

**A Letter from Our Pastor**

As we come to the end of the “twelve days” of Christmas, closing with the Feast of the Epiphany, the visit of the Magi to the newborn and his parents in Bethlehem, I want to offer my gratitude to you: for so many who joined us in prayer, joy and dedication. And not unlike the wise men’s gifts, for your continued support of our parish with your “treasures”. This is always a great encouragement to me. Your contributions offered to Christ through our church this time of year, are a big help to our continued upkeep through the years. Your gifts are never taken for granted and are always received with sincere appreciation.

Fr. Jorge Ubau and I are also grateful for the many personal presents we received, often in the form of food or cards. I am working on my own ‘thank yous’ now but please allow me in a general way to acknowledge with true gratitude the goodness and blessings shown to us, your priests.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi



***The Ladies of Lourdes:***

The next meeting of the Ladies of Lourdes will be on **January 14** in the Library Media Center of the School starting promptly at 7:30pm. Our speaker will be Kevin Wells, who will give a presentation on his latest book, *The Priests We Need to Save the Church*.

All are welcome to attend and bring a friend. For information contact: Barbara Black at 301-652-0749 or fsbbob@verizon.net.

**Masses for the Week**

<b>Monday, January 6th</b> (G. reading: Mt. 4: 12-17, 23-25)		
7:00 AM	+ Kristrinah Ayala	Fr. Ubau
8:00 AM	+ Thomas Langan	Fr. Ubau
12 NOON	+ Charles O. Magnetti	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Tuesday, January 7th</b> (G. reading: Mk. 6: 34-44)		
7:00 AM	Int. Tony Ayala	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Marge Langan	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Bernadette Conlan	Fr. Ubau
<b>Wednesday, January 8th</b> (G. reading: Mk. 6: 45-52)		
7:00 AM	Int. John P. Monte	Fr. Ubau
8:00 AM	+ Louretta Doherty	Fr. Ubau
12 NOON	+ Theodore TePas	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Thursday, January 9th</b> (Gospel reading: Lk. 4: 14-22a)		
7:00 AM	+ Kristrinah Ayala	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Don Bowe Sr.	Msgr. Filardi
12:00 AM	+ Steve O’Neil	Fr. Ubau
<b>Friday, January 10th</b> (Gospel reading: Lk. 5: 12-16)		
7:00 AM	+ Joe Stanton	Fr. Ubau
8:00 AM	+ Nicholas Gallagher	Fr. Ubau
12 NOON	Int. Paul Sharpe	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Saturday, January 11th</b> (Gospel reading: Jn. 3: 22-30)		
8:00 AM	+ Dario Marchesan	Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+ Jose & Florinda Garcia	Fr. Ubau
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Fr. Ubau
5:00 PM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Sunday, January 12th</b> (Gospel reading: Mt. 3: 13-17)		
7:30 AM	Priest’s Intentions	Fr. Ubau
9:00 AM	Priest’s Intentions	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	Priest’s Intentions	Fr. Ubau
12 NOON	People of the Parish	Msgr. Filardi
1:30 PM	Priest’s Intentions	Fr. Ubau

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.

**Save the Date for the March for Life:  
Friday, January 24, 2020 on the  
National Mall, Washington DC.**

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2020**



January 24, 2020 | Washington, D.C.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 301-654-5954 *The Epiphany of Our Lord*

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states clearly that the Epiphany “is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior **of the world**. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. . . . In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, The Gospel sees the first-fruits **of the nations**, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation” (528).

It is a doctrine of our Catholic faith that Jesus Christ came to call all people to Himself (St. John 12:32). He wills that everyone be saved and that all come to the knowledge of truth through Him (1 Timothy 2:3). The fact that pagan wise men came to Jerusalem “in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king **of the nations**. (Catechism 528). This truth is alluded to beautifully in today’s First Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In the Second Reading of Saint Paul to the Ephesians clearly states, “the full number of nations” (Catechism 528) is called to the truth that *Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life* since “*there is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved*” (Acts 4:12).

Given these truths, all Christians, bishop, priest, deacon, religious or member of the lay faithful, by the virtue of their baptism who share in our own particular way in the priestly, prophetic and kingly offices of Christ, are called to be cooperators with God in the task of evangelization, of spreading of the Gospel to all corners of the world. This is an awesome task, especially when one considers the fact that it is also one of the signs that is to be fulfilled before the time of Christ’s Second Coming (St. Matthew 24:14; St. Mark 13:10; St. Luke 24:47).

(Source: Redeeming All Nations by Rev. Wade L.J. Menezes, C.P.M.; Homiletic & Pastoral Review © Ignatius Press 2001; pages 37, 38)

Today: CCD Classes resume.

