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Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, with enough time for Parents to meet with the Priest.

Sacrament of Marriage

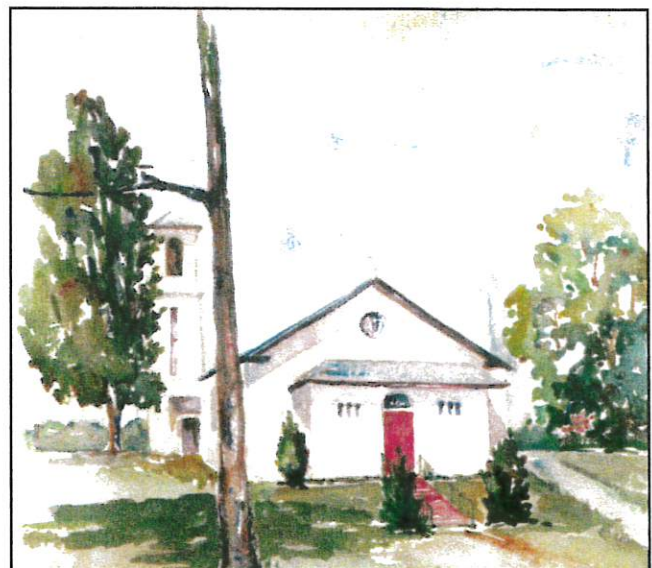
Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Religious Education

Classes for those attending Public School please call Parish Office.

Registration in the Parish

Parishioners should be registered. We need you! Forms are available at the door to the church.



Pastor

Rev. John T. Nguyen

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Thomas Spalding (Retired)

Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper

Mrs. Rebekah J. Guyther

Religious Education Coordinator

Mrs. Christine H. Biglin

Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days as announced

Parish Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Closed on Monday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

REFLECTION

Christmas is still a month away, but you wouldn't know it if you turned on the television or walked into a retail store. But here and now we celebrate a very different holy day and listen to a passage from the other end of Luke's Gospel. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," the criminal executed with Jesus asks. Let us resolve today, no matter the distractions, to set our eyes on the kingdom of heaven.

How is someone recognized as a king? David had been called by God and had led his people to victory in battle, so the elders of Israel's tribes anointed him king. Saint Paul recognized Jesus as king, for he is head of the church. In the Gospel, his fellow prisoner recognizes Jesus as innocent victim and king. As we listen to the readings today, let us consider how we recognize Jesus as our king.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

November 30	4:00pm	First Reading	M Boruta
		Second Reading	E Abell
December 1	8:30am	First Reading	A Gill
		Second Reading	L Wells
	11:00am	First Reading	J McAllister
		Second Reading	J McAllister

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

	4:00 PM	8:30AM	11:00AM
Nov 30/ Dec 1	A Johnson	J Cress H Krissoff	J Hancock G Webb K Webb

ALTAR SOCIETY

Weekend of November 30/December 1

Tom & Jane Coyne

Christmas Flower Remembrances

Christmas flower envelopes are at the doors of the church. This is a beautiful way to remember our deceased loved ones during this Holy Season. Return the completed envelopes by Dec. 22.



Christmas Decorating

We will decorate the church for Christmas on December 15, following the 11:00am Mass. Please help us decorate and bring a dish to share if you are able.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD & Book Rack

Visit our kiosk and find inspirational CDs, pamphlets and books on our Catholic faith. These items are very reasonably priced.

Parish Calendar

December 1 – First Sunday of Advent.

December 9 – Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is at 8:00am on Monday, Dec 9.

December 15 – Christmas Decorating Potluck following the 11am Mass.

December 20 – Healing Prayers will follow 8am Mass.

December 20 – Our Lady's Parishioners to help at the WARM Program at Camp Maria.

December 22 – Christmas Flower Envelopes are due.

December 24 – Children's Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Vigil 10:00pm.

December 25 – Christmas Mass 8:30am and 11:00am.

December 26 – Parish Office Closed.

December 27 – Holy Hour Devotions with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 8:30-9:30am.

BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. Please drop off your donated bears by Dec 6 at Heavenly Presents, 22697 Washington Street (on the Square), Leonardtown. Store hours are Tue-Sat, or use the after-hours drop box outside the store front door. Your tax-deductible monetary donations will be used to purchase bears at a discounted price! Please make checks payable to the Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. You may also purchase a bear or make donations through our website at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org -- click on Bear Hugs Project. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached.

SUNDAY November 24, 2019 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

Sat Nov 23	8:00 am	All Souls
	4:00 pm	All Souls
Sun Nov 24	8:30 am	All Souls
	11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners
Tue Nov 26	8:00 am	All Souls
Wed Nov 27	8:00 am	All Souls
Thu Nov 28	8:00 am	All Souls
Fri Nov 29	8:00 am	All Souls
Sat Nov 30	8:00 am	All Souls
	4:00 pm	All Souls
Sun Dec 1	8:30 am	Bernard Joseph Murphy
	11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners

Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick

John Allum-Poon, James Holly, Evelyn Ryce, Dennis Gatley, Teresa Fenwick, James "Boogie" Howe, Keith Harless, Claudia Fenwick, Cathy Norris, Ricky Burroughs, Anna Daugherty, Ben DeWeese, Rick Quigg, Dona Hamlet, Bob Russell, Rene Chicoine, Jessica Higgs, Benny Benson, Margaret Breakfield, Irene Dixon, Katie Gatley, Anna Marie Quade, Pat Bateman, Jim Hein, Ann & Jim Sheasley, Claudia Geroni, Marlene Norris, Sarah Milburn, Agnes Higgs, James N. Trossbach, Edith McFadden, Ann Duchesne, Pat Goin, Beth Higgs, Peter Van Ryswick, Philip Woodburn, David Wood, Charles Mills, Alice Holly, Jackson Morgan, Gary Rogers, Wayne Norris, John A. Abell, Jessica Coss, John Fenwick, Cecelia Knott, Angelina Prucha, Jimmy Ludwig, David Cook, Angel Spalding, Ray Harding, Jr., Kim Sariego, Caroline Sadler, Ellie Vance, Deacon Tom & Rose Spalding, Trish (McWilliams) Guy, Elsie Good, Christina Howe, Ethan Swayze, Jean Bowles Wathen, Jody Van Ryswick, Jimmy Morrisette, Joyce Thompson, Timothy Sauler, Jacob Johnson, Shane Copsy

CHARITABLE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Charitable Outreach Committee is continuing to collect food for St. Cecilia's food pantry and for Helping Hands food pantry. *Thank you for answering Christ's call to "Feed the hungry" by regularly donating food items.* Food can be left in the back of the church by the Sacred Heart statue.

SHARE THE WARMTH COAT DRIVE

The Charitable Outreach Committee will be collecting coats, sweaters, jackets, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. to provide for those who are in need of warmth on a cold day. Please drop off the garments in the rear of the church, next to the Sacred Heart statue.

WARM Program Volunteers Needed

Camp Maria Retreat Center is hosting the WARM program for two weeks during the Christmas Season. **Our Lady's Church will help them for one night beginning Friday, December 20 at 5:00pm through breakfast the next day, Saturday, December 21 ending at 7:00am.**

Here's a list of what we need the volunteers to provide:

- Make and bring dinner.
- Serve dinner.
- Clean up after dinner.
- Bring snacks.
- Bring and help with social activities: reading, puzzles, games, crafts, etc.
- Monitoring the participants - at least one man and one woman monitoring at all times

We have a WARM sign-up sheet at the St. Joseph Statue. Please sign up if you are able.

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

Act of Hope: This Thanksgiving, try memorizing the *Act of Hope* like students from FAW have learned. "O my God, relying on your infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen."

Save the Date: All are invited to attend Cookies with Santa at Father Andrew White School on Sunday, December 15th from 12 - 2pm. More details will be coming soon!!

Our Lady's Church Giving Tree

This year our Giving Tree will hold 60 tags for children from a local elementary school. They are requesting clothing and accessories for the children - another organization will be providing toys. If you do not want to take a name, but would like donate you are welcome to provide stocking stuffer items (candy, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrush, comb, brush).

