

A Letter from Our Pastor

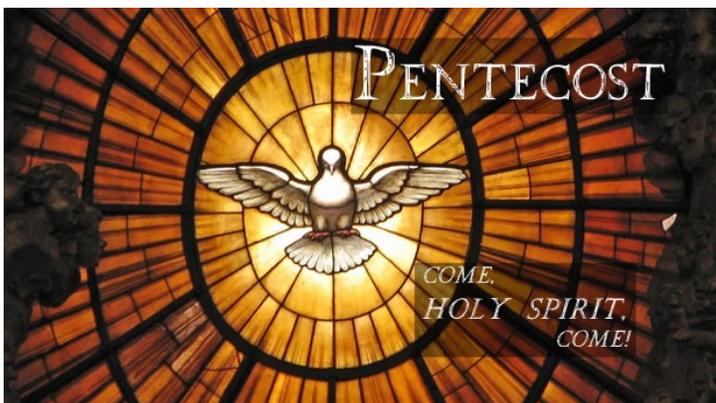
We would like to welcome our new student priest for the next two months, Father Christopher M. Geiger. Father Geiger is the oldest of seven, raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. His schooling included grade school at St. Susanna, Mason High School and the University of Cincinnati (bachelor's degree in secondary education and a second major in mathematics.) Father Geiger taught high school math for a year before entering the seminary and was ordained on May 21st, 2016 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains in downtown Cincinnati. He is currently the Parochial Vicar at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Milford, Ohio. He loves playing sports of all kinds and is a huge Cincinnati Reds fan.

Welcome Father Geiger, we are greatly look forward to having you here with us at Lourdes.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, June 10th (Gospel reading: Jn. 19: 25-34)
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri
 8:00 AM + Charline Newman Rossi Fr. Geiger
 12 NOON + Dick Flannelly Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, June 11th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 13-16)
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger
 8:00 AM + Florence Crisafulli Msgr. Filardi
 12 NOON Int. Jane Brockman Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, June 12th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 17-19)
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Barbieri
 8:00 AM + Gary Coulter, Sr. Fr. Geiger
 12 NOON + Moira Tingle Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, June 13th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 20-26)
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Msgr. Filardi
 8:00AM + Antonio J. Fernandez Fr. Geiger
 12 NOON + Helen Magnetti Fr. Barbieri
Friday, June 14th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 27-32)
 7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger
 8:00 AM + Ellen Wycoski Msgr. Filardi
 12 NOON Special Intention Fr. Barbieri
Saturday, June 15th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 33-37)
 8:00 AM + Charles T. Magnetti Fr. Barbieri
 11:00-11:55 AM Confessions Fr. MacFarlane
 12 NOON + George Shaffer, Jr. Fr. MacFarlane
 4:00-4:45 PM Confessions Fr. Barbieri
 5:00 PM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, June 16th (Gospel reading: Jn. 16: 12-15)
 7:30 AM Priest's Intentions Fr. Barbieri
 9:00 AM Priest's Intentions Msgr. Filardi
 10:30 AM Priest's Intentions Fr. Geiger
 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.



**Washington's Trinity Chamber
Orchestra Concert:**

All are welcome to the Trinity Chamber Orchestra Concert celebrating its 20th Season, at **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Sunday, June 9th at 4:30pm.** Richard Fazio, Music Director and Conductor, and Jeffry Newberger, Assistant Conductor. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, tickets for students are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information please call 301-926-0936 or visit: trinitychamberorchestra.org.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pentecost Sunday

When we think of Pentecost, we think of the Coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit incorporates us, the Church, into the Body of Christ, and makes us, the Church, the Temple of the Holy Spirit. With this coming of the Holy Spirit, we see the empowerment of the Church for the work of evangelizing of the world. The Church has all the spiritual gifts it needs to bring the nations to Christ. It's the Birthday of the Church; the beginning of all the Church will set out to do for Jesus, now and forever. We invoke the image of Pentecost when we approach the Sacrament of Confirmation. We emphasize the gifts of the Holy Spirit that bestows on us for the mission of the Church: The Seven Gifts, the Gifts of Service, and the Charismatic Gifts. Each person is empowered to do the work God has planned for them in building the Kingdom.

