

Parish Life

Pastor's Letter

Date: June 8, 2010

I thought it would be fun to reprint a message from Msgr. Tom Wells from one of his letters printed in the bulletin when he was pastor at Lourdes from 1994-1999. After his death, the 10th anniversary of which we marked this past week, many of these thoughtful messages were compiled into a book, *From the Pastor's Desk*. It has been a source of inspiration and insight for me, and for so many. Choosing the right letter was the tough part. As we approach the end of the Year of the Priest, of which he was an exemplar in many ways, I share with you his reflection on his own priesthood given in April 1994.

"I never gave much thought to vocation until my last year in college: I just was not that worried about the future (plus college was a lot of fun). But I think deep down, I always kind of knew that I would end up a priest. I never talked about it to anyone, I never even thought that much about it, but I think it was always there. In other words, God knew my personality and He just waited until I was ready to pay attention to His call.

The second, and much more important thing, has to do with the Eucharist. In a variety of ways that space does not permit me describe here, God led me, through influences at home, in the parish and in Catholic schools, to a real faith in and love for Christ present in the Eucharist. I truly believe that perhaps the greatest spiritual gift of my life is that God has allowed me to deeply believe in the power and strength that are in the Mass. Therefore, since the celebration of the Mass is so central to the priesthood, I suppose it did not knock me to the ground in shock when I came to face the possibility that God wanted me to live my life as a priest.

I cannot, of course, speak with authority about the call to be a sister – though this call, too, is one of service to and for the Church – but I can say, that for me, at least, the Eucharist is at the heart of the matter. I really believe that if we are a people who are centered on the Eucharist Sacrifice, there will be no shortage of those willing to give their lives to the Church. And so, perhaps, our prayers for vocations should begin with a prayer that we become, ever more completely, a Eucharistic community."

Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound: If a parishioner is ill or unable to attend church and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call our coordinator, Margaret Carroll at 301-325-6398.

The Msgr. Thomas Wells Scholarship is currently composed of \$35,000 of which 4-5% is given each year to assist a student in need. This year we will award \$1,759 to one Lourdes School student. If you would like to contribute to this fund in honor of Msgr. Wells, a donation may be sent to the Rectory Office.

Meet and Greet After Mass: Coffee and doughnuts are offered on the church portico on Sundays after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses. Please join Msgr. Filardi and fellow parishioners for coffee and doughnuts.

Masses for the Week

Monday, June 14th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5:38-42)		
7:00 AM	+Katherine Riser	Fr. Schad
8:00 AM	+Agnes Healy	Fr. Schad
12 NOON	Intentions of Tundo Family	Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, June 15th (Gospel reading: Mt. 5:43-48)		
7:00 AM	+William Patrick McInerny	Fr. Schad
8:00 AM	+George Shaffer	Fr. Schad
12 NOON	+Msgr. Thomas Wells	Msgr. Filardi
Wednesday, June 16th (Gospel reading: Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18)		
7:00 AM	Int of Nancy & Joe Walsh (anniv)	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+Margaret D. O'Connor	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int of Barbara Gagliotti	Fr. Schad
Thursday, June 17th (Gospel reading: Mt. 6:7-15)		
7:00 AM		Fr. Schad
8:00 AM	+Laurel Brendel	Fr. Schad
12 NOON	Int of Jose Manuel Pierson	Msgr. Filardi
Friday, June 18th (Gospel reading: Mt. 6:19-23)		
7:00 AM	Sr. Mary Madden, CSJ	Fr. Schad
8:00 AM	+William & Patricia Abell	Fr. Schad
12 NOON	+All Souls in Purgatory	Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, June 19th (Gospel Reading: Mt. 6:24-34)		
8:00 AM	+Fr. Silk	Fr. Schad
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. D'Silva
12 NOON	Int of Judith Kearns	Fr. D'Silva
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM	+Debbie Schweitz	Msgr. Filardi
Sunday, June 20th (Gospel Reading: Lk. 9:18-24)		
7:30 AM	+Juan Quintani	Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	People of the Parish	Msgr. Filardi
10:30 AM	+Joseph Geisenhauser & Helen Carlin	Fr. Schad
12 NOON	+Duke & Jane Gaiser	Fr. Leopold
1:30 PM		Fr. Schad
The Priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.		

