

**A Letter from Our Pastor**

I give thanks to God. This week I marked my 25<sup>th</sup> year as a priest. I am not a big anniversary guy, but I did celebrate with my family on Tuesday. I brought along the photo album from that day, June 25th, 1994, when I and two others, Fr. Jay Harris and Fr. Bill Byrne, lay down before the altar at St. Matthew's Cathedral to submit our lives to the Lord and service to His Church. Soon after Cardinal James Hickey would lay his hands on our heads to "conform" us to Christ. In this we received a share in His priesthood first given to the Apostles and passed down through the centuries. It is an awesome gift I do not fully grasp, and before which I am continually humbled. Glancing through the photographs, it feels so recent. Yet when I consider my five assignments, each seems to be its own little lifetime. Recalling the people I have encountered and come to love, the sacraments offered, those baptized and buried, quite honestly is overwhelming. I have been so very blessed.

About a month into my first parish, St. Martin's in Gaithersburg, I remember distinctly a moment of anger. It sounds strange to say, but anger that no one told me how much joy there was to being a parish priest. There really is, if only in seeing each day how God works wonders in the lives of good, and not so good people, including myself. This does not mean it is always easy. And I am daily aware of how far I fall short. On my anniversary day in the gospel Jesus reminded, "*How narrow the gate and difficult the road that leads to life.*" Mt. 7:14 He never said it would be easy, only that He would be with us "always". To walk with the Lord and to help make Him present in the Church and in the world is a privilege beyond words. For this, once again and always, I give thanks to God.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, July 1st** (Gospel reading: Mt. 8: 18-22)  
7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger  
8:00 AM Int. Michael Reif Msgr. Filardi  
12 NOON Int. Reif Family Msgr. Filardi  
**Tuesday, July 2nd** (Gospel reading: Mt. 8: 23-27)  
7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger  
8:00 AM Int. Sondra Townsend Msgr. Filardi  
12 NOON + George & Irene Onderchek Fr. Visitor  
**Wednesday, July 3rd** (Gospel reading: Jn. 20: 24-29)  
7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger  
8:00 AM Int. Margaret Cook Msgr. Filardi  
12 NOON + Chester & Anabella Hogentogler Msgr. Filardi  
**Thursday, July 4th** (Gospel reading: Mt. 9: 1-8)  
7:00 AM NO MASS  
8:00AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger  
12 NOON Souls in Purgatory Msgr. Filardi  
**Friday, July 5th** (Gospel reading: Mt. 9: 9-13)  
7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger  
8:00 AM Int. David Graham Msgr. Filardi  
12 NOON + Thomas & Elizabeth McCarty Msgr. Filardi  
**Saturday, July 6th** (Gospel reading: Mt. 9:14-17)  
8:00 AM + Rose Magnetti Fr. Geiger  
11:00-11:55 AM Confessions Fr. Barbieri  
12 NOON + Ellen Wycoski Msgr. Filardi  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions Msgr. Filardi  
5:00 PM + Bill Lawler Fr. Barbieri  
**Sunday, July 7th** (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 1-12, 17-20)  
7:30 AM Priest's Intentions Fr. Geiger  
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.

**Please note that the rectory office will close at 3:00pm on Wednesday, July 3rd and will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. There will also be no 7:00am Mass on July 4th.**



