

Celebrate Mary in May



Masses for the Week

Monday, May 6th (Gospel reading: Jn. 6: 22-29)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Mary Sheehan	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Doug Palmer	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, May 7th (Gospel reading: Jn. 6: 30-35)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Florence Crisafulli	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Tony Abel	Fr. Coan
Wednesday, May 8th (Gospel reading: Jn. 6: 35-40)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Jerry Collins	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, May 9th (Gospel reading: Jn. 6: 44-51)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00AM	+ Ellen Kennedy	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Bill Lawler	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, May 10th (Gospel reading: Jn. 6: 52-59)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Ken Kiernan	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Frank & Elizabeth Meyer	Fr. Barbieri
Saturday, May 11th (Gospel reading: Jn. 6: 60-69)		
8:00 AM	+ Ellen Wycoski	Fr. Barbieri
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Eustakio Pham	Fr. Barbieri
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
5:00 PM	+ William O'Connell	Bp. Dorsonville
Sunday, May 12th (Gospel reading: Jn. 10: 27-30)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	People of the Parish	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.

**Congratulations to all our
First Communicants who received their
First Communion on
Saturday, May 4th, 2019.**



**Please note that the 5:00pm Mass on
Saturday, May 11th will be the
Confirmation Mass.**



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **Third Sunday of Easter**

On Saturday, May 4th, 2019 with joyful expectation and reverence, the children of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School received the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist for the very first time.

Completing the second sacrament of initiation are:

+Gemma Lucy Anderson+Thomas Astil
+Matthew Bernasconi+Camila Kimberly Caraig
+Junnosuke Cavallo+Sara Cavallo+Juliana Coelho
+Kelsey Conway+Coralie Damour+Matthew Dolan
+Samuel dos Santos+Theresa Emerick+Driss Fomene
+Vidal Fomene+Thomas Gannon
+Ezana Ghebrehawariat+Iliana Ghebrehawariat
+Elizabeth Hamm+Tyler Hessick+Daniel Holguin
+Dainora Jaskunas+Johnny Marquis+Ryan Mead
+Charles Melluzzo+Charlotte Nason
+Anthanino Navarra-Petrovic+Jeronimo Perret
+Darcy Phillips+Paola Piccirillo+Felipe Rank
+Walter Sbaschnig+Ruby Sclafani
+Bennett Sherison+Georgia Shields
+Thomas Smith+Christopher Velasquez
+Cristina Vila Simon+Ryan Villani
+Thiago Vissotto+Alexander White

Our deepest gratitude to the priests who have supported the students, their families and our faith community during the year: Monsignor Edward Filardi and Father Rafael Barbieri. We are ever grateful to the catechists who have prepared the students to receive Jesus in His Sacrament of Mercy and of Love: Ms. Kathleen Carliner, Mrs. Kathryn Wasp, and Mrs. Alison Interlandi. Wonderful are your works. We extend this gratitude to the parents who are the first catechists of their children. Kindly continue to pray for the First Communicants and their families.

Sunday, May 5th: May Procession to honor Holy Mother Mary follows the 10:30 AM Mass.
All children of the parish are welcomed to process.

Saturday, May 11th: His Excellency Reverend Mario E. Dorsonville will confirm 50 students within the Mass at 5:00 PM.

What Can I do? – Matthew 25:45:

The Bible commands us to help "the least of these, my brothers and sisters..." Matthew 25:45. In our culture of death, no doubt the "least of these our brothers and sisters" are the defenseless, innocent children in the womb who are so incredibly vulnerable. So, here are some ideas of what we can do to make a real difference:

- ◆ Join or Support the Respect Life Committee in your Parish
 - ◆ Support a Gabriel Project in Your Parish
 - ◆ Meet with and write to your Legislators as a Constituent, Communicating the Catholic Church Position on Life Issues
- ◆ Support Local Pregnancy Centers by donating Your Time, Talents, and Treasure
- ◆ Tell Others about Project Rachel, a Post- Abortion Reconciliation/Counseling
 - ◆ Pray for Those Who Have Been Involved in an Abortion
 - ◆ Pray for the life of all, particularly giving witness outside our local abortion clinics

"From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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.



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.



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.

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 Our Lady of Lourdes Church narthex. Enter narthex through glass doors to left of front of church.

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

Evenings with the Merciful Jesus:

On the 22nd of every month from 7:00-10:00pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit jp2shrine.org for more information.

Christmas Markets on the Rhine:

If you've thought about visiting some European Christmas Markets but haven't gotten around to it yet, now's your chance! **November 30th - December 8th**, join fellow Catholics (and anyone else interested) in a river cruise along the Rhine to check out some of these lovely markets. We'll begin in Basel, Switzerland and travel to Strasbourg, France, Rudesheim, Germany, Cologne, Germany and finish in Amsterdam – all with only having to unpack once on our luxury riverboat. For further details and a registration flyer, please contact Kathy Swartz at k2000swartz@hotmail.com or 240-506-6016).