Deceased in Our Parish: Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially Gustavo Flores and Mildred Davis.

Sick in Our Parish: Please pray our sick brothers and sisters especially Kaitlin Kelly, Peter DeSanto, Regina Whitman, Gladys Archer, Joseph Burke, Sheila Felock, Sandy Kuldinow, Bill Bray, Diego Guevera and Mireya Devaraj.

Worship & Spirituality

Parish Choir: Many, many thanks to our 10:30 Mass Choir Members for their talents and dedication to providing beautiful music in praise and thanks to God throughout the year. Your music is greatly appreciated. For those of you who enjoy praising God with your singing, please consider joining the choir. We will begin rehearsals again the Sunday after Labor Day in September and all year until next June at 9 AM in the school choir room, and then at the 10:30 AM Mass. If you have any questions, please call Paul Newport or Mary Gresock at 301-879-2069. Thanks again to you faithful singers! See you in September.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Congratulations on your engagement. In accord with the regulations of the Archdiocese of Washington, couples must be in contact with a parish priest before a date can be set. Six months of preparation is required. Anyone living in the parish is eligible. At least one must be a Catholic. Living together before marriage is sinful, a cause of scandal, and corresponds with a greater likelihood of eventual divorce. Those cohabiting will be asked to live separately before marriage, and to return to the regular practice of their faith.

Needed: Volunteers for the Altar Group: We have small teams who maintain the beauty of the altars. If you can give an hour once a month, please call Veronica Yeatman at 301-215-7128.

A Women's Morning of Recollection will be conducted by a priest of Opus Dei on Thursday, June 17th. It will begin in the church at 9:30 AM, and end at 11:30 AM. All are welcome.

On Friday, June 18, 2010, Lourdes parishioners are asked to come to our Blessed Sacrament Chapel to pray for vocations. We will close with Benediction at 5 PM.

Sign of Peace: Since some parishioners would rather not shake hands for medical reasons, we know you will understand if they prefer to exchange the Sign of Peace by a bow or a wave.

Social Responsibility

Assumption Outreach Program summer food program resumes today and will continue every Sunday through September 5th. OLOL provides breakfast and lunch items for the needy children of southeast D.C. during the summer months when schools are closed, and no meals are available to them. If you can donate two or more non-perishable food items, such as soup, cereal, spaghetti, mac & cheese, pork & beans, canned fruits & vegetables, peanut butter & jelly, tuna fish, canned chicken & meat, etc. (no glass jars or expired items) please bring them to the East-West Hwy. vestibule before the Saturday night & Sunday Masses. If you can help deliver the food to Assumption, please call Cathy Clark at 301-652-5796 or email cclark9@mindspring.com. Thank you!

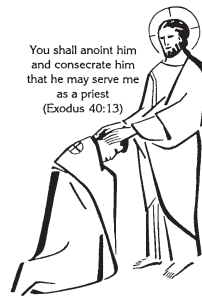
Catholic Charities to host free consultation with immigration attorneys: Bring your documents related to your immigration case to a session with immigration experts on **June 19** at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 805 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD, between 10 AM and 2 PM. Please call Ann Marie Kunz at 301-942-1790 ext. 115 for more information.

Great news! For the OLOL Youth Group May diaper drive, we received 418 diapers and 732 wipes for the Northwest Pregnancy Center and Maternity Home in Washington, D.C. Thank you for your support!

