

A Letter from Our Pastor

On behalf of the entire Lourdes family, allow me to express our gratitude to Gregory Gannon. After 23 years of playing the piano and organ here at Lourdes, he will soon be the Director of Music at St. Martin of Tours. Greg was raised in our parish as a real musical prodigy. At 5 years old he played "My Country Tis of Thee" for his school's talent show despite never having any training. At 7 he had his first piano lesson with Theresa Harwood, a long time parishioner. She nurtured his talents taking him to competitions and piano auditions. Due to her influence he majored in music at Catholic University and he later had the honor of playing her funeral. Greg comes from a family deeply rooted in Lourdes, being at the younger end of 13 children. For years he was an altar boy, usually at the 7:30am Mass, and got to know many wonderful priests. Then, as he tells it, "When I was 16 or 17, I decided I didn't want to serve at Mass anymore because I wanted to sleep in. But Father Wells found out I could play the piano pretty well and I've been playing at the 9:00am mass ever since." Not long after, "I was 19 and taking a nap after the 9:00am mass on the couch in the CCD office when Father Dorsonville woke me up and told me he wanted me to play the organ for the Spanish mass. I didn't know how to play the organ at the time so he made me come to the church and practice. After a year or so he made me the director of my beloved Spanish choir and I've been doing it ever since."

I know Greg as a man of deep spiritual purpose whose talents he shares as a true offering to God in service of souls in prayer. He told me, "When I view the congregation from the choir loft, I'll see someone and remember that I played for their relative's funeral, or at their wedding. I'll remember that I had their brother as a student or played at their sister's graduation ceremony. I've watched children grow into adults and some of the people here remember me as a child. I guess I shouldn't find that surprising though. I've been here at Lourdes for all my life." Greg, you will always be a part of us, thank you and many blessings.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

Masses for the Week

Monday, July 8th (Gospel reading: Mt. 9: 18-26)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Geiger
8:00 AM	Int. Anne Marie Monte	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Jo Ann Shea	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, July 9th (Gospel reading: Mt. 9: 32-38)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Geiger
8:00 AM	+ Irene Kloczko	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Mary Sheehan	Fr. Barbieri
Wednesday, July 10th (Gospel reading: Mt. 10: 1-7)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Geiger
8:00 AM	+ Richard Ayoub	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Martha Kikendall	Msgr. Filardi
Thursday, July 11th (Gospel reading: Mt. 10: 7-15)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Geiger
8:00AM	Int. Sheridan Family	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Paul Iglesias Ashton	Fr. Barbieri
Friday, July 12th (Gospel reading: Mt. 10: 16-23)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Geiger
8:00 AM	Int. Frank & Barbara Black	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Florence Crisafulli	Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, July 13th (Gospel reading: Mt. 10: 24-33)		
8:00 AM	+ Ellen Wycoski	Fr. Geiger
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Geiger
12 NOON	+ Louis D'Addio	Msgr. Filardi
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM	+ Littell Wilson	Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, July 14th (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 25-37)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Geiger
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	People of the Parish	Fr. Walls
12 NOON	Priest's Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
1:30 PM	Priest's Intentions	Fr. Visitor

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.

The wake for Deacon John Shewmaker will be on Friday, July 12th from 7:00 - 9:00pm at Pumphrey Funeral Homes in Bethesda and the funeral Mass will be on Saturday, July 13th at 10:00am at Our Lady of Lourdes.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The **free exercise of religion and conscience** means that we have a right not only to debate it openly in the public square, but to operate our ministries and to live our lives in accordance to the truth of our Church's teachings without violence, or being penalized, or losing our tax exemption, or losing our ability to serve the common good through our social services and through education.

The **free exercise of religion** means the ability for people to live their religious beliefs while "interacting with the broader society." Catholics must vigorously defend this right of free exercise of religion, while respecting the beliefs of our opponents. As believers, we should be prepared, whatever the cost is, to bear witness to our faith. To do it lovingly, but also to do it truthfully and to do it persistently."

(Source: Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, June 26, 2015)

The Truth Is Not Always The Same As The Majority Decision. Saint Pope John Paul II

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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:

'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Welcome God into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 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.

#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.

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.



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.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

9705 Summit Avenue
Kensington, MD

Monday through Friday
Noon to 8:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



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.

Grace and Glory Conference:

Grace and Glory Conference with British Catholic evangelist Danian Stayne, **Saturday and Sunday, July 13th and 14th** at Mother of God Community, 205017 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD. Pope Francis continually Invites us into Christ's heart of mercy; grace and glory are marvelous fruits of his mercy. Praise and worship, prayer ministry, Sunday Mass, silent Adoration, inspiring talks. Register for the conference at: graceandglory.eventbrite.com.

A free Miracle Healing Service will be held **Saturday evening, July 13th**, at Catholic University's Pryzbyla Center, starting at 7:00pm (no registration required.) Come and experience the truth that Jesus is Alive!

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 3rd 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 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. 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. The Friday night series will continue with *Jaws* (1975) on **August 2nd** and *The Sound of Music* (1965) on **August 23rd**. For questions or if you are bringing an entree, 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. 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 September 29th on
Joan of Arc By Mark Twain published by
Ignatius Press (1989).**

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.

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**.

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.

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)



Corpus Christi 2019 Offertory: \$8,488

Second Collection for July 14th, 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.

Going away this Summer? Consider joining the parishioners who use Faith Direct for their parish giving. Visit: www.faithdirect.net, our parish code is MD33.

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!

Noticias en Español – Julio 7, 2019:

ACTIVIDADES EN ESPANOL:

Quisieramos invitarlos a participar en nuestras actividades del programa de Educación Religiosa en español tendremos nuestras inscripciones a finales de Agosto. Aquí algunos ejemplos:

1. Catecismo para Niños y Jóvenes: Las clases y dinámicas 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 en Español.

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: _____

DIRECION: _____ APTO: _____ CIUDAD: _____

CODIGO POSTAL: _____ TELEFONO: _____ CORREO ELECTRONICO: _____