There are a couple rules we must follow:

1. No cash or gift cards or gift receipts, please.
2. ***IMPORTANT***PLEASE sign your name in the RED NOTEBOOK, with your PHONE NUMBER and the NUMBER from the Tag on the tree. (We can check the notebook should the tag or tags become lost and we can call you if you forgot to turn the gifts in on time.)
3. Gifts should be turned in by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8.**

Thank you for all you do to give children a wonderful Christmas.

On December 7/8 we will take the collection for Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection benefits sisters, brothers and religious order priests across our nation in their senior years and helps to provide nursing care, medications and other necessities. Please be as generous as you can.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – NOT a Holyday of Obligation in 2019

This year, the Second Sunday of Advent falls on December 8, 2019. Because the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Because of this, the Solemnity is NOT a holyday of obligation this year. Normally we do not have a weekday mass on Mondays but Fr. John will have Mass on Monday, December 9th in honor of this Feast day.

Christmas Cantata & Sing-Along

Come celebrate the Christmas Season with St Mary's Bryantown and St. Mary's Newport!!! On Sunday, **December 15 at 3 PM**, St Mary's Bryantown and Newport musicians will present a **Christmas Cantata and Sing-along at St. Mary's Bryantown Church**. Bring your family! Dessert will be provided in St. Mary's Bryantown Church Hall immediately following the Cantata.

Help Our Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th - January 26th, 2020, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Hospice of St. Mary's Jingle & Mingle

December 6 -- Hospice of St. Mary's invites you to jingle and mingle with us for a sneak peek at the beautifully decorated holiday trees from our Festival of Trees and participate in a silent auction! The event is at the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland; tickets are \$80. All trees have been graciously donated by the local community and friends of Hospice of St. Mary's. Buy a ticket online by November 25 at www.hospiceofstmarys.org! For more information, call 301-994-3023.

Hospice of St. Mary's Festival of Trees

December 7 -- You are invited to start the magical time of the year with Hospice of St. Mary's 12th Annual Festival of Trees -- a free family event for the community! In addition to lavishly decorated trees and wreaths, there will be live entertainment, shopping, activities for children, photos with Santa and face painting from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. You can participate by becoming a sponsor, decorating a tree, or donating gifts in kind. For more information, visit www.hospiceofstmarys.org.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

You may request a Mass for a loved one by recording their name in the Mass Intention Book on the table near the Sacred Heart Statue in the church. Just select a date from the monthly list of dates, then complete one of the Mass Intention envelopes and include your stipend. **Put the envelope in the Collection basket.** The usual stipend is \$10. If this is a financial hardship for you, just give what you can or simply make the request. Mass cards signed by Fr. John are also available. Please contact the rectory if you need assistance.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Parishioners at Our Lady's Church commit to pray for the needy, the sick and the dying and their families. If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, we will remember them in our daily prayers. Just list your intention in the Intercessory Prayer binder that is located at the Mary Statue. We will join our prayers with yours that God our loving Father will bless you with abundant grace, strength and wisdom to endure the current trial and that His peace will envelope you always.

Cybercrime is hitting churches nationwide. If you receive a text or an email that shows the parish priest as the sender requesting something unusual or to purchase something, rest assured it is a scam. Parishioners can and should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious request received through email or text. All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>.

Hollywood Tree Lighting 2019 will be Sunday, December 1, 2019. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. at Hollywood VFD Social Hall, 24801 Three Notch Road, Hollywood, MD. Crafts will start at 4:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrive about 5:30 p.m. Refreshments available after Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive. Write your Santa letter and put in our Santa box. FirePrevention display. Giving away one Boy and one Girl stocking. Also, giving away one Girl and one Boy bike. **BRING YOUR CAMERA!**

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

All are welcome to attend the Special Needs Mass "Celebrating Our Gifts" on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the 5:00PM Vigil Mass at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown. Our young adults participate in a weekly prayer group at Heavenly Presents named: Friends of Faith. Our Friends of Faith will be using their gifts as lectors, greeters, altar servers, cantors, gift bearers and will be singing in the choir. Please join us this Advent as we prepare the way of the Lord.



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