

A Letter from Our Pastor

This past Saturday, ten men were ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Washington at the National Shrine. This is a recent record and an indication of a wave of young men who want to give themselves to the service of God and his Church. Some of them I know from my first parish over 20 years ago. But I take special joy that one is a son of Lourdes, John Benson.

John was born and raised right here in the neighborhood, the son of Bernie and Paula Benson. He was baptized by former pastor Msgr. Bill O'Donnell, and his parents were greatly influenced by Msgr. Thomas Well's expressive love of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. Having gone to Bethesda Elementary and Bethesda-Chevy Chase High school, John received solid formation at home and through our CCD program under Jessica Coan. He was a Lourdes altar server from 2nd to 8th grade, and often helped his mom who ran our RCIA program for twenty years.

Paula shared with me what a significant impact Pope Benedict's visit to Washington had on him when our previous pastor, Fr. Jim Meyers, was able to get them two tickets to the Mass at Nationals Stadium in 2008. By then his family was also part of the Neocatechumenal Way. Though accepted to the film school at UMBC after high school, John deferred his acceptance in order to further discern a call to the priesthood with the Way. He would ultimately pursue this vocation receiving his college degree and seminary studies at the Catholic University of America.

John's infectious smile and affirming kindness are apparent as soon as you meet him, and will serve him well in a parish nearby (as yet undisclosed.) We can all rightly take pride as we give thanks to God for Father John Benson.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, June 17th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5:38-42)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Anna Quek	Fr. Geiger
12 NOON	+ Peter Rudnicki	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, June 18th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 43-48)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Al & Margaret Delacroix	Fr. Geiger
12 NOON	+ Louretta Bourrie	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, June 19th (G. reading: Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Geiger
8:00 AM	+ Florence Crisafulli	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Margaret Nolan	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, June 20th (Gospel reading: Mt. 6: 7-15)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Geiger
8:00AM	Int. Sheridan Family	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Rebecca Fields	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, June 21st (Gospel reading: Mt. 6: 19-23)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Int. Stohlman Family	Fr. Geiger
12 NOON	+ Ellen Wycoski	Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, June 22nd (Gospel reading: Mt. 6: 24-34)		
8:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Geiger
11:00-11:55 AM	AM Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Gary Coulter, Sr.	Fr. Barbieri
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Fr. Barbieri
5:00 PM	Int. Project Rachel Ministry	Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, June 23rd (Gospel reading: Lk. 9: 11b-17)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Geiger
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Barbieri
10:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Geiger
12 NOON	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Geiger
1:30 PM	People of the Parish	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.



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ***The Most Holy Trinity***

It is to our comfort, and as an emphasis of the infinite personalities of the Trinity, that we speak of ***the works of power as works of the Father, works of wisdom as works of the Son, and works of love as works of the Holy Spirit.***

When a man becomes a priest, he becomes another Christ. Before his ordination he received grace from others; yet after his ordination he can communicate grace to others. He is the active, human instrument through which the grace of Christ passes to men. This makes it apparent that *Holy Orders is a social sacrament*. Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, Penance and Anointing of the Sick sanctify the individual for his own advantage. But Holy Orders sanctifies a man for the benefit of others. It makes him holy so that he can communicate holiness to others. Holy Orders has a social aim—the spiritual care and rule of the Christian community. It is through the priesthood that Christ provides for the continuance of the spiritual life of the Church. In His priests Christ still walks the earth, seeking the salvation of men, preaching the Gospel, administering the sacraments of His grace. By the agency of His priests, Christ still offers Himself to His Father as the eternal Victim of the sacrifice of the Mass, acknowledging God's dominion over the universe, thanking Him for His gifts, praying to Him for the needs of men, and expiating men's sins. With His priests Christ visits the sick, comforts the afflicted, gives alms to the poor, shelters the homeless, instructs the ignorant, feeds the hungry, and forgives the sinner.

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Congratulations! to Reverend John Benson who was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday, June 15th along with nine other men. Father Benson studied at the Redemptoris Mater Seminary for diocesan missionary priests; he is the son of Bernard and Paula Benson, parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Let us continue to ask Our Lord and Savior to sanctify and bless the Holy Priesthood of the many priests ordained this season.

Pro-Life Event:

Rosary Tour at four abortion facilities, **Independence Day, Thursday, July 4th, 2019**. Contact Bill Luksic at 301-461-9282 or bluksic1@verizon.net.

