

**A Letter from Our Parochial Vicar**

Dear Friends,

This past week, the Church beatified an inspiring young man named Carlo Acutis. A few days before the beatification, a reporter interviewed his mother, Antonia Acutis, and I hope that her words further inspire in us zeal and courage to answer God's call to holiness:

**The Vatican announced Feb. 21 that Carlo will be beatified. You are a mother of a boy recognized by the Church as worthy of veneration. Tell me about this.**

Well, most probably the mama is not so much like the son, but we are instruments of God — and sometimes he uses even the strangest instruments. I don't consider myself as good as Carlo was; but of course, I tried my best to raise my son.

**Carlo was so young when he died — 15 years old. What first drew Carlo to want to deepen his faith? Did he receive special graces from God?**

Yes, I believe he did receive special graces. He didn't speak much about this, but he did tell me that when he was in front of the Holy Eucharist, he felt his soul "elevated," in a way. He said the sensation he had, very often, was like being in front of a Source that took his soul into great heights. He said that it was like being transported. Christ in the Eucharist captured him.

**Many stories about the lives of the saints are often hard to relate to. Tell me about Carlo — what were some of his "imperfections" that young men and women may be able to relate to?**

You don't have to look to Carlo as someone who was perfect. He was a very grounded boy. He was a son of his time. He played with his PlayStation, etc. He also understood, however, that these things — such as the computer or PlayStation — could claim a sort of "tyranny" over the soul. You could become addicted, a slave of these things. So much time could be wasted, and Carlo always had a sense that he couldn't waste time. So he imposed on himself that he could only play on his PlayStation an hour per week, maximum. This gives you a little insight into Carlo.

**What would you say to other parents who may be struggling with raising sons, or who are currently watching their children suffer from cancer or disease, some advice?**

You know, to live close to someone like Carlo means to not remain neutral in your own faith. For me, Carlo brought me closer to God. He would ask questions that I would not know the answer to, especially in my own lack of catechism. So I turned to learning more about my faith, and this was because of Carlo. Many other people would witness to this, as well: people who converted because of his example, or his conversations. He really lived what he preached, a witness. This is how he approached his suffering, too. Carlo would say, "Death is the start of new life."

**(For the full interview see: <https://www.ncregister.com/interview/mother-of-soon-to-be-blessed-carlo-acutis-jesus-was-his-first-priority>.)**

Onward and Upward,  
Father James

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, October 19** (Gospel reading: Lk. 12: 13-21)

7:00 AM + Asuku Family

12 NOON Int. Judy DeSzily

**Tuesday, October 20** (Gospel reading: Lk. 12: 35-38)

7:00 AM + Ellen Wycoski

12 NOON + Jerry Collins

**Wednesday, October 21** (Gospel reading: Lk. 12: 39-48)

7:00 AM + Henry (Hank) Swanson

12 NOON + William Gates

**Thursday, October 22** (Gospel reading: Lk. 12: 49-53)

7:00 AM + Maria Teresa Pham

12 NOON + Joseph Patrick McMahon

**Friday, October 23** (Gospel reading: Lk. 12: 54-59)

7:00 AM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham

12 NOON + Robert McCullough

**Saturday, October 24** (Gospel reading: Lk. 13: 1-9)

8:00AM Int. Barbara Black

11:00-11:55 AM Confessions

12 NOON + Arnim Vaucrosson

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

5:00PM + Maria Cristina Linstrom

**Sunday, October 25** (Gospel reading: Mt. 22: 34-40)

7:30 AM Int. Mastrangelo & Maria Tundo

9:00 AM Int. Gene DeLaCroix

10:30 AM + Dr. Peter Coccaro

12 NOON People of the Parish

1:30 PM Holy Souls

**Due to the suspension of the Monday - Friday 8:00am Mass, the intentions scheduled for those Masses will be transferred to Sunday Masses.**

**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.**



TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

***Religious Education Has Never Been Easier!***

This year our religious education classes are virtual and video based. Each week our team of amazing teachers record videos of themselves teaching the week's lesson. These videos are uploaded to YouTube, and links are sent home to parents so their children can watch the videos anytime, anywhere, on any device.

Register your child today using our online registration form at: [www.lourdesbethesda.net/faith](http://www.lourdesbethesda.net/faith).

***Beginning with the Feast of All Souls on November 2, and continuing throughout the month, we will remember your beloved deceased family members and friends in our daily Masses and prayers.***

***Please list their names on the envelopes provided by your monthly mailings or on the envelopes on the tables in the church. Please put these envelopes in the collection baskets.***



Join our local 40 Days for Life campaign as we pray and witness for an end to abortion outside LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion clinic at the Wildwood Medical Center on Old Georgetown Road.

