

Our parish will have a collection for the Diocese of Sorsogan, Philippines the weekend of July 27th and 28th. Father Imperial, a missionary priest, will tell us about the experiences of their important mission work. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you!

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.



Masses for the Week

Monday, July 22nd (Gospel reading: Jn. 20: 1-2, 11-18)
7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger
8:00 AM + David Powell Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON + Mary O'Malley Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, July 23rd (Gospel reading: Mt. 12: 46-50)
7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger
8:00 AM + Jack Townsend Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON + Damian DuFour Fr. MacFarlane
Wednesday, July 24th (Gospel reading: Mt. 13: 1-9)
7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger
8:00 AM + Dr. Rita Robinson Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON + Littell Wilson Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, July 25th (Gospel reading: Mt. 20: 20-28)
7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger
8:00AM + Dorothy Delacroix Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON + Dario Marchesan Msgr. Filardi
Friday, July 26th (Gospel reading: Mt. 13: 18-23)
7:00 AM + Onyioza Maris Asuku Fr. Geiger
8:00 AM + Mary Ann McInerney Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON Int. Ann Schmid Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, July 27th (Gospel reading: Mt. 13: 24-30)
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory Fr. Geiger
11:00-11:55 AM Confessions Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON + Lois Lewis Fr. Barbieri
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions Fr. Barbieri
5:00 PM + Ellen Wycoski Fr. Barbieri
Sunday, July 28th (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 1-13)
7:30 AM Priest's Intentions Fr. Geiger
9:00 AM Priest's Intentions Fr. Barbieri
10:30 AM Priest's Intentions Fr. Walls
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.



*Second Time:
Scott Helms of Arlington, Virginia and
Brighid McGann of Bethesda, Maryland.*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Book Wisdom 1 & 2 faces the ultimate human question of death, and God's relationship to it. The response is blunt: "God did not make death." What God does is create. God makes life and offers love that makes "life worth living," as Bishop Sheen so famously put it. God: "fashioned all things that they might have being" and has formed us to be "imperishable."

In 2 Corinthians, Saint Paul tells us of God's "*gracious act*." It is the core of what makes all the difference in our Christian vision; initiated by Christ that "though He was rich, He became poor for our sakes." The *gracious act* is God's own free choice to let go of the richness of His Divinity and empty Himself, becoming a slave, taking on human flesh for those of us who are threatened by sin and death.

By looking at the Person of Jesus, we see the power of God going out from Himself-out from His transcendence, so that He can be close to His people, close to the broken-hearted, close to the poor, the small, the weak. In Jesus we see a glimpse of that power of God, that has nothing to do with death, and everything to do with life. In the Gospel of Saint Mark 5th chapter, the plea to go to heal the daughter of Jairus, Jesus shows His instinctive desire to bring life. While on the way to Jairus house, the woman suffering with the hemorrhages makes a desperate attempt to reach out to touch Jesus' cloak. Her weakness meets Jesus' power, and in that meeting, a transformation occurs. Saint Mark describes the unusual nature of the healing: "Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from Him" looks around to find out who had received that power of life and healing. Both Jesus and the woman seek to make personal the encounter that had happened unconsciously. Meeting face to face, Jesus confirms her as the person who has been given a renewed identity: "Daughter, your faith has saved you."

We are the beneficiaries of Christ's "*gracious act*": **He empties Himself, becoming one with us so that we might become one with Him in eternity.** Once we have received this "*gracious act*" of Christ, we in turn, as members of His Body, are to perform that "*gracious act*" ourselves in the world around us.

(Source: Homiletic & Pastoral Review, © Ignatius Press July 2018; *The Gracious Act of Christ, Emptying Himself for Us* by Fr. Chris Collins, S.J.)

July 21st marks the first day of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's National NFP Awareness Week that runs from **July 21st - July 27th**. The theme for this year is Love Naturally! Cooperating with God's design for married love. For more information visit: <http://www.usccb.org/nfp>.



Right to Life of Montgomery County Volunteer Opportunity:

Please consider volunteering at the Right to Life of Montgomery County's booth at the Montgomery County Fair from **August 9th - 17th**. If interested please call or email Tharpa Roberts at 301-962-5611 or rtl-omc@snkmail.com.

#StrongGirls Teen Workshop at Alpha Omega Clinic: Saturday, July 27th 10:00am-3:00pm:

Designed for girls ages 14 - 18, this workshop will give your teen tools to manage emotions, decrease anxiety, navigate relationships, and increase self-knowledge to overcome the challenges her world can bring. Cost is \$125/participant. Pizza lunch included. Reserve your spot by calling: 301-767-1733 or emailing info@aoclinic.org.

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

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.



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 or 301-924-2285x317.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:

Are you anxious and worried about many things? Learn how to make Jesus a part of your marriage and take your worries away. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is 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.

Domestic Church Day: Man and Woman He Redeemed Them:

All married or engaged couples and families with children are invited to a half-day retreat on **Saturday, July 27th from 1:30pm to 6:30pm** at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The day will include a presentation on The Theology of the Body for adults, engaging catechesis for teens and children, the opportunity to pray together as a family, and fun family activities. Refreshments included. For more information or to register, visit: www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com. If you have any questions about the event, please email events@jp2shrine.org.

2019 Summer Organ Recital Series at the Basilica:

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to join us for our 2019 Summer Organ Recital Series in the Great Upper Church. The Recital will take place every Sunday in the month of July at 6:00pm. A Carillon Recital by Robert Grogan will precede the organ recital at 5:30pm.

