

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. Don't miss it.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT AND TEACHER MEETING Monday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in Hall with Fr. Brian.

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 can be completed after mass, and at the parish socials, contact Paul Dobak 301-283-3206 with any questions.

**Save the date**

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

Photography dates:
November 13 - 16

Lifetouch

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, October 1st, at 8:15 a.m. in the Hall lower area. Meeting to prepare for the November Fest Event. All are welcome to attend.



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

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN AS A LECTOR THERE will be three English Lector workshops offered this coming semester:

- 1) Saturday, October 19 at Holy Comforter/St. Cyprian, 9am-12pm
- 2) Saturday, October 26 at St. Camillus, 1pm-4pm
- 3) Saturday, November 2 at Our Lady of Grace, Silver Spring, Md, 10am-1pm.

A \$5 registration fee will be collected at the door. Please RSVP by contacting the Office of Worship at liturgy@adw.org or 301-853-4594 and leaving your name, phone, email, and parish name.

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 earthy 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.)

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WORLD MISSIONS/PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH OCTOBER 13 Each October, the celebration of World Mission Sunday expresses the heart of our Christian faith – to proclaim the faith to the world (Matthew 28:19). Remembering this Great Commission from Our Lord, and in solidarity with the Universal Church, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the collection for World Mission Sunday on October 13, 2019. This collection is unique in that it is a global effort for the entire Church. It is a moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy that renews hope and peace.

WORKSHOP FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION-FALL 2019 Next two workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will be offered this coming semester:

- 1) Saturday, October 26 at St. Camillus, Silver Spring, Md, from 9am-12am.
- 2) Saturday November 16 at St. Francis of Assisi, Derwood, 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**.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE 10TH ANNUAL WHITE MASS, celebrating the gifts of people with disabilities and the Deaf Community. Mass will take place at 11:30 am on October 27th at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington D.C. People wear white to this Mass to symbolize our Baptismal call uniting us as one Catholic family. We all come to the table with gifts to share! Archbishop Wilton Gregory will be the principal celebrant. For more information, contact the Department of Special Needs Ministries at 301-853-4560 or 301-200-5430 VP. Contact by e-mail specialneedsministry@adw.org

WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

Patience is power... it is "timing"; it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way.

Ven. Fulton Sheen

2019 RUN FOR VOCATION/MARINE CORPS MARATHON. Sunday, October 27, 2019, Registration is now open for the 2019 Run for Vocations! All funds raised on behalf of the Ride for Vocations and Run for Vocations directly benefit vocation promotion and seminarian formation in the Archdiocese of Washington. There are three steps to register for this event:

1) Register with the Marine Corps Marathon for the 10K on their website at:

<https://www.marinemarathon.com/events/marathon/mcm-weekend/mcm10k>

2) Complete your 10K registration by filling out the Archdiocese of Washington RFV Registration Form at <https://dcpriest.formstack.com/forms/rfv2019> and pay the \$5.00 registration fee.

3) Agree to fundraise for the 2019 RFV (a reasonable goal is \$250).

If you have any questions, contact Claire Munter, our Run for Vocations liaison, at RFV@adw.org or Sarah Baugher baughers@adw.edu or call **202-636-9020** the Office of Priest Vocations.

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.

CALLING ALL PHYSICIANS AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS! Save the date to join the Washington DC Catholic Medical Association for our annual half-day retreat on Saturday, November 23rd, 2019. The CMA is a group of Catholic physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals who are committed to living the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine. To learn more, join our mailing list by sending a message to dc.cma.guild@gmail.com.