

Parish Life

Pastor's Letter

June 8, 2010

Last week Pope Benedict XVI made a visit to the town of Sulmona, Italy to honor Saint Pope Celestine the Fifth, born 800 years ago in 1209. You may remember he was a Benedictine monk, who at an early age sought solitude in a cavern on the mountain Morrone where he lived as strictly as was possible according to the example of St. John the Baptist. He was renowned for his holiness. After the death of Pope Nicholas IV in 1292 and a long delay in replacing him, Celestine sent a letter to the Cardinals warning that divine vengeance would fall upon them if they did not quickly elect a Pope. They agreed and promptly choose this elderly, but honored hermit as successor of Saint Peter. He resisted but finally acquiesced. Then after five months and eight days he abdicated the papacy, returning to the mountains and his old solitude.

Pope Benedict pointed out that Celestine was, "from his youth, a 'seeker after God', a man who wished to find answers to the great questions of existence: Who am I? Where do I come from? Why am I alive? For whom do I live?.. In exterior silence, but above all in interior silence, he managed to perceive the voice of God which was able to guide his life." The Holy Father went on to note how "we live in a society in which every space, every moment must be 'filled' with initiatives, activities, sounds. Often there is not even time to listen or to converse. Dear brothers and sisters, let us not be afraid to create silence inside and outside of ourselves if we wish to be capable not only of hearing the voice of God, but also the voice of those near us, the voice of our fellow man".

"If we learn to recognize God in His infinite goodness then we will be able to see, with wonder, the signs of God in our lives, just as the saints did." The signs of God "Who is always close, Who is always good to us, Who says: "Have faith in me."

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.

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.*

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, July 19th (Gospel reading: Mt. 12:38-42)		
7:00 AM		Fr. Schad
8:00 AM	Emilie Wissmann	Fr. Schad
12 NOON		Msgr. Filardi
Tuesday, July 20th (Gospel reading: Mt. 12:46-50)		
7:00 AM		Fr. Schad
8:00 AM	+Marguerite & Albert Schuelke	Fr. Schad
12 NOON	+Duke & Jane Gaiser	Msgr. Filardi
Wednesday, July 21st (Gospel reading: Mt. 13:1-9)		
7:00 AM		Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM		Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	+John J. Reynolds	Msgr. Gatto
Thursday, July 22nd (Gospel reading: Jn. 20:1-2, 11-18)		
7:00 AM		Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM		Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON		Fr. Schad
Friday, July 23rd (Gospel reading: Mt. 13:18-23)		
7:00 AM		Fr. Schad
8:00 AM		Fr. Schad
12 NOON		Msgr. Filardi
Saturday, July 24th (Gospel Reading: Mt. 13:24-30)		
8:00 AM		Msgr. Filardi
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	Fr. Schad
12 NOON		Msgr. Filardi
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	Msgr. Filardi
5:00 PM		Fr. Schad
Sunday, July 25th (Gospel Reading: Lk. 11:1-13)		
7:30 AM		Msgr. Filardi
9:00 AM	People of the Parish	Fr. Schad
10:30 AM		Fr. Leopold
12 NOON	+Lois Lewis	Msgr. Filardi
1:30 PM	+Rosario Barajas	Fr. Schad

The Priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

The OLOL Young Adult Group meets a few times a month for religious and social activities. Contact ololyam@gmail.com for more details.

Deceased in Our Parish: Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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 & Poor

is always in need of volunteers during the summer months when adults and students are away

on vacation. Help is needed both on the food line and in the clothing closet. Not much time is asked, only two hours one Sunday every other month. If you can donate a little of your time, please call Alex Novak at 301-693-9890 or Dan Keen at 301-564-0077. Lightweight MEN'S clothing is also very much needed. Please bring your donations to the OLOL cafeteria Sundays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. For further info, please call Pat Mertens at 301-718-4342. Thank you for your concern.



Assumption Outreach Program

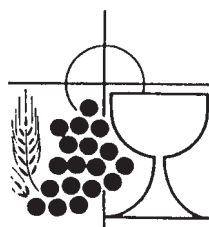
had another huge collection of food last Sunday; this has been a very successful summer thus far, thanks to the loyal and generous parishioners of OLOL. Please continue to bring your donations of cereal, tuna fish, ramen noodles and soup to the East-West Hwy vestibule before the weekend Masses. Checks, payable to Assumption Outreach Program,

and gift cards for Giant and Safeway are also graciously accepted, and may be placed in the collection basket or poor box. The poor box collections this weekend and next (July 24th/25th) will also go to Assumption. Whatever you can give is gratefully received. Thank you !!!

