
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

REFLECTION

Today we celebrate Mary, the mother of our Lord, whose *yes* to God changed her life as well as all of ours. At the end of her life on earth she was raised to eternal life with her Son. She is forever our model in her assent and faithfulness to God's will. Her assumption in an anticipation of our resurrection at the end of our life here on earth.

Even before she gave birth to the Son of God, Mary said, "From this day all generations will call me blessed." And indeed they have, for she was given the unprecedented responsibility and the great privilege of bringing God's Son into the world. Like the woman in the vision from Revelation, Mary was kept safe in God's care until the day came when she could be taken to "a place prepared by God," a place we look to as our destiny as well.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2: All Israel witnessed the arrival of the ark of the covenant in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 132: "Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness."

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54b-57: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:27-28: Blessed is the woman who bore Jesus!

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

Aug 18 & 20 – Daily Mass – 10:00am

Aug 22 – Vigil Mass – 4:00pm. Sign up is required.

Aug 23 – 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.
- Missalettes 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 August 16, 2020 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

Sat Aug 15	Bernard Beavan
Sun Aug 16	Shirley & Perry Abell
Tue Aug 18	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed Aug 19	Walter & Patsy Wise
Thu Aug 20	Bernard Beavan
Fri Aug 21	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat Aug 22	Clarence Goddard, Jr.
Sun Aug 23	Frances Wilkinson Duke

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, 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 Copsey

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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

During August, our parish is accepting donations for those *Working on the Margins*. At a time when many industries have changed drastically, leaving many unemployed or under-employed, it is vital that workers find new ways to earn a fair living and to contribute to the lives of their families and communities. When you support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, you help workers across the country find innovative approaches that allow them to work and build for the future. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in the Archdiocese of Washington. We will have collection envelopes for this important Catholic Campaign at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your help to the needy.

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 Our Lady's Church!*

REGISTER FOR CCD – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It's time to register for CCD which is scheduled to begin mid to late September. We plan to hold most of the instruction virtually, with perhaps some in-person social distancing learning. 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".

Celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, August 22 at Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville. We will begin with Mass in the Church at 9 AM, and then move outdoors to the newly installed Mother of Light Shrine for the recitation of the Rosary, an act of consecration to Our Lady, and an introduction to a new local apostolate, *Southern Maryland Militia Immaculata*.

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.

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.

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.

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>.

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.



Father Andrew White, S.J. School
"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living Our Faith"

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. Our principal, Ms. Francisco is happy to answer your questions. You may contact her by calling 301-475-9795 or emailing principal@fatherandrewwhite.org. She looks forward to giving you a personalized tour so you can learn about the dedicated and caring staff and find out how the students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

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/>

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.