

Parish Life

**Pastor's Letter**

**June 29, 2010**

This week marked my first anniversary at Lourdes, and it has been a wonderful year. Now I have to be honest; as you know, first years can be tough. It takes at least that long to get over feeling like the "new guy". And let's face it, which is exactly what I have been. Even if I continue to get the polite question, "Now, who are you?" (Certainly, I often ask you that same question). A full cycle has given me a good sense of the customs and character of our community. I am no veteran yet, but I do look forward to the coming year with a better sense of being part of you and with an enthusiasm for the possibilities ahead. One thing I find remarkable about our parish is the broad range of people and ages we encompass.

From young families with babies to be baptized, through our school age children, for whom we have a deep responsibility to train and educate in the beauty of our faith through our school and religious education program. We have many young adults new to Bethesda/Chevy Chase, as well as single and married adults long established in our area. Finally, we are blessed with a healthy population of seniors who are a precious source of spiritual strength and wisdom, and who deserve to be given particular honor and attention. It is my hope that Lourdes will continue to be a sanctuary of prayer and a place where each generation can effectively grow in knowledge, love and service to God through a realization and experience of the purpose and presence of Jesus Christ in each of our lives. My job is to love you, and in love to challenge you as well. I hope you will feel free to offer your suggestions, and to speak your mind to me as well, as we grow together in the year ahead.

**Congratulations** to Monsignor Filardi on the 16th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood!

**A Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioner** who recently joined the Parish: Maria C. Asbury.

**Please Remember** to pray for the following brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our Parish family who are serving their country in the Armed Forces abroad, including Cpt. Rodger Woodruff. We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm, and we pray for their families while they are far from home. *Please notify the Parish Office of family members that should be included or removed by calling Alice, 301-654-1287, ext 310 or email [mcgurtya@bethesdalourdes.org](mailto:mcgurtya@bethesdalourdes.org).*

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

**Deceased in Our Parish:** Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially Benjamin Park, Regino Argueta and Linda Cowatch.

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, July 5th** (Gospel reading: Mt. 9:18-26)

7:00 AM No Mass—4th of July observed

8:00 AM Int. of Mary Ann McInerny

12 NOON Our Beloved Country

**Tuesday, July 6th** (Gospel reading: Mt. 9:32-38)

7:00 AM Pascual Chicuy

8:00 AM +Lois Lewis

12 NOON Mass of Thanksgiving

**Wednesday, July 7th** (Gospel reading: Mt. 10:1-7)

7:00 AM +Paul L. Wolpert

8:00 AM Safe Return—Pilgrimage to Lourdes

12 NOON +Nimita Pingel

**Thursday, July 8th** (Gospel reading: Mt. 10:7-15)

7:00 AM +John Salko

8:00 AM

12 NOON Int. of Wendy Rodriguez Beyeu

**Friday, July 9th** (Gospel reading: Mt. 10:16-23)

7:00 AM

8:00 AM +Bessie & Charles Luby

12 NOON +Patricia Long

**Saturday, July 10th** (Gospel Reading: Mt. 10:24-33)

8:00 AM +Bob Clark

12 NOON +Martha Lewis

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Int. of Solange Bitol Hansen

**Sunday, July 11th** (Gospel Reading: Lk. 10:25-37)

7:30 AM +Benjamin Park

9:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM +Joe & Helen

12 NOON +Monica Shewmaker

1:30 PM

The Priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

**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.

**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 OLOL Young Adult Group** meets a few times a month for religious and social activities. Contact [ololyam@gmail.com](mailto:ololyam@gmail.com) for more details.

**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.

**Please pray for  
our beloved  
country.**



**Worship & Spirituality**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. Hours of Adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes are Monday through Saturday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (except during Mass). "Could You Not, Then, Watch One Hour With Me?"

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parish Registration and Baptism class is required. Please contact the Rectory to register and obtain information concerning the dates of the class.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please contact a parish priest to arrange a meeting and to begin six months of preparation. Anyone living in the parish is eligible. One must be a Catholic. Living together before marriage is sinful, a cause of scandal, and corresponds with a greater likelihood of divorce. Those cohabitating 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.

**What Does It Mean To Be An Active Catholic?** Frequently, those seeking to marry, have children baptized, or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating they are parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent and treasure. We encourage all parishioners to become active in one of the parish organizations. In a community as large as ours, one means of verifying participation is through the regular use of parish offertory envelopes. If you are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our parish roster.