***As the Magi brought their gifts of Gold,  
Frankincense, & Myrrh to Christ the Lord;  
may we also be gifts to one another in 2020  
AD. “Happy New Year!”***

### ***Second Collection January 5: Archdiocese of Military Services:***

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church’s full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children.

***Please also remember to pray for our brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our parish family who are serving their country in the Armed Forces.***

***We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm, and we pray for their families while they are away from home, especially during this Christmas season.***



### ***Collection for Church Missions in the United States:***

On the weekend of January 11-12, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up a second collection for Church Missions in the United States. This collection supports home mission dioceses in this country that are unable to offer their people basic liturgical, pastoral, and service ministries without outside help. It also supports vulnerable Black and Native American communities with funds for parish support and evangelization needs.

Thank you for your generosity.

### ***Weekly Rosary with Meditations by Saint John Paul II Saturdays at 12:45pm:***

***Location:*** Saint John Paul National Shrine  
3900 Harewood Rd NE  
Washington, DC 20017

For more information visit: [www.jp2shrine.org](http://www.jp2shrine.org).

***FertilityCare for Natural Family Planning and Women's Health:***

Please join us for a free introductory lecture on FertilityCare. Therese Rodriguez, RN, FCP, FertilityCare Practitioner will present a lecture on the basics of FertilityCare for natural women's health and family planning. FertilityCare is a method of holistic fertility awareness that can benefit women from teens through the menopausal years. Couples are encouraged to attend together. Information will be provided about private follow up sessions and materials for purchase.

The next lecture will take place on **Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 7:00 - 9:00pm.**

To register, call 301-754-8800 or visit: [HolyCrossHealth.org](http://HolyCrossHealth.org).

***January Ignatian Weekend Retreats:  
"Lord teach us to Pray"***

**January 10 - 12 : Men**  
**January 24 - 26: Men and Women**  
**February 28 - March 1: Men**

Fee: \$245, First-time retreatants and Young adults (under 30) \$195.  
For more information contact Lisa White at 301-392-0801 or [lisa.white@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:lisa.white@loyolaretreat.org).



***Please Join Us at a  
Loyola Retreat House Day of Prayer:***

**January 6, 2020: Embracing Hope**  
**February 24, 2020: The Greatest of these is Love**  
**March 9 and April 6, 2020: Our Hope is in the Cross**  
**May 4, 2020: Behold the Handmaid of the Lord**

Each Day of Prayer begins at 9:00am and includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Mass. Fee: \$40.  
**To register visit:** <https://loyolaonthepotomac.com/registration-3/other-registration-form-10/>.

***The Twenty-First Annual Cardinal O'Connor  
Conference on Life:  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW:***

***Georgetown University · January 25, 2020:***

The largest collegiate pro-life conference in the nation.

Theme: "*The Consistent Life Ethic and the Law: the Ethical Argument for Life.*" As pro-life issues emerge at the forefront of our legal system, particularly taking into consideration the recent passage of pro-life laws on the state level, we will consider the argument for life in both state and federal legislation. We will also consider how the consistent ethic of life informs our understanding of public morality.

***Keynote speakers:***

Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Assistant General Secretary for Integral Human Development for the United States Conference of Bishops and Executive Director for Justice Peace and Human Development

Sr. Bethany Madonna, Vocations Director, Sisters of Life

Find more information and purchase tickets here:  
[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twenty-first-annual-cardinal-oconnor-conference-on-life-tickets-63179334089?](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twenty-first-annual-cardinal-oconnor-conference-on-life-tickets-63179334089?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&fbclid=IwAR3HiviE_jZAbfaRL70jvqRPWrpQc_m1UhFkQP-Z5pQkijcuj-NJwK5mUg)

[aff=ebdssbdestsearch&fbclid=IwAR3HiviE\\_jZAbfaRL70jvqRPWrpQc\\_m1UhFkQP-Z5pQkijcuj-NJwK5mUg.](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twenty-first-annual-cardinal-oconnor-conference-on-life-tickets-63179334089?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&fbclid=IwAR3HiviE_jZAbfaRL70jvqRPWrpQc_m1UhFkQP-Z5pQkijcuj-NJwK5mUg)

***Intergenerational Convocation:***

Please join us for an intergenerational convocation at the Montgomery County Executive Office Building Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville on **March 21, 2020 from 8:15 am - 1:00pm.** All parishioners are invited as the Justice and Advocacy Commission and Catholic Charities welcome you to a discussion of how we can better address the needs of all members of the county, particularly through our parishes, schools, and senior living facilities to inform parishes about the benefits of engagement across generations. For more information or to RSVP, contact [leah@empoweringtheages.org](mailto:leah@empoweringtheages.org) or call 301-476-0186.