The root of it all is the Holy Spirit's role in healing the wound of Original Sin; we are cleansed of Original Sin when we are baptized. Christ's Victory in the Cross and Resurrection restored our relationship with the Father. Yet, Original Sin has cause our woundedness. Saint Paul reminds us that the work of the flesh are the damage Original Sin did to us, and because of our woundedness, we easily fall prey to the works of the flesh. **Where we are damaged, the Spirit heals. Where we are weak, the Spirit strengthens. Where there is emptiness, the Spirit makes whole and completes us. Completing the work of the Holy Spirit comes the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

To do this, we must trust God by willing to give up our own expectations, and allow God to guide us in ways that we may not want. Christ Himself promised to send the Holy Spirit to remind the Church of all that he taught. The Holy Spirit is the guarantor of the teaching of the Church and floods us with all that we need.

(Source: Homiletic & Pastoral review © Ignatius Press May 2018 *Pentecost* by Father James Orr, of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; BS Religious Studies, Master of Divinity, and Master of Arts)

When Jesus comes again, will He find in us the fruits of the Holy Spirit?



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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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 at 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. 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)



Sixth Sunday of Easter 2019 Offertory: \$7,170

Second Collection for June 16th, 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.

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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 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 – Domingo de Pentecostés – Junio 9, 2019
"Reciban al Espíritu Santo "



Estamos en la semana de Pentecostés y la Liturgia nos invita en Pentecostés (Jn. 20, 19-23), a recibir el Espíritu para que el destino del creyente y de la Comunidad no sea otro que la reconciliación.

En este Pentecostés, el Señor de la Cruz y de la Resurrección, es decir, el Señor de la Vida, es quien nos entrega el Espíritu. De este modo la auténtica experiencia espiritual, la que está provista de Espíritu Santo, se convierte en una experiencia que da paz, que hace brotar la alegría y que provoca el perdón.

Pentecostés no puede dejar de remitirnos a Jesús. Por eso el evangelio de Juan coloca la entrega del Espíritu en medio del reconocimiento del Señor

por sus marcas. Las que Él lleva grabadas para siempre y las que han de marcar también nuestras vidas al ritmo que va creciendo nuestra amistad con el Señor.

El crecimiento en esta amistad con Jesús sucede a través de dos aspectos muy propios del lenguaje de Dios: su silencio y su consuelo. Y no puede ser de otro modo, porque Dios entabla su diálogo con el hombre concreto, mediante su silencio y su consuelo.

Podemos decir que cuando Dios se calla, el hombre se ve obligado a madurar en la pura fe, obligado a enraizar su libertad en el verdadero amor, más allá de toda seguridad y consuelo, incluso en la oscuridad de la vida. Entonces es cuando llegamos a comprender que este silencio de Dios busca que experimentemos la gratuidad del verdadero amor, para que nos hagamos más conscientes de que si algo podemos, lo podemos en Dios (Cf. EE. 322,2-4).

Pero también, cuando Dios da su consuelo, su alegría, ésta hace que el hombre se experimente amado inmerecidamente, y esto nos da vida y seguridad, porque es propio de Dios alegrar (Gal. 5, 22), haciéndonos descubrir también que el consuelo de Dios, su alegría, es tránsito para el consuelo y la alegría de los demás.

El hombre y la mujer crecen en la fe en la medida que la relación con el Espíritu nos remite a la misma forma humana de Jesús, a su actuación durante su vida terrena. Allí es donde Dios se nos hace presente, con un amor que abre nuestra espontaneidad para identificarnos con Cristo.

Que este nuevo Pentecostés nos lance a perdonar pecados, a lavar culpas, a devolver la inocencia a los caídos, a dar la alegría a los tristes, a expulsar el odio, a promover la concordia y a construir la paz (Cf. Pregón Pascual).

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: _____