**Social Responsibility**



**Sunday Evening Meal for the Homeless and Poor:**

The volunteers in the clothing closet have requested a 16 INCH FAN for use during these sweltering summer days. There are no windows

that open for circulation, and the room is small, so the heat becomes unbearable. If you can donate a fan in good working order, please bring it to the OLOL cafeteria Sunday around 4:00 PM. Thank you!! Volunteers and MEN'S clothing are still needed. For more info, please call Pat Mertens at 301-718-4342.

**Assumption Outreach Program:** Thank you for the wonderful response to the requests for cereal. Last Sunday's delivery was anxiously and thankfully received. In addition to CEREAL, there is a shortage of TUNA FISH and RAMEN NOODLES as well. If you can provide any of these items, or any other non-perishable food, please bring them to the East-West Hwy. vestibule before the Masses next weekend, or if your prefer, gift cards to Giant or Safeway, and checks payable to Assumption Outreach Program are gratefully accepted, and can be placed in the collection basket or poor box. Thanks to all for the help and support you have given so far this summer.

**Faith Formation**

**Office of Religious Education**

**301-654-5954**

*Independence Day USA*

TODAY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA celebrates its anniversary of independence. It is in the best Christian and American tradition to pray for the nation today – to exercise the virtue of patriotism and pray that this may be a nation under God, humble and law-abiding and charitable.

OVER THE SANCTUARY at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, a mosaic of Christ the King is pictured. Christ Jesus True God and True Man Who will judge us. Yet, look at His hands opened to us and you will see His Most Sacred Wounds. Why the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity for the judgment? Precisely, as Saint Paul tells us that Jesus had to be made like His brethren in every respect. Entering into solidarity with us, He understands.

The Religious Education Office is closed for the summer recess. However, if you wish to reach the Director of Religion, Jessica Coan, you may leave a message on Jessica's voice mail at 301-946-3773. Please remember to include your phone number.

*Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America, pray for us.*

**PRAY THE ROSARY**



Education

**Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School**

Think you cannot afford a private co-ed Catholic school, think again!

We are looking for students who display the following characteristics:

- Cannot otherwise afford Catholic education;
- Are open to Catholic religious values;
- Have successfully finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade;
- Are employable and hardworking;
- Are at least 14 years old by the start of the school year;
- Are highly motivated and mature;
- Would like to work for a Corporation one day a week.

**Still Accepting Applications for Fall 2010!**

For more information on applying please call us  
1010 Larch Ave. Takoma Park, MD 20912  
at 301-891-4750 Ext. 114

Noticias en Espanol

Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School

¡Piensa que usted no puede pagar la educación privada Católica, piénselo otra vez!  
Estamos buscando estudiantes que tengan las siguientes características:

- No pueden de otra manera pagar por una educación Católica
- Estén abiertos a los valores religiosos Católicos
- Han terminado con éxito el octavo grado
- Sean trabajadores
- Tengan por lo menos 14 años de edad al comienzo del año escolar
- Sean altamente motivados y maduros
- Le gustaría trabajar para una corporación un día a la semana

**Ahora Aceptando Aplicaciones para el Otoño de 2010!**

Para información de como aplicarse por favor llámanos:  
1010 Larch Ave. Takoma Park, MD 20912

**Sacramento de Matrimonio:** De acuerdo con los reglamentos de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, las parejas deben contactar a un sacerdote y empezar su preparación por lo menos seis meses antes de la boda. Además se requiere inscripción oficial en la parroquia y un mínimo de tres meses de participación activa **antes** de que pueda empezar la preparación. El vivir juntos antes del matrimonio es pecaminoso y causa daños al futuro matrimonio. Se les pedirá a las parejas que están viviendo juntos que vivan separados durante el periodo de preparación.

¿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](mailto:marilumusalem@hotmail.com).

**Radio María Washington D.C.**

**“Una voz católica en su casa”**

*Las 24 horas del día, los siete días a la semana*

Radio María, su radio católica cambió de frecuencia para mejorar su señal, ahora sólo tienes que mover el dial a los **94.7 Fm en la misma Subcarrier 2** para seguir disfrutando de tu emisora.

Muchas gracias por su apoyo, sus oraciones y su paciencia. Es por ustedes que estamos trabajando fuerte para que sea posible llevar la Palabra de Dios a sus hogares.

Si necesitas más información puedes comunicarte al correo electrónico [radiomariawas@yahoo.com](mailto:radiomariawas@yahoo.com) o al teléfono, 301 208 9141. Si desea conocer más sobre este proyecto, puede visitar la página web [www.radiomariahispana.org/](http://www.radiomariahispana.org/)

**¿Esta Usted Recien Llegado, Es Nuevo en El Area, O Se Va A Otra Parte?**

Ayúdenos a mantener al dia la lista de miembros de la Parroquia. Por favor, ponga aqui sus datos y deje este impreso en la canasta de la limosna o en la Sacristia.

