

**A Letter from Our Pastor**

One of the joys of having a parish school is that I get to share in some of its special events and continue my own education. This past Wednesday, we were given a remarkable and historic honor. Colonel Charles McGee spoke to a packed library of our 3rd – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. At 99 years old, he is one of the last of the famed Tuskegee Airmen. He is also the proud great grandfather to OLOL students: Piper, Nicholas and Christopher. Based and trained at Tuskegee University near the town of the same name in Alabama, the Airmen were the first African-American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces, and military pilots (fighter and bomber) who fought in World War II. Twelve of 355 pilots who served in the Mediterranean are still with us. Not only did they break a barrier but proved their ability in the air by extraordinary skill, daring, bravery and patriotism. Among these, Col. McGee stands out. He continued in the military for over 30 years serving in Korea and Vietnam, flying a lifetime total of 409 combat missions, one of the highest by any Air Force fighter pilot.

In his presentation, standing and in remarkable physical condition, the Colonel encouraged the students as they looked to the future to keep the 4 Ps.

Perceive – See a need and pursuit it.

Prepare – Take your education seriously and cultivate skills. Perform – Put into action your God given abilities.

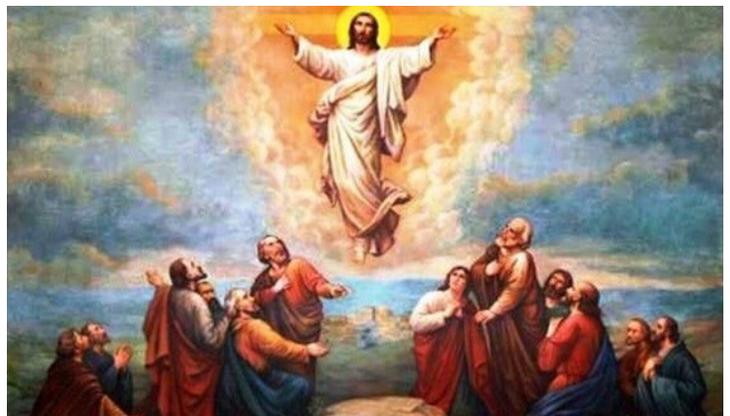
Persevere – Do not give up or give into discouragement. In every situation look for the good.

This coming week marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Invasion of the beaches of northern France. (Col. McGee was flying missions over the shores of southern France at the time.) We recall that battle for freedom and against tyranny paid for at great cost. That our students met one of the last heroes of this period is a privilege they may only come to fully appreciate with time. That we could share in his presence and offer gratitude to a living icon was priceless beyond words.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

**Masses for the Week**

<b>Monday, June 3rd</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 16: 29-33)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Gary Coulter, Sr.	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Celine Feehan	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Tuesday, June 4th</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 17: 1-11a)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Florence Crisafulli	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ June Murchison	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Wednesday, June 5th</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 17: 11b-19)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Maria Fernandez	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Mary Sheehan	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Thursday, June 6th</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 17: 20-26)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Ed & Jean McGorlick	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Margaret & Michael Reif	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Friday, June 7th</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 21: 15-19)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Cherie Stith	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Saturday, June 8th</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 21: 20-25)		
8:00 AM	+ Msgr. Thomas Wells	Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Msgr. Thomas Wells	Msgr. Filardi
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM	+ Ellen Wycoski	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Sunday, June 9th</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 20: 19-23)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
10:30 AM	People of the Parish	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
1:30 PM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri



## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** *The Ascension of the Lord*

