

THE PARISH MESSENGER

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy
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An Oasis in the City. A diverse, welcoming Catholic community. Dedicated to beautiful worship, spiritual growth, and caring. Serving Foggy Bottom and the West End since 1867.

Young Adult / Young Marrieds Cooking Class

Sunday April 28th 6:30 PM



Learn the deeply satisfying method of presenting fresh pasta in the manner of Central Europe, known as pierogi. You will learn how to make a tender dough and stuffing,

as well as some delicious sauces. In the rectory along with wine and good companionship! Invite a friend.

SAVE THE DATE!

**The 150th Anniversary of St. Stephen Martyrs Parish,
The Golden Jubilee of our Pastor, Msgr. Paul.**

11 AM Mass on Sunday, May 19th

Program in the Crystal Room includes:

- Dedication of the Crystal Room at Foggy Bottom to commemorate our 150th Anniversary
- A caterer Bunch
- Some Brief Talks
- A Musical Program by our Choir Members: Broadway at Foggy Bottom
- Dessert, Coffee and Tea

More information to follow

Musica Spira Concert on Friday, May 10th

"Women Who Took the Stage"

Women as performer, composer, and muse in The Baroque era. With Jamie Gallupe, baroque cello and viola da gamba; and our own Grace Srinivasan. Reception to follow in The Crystal Room.

Capitol Campaign Maintenance Funds

You can find the Maintenance Funds envelopes on the table in the vestibule of the Church. Free will offerings to assist with current \$169,000 cost

The Little White Book

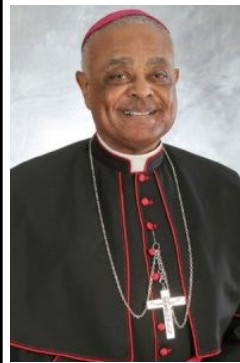
Pick up your free copy of the daily meditation booklet for Easter time.

Parish Secretary/Rental and Event Coordinator

Part-Time Job Position.

Please check our website for the job description, and email Msgr at msgrpaul@gmail.com, if you are interested.

Installation Mass of Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory.



The Installation Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 2 pm in the afternoon, with the Liturgical Procession beginning at 1:30 pm. Also, note that both the Installation Mass and Reception immediately following, will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. While there will be sections of the Basilica open to the public, these will fill up quickly.

May Crowning:

Honoring Our Queen and Our Mother

A long-standing tradition in the Church has been to adorn a statue or image of the Blessed Virgin Mary with flowers at the beginning of May, a month dedicated to her. She continues to point beyond herself, magnifying the greatest of her God, and our God, all the while teaching us how to say along with her "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. (Lk 1:38). The tradition continues at St. Stephen Martyr. Saturday, May 4. Rosary at 11 a.m. Crowning before the 12:10 Mass. Hope you can join in the Procession and Crowning.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-5:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Mon/Wed/Friday 6:30am & 12:10pm

Tuesday/Thursday 12:10pm & 5:30pm

Saturday 12:10pm

CONFESSION

Monday-Friday 11:30am--12:00pm

Saturday 4:30pm--5:15pm

CLERGY

Rev. Msgr. Paul M. Dudziak, D. Min. *Pastor*

msgrpaul@gmail.com

Rev. Klaus J. Sirianni *Parochial Vicar & GW Hospital Chaplain*

Deacon John Liu: *Permanent Deacon, Stephen Ministry Coordinator, Nursing Home & GW Hospital Chaplain*

STAFF

Maria Cristina Peano Tenaglia *Office Manager & Event Manager*

David Brake *Accountant*

Raphael Kadio *Facilities & Maintenance*

Neil Weston *Director of Music*

Cantor: Grace Srinivasan

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC GROUP

Castor Gonzales: 301-448-9747.....*Coordinator*

Jun Panlaqui*Asst. Coordinator*

Cely Almendras.....*Secretary*

Rosie Plata.....*Treasurer*

SANT'EGIDIO International Lay Group, which meets here:

www.santegidiosa.org/communities/washington-dc

GW CATHOLICS—240-544-7585

Rev. Charles Gallagher, Chaplain chaplain@gwcatholic.com

Rev. Andrew Wakefield, Assistant Chaplain

Ms. Julie Cilano, Campus Minister: julie@gwcatholic.com

Prayer with Sant'Egidio
Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm

El Shaddai Prayer Meeting
Every Sunday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.



