

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

If you are new to the area or moved back after sometime away, we would like you to choose St. Mary Star of the Sea as your Parish Family.

Please talk to Fr. Brian after Mass or visit the Rectory Office to register during office hours.

Parish News

PARISH SOCIALS ARE BACK Beginning Sunday, October 6th, after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass. Join Fr. Brian and Gospel Choir in Welcoming all parishioners and guests in Fellowship and Thanksgiving for ALL the LORD's Gifts and Blessings. Join

FAMILY MASS Sunday, October 6th at 11:00 a.m. Join us for our first Family Mass held for this 2019-2020 school year. All are welcome and encourage to join our parish community in the church hall for a parish social and family activities following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH PRO-LIFE COORDINATOR Our Pro-Life Coordinator is Michelle Lao. You may contact her if you have questions on upcoming Pro-Life events and transportation to events. She can also direct you to resources to help in your questions and concerns You may reach her at email: laomichelle3@gmail.com or 703-439-8477.


COMING SOON DIRECTORY & FAMILY PORTRAITS Lifetouch photographers invite our parish community to schedule a date and time for your parish directory and family photo shoot. Scheduling begins Sept. 29 after all Masses. Questions contact Paul Dobak 301-283-3206.

**Save the date**

to be included in the new
St Mary Star of the Sea Church directory

Photography dates:
November 13 - 16

Lifetouch



**IN CELEBRATION OF THE
BAPTISM OF
SAMUEL ALEXANDER WILKINS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
11:00 A.M.**

Archdiocese of Washington News

STRONGER MEN'S RETREAT All men are welcome and encouraged to come to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for a retreat on Saturday, September 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stronger is a men's retreat inspired by Saint John Paul II that features rotating topics focused on masculine spirituality. Explore how God calls you to lead as a man of faith, husband, son, and father. RSVP at strongerretreat.eventbrite.com. Lunch is included with registration.

DC PADRES ARE BACK! DC PADRES UPDATE! - Join us for a special Padres game against Christendom College, in Front Royal, VA, on Sunday, September 22. Come watch the DC Padres, including two Christendom alums, show Christendom College how this is done! Keep your eye on the DC Padres website (www.dcpadres.com) and Facebook page for updates. ROAD TRIP to Front Royal!



Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from September 25 through November 3, 2019. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray at one of our three 40 Days for Life locations, College Park, MD, Bethesda, MD, and Washington, D.C. For more information please contact:
College Park, MD - Tom Trunk, 240-593-6982
Bethesda, MD - Jill Gadwood, jill.gadwood@gmail.com
Washington D.C. - Michael New, 205-657-6943

More from Archdiocese of Washington

OUR LADY OF SORROWS AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES During the month of September, Our Lady of Sorrows is honored in every Catholic Church all over the world. "We find in her a true Mother," says Pope Francis. "We look at her life, and we feel understood, we feel heard." Come join the universal Church and entrust your sorrows and difficulties to Our Lady at Catholic Cemeteries. Parents who have buried the remains of their baby in the Miscarried Baby Section or the Infant Section are especially welcome to come and pray at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, (301) 871-6500; Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE, Washington, DC, (202) 399-3000; Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD, (301) 868-5141; All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Rd., Germantown, MD, (301) 428-1995, and St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Rd., Mechanicsville, MD, (301) 475-5005. For more information, kindly call (301) 871-1300 or visit ccaw.org.

WORKSHOP FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION-FALL 2019 Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will be offered this coming semester, the first is on:

1) Saturday, September 28 at the at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Hyattsville, MD; from 9am-12pm.

This workshop will instruct on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. It is intended primarily for those who wish to be certified as an EMHC in the Archdiocese of Washington, but it is open to all. A \$5 registration fee must be paid at the door. **Please RSVP** by emailing liturgy@adw.org. Or call Maria Hamm in the Office at **301-853-4594**.

Fall Pilgrimage Sponsored by the Women's Retreat League This fall, October 1-4, journey to the Our Lady of the Atonement Retreat House in Garrison, NY on a 4-day pilgrimage. Participate in a day of prayer entitled "Called to Care for God's Creation." Visit the holy shrines and sites at the motherhouse and friary of the Franciscan Society of the Atonement at Graymoor. Celebrate the feast of St. Francis with this delightful Franciscan order. Bus departs on Tuesday, Oct 1 from the Washington Retreat House and returns on Friday, Oct 4. Open to all. Trip cost: \$400. Fifty percent deposit now, full payment due by Sept. 1. Sponsored by the Women's Retreat League of the ADW. Contact cindy.perry@hotmail.com or 301-821-5967 for details.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT MASS AND DINNER October 6, 2019 at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill. The Office of Priest Vocations will hold a Men's Discernment Mass and Dinner Mass will begin at 3:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a discussion of the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other men from the D.C. area.

Men must register to attend at www.DCpriest.org.

Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at **202-636-9020** or email Fr. Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org with any questions.

Around Southern Maryland News

PRAYER ON THE SQUARE, Saturday, October 12, 2019
Thousands of Rosary Rallies are be organized across America to pray for our Country on Saturday, October 12, 2019! Join us "on the Square" in Leonardtown from 11:30 am to 1 pm for "Prayer on the Square - Rosary Rally." This year we are especially blessed to be given a talk by Fr. Martin Flum, beautiful Hymns will be performed by some members of the John Paul II Seminarian Choir and the St. Aloysius Hand Bell Choir! At Fatima, in 1917, Our Lady made it very clear that the Rosary is the supernatural solution to our earthly problems. St. Louis de Montfort stated that "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer...." As Christians, it is our responsibility to pray for our Nation. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12 (In the event of inclement weather we will pray the Rosary inside the Knights of Columbus Hall on Fenwick Street in Leonardtown.)

ENCOUNTER GRACE Ladies! Join the Encounter Grace Team on Saturday, October 26, 2019, as they host a full day Catholic women's conference on the campus of St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown MD. The Begin Again Catholic Women's Conference is a day designed with YOU in mind. Featuring keynote speaker Laura K. Fanucci (author of Everyday Sacraments, To Bless our Calling) and musical guest Corrie Marie, attendees will enjoy a day filled with inspirational, educational and engaging workshops and presentations that will help you get back to the basics of the faith, so you can begin again renewed and refocused on your life in the faith. Cost includes breakfast and lunch, keynote, praise and worship sessions, 2 break-out sessions and so much more. For conference details and the link to purchase tickets, go to website: www.encountergrace.co. Contact Penny Bailey or Laura Roland at encountergraceco@gmail.com or **301.848.2980** with questions.