Jesus tells us why He must go to the Father. He is going to prepare a place for us. Our place in heaven is part of the Body of Christ. Our incorporation into the Body of Christ at Baptism describes a reality of our existence, our place in heaven is in unity with Christ, one body with Christ. Christ Himself is the prepared place for us in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus ascending into Heaven sets the stage for the sending of the Holy Spirit. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. In the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus promises. *“in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”* And, *“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.”* This power of the Holy Spirit is the means by which the most important reason Jesus must ascend is accomplished. Jesus ascends so that his command to *“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature,”* may be fulfilled.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to accomplish the mission of spreading the Gospel. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to help others in being opened to the Redemption of Jesus Christ. **Wisdom** opens the mind. **Understanding** opens the heart. **Counsel** helps in difficult situations to know what is right. **Fortitude** gives us endurance like the martyrs, and provides inspiration. Saint Irenaeus said, *“The Blood of Martyrs is the seed of faith.”* **Knowledge** lets us see things from God’s perspective, so we can help others to see the world, and themselves, in a new way. **Piety** puts us in a state of reverence so we can understand our dependence on God. We then offer to God worship and thanksgiving due to Him. **Fear or awe of the Lord** gives us wondrous awareness of the glory and majesty of God. This puts us not in a servile state, but rather in a joyful awareness of God’s grandeur, and a grateful realization that only in Him do we find true peace. Along with the Seven Gifts that help fulfill the mission of spreading the Gospel, there are the gifts of service, which are as many and varied as there are needs in the world, empowered by the Holy Spirit to help us build up the Kingdom. We also have Charismatic Gifts that help manifest God’s presence and working in the world.

Let us pray, share and use the gifts and examples that would call non believers to Christ for many in our Faith to a new appreciation of Faith in Jesus Christ. Our work to build the Kingdom continues, to the Glory of God!

(Taken from: Homiletic & Pastoral Review; Ignatius Press © May 2019; The Ascension of the Lord by Father James Orr, BS Religious Studies, Masters of Divinity, Masters of Arts; Diocese of Pittsburgh)

### **Stronger Men’s Retreat:**

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for a retreat on **Saturday, June 22nd**. Explore how God calls you to lead as a man of faith, husband, son, and father. Lunch is included with registration. More information and registration at: [strongerretreat.eventbrite.com](http://strongerretreat.eventbrite.com). For questions, please email [events@jp2shrine.org](mailto:events@jp2shrine.org).



## OUR LADY of BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER

### **2019 Women's Mini Retreat Registrations Now Open:**

***It's easy to get caught up in the  
flurry of demands!***

The Monthly Mini-Retreat is a STOP to take stock of what God has done for me, where I am, and where I believe God wants me to be.

- Meditations and talks are presented by Priests and lay Spiritual Guides
- Each Mini Retreat includes Mass, Talks, Time for Personal Prayer and a Meal.
- Cost: \$20 per person

Upcoming dates in June are:

**June 26th: 7:00pm - 9:45pm**

**June 27th: 9:45am - 12 Noon.**

Please visit: <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/monthly-mini-retreat-women> to register and for more information.

### **Pro-Life Event:**

**Bethesda Pro-Life Prayer Vigil:  
Join dozens of local parishioners on Sunday, June  
2nd from 1:00 - 2:00pm**

for an hour of prayer outside LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion clinic at the Wildwood Medical Center at 10401 Old Georgetown Road. We gather every first Sunday of the month from 1:00 - 2:00pm. This is a peaceful, prayerful vigil for a witness to life. Email [Jill.gadwood@gmail.com](mailto:Jill.gadwood@gmail.com) for more information.

### ***National Parks of the West Trip:***

Msgr. Jack MacFarlane will join us for this adventure trip to some of our most beautiful National Parks, including the Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion, Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Mount Rushmore. The dates are **September 9<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>** and registrations are being taken now. For further details and a registration flyer, please contact Kathy Swartz at [k2000swartz@hotmail.com](mailto:k2000swartz@hotmail.com) or 240-506-6016.



### ***Anniversary Mass for Fr. John Lubey:***

Please join us for a 20th Anniversary Mass commemorating the priesthood of Fr. John A. Lubey on **Monday, June 3rd, 2019 at 7:00pm** at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church located at 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD. Father Lubey was well known in the Archdiocese of Washington for his gentleness and compassion, and for the gifts of prophecy and healing which brought Christ to souls, and countless souls to Christ, through his priesthood.

### ***Volunteer Opportunity at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception:***

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Northeast Washington D.C. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel (Director of Visitor Services) via telephone at 202-526-8300, ext.111, or via email at [dsteel@bnsic.org](mailto:dsteel@bnsic.org). Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

### ***Quo Vadis Camp:***

The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary from **July 28th - 31st, 2019**. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at: [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org). Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020 with any questions.