The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum:

The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum is being presented by The Daughters of Isabella. The price is \$604 for 5 days and nights, from **May 6th-10th, 2019**. Includes meals and admission to three museums, lodging, a visit to a casino and much more. For more information and reservations contact Janice Williams at 202-263-9098 or Debbie Baker at 202-584-1130.



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.

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!

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.



Bethesda Pro-Life Prayer Vigil:

Join dozens of local parishioners on **Sunday, May 5th from 1:00-2:00pm** for an hour of prayer outside LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion clinic at the Wildwood Medical Center located 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.

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.

Parental and Spousal Bereavement Support Group:

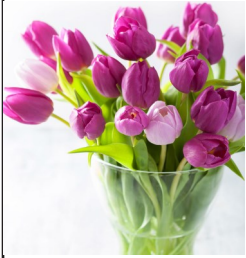
St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The Spring series began

Wednesday, April 10th and will 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.



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.**

Deceased in Our Parish:

Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially: **Ernesto C. Pineda.**

Sign of Peace During Flu Season:

Due to the lingering flu season, the priest may exercise the option of withholding the "Sign of Peace" after the Lord's Prayer.

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)



Easter Sunday 2019 Offertory: \$23,035

Second Collection for May 12th, 2019:
American Bishop's Overseas Appeal

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.

The American Bishop's Overseas Appeal contributes to Catholic Relief Services, Migration and Refugee Services, Holy Father's Relief Program, Apostleship of the Sea, and the USCC Department of Social Development and World Peace. Thank you for your generosity.

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, 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 – Tercer Domingo de Pascua – Mayo 5, 2019

"¿Me amas más que estos? "



Hemos tenido que esperar tantos años para que en la Iglesia volviera a resonar el mensaje del amor, de la misericordia y de la ternura que están en el centro del evangelio. Durante muchos años hemos estado preocupados por otras cosas, sobre todo por la doctrina, el cumplimiento y las normas. El papa Francisco ha pedido una vuelta a lo esencial, al centro del evangelio.

Jesús quiso confiar su Iglesia a una persona que mereciera su confianza, una persona de la que estuviera seguro que iba a tratar bien a sus ovejas y sus corderos. Para ponerla prueba no le pregunta si ama a esa Iglesia que le va a confiar. Jesús sabe que sólo amaré a ese rebaño si ama al señor del rebaño. Por eso le hace por tres veces la pregunta más que

directa: ¿me amas? Si no se ama al Señor es difícil amar a su Iglesia. Muchos dirán que aman al Señor, pero no a la Iglesia que tenemos. Jesús, sin embargo, ama a su Iglesia y se entregó por ella para purificarla y poderla presentar ante sí sin arruga ni mancha.

Sin duda se trata del examen definitivo (Jn 21,1-19). "En el atardecer de la vida te examinarán sobre el amor" (Juan de la Cruz). El examen era muy fácil pues se trataba de responder simplemente "sí", o "no". Pero la pregunta era difícil: "¿Me amas más que éstos?". La pregunta había dado en el clavo. El amor consiste más en obras que en palabras. Sin duda alguna que se trata de no hacer mal a los demás, pero sobre todo el amor se expresa en hacerles el bien. Y el amor es concreto, afecta a la persona concreta.

Pedro no se atreve a compararse con los demás y afirma simplemente que Jesús sabe que Pedro quiere. Jesús parece estar de acuerdo y le confía su rebaño. Pero de pronto Jesús repite de nuevo la pregunta ya sin hacer comparaciones. Pedro dice lo mismo y Jesús sigue confiándole su Iglesia. Pero cuando Jesús pregunta por tercera vez, Pedro se da cuenta de que Jesús ha cogido el argumento por donde más duele. Su amor a Jesús no había sido capaz de superar sus tres negaciones. Ahora parece que el Señor le está pasando la factura. Pero Pedro responderá lo mismo y el Señor le confiará su Iglesia.

Queda ya poco del Pedro impetuoso y bravucón. Ha ido aprendiendo dolorosamente la lección. Eso le irá preparando para el futuro, para ser más fiel en el seguimiento. Un día será viejo y será conducido al martirio como prueba del amor por el maestro. Es ahora cuando Jesús pronuncia la palabra de siempre en sus llamadas: "Sígueme". Pedro está ya listo para su segunda llamada y para seguir a Jesús, aunque esto le llevará al martirio. En el fondo Pedro va aprendiendo que no es uno el que lleva las riendas de la propia vida, sino que hay Otro que nos va guiando. Probablemente se trata de hacer más y hablar menos.

Sin duda que en su misión, Pedro tendrá que hablar de Jesús, (Hech 5,27-32.40-41) y ser su testigo. Pero no es él el personaje importante sino el Espíritu Santo que Dios da a los que le obedecen. Pedro ha ido aprendiendo poco a poco la obediencia. Pero se trata de obedecer antes a Dios que a los hombres. Su vida ya no va depender de sus propios impulsos sino de lo que Dios le vaya indicando.

Pidamos en esta Eucaristía encontrarnos con el Resucitado y responder a su llamada a seguirlo. Pidámosle mostrarle nuestro amor amando a los demás.

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.**

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: _____