Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday---------- ----------5:00 pm *(Vigil)*

Sunday ---------- 8:00, 10:30 am *(English)*

12:30 pm *(Spanish)*

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Thursday ---------- 9:00 am

Devotions / Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday following 9:00 am Mass: Exposition, English devotions in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by adoration until 7:00. 7:00 pm OLPH devotions in Spanish, followed by Benediction and Communion Service in Spanish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday ---------- 4:00 pm *(English)*

Sunday ---------- 11:30 am *(Spanish)*

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Baptism: Parents must call the parish office to register for required Baptismal Preparation Sessions.

Matrimony: All weddings must be scheduled at least a year in advance in order to prepare for this important Sacrament. Contact the office for information.

Anointing of the Sick: Any parishioner who will be entering the hospital for surgery or a scheduled procedure and wishes to be anointed, please contact the priest. This also pertains to any homebound member who wishes to be anointed.

Sacramental Prep: Contact Mrs. Depta for information regarding preparation for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

Religious Education: September - May, Pre-K to 12.
Call Mrs. Depta or visit the formation office Monday through Friday from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm.
Classes are held in the Church's lower level on Sunday from 9:00 - 10:15 am.

New Parishioners: We would like to warmly welcome you to our parish. We pray that we can be a support for you in your new spiritual home. Please come to the parish office to register as a parishioner, and to become familiar with all that Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has to offer you and your family. And thank you for choosing to walk with us in faith!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019

THOUGHTS FROM FR. G

Summer is rapidly coming to an end, and the children are preparing to return to school. It also means that we will be starting up some of our ministries and programs that take a break for the summer. Our facilities are really being used to the maximum, especially since we have relocated the offices to the Parish Hall temporarily. Meeting space is at a premium but will be alleviated when the new Parish Office Center opens in the spring. Until then, I am grateful to you for your patience and understanding. Please make sure you schedule all use of our facilities through the Parish Office. Do not presume that a space will be available.

For several years, Andy Weis and his lovely wife Nancy have helped coordinate the use of our Parish Hall. This past week they officially "retired" from this responsibility. The care and concern for with which they have maintained this space is obvious, and we have been truly blessed by their special volunteer ministry. Thank you, Nancy and Andy, and may God bless you for your generosity to our parish!

I am pleased to announce that our St. Molua Council of the Knights of Columbus has stepped up to take over responsibility for the Parish Hall. Members will assist us in maintaining the facility and will also be sponsoring some parish events to help improve our social life. We will not rent out the hall, but it will be available for parish groups. All use of the hall will be scheduled through the Parish Office.

In speaking with the Parish and Finance Councils, I have come to realize that our parish has a real need for a part-time Facilities Manager. This person would perform light maintenance in our buildings, coordinate all outside service providers, and guarantee that our buildings are kept in tip-top shape, inside and outside. So much of the normal maintenance falls through the cracks if no one is responsible, and this person would fill that gap. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position (approx. 20 hours per week), please contact me by email (giuliano@OLLSeaford.org) or call me at the Parish Office to schedule an interview. Have a great week, everyone. May God bless you and your loved ones!

Fr. Giuliano

PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE G

El verano está llegando rápidamente a su fin, y los niños se están preparando para regresar a la escuela. También significa que vamos a poner en marcha algunos de nuestros ministerios y programas que toman un descanso para el verano. Nuestros edificios se están utilizando al máximo, sobre todo porque hemos trasladado temporalmente las oficinas al Sala Parroquial. El espacio para reuniones es muy limitado, pero se aliviará cuando se abra el nuevo Centro de Oficina Parroquial en la primavera. Hasta entonces, les agradezco su paciencia y comprensión. Por favor, asegúrese de programar todo el uso de nuestras instalaciones a través de la Oficina Parroquial. No presuma que un espacio estará disponible.

Durante varios años, Andy Weis y su esposa Nancy han ayudado a coordinar el uso de nuestro Sala Parroquial. La semana pasada se "retiraron" oficialmente de esta responsabilidad. El cuidado y la preocupación por el que han mantenido este espacio es obvio, y hemos sido verdaderamente bendecidos por su ministerio voluntario especial. Gracias, Nancy y Andy, ¡y que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad a nuestra parroquia!