### ***Study of Saints (SoS) Book Club:***

Have you ever prayed for the intercession of a Saint? Often times when we do, we are invariably in need of something. Praying for the intercession of a Saint to ask Jesus/the Lord is like sending out an S.O.S. call for help. In this book club, we will read works by or about Saints. Through this Study of Saints (SoS), we will learn about the martyrs and religious who have dedicated their lives to God and learn what they are the Patron Saints of. By knowing our patron Saints, we can understand better whose constant intercession we can rely upon in sending our own SOS. Meets on the fifth Sundays of the month from 3:00-4:00pm in the Delacroix Conference Room in the narthex.

**The next meeting will be June 30th on the book "Divine Mercy in My Soul - Diary of Saint M. Faustina Kowalska", Marian Press.**

### ***DC Padres Are Back!***

The DC Padres, a baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians, will play on **Sunday, August 25th** (Prince George's ("Baysox") Stadium, Bowie). The Padres game will begin around 4:45 or 5:00pm. Check out the DC Padres website: [www.dcpadres.com](http://www.dcpadres.com) and Facebook page for updates and info about how to purchase tickets. Mark your calendar now and tell your friends. Let's fill the stadium in support of our priests!

**DC PADRES**

***Our Lady of Lourdes School  
Alumni Corner:***

**Class of 1969 50th Reunion** - Plans are getting underway for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1969 to be held this Fall. Interested in helping plan the event? Please contact Mrs. Nan Kiyonaga at [nkiyonaga@bethesda-lourdes.org](mailto:nkiyonaga@bethesda-lourdes.org). Looking forward to hearing from the Class of '69!

**Our Lady of Lourdes School Alumni Database Update Underway** - We are looking for updated contact information from all our alumni so we can let you know about upcoming reunions, important school events, etc. Please visit the school website [bethesda-lourdes.org](http://bethesda-lourdes.org) and fill out the alumni contact information form in order to be included in the updated alumni database. We want to make sure we have your correct address and e-mail information so we can send you school and alumni announcements. Please spread the word to fellow classmates!

**Spots are still available in our 3 year old Little Group Program! For more information contact Ms. Winters at (301) 654-5376.**



***Funeral Volunteers Needed:***

Please consider assisting families in their time of grief as a Funeral Mass volunteer. Duties include lecturing, handing out programs, and Mass set up. Please contact the parish office for more information.

***Altar Group Volunteers Needed:***

Volunteers needed for the altar group, which takes care of keeping our church's altar and other areas beautiful. Each team works about one hour one time each month - usually Friday or Saturday, depending on the team's schedules. Please call Veronica Shaffer Yeatman at 301-215-7128 or email her at [vyeatmean@comcast.net](mailto:vyeatmean@comcast.net) for more information.

***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) or email [pastoral.programs@jp2shrine.org](mailto:pastoral.programs@jp2shrine.org).

***Holy Hour for Vocations:***

*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."  
Mt 9:37-38*



Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the "Holy Hour for the intentions of the Ordinandi" and an increase in Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Friday, June 14th, 2019 from 12:30 - 3:00pm.**

Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington as we anticipate the Ordination of our Priests on June 15th! Please visit: [adw.org/dcpriest](http://adw.org/dcpriest) for a complete listing of Parish Holy Hours throughout the Archdiocese. This year's Ordinandi:

- Deacon John Benson**
- Deacon Joseph Cwik**
- Deacon Brendan Glasgow**
- Deacon Christian Huebner**
- Deacon Ebuka Mbanude**
- Deacon Stefan Megyery**
- Deacon Patrick Mullan**
- Deacon Benjamin Petty**
- Deacon Jan Pietryga**
- Deacon Michael Russo**

*"Every vocation, every path to which Christ calls us, ultimately leads to fulfillment and happiness, because it leads to God, to sharing in God's own life."  
- Pope John Paul II*

