

### A Letter from Our Pastor

As we pull out of the slumber of summer and begin this new school year, I share with you some daily resolutions from a not too distant saint. They come from what is called the Daily Decalogue of Pope John XXIII. "Good" Pope John died in 1963 only 56 years ago, and was canonized a saint in 2014. He said that, "Every believer in this world must be a spark of light, a core of love, life-giving leaven in the mass: and the more he is so, the more he will live, in his innermost depths, in communion with God." Recently I came across this list of what I call his daily determinations. Each not so much a "thing to do" but rather a daily way to prayerfully focus our perspectives. Maybe would could try them together:

Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.

Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.

Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my wishes.

Only for today, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary for the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.

Only for today, I will do a good deed and not tell anyone about it.

Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.

Only for today, I will not live in fear. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

### Masses for the Week

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| <b>Monday, September 9th</b> (Gospel reading: Lk. 6: 6-11)   |                        |               |
| 7:00 AM  | + Onyioza Maris Asuku  | Fr. Barbieri  |
| 8:00 AM  | + Ellen Wycoski        | Fr. Barbieri  |
| 12 NOON  | + Mary Sheehan         | Msgr. Filardi |
| <b>Tuesday, September 10th</b> (G.I reading: Lk. 6: 12-19)   |                        |               |
| 7:00 AM  | + Onyioza Maris Asuku  | Msgr. Filardi |
| 8:00 AM  | + Antonio Fernandez    | Msgr. Filardi |
| 12 NOON  | Int. Stephen Sharpe    | Fr. Barbieri  |
| <b>Wednesday, September 11th</b> (G. reading: Lk. 6: 20-26)  |                        |               |
| 7:00 AM  | + Onyioza Maris Asuku  | Fr. Barbieri  |
| 8:00 AM  | + Adelfa P. Fernandez  | Fr. Barbieri  |
| 12 NOON  | Victims of 9/11        | Msgr. Filardi |
| <b>Thursday, September 12th</b> (G. reading: Lk. 6: 27-38)   |                        |               |
| 7:00 AM  | + Onyioza Maris Asuku  | Msgr. Filardi |
| 8:00AM   | Int. Sara Gatto-Duran  | Msgr. Filardi |
| 12 NOON  | + Dario Marchesan      | Fr. Barbieri  |
| <b>Friday, September 13th</b> (Gospel reading: Lk. 6: 39-42) |                        |               |
| 7:00 AM  | + Onyioza Maris Asuku  | Fr. Barbieri  |
| 8:00 AM  | + Margaret D. O'Connor | Fr. Barbieri  |
| 12 NOON  | Int. Ana Maria Angulo  | Msgr. Filardi |
| <b>Saturday, September 14th</b> (G. reading: Jn. 3: 13-17)   |                        |               |
| 8:00 AM  | + Nicholas Gallagher   | Fr. Barbieri  |
| 11:00-11:55 AM   | Confessions            | Fr. Barbieri  |
| 12 NOON  | + Charles T. Magnetti  | Msgr. Filardi |
| 4:00-4:45 PM   | Confessions            | Msgr. Filardi |
| 5:00 PM  | + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham | Fr. Barbieri  |
| <b>Sunday, September 15th</b> (Gospel reading: Lk. 15: 1-32) |                        |               |
| 7:30 AM  | Priest's Intentions    | Msgr. Filardi |
| 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.

### ***The Second Collection on September 8th, 2019 Will be Going to the Catholic University of America:***

Since 1903, The Catholic University of America has been greatly blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection. Contributions from faithful parishioners have benefited generations of students. The mission of Catholic University centers on the discovery of knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church — a service that is greatly needed today.

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** 301-654-5954

Today we welcome and welcome back the Religious Education (CCD) families as we begin another exciting year of instructions and preparations. We humbly ask for the intercessions of Saint Robert Bellarmine (September 17th), patron of catechists; Saint Charles Borromeo (November 4th), patron of seminaries and catechists; and the parish to pray for our priests, the CCD and school families, the catechists and faculty, the staff and all who work at Our Lady of Lourdes daily.

In the musical, *Man of La Mancha*, (works by Miguel de Cervantes y Saavedra) Don Quixote dreams that virtue will triumph and that he will strive with his last ounce of courage to follow that star no matter how hopeless or far.

In the summer of 2007, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI echoed the same mission to the youth reminding them that Christ can fulfill the most intimate aspirations their heart holds! ***“Can some dreams be impossible if they are awakened and nourished in the heart by God’s Spirit? If each remains united with Christ they can accomplish great things. You must not fear to dream, eyes wide open, and to do good; don’t let yourselves be discouraged by hardships. Christ trusts you and wants you to achieve your highest and noblest dream of real happiness.”***

Families who wish to enroll their children in the Religious Education Program may call the office at 301-654-5954. Kindly leave a brief message including your telephone number.

