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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.



Second Sunday of Easter

REFLECTION

We celebrate God's mercy today – that gift of compassionate forgiveness that is offered to all. For generations people had turned away from God, failing to respect the law or the prophets. Yet God sent us the Son, who took upon himself the sins of the world in order to redeem us all. While we can't attend Mass in public this Second Sunday of Easter, let our presence with the Lord in our homes, around our televisions, computers or phones to celebrate this *Sunday of Divine Mercy* be a sign of our gratitude as we lift up our hearts and voices to the author of divine mercy.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47: Those who believed shared all things in common.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good his love is everlasting."

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9: God has given us new birth.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31: "My Lord and my God!"

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.

Mass Intentions: Fr. John honors all Mass Intentions when he says Mass in the Rectory daily. If you would like to post-pone your intention until public Mass resumes, please call us 301-475-8403.

FORMED.org Online Catholic Resources: FORMED has made immediate access to their Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio talks, and great children's videos free for the next 40 days. FORMED has opportunities for learning, prayer and entertainment.

2020 EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS: We we are not able to enjoy the beautiful Easter flowers in our church this year, however, the following donations were received in memory of their loved ones:

Thomas B. Abell, Jr., Mary Eva Abell,
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Armstrong, Sr.,
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Bob & Sara Wigginton

Jack & Elizabeth Holly, Richard Holly,
Clarence & Alice Young, Frank Wright, Dorothy Scott,
Eric Davis, Robert Hamilton
Kevin & Janet Wright

SUNDAY April 19, 2020 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

Sat Apr 18	James Richard Holly
Sun Apr 19	Mr. & Mrs. Jackson Holly
Tue Apr 21	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed Apr 22	Loyd Stancil
Thu Apr 23	James Richard Holly
Fri Apr 24	Steven Fenwick
Sat Apr 25	William & Mary Kane
Sun Apr 26	James Richard Holly

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, Dona Hamlet, Bob Russell, Rene Chicoine, Jessica Higgs, Margaret Breakfield, Irene Dixon, Katie Gatley, Anna Marie Quade, Pat Bateman, 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

Charitable Outreach Committee

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Cecilia's Food Pantry is closed, so the Charitable Outreach Committee is continuing to collect food for: Church of Ascension Food Pantry on Great Mills Road.

Please continue to leave your donations of non-perishable food items in the back of the church near the Sacred Heart Statue. If you need help accessing the church please call or email the Rectory: 301-475-8403 or olcmedleysneck@gmail.com.

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 or email our principal, Ms. Francisco at principal@fatherandrewwhite.org. She is happy to answer your questions during this time of extended school closure. Once the school building is open again, we look forward to giving you a personalized tour so you can meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how the students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

FAW collects Box Tops for Education

(found on products such as General Mills cereals, Old El Paso products, Ziploc bags and Kleenex), and Tyson Project A+ labels (found on Tyson frozen chicken products). The Box Tops for Education program earns the school over \$2,000 each year, and has earned over \$25,000 since it started! You can place your labels in the boxes located at the doors of the church or mail them to Our Lady's Church or Father Andrew White.

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. Due to the Coronavirus and the limitation of getting to church to drop your Rice Bowl Banks it has been determined that the best way to turn in the change is to count it and write a check, noting "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line and mail it directly to:

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P.O. Box 17090
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You may also donate online to crsricebowl.org or by phone toll-free at 877-435-7277. We are sorry for the inconvenience and we thank you for your patience with this new procedure.

ANNUAL JUBILIARIAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

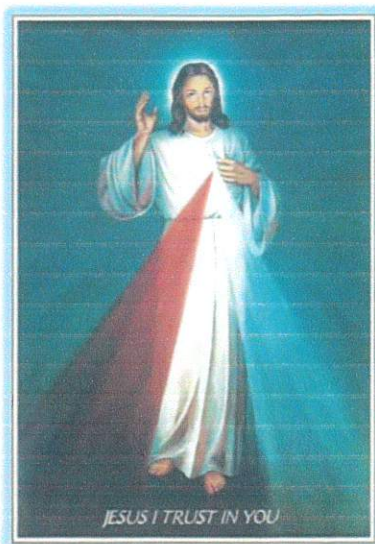
The Annual Archdiocese Jubilarian Celebration of marriage, honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years. This year the Mass will be held on Sunday, **June 28, 2020 at 2:00pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with his Excellency, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, as the celebrant. To register, please contact the Parish Office. Friday May 22nd is the last day to register.