A group from Our Lady of Lourdes will be praying outside the clinic

**Each Saturday during the campaign from 3:00 - 4:00pm.**

All are welcome to join!

Details at: [40daysforlife.com/bethesda](http://40daysforlife.com/bethesda).  
Email [jill.gadwood@gmail.com](mailto:jill.gadwood@gmail.com) for more info.

***Young Adult Ministry:***

We are looking for young adults between the ages of 22-33 who are interested in joining our newest parish ministry. We are currently meeting Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm starting in the Church for prayer and social after. Scan the QR code below to register and learn more.



***Are you wondering how to support Our Lady of Lourdes from home?***

Please consider our online contribution program, Faith Direct.

Use the following link to donate online:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD33>

Or scan the QR code below:



Contact Claire Toms at [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org) with any questions.

**Stay Connected with Flocknote!**

**If you want to stay up to date on what's going on in the Parish, sign up to receive texts and emails through Flocknote.**

**Visit [lourdesbethesda.flocknote](http://lourdesbethesda.flocknote),  
Text FNOLOL to 84576 or  
Email Claire Toms at [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org).**



The dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect. All persons who are subjects of the Archbishop of Washington no matter where they may be, and all other persons who are actually present in the Archdiocese of Washington who are under the obligation, are dispensed from the obligation until further notice (cann. 87 §1, 91).

**For a complete list of Masses and updates during this time, please visit:  
[adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/).**

**A Million Rosaries:**

Every prayer counts! Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up at:

<http://littlesistersofthepoor.org/a-million-families-a-million-rosaries/>.

**The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County:**

**Needs Assistance Especially in this Challenging Time of COVID-19:**

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that assists low-income pregnant women and their children.

During the pandemic and economic crisis, the need for the Gabriel Project's services has grown tremendously while typical sources of support are greatly reduced.

You can help provide critically needed material resources by purchasing essential items like baby gear, diapers, and clothing through the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List.

For more information about the Gabriel Project and to support our efforts, please visit the website at: [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org) and scroll down to the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List link.

Thank you for your generous support!



Want to become Catholic? Do you still need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Come to RCIA! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, at Our Lady of Lourdes began September 30th, 2020. 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@ololrcc.org](mailto:crios@ololrcc.org). Please reach out if you are interested in helping the RCIA ministry as well.

For more information about RCIA, please visit:  
<https://lourdesbethesda.net/rite-of-christian-initiation-adults/>

or point your smartphone camera at the QR Code below:



**Upcoming Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac:**

**Ignatian Weekend Retreats: *We Journey in Hope***

November 6 – 8 (Men),  
November 13 – 15 (Men and Women)

*The weekend retreat fee is \$245/ \$195 for first time retreatants or young adults (35 years and younger)*

**Directed and Private Retreats**

October 19 – 23  
November 30 – December 4  
*Fee: \$425 Directed/ \$380 private.*

**Days of Prayer**

October 19 (*Ignatian Prayer*)  
November 30 (*The Advent of Hope*)  
*Each day of prayer begins at 9 am and includes:  
Continental breakfast, Lunch, and Mass. Fee \$40*

*For more information go to:  
[www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com) or call (301) 392-0819.*



**OUR LADY of BETHESDA  
RETREAT CENTER**

***Walking With Purpose  
The Modern Woman's Guide to the Bible:***

**Study:** Opening Your Heart

**Where:** Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

**When:** Tuesdays, Beginning Tuesday, October 13  
from 9:00 to 10:30am

**Cost:** \$40 registration fee

**Babysitting Provided**

Learn more at: [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)

For more information or to join, contact Emily McKinnon at  
[emckinnon@udallas.edu](mailto:emckinnon@udallas.edu)

Late sign-ups welcome!

YOUNG MEN IN HIGH SCHOOL:  
**QUO VADIS?**  
**Holy Hour and Lunch**  
Saint Andrew Apostle, Silver Spring  
**Saturday, October 24**

Young men interested in learning more about the priesthood are invited to a Quo Vadis Holy Hour and Lunch, Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity for prayer, outdoor games, talks, fraternity, and lunch. The event is free, but you must register at <https://dcpriest.org/high-school>. We hope you can join us!

