dinner), snacks *and fun*. Yummy desserts and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Must be 18 or older to attend and no alcohol is allowed. For more info and to register, including reserved seating for 8-10 paid player groups, contact Warren Pfister at wpfreetoroam@gmail.com. If May 3rd does not fit your schedule or Bingo is not your thing, donations are also welcome.



**Did You or Your Child Attend
St. Raphael Nursery School?**

St. Raphael Nursery School in Rockville is celebrating its 50th anniversary and is looking for photos and memorabilia—and wants to spread the word about its



celebration for all on June 1st.

Details at: www.srnsm.org or call 301-762-2143. Tell your friends!

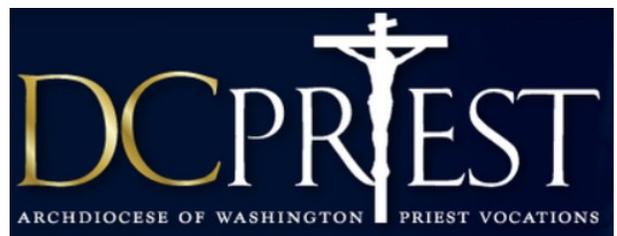
2019 Catholic High School Fair:

What better way to be prepared and informed? Especially designed for rising 7th and 8th grade students, the Archdiocese of Washington hosts Catholic High School Fairs each year to help families plan for the future. The events feature exhibits from all of the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese. Come and learn more about the Catholic high schools in the archdiocese, the admissions process, scholarships, and financial aid. Taking place on **Saturday, April 27th, 2019 from 11:00am - 2:00pm** at The Catholic University of America. For more information and to reserve your space, visit: www.adwcatholicsschools.org. Registration is free.

Men's Discernment Dinner:

Sunday, May 19th, 2019 from 5:00pm - 8:30pm:

All single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics are invited to attend a Men's Discernment Dinner held at Saint John Paul II Seminary. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington D.C. area. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at: www.DCpriest.org.



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: **Alice McGurty, Sue Graham, Elizabeth Bilhimer, and Shirley Poulin.**

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:

Due to the severity of the flu season that is lingering longer, after the Lord's prayer the priest may exercise the option of withholding the "Sign of Peace." Please note you always have the option of expressing 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)



Second Sunday in Lent 2019 Offertory: \$10,519

Third Sunday in Lent 2019 Offertory: \$9,479

Second Collection for April 14th, 2019: School Support

Our April Poor Box will be going to Gabriel's Project, a Christian ministry of loving service to women and families challenged with a crisis pregnancy. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Bulletin Deadline:

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

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: _____

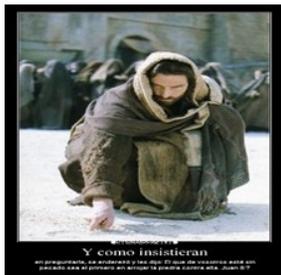
____ I/we am/are new to the parish. Welcome!

____ Change of address within the parish. Thank you!

____ I/we am/are moving out of the parish. God be with you!

Noticias en Español – Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma – Abril 1, 2019

"El que esté libre de pecado, que tire la primera piedra "



«¡Quien de vosotros esté sin pecado, tire la primera piedra contra ella!»". El Evangelio, con una cierta ironía, dice que los acusadores se fueron, uno a uno, comenzando por los más ancianos.

Y Jesús se queda solo con la mujer, como un confesor, diciéndole: «Mujer, ¿dónde están? ¿Nadie te ha condenado? ¿Dónde están? Estamos solos, tú y yo. Tú ante Dios, sin las acusaciones, sin las habladurías. ¡Tú y Dios! ¿Nadie te ha condenado?». La mujer responde: «¡Nadie, Señor!», pero ella no dice: «¡Ha sido una falsa acusación! ¡Yo no he cometido adulterio!» Reconoce su pecado y Jesús afirma: «¡Yo tampoco te condeno! Ve, ve y de ahora en adelante no peques más, para no pasar por un momento tan feo como este; para no pasar tanta vergüenza; para no ofender a Dios, para no ensuciar la hermosa relación entre Dios y su pueblo». ¡Jesús perdona! Pero aquí se trata de algo más que del perdón: Jesús supera la ley y va más allá. No le dice: '¡El adulterio no es pecado!' Pero no la condena con la ley. Y este es el **misterio de la misericordia de Jesús**.

"Te pido, Señor, que no me midas con la vara de tu justicia, sino que sea medido con la de tu misericordia

infinita".

¡Qué distintos son los pensamientos de Dios y los de nosotros, los hombres! El pasaje evangélico que nos presenta a Jesús, a la mujer adúltera y a los fariseos nos ayuda a contemplar el rostro amoroso y misericordioso de Cristo. Jesús perdona. Pero aquí se trata de algo más que el perdón: Jesús supera la ley y va más allá. No le dice: "El adulterio no es pecado", No lo dice. Pero no la condena con la ley. Y éste es el misterio de la misericordia. Éste es el misterio de la misericordia de Jesús.

La misericordia es algo difícil de comprender: "Pero, la misericordia ¿borra los pecados? ". "No, ¡lo que borra los pecados es el perdón de Dios!". La misericordia es el modo con que Dios perdona. Porque Jesús podía decir: "Yo te perdono. Ve", como dijo a aquel parálítico que le habían presentado desde el techo: "Te son perdonados tus pecados".

Aquí dice: "Ve en paz".

Todos nosotros somos conscientes de nuestra debilidad y de la facilidad con la que caemos en el pecado sin la gracia de Dios. Cristo nos hace ver que sólo Él puede juzgar los corazones de los hombres. Por ello, los que querían apedrear a la adúltera se van retirando, uno a uno, con la certeza de que todos mereceríamos el mismo castigo si Dios fuera únicamente justicia.

La respuesta que da a los fariseos nos enseña que Dios aborrece el pecado pero ama hasta el extremo al pecador. **Así es como Dios se revela infinitamente justo y misericordioso.**

Al final del evangelio vemos que Cristo perdona los pecados de esta mujer y a la vez le exhorta a una conversión de vida. Para esto ha venido el Hijo de Dios al mundo, para redimirnos de nuestros pecados con su pasión y muerte.

El periodo de cuaresma nos ofrece constantes oportunidades para aplicar las enseñanzas de Cristo. Los padres, en algunas ocasiones, deberán corregir a sus hijos. En esos momentos sepamos corregir lo que está mal y al mismo tiempo dejar la puerta abierta al amor, al perdón, a la reconciliación. Cuando tenemos que hacer ver un error a alguien, podemos buscar cómo hacerlo de la mejor forma para que no se mezclen buenas intenciones con algunas pasiones desordenadas.

Recordemos el ejemplo vivo de tantos sacerdotes que, cuando nos acercamos al Sacramento de la Reconciliación, saben ver la desgracia del pecado, pero al mismo tiempo acogen con amor al pecador así como Cristo lo hizo con la mujer adúltera.

Avisos:

- **Invitamos a todos a asistir a la representación del Vía Crucis el 14 de Abril a las 11.30 am en la cafetería.**
- **Asimismo, el viernes 19 de Abril después de la misa en la Iglesia, tendremos el Vía Crucis en Español.**
- **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: _____