

A Letter from Our Parochial Vicar

Dear Friends,

Every Catholic parish is an outfitter for heaven, distributing the tools and resources for the heavenly journey! We specialize above all in the sacraments, supernatural boosts in Divine grace. Since ordination, I have enjoyed celebrating the sacraments, but most especially the Anointing of the Sick. Here are a few quick facts that every Catholic should keep in mind about this great sacrament!

What happens in the sacrament?

When a person has requested the Anointing of the Sick, a priest comes and anoints the person with oil, an outward sign of the Holy Spirit. The priest anoints the forehead of the person saying: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy, help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." He continues by anointing the hands of the person saying: "May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up."

What are the particular effects of the sacrament?

The grace that a person receives in the Anointing of the Sick is "one of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death. This assistance from the Lord by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1520).

When can you receive it?

The Anointing of the Sick is not only a sacrament of the deathbed! We recommend it to anyone who may be suffering any sort of sickness, preparing for surgeries, or experiencing the frailty of old age. A person may receive this sacrament whenever their condition has declined.

Nevertheless, it is fitting to request this sacrament in the last days of life to receive spiritual strength to endure the final struggle. We are prepared to visit you in your home or in the hospital at any hour of the day or night. To ensure availability, we have an emergency line after business hours for this specific reason: 301-654-1287.

Know of our prayers for you!
Father James

Masses for the Week

Monday, November 16 (Gospel reading: Lk. 18: 35-43)

7:00 AM + Carlo & Maria Magnetti

12 NOON Holy Souls

Tuesday, November 17 (Gospel reading: Lk. 19: 1-10)

7:00 AM + Margaret D. O'Connor

12 NOON Holy Souls

Wednesday, November 18 (G. reading: Lk. 19: 11-28)

7:00 AM + Asuku Family

12 NOON Holy Souls

Thursday, November 19 (Gospel reading: Lk. 19: 41-44)

7:00 AM + Izabella Lupinacci

12 NOON Holy Souls

Friday, November 20 (Gospel reading: Lk. 19: 45-48)

7:00 AM Holy Souls

12 NOON + Jerry Collins

Saturday, November 21 (Gospel reading: Lk. 20: 27-40)

8:00AM + Elizabeth Black

11:00-11:55 AM Confessions

12 NOON Holy Souls

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

5:00PM + Veronica Leon

Sunday, November 22 (Gospel reading: Mt. 25: 31-46)

7:30 AM Int. Christopher Black

9:00 AM Holy Souls

10:30 AM + Jack Townsend

12 NOON People of the Parish

1:30 PM Int. Clemence MPOzenzi

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.



THIRTY-THIRD 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.

The volunteers who help organize the Sunday Night Dinner for the Poor and Homeless (held at Our Lady of Lourdes every Sunday for more than 25 years) are collecting **new** underwear and socks to distribute on **Sunday, November 29** in celebration of Thanksgiving. Our goal is to provide each of our 25 + patrons with 2 pairs each of underwear and socks.

Our patrons are mostly men and range in size from small to 2X, with the majority wearing medium or large. Boxers or Briefs are appreciated. We do have 4 women, who wear S, M, L & XL. The ladies prefer men's socks in the winter because they are warmer!

We also could use new toiletries to include in the packages.

Please Drop your contributions in the box on the porch at 5903 Kirby Road, Bethesda MD 20817 (emptied daily) **by November 28.**

You may have items shipped – please include contact info if you would like confirmation they were received.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.



We would like to encourage 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.

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/.

Thanksgiving 2020 Schedule:

Wednesday, November 25:

The rectory office will close at 12:30pm.
The office will remain closed until Monday, November 30

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26:

Masses will be at 7:00am and 10:00am
**(PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE
OF THE EARLY MASS)**

Friday, November 27:

Masses will be at 7:00am and 12 Noon
and there will be no exposition



Angel Tree 2020:

Each year, Catholic Charities helps hundreds of families during the holiday season by providing each of their children, ages 16 and younger, with a Christmas gift. This holiday season, Angel Tree will continue to occur with COVID-19 precautions. Due to the pandemic, we are asking for community sponsors to make a monetary donation to purchase gift cards for these families.

Help make a family's Christmas wishes come true!
It is more than giving presents, it is giving a family joyful holiday memory for years to come.

Visit our website at: catholiccharitiesdc.org or email christmas@cc-dc.org for more information.