Faith Formation

Office of Religious Education
301-654-5954

WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR
VOCATIONS



IN PASTORES DABO VOBIS, I WILL GIVE YOU SHEPHERDS, dated March 28, 1992, John Paul II tells us that there is an urgent need for a more widespread and deeply felt conviction that *all the members of the Church, without exception, have the grace and responsibility to look after vocations.* The Second Vatican Council was quite explicit in this regard: "The duty of fostering vocations falls on the whole Christian community, and they should discharge it principally by living full Christian lives."

-The first responsibility lies with the *Bishop and all its priests united with him.*

-A very special responsibility falls upon the *Christian family* in which children can acquire from the beginning an awareness of piety and prayer and love for the Church. Following and in harmony with the work of parents and the family, is the school, the educating community.

-The *lay faithful* also, and particularly catechists, teachers, educators and youth ministers have great importance in the pastoral work of promoting priestly vocations: the more they inculcate a deep appreciation of young people's vocation and mission in the Church, the more they will be able to recognize the unique value of the priestly vocation and mission.

-With regard to diocesan and parish communities, special appreciation and encouragement should be given to *groups which promote vocations*, whose members make an important contribution by prayer and sufferings offered up for priestly and religious vocations, as well as moral and material support (ex: The Monsignor Wells Society).

-We should also remember the numerous *groups, movements and associations of lay faithful* whom the Holy Spirit raises up and fosters in the Church with a view to a more missionary Christian presence in the world.

-Starting with the parish, the problem of priestly vocations cannot in any way be delegated to some "official" group. It is "a vital problem which lies at the very heart of the Church," it should be at the heart of the love which each Christian feels for the Church.

(Source: The Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortations of John Paul II; copyright © 1998 by Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division; Our Sunday Visitor, Inc.; pages 552, 553, 554)

The Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl Archbishop of Washington will ordain eight men for the Archdiocese on Saturday 19 June 2010. The Lord needs good shepherds and insists on our prayers for good priests.

I will give you shepherds after my own heart, and these shall feed you on knowledge and discretion. (Jeremiah 3: 15).

Finance/Administration



Parish Finances: The collection figures for June 6, 2010: Offertory Collection: \$8,324; 2nd Collection (Repairs & Mtce.): \$2,125; Daily Mass: \$584; Poor Box: \$131. Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection Next Week: None.

Faith Direct: What is the best way to ensure that our parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months? Electronic giving through Faith Direct! Please enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net Our parish code is **MD33**. Increased enrollment with Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances during the coming summer months when many families are away on vacation. For information on enrolling, please contact Rose in the Rectory Office at 301-654-1287 or diazr@bethesdalourdes.org.

Our Website now includes a calendar of events, including dates, times, and meeting rooms. The website address is www.bethesdalourdes.org.

Bulletin Deadline: Please have your printed notices at the Rectory office by Monday at 3:00 PM. The email address is: mcgurtya@bethesdalourdes.org.

E-mail In-Pew Registration for Archdiocese: Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ amid the challenges of our society requires the use of new communication technology. In light of Our Lord's commission to "go and make disciples," we must communicate with the faithful in a manner that is both timely and efficient. An Archdiocesan e-mail system will be introduced during the coming months. This new system will enable timely communications with parishioners to inform them of the Church's perspective on current events and media coverage. In order to implement this new initiative, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington will conduct an in-pew registration in the coming weeks.

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!
It is important that you register in the parish since weddings, baptisms, and other parish services require registration.

Noticias En Espanol

Movimiento de Schoenstatt: Es un Movimiento apostólico de renovación moral y religiosa dentro de la Iglesia, que ayuda a crecer en la vida de fe y trabajar por la renovación de la Iglesia y la sociedad. Intenta poner de manifiesto la conexión entre la fe y la vida diaria, especialmente a través de un amor profundo por María, Madre de Dios. Puedes Participar en los diferentes Grupos: Jóvenes/niñas (5 a los 19 años) Niños (5 a 15 años), madres y padres de familia, también pueden participar de charlas en los Grupos de Señoras y Caballeros, en los mismos horarios. **VEN Y COMPARTE** es una experiencia maravillosa.