Visit the Crystal Room at Foggy Bottom
Available for Rent!!!

rentals@crystalroomdc.com
www.crystalroomdc.com

Funeral Arrangements for Lydia Maningas



Lydia Maningas, a long-time member of our parish and a member of the Sanctuary Ladies died on Tuesday, April 22nd.

The funeral arrangements are as follows:

Visitation on Thursday, May 2nd, 4:00-7:00 pm

Joseph Gawler's Sons LLC
5130 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 966-6400

Funeral Mass on Friday, May 3rd at 10:00am in our Church

"God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7)
April 15 - 21, 2019

Sunday Offertory Collections	\$9,282.99
Daily Masses, Vigil Lights, Misc.	\$2,490.26
Poor Box	\$213.00
Concert Donor	\$200.00
Friends of the Music Ministry	\$536.00
Pakistan	\$200.00
Holy Land	\$1,870.00
Holy Thursday	\$865.00
Total	\$15,657.25

BENEFACTORS

We are deeply grateful to those who remember St. Stephen Martyr in their wills. It is the bequests we have received which have kept our Parish functioning. A special remembrance on the 2nd week of each month at the 11am Liturgy.

FAITH DIRECT

One of the best ways to ensure that the parish receives the support needed is "egiving" through Faith Direct. www.faithdirect.net or 1-866-507-8757. **Parish code is DC576**

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 29

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

6:30am	+Forgotten Souls in New Home	Fr. Sirianni
11:30am	Confession	
12:10pm	Jose Camargo	Msgr. Dudziak

Tuesday, April 30

St. Pius V, Pope

11:30am	Confession	
12:10pm	+Nellie Rotondi	Fr. Sirianni
5:30pm	+Rebecca Coder	Msgr. Dudziak

Wednesday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

6:30am	+Forgotten Souls in New Home	Fr. Sirianni
11:30am	Confession	
12:10pm	Margaret Fiore	Msgr. Dudziak

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

11:30am	Confession	
12:10pm	+Forgotten Souls in New Home	Fr. Sirianni
5:30pm	Deacon John Liu	Fr. Kemp

Friday, May 3

Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

6:30am	+Msgr. Kenneth Roeltgen	Msgr. Dudziak
11:30am	Confession	
12:10pm	Margaret Fiore	Fr. Sirianni

Saturday, May 4

12:10pm	+Forgotten Souls in New Home	Msgr. Dudziak
4:30pm	Confession	

Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter

5:30pm	+Lydia Maningas	Fr. Sirianni
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Sunday, May 5

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am	Pro Populo	Msgr. Dudziak
11:00am	Will Briscoe	Msgr. Dudziak
12:30pm	Margaret Fiore	Fr. Sirianni
5:30pm	+Teresa Banihit	Fr. Sirianni

Adult Confirmation

It will be on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. (Pentecost Sunday) at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC. Contact the Rectory if you are interested in some instructions and being Confirmed as an adult.

DC PADRES ARE BACK!

The DC Padres, a baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians, will play their two games of the 2019 season Sunday, May 12 (against St. Mary's Ryken, at Regency Furniture ("Blue Crabs") Stadium, Waldorf), and Sunday, August 25 (against TBD, Prince George's ("Baysox") Stadium, Bowie). The Padres games begin shortly after the 2 PM Blue Crabs/Baysox game ends (i.e. ~4:45 or 5:00 PM). Check out the DC Padres website (www.dcpadres.com) and Facebook page for updates and info about how to purchase tickets. Mark your calendar now and tell your friends. Let's fill the stadium in support of our priests!

