
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

Today we hear a young Solomon meekly asking God for wisdom and understanding so that he might properly distinguish right from wrong and judge with kindness and compassion. We often find ourselves misleading ourselves about right and wrong or judging others hastily and unfairly. Let us take this opportunity today to pray that we may emulate Solomon and welcome God's wisdom and mercy into our lives so that we can be guided in using right judgment.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12: Solomon asks for an understanding heart.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119: "Lord, I love your commands."

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30: God predestined us to be conformed to the image of the Son.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

NEW CCD COORDINATOR: *We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Evelyn Ryce is returning to Our Lady's as our CCD Coordinator. Most of you know Evelyn who was our former Secretary, Bookkeeper and CCD Coordinator. She retired in 2016, but is happy to venture back to help our program. Evelyn never really left since she has volunteered as a CCD teacher since her retirement. Thank you Evelyn for your continuing dedication to the church!*

Our Lady's Church is happy to offer online giving for families to easily give one-time and recurring gifts! Simply make a secure donation via electronic check, debit or credit card by visiting <https://ourladyschurch.org/>. Click on the "Donate" button and in the "comment" section designate how you want your donation allocated, *i.e.* *Offertory, Education, Utilities, etc.* Please consider sharing your gifts without the hassle of remembering to send in checks and envelopes.

Our Lady's Church Daily Mass Schedule

Our Lady's Church has reopened for daily Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am, no sign up is required. This is an evolving situation so as days or times change we will keep you posted by email and our website.

Call the Rectory: Please keep Fr. John or the Parish Office informed if someone is sick or hospitalized. We can add their name to the prayer list. They can also have a visit from Fr. John.

Parish Calendar

July 28 & 30 – Daily Mass – 10:00am

Aug 1 – Vigil Mass – 4:00pm. Sign up is required.

Aug 2 – Sunday Mass – 11:00am. Sign up required.

Message from Fr. John:

We are happy to resume Mass at Our Lady's Church on Saturdays at 4pm and Sundays at 11am. Attendance will be limited so please sign up online under "Parish News about Mass Attendance". While attendance is limited, please remember the dispensation from the Sunday and holy day obligation will remain in effect. As changes are made to the Mass schedule and the sign-up procedure, we will communicate that on our website and through email. If you are a registered parishioner, but not receiving an email, please let us know. If you would like to register as a parishioner, please register online or download a registration form and send it to our parish office.

Please keep in mind these important guidelines when visiting the church:

- A face mask is required.
- Sanitize your hands.
- Social distancing is required.
- Enter the church through the front door unless you require handicap access.
- Exit through all doors.
- Church seating will be limited - pews are marked.
- There will be no offertory collection, but we will have a donation receptacle as you enter the church.
- Missalette and paper aids in the pews are removed.
- There will be no exchange of the sign of peace and no holy water in the fonts.
- Minimize the use of the restrooms if possible.

Thank you for your patience as we work through our plans for re-opening.

SUNDAY July 26, 2020 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

Sat Jul 25	Anna Marie Quade
Sun Jul 26	Eddie Vause
Tue Jul 28	Rudy Baliko
Wed Jul 29	Eddie Vause
Thu Jul 30	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri Jul 31	Tick & Ada Gough
Sat Aug 1	Frances Wilkinson Duke
Sun Aug 2	Doug Woodburn

Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick

Barbara Dudzic, Ginny Ulett, John Allum-Poon, Evelyn Ryce, Dennis Gatley, Teresa Fenwick, James "Boogie" Howe, Keith Harless, Claudia Fenwick, Cathy Norris, Ricky Burroughs, Anna Daugherty, Ben DeWeese, Dona Hamlet, Bob Russell, Rene Chicoine, Jessica Higgs, Margaret Breakfield, Irene Dixon, Katie Gatley, Pat Bateman, 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, Jimmy Ludwig, David Cook, Angel Spalding, Ray Harding, Jr., Kim Sariego, Caroline Sadler, Ellie Vance, Deacon Tom & Rose Spalding, Trish (McWilliams) Guy, Christina Howe, Ethan Swayze, Jean Bowles Wathen, Jody Van Ryswick, Jimmy Morrisette, Joyce Thompson, Timothy Sauler, Jacob Johnson, Shane Copey

CHARITABLE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Charitable Outreach Committee is continuing to collect food for St. Cecilia's food pantry and for Helping Hands food pantry. *Please answer 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.

We have continued to collect food for the needy during the Pandemic. St. Cecilia's Food Pantry is very grateful for your kind generosity.