For more information and to register, visit [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org), or email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org)

**DCPRIEST**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON OFFICE OF PRIEST VOCATIONS  
Saint John Paul II Seminary | 145 Taylor Street, NE | Washington, DC 20017

**2021-2022 ADW Tuition Assistance Program:**

The open application period for the 2021-2022 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program began on Thursday, October 1, 2020. The deadline date for returning families to apply is **Friday, December 4, 2020**. The deadline date for new families to apply is **Friday, February 19, 2021**.

Please visit [www.adwcatholicsschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicsschools.org) for information and instructions.

**ADW Programa de asistencia de matrícula 2021-2022:**

El período de solicitud abierto para el Programa Arquidiocesano de Asistencia para la Matrícula 2021-2022 comenzará el jueves 1 de octubre de 2020. La fecha límite para que las familias que regresan presenten su solicitud es el viernes **4 de diciembre de 2020**. La fecha límite para que las nuevas familias envíen solicitudes es el viernes, **19 de febrero de 2021**.

Visite: [www.adwcatholicsschools.org/es](http://www.adwcatholicsschools.org/es) para obtener información e instrucciones.

**Altar Flowers:**



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated  
**For the Intentions of Lulu Baeza.**

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@ololrcc.org](mailto:sgolden@ololrcc.org) or [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org). 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)***



**Our October Poor Box will be going to Centro Tepeyac. They are a non-profit agency offering assistance to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy or facing post-abortion stress. They are in great need of monetary donations to better assist abortion vulnerable women in need of counseling and resources. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Please have your printed notices at the Rectory office or emailed to Claire Toms at [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org) by **Monday at Noon.**

**Catholic Charities Legal Network Seeking Volunteer Lawyers:**

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or [daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org](mailto:daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org) to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Registration:**

**Please either fill out the form below or email Claire Toms at [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org) with your information.**

**You will then be emailed a link to a registration form for you to fill out.**

**This gives us important information such as contact information, sacraments received, preference on contribution methods and more.**

**Thank you and we are happy to welcome you to Our Lady of Lourdes.**

***Please 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.***

**October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop’s website for their Pastoral Letter:**

**“When I Call for Help” which can be found at: [http://bit.ly/usccb\\_dv](http://bit.ly/usccb_dv).**

**If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours), 800-787-3224 (TTY) or visit: [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org). If you are in immediate danger, call 911.**

**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 – 18 de Octubre de 2020

### CATEQUESIS DE NIÑOS:

Así es como nuestro programa de educación religiosa para nuestros alumnos de catequesis y de RICA de niños funcionará este año:

Cada semana, nuestros maestros de educación religiosa harán un video de ellos mismos enseñando su clase, y al final del video compartirán la tarea de la semana. Le enviarán por correo electrónico o mensaje un enlace a este video el día sábado, y sus hijos tendrán una semana para completar su tarea. Entonces tendrán un nuevo video el próximo sábado. Recibirán el primer video el 17 de octubre y su último video el 8 de mayo, y la última tarea debe entregarse el 15 de mayo.

Nuestra tercera clase (recibirá este video el 31 de octubre) será una clase especial llamada Círculo de Gracia. Es una clase que enseña a los niños habilidades para mantenerse a salvo, lo que incluye establecer límites seguros e identificar adultos de confianza en sus vidas.

Cada mes se le invitará a unirse a nosotros en la iglesia para una oportunidad de oración en persona. Cada mes destacará un estilo diferente de oración. Por ejemplo, en octubre, que es el mes del rosario, nos reuniremos para rezar el rosario. Estas reuniones no son obligatorias, pero esperamos que usted y su familia se unan a nosotros siempre que puedan. Estas reuniones serán durante la última semana de cada mes, si el horario lo permite. Estos se programarán pronto, y luego estas fechas se compartirán con usted.

Aún se pueden registrar online en [www.lourdesbethesda.net](http://www.lourdesbethesda.net) en la Sección en Español: Formación y Evangelización. Ahí mismo encontrará información sobre como serán las clases, el precio de los libros y podrán realizar su pago.

### GRUPO DE JOVENES:

Invitamos a los jóvenes a formar parte del grupo de jóvenes de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. Se pueden registrar online en [www.lourdesbethesda.net](http://www.lourdesbethesda.net) en la Sección en Español: Formación y Evangelización. Ahí encontrarán más información.

### CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS:

Las clases de RICA para adultos que les falte alguno o todos los sacramentos ya han comenzado. Si aun no se ha inscrito favor de comunicarse con la Señora Gilvar Morales al (301) 788 8651.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_