

**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.

**Sacrificial Giving**

Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. Sirach 35: 7-9

Parish Income Report for Week of May 26, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 2929.22
Holy Day - Ascension Of the Lord:	\$ 25.00
Votive Offering:	\$ 76.00
Catholic Relief:	\$ 379.00
Loose:	\$ 149.45
Pantry:	\$ 170.00
Cemetery:	\$ 892.00
Improvement Fund:	\$ 25.00

**Thank you for your Generosity and Support!**



**IN MEMORIAM  
THERESA ANN DOBAK**

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon her.**



**COME AND JOIN US OUR SPRING STRAWBERRY FEST IS HERE!!!**

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 12 noon after the 11:00 am Mass in the church hall. this year's Hospitality Committee's Spring Event will have a strawberry twist. Don't miss this fun filled day and Luncheon. Menu features: Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Deli Turkey on Rolls, Mixed Green Strawberry and Nut Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing. Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Trays, Jell-O Layered Salad, various Strawberry desserts and Beverages. All are welcome to participate in door prizes, 50/50 Raffle, and Cake Auction. Purchase your tickets now: Adults - \$12, Children 5-11 years old- \$6, and Children 4 and under eat free. Tickets are available after every mass or you may contact Dotty Kreeger at 301-375-8871 for tickets or more details on cake auction and festival itself. See you all there!

**IMPORTANT NEWS TO BE AWARE OF ON PHISHING SCAMS:** There has been a large activity of Phishing Attacks aimed at parishes, priests, and parishioners. These attacks are in the form of emails and cell phone message texts. If you receive an email or text message from Rev. Brian requesting help or a favor in any form of donation and / or gift card donation for the Church. **BEWARE!!!** This is not Fr. Brian making any requests. If you receive any email or phone text message from Rev. Brian please delete it immediately. Do not attempt to open any attachments. Fr. Brian will never communicate with any parishioner via email or text to discuss any topic. He will always personally approach you in person or personal phone call. Information on Phishing Scams has been added to help you understanding and safeguard yourself from possible theft.



**PHISHING SCAMS AND HOW NOT TO GET CAUGHT:**

Email phishing scams are getting more sophisticated every day, using familiar sender names and other information to lower their targets' defenses and make them more likely to become victims. It may seem like we've seen it all, and then —bam!— we're hit with a sneaky new tactic or a complicated computer virus. How can we keep our computers, networks, and personal identities safe online? By remaining vigilant — think before you click! The following are 4 ways internet scammers are trying to get into our systems and ways to protect your organization and yourself.

**1. Scam with a Familiar Name through Email:**

Phishers and hackers have become a lot better at copying email addresses and sending them in a way that makes them look legitimate. A familiar scam that's been circulating lately is an email that looks like it's from your parish priest. Typically, it's a hastily written request for the recipient to purchase gift cards for sick hospital patients he is "visiting" or for a parish event like an upcoming auction. Usually, "Fr. Bob" will ask the person to pick up some Google Play or iTunes gifts cards in various denominations, take pictures of the back with the PIN numbers scratched off, and have them email the information back to him. Unfortunately, this is a common scam that a lot of people fall for. Once those numbers are revealed and sent, funds can be depleted within a matter of minutes. Even if you were to discover the scam within a short period of time, gifts cards are typically non-returnable ... and can be used by anyone with the PIN.

Phishing scams continued.

## 2. Payroll Scams via Email

Payroll scams through email are especially popular today. Using a familiar name but fake email address, the fraudster will ask someone in the finance department for their direct deposit paycheck to be sent to a new bank account and routing number, which is all supplied through email. However, you guessed it: it's a scam.

You should never accept vital information sent through email, no matter how authentic it might appear. Always request a voided check and verify with each parish employee any changes to a paycheck, checking account, or financial institution. All it takes is a quick phone call or a stop at their desk to verify whether this is a true request.

## 3. Phishing Attempt via Text Messaging:

Imagine that you just received a notification on your phone that "you've got mail." Checking your email on the fly, you see a communication from your pastor, asking for a huge favor. They ask for your phone number so they can text you, and you send it. Minutes later, you receive a text message. "I'm in a meeting and can't talk," it reads. "I need you to stop at the nearest gas station. It's important." Congratulations — you've been phished.

Falling for this type of scam is even easier if you use your phone to check email, because it doesn't automatically show the email address it's sending from, just the name, which is easy to customize. And if your boss or pastor is a fast-paced kind of person, a random email from them isn't that unusual. But even so, if you were to have followed instructions, you'd have ended up purchasing gift cards, and then asked to scratch off the back so you could send the details via text.

## 4. Phishing Attempt via Account Verification

It's normal for employees, parish staff, and other organizations to send files back and forth through email. However, rarely, if ever, do these files require you to enter personal information in order to open them. A trending phishing scam is an email sent to a person with a PDF document attached. Using a simple message that conveys that this is an urgent request, someone clicks the link and is then prompted to enter their Adobe login/password to open the document. Unfortunately, you've been phished, and your personal information is now at risk.

If you're like most people, you have a password that you use for multiple accounts. So if a hacker is able to guess even one password for one account, it won't take long until they start finding more of your accounts and try that same password. In addition to not falling for this particular phishing scam, you should also be sure to use multiple passwords for various accounts and update them often.

Phishing scams continued.

You should also consider a secure password manager, like [1Password.com](http://1Password.com) or [lastpass.com](http://lastpass.com), which holds all of your logins and passwords in one secure spot, but also suggests better passwords and remembers them for when you need them. No need for post-it notes under your keyboard, multiple passwords that get forgotten, or a chance of one being guessed by a hacker.

Every day, you hear of a new internet scam. The best way to not fall for these scams is to remain vigilant, always verify, and always think before you click. For more ways to protect yourself, visit the [Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information website](http://Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information website) for some great tips.

## Archdiocese of Washington News

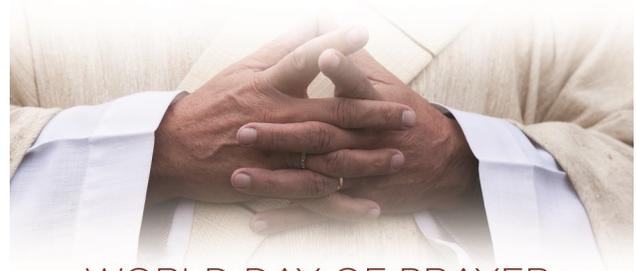
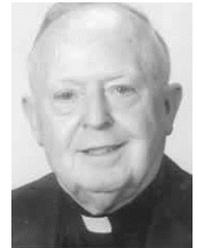
**SECOND COLLECTION:** On the Weekend of June 22 & 23, 2019, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Peter's Pence second collection. Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Are you interested in finding the right Catholic school for you? Catholic schools instill a life-long love of learning in a safe and faith-filled environment. Take the first step by visiting an open house near you. Learn more at [adwcatholicchools.org](http://adwcatholicchools.org).

## ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR FR.

**JOHN LUBEY:** June 3, 2019 - Please join us for a 20th Anniversary Mass commemorating the priesthood of Fr. John A. Lubey on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD. Father Lubey was

well known in the Archdiocese of Washington for his gentleness and compassion, and for the gifts of prophecy and healing which brought Christ to souls, and countless souls to Christ, through his priesthood.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR THE  
SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

JUNE 8