



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 23 – Divine Mercy Sunday
Confirmation at the 10:30am Mass

Monday, April 24

Tuesday, April 25 – Fr. Begg Bible Study 7pm

Wednesday, April 26 - RCIA

Thursday, April 27

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29

Mass 5:30 pm Server: F. D'Antuono

Lector: L. Megekamp and E. Blumenfeld

EMoHC: K. Pereira, J. Jean-Pierre and E. Marks

Sunday, April 30

8:30 am Mass Server: J. Drew

Lector: D. Hogan and P. Meagher

EMoHC: J. Drew, B. Kalisch, M. Granger and M. Kelsey

10:30 am Mass Server: R. Jannise, M. Mrichandani

Lector: J. vonKanel and S. Koons

EMoHC: R. Jannise, B. Wagner, A. Abraham, L. Weidner, S. Williams and A. Chite

Coffee Hour: Ross and Fonseca

Noon Mass: Server: R. Jannise, H. Soderman

Lector: M. Meier and C. Restivo

EMoHC: J. Blassingame, B. Krieger

You can always find the schedule on our website:

<http://www.st-josephs.org/node/3>

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John Bible Study is your guide to a deeper relationship with Him. We start the eight week program on **Tuesday, April 25, from 7–8:30pm** in the Thomas More Center. Participants will meet weekly to view an engaging video presentation followed by group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Dr. Edward Sri, will guide you through the Gospel of John. Dr. Sri will explain how Christ's encounters with others in the Gospel are examples of how Jesus calls each of us to a more intimate and life-changing relationship with him. You may see a preview of the program at www.ascensionpress.com. The cost is \$16.95 per person for the participant workbook. To register: Mail or hand-deliver your check for \$16.95 to the Rectory at 313 2nd St. NE; Washington, DC 20002. Include your contact phone number and email address with your check. The registration deadline was Friday, April 14th. Please call Elsa Thompson at [202-577-8314](tel:202-577-8314) if you have any questions.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, the young people of our parish who are ready will be confirmed by Bishop Knestout. This is a beautiful gift that I hope they grow to appreciate someday. As a newly ordained priest, I would ask people their confirmation saint when I blessed them. I stopped doing that within one year of my ordination because of discouragement. The majority of people I asked could not even remember the name of their confirmation saint. Which of course tells me that they never ask that saint for help. What a tragedy! This was the saint whose name they chose to take so they could emulate this hero. They took their very name. Ten, twenty, thirty years later, they had lost all connection.

Let's pray for our children, that confirmation is a lifelong gift and relationship. Sacraments give grace and they are the tools God has chosen to sanctify us. Let's lead by example, let's live our sacrament.

Fr. Gurnee

Parish Announcements

News from St. Peter School: The Archdiocese of Washington hosted its second annual '8th grade Day Out' on March 27th. Ms. Keller, school counselor, and Mrs. Wurm, Technology Specialist, chaperoned the event held at Catholic University. The boys and girls were split into separate groups to hear interactive and engaging speakers present on topics of leadership, morality, and positive self-concept. Ms. Julie Marie Carrier spoke to the girls' group on positive body image, being confident, and staying true to yourself. Mr. Marlon Smith encouraged the 8th grade boys in the archdiocese to be leaders in their communities and to make positive choices to be successful in life. Our 8th graders had a fabulous day!

FOLLOW ME: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: What does your relationship with Jesus Christ look like in 2017? Jesus calls us to be more than simply believers—he calls us to be his disciples and his friends. The *Follow Me:*

Archdiocese Announcements

Occasions of Grace - Encountering God's Grace in Day to Day Life Catholic University on Saturday, May 20, 2017, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. There will be presentations in English and Spanish. Keynote speaker is ValLimar Jansen. Breakout sessions speakers are Rev. William Byrne *Encountering Grace in the Realities of Life*, Christina Lamas *Encountering Grace in the Heart of Family Life (en espanol)* and Michael Carotta *Unexpected Occasions of Grace*. The day will also include Mass celebrated by **Bishop Knestout**, lunch and many faith based exhibitors. For further information about speakers and schedule and to register go to: www.adw.org/womensconference. Registration fee: \$40.00 includes lunch. ASL Interpretation provided upon request.

