

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacrament of Marriage

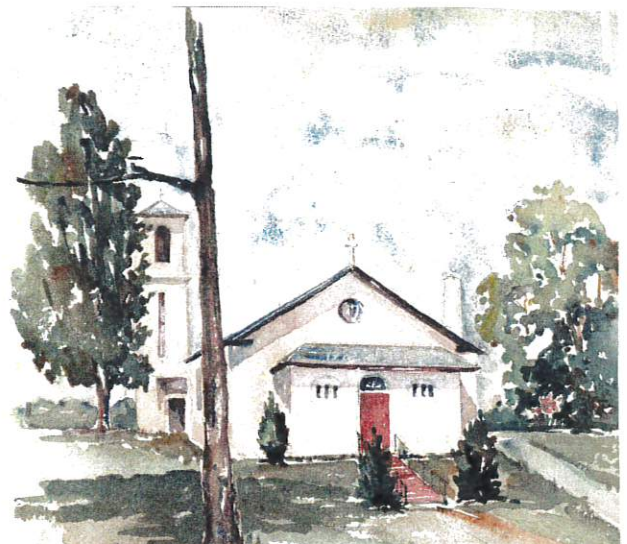
Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Religious Education

Online classes for those attending Public School.
Please call the Parish Office.

Registration in the Parish

Parishioners should be registered. We need you!
Registration forms are available online or at the doors of 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. Evelyn Ryce

Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 10:00am

Holy Days as Announced

Parish Office Hours 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday – Friday

Closed on Monday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Immediately after Mass *or*

By Appointment

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

“Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near,” Isaiah counsels us in the first words from today’s first reading. We come together today to seek the Lord in word and sacrament, knowing that he can be found in scripture, in the Eucharist, and in each other. We call to him now, lifting our voices in song and prayer, aware of his closeness as we are gathered two or more in his name.

This Sunday’s Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9: The ways and thoughts of God are above our own.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145: “The Lord is near to all who call upon him.”

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a: Saint Paul rejoices that to live is Christ and to die is to gain.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16a: “The last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our faith formation program for children is beginning on September 20. Our program will be held virtually using a program through *My Catholic Faith Delivered*. Religious Ed annual fees are \$50 for one child, \$90 for two children, \$100 for three or more

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.

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.

Message from Fr. John:

We are happy to resume a full Mass schedule at Our Lady’s Church on Saturdays at 4pm and Sundays at *8:30 am & 11am (*no singing at 8:30 mass). Weekday Masses are Tuesday – Friday at 10:00am. Every third pew is available for seating for safe social distancing. Due to limited space and health concerns, dispensation from the Sunday and holy day obligation will remain in effect. No sign up is required, so please come early to insure adequate seating.

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.
- Minimize the use of the restrooms if possible.
- 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. You may take a missalette at the church door to keep. Or you can access the readings from your electronic device from our website or at <https://www.usccb.org/>.
- There will be no exchange of the sign of peace and no holy water in the fonts.

Confessions are held after Mass or by appointment.

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.

SUNDAY September 20, 2020 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

Sat Sep 19 4:00pm	Lillian Kidd Cowan
Sun Sep 20 8:30 am	Betty Ann Beavan
11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners
Tue Sep 22 10:00am	Walter & Patsy Wise
Wed Sep 23 10:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu Sep 24 10:00am	Tick & Ada Gough
Fri Sep 25 10:00am	Bernard Beavan
Sat Sep 26 4:00pm	Jack Lamar Whaley
Sun Sep 27 8:30 am	Sara & Dick Hammett and George & Frances Wigginton
11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners

Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick

Patty Van Ryswick, Jerry Pope, 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 Sariago, 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

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.

September 26 Virtual Walk for the Poor

The 13th annual Walk for the Poor is going virtual! Because of COVID-19, this year's Walk for the Poor won't be a physical event. Instead, we are asking that you join us on September 26 for our *Virtual Walk for the Poor*. Walk on your treadmill, through your neighborhood, or on the soccer field. Join us to raise funds for those in need in our Community. Our Walk is a fundraising effort organized by the National Council of St. Vincent de Paul, and carried out locally by the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at St. Aloysius and Immaculate Conception Parishes. Every dollar raised benefits people in need who live in St. Mary's County. Last year, the Walk raised \$17,000 from over 300 walkers and 40 sponsors. Our St. Vincent de Paul conferences helped St. Mary's County residents with basic needs including rent, electric, water, food and medicine. To register is simple. Go to www.fopwalk.org to register. You can also input pledges from your family and friends. If you would rather just send a donation, please mail your check to St. Vincent de Paul, PO Box 310, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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.



Father Andrew White, S.J. School

"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living Our Faith"

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

New School Year. Did you know our parish school has begun their 2020-2021 school year? Please pray for the health and safety of Father Andrew White's in-person learners as well as their distance learners. God bless the students, teachers, and families!

The Virtue of Charity: Our parish school is participating in a Virtues in Practice program again this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. They also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and families are learning about the third theological virtue: Charity. Please join them by showing how you are loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength and loving your neighbor as yourself during the month of September.

2020 Jubilarian Mass Cancelled

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are cancelling the Archdiocesan Jubilarian Mass on November 22, 2020. We are still accepting registrations of couples who are celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ years) and will be providing each couple an anniversary certificate. Couples who wish to receive a certificate should contact their parish office by September 30th. For more information, please call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or email visiblesign@adw.org