***For Single Catholics - 22nd Annual Epiphany Party at St. Raphael Church:***



***1513 Dunster Road,  
Rockville, MD 20854.  
Saturday, January 11 at  
7:00pm.***

Includes: delicious Greek dinner, salsa dancing lessons, complimentary wine and beer, DJ, and more. Send a \$21 check donation by January 3 to SCS Epiphany Party, St. Raphael, 1590 Kimblewick Road,

Rockville, MD 20854, or \$23 by credit card at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/epiphany-party-tickets-82529723625>. (\$27 cash, card, or check at the door.) For more information please call 240=426-5589.

***The RCIA Program is Looking for Volunteers to be Sponsors for Those Wishing to Join the Catholic Church:***

A Sponsor must be a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist and Confirmation, and who is currently living a sacramental life and is not in an irregular marriage. In addition, the Sponsor must be (for our program) 18 years of age and lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry that they are undertaking. If you have discerned that you would like to be a Sponsor, please reach out to Carl and Kariana Rios at [crios@lourdesbethesda.net](mailto:crios@lourdesbethesda.net) or call and leave a message at 202-360-9191.

***Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:***

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Offer your spouse the treasures of each other by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 28 – March 1, 2020. The weekend is in College Park, MD.

Apply at: [moments4marriage.org](http://moments4marriage.org). **Apply by January 25, 2020** to guarantee your seat. For more information leave a message at 301-541-7007.

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

The 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 Fall series will begin on Wednesday, January 15th and continue for eight consecutive Wednesdays through March 4th.**

This will be a morning series running from 10:00 - 11:30am. 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

***The Knights of Columbus Father Rosensteel Council # 2169 is Presenting its 28th Annual Pro-Life Rally Kickoff Sunday, January 5, 2020:***

Located at the Council hall at 9707 Rosensteel Avenue in Silver Spring, MD, 20901 beginning at 5:15pm.

The rally will begin with a short reception, the presentation of Colors by the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Color Corps, the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance, welcome by the Grand Knight, a free traditional spaghetti and meatball dinner followed by a host of pro-life speakers, dignitaries and musical entertainment.

For additional information, please contact Pro-life chair and PGK C. Michael Koon at 301- 922-9101.

All are cordially invited.



**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.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

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

**Give the Gift of Service:**

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit: [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer).

**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](mailto: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. Clothes to help keep our guests warm in the fall and winter 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)***



**Third Sunday of Advent 2019 Offertory: Figures unavailable due to early deadline.**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent 2019 Offertory: Figures unavailable due to early deadline.**

**Second Collection January 5, 2020: Archdiocese of Military Services**

**Second Collection January 12, 2020: Church Missions Within the US**

**Our January Poor Box will be going to the Father McKenna Center. It serves as a food pantry, hypothermia center, and a safe and drug-free environment for the poor. The center is primarily funded by private donations in order to continue to offer its many services. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Giving Tree:**

In keeping with the parish tradition of giving, Our Lady of Lourdes is sponsoring the Annual Giving Tree to help mothers and babies at the Tepeyac Center. Please take a tag from the tree and place an unwrapped gift in the box next to the tree by **Sunday, January 5.**

Thank you for your generosity.

**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 – 05 de Enero de 2020:



Los Magos consiguieron superar aquel momento crítico de oscuridad en el palacio de Herodes, porque creyeron en las Escrituras, en la palabra de los profetas que señalaba Belén como el lugar donde había de nacer el Mesías. Así escaparon al letargo de la noche del mundo, reemprendieron su camino y de pronto vieron nuevamente la estrella, y el Evangelio dice que se llenaron de “inmensa alegría”. Esa estrella que no se veía en la oscuridad de la mundanidad de aquel palacio.

Un aspecto de la luz que nos guía en el camino de la fe es también la santa “astucia”. Es también una virtud, la santa “astucia”. Se trata de esa sagacidad espiritual que nos permite reconocer los peligros y evitarlos. Los Magos supieron usar esta luz de “astucia” cuando, de regreso a su tierra, decidieron no pasar por el palacio tenebroso de Herodes, sino marchar por otro camino. (S.S. Francisco, 6 de enero de 2014).

ANUNCIOS:

**Que la felicidad de Cristo  
llene sus corazones durante todo este año 2020**

Todos los domingos a las 11:45am en la cafetería de la escuela tendremos actividades en español para todos los que gusten participar. Habrá charlas, confesiones y Hora Santa. Todos son bienvenidos.

**Regístrese o mantenga Actualizada su información:  
Recorte el siguiente formato de inscripción y entréguelo en la Misa junto con la colecta o llévelo a la Rectoría.**

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_