Online Survey to **Share with Pope Francis!** Pope Francis wants to hear from you! In preparation for an international gathering of Bishops (Synod) next year, Pope Francis wants

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your input on the topic of *Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment*. People of all ages, Catholics and non-Catholics, are invited to give their feedback on how the Church can engage and support youth and young adults in making major life decisions. To participate in the survey visit www.SharewithFrancis.org.

Light the World! is a Summer Institute that takes place at The Catholic University of America. Rising Juniors and Seniors are invited to join us either June 25-July 1 OR July 9-15 as we explore how our faith is lived within the fields and careers of Art, Science, Sport, Business, and Politics. Visit lighttheworldcua.org for more information and application materials.

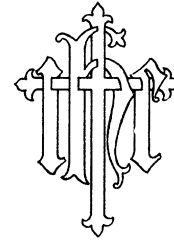
St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites you to a one-day Fatima retreat at the Washington Retreat House, 4000 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, DC 20017, on Saturday, May 27, 2017, 9AM-3PM. This retreat is open to both men and women. Retreat Director is Janis Clarke, international speaker/songwriter and president of Rosary Mission. Mass and confessions by Father Carter Griffin, Vice-Rector of JP!! Seminary and Vocation Director for the Archdiocese. Donation \$35. A Continental Breakfast and Dinner will be served. For registration and information, call [301-587-8338](tel:301-587-8338) or [301-325-2674](tel:301-325-2674) ASAP.

Spiritual Exercises Weekends in Bethesda, MD! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers silent retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Visit our website to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call [301-365-0612](tel:301-365-0612). Plan a get-away with Christ! **Spiritual Exercises for Women:** May 5-7 / \$225 per person, June 30-July 2 / \$225 per person, July 13-16 / \$300 per person, July 13-16 / \$600 per person **Spiritual Exercises for Men:** August 18-20 / \$225 per person, September 28-October 1 / \$300 per person

SOME is a non-profit organization established to provide assistance to homeless, destitute people in Washington, DC. We serve over 800 meals per day in our dining room, and we distribute free clothes to over 200 people per week. At this time, we are in desperate need of **new underwear and socks** for men and women. These items go a long way in making our guests more comfortable as they cope with homelessness. Please visit our Amazon wish list at bit.ly/SOMEwishlist (case sensitive) to get an idea of what we need. If you order from Amazon your donations will be shipped directly here. Or you can drop donations off at 71 O St NW Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm or on the weekends from 8:00am-2:00pm. Thank you for your commitment to the mission of SOME. We truly appreciate your support. If you have any questions, please email donations@some.org.

Enjoy Baseball While Supporting Our Priests! The DC Padres are a unique baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians. They play fast pitch hardball with Catholic high school varsity baseball teams in an effort to raise awareness and interest in the great vocation to the Catholic priesthood. This spring the DC Padres will play St. Mary's Ryken High School on Sunday, April 23 at Blue Crabs Stadium in Waldorf and DeMatha Catholic High School on Sunday, April 30 at Baysox Stadium in Bowie. These games will start immediately following the 2:05pm Blue Crabs or

Baysox games. Tickets are \$8 per person and include admission to the preceding Blue Crabs or Baysox game. Proceeds will go to St. John Paul II Seminary. For more information or for paper tickets, call Mary at [240-565-1680](tel:240-565-1680). Learn more at www.dcpadres.com or at "TheDCPadres" on Facebook.



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 24

Easter Weekday

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 4: 23-31 Jn 3: 1-8

8:00 For the Intentions of Allie Hall

12:10 For the Intentions of Rita Urioste

Tuesday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

1Pt 5: 5b-14 Mk 16: 15--20

8:00 † Bella Caplis

12:10 For the Intentions of the Hollis Family

Wednesday, April 26

Easter Weekday

Acts 5: 17-26 Jn 3: 16-21

8:00 † Claudia Bell

12:10 † Emily Caplis Slocum

Thursday, April 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 3: 31-36

8:00 † Marjorie Mack

12:10 † Rosemary Christiansen

Friday, April 28

Easter Weekday

St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 5: 34-42 Jn 6: 1-15

8:00 † Bernard and Dorothy Taylor

12:10 † Bud and Helen McCrehan

Saturday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 6: 1-7 Jn 6: 16-21

5:30 † Paul F. Leonard

Sunday, April 30

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14, 22-33 1Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35

8:30 † James Bradley Kennedy, Sr.

10:30 † Bubby and Louise Mangold

12:00 Pro Populo