Me complace anunciar que nuestros Caballeros de Colón han aceptado la responsabilidad de la Sala Parroquial. Los miembros nos ayudarán a mantener esta instalación y también patrocinarán algunos eventos parroquiales para ayudar a mejorar nuestra vida social. No alquilaremos la sala, pero estará disponible para grupos parroquiales. Todo uso de la sala se programará a través de la Oficina Parroquial.

Al hablar con los Consejos Parroquiales y Financieros, me he dado cuenta de que nuestra parroquia tiene una necesidad real de un Manager de Edificios a tiempo parcial. Esta persona realizaría mantenimiento ligero en nuestros edificios, coordinaría a todos los proveedores de servicios externos, y garantizaría que nuestros edificios se mantengan en forma de punta superior, dentro y fuera. Gran parte del mantenimiento normal cae a través de las grietas si nadie es responsable, y esta persona podría llenar ese vacío. Si usted o alguien que conoce estaría interesado en este puesto (aprox. 20 horas por semana), por favor póngase en contacto conmigo por email (giuliano@OLLSeaford.org) o llámeme a la Oficina Parroquial para programar una entrevista.

Que tengan una gran semana, todos. ¡Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus seres queridos!

P. Giuliano

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ AUGUST 18, 2019

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00	†Michael Campion	Nick & Marie Donofrio
Sunday 8:00 10:30 1:00	**August 18, 2019** †Tess Francisco ♥Min & Paul Zamberlan †♥People of the Parish	 Jiloca family Jean & Jim W.
Monday 9:00	† Rosella Wright	Eileen Flynn
Tuesday 9:00	† Jack Fitzgerald	Greg & Maureen Morano
Wednesday 9:00	†David Gasper	Barbara Reed
Thursday 9:00	†♥ Jan & Steve Lennon & Family † Barry & Gloria Slater	Pastoral Care Ministry Betty Pozsgay
Saturday 5:00	†Marie Wilhelm	Ann Seiger
Sunday 8:00 10:30 1:00	**August 25, 2019** † Tess Francisco † Anna Stahmer †♥ People of the Parish †Martin McMorrow	 Silva family Carla Todd Eileen Flynn
	† Person is deceased	*♥ Person is living*

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SECOND COLLECTION

AUGUST 17/18	CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER
AUGUST 24/25	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Offertory Donations	August 11, 2019
Weekly Offering	$5669
Online Giving	$2,126
Capital Campaign	$1,744
Building Fund	$2,105

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world. Members actively practice their faith by living the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Our parish is blessed to have a very active council, which sponsors various projects and services to make our community stronger. If you would like more information, please ask Fr. Giuliano or any of our Knights.

Memorial Candles

Candles have been part of our expression of faith from ancient times. The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives.
Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." –John 8:12
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Candles are put up on a monthly basis starting on the 1st day of the month. Cards are available upon request. Cost is $30 per month or $300 per year.

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!!

Do you want to experience true freedom? Have you ever wondered what freedom means, and how to find it? This Fall, Our Lady of Lourdes is offering a 10-week study on the Book of Exodus. Exodus is often seen as the defining moment in Israel's history, when God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt to freedom. The story of Exodus isn't only Israel's story, however - it's also our story. *Exodus: Called to Freedom* looks through the lens of Christ and the Church to show how God ultimately desired to free us from the deadly grip of sin so that we could have authentic freedom. It is a 10-week study, which will begin on Tuesday, September 3rd after the 9:00 am Mass and at 7:00 on Tuesday evening (if there is enough interest). For more information or to register, please contact Mary & Jim Delclos (302-956-0364 or mjdelclos@comcast.net).

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The winner of the quilt raffle sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society is CASSIE O'NEILL. Members of the society wish to thank everyone for their support as we continue to raise funds for our new Food Pantry.

HELP WANTED

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is currently seeking a Part-time Facilities Manager. The position entails light maintenance, supervising the custodian, outside contractors and service technicians, and overseeing the upkeep of our various buildings. Requires approx. 20 hours of work per week. Please contact Fr. Giuliano (giuliano@OLLSeaford.org / 302-629-3591) if interested.

