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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.

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 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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

Twice today we hear the words "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Even though we just heard these words a month ago at Christmas, it is appropriate to hear them again. Jesus began his mission by fulfilling the words of the great prophet Isaiah. Today we contemplate the mission we are called to pray that we can fulfill the plan God has for us.

The road on which we walk is one of dramatic change. Isaiah preaches about darkness and distress being replaced by light and rejoicing. Paul encourages his divided audience to unite in the name of Jesus. In Matthew, Jesus calls the first apostles and they leave their way of life and follow him. As we listen to today's readings, notice how people are changed by the Light of the world.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 1

4:00pm First Reading E Cecil

Second Reading D Dudziec

February 2

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
Feb	B Gruby	B Young	B Biglin
1/2	A Tippett	Z Van Ryswick	A Jago
1	D Van Ryswick		J Bateman

ALTAR SOCIETY

Weekend of February 1/2 Lisa & Will Weston and Susan Copsey

Parish Calendar

February 21 – Healing Prayers will follow 8:00am Mass.

February 26 – Ash Wednesday Mass times are 8:00am and 7:00pm.

February28 – Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will follow 8:00am Mass.

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.

St. Aloysius Church is looking to fill out a team of 6-8 roofers or those with carpentry skills for an 8-day relief mission to Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas, in February. The area was recently devastated by Hurricane Dorian. Travel by van to Pompano Beach, Florida, and sail by 55' yacht. Lodging on board. For further information, contact Dan Guenther at 301-672-1478 or 301-475-3106.

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 envelop you always.

Food for the Poor Appeal This Weekend

Father Richard Paul Lewandowski will be at our parish this weekend, January 25/26 to speak about the mission of *Food for the Poor*. He is a priest of the Diocese of Worcester, MA. Presently, he assists *Food for The Poor* in raising awareness and direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Lewandowski was ordained in 1974, and his ministries have included serving as an associate pastor and pastor in many parishes, and Campus Ministry. He is a licensed mental health counselor and writes children's books. In addition to his ministry with *Food for the Poor*, he serves at St. Richard's Parish, Sterling, MA, and counsels first responders and combat veterans. Please welcome him and consider supporting this very worthwhile appeal.

SUNDAY January 26, 2020 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions			
Sat Jan 25 8:00 am	Healing for Struggling Families		
4:00 pm	Mae, Johnny & John Robert Gough		
Sun Jan 26 8:30 am	Eddie Vause		
11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners		
Tue Jan 28 8:00 am	Ray Bald		
Wed Jan 29 8:00 am	Michael Perigo		
Thu Jan 30 8:00 am	John Wolff		
Fri Jan 31 8:00 am	Josh Gill		
Sat Feb 1 8:00 am	Healing for Struggling Families		
4:00 pm	(L) Theresa Granata (L)		
Sun Feb 2 8:30 am	Sara & Dick Hammett and		
	George & Frances Wigginton		
11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners		

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.

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.

Encounter Grace is hosting a Catholic Women's Book Club Get-Together February 18, 2020, from 630-830 pm. (Location TBD) The book they will be discussing is St. Monica and The Power of Persistent Prayer by Mark Aquilina and Mike W. Sullivan. This is a free event, open to women 18+. More information and link to register can be found at www.encountergrace.com.

A 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.com.

King Cake 4 Life! American Heritage Girls are selling King Cakes for Mardi gras to support Pro-Life Pregnancy Center. The cake is a cross between a coffee cake and a French pastry that is decorated in the colors of green, purple and gold with a plastic baby hidden inside. The donation per cake is \$40. For more info contact Debbie Cress and see the flyer at the church doors.

Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick

Ginny Ulett, 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 Copsey

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

Father Andrew White School Open House: Did you know that Father Andrew White was named a 2012 Blue Ribbon School and was recently voted as the #1 Private School by "The Enterprise" newspaper readers? It's time to find out why! You are cordially invited to visit our award winning parish school! Father Andrew White Catholic School is having an Open House on Friday, January 31st from 10-11:30am. Come see school in session and meet the dedicated and caring staff and discover how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

Italian Dinner: To end Catholic Schools Week, we will celebrate with an Italian Dinner at FAW School on Saturday, February 1st from 4-8pm. Everyone is welcome to an all you can eat feast of spaghetti, homemade meatballs, Italian sausage, desserts, and more! There will also be many wonderful baskets at our Brown Bag Auction. Adults - \$10, Kids 4-12 - \$5, Kids 3 and under – Free.

Marriage Enrichment Series

Take the time to invest in your marriage by attending a series of enrichment sessions together, hosted by the Office for Family Life held at St. Aloysius Church. The series is held on Tuesdays from 7-9PM

- January 28th EQUAL
- February 4th COMMUNICATIONS
- February 11th SEXUALITY AND INTIMACY
- February 18th THRIVING VS. SURVIVING Presented by: Rebecca Mullan, MS, LPC Register at: mestaloysius.eventbrite.com

WELCOME! Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship, guidance or instruction. We invite you to register and make Our Lady's Church your parish. Registration forms can be at the doors of the church, in the office, or online www.ourladyschurch.org.

Leap into the 12 Steps of Recovery

Living through a loved one's process of addiction and recovery is challenging and sometimes overwhelming for all involved. This retreat offers the opportunity to reflect on how the 12 Steps of Recovery may support anyone on this journey towards acceptance, serenity, and growth one step at a time. The Retreat leaders, Sister Judy Donohue and Father Dennis Knight bring years of experience in working in the areas of addiction and recovery using the 12 step model as a tool toward Spiritual recovery and growth. The registration deadline for this retreat is Friday, February 14, 2020.