Faith Formation

**Office of Religious Education
301-654-5954**

Blessed Be The Most Precious Blood of Jesus



SIN BROUGHT HORRIBLE CONSEQUENCES to the human race. In the Old Testament the blood sacrifice of animals was offered for the expiation of sins and the protection of the Israelites. This sacrifice pointed in the end to the blood of the Victim—Christ Jesus Who will make true and complete the ultimate sacrifice for us.

July has been traditionally the month dedicated to the "Precious Blood".

Blood, a sign of life, when separated from the body, death occurs. At the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, Calvary is once again shown to us. The priest consecrates the bread, the Body, and the wine, the Blood, separately in order to show the death of Christ once again.

At each Mass we should remind ourselves that Christ is offering Himself to the Father and invites us to offer ourselves with Him to the Father for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

This is my body which is given for you. (Gospel of Saint Luke 22:19) Saint Cyril tells us: "Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since He is the Truth, He cannot lie." Noteworthy: If there is but one drop of The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus nearby, Satan is terrified. Yes, the evil one recognizes Jesus, True God and True Man, in the consecrated species.

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.

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 8th 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
www.donboscocristorey.org

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.

Los Bautismos de niños menores de 7 años se celebran el SEGUNDO domingo del mes a las 2:30 p.m., terminando la Misa de la 1:15 p.m.

La CHARLA requerida para los padres y padrinos se imparte el PRIMER domingo de cada mes a las 3:00 p.m.

Antes de escoger padrinos, los padres deben leer el panfleto *Para Escoger Padrinos en la Iglesia Católica*, disponible en los mostradores de la entrada principal de la iglesia. Los padrinos deben presentar un certificado de su parroquia confirmando que son católicos activos y calificados para ser padrinos. Para más información y para inscribirse, llamar a Eufemia León al 301-681-0966.

¿Qué Significa Ser Catolico Activo? Frecuentemente, los que buscan celebrar el Matrimonio, bautizar sus hijo, o servir como padrinos para Confirmación o Bautismo piden una carta verificando que son parroquianos y católicos activos y practicantes. Para recibir tal carta, se debe de estar inscrito en la parroquia, asistir a Misa regularmente, y estar comprometido a la corresponsabilidad de tiempo, talento y tesoro (contribuir de manera regular a la misión de la parroquia). Les animamos a todos los parroquianos a ser miembros activos de algunas de las organizaciones parroquiales. En una comunidad tan grande como Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, una manera de verificar participación es a través del uso regular de los sobres de ofertorio. Si escoge no participar en el sustento de la parroquia, o no puede contribuir por el momento, por favor note su auxilio espiritual en su sobre y colóquelo en el ofertorio semanal. De esa manera, podremos estar al tanto de su participación continua, y no será marcado como "inactivo" en nuestro registro parroquial.

¿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.

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

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

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 Announcements

Separated and Divorced Catholics (SDC) of the Archdiocese of Washington will present "Separation, Divorce, and Beyond" which are facilitated sessions taken from the book, "Divorce and Beyond" by Brother James Greteman, CSC and Leon Haverkamp, MSW. The meeting will take place at St. John the Evangelist School 10201 Woodland Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20902 at **7:30 on Sunday, June 27**. For information on this event, call Greg at 301-906-9422 or visit the SDC website: www.rc.net/washington/sdc.

Tuesday, August 17th Golf – Swim – Eat at Hawthorne Country Club in La Plata - Open House Charity Day To benefit Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. \$40 per person to play golf, \$5 a person to swim - half will be donated to Loyola! Call (301) 934-2433 for a Tee Time – Up to a week in advance. Eat at Cindy's Restaurant in the Hawthorne Club House and 10% goes to Loyola. Call Lisa White at (301) 392-3343 or email lisa.white@loyolaretreat.org if you have any questions.

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. The CFD is located at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD. Phone: 301-365-0612.

2010 Run for Vocations — Marine Corps Marathon & 10K: OCTOBER 31: You are invited to join the "Run for vocations" team. All levels of runners and walkers are most welcome. This is a unique experience to get into the best shape of your life, accomplish an amazing goal, meet new people and support our seminarians. For more information and to register go to www.dcvocations.org or call Jenny Mulhare at 301-853-4580. They also are looking for leaders to organize parish teams for the marathon and 10K race. If interested, please contact Msgr. Robert Panke at vocations@adw.org.

Bethesda Cares Fundraiser: The California Pizza Kitchen at Montgomery Mall will donate 20% of your check to Bethesda Cares on Tuesday, **July 20, 2010, 11 AM—10 PM**. **Please bring a copy of the flyer which is posted on the bulletin boards at the entrances to the church.**

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 or www.mdcathcon.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 July 11, 2010: Offertory Collection: \$\$7,574; 2nd Collection (School Support): \$1,420; Daily Mass: \$628; Poor Box: \$188. Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection Next Week: Latin America.

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: 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. 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.

