

# *Our Lady's Catholic Church*

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## **Pastor**

Rev. John T. Nguyen

## **Permanent Deacon**

Deacon Thomas Spalding (Retired)

## **Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper**

Mrs. Rebekah J. Guyther

## **Religious Education Coordinator**

Mrs. Christine H. Biglin

## **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.

## **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.



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### REFLECTION

Jesus challenges us to turn the other cheek and to love our enemies. These are not our instincts. It is not easy. We get angry, we are upset, we want to do or say something to express that pain and rage. As we approach the season of Lent, let the example of our Lord inspire us to respond to hurt and conflict with mercy and forgiveness.

In the first line of the first reading we hear God tell Moses, "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Then in the last line of the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples, "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." How's that for a challenge? Not only are we told to be holy, we are told to be perfect! The truth is that we can be neither without God's help. Listening to today's readings, not how Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can perfect in us their earthly dwelling.

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 29

4:00pm First Reading E Cecil  
Second Reading E Abell

March 1

8:30am First Reading B Redmond  
Second Reading C Redmond

11:00am First Reading D Cress  
Second Reading G Hein

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

	4:00 PM	8:30AM	11:00AM
Feb 29/ Mar 1	A Tippet M Gensley S Gensley	B Young H Krissoff M Biglin	J Cress K Biglin B Biglin

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Weekend of February 29/March 1

Tom & Jane Coyne

### Parish Calendar

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

**February 28** – Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will follow 8:00am Mass.

**March 6** – Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will follow 8:00am Mass.

**March 13** – Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will follow 8:00am Mass.

**March 20** – Healing Prayers, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will follow 8:00am Mass.

**March 27** – Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will follow 8:00am Mass.

**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](mailto:marybeth@bytheseatravel.com).

### 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](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org) and click on the Alabama Pilgrimage link!

**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.

## SUNDAY February 23, 2020 & ITS VIGIL

### *Mass Intentions*

Sat Feb 22	8:00 am	Healing for Struggling Families
	4:00 pm	Eddie Vause
Sun Feb 23	8:30 am	Josh Gill
	11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners
Tue Feb 25	8:00 am	Steve Fenwick
Wed Feb 26	8:00 am	Cameron Boyce
	7:00 pm	Señor Benigno Valdiglesias Casteñeda
Thu Feb 27	8:00 am	Jimmy Bowles
Fri Feb 28	8:00 am	Jimmy Bowles
Sat Feb 29	8:00 am	Healing for Struggling Families
	4:00 pm	Señor Benigno Valdiglesias Casteñeda
Sun Mar 1	8:30 am	Steve Fenwick
	11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners

### *Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick*

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, 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 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. *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.

### **The Social Concerns Committee of**

#### **St. Mary's Church Bryantown**

#### **Announces their Annual Flea Market:**

Flea Market -- Indoors RAIN OR SHINE.

Saturday March 14th, 2020 from 8AM to 1PM.

Tables available for rent -- \$20 -- Reserve by 2/28/2020.

Also set up own table -- rent space in parking lot for \$10.

Lunch & Baked Goods Available.



### **2020 Annual Appeal**

Thank you to all parishioners who made a gift to the Annual Appeal last weekend. We appreciate your support. If you did not have a chance to make your gift last weekend, or you needed more time to prayerfully consider your gift, pledge envelopes will again be available in the church this weekend, and completed envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket. You may also make your pledge online at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

No gift is too small and will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefitting countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your generous support.

### **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 **today, Sunday, February 23rd from 12-1pm.** Come see our school and meet the dedicated and caring staff and discover how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

**School Mass:** Father Andrew White School celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday and on special Holy Days. During these student led Masses at St. Aloysius, they partake by being the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. We invite all parishioners to join us as the 7th grade class hosts an Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday, February 26th at 9am. We hope to see you there!

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](http://www.encountergrace.com).

**Lenten Vocations Tree:** Pick a seminarian card from the Vocations Tree and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. It's a great Lent tradition!

**PICK UP A COMPLIMENTARY LENTEN  
COMPANION BOOKLET AT THE DOORS OF THE  
CHURCH**

**Christmas in April St. Mary's County, Inc.** is dedicated to "improving the quality of life for the low income, elderly and disabled homeowners in our community." This local charity provides free home repairs and maintenance to those in need.