Sunday, July 21st, 6:00pm, Upper Church:
Peter Latona from Washington DC

Sunday, July 28th, 6:00pm, Upper Church:
Jérôme Faucheur from Bondues, France.

Events are open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica offers free parking and is conveniently located within walking distance of the Brookland-CUA Station of Metro's Red Line. For more information, please call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

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.

***Summer Movie Series Continues
Friday, August 2nd at OLOL:***

Enjoy a potluck dinner on Friday, August 2nd followed by Jaws (1975), the summer thriller about three brave men (played by Roy Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss, and Robert Shaw) who challenge a giant man-eating great white shark which is threatening a New England beach resort. Potluck Dinner at 7:00pm and Movie to start at 7:30pm in the OLOL School Library Media Center. The Friday night series will conclude with The Sound of Music (1965) on August 23rd. If you are bringing an entrée or have questions, call Phil Sheridan at 301-654-4255.

***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.

***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.**



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 fifth Sundays from 3:00-4:00pm in the Delacroix Conference Room at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**Next meeting will be on September 29th on
Joan of Arc By Mark Twain published by
Ignatius Press (1989).**

Altar Flowers:



This week's altar flowers have been generously donated by **Sheila Garrity** in loving memory of **Joseph & Agnes Garrity**.

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)



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2019 Offertory: \$8,085**

**Second Collection for July 28th, 2019:
None**

Our July 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.

Sick in Our Parish:

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

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.

Bulletin Deadline:

Please have your printed notices at the Rectory office or emailed to office@lourdesbethesda.net by **Monday at 3:00 PM.**

OLOL Sunday Meal For the Poor and Homeless:

Takes place every Sunday from 4:00-6:00pm in the school cafeteria. If you'd like to volunteer to help serve the meal, sign up at: <http://vols.pt/3XNY26>.

Please, only come to volunteer if you've signed up ahead of time — otherwise we tend to have more volunteers than we need. If you'd like to donate food for the meal, please bring it to the cafeteria on Sunday from 4:15-4:45 (use the blue door to the left of the school's main entrance). Food should be pre-cooked if cooking is needed. If you have any questions about the meal, send an email to OLOLSundayMeal@gmail.com or call Dan Keen at 301-564-0077.

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 to arrange a pick-up at your home. Casual spring and summer clothes are most needed now. We have very limited need for children's clothing or for formal clothing (suits, etc.) Please, nothing stained or torn.

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 – Julio 21, 2019:

Acompañemos al Padre Rafael Barbieri y a la oficina de Vocaciones al Sacerdocio en un evento llamado “ Ride for Vocations”. Un grupo de Sacerdotes, Seminaristas y personas de la Arquidiócesis de Washington recorrerán 17, 26, 40, 54, 68 y 100 millas como una forma de orar y apoyar a nuestros futuros sacerdotes y a nuestra Iglesia.

Cuando: Lunes, 2 de Septiembre 2019 (Labor Day)

Donde: Comenzará en Indian Head, MD

Quienes: Ciclistas de todos los niveles de experiencia

Distancia: 17, 26, 40, 54, 68 y 100 millas

Registro y mayor información en: <https://www.dcpriest.org/register-to-ride>

También queremos invitarlos a participar en nuestras actividades del programa de Educación Religiosa en español. Las inscripciones serán a finales de Agosto. Aquí algunos ejemplos:

1. Catecismo para Niños y Jóvenes: Las clases se dictan en la escuela parroquial los días domingo de 11:45am a 1:30pm, seguidas de la Santa Misa a la 1:30pm. Para más información, llame a la Sra. Lulú Baeza al 301-412-5259.

2. Clases de Sacramentos para Jóvenes y Adultos – R.I.C.A.: El Programa R.I.C.A. (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) ayuda a las personas que por su edad ya no pueden participar del programa de Catequesis de niños y jóvenes. Aquí se preparan jóvenes y adultos que les falta algún sacramento y aquellas personas que se quieren convertir de alguna otra religión a la Fe Católica. Las clases se dictan en la escuela parroquial los días domingo de 11:45am a 1:15pm. Para más información llame a la Sra. Gilvar Morales al 301-788-8651.

3. Estudio Bíblico: Se reúne los domingos a las 11:45am en el salón de arte de la escuela. Para mayor información contacte al Sr. Samuel Rivas al (571) 431-9197.

4. Grupos para Padres: Mientras sus hijos toman clases de catecismo, también los padres pueden formarse en muchos temas que sirven para ser mejores padres, esposos, amigos y personas de bien en general. Como Grupo de Emaús será conocido el grupo de Padres y como Grupo Fe, Valor y Alegría será el grupo de las madres. Cada grupo se reunirá por separado el primer domingo de cada mes en el convento y la cafetería. También tendremos charlas impartidas por el Padre Rafael Barbieri y por el grupo de Padres. Tendremos confesiones y Adoración del Santísimo.

Bienvenidos los voluntarios que deseen participar en catequesis y Programa de Educación Religiosa. Informes 301-412-5259.

Mantenga Actualizada su información: Recorte el siguiente formato de inscripción y entréguelo en la Misa junto con la colecta o llévelo a la oficina parroquial.

- 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.**

Por favor marque
con una según
corresponda

NOMBRE: _____

DIRECCION: _____ APTO: _____ CIUDAD: _____

CODIGO POSTAL: _____ TELEFONO: _____ CORREO ELECTRONICO: _____