Próximas reuniones: Grupo de Formación, a iniciar nuevo estudio: "La Transformación Interior", lunes 7 y 21 de junio de 2010, a las 7:00 p.m., en el antiguo convento detrás de la escuela.

Juventud Femenina de Schoenstatt: Son niñas y chicas que hacen la diferencia en el mundo de hoy. Su misión es reflejar a la Santísima Virgen y sus virtudes. CON LA VISITA DE LA HERMANA SOPHY ANN DESDE NUEVA YORK – Day Camp: UN DIA CON MARIA, para niñas de 9-12 años. Ven y acompaña a la Juventud Femenina de Schoenstatt por un día. Nos divertiremos mucho cantando, jugando, haciendo manualidades y a la vez aprendiendo a amar a Jesús y a su madre, la Virgen María. **Sábado 26 de junio, de 10AM a 3:30PM,** en el antiguo convento detrás de nuestra Parroquia, Nuestra Señora de Lourdes.

Grupo de niños y jóvenes: Niños que cultivando el amor por Jesús y María también pueden hacer la diferencia en el mundo de hoy, aprendiendo de: **La Vida, Entrega y Acción de José Engling un Héroe a seguir** y también nos reunimos para divertirnos, jugar, conversar, cantar. Es una experiencia única. **VEN Y COMPARTE** con nosotros el **sábado 26 de junio a las 10:00 a.m.**

JORNADA – Tema: Cómo liberarme de mis miedos, cómo crecer y triunfar en la vida – Ven a esta jornada para superar crisis, contemplar en el pasado el amor maravilloso de Dios "a pesar de todo", y en el presente y futuro, su mano conductora hacia la liberación y realización personal. Sólo si elaboramos esta realidad, podremos ser felices. Traer su lunch, habra café, té y gaseosas. En la Cafetería – sábado 26 de junio de 10:00 a.m., a 3:00 p.m. Rosario Santos (301) 785-8090 srsantos@comcast.net. Enrique Soros (301) 530-8027 esoros@gospanishnow.com. Si deseas conocer sobre Schoenstatt: www.schoenstatt.de.

GRAN NOTICIA: Ahora charlas para caballeros también. Nuevo Grupo formándose para hombres/padres de familia, todas edades bienvenidas, nos reuniremos a la misma hora, sábado 26 de junio a las 10:00 a.m.

Caridades Católicas ofrece consulta gratis con abogados de inmigración: Traiga sus documentos relacionados con sus caso de inmigración el 19 de junio a la Iglesia San Miguel Arcángel (St. Michael the Archangel), 805 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD, entre las 10 am y las 2 pm. Para mas información, favor llamar a Ann Marie Kunz al 301-942-1790 ext. 115.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Aprenda la Biblia y la Historia de la Iglesia: Ofrecemos un curso en tanda especial durante el verano, los domingos desde la 11:15 am hasta la 1:15 pm. Para más información contacte a Samuel Rivas al 571-5773 o a Guadalupe Pierson al 301-588-2184.

¿Es un adulto que le falta completar sus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautizo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión)? ¡No es demasiado tarde! El proceso de preparación para adultos empieza a finales de agosto, pero puede inscribirse desde ya. Las charlas son los domingos de 11:45 am hasta 1:15 pm. Para más información contacte a Marilú Musalem al 301-896-0043 o por correo electrónico a marilumusalem@hotmail.com.