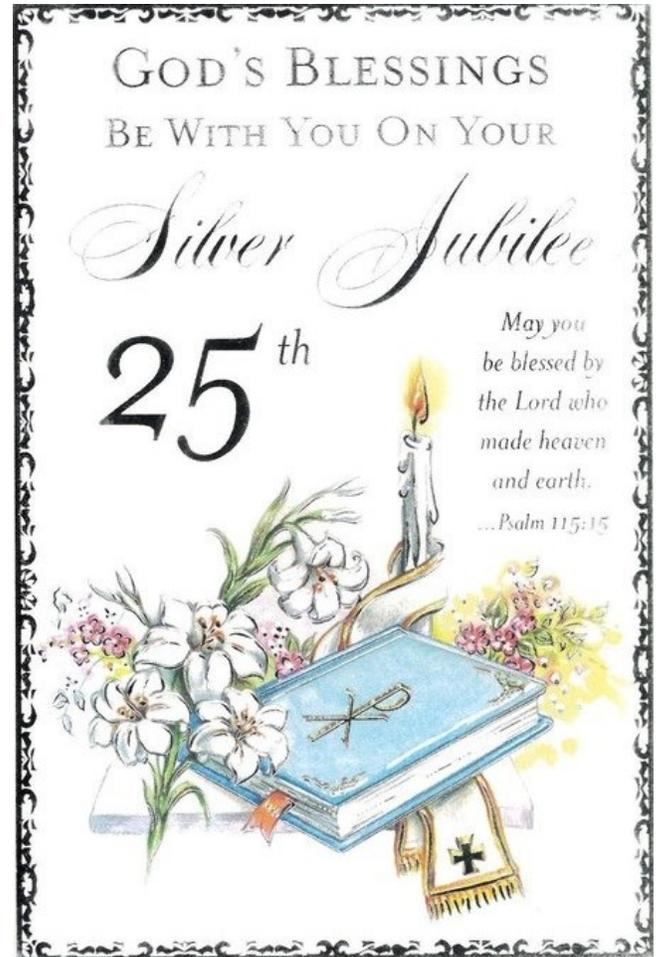
### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Thursday, the fourth of July, the United States of America celebrates its 243rd independence anniversary. It is in the best Christian and American tradition to pray for our nation—to exercise the virtue of patriotism and pray that this may be a nation under God, humble and law-abiding and charitable.

Over the sanctuary at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a mosaic of Christ the King is pictured. Christ Jesus True God and True Man Who will judge us. Yet, look at His hands opened to us and you will see His Most Sacred Wounds. Why the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity for judgement? Precisely, as Saint Paul tells us that Jesus had to be made like His brethren in every respect. Entering into solidarity with us, He understands.

*Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America, pray for us.*

***Congratulations Msgr. Edward Filardi on 25 wonderful years of priesthood. Thank you for your many years of devoted and generous ministry.***



### 2019 Ride for Vocations!

Please join our own Father Rafael Barbieri and The Office of Priest Vocations in an event called the Ride for Vocations. A group of priests, seminarians and lay people from the Archdiocese of Washington will ride 17, 26, 40, 54, 68 and 100 miles as a way to pray and sacrifice in support of our future priests and the Church.



The ride is local and we hope to get a big team together. We will also have seminarians and priests from the archdiocese join us for the event.

**WHEN:** Monday, September 2nd, 2019 (Labor Day)

**WHERE:** Start in Indian Head, MD

**WHO:** Riders of all experience levels

**DISTANCE:** 17, 26, 40, 54, 68 and 100 mile courses

**HOW:** Login in to the DCPriest website: <https://www.dcpriest.org/register-to-ride> to register and for more information.

### 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.



## OUR LADY of BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER

### **Ladies of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish:**

Would you like some time to get away and recharge?

Do you need space to process a decision or experience?

Would you like an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God?

### ***The St. Patrick Women's 3 – Day Silent Retreat might be just the answer...***

**When:** August 9th -11th

**Who:** The Ladies of the Parish

**Where:** The Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

**Retreat Leader:** Sr. Mariam Annai D'Souza, SSVM

**Cost:** \$275 (includes private room, all meals and speaker stipend)

**To Register:** Please mail a \$50 deposit made payable to "St. Patrick's Catholic Church," with the envelope addressed to Adult Faith Formation and "3-Day women's retreat" written in the memo line.

**More Information:** Melanie Baker, Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Patrick Catholic Church at [stpatrikadultfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrikadultfaithformation@gmail.com) or 301-924-2285x317.

### ***Eucharistic Adoration:***

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

9705 Summit Avenue  
Kensington, MD

Monday through Friday  
Noon to 8:30pm

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



### ***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](mailto:dwalsh33@gmail.com) or Ken Vaughan at 301-473-5112.

### ***The World Apostolate of Fatima-Archdiocese of Washington Division Invites you to Participate in:***

- Rosary and Mass celebrated by Msgr. Balbago in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in honor of Our Lady of Fatima's 3<sup>rd</sup> apparition to the children, **Saturday, July 13th at 1:00pm**, 400 Michigan Ave, NE, DC.
- A 33 day Consecration to Jesus through Mary starting July 13th and completing August 15th. Consecration lead by Fr. Thomas Morrow will occur on Thursday, **August 15th after 7:00pm Mass** at St. Raphael Church, 12551 Falls Rd., Rockville, MD. You do not have to attend the Mass at St. Raphael to complete the consecration. For more information about 33 day consecration literature contact Monica at 301-949-5710.

