

A Letter from Our Pastor

Hello Friends -

My life changed radically about 25 years ago when I decided to stop living just for myself and actually tried to give God an authentic place in my heart and soul. Praying the Rosary was the first step in this life change for me. And although I didn't notice any discernible effect at the time, I believe this prayer helped pave the way to where I am today. Since October is the Month of the Rosary, I want to share some of its history:

The Holy Rosary is one of the most popular among Roman Catholics worldwide. It is closely associated with Saint Dominic de Guzmán (1170-1221 A.D.), who founded the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans. From the fifteenth century on, the Dominicans were the foremost promoters of the Rosary. Over the next 250 years the devotion spread across Europe, reaching the laity via voluntary confraternities and rosary picture-books. There were numerous competing versions, advocating as few as five Mysteries and as many as 200. The matter was not settled until 1569. In that year St. Pope Pius V, himself a Dominican, issued an apostolic letter establishing the fifteen-Mystery form of the Holy Rosary as the official, Church-authorized version. This was the format in use for the next four centuries. On October 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II, declared that the following year would be the "Year of the Rosary." For the first time in centuries a change was made in the rosary. The Pope added and defined 5 new mysteries that concerned events in the public life of Jesus. These new mysteries were called the "Luminous Mysteries" or "Mysteries of Light." Today's complete rosary is now made up of twenty decades of the Hail Mary, separated by an Our Father and a Glory Be and sometimes the Fatima prayer. We usually break the rosary into four sets. The four sets are The Joyful Mysteries, The Sorrowful Mysteries, The Glorious Mysteries, and the Luminous Mysteries. One set is prayed on a rosary that has five decades. Each set is prayed on designated days of the week.

The Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. This commemorates the day in 1571 when Christian forces defeated the Turkish fleet in a sea battle at Lepanto, off the western coast of Greece. St. Pope Pius V had asked all Christians to pray the Rosary for victory. Today we pray the Rosary as a means to grow closer to Father, Son and Holy Spirit by means of meditating on these mysteries about the life of Christ and through the intercession of His Mother, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.

Where should we pray the Rosary? Anywhere! As I drive or walk the streets of Bethesda, you may find me praying this great prayer. I learned it from my grandmother when I was a child and I remain thankful to her for teaching us - even though it meant a twenty minute delay in going to the beach! Friends, I invite you to pray the Rosary for respect for all life, for the wellbeing of your family, and for the unity of our parish, Church and nation.

Through the Intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary,
Fr. Rob

Masses for the Week

Monday, October 26 (Gospel reading: Lk. 13: 10-17)
7:00 AM + Margaret Nolan
12 NOON + John Kilbane
Tuesday, October 27 (Gospel reading: Lk. 13: 18-21)
7:00 AM Int. Frank Valcour
12 NOON + Msgr. James Beattie
Wednesday, October 28 (Gospel reading: Lk. 6: 12-16)
7:00 AM + Asuku Family
12 NOON + Max Kikendall
Thursday, October 29 (Gospel reading: Lk. 13: 31-35)
7:00 AM Int. Our President
12 NOON Int. Norma Purcell
Friday, October 30 (Gospel reading: Lk. 14: 1-6)
7:00 AM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham
12 NOON Int. Bill Brockman
Saturday, October 31 (Gospel reading: Lk. 14: 1, 7-11)
8:00AM Int. Maureen & Frank Valcour
11:00-11:55 AM Confessions
12 NOON + Dr. Lester Schnell, Jr.
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions
5:00PM + Dominik Pettay
Sunday, November 1 (Gospel reading: Mt. 5: 1-12a)
7:30 AM + Dr. Carol Sheridan
9:00 AM + Richard James Marino
10:30 AM Int. Cathy Bowe
12 NOON People of the Parish
1:30 PM + Gema Ramirez

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.



THIRTIETH 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.
Email Lacy Prebula at dre@ololrcc.org with any questions.

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.

Details at: 40daysforlife.com/bethesda.
Email jill.gadwood@gmail.com for more info.

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 to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

OLOL Sunday Meal For the Poor and Homeless:

The Sunday meal for the poor and homeless, which traditionally has been held from 4:00-6:00 pm in the OLOL cafeteria, has been temporarily converted to a "carry-out" affair. If you are interested in helping to provide food for the meal, send an email to OLOLSundayMeal@gmail.com or call Dan Keen at 301-564-0077.

The "clothes closet" run in conjunction with the meal is in need of non-dressy cool weather women's clothing. Please drop off donations at OLOL between 4:45 and 5:15pm on Sundays. Contact Dan Keen if you have any questions. Thank you!