Parish Ministry Coordinators

Prayer & Worship

ADORATION: Mary Ann Sindelar, 301-515-7305
ALTAR GROUP: Veronica Yeatman, 301-215-7128
ALTAR SERVERS: Rosa & Pietro Tundo, 301-933-6285;
Spanish-speaking Community: Alejandra Granados, 301-320-4156/Blanca Sibrian, 301-528-6388
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CHOIRS: Paul Newport, 301-879-2069
Spanish-speaking Community: Gregory Gannon, 301-738-9772, Richard Dobrydnio, 301-767-9701
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Spanish-speaking Community: Eufemia León: 301-681-0966
LECTORS/READERS OF THE WORD: Walter Kikendall and Cecilia Magnetti, 301-652-1870
Spanish-speaking Community: Fr. Marco Schad, 301-654-1287 ext 315
MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Patricia Reissig, 301-657-8478 or Jullia Pastewka, 301-652-7630
MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY: Margaret Carroll, 301-325-6398
MONSIGNOR WELLS SOCIETY: Frank & Barbara Black, 301-652-0749 or William Kirvan, 301-656-3706
USHERS: Geary Fisher, 301-654-1806
Spanish-speaking Community: Enrique Arrieta, 301-330-9034, Luis Cedillo, 301-951-7021
WOMEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION:
Cecilia Royals, 301-654-8034

Community Building

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS FELLOWSHIP: Richard Ayoub, 301-229-9308
SPANISH-SPEAKING FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: Eufemia León, 301-681-0966
OUR PARISH TIMES: Call the Rectory, 301-654-1287
PASTORAL COUNCIL: Terry Eason, 301-657-4343
PARISH PASSOVER MEAL: Position open. Contact Mary Rubino, 301-654-6942 if interested
LADIES OF LOURDES: Barbara Black, 301-652-0749
GREETERS' MINISTRY: Geary Fisher, 301-654-1806
LOL YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Josie Delisle, 301-412-7791
TRANSLATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fr. Marco Schad 301-654-1287 ext. 315

Youth/Children's Ministry

BOY SCOUT LEADERS/HELPERS:
CUB SCOUT LEADERS:
GIRL SCOUTS & BROWNIE LEADERS/HELPERS: Liz Weiss, 301-588-6726
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION: Tara Jacob, 301-990-1997
OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL: 301-654-5376, x329
SCHOOL BOARD: Phil Sheridan, 301-654-4255
SPORTS/COACHING (Catholic Youth Organization): Kevin Sebastian, 240-426-7912
A LONG SUMMER CAMP AT OLOL: David Long, 240-305-4129
CHILD PROTECTION COORDINATOR: Sheri Gutierrez, 301-654-1287

Social Responsibility

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings are held in the Convent First Floor Meeting Room Mondays at 12 noon and Monday and Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.
ASSUMPTION OUTREACH PROGRAM: Cathy Clark, 301-652-5796
CLASES DE INGLES: Teresa Harwood, 301-951-7087
IMMIGRATION PROJECT: Pedro Gonzalez, 240-743-7281, Rosa Melara, 301-661-3752
PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE: Mary Ann Sindelar, 301-515-7305
SO OTHERS MAY EAT (SOME): Susan Miller, 301-717-5883
SUNDAY EVENING MEAL FOR THE HOMELESS & POOR: Pat Mertens, 301-718-4342

Evangelization & Faith Formation

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Call the Rectory at 301-654-1287
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Vacant
CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD): Jessica Seixas Coan, 301-654-5954 (office)
FRIDAY MEN'S GROUP: Jim O'Connell, 301-652-2504
PARISH LIBRARY: Alice McGurty, 301-652-1022

Spanish-Speaking Ministry

Ministerio Hispano

BAUTISMO: Eufemia León: 301-681-0966
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Marilu Musalem, 301-896-0043
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CORO: Gregory Gannon, 301-738-9772, Richard Dobrydnio, 301-767-9701
ALMUERZO COMUNIDAD HISPANA: Eufemia León, 301-681-0966
PROYECTO INMIGRACION: Pedro González, 240-743-7281, Rosa Melara, 301-661-3752
GRUPO DE MATRIMONIOS: Rosario Santos, 301-785-8090
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