

#### **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: 8:00am Holy Days as Announced

#### Parish Office Hours 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday – Friday Closed on Monday

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Immediately after Mass or By Appointment

# OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Church – 41410 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.



# First Sunday of Lent

### REFLECTION

Forty days from now we will find ourselves at the foot of the cross. How can we prepare ourselves for this? Jesus' words at the beginning of his ministry are apt: "Repent, and believe in the gospel." Let us ask ourselves how we have sinned. Let us feel remorse for those times we have fallen short. Let us resolve to turn back to God and live out the gospel in our day-to-day lives. Let us find ourselves able to approach the cross forty days from today with profound gratitude for what our Lord has done for us.

Our readings today revolve around the covenant God established with all of humanity, with all of us. It began with just the few people taking refuge on the ark, but after the flood Noah and his family were all of humanity. The First Letter of Peter identifies baptisms as a sign of that covenant, saving us as the ark had saved Noah. Jesus, God's new covenant with humanity, calls us to repentance and faith. May we hear that call and renew our covenant with God by living out the gospel.

#### 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.

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 <a href="https://ourladyschurch.org/">https://ourladyschurch.org/</a>. 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.

Virtual Spiritual Retreats, with Spiritual Direction: During this time of physical separation, Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is providing virtual retreats so that you can connect with others and feed your soul. Currently, these programs are being offered at no cost, and a suggested donation of only \$75 per person is greatly appreciated. For more info: https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/what-are-spiritual-exercises/virtual-spiritual-exercises-promo

PICK UP A COMPLIMENTARY LENTEN COMPANION BOOKLET AS YOU EXIT THE CHURCH

#### Message from the Archdiocese:

As we continue to celebrate Mass during COVID, remember that due to limited space and health concerns, dispensation from the Sunday and holy day obligation will remain in effect.

Please keep in mind these important guidelines when visiting the church:

- A face mask is required.
- Sanitize your hands.
- Arrive to church early for Mass to insure adequate seating.
- Social distancing is required.
- Enter the church through the front door unless you require handicap access.
- Exit through all doors.
- Singing by the Congregation is prohibited.
- Minimize the use of the restrooms if possible.
- Pews are marked for safe social distancing.
- 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 <a href="https://www.usccb.org/">https://www.usccb.org/</a>.
- There will be no physical contact exchange of the sign of peace and no holy water in the fonts.

Confessions are held after Mass or by appointment.

# SUNDAY February 21, 2021 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions	
Sat Feb 20 4:00pm	John Francis Fenwick
Sun Feb 21 8:30 am	Bernie Beavan
11:00 am	Our Lady's Parishioners
Tue Feb 23 8:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed Feb 24 8:00am	Walter & Patsy Wise
Thu Feb 25 8:00am	Steve Fenwick
Fri Feb 26 8:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat Feb 27 4:00pm	Rose Abell
Sun Feb 28 8:30 am	Loyd Stancil
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. We recently received this kind thank you letter from them:

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady's,
Thank you so much for your
continuing support of St. Cecilia's Food
Pantry. Your Thanksgiving and Christmas
donations were so very generous. How
wonderful to receive such a variety of
food and hygiene supplies. Laundry
detergent, dish soap, deodorant was
included in your gifts to the Pantry. You
are so kind.

God bless, Joyce Bean, Director

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.

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

Cami Noe, 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, David Wood, Charles Mills, Alice Holly, Gary Rogers, Wayne Norris, John A. Abell, Jessica Coss, Cecelia Knott, Jimmy Ludwig, David Cook, Angel Spalding, Ray Harding, Jr., Kim Sariego, Caroline Sadler, Ellie Vance, Deacon Tom & Rose Spalding, Trish (McWilliams) Guy, Christina Howe, Ethan Swayze, Jean Bowles Wathen, Jody Van Ryswick, Jimmy Morrisette, Timothy Sauler, Jacob Johnson, Shane Copsey



#### Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

Postponed Dinner: Father Andrew White School has postponed their Drive-Thru Italian Dinner to be on SATURDAY, February 20th from 4-7pm. All are invited! The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 4-12, and free for 3 and under. This includes delicious spaghetti, homemade meatballs, garlic bread, drinks, and dessert.

# Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department

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Saturday March 6th 2-5 pm (or until sold out)

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Any questions contact:

Elaine Quade 301-373-2695

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