Please consider our online contribution program, Faith Direct.

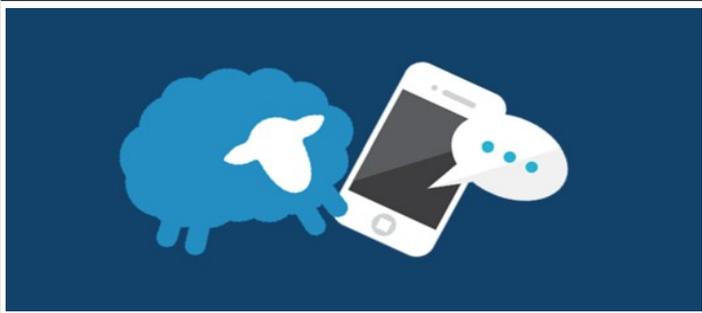
Use the following link to donate online:

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

Or scan the QR code below:



Contact Claire Toms at ctoms@ololrcc.org 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,
Text FNOLOL to 84576 or
Email Claire Toms at ctoms@lolrcc.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/.**

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/>.

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.



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@lolrcc.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:

November 30 – December 4
Fee: \$425 Directed/ \$380 private.

Days of 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 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, from 9:00 to 10:30am

Cost: \$40 registration fee

Babysitting Provided

Learn more at: www.walkingwithpurpose.com

For more information or to join, contact Emily McKinnon at
emckinnon@udallas.edu

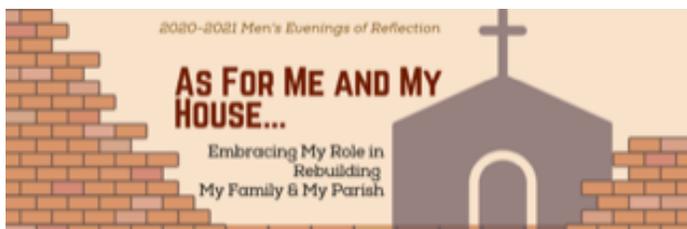
Late sign-ups welcome!

***Men's Evening of Reflection
"As for Me and My House...Embracing My Role in
Rebuilding My Family and My Parish"***

**November 4: In-Person program begins at 7:00pm
Virtual program begins at 8:00pm:**

Discover tools to become a stronger leader in your Church, your parish, and your home. Join us for this month's installment of the Monthly Reflections for Men, on Wednesday, November 4. Virtual and In-Person options! The evening includes: directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection; those attending In-Person will also receive Mass, opportunities for Confession, a meal and fellowship. Cost is \$20 In-Person, \$10 Virtual. Advance Registration is required.

**Visit our website to register:
www.ourladyofbethesda.org.**



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 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
para obtener información e instrucciones.

Altar Flowers:



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated
For the Intention of Barbara Black.

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 or 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.

Deceased in Our Parish

Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially **Stella Donovan** and **Emilio Escobar**.

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.

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 and scroll down to the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List link.

Thank you for your generous support!

Our Lady of Lourdes Registration:

Please either fill out the form below or email Claire Toms at ctoms@ololrcc.org with your information.

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

You can also go directly to lourdesbethesda.net to access our parish registration form.

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

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.

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. 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 – 25 de Octubre de 2020

CATEQUESIS DE NIÑOS:

Las clases ya han comenzado y aún se pueden registrar online en www.lourdesbethesda.net en la Sección en Español: Formación y Evangelización. Ahí mismo podrán realizar el pago de sus libros y materiales.

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 YouTube el día sábado, y sus hijos tendrán una semana para ver el video a la hora que mejor les convenga y completar su tarea. Entonces tendrán un nuevo video el próximo sábado.

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

OREMOS POR NUESTROS SERES QUERIDOS FALLECIDOS:

Comenzando con la Fiesta de todas las Almas el 2 de noviembre y continuando a lo largo de todo el mes, recordaremos en nuestras misas y oraciones diarias a sus seres queridos, familiares y amigos fallecidos. Por favor enumere sus nombres en los sobres proporcionados mensualmente o en los sobres que se encuentran en las mesas de la Iglesia. Coloque los sobres en las canastas de la colecta

FLOCKNOTE:

Queremos comunicarnos más eficazmente con usted y estamos usando un servicio llamado Flocknote que le permitirá mantenerse actualizado con la información y los eventos de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, todo por mensaje de texto o correo electrónico. Si aún no ha proporcionado su correo electrónico y número telefónico, envíe su información a Claire Toms a ctoms@lolrcc.org

**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: _____