Volunteer Opportunity at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Northeast Washington D.C. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel (Director of Visitor Services) via telephone at (202) 526-8300, ext.111, or via email (dsteel@bnsic.org). Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

Concert in Solidarity with Our French Brothers and Sisters Mourning Notre Dame

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 3:00pm, St. Ann Catholic Church, 4001 Yuma Street NW, Washington, DC 20016. Nathan Laube, internationally acclaimed organist, will perform a primarily French repertoire and offer his music as a prayer and reflection with our French brothers and sisters mourning the recent tragic Notre Dame Cathedral fire. *On Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 3:00pm, Oliver Latry, Titular Organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France, will offer a special concert in honor of the 800-year-old structure. Details will follow at stanndc.org.

Domestic Church Day:

Man and Woman He Created Them

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on Saturday, May 4 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The day will include engaging catechesis for adults, teens, and children; the opportunity to pray together as a family, and fun family activities. This will be the first part in a three-part series on The Theology of the Body. For information or to register, visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com.

Quo Vadis Camp

The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31, 2019. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please, contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

The 17th Annual Asian and Pacific Island Catholics Marian Pilgrimage

On Saturday, May 4, the 17th Annual Asian and Pacific Island Catholics Marian Pilgrimage will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. This annual event brings together many Asian and Pacific Island Catholic communities to celebrate their heritage and Marian devotions. His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will be the main celebrant and homilist. Confession begins at 12pm, with the Procession and Call to Prayer at 1pm, Rosary at 2pm, and Holy Mass at 2:30pm. For more information, please contact Sr. Myrna Tordillo at (202) 541-3384; mtordillo@uscgb.org or Dr. Fred Semendy at 703-472-2032; apcnmail@gmail.com.

Easter Octave Concert

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to attend the annual Easter Octave Organ Recital on Sunday, April 28th at 6:00PM in the Great Upper Church. The organist for this recital will be Clay Christiansen of Salt Lake City, Utah. This event is free and open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required. For more information, please call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

Men's Discernment Dinner

Sunday, May 19, 2019 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

All single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics are invited to attend a Men's Discernment Dinner held at Saint John Paul II Seminary. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington D.C. area. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at www.DCpriest.org

Evenings with the Merciful Jesus

On the 22nd of every month from 7-10 pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC, hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Visit jp2shrine.org for more information.

Pope Francis' Homily at Easter Vigil. APRIL 20, 2019

The women bring spices to the tomb, but they fear that their journey is in vain, since a large stone bars the entrance to the sepulcher. The journey of those women is also our own journey; it resembles the journey of salvation that we have made this evening. At times, it seems that everything comes up against a stone: the beauty of creation against the tragedy of sin; liberation from slavery against infidelity to the covenant; the promises of the prophets against the listless indifference of the people. So too, in the history of the Church and in our own personal history. It seems that the steps we take never take us to the goal. We can be tempted to think that dashed hope is the bleak law of life.

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain; it does not come up against a tombstone. A single phrase astounds the woman and changes history: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Lk 24:5). Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness. Human history does not end before a tombstone, because today it encounters the "living stone" (cf. 1 Pet 2:4), the risen Jesus. We, as Church, are built on him, and, even when we grow disheartened and tempted to judge everything in the light of our failures, he comes to make all things new, to overturn our every disappointment. Each of us is called tonight to rediscover in the Risen Christ the one who rolls back from our heart the heaviest of stones. So let us first ask: What is the stone that I need to remove, what is its name?

Often what blocks hope is the stone of discouragement. Once we start thinking that everything is going badly and that things can't get worse, we lose heart and come to believe that death is stronger than life. We become cynical, negative and despondent. Stone upon stone, we build within ourselves a monument to our own dissatisfaction: the sepulcher of hope. Life becomes a succession of complaints and we grow sick in spirit. A kind of tomb psychology takes over: everything ends there, with no hope of emerging alive. But at that moment, we hear once more the insistent question of Easter: Why do you seek the living among the dead? The Lord is not to be found in resignation. He is risen; he is not there. Don't seek him where you will never find him: he is not the God of the dead but of the living (cf. Mk 22:32). Do not bury hope!