Marriage Encounter Weekend:

Happy Father's Day! Wives, give your husbands the greatest gift of all, the gift of your love. Participate in a Marriage Encounter Weekend on **October 25th - 27th, 2019** in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to: moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up! Early registration is highly recommended.

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.

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.



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. For questions, please email events@jp2shrine.org.

Spiritual Retreat: July 5th - 7th: "St. Teresa of Avila" The Interior Castle:

Please come to a Spiritual Retreat from Friday evening July 5th through lunchtime on Sunday, July 7th at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg led by Carmelite Friar Father Michael Berry, renowned retreat master and spiritual director. Father Michael has been a friar since 1998 and a priest since 2006. His theme will be "The Interior Castle," St. Teresa of Avila's masterpiece on developing a mature prayer life in which she imagines the soul as a castle made of a single diamond in which there are many rooms, just as in Heaven there are many mansions which we pass through on the path toward spiritual perfection. Father Michael will show that this celebrated work is as relevant and important now as it was when St. Teresa, recognized by the Church as the Doctor of Prayer, wrote it over 400 years ago. This retreat offers Mass, spiritual activities and presentations, gives the opportunity for time spent in prayer and contemplation, and deepens our relationship with God during a brief relief from the pace and stress of modern life. The full weekend cost for this silent retreat is \$225, with reduced rates available for attending individual days. Organized by the Secular Discalced Carmelite communities in Frederick and Westminster. Please come and invite your family and friends to share this Retreat. Space is limited. Please contact Dawn Walsh at dwalsh33@gmail.com or Ken Vaughan at 301-473-5112.



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.

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.

***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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

9705 Summit Avenue
Kensington, MD

Monday to Friday
Noon to 8:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



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:



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.

Finance & Administration:

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)



Ascension Sunday 2019 Offertory: \$7,598

Second Collection for June 23rd, 2019: The Holy Father - Peter's Pence
Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster.

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. 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, our parish code is MD33.

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.

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.

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.

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!

"En la vida cristiana todo gira alrededor de la Santísima Trinidad "



Es imposible asimilar, en un corto período de tiempo, todo lo que Jesús tiene para enseñarnos. Como nuestro camino hacia la vida continúa, el Espíritu Santo despliega el mensaje de Dios y nos habla apropiadamente, y a tiempo, a lo largo de la vida. Nuestra capacidad de asimilar lo que Dios tiene para revelarnos es expandible. Cuando nos volvemos más abiertos, el “espíritu de la verdad” nos revelará más, y nos guiará hacia toda la verdad.

Es difícil poner en palabras el misterio de la **Trinidad**. Una palabra importante para considerar la Trinidad es “compartir”. Las tres personas viven en el amor de compartir su verdad, y en el compartir todo lo que son. La oración nos introduce en el misterio de Dios, el misterio de la verdad y el misterio del regalo. Todo en Dios es regalo; la oración es nuestro tiempo para permitir que el regalo del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu, alcance en profundidad nuestras vidas.

El misterio de la Trinidad se encuentra en el corazón de esta lectura. El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que “en la vida cristiana, todo gira alrededor del misterio de

la Trinidad y se cumple en este misterio infinito. Preocupémonos de mantener elevado el “tono” de nuestra vida, recordando para qué objetivo, para qué gloria existimos, trabajamos, luchamos, sufrimos; y a qué inmenso premio somos llamadas/os”.

San Agustín resumía el corazón de la Fe de la Iglesia en el misterio del Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, en una sencilla frase: “si tú ves la caridad, ves la Trinidad”.

El Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo son Uno; actúan de común acuerdo, buscan el mismo bien. Somos invitados a buscarnos en las relaciones entre Ellos.

Jesús no abandona a los que lo siguieron. Su muerte terrenal no encierra sus palabras en la era del siglo primero. Jesús, por intermedio de su Espíritu, sigue siendo nuestro guía y nuestro camino: verdad y vida. El Espíritu une el Cielo y la tierra, Dios y la humanidad, en el interior de cada persona y en el seno de cada comunidad de Jesucristo.

Jesús quiere atraernos hacia la vida de Dios. Él conoce cuan ansiosos podemos ser, en ambos sentidos: para dejar ir el pasado, y para confiar en lo que el futuro nos entregará.

¿Puedo hablar yo con Él acerca de mis ansiedades?

¿Qué tendría Jesús que decirme justamente ahora? ¿Sería “demasiado escuchar” para mí?

¿Qué tan bien puedo vivir con la verdad y ponerme en presencia de la Santísima trinidad?

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: _____