



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



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.

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.



PAUL F. GRAY SR.

Funeral Date: April 16, 2019
ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
Viewing: 10:00 - 11:00 am
Funeral Mass: 11:00 am

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
 And let the perpetual light shine upon him.*



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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

If you are new to the area or moved back after sometime away, we would like you to choose St.

Mary Star of the Sea as your Parish Family.

Please talk to Fr. Brian after Mass or visit the Rectory Office to register during office hours.

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.

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

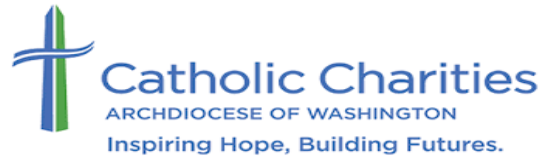
THE MENU

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.

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(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**.

UNPLUG ON A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY AT OUR LADY OF BETHESDA: May 24

Jesus tells us to "Come away with me," In the short, focused, weekday hours from 8:30am - 4pm, an experienced retreat master will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. With time for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, Mass, Confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration required. www.ourladyofbethesda.org. \$120 per person.