**Volunteers-** Join a group of Our Lady's Church parishioners and the Charitable Outreach Committee to help out with the 30th annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors day on April 25th 2020. Sign-up sheet is located by the St. Joseph statue. The last day to sign up is Sunday, March 13th. Both skilled and unskilled volunteer workers are welcome to participate.

**Donations-** Visit [www.christmasinaprilsmc.org](http://www.christmasinaprilsmc.org) or call 301-884-2905. Donations are much needed and appreciated.

### **St. John's School Second Annual Golf**

**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](http://www.sjshollywood.org) to register, sponsor or donate! For additional info, contact Sara McAloon: [sara.mcaloon@yahoo.com](mailto:sara.mcaloon@yahoo.com).

**The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department is having its Annual Spring Dinner on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 1 PM – 5 PM** in the Social Hall located at 24801 Three Notch Rd. Hollywood MD 20636. Buffet style Dinner is \$26.00 for Adults and Carryout: \$10.00 for Children 4-12: and Children 3 and under are free. The meal consists of Stuffed Ham, Fried Oysters, Chicken Salad, parsley potatoes, candied yams, green beans, beets, coleslaw and rolls. (Drink not included with Carryout). There will be a Bake Sale and a 50/50 raffle. Chances will be sold for a Stuffed Ham that will be raffled off on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Donations of Non-Perishable Food Items for St. Mary's Helping Hands Food Pantry will be accepted. For more information contact Elaine Quade at 301-373-2695. Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LAHVFD/>

**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.

**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

### **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.

**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 at [sjsauction2@gmail.com](mailto:sjsauction2@gmail.com). Additional details forthcoming. Located at the Monsignor Harris Center at St. John's School: 43900 St. John's Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636.

**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! 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.



## **Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations:**

**FASTING:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

*The Church no longer attempts to prescribe Lenten practices in detail. The above regulations simply highlight Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the other Fridays of Lent. The more fundamental obligation is to make Lent a penitential season, choosing practices that are adapted to one's own circumstances.*

## **Corporal Works of Mercy**

These are acts of charity designated by Jesus. Unlike the beatitudes which were clearly delineated by Jesus on the mountain, the corporal works of mercy are also from Jesus, but are a compilation of his teachings, particularly from Matthew 25:35-36. The seven corporal works of mercy are:

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give drink to the thirsty.
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To shelter the homeless.
5. To visit the sick.
6. To visit the imprisoned.
7. To bury the dead.

In recent years, some lists have been changed to combine visiting the sick and prisoners, and then adding "give alms to the poor" as the seventh work of mercy. The Prophet Isaiah said: "*Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.*" – Isaiah 58:7

## **Catholic Relief Rice Bowl Contributions**

For more than 40 years, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl program has helped feed the poor around the world. Please get a cardboard Rice Bowl Bank located at the doors of the church. The bank comes with a Lenten Calendar to guide your Lenten Prayers, fasting and almsgiving. As a family, read the stories of hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey and guide your Lenten almsgiving -- fill the bank with change or cash during the 40 days of Lent and **return on Easter, April 12**. You may put your name on the bank to get credit for your tax-deductible donation. All money collected will go to Catholic Relief Services. The guide also provides recipes from cultures around the world to help you prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent.

**Easter Flower Offerings:** There are envelopes for Easter Flower Offerings at the doors of the church. This is a beautiful way to remember our deceased loved ones during this Holy Season. Please return the completed envelopes by Palm Sunday, April 5.

**2020 Lenten Food Drive:** Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the **Lenten Food Drive**. During Lent we ask that you make a special effort to donate food. Please leave your donations of non-perishable food items in the back of the church near the Sacred Heart Statue. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>; mail to Camp Maria Retreat Center, 41290 Camp Maria Rd. Leonardtown, MD. For more info contact Ann Kovalcik at 301-475-8330.**

**St. Francis Xavier Church will hold a Women's Morning of Reflection on Saturday February 29, 2020.** The theme of the morning is The Visitation: A Story of Fear, Fiat & Faith. Our guest speaker is Laura K. Roland, Catholic speaker and co-founder of Encounter Grace. Tickets are \$10.00 and includes breakfast. Doors open at 9 am, and the program will conclude by 12noon. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://sfxmorningofreflection.eventbrite.com>. Contact us at 301.475.9885 for more info.

**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](http://www.ourladyschurch.org).

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