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School News

On Tuesday, September 2nd our Regional Catholic Elementary School, Most Blessed Sacrament, will open its doors for the new school year to approximately 220 students. Our enrollment this year includes students who are new to Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School and who come to us from 23 families. We are blessed to have our existing families return to our school and we are blessed to have our new families join our mission and ministry of faith and academics. Our students in grades 1 through 8, along with faculty and staff will gather in the cafeteria of the school for an opening day prayer service on September 2nd at 8:15 a.m.

We would like to acknowledge with grateful prayer the generosity and support of our eight supporting parishes (including Our Lady of Lourdes). The support that our school receives from our parishes enables our staff to provide a highly rigorous education that is integrated with faith and Catholic values.

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is currently accepting applications for enrollment for the 2019-2020 academic year. We offer Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 programs with a full or half day option. We also have availability in K through 8th grades. MBS is a STREAM school that emphasizes the intellectual, spiritual, and physical development of every child. We offer before and after-care as well as bus service for our Delaware residents. Please contact Amanda Evans, Director of Admissions at 410-208-1600 or email at aevans@mbscs.org for more information or to schedule a tour.

Important Dates:

August

26th	Diocesan Spirituality Day – Teachers Only
29th	Back to School Night, 6:00 p.m.

September

2nd	Labor Day – School Closed
3rd	First Day of School for Students

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53
Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Monday
Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday
Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday
Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday
Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Friday
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday
Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

"Jeremiah ought to be put to death: he is demoralizing the soldiers that are left in the city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of the people, but in their ruin….let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke for God. The role of the prophet is to disturb the comfortable and calm the disturbed. Unlike our current political promises, he was calling people back to the Lord. It is not easy to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, as our culture of selfishness, greed, and consumerism, are the cause of detours and distraction, of sadness and division.

As a missionary disciple, I am counter cultural, seeking to walk with others in pursuit of the values of the gospel. In this way I work for the well-being of all. Where are your eyes and efforts directed?

VIGESIMO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO 18 de Agosto de 2019

Primera Lectura: Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10
Jeremías instó a la gente de Jerusalén a rendirse al enemigo. Esto enojó a los príncipes, quienes pidieron que mataran a Jeremías. El rey permitió que los príncipes lo dejaran en una cisterna sin agua ni comida. Pero después de que Ebed-melec suplicó que no mataran a Jeremías, el rey decidió liberarlo.

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 12:1-4
Esta carta a los hebreos inspira a todos los cristianos a perseverar, a pesar de las dificultades que tengan. Jesús pasó por mucho sufrimiento y fue recompensado por Dios. A pesar de nuestras dificultades debemos recordar a Jesús y mantener una fuerte fe en El.

Evangelio: San Lucas 12:49-53
Jesús dice a sus discípulos que su mensaje no traerá paz a la tierra. Aún familias se dividirán grandemente pues algunos de sus miembros se unirán a Él y otros lo condenarán.

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Domingo
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Lunes
Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Martes
Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Miércoles
Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Jueves
Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Viernes
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Sábado
Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

SU PALABRA HOY

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

UNA FRESCA PERSPECTIVA
DE LAS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

"Que Jeremías sea condenado a muerte, porque con semejantes discursos desmoraliza a los soldados que aún quedan en esta ciudad, y a todo el pueblo. No, este hombre no busca el bien del pueblo, sino su desgracia … despojémonos de todo lo que nos estorba, en especial del pecado, y corramos resueltamente al combate que se nos presenta. Fijemos la mirada en el iniciador y consumador de nuestra fe, en Jesús."

El profeta Jeremías habló por Dios. El propósito de un profeta es intranquilizar al cómodo y calmar al intranquilo. A diferencias de las promesas políticas de hoy en día, él llamaba a la gente a regresar al Señor. No es fácil mantener nuestra vista en Jesús, pues nuestra cultura de egoísmo, avaricia y consumerismos son la causa de desvíos y distracción, de tristeza y división.

Como discípulo misionero, voy en camino opuesto a nuestra cultura, unido a otros, en búsqueda de los valores del evangelio. De esta forma trabajo para el bienestar de todos. ¿En dónde se fijan sus ojos y a dónde se dirigen sus esfuerzos?

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