

**A Letter from Our Parochial Vicar**

Dear Friends,

The new school year brings us back together with renewed energy and enthusiasm. It is good to see you all again!

One of the fun things we had the opportunity to do this past week was celebrate Community Sunday by making pupusas after the 1:30 Mass. During my time in El Salvador, I became quite familiar with this Salvadorian favorite. For those who may not have tasted a pupusa, its similar to a corn pancake with cheese and meat on the inside. Delicious!

As always, it was a joy to be together. I was grateful to the many volunteers, more experienced than I in making pupusas, who jumped in to lend a hand!

The parish is more than a quick stop sacrament shop. It is a community of believers who seek to live their faith together. Our faith is shared because heaven is ultimately shared. I sometimes wonder why folks rush out of mass each week as if they cannot wait to leave. I have found this parish to be a source of tremendous blessing and we strive to make this a place where we are nourished on many levels. Take the time to meet someone new. Grab a coffee. Invite a new family to dinner. There is something special here that you can't find in many other places.

If you are new to our parish: we are glad you are here! Please come up to introduce yourself!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James



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**MONDAY / LUNES**

7:00AM Int. Gourasch Family

12:00PM Int. Maria Camila Salazar

**FRIDAY / VIERNES**

7:00AM + Maris O. Asuku

12:00PM + Casimir & Mary Asuku

**TUESDAY / MARTES**

7:00AM Int. Elizabeth Gath

12:00PM Int. Johnson Family

**SATURDAY / SÁBADO**

12:00PM Int. Veronica Yeatman

5:00PM + Elisa Merlot

**WEDNESDAY / MIERCOLES**

7:00AM Int. Charles Carroll

12:00PM Int. Juan David de la Peña

**SUNDAY / DOMINGO**

7:30AM + Consuelo Franco

9:30AM + Frederick MacIntyre

**THURSDAY / JUEVES**

7:00AM + Dcn. Kenneth W. Banet

12:00PM + Joseph Tessensohn

1:30PM People of the Parish



## Carta de nuestro Vicario Parroquial

Queridos amigos,

El nuevo año escolar nos reúne una vez más y nos “renueva con nueva energía y entusiasmo. ¡Es bueno verlos a todos de nuevo!

Algo divertido que tuvimos la oportunidad de hacer durante la semana pasada fue celebrar el Domingo Comunitario haciendo pupusas después de la misa de la 1:30 pm. Durante mi tiempo en El Salvador, me familiaricé mucho con este platillo salvadoreño. Para aquellos que no han probado una pupusa, es similar a un panqueque de maíz con queso y carne en el interior.

Es deliciosa!

Como siempre, fue una gran alegría poder estar juntos. Agradecí a muchos de los voluntarios, que con más experiencia que yo en la preparación de pupusas se lanzaron para echarme una mano.

La parroquia es más que una tienda de sacramentos de parada rápida. Es una comunidad de creyentes que buscan vivir su fe juntos. Nuestra fe es compartida porque al final también el cielo será compartido. A veces me pregunto por qué la gente sale corriendo de misa cada semana como si no pudieran esperar un momento para salir. He descubierto que esta parroquia es una fuente de enormes bendiciones y nos esforzamos por hacer de ella un lugar que nos nutra a muchos niveles.

Tómense el tiempo para conocer a alguien nuevo. Tómate un café. Invita a una nueva familia a cenar. Hay algo especial aquí que no puedes encontrar en muchos otros lugares.

Si eres nuevo en nuestra parroquia. ¡Nos alegramos de que estés aquí! Te invitamos a que vengas y te presentes, te esperamos con gusto!