NOMBRE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECCION: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEFONO: Casa: \_\_\_\_\_ Cel: \_\_\_\_\_

Trabajo: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Soy Nuevo en la Parroquia. ¡Bienvenido!

\_\_\_\_ Mi dirección ha cambiado. ¡Gracias!

\_\_\_\_ Me voy del área. ¡Que el Señor lo acompañe!

Es **importante** inscribirse para recibir información y participar en los programas y servicios de la Parroquia. Se requiere estar en la lista de la Parroquia para solicitar bautizos, matrimonios y otros servicios.

Community Events

**Best Buddies International and Special Olympics** are joining forces to commemorate the legacy of Eunice Kennedy Shriver with the inaugural **Eunice Kenned Shriver Challenge** – a cycling event, run and walk on Saturday, **October 23, 2010**. To learn more and to register go to [www.ekschallenge.org](http://www.ekschallenge.org).

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Retreat at Georgetown Prep:** A day retreat with Fr. Clement Machado, S.O.L.T. **Sunday, August 8, 2010**, from 8 AM to 4 PM followed by Mass at Georgetown Prep School, North Bethesda, Maryland. Cost \$30.00. Pre-registration is required. Fr. Machado promotes healing of the whole person, body, mind, heart, & soul through intercessory prayer & ministry of the Sacramentals and the Sacraments—particularly the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist & Confession. For more information, call Ellen Zsebedics at 301-440-2507 or 240-345-6775. You can also visit the web page: <http://georgetownretreat.com>.

**Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Center for Family Development (CFD):** Upcoming weekends: **Jul 22-25, Aug 26-20, Sep 16-19**. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. \$275 per couple. FOCCUS Inventory included! Registration required; On-Line Registration now Available! [WWW.BETHESDACFD.ORG](http://WWW.BETHESDACFD.ORG). The CFD is located at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD. Phone: 301-365-0612.

**Furniture Donation:** A *Wider Circle*, a small nonprofit Washington organization, dedicated to helping individuals and families lift themselves out of poverty, is urgently seeking furniture to furnish the homes of families in need and those transitioning from homeless shelters. Please help by donating no longer needed beds, mattresses, cribs, strollers, chairs and tables, etc. Please contact the organization at 301-608-3504 or [furnish@awidercircle.org](mailto:furnish@awidercircle.org) to arrange for a pick-up of your donation.

**2010 Quo Vadis Days — Camp for High School Young Men:** Where are you going? What are you doing with your life? Come join other high school young men at the 2nd Annual Quo Vadis Camp, from **July 18-21**. Father Rob Walsh, assistant director of priest vocations, will lead the retreat at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat Center in Sparks, Maryland. This four day camp includes prayer, talks, sports and much more. For more information, visit [www.dcvocations.org](http://www.dcvocations.org) or contact Fr. Walsh at 301-853-4580. Cost: \$100.00, scholarships available.

**Register Now to Vote in Maryland 2010 Elections:** You must be registered in order to vote in this fall's elections, which will include races for governor, U.S. House & Senate, and the Maryland General Assembly. Basic requirements include being a U.S. citizen, a Maryland resident and at least 18 years of age by the next general election. The deadline to register to vote in Maryland's primary election is **Tuesday, August 24**. Visit [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) or [www.mdcatcon.org](http://www.mdcatcon.org), or call the Maryland State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683 to learn more.

### Finance/Administration

**Parish Finances:** The collection figures for June 27, 2010: Offertory Collection: \$7,379; 2nd Collection: \$2,255; Daily Mass: \$488; Poor Box: \$181. Thank you for your generosity!

**Second Collection Next Week:** School Support.

**Faith Direct:** Please consider enrolling in Faith Direct today. Participation in the Faith Direct program for automatic electronic giving expresses the willingness of the faithful to be a regular part of the mission and ministry of Our Lady of Lourdes. You may visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll, our parish code is **MD33**. You can also pick up an enrollment form in the parish office.

**Our Website** now includes a calendar of events, including dates, times, and meeting rooms. The website address is [www.bethesdalourdes.org](http://www.bethesdalourdes.org).

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please have your printed notices at the Rectory office by Monday at 3:00 PM. The email address is: [mcurtya@bethesdalourdes.org](mailto:mcurtya@bethesdalourdes.org).

**The Parish Council** asked us to establish a Parish email list in order to keep members better informed in a more timely manner. If you wish to participate, please send a "Please include me" message to [mcurtya@bethesdalourdes.org](mailto:mcurtya@bethesdalourdes.org). We will keep your email address confidential.

### **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.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

