

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.

Archdiocese of Washington Coronavirus Notice

In the interest of public health and safety, local governments have issued restrictions on certain activities in response to the coronavirus. Most recently the State of Maryland has ordered that no public gatherings in excess of 250 people may be held until further notice. As a result of this order, Archbishop Gregory has indicated that ALL Masses open to the public, in ALL archdiocesan parishes, missions, and campus ministries will not be celebrated starting this Saturday, March 14th until further notice. Weddings and funerals will proceed but attendance should be limited to immediate family.

Archbishop Gregory has also issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to all parishioners of the Archdiocese of Washington.

In light of this directive, No Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Star of the Sea until further notice. All scheduled funerals and wedding will proceed as scheduled.

All Christians are invited and encouraged to view the Mass celebration on television. The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50:

No cable; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50

Comcast: Ch. 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County; Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland

RCN: Ch 15

Verizon: Ch. 3

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**CCD CANCELLED** Also due to the local government's restrictions, Governor Hogan announced that all public schools in the State of Maryland will be closed from March 16 through March 27. We follow the state and Charles County closure notices and in adherence to the school closure notice ALL Religious Education classes are canceled from March 16 through March 27. Updates will be posted as directives are received from the Charles County School District and Archdiocese of Washington.

**Parish Events**

**ADULTS SEEKING TO LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH OR RENEW HIS CATHOLIC FAITH OR SEEK SACRAMENT** of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation Contact the rectory office or ask Father Brian for more information, 301-753-9177.

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS** The 2020 Lenten Food Drive will be taking place the weekend of March 21st and 22nd. Brown paper bags will be distributed to each person as they leave church. Please take as many bags as you would like. Extra bags will be available in the vestibule of the church. Please go shopping and purchase items from ANY category that is listed on the bag. Please return the bags the weekend of March 28th and 29th. Do not worry if you forget to return the bags that weekend. You may return them any weekend. All food collected stays here in our Star of the Sea Pantry. If you have any questions or concerns please call, Steve Clements, 240-216-4203, Star of the Sea Pantry Coordinator. Thank you for answering the Gospel call to serve those in need!

**HONDURAS PROJECT** Our religious education children have started their Annual Honduras Project through Catholic group missionaries. They are collecting toiletry items which include ivory soap, flip flops, wash cloths...etc. and school supplies (pencils, class room teaching aides...etc. These items will help the less fortunate. If you would like to donate, Their will be a box or suitcase in the Church vestibule where you may deposit items after mass or drop off at the rectory office between 8 am - 1 pm, M-F. This is the children's "Lenten Project" and donation collections will run throughout Lent and will be mailed out after Easter. For more information contact, Janet Lacey at [staroftheseareligion@gmail.com](mailto:staroftheseareligion@gmail.com).

**Around Southern Maryland News****LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC UPCOMING EVENTS**

Events at Loyola on the Potomac, *A Jesuit Retreat House*  
9270 Loyola Retreat Rd., Faulkner, MD 20632

Lenten Days of Prayer, April 6, 2020, Our Hope is in the Cross

Marian Day of Prayer, May 4, 2020, Behold the Handmaid of the Lord

Ignatian Weekend Retreats, Lord teach us to Pray

March 13-15 Women

March 20-22 Men

April 3-5 Women

April 17-19 Men & Women

April 24-26 (Spanish) Men and Women

Fee: \$245, First-time retreatants and Young adults under 30, \$195. For retreat information or to register go to

[www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com), or contact Angel Restrepo at 301- 392-0801 or

[angel.restrepo@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:angel.restrepo@loyolaretreat.org)

**Events Southern MD CANCELLED****SPRING SEAFOOD DINNER HOLY ANGELS CHURCH**

Sunday, March 22, from 11:30 am - 4:00 pm. 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609.

Tickets: Adults \$30, Carry out \$28, Children 6 -12 \$8, and children under 5 free.

Menu: Crab Balls, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Oysters, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Homemade Coleslaw, Old Fashioned Green Beans, Pickled Beets, Dinner Rolls, Fruited Jell-O, and Beverages!

\$1,500 Raffle: 1st prize \$1000, 2nd Prize \$500. Chances (ticket cost) \$10, Need not be present to win.

**SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES OYSTER FEST**

Annual Spring Oyster Fest at Saint Francis de Sales Hall in Benedict, Maryland on Saturday, March 28 from 12 to 3 PM located at 7209 Benedict Avenue 20612.

Tickets are \$25 at the door. Family rates. All you can eat. Oysters fried, scalded and raw at our outdoor bar, shrimp, ham. Homemade side dishes.

Cake sale, silent auction. Reserve a table for six and one person eats free. Tickets available at the door. More info **301-274-3416** or email **cusickk@adw.org**.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT**, hosted by Encounter Grace, will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Immaculate Conception Church, Mechanicsville MD. The retreat, The Grace of Yes with Lisa Hendey, is a full-day retreat. Open to Catholic women ages 18+, cost is \$45.00 and includes retreat, breakfast and lunch. Information and link to register can be found at **www.encountergrace.co**

**Events & News in the DMV**

**DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER TO ALABAMA APRIL 18 TO 22** Don't miss this opportunity to visit the beautiful Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Eternal Word Television Network. Fr. Rory Conley, pastor of St Mary's in Bryantown, will accompany us as Chaplain. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy is only \$925.00, which includes: airfare, bus transportation, hotels, breakfast and lunch, along with entry fees and stipends. For full itinerary and trip details visit: **www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org** or contact Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139.

**WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL**

Patience is power... it is "timing"; it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way.

Ven. Fulton Sheen

**Events & News in the DMV**

**JUBILARIAN MASS 2020** The annual ADW Jubilarian Celebration of marriage, honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years. This year the Mass will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with his Excellency, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, as the celebrant. To register, please contact the Parish Office. **301-753-9177**. Thursday, May 21nd is the last day to register couples.

**2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DIVISION OF THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA** Monthly Mass and Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - 400 Michigan Ave, NE, DC in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at 1:00pm.

- ♦ January 13, March 13, May 13, July 13, November 13, (not celebrated September 13)

Even months are sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Division at the same location and time

- ♦ February 13, April 13, June 13, August 13, October 13, December 13

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary - location to be announced. Preparation prayers begin July 13, and Consecration August 15 after 5pm Vigil Mass For more information contact Monica Pereira **301-949-5710** or Mary Ann Hanson **301-595-1770**.

**PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL BLUE ARMY SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** Saturday, April 25, The World Apostolate of Fatima Archdiocese of Washington Division is sponsoring a one (1) day bus pilgrimage led by Msgr. Balbago to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, NJ. Cost is \$60. For more information call Monica at **301-949-5710**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES** As part of the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic cemeteries and family counselors consider it a privileged ministry to assist families in a respectful, professional and ethical way. In his Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate, Pope Francis writes of the beatitude of those who "are unafraid to share in the suffering" and "know how to mourn with others." If you or someone you know in the parish is interested in the work of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, visit the employment opportunities section of the CCAW website: **<https://ccaw.org/employment-opportunities>**.