**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.

**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.**

**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 in this bulletin.**

**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.

**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. Bring donations from 4:30 to 5:15pm on Sundays (the room is down the long hallway from the cafeteria) or contact Dan Keen at 301-564-0077 to arrange a pick-up at your home. We are most in need of non-dressy spring and summer adult clothing. We have very limited need for children's clothing. 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)*



**Fifth Sunday of Easter 2019 Offertory: \$11,748**

**Second Collection for June 9th, 2019: None**

**Our June Poor Box will be going to the Assumption Outreach Program. It is a food pantry that provides food to struggling families year-round. Donations during the summer months are particularly important to families with children who would otherwise be receiving meals at their schools. We would prefer monetary or gift card donations which will be sent to the Assumption Outreach Program. Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

**Seven Reasons to Make Your Offertory Gift Through Faith Direct:**

1. No more checks to write or envelopes to find.
2. 52 weeks of predictable income for your parish.
3. Greater security than cash or checks.
4. No cost for you to participate.
5. Online control of your offertory-giving.
6. Reduction of envelopes and postage expenses for Lourdes.
7. Less work for our parish office staff to post contributions.

Join the parishioners who use Faith Direct for their parish giving. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net), our parish code MD33.

**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 – Séptimo Domingo de Pascua – Junio 2, 2019**  
**"La Ascensión del Señor "**



La Ascensión es sin duda un misterio de la vida de Cristo poco meditado. Sin embargo, adquiere especial consideración porque es parte de la resurrección de Cristo. No se entendería la resurrección sin la ascensión. De entre las muchas enseñanzas de la Ascensión podríamos considerar estas dos: Cristo fue levantado de la tierra para atraer a todos hacia Él (Jn 12, 32) y para sentarse a la derecha del Padre, como profesamos en la oración del credo cada domingo o con mayor frecuencia.

La elevación de Cristo en la cruz significa y anuncia la elevación en la Ascensión al cielo. (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica no.662) Por ello encontramos en la cruz el inicio de su ascensión. Y todo con este único fin, atraer a todos los hombres hacia Él. Jesús aceptó subir a la cruz para mantenernos unidos a Él, para que ninguno se perdiera. He aquí la grande y única aspiración de Cristo en la tierra. Su amor a cada hombre incluso por los que se resistirían a creer en Él. Sin embargo, así como aceptó subir a la cruz, sube al cielo para que disfrutemos de su gloria. Como lo hicieron sus apóstoles que después de verlo resucitado lo fueron a adorar al cenáculo. Nosotros, ¿cuándo fue la última vez que

dirigimos una oración de alabanza, de gloria, de adoración como lo hicieron los apóstoles?

Por otro lado, que Jesús esté sentado a la derecha del Padre nos quiere decir que a partir de ese momento Cristo inaugura el reino de Dios. Reino que no será destruido jamás. Reino que nunca pasará. Imperio que es eterno. Cada cristiano pertenece a este reino. De nosotros depende que este reino sea grande. Expandiéndolo por medio de la palabra de Cristo; y que sea fuerte en una unión por medio de la caridad, del perdón de la paciencia. Tal como la respondió Cristo a quienes le crucificaron.

Esto es la tarea que Jesús da a sus discípulos. Si un discípulo se queda quieto y no sale, no dará jamás a los demás lo que ha recibido en el bautismo, no es un verdadero discípulo de Jesús: carece de la misionalidad, le falta salir de sí mismo para llevar algo de bien a los demás. El recorrido para ser el discípulo de Jesús es ir más allá, para llevar esta buena noticia. Si bien hay también otro recorrido del discípulo: el recorrido interior que busca al Señor cada día, también con la oración y en la meditación. El discípulo tiene que realizar este recorrido, porque si no busca siempre a Dios, al Evangelio que lleva a los otros, tendrá un evangelio débil, aguado, sin fuerza. Porque este doble recorrido es el doble camino que Jesús quiere para sus discípulos. (Homilía de S.S. Francisco, 11 de junio de 2015, en Santa Marta).

**Avisos:**

- **Queremos felicitar a todos los chicos y chicas que recibieron los Sacramentos de Eucaristía y Confirmación 2019. ¡Que estos sacramentos recibidos fortalezcan su FE!**



- **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.**

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