

Our Lady's Catholic Church

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Pastor

Rev. John T. Nguyen

Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper

Mrs. Rebekah J. Guyther

Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days as announced

Parish Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday

Closed on Monday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.



First Sunday of Advent

REFLECTION

Already we are bombarded with urgent reminders to get ready for Christmas. But we gather here today to begin a different kind of preparation. Over the next four weeks (and it's a full four weeks this Advent), we will recall how Jesus comes to us. He has come as an infant lying in a manger. One day he will come like a thief in the night, as our judge at the end of time. But today and every day he comes to us as Emmanuel, "God with us." Amid all the Christmas planning and holiday shopping, let us welcome God's most wonderful gift into our world, our homes, and our hearts.

"Let us then throw off the works of darkness," Saint Paul exhorts us today. It is time to prepare for the coming of the light. We don't want to be caught unaware when the Lord comes. Though we naturally look forward to Christmas Day, today's readings remind us that Jesus will also come to judge us at the end of time. Unlike Christmas Day, which always falls on December 25, the end of the world will come at a time we cannot know. Therefore, let us live in the light of Christ, "the armor of light" as Paul calls it, ever prepared for his coming.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 3	4:00pm	B MacDonald
December 4	8:30am	Cress Family
	11:00am	G Hein
December 8	8:00am	Weekday Lector
(IC of BVM)	7:00pm	D Dudziec

New Parishioners: Our Lady's Church extends a warm welcome to you! If you are new to the area or just returning home to Our Lady's, we invite you to register and make Our Lady's your parish. Registration forms can be found at the doors of our church, at the Rectory or you can register online at www.ourladyschurch.org.

Mass Intention Requests

Please call the Parish Office at 301-475-8403 to request a Mass Intention. The usual stipend is \$10 and Mass cards signed by Fr. John are available.

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families - Open House December 4th, 1-3pm

His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Sister Mary Bader and St. Ann's Center's Board of Directors welcome you to the annual Christmas Open House - taking place Sunday, December 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our Hyattsville home (4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782). We hope you can join us for an afternoon of Christmas cheer! <https://www.stanns.org/>

Parish Calendar

December 4 – Christmas Giving Tree gifts due.

December 8 – Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is at 8:00am and 7:00pm.

December 18 – Christmas Decorating Potluck following the 11am Mass.

December 18 – Christmas Flower Envelopes are due.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Vigil 10:00pm.

December 25 – Christmas Mass 8:30 and 11:00am.

December 26 – January 2 - Parish Office Closed.



Our Lady's Church Christmas Giving Tree

Notice our Christmas Giving Tree with tags of items for needy children in St. Mary's County. Please take a tag and follow these steps:

1. **IMPORTANT** - Sign the RED BOOK with your name, phone number and circled card numbers/letters on the tag in case we need to call you.
2. No cash, gift cards or gift receipts please.
3. Return gift items by Sunday, December 4th.
4. Return the original tag with your gifts.
5. If you have any questions or need assistance please call Susan 240.577.8541.

We will decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 18, following the 11:00am Mass. Please help us decorate and bring a dish to share if you are able.

SUNDAY November 27, 2022 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

Sat	Nov 26	4:00pm	All Souls
Sun	Nov 27	8:30am	All Souls
		11:00am	Our Lady's Parishioners
Tue	Nov 29	8:00am	All Souls
Wed	Nov 30	8:00am	All Souls
Thu	Dec 1	8:00am	Louis Holden
Fri	Dec 2	8:00am	Paul Ford
Sat	Dec 3	4:00pm	Doug Woodburn
Sun	Dec 4	8:30am	Robert Lee Owens
		11:00am	Our Lady's Parishioners

Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick

John Thiel, Mary Anne Groat, Judy Roa, Charles Fenwick, Ann Johnson, Judi Leppo, Bob Greenwell, Mary Clements, Virginia Fenwick Diehm, Alvin Kragh, Steve Himes, Theresa Clements, Marian Wright, Bill Benson, Rose Marie Benson, JoEllen Marek, Melissa Higgs Trossbach, Paul Woodburn, Jr., Stephen Skundrich, Eleanor Fenwick Ripple, Jacqueline Muir Westlein, Patty Van Ryswick, John Allum-Poon, Evelyn Ryce, Dennis Gatley, Teresa Fenwick, Claudia Fenwick, Cathy Norris, Ricky Burroughs, Anna Daugherty, Ben DeWeese, Dona Hamlet, Bob Russell, Jessica Higgs, Margaret Breakfield, Irene Dixon, Pat Bateman, Sarah Milburn, Agnes Higgs, James N. Trossbach, Edith McFadden, Beth Higgs, Peter Van Ryswick, Charles Mills, Alice Holly, Cecelia Knott, Jimmy Ludwig, Angel Spalding, Ray Harding, Jr., Rose Spalding, Trish (McWilliams) Guy, Christina Howe, Ethan Swayze, Jean Bowles Wathen, Jody Van Ryswick, Shane Copsey

CHARITABLE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our Lady's Church is collecting donations of food for St. Aloysius' food pantry. Please bring non-perishable healthy and nutritious foods (no glass jars please) to the church and place your contributions by the Sacred Heart statue. For more information on how you can help and what types of food they prefer, please visit, <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/food-pantry>. With your support they are able to sponsor a **Food Give Away Day** on the third Saturday of the month.

The Charitable Outreach Committee will be collecting coats, jackets, sweaters, scarves, gloves, hats, socks, etc. for those who need warmth on a cold day. Please