**Wed. Sept. 11th:** Patriot Day

**Thurs. Sept. 12th:** The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Sat. Sept. 14th:** The Exaltation of the Cross Feast Day for Congregation of Holy Cross (C.S.C) Priests, Brothers, & Sisters

\*Sister Colette, CSC, taught in both the school and CCD programs, went into eternity in December 2018, may she Rest In Peace.

\*Sister Maureen Patrice, CSC, who served as Ministry to the Elderly and Homebound. Sister Maureen Patrice is also known for inviting and planning the Parish Memorial Masses in November when we remember the deceased relatives and friends of the past year by reading each name while placing a yellow rose in a golden vase for them.

### **Adult Bible Study:**

#### **MARY: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother:**

Is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary’s Unique role in God’s Kingdom and in our lives.

#### **The better we know Mary, the better we will know her Son.**

- \* This DVD is filmed on location in the Holy Land.
- \* This will place you in the midst of her earthly life.
- \* It takes you through her joys. . .and her sorrows.
- \* You will learn how she works in our lives today.
- \* You will draw ever closer to her Divine Son.
- \* Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever.
- \* Mary will become a part of your daily life.
- \* In your daily life, you will become more like Christ.



**Join us for this DVD Series beginning September 9th, 2019 on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Office of Religious Education in the lower level of the school. There is no cost for the class. Each workbook is \$25.00, if you wish to purchase it. Call the Office of Religious Education at 301-654-5954 to register.**

### **The Ladies of Lourdes:**

Will begin their 2019-2020 season on **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, starting promptly at **7:30pm** in the Library Media Center. Our Pastor Msgr. Filardi will be our kick off speaker. All the women of the parish and school are welcome to join us, and please bring along a friend. For information contact Barbara Black at: fsbbob@verizon.net or 301-652-0749.

### **Give a weekend to God! Ignatian Weekend Retreat:**

**MEN’S RETREAT -- A LAST REMINDER:** There is still room for the ANNUAL RETREAT at Loyola Retreat House this next weekend. How long since you’ve enjoyed the benefits of a spiritual check up? The cost is only what you make it and the dividends are highly rewarding. **For more details about the retreat, please pick up a flyer from the tables in the vestibule as you leave Mass today.** Reserve a place today by calling our retreat coordinator, Geary Fisher. He can be reached at 301-654-1806 or e-mail: gandjfisher@verizon.net.

***English Speakers of Other Languages Program (ESOL):***

Is English your second language? Would you like to learn English or improve your English language ability? If so, let the English Speakers of Other Languages Program at Our Lady of Lourdes help you. Join us on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 - 11:30am in the vestibule space of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and register for the Fall session of the English Speakers of Other Languages Program. A second registration session will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 - 11:30am in the vestibule space in the Church as well. Classes range from beginner to advanced levels and also include grammar and conversation classes. The registration fee is \$20 and course books cost \$25. Once you've registered and purchased your course book, you'll be able to attend your first class on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held each Sunday from 11:45AM until 1:15PM. We look forward to meeting and speaking with you.

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact ESOL Coordinator, Maya Wilson, at 516-455-9169.**

***Pro-Life Talk:***

**On Thursday, September 19th from 7:00 - 9:00pm** join us in the school library media center for a talk, "Becoming the Best Pro-Life Leader You Can Be" with Chris Slattery, founder of Expectant Mother Care FrontLine Pregnancy Centers in NYC, the largest network of pregnancy help centers in the North East. His talk is part of the lecture series hosted by "Defend Life" of Maryland. DefendLife.org. Refreshments will be provided.

***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.

**The next meeting will be on September 29th, discussing *Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain, published by Ignatius Press (1989).**

***Our Lady of Lourdes English Speakers of Other Languages Program (ESOL):***

Es Inglés su segundo idioma? Le gustaría aprender Inglés o mejorar su conocimiento de ese idioma? Si es así, el programa para personas que hablan otro idioma que no sea Inglés (English Speakers of Other Languages Program - ESOL), en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, podrá ayudarle. Le invitamos a que se una a nosotros el Domingo, 8 de Septiembre desde las 10:00 am hasta las 11:30 am en el vestíbulo de la iglesia, adonde se podrá inscribir para las clases de ESOL, que empezarán el 8 de Septiembre. Si no le es posible asistir para inscribirse el día 8 de Septiembre, tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo el Domingo 15 de Septiembre desde las 10:30 am hasta las 11:30 am en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Tenemos varios niveles para principiantes y otros niveles más avanzados que incluirán clases de gramática y conversación, para personas que dominan un poco más el idioma Inglés. La matrícula cuesta \$20.00 y el texto que se usará en la clase otros \$25.00. Ya inscrito y con su texto, podrá asistir a su primera clase el día 8 de Septiembre. Las clases se llevarán a cabo los Domingos desde las 11:45 am hasta las 1:15 pm. Será un placer para nosotros reunirnos con Usted y darle más información acerca de los distintos niveles que se ofrecen en el programa de ESOL.

**Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita alguna aclaración, por favor llame a la Coordinadora del Programa de ESOL, Senorita Maya Wilson, al 516-455-9169.**

***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!

***Blessed Sacrament Parental and Spousal Bereavement Support Group:***

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3630 Quesada Street, NW Washington, DC, 20015-2538, will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The Fall series will begin **Tuesday, October 22nd, and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through December 10th, 2019, from 7:00-8:30pm.** There is no fee but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** For more information contact Jim Hoffman at [hoffmanlpc@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanlpc@gmail.com) or 202-577-2213.

***The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy:***

The prophets can be seen as "spiritual marriage counselors" who afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to a deeper relationship with God. **The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament** will offer this 10-part video and discussion series on **Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm in the school auditorium beginning on September 11th.** Register online at: <https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/40188/registrations/new>. For more information, contact Ceil Malphrus at [ceilmalphrus@verizon.net](mailto:ceilmalphrus@verizon.net) or Fred Daily at [ftdaily@aol.com](mailto:ftdaily@aol.com).

***St. Elizabeth Parental and Spousal Bereavement Support Group:***

St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. **The 8 consecutive Wednesday evenings start September 11th through October 30th, 2019, from 7:00 - 8:30pm.** There is no fee but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** To register contact Deacon Kevin Byrne at [kevin\\_byrne@verizon.net](mailto:kevin_byrne@verizon.net) or Claudia McAuliffe at 301-881-1457. Located at 917 Montrose Road, Rockville MD 20852.

***Join us for our Annual Gabriel Network 5K and Toddler Trot on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00 - 10:00am:***

We'll be running at a new location: the Mid-Atlantic Community Church in Gambrills!  
Remember, all proceeds will give housing and supportive relationships to women and children right here in Maryland and DC.

Get your tickets today and tell your friends! If you won't be running, you can still join us as a race sponsor or a runner sponsor. For tickets and more information please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gn5k2019-tickets-66681378799>.



***Want to become Catholic? Do you still need to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Come to RCIA!***

RCIA at Our Lady of Lourdes will begin **Thursday, September 12th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.** If you or someone you know is interested in RCIA or wants to volunteer as a sponsor, please contact Carl and Kariana Rios at: [crios@lourdesbethesda.net](mailto:crios@lourdesbethesda.net).

For more information about RCIA, please visit: <https://lourdesbethesda.net/rite-of-christian-initiation-adults/> or point your smart phone camera at the QR Code below:



***Bethesda 40 Days for Life:***

Join us for a Fall Kick-Off Event with special guest speaker, Matt Britton, Chairman of the Board and General Counsel of 40 Days for Life. The event will be held at **St. Jane de Chantal Church on Sunday, September 22nd at 6:00pm.** St. Jane's is right down the street from our prayer vigil site on Old Georgetown Road. Please visit the following Evite link to RSVP and view additional details: <http://evite.me/DpRjmXVCvg>. The event is free and open to everyone, including families with children. Please pass along to your friends and pro-life networks

***We will also be gathering from 1:00 - 2:00pm on Sunday, September 1st for our monthly prayer vigil.***

**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.

**Home Director Wanted!**

The Gabriel Network is proud to be seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Home Director to lead the opening of their new Gaithersburg Maternity Home. Through the generosity of early donors, such as Our Lady of Lourdes parish, they are ready to find the leader for this new effort. For more information or to apply, please visit this site: <https://www.indeedjobs.com/gabriel-network/jobs/7e7257aec85a4fd48d1e>.

**Sick in Our Parish:**

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters, especially **Ken Wible**.

**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.

**LOLO 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 [LOLOSundayMeal@gmail.com](mailto:LOLOSundayMeal@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.

**Finance & Administration:**

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



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2019 Offertory: \$9,471**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2019 Offertory: \$7,399**

**Our September Poor Box will be going to Bethesda Cares. They are a Community Outreach Program for the homeless. Their mission is to respond with compassion and creativity to help the homeless and persons in need in the community and to help prevent impending homelessness in Montgomery County.**

**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.

**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 – 8 Septiembre, 2019:**

- **Las clases de Catequesis comienzan el próximo domingo 15 de Septiembre a las 11:45am en la cafetería de la Escuela.** Les pedimos llegar un poco antes para poder comenzar a tiempo. Los Padres deberán acompañar a sus hijos hasta la cafetería donde recibirán algunas orientaciones y conocerán al equipo de catequistas de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes.
- Algunos hermanos de la comunidad han recibido mensajes de texto o emails donde supuestamente Monseñor Filardi les solicita ayuda. Queremos informarles que Monseñor nunca envía este tipo de mensajes. Por favor no hagan caso.
- Los invitamos a participar en nuestras actividades del programa de Educación Religiosa en español. Aquí algunos ejemplos:
- \* **Catecismo para Niños y Jóvenes:** Las clases se dictan en la escuela parroquial los días domingo de 11:45am a 1:15pm, seguidas de la Santa Misa a la 1:30pm. Para más información, llame a la Sra. Lulú Baeza al 301-412-5259.
- \* **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.
- \* **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.
- \* **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: \_\_\_\_\_