



OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Church – 41410 Medley's Neck Road
Parish Office – 41348 Medley's Neck Road
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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

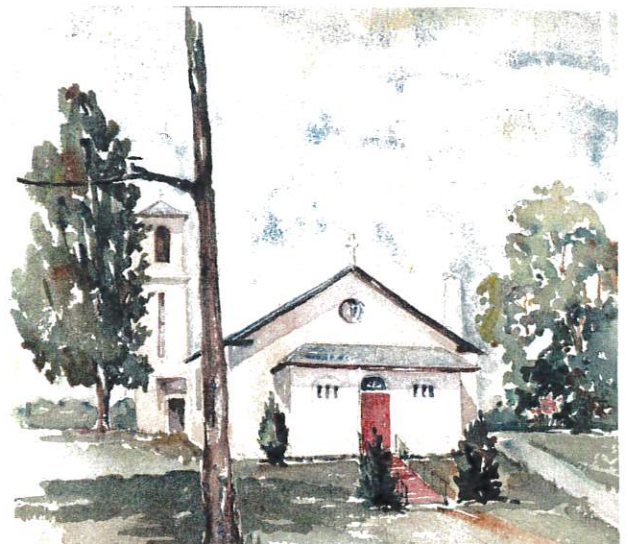
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 pm
Tuesday – Friday: 10:00am
Holy Days as Announced

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

In today's second reading, Saint Paul calls upon the Philippians to "(be) of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing." We come here today probably each thinking different things, but during this holy time together we pray that the Holy Spirit may unite us in heart and mind, with the love of God and love of neighbor we have in common.

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.

St. Mary's Church, Bryantown is hosting a CONFERENCE ON HEALING Oct 23-24, with Dr. Mary Healy. The conference will be held Friday night, 7-9pm, and all day Saturday, concluding with 6pm Vigil Mass followed by Healing Service. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch & dinner on Saturday, pay at the door. Due to Covid, space is limited & preregistration is required. You can register through parish facebook page or by contacting Fr. Conley at fconley@comcast.net. Dr. Mary Healy is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. She serves on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is known nationally for her healing prayer ministry. For more info call parish at 301-870-2220.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our faith formation program for children began virtually on September 20 using a program through *My Catholic Faith Delivered*. Don't forget to register your students: \$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 27, 2020 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

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
Tue Sep 29 10:00am	Bernard Beavan
Wed Sep 30 10:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu Oct 1 10:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri Oct 2 10:00am	Cameron Boyce
Sat Oct 3 4:00pm	John Francis Fenwick (L)
Sun Oct 4 8:30 am	Jean Ennis Fenwick
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. *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.

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.



Father Andrew White, S.J. School
"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living Our Faith"

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

FAW Crusader Cup: Our parish school is hosting their 11th Crusader Cup Golf Tournament. Please join them Friday, October 16th at Breton Bay Golf & Country Club for a guaranteed good time -- no matter what golf game you bring!! Find details on how to sponsor or register to play here: <http://fatherandrewwhite.org/crusader-cup-golf-tournament/>

Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick

Patty Van Ryswick, Jerry Pope, Barbara Dudziec, 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 Sario, 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

St. John's School, Joe Corbi's Fundraiser -

Order a delicious pizza or treat to support SJS! Joe Corbi's offers pizza, cookies, pies, and more! Visit the following link between now and October 2 to place your order. Orders will be available for pickup at SJS on October 29. https://www.joecorbi.com/shop-student/?participant_code=513705

St. John's School - Enjoy a drive-thru dinner with spaghetti or lasagna, salad, and bread on Saturday, October 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. John's School. Cost is \$10 per meal. Please preorder by October 1 to Cindy Pollock at pollockc@sishollywood.org (please indicate your choice of spaghetti or lasagna).

St. John's School, Pumpkin Dash - St. John's School is hosting the "Pumpkin Dash," a virtual 5K run/walk and 10K bike ride (1-mile run/walk and 3-mile bike ride for children), on Sat., Oct. 24. Run, walk, or ride anywhere you'd like! Registration includes t-shirt, race bib, finisher medal, results posted online, a mini pumpkin, plus a costume contest and raffle prizes. Proceeds benefit St. John's School and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Cancer Care and Infusion Services. Sign up at www.sishollywood.org.

St. John's School - Join us for our CASH ONLY drive-thru pull tab event every

Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Cash prizes range from \$100 to \$500, plus one \$5,000 prize! We will sell a 100 winner cashboard until the final box is sold, and the \$5,000 winner is drawn. We will then sell a variety of other pull tabs every Sunday. Players will be required to stay in their vehicles and practice social distancing when interacting with our workers. Adjustments may be made dependent on weather and COVID-19. We will provide additional game rules during the event. Please contact bingo@sishollywood.org if you have any questions.

2020 October Domestic Violence Resources

In the midst of the current pandemic many parishioners suffer domestic violence at home and need help. 1 out of 4 women, 1 out of 7 men have suffered severe physical violence at home in the hands of their spouse.

When a person discloses domestic violence

- Never counsel a victim and abuser together.
- Never go to the scene of an incident in progress.
- Assist the person to get medical, legal or social services.
- Listen. She/he needs the affirmation of listening.
- Allow the person to make their own decisions.
- Be cautious about giving advice.
- Be patient: the first disclosure may be confused or partial.
- Look for and appreciate the inner strength of each person.

What you can say:

I believe you.
You are not alone.
You have good reason to be afraid.
What do you see as the next step?
What can we do to help you right now?

Do not say:

This is God's will.
We all have burdens.
You must forgive and take your partner back.

If there is an immediate threat of violence call 9-1-1!

If the violence occurred in the past, ask the individual if the police have been called, if she/he would like to contact police or file for a protective order. If the person doesn't want to contact the police or obtain a protective order, respect that choice. Survivors know their situation best.

Assess safety

Many people suffer psychological, emotional, and economic abuse and need counseling and support. Individuals living with intimate partner abuse may not realize that some situations are very dangerous. Guns, threats of murder or suicide, a recent or planned separation indicate high risk for lethal violence. Connect her/him to:

The National Domestic Violence hotline:

1 (800) 799-SAFE (7233)

St. Mary's County

Domestic Violence Prevention Resources

in the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233

1 (800) 787-3224 (TTY for Hearing Impaired)

Website: <http://www.thehotline.org/>

Southern MD Center for Family Advocacy (301) 373-4141

The Center provides domestic violence counseling, shelter, and advocates or free legal representation in court when possible.

- Advocates in each district courthouse in Southern Maryland
- Safety planning and legal consultation
- Legal representation in protective order cases
- Transportation assistance
- Emergency shelter up to three nights, children and pets welcome, food available.

For emergency situations only call the 24-hour hotline (240) 925-0084.

For life threatening emergencies – Encourage the family to call 911.

Adult Protective Services, elder abuse (240) 895-7016

Child Protective Services, child abuse (240) 895-7016

National Dating Abuse Helpline (Love is Respect) (866) 331-9474

National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233

For more information: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace

Contact Catholic Charities: Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org