***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.

***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.

***Summer Movie Series continues Friday, July 12th at OLOL:***

Enjoy a potluck dinner on **Friday, July 12th** followed by The Wizard of Oz (1939), the beloved musical fantasy from over the rainbow, starring Judy Garland as Dorothy and featuring the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion. Potluck Dinner at 7 :00m and Movie to start at 7:30pm in the OLOL School Library Media Center. If you are bringing an entrée, please call Sheri at the rectory office to coordinate. The Friday night series will continue with Jaws (1975) on **August 2nd** and The Sound of Music (1965) on **August 23rd**. For questions, call Phil Sheridan at 301-654-4255.

***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.**



***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.**

**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.

**Sick in Our Parish:**

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters, especially **Sue Graham** and **Eselina Mira**.

**Deceased in Our Parish:**

Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially **Deacon John Shewmaker**.

*The funeral Mass for Deacon John Shewmaker will be on **Saturday, July 13th at 10:00am** at Our Lady of Lourdes.*

**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)*



**Pentecost 2019 Offertory: \$12,154**  
**Holy Trinity 2019 Offertory: \$10,074**

**Second Collection for July 7th, 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

**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](mailto:bluksic1@verizon.net).

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

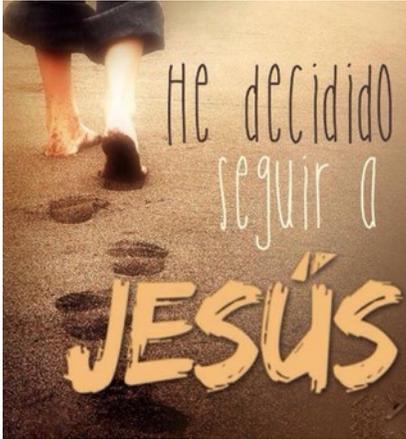
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 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!

"Seguir a Jesús"



Jesús llamó de modo particular a «doce para que estuvieran siempre con él y para enviarlos a predicar» (Mc 3,14).

A ellos les pidió compartir un modo de vida sumamente austero, de modo que su abandono confiado a la providencia fuese un testimonio viviente del mensaje que predicaban: la bondad incondicional de Dios.

Sin embargo, Jesús no pidió esa radicalidad a todos los que creían en su mensaje. A otros discípulos les pidió que continuaran con su vida habitual, sin separarlos de su pueblo, de su oficio o de su familia.

Jesús no excluyó a nadie, llamo a los que EL quiso.

La cualidad de discípulos de Jesús implica tomar una decisión:  
abandonar todas las cosas

seguir a Jesús de un lugar a otro

aceptar la pobreza de ese desplazamiento

Jesús le dijo: «Las zorras tienen guaridas, y las aves del cielo nidos; pero el Hijo del hombre no tiene donde reclinar la cabeza» (Lc 9,58).

La itinerancia de Jesús muestra su opción por una existencia inestable, austera, confiada a la providencia divina, en tensión con la comodidad y seguridad que propone la sociedad.

Jesús vive como un «marginal voluntario» en solidaridad con los marginados necesitados.

Con su opción de vida guarda distancia de la sociedad, pero sirve y da testimonio en ella.

¿Cuál ha sido el costo del discipulado para mí? ¿Cuál ha sido la riqueza y el regalo del discipulado para mí?

La tentación de usar violencia motivada por la religión estuvo presente incluso en el pequeño círculo de los apóstoles. Jesús los reprende e insiste en que la lucha debe realizarse en los corazones:

Y nosotros ¿Estamos preparados para seguirlo cualquiera que sea el costo?

¿Qué puede significar para mí en mi vida? ¿Puede haber algo o alguien que me sujeta para permitir que Dios sea primero y esté a cargo de mi vida?

Jesús pide un compromiso, un compromiso real. El tiempo para eso es ahora. En nuestro propio camino, **hoy debemos proclamar el Reino de Dios**. Si nos quedamos esperando el momento adecuado, las arenas del tiempo se deslizarán rápidamente por entre nuestros dedos. Hay una urgencia de anunciar el reino de Dios.

El entusiasmo del converso no es suficiente, porque los obstáculos son grandes y nosotros necesitamos realmente negarnos a nosotros mismos, y llevar la cruz de cada día. Para ello es sólo mirando nuestras obras, ¿que descubrimos? cuán cerca o cuán lejos estamos de ser discípulo/a de Jesús? ¿Es ahí donde estoy?

“Te seguiré”.

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.

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