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 archdioceseccw@gmail.com.

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?



Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"**. (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

Jesus promised that **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."**(Diary 699) He went on to say **"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy."** (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said **"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish"**. (Diary 341, 48) Please take the time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy and venerate Jesus.

Jesus said to St. Faustina **"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You"**. (Diary 327) **"The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."** (Diary 299)

About the feastday "Divine Mercy Sunday", Jesus said **"...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy"**. (Diary 699)

Our Lord said **"When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul..."** and **"Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy"** (1602) **Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is... only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light."** (1725)

It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day. Those who have already confessed their sins should make room for others.

The Church allows for one to go to Confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

How to make a Good Confession

Five Steps For a Good Confession

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins to a priest.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

Procedure in the Confessional

You say:

"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been - (state the length of time) - since my last confession. These are my sins."

Then tell your mortal sins and the number of times committed. If you have no mortal sin to confess, then confess the venial sins you have committed since your last confession. When you have finished telling your sins, you should say:

"For these and all the sins of my past, I am truly sorry."

The priest now gives the necessary advice, assigns your penance and asks you to say the Act of Contrition (in some form). Then wait and listen as the priest gives the absolution

Then say **"Thank you, Father"**, then leave the confessional and then perform the penance assigned by the priest.

The Differences in sins

There are two kinds of actual sin, mortal and venial.

Mortal sin is a horrible offense against God, so horrible that it destroys the life of grace in the soul. Three simultaneous conditions must be fulfilled for a mortal sin: (1) the act must be something very serious; (2) the person must have sufficient understanding of what is being done; (3) the person must have sufficient freedom of the will. So I cannot commit a mortal sin if the matter is not serious (e.g., if I stole a small amount of money from my employer), or if I did not know what I was doing (e.g., if I were to hurt someone accidentally or unthinkingly), or if I did not act with full freedom (e.g., I was under physical or emotional pressure).

A Catholic should know well the difference between mortal and venial sins. Deliberately missing Sunday Mass without sufficient cause is to be considered a very serious mortal sin.

Examination of Conscience

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

Do I give God time every day in prayer?
Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
Have I been involved with superstitious practices (horoscopes or ouija boards) or have I been involved with the occult?
Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as taught by the Church?
Have I ever received Communion in the state of mortal sin?
Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
Have I been angry with God?
Have I wished evil upon any other person?
Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
Have I not kept Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
Do I do needless work on Sunday?
Do I make others work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

Do I honor and obey my parents?
Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
Have I given my family good religious example?
Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?
Do I respect my elders?
Do I respect my pastor, bishop, and the Pope?

5. You shall not kill.

Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion?
Have I physically harmed anyone?
Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading them into sin?
Have I been angry or resentful?
Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
Have I been sterilized for reasons of birth control?
Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
Have I engaged in any sexual activity before marriage or outside of marriage?
Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control?
Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as objects?
Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
Do I seek to be pure in my thoughts, words and actions?
Am I careful to dress modestly, so as not to tempt others?
Have I been guilty of masturbation with myself.

7. You shall not steal.

Have I stolen what is not mine?
Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
Do I waste time at work, school or at home?
Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
Do I pay my debts promptly?
Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

8. You shall not bear false witness.

Have I lied?
Have I gossiped?
Have I harmed someone's reputation?
Have I spoken behind someone else's back?
Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I caused them by impure television, movies, books, magazines or internet?
Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
Do I listen to, or engage in, impure conversations or jokes?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

Am I jealous of what other people have?
Do I envy other people's families or possessions?
Am I greedy or selfish?
Are material possessions the purpose of my life?
Do I trust that God will care for all of my material and spiritual needs?

An Act of Contrition

"O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all My love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

"There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy - that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God."

St. John Paul II

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

*Begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Apostle's Creed
Hail Mary
The Lord's Prayer

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. (Repeat on each "Our Father" bead)

End: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.




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