



Pope Francis Names Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory as New Archbishop of Washington

“WASHINGTON, D.C. – Pope Francis today named Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory as the seventh Archbishop of Washington. Archbishop Gregory is currently the Archbishop of Atlanta, and will succeed Cardinal Donald Wuerl, who served as Washington’s archbishop from June 2006 to October 2018.

“I am deeply grateful to Pope Francis for this appointment to serve the Archdiocese of Washington and to work with all of the members of this faith community,” said Archbishop Gregory. “I look forward to encountering and listening to the people of this local Church as we address the issues that face us and continue to grow in the Love of Christ that sustains us.”

“With great joy, I welcome the news that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has favored this local Church with the appointment of Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta, as the seventh Archbishop of Washington. I join all who appreciate his pastoral abilities, his intellectual gifts and his leadership qualities,” said Cardinal Donald Wuerl who has served as apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Washington since last October. “As the Church of Washington opens a new chapter and looks to the future, we can all, with great confidence and enthusiasm, welcome our new shepherd.”

The installation of Archbishop Gregory as the seventh Archbishop of Washington will take place on Friday, May 17, 2019.” (ADW News Release, April 4, 2019)

It is with great joy that we at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church welcome and congratulate Archbishop-Elect, Wilton D. Gregory on his election as Archbishop of Washington. We rejoice in his new appointment and pray that our Lord Jesus, grant him the zeal and wisdom to shepherd our Archdiocese.

PARISH NEWS

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself after Mass. May God Bless us all!

Fr. Brian Coelho

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, May 7, at 8:15 am in the church hall lower area. **New Members Welcomed!**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, May 13, at 7:00 pm, in the Church Hall.



FIRST COMMUNION MASS Sunday May 5th, at 11:00 am. The CCD First Communion class will receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion. All are invited to come share in their joy of receiving Jesus’ Body and Blood. Reception potluck in the church hall following the mass. Contact Janet Lacey at 240-377-8228 to coordinate a dish to share.



**St. Mary Star of the Sea Church
Join Our Holy Hour for Vocations**



**Adoration
Friday, June 7, 2019
8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

OTHER NEWS

2019 SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE Each year Catholics are invited to support Christianity in the Holy Land by participating in the Good Friday Collection. So important is this work and pastoral ministry that the Good Friday Collection is a pontifical collection. **This year it is scheduled for Good Friday, April, 19, 2019.**

2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: The Archdiocese of Washington's Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples celebrating their 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years of marriage this year will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or fill out the forms found at the entrance of the church and deliver to the rectory office. All couple's names must be turned into the rectory office by Friday, April 26, 2019.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL RETREATS - "THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES" "The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God, and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for." CCC 27. **Upcoming Dates for Women: April 12-14** (3 Day) cost is \$250.00 per person. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817 To Sign up visit: www.ourladyofbethesda.org

SHRIMP DINNER - HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN F. KENNEDY COUNCIL #5482

Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

THE MENU

½ lb. Shrimp \$8.00, Hushpuppies \$.75, Cole Slaw \$.75 French Fries \$1.00, Hamburger \$2.00, Cheeseburger \$2.25, Hot Dogs \$1.00

Soft Drinks \$.50; Coffee and Hot Tea Complimentary; Cash Bar - Beer and Wine.

PLACE YOUR ORDER AND PAY AT THE DOOR
16403 Livingston Road, Accokeek, MD 20603
(301)-283-4444

Proceeds to benefit the JFK Council #5482 Charities Corporation, Inc. Catholic High School Scholarships Program.



PARISH IMMIGRATION INFORMATION FORUM: What's Going On? How can we help?

Saturday, May 4th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

St. John Vianney, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Catholic Charities will present an overview of the difficult immigration issues facing immigrants and what steps parishes can take to be supportive. Catholic Charities and parishes around the country are organizing to help create more supportive communities for immigrants, to advocate for fair reforms, to accompany undocumented families and unaccompanied children as they seek to legalize their status.

This educational workshop will provide testimonies of immigrants' journeys and suggestions how parishes can assist. No legal services will be provided. Come learn how you can help! Please RSVP to ParishEvents@CC-DC.org

HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT: If one of the property owners are 70 years or older, you may be eligible for a special benefit that may reduce the taxes you owe for the past 3 years. The property taxes you owe may be significantly reduced if your gross income is \$60 thousand or less. The Renters Tax Credit may provide individuals who rent a rebate from the state depending on their income and the amount of rent that they pay. While you may be eligible for the credit at any age our office works with individuals who are 60 years and older or the young disabled individuals. If you believe you may qualify contact Charles County Government, Department of Community Services **301-609-5712** or the State Department of Assessments & Taxation's website at <https://dat.maryland.gov> or by calling **410-767-1174**.

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