Suyo en Cristo,  
P. James

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*Women's Holy Hour*

*and Reflection*

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

7PM IN THE CHURCH

## YOUNG ADULT INQUIRY SESSION



**COME SHARE FELLOWSHIP,  
IDEAS, AND A SLICE OF PIZZA**  
**LOL SCHOOL DECK**



# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School **OPEN HOUSE**

**October 12, 2023**

**9:30 am - 11:30 am & 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

**Join us and learn why OLOL would be a great school for your child!**

**Please call (301) 654-5376 for more information.**



*At Our Lady of Lourdes, the door to a Catholic education is always open. Come in and see the difference traditional Catholic values, a strong, inclusive community, and an exceptional faculty and staff can make in your child's life.*

- Since 1941, proudly providing Catholic faith-based education and curriculum for students in Elementary and Middle school.
- Our Discovery Center provides opportunities for hands-on experiences with open ended-materials that integrate STEM components and correlate to our standards.
- Resource center and support programs
- Extracurricular activities include: CYO sports, drama club, band program, children's choir and more!
- Licensed after care program

## **Women's Night of Reflection:**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00pm**

**with Prayer and Exposition at Saint Andrew Apostle:**



Father Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will provide a reflection, "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Mother of Priests." Confession will be available. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:00pm. No registration is required.

Please email any questions to Lisa Longacre at [lisalongacre@yahoo.com](mailto:lisalongacre@yahoo.com).

## **Middle School Students:**



## **Become an Altar Server**



**For more information, contact Fr James:**



**[frjames@ololrcc.org](mailto:frjames@ololrcc.org)**



OLOL invites you to

## **Lourdes to Lourdes**

**A High School Service Trip to Lourdes, France**

- Thursday, June 27th 2024 to Monday, July 8th 2024
- Rising high school Juniors and Seniors for 2024

For more details, join the inquiry meeting Wednesday Sept. 20th at 7:30pm. **Students and Parents required to attend** held in the school library

**The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is offering a virtual support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one beginning Tuesday, October 24 and continuing for eight consecutive Tuesdays through December 12 from 7:00-8:30pm.**

For more information contact Jim Hoffman at [hoffmanlpc@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanlpc@gmail.com) or (202) 577 - 2213.

*Healing is Possible:*

If you or a loved one experiences feelings of sadness, regret, or guilt after an abortion, please know you are not alone and that real healing is possible.

Project Rachel Ministry invites all woman with this experience to Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, October 14, from 8:30am to 5:30pm, for healing through the sacraments, a talk, and a non-judgemental atmosphere.

For more information, contact the  
Project Rachel Ministry at:  
[adw.org/event/day-of-prayer-and-healing-from-abortion/](https://adw.org/event/day-of-prayer-and-healing-from-abortion/)

**The Rock Creek Council of the  
Knights of Columbus  
Youth Chess Tournament  
October 29:**



11:30 am to 2:45 followed by an awards ceremony. The event will be held at 5417 West Cedar Lane in Bethesda. The cost is \$15 and food and refreshments will be available. Please sign up (name, grade, and school name) with the tournament

coordinator:

[mhoulihan.kofcrockcreekchess@gmail.com](mailto:mhoulihan.kofcrockcreekchess@gmail.com).

All players at any skill level are welcome!



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: [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org). The donation is \$150.



Our September Poor Box will be going to Hope of the Poor. They work in Mexico City, feeding the poor, renting homes to take families off the street, working with employers to find them jobs and much more. Their mission is to inspire all generations to radically love and bring hope to the hopeless. Thank you for your generosity.

The next Study of Saints Meeting will be Sunday, October 29 from 3-4pm in the Delacroix Room. The book is: "Mary Magdalen: In the Visions of Anne Catherine Emmerich" [tanbooks.com/products/books/mary-magdalen-in-the-visions-of-anne-catherine-emmerich](https://tanbooks.com/products/books/mary-magdalen-in-the-visions-of-anne-catherine-emmerich)

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You may also register at our parish website or by emailing [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org).

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- ☐ I/we am/are new to the parish  
☐ Change of address within the parish  
☐ I/we am/are moving out of the parish