

A Letter from Our Pastor

This past Tuesday Father Rafael and I joined a packed National Shrine to be part of the Installation of Archbishop Wilton Gregory as the seventh bishop of Washington. It was a beautiful ceremony that marks a new start for all of us. I wrote about our new archbishop when it was announced a number of weeks ago. But now that he is "Wilton, our bishop" I thought it might be helpful to share a bit of his biography once again:

"Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory was born December 7th, 1947 in Chicago to Wilton Sr. and Ethel Duncan Gregory. He attended Saint Carthage Grammar School, where he converted to Catholicism. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 9, 1973. After having served as an associate pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview, Illinois, he was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Chicago on December 13th, 1983. On February 10th, 1994, he was installed as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois, where he served for the next eleven years. On December 9th, 2004, Pope Saint John Paul II appointed Bishop Gregory as the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Archbishop Gregory has served in many leading roles in the United States church. In November 2001, he was elected president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and under his leadership, the bishops implemented the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." He has served on the USCCB's Executive and Administrative Committees, the Administrative Board, the Committee on Doctrine and the United States Catholic Conference Committee on International Policy."

Let us keep him in our personal prayer as he makes this transition, asking that he may lead us in truth faith and wisdom.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, May 27th (Gospel reading: Jn. 15: 26-16: 4a)		
7:00 AM	NO MASS	
8:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Int. Rev. Andrew F. Royals	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, May 28th (Gospel reading: Jn. 16: 5-11)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Florence Crisafulli	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ William O'Connell	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, May 29th (Gospel reading: Jn. 16: 12-15)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Dario Marchesan	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Mary Ann McInerney	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, May 30th (Gospel reading: Jn. 16: 16-20)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	Int. Tricia Crilley	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Elizabeth Farah	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, May 31st (Gospel reading: Lk. 1: 39-56)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Ellen Wycoski	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Cecilia Meyer	Fr. Barbieri
Saturday, June 1st (Gospel reading: Jn. 16: 23b-28)		
8:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Captain John C. Trainor	Fr. Barbieri
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
5:00 PM	+ Frances & Tyler Williams	Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, June 2nd (Gospel reading: Jn. 17: 20-26)		
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.		

The rectory will be closed on Memorial Day: Monday, May 27th. There will also be no 7:00am Mass.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

The Mass is a Sacrifice, understood as a re-presentation of the Last Supper and Calvary and a calling for us to sacrifice ourselves in union with Christ. It is done by the almighty power of God. The miraculous change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is called in Catholic Theology “*transubstantiation*.” When the priest says the word of consecration, the substance of bread and wine is changed in the substance of Christ, while the appearances of bread and wine remain the same.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church. All the other sacraments, in one way or another, point to it. Without the Mass, there is no Catholic Church. That is why the enemies of the Church, in times of persecution, try to eliminate priests and churches. **(For this reason, it is incredibly important to pray unceasingly for our priests, for all priests.)**

We should thank God for the Mass. At each Mass we should remind ourselves that Christ is offering Himself to the Father and invites us to offer ourselves with Him to the Father for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

(Source: “The Mass as a Sacrifice” by Rev. Kenneth Baker, S.J.; homiletic and pastoral review; editor emeritus; © Ignatius Press June 2009; pages 36,37,38)

Always incredibly important to pray for all priests, let us remember to pray for our newly installed 7th Archbishop of Washington Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory.

Let the whole of mankind tremble, the whole world shake, and the heavens exult when CHRIST, the Son of the living GOD, is on the Altar in the hands of a Priest.
Saint Francis of Assisi

Please remember to pray for our brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our Parish family who are serving their country in the Armed Forces. We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm, and we pray for their families while they are away from home.

The Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C.

Dear Friends,

Please join the Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. for our monthly breakfast and networking reception on **Thursday, May 30th from 8:00-9:30am** at the Great Hall in Saint Matthew’s Cathedral. Our guest speaker will be Nathan Scott, CEO of Queen Consulting and Technologies.

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.



Pro-Life Events:

Rosary Tour on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th
at four abortion facilities. Contact Bill Luksic at 301-461-9282 or bluksic1@verizon.net.

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 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 9th - 20th** and registrations are being taken now. For further details and a registration flyer, please contact Kathy Swartz at 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. 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. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 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 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. 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 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 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 or email 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 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:



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by **Dion and Michelle Rudnicki** in loving memory of **Peter Rudnicki**.

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.

Give the Gift of Service:

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland.

For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit: catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

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. 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)



Fourth Sunday of Easter 2019 Offertory: \$10,734

Second Collection for June 2nd, 2019: None

Our May Poor Box will be going to Bethesda Cares. They are a community outreach program for people living unsheltered, and for people in homes, at severe risk of losing them. They seek to place people in permanent, supportive housing; to ease life on the street during that process; and to prevent low-income tenants in crisis from eviction and possible homelessness.

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](mailto:ctoms@lourdesbethesda.net) 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!