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. 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:



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.

Study of Saints (SoS):

Have you ever prayed for the intercession of a Saint? Often times when we do, we are invariably in need of something. Praying for the intercession of a Saint is like sending out an S.O.S. call for help. In this book club, we will read works by or about Saints. Through this Study of Saints (SoS), we will learn about the martyrs and religious who have dedicated their lives to God and learn what they are the Patron Saints of. By knowing our patron Saints, we can understand better whose constant intercession we can rely upon in sending our own SOS.

Meets on fifth Sundays 3:00-4:00pm.

Next will be a two part series on Saint Pope John Paul II with a biography in November followed by one of his encyclicals in January.

November 29, 2020 Title: *John Paul the Great*
By: Peggy Noonan, 2006 Penguin Random House

(Available by order at the John Paul II National Shrine bookstore. Email jasmine.kuzner@jp2shrine.org. Mention this book club to get 10% off!)

To join the meeting (no account needed) visit:
<https://join.skype.com/rlwOSdiedca>

Virtual Advent Evening Retreat for Married and Engaged Couples:

"A Couple's Advent Journey"
December 9, 2020

Married and Engaged couples! You are invited to an Evening of Reflection especially for you. Plan to join us for a special Virtual Advent Date Night that will help you grow spiritually in your relationship as you live Advent in a shared way as a couple. \$25 per couple.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20187.

Registration is required so that we can provide the online access. Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.



December 4-6 (Virtual Only)

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for engaged couples.

This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. Determination about whether dates will proceed in-person or virtually will be made on a case by case basis and will reflect local mandates and guidance at the time. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website: <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/virtual-marriage-prep>.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

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.

Catholic Medical Association Meeting:

The Giuseppe Moscati Guild of the Catholic Medical Association will be having a virtual meeting for Catholic doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals on **Sunday, November 22 at 3:00pm**. The invited guest speaker will be Sister Dr. Deirdre (DeDe) Byrne who has served as an Army colonel/general surgeon and who is currently a doctor with the Catholic Charities Medical Clinic, a sister of the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and a prominent prolific spokesperson. You do not have to be a current member of the CMA to attend. For further information or to register and obtain the link for the meeting, please send an email to dc.cma.guild@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers:



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by **Ginny Baran** in honor of **Ginny and Bob Baran's 41st Wedding Anniversary.**

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 November Poor Box is going to Gift of Peace House, a Missionaries of Charity convent and nursing home located in Washington, DC. Mother Teresa opened Gift of Peace House in 1986 with a focus on serving AIDS patients. Funds are always welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

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Sign up to receive text and email updates from Our Lady of Lourdes

**Visit lourdesbethesda.flocknote.com,
Text FNOLOL to 84576 or
Email Claire Toms at ctoms@ololrcc.org**



Please send any bulletin requests by Friday a week before the requested bulletin date to Claire Toms at ctoms@ololrcc.org.

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.

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!

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!

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Aquel que confía en mí

Santo Evangelio según San Mateo 25:14-30. XXXIII Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario. Ciclo A
Después del final habrá un juicio. Todos seremos juzgados, cada uno de nosotros será juzgado. Por eso nos hará bien pensar: Pero ¿cómo será ese día en el que estaré delante de Jesús, cuando el Señor me pedirá que le rinda cuentas de los talentos que me ha dado o de cómo ha estado mi corazón cuando ha caído la semilla? Sugiero plantearse algunas preguntas: ¿Cómo he recibido la Palabra? ¿Con el corazón abierto? ¿La he hecho brotar por el bien de todos o a escondidas? Un examen de conciencia útil y justo porque todos seremos juzgados y cada uno se reencontrará delante de Jesús. No conocemos la fecha, pero sucederá. (Homilía de S.S. Francisco, 22 de noviembre de 2016).

GRUPO DE JOVENES:

Invitamos a todos los jóvenes a formar parte del grupo de jóvenes de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. Por el momento las reuniones serán por zoom los miércoles de 6:30 pm a 7:30 pm.

Si desea más información o tiene alguna pregunta, puede contactar por email a Ashlee De León en: ashmdleon2009@hotmail.com o a Mónica Benítez en: monikaybenitez21@gmail.com. El link para registrarse es: <https://forms.gle/5DtI3LAZrdVddbzx7>.

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.

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@ololrcc.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: _____