To Register: Email - directorcampmaria.org Questions: contact Ann Kovalcik at 301 475-8330

AT THE WELL is a ministry that brings hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those who still struggle with issues many years later. At the Well aims to restore hope, and begin authentic healing. We use a 12 week program called Surviving Divorce, guided by videos, small group discussion and workbooks, to work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, find personal healing and hope, and discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you. The next session begins February 9, meeting Sundays from 6 to 7:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park. To register or for more info, contact Judith at atthewell@ihmrcc.org or 240-298-4044. Suggested donation of \$25 to cover the cost of materials. Free Child care is available if needed. Join us on this powerful journey to hope and healing!

Walking Where Jesus Walked -- Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Join us in the footsteps of Jesus, October 18 to 27, 2020. We will visit many biblical holy places on this trip including: Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Holy Sepulchre, the Jordan River, Dead Sea and more! Fr. Rob Maro and Fr. Michal Sajnog will be joining us to provide Mass, confession and spiritual direction. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy is only \$3,855.00. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for the full itinerary and trip details at (301) 475-7139 or visit our website: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org and click on the Holy Land Pilgrimage button at the top right. You can also stop by Heavenly Presents and ask for Pat. This trip will fill up fast, so don't wait to register!

St. John's School Second Annual Chili Cook-Off: Saturday, February 1, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bring chili, or bring yourself! Please join us for our second annual chili cook-off. You are not required to bring chili to attend. Your \$5 admission includes chili tastings, hot dog, and chips. Children under 5 are free. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Prizes go to the top three tasters' choice winners! Sign up with Susan McDonough at mcdonoughs@sjshollywood.org. Located at the Monsignor Harris Center at St. John's School: 43900

St. John's Spring Auction: Save the date for the Rockin' & Roarin' 2020s! Join us for delicious food, live entertainment, and a silent auction on Saturday, April, 25, 2020. Contact us to donate your skills or items for auction. Located at the Monsignor Harris Center at St. John's School: 43900 St. John's Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636.

St. John's School Second Annual Golf

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Tournament: Thursday, May 14, at Breton Bay Golf & Country Club, Leonardtown. 8 a.m. check-in/practice/putting contest; 9 a.m. shotgun start. \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome; food and beverages included. Sponsorship opportunities from \$100-\$1,000. Visit www.sjshollywood.org to register, sponsor or donate!

Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser. Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win until she's found. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA.

Date: Every Thursday

Time: 4pm-6:45pm, drawing is at 7pm Place: Fitzies Marina Restaurant and Pub,

Leonardtown

Theology Over Dinner

Fr. Scott Wood will be presenting:

"The Theology of the Eucharist" and
"On the tongue, in the hand, standing, kneeling,
what's this all about".

Everyone is welcome to join this presentation on Thursday, January 30th at Ye Olde Towne Café, 22685 Washington St., Leonardtown. Dinner at 6:00pm and talk begins at 7:00pm.

Large Print Missalettes: We have a dozen large print missalettes at the doors of the church. If you need to use one please take one for Mass and return it when Mass is over. We hope you find the large print helpful and let the office know if you have any questions about this.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP STOP DOMESTIC ABUSE

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Leonardtown will host a workshop: How to Help Family & Friends Suffering Domestic Abuse, on Sunday, February 2, 2020 from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Parish Hall.

The workshop is free of charge and open to anyone who would like to learn more about this important issue. Laura Yeomans, from Catholic Charities at the Archdiocese of Washington, will be the presenter.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER TO ALABAMA -- APRIL 18 TO 22, 2020

Don't miss this opportunity to visit the beautiful Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) founded by Mother Angelica! Tour the Shrine and the Studio and participate in the audience on the Live Show with Mitch Pacwa! We will also visit two other very special places, the St. Bernard Abbey and Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman, Al and the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA. Fr. Rory Conley, Pastor, St. Mary's Church, 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. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for the full itinerary and trip details at (301) 475-7139 or visit our website: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org and click on the Alabama Pilgrimage link! You can also stop by Heavenly Presents and ask for Pat! This trip will surely fill up fast, so don't wait to register!

<u>Heavenly Morning of Recollection --</u> Healking Our Wounds, Saturday, Feb. 8

God heals us in many ways, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. Be sure to join us on Saturday, February 8 at Immaculate Conception Church and Hall at 28297 Old Village Road in Mechanicsville as Fr. Scott Woods teaches us more about God's healing love for us! The morning will include Mass. Breakfast, Confessions, Talks and Healing Service with laying on of hands! This morning is free and we expect to fill up, therefore Registration is necessary to confirm our Breakfast and seating needs (due to Fire Code Regulations). Please Register Now through our Bread of Life Center for Peace Facebook page or go through Eventbrite.com! You can also call Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139 to reserve your seat or if you need more information.

Join the OLSS Travel Club on a 6 night/7day luxury motor coach trip to Mackinac Island and Michigan's upper peninsula from May 31-June 6.

Depart/return from OLSS in Solomons. Trip price of \$879 pp includes bus, hotel, all gratuities, all tours, daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 4 dinners, including a dinner cruise. Visit the Grand Hotel, take a carriage tour and ferry boat ride, and LOTS more! A \$100 (refundable) check deposit is needed by March 15 to hold your space. Contact Mary Beth Brown for more details marybeth@bytheseatravel.com.

Sister Marian Stenken, from the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, KY is returning to Camp Maria to lead a Women's Lenten retreat on March 6th – 8th. The cost is \$175 per person; this cost includes lodging and meals. Scholarship funds are available to those in need. Registration forms and retreat fees are due by Thursday, February 27th; mail to Camp Maria Retreat Center, 41290 Camp Maria Rd. Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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