Catholic Response to the US Census

The 2020 Census is safe and confidential. It is estimated that the state of Maryland lost nearly a billion dollars in state funding during the 2010 census, and subsequently, the state did not obtain its share of funding. Every person, regardless of immigration status, has the right to be counted. Completing the Census is easy. People can also respond – online, by paper, or by phone. Help is available in many languages. Visit the website: <https://2020census.gov/en.html>
Call 844-468-2020 in Spanish and in English at 844-330-2020. The Census Bureau has extended the response period to August 14.

Care Net SoMD is hiring for the position of Communication Director. The Communication Director is responsible for daily management of social media, website development and advertising (print and digital). Must have an understanding of marketing to different audiences and a proficiency in communicating across multiple platforms. Bachelor's degree in communications, journalism or related field (or extensive experience) required. Master's degree and event planning experience preferred. The ability to demonstrate a personal relationship with Christ and a commitment to the sanctity of life are critical. Anyone interested in this position should contact Executive Director, Olivia Bossert at 301-737-4604 or director@carenetsomd.org

REGISTER FOR CCD – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It's time to register for CCD which is scheduled to begin on September 13, 2020. Religious Ed annual fees are \$50 for one child, \$90 for two children, \$100 for three or more. You may register by going to our website and registering online or print a registration and send it along with payment to:

Coordinator of Religious Education
Our Lady's Church Rectory
41348 Medley's Neck Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

If you register online, please designate in the comment section that the payment is for "CCD Registration".

LVRSA Bake Off Virtual Auction Fundraiser

Date: Monday, 27 July 2020

Time: Bidding online from 9am-9pm

Place: Virtual Event is on the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Facebook Page

Items available for virtual viewing after 7pm on Sunday July 26th. Auction is Monday July 27th and the Winners will be announced online @10:00pm. Winners will pick up their items on July 28th from 10:30-11:00am at the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Building, 22855 Lawrence Avenue, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Cash or check made out to LVRSA only. Please join us to support the LVRSA and to win some delicious homemade desserts!

ANNUAL JUBILIARIAN CELEBRATION OF

MARRIAGE: The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. To register, please contact our parish office by September 30. For more information, call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or send an email to: visiblesign@adw.org

CEMETERY NEWS: Please keep in mind that Archdiocesan Cemetery regulations prohibit artificial flowers in the grass during the cutting season. In addition, please refrain from placing loose objects on or around the headstones as they are a hazard to the groundskeepers and volunteers who clean and maintain the cemetery. Thank you.

Mass Intentions: Fr. John honors all Mass Intentions when he says Mass in the Rectory. If you would like to post-pone your intention, please call us 301-475-8403.

First Communion/Confirmation Gifts

Heavenly Presents provides many affordable gift ideas to meet your First Communion and Confirmation needs! We are located at: 22697 Washington Street, (on the Square) in Leonardtown, Maryland. Operated by volunteers are store hours are: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am until 5pm; Wednesday and Friday, 10am until 6pm and Saturday 10am to 3pm. Patron Saint medals should be ordered in advance! Communion Catalogs are available upon request! For more info call us: (301) 475-9770.

Become A Clinical Intern with Catholic Charities

A clinical intern is defined as a student, usually a graduate level student but occasionally undergraduate, who requires specialized supervision by a licensed professional. To be considered for a clinical internship with Catholic Charities, you must be a student enrolled in a degree program at an accredited college or university. Internships at Catholic Charities are unpaid, but provide a wealth of experience. For more information see here: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/internships/>

Catholic Charities is in Need of Volunteers:

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

**4th Annual "Walk in the Park"
5K Fun Run/Walk**

Join us at St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, September 19th for this fun event to benefit our parish's Newtowne Manor House Preservation/ Restoration Fund. This run/walk is open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and run/walk starts at 9 a.m. The registration fee of \$20 which includes a t-shirt will help preserve this religious and historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration is available in the vestibule and on our website: www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. Donations are always welcomed. If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

Nightly Rosary: The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all, who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty, to join in our nightly Rosary at 8 p.m., 7 days a week. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our currently health - challenged world. To join us, call 605-468-8016, ID 357090# at 8 p.m. seven days a week. If you have any questions, please email us at archdiocesecw@gmail.com. For other prayer resources please see our website <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/> See the tab: Coronavirus Prayer Resources, which lists many opportunities for daily Mass and meditations.

One Million Rosaries: Every prayer counts! Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up for the one million Rosary campaign at <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

Now Enrolling: Our award winning parish school, Father Andrew White, is now enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, check out their website at www.fatherandrewwhite.org or email our principal, Ms. Francisco at principal@fatherandrewwhite.org. She is happy to answer your questions during this time of extended school closure. Once the school building is open again, we look forward to giving you a personalized tour so you can meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how the students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."