There is another stone that often seals the heart shut: the stone of sin. Sin seduces; it promises things easy and quick, prosperity and success, but then leaves behind only solitude and death. Sin is looking for life among the dead, for the meaning of life in things that pass away. Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why not make up your mind to abandon that sin which, like a stone before the entrance to your heart, keeps God's light from entering in? Why not prefer Jesus, the true light (cf. Jn 1:9), to the glitter of wealth, career, pride and pleasure? Why not tell the empty things of this world that you no longer live for them, but for the Lord of life?

Let us return to the women who went to Jesus' tomb. They halted in amazement before the stone that was taken away. Seeing the angels, they stood there, the Gospel tells us, "frightened, and bowed their faces to the ground" (Lk 24:5). They did not have the courage to look up. How often do we do the same thing? We prefer to remain huddled within our shortcomings, cowering in our fears. It is odd, but why do we do this? Not infrequently because, glum and closed up within ourselves, we feel in control, for it is easier to remain alone in the darkness of our heart than to open ourselves to the Lord. Yet only he can raise us up. A poet once wrote: "We never know how high we are. Till we are called to rise" (E. DICKINSON). The Lord calls us to get up, to rise at his word, to look up and to realize that we were made for heaven, not for earth, for the heights of life and not for the depths of death: Why do you seek the living among the dead? God asks us to view life as he views it, for in each of us he never ceases to see an irrepressible kernel of beauty. In sin, he sees sons and daughters to be restored; in death, brothers and sisters to be reborn; in desolation, hearts to be revived. Do not fear, then: the Lord loves your life, even when you are afraid to look at it and take it in hand. In Easter he shows you how much he loves that life: even to the point of living it completely, experiencing anguish, abandonment, death, and hell, in order to emerge triumphant to tell you: "You are not alone; put your trust in me!". Jesus is a specialist at turning our deaths into life, our mourning into dancing (cf. Ps 30:11). With him, we too can experience a Pasch, that is, a Passover – from self-centeredness to communion, from desolation to consolation, from fear to confidence. Let us not keep our faces bowed to the ground in fear, but raise our eyes to the risen Jesus. His gaze fills us with hope, for it tells us that we are loved unfailingly and that however much we make a mess of things, his love remains unchanged. This is the one, non-negotiable certitude we have in life: his love does not change. Let us ask ourselves: In my life, where am I looking? Am I gazing at graveyards, or looking for the Living One?

Why do you seek the living among the dead? The women hear the words of the angels, who go on to say: "Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee" (Lk 24:6). Those women had lost hope because they could not recall the words of Jesus, his call that took place in Galilee. Having lost the living memory of Jesus, they kept looking at the tomb. Faith always needs to go back to Galilee, to reawaken its first love for Jesus and his call: to remember him, to turn back to him with all our mind and all our heart. To return to a lively love of the Lord is essential. Otherwise, ours is a "museum" faith, not an Easter faith. Jesus is not a personage from the past; he is a person living today. We do not know him from history books; we encounter him in life. Today, let us remember how Jesus first called us, how he overcame our darkness, our resistance, our sins, and how he touched our hearts with his. The women, remembering Jesus, left the tomb. Easter teaches us that believers do not linger at graveyards, for they are called to go forth to meet the Living One. Let us ask ourselves: In my life, where am I going? Sometimes we go only in the direction of our problems, of which there are plenty, and go to the Lord only for help. But then, it is our own needs, not Jesus, to guide our steps. We keep seeking the Living One among the dead. Or again, how many times, once we have encountered the Lord, do we return to the dead, digging up regrets, reproaches, hurts, and dissatisfactions, without letting the Risen One change us? Dear brothers and sisters: let us put the Living One at the center of our lives. Let us ask for the grace not to be carried by the current, the sea of our problems; the grace not to run aground on the shoals of sin or crash on the reefs of discouragement and fear. Let us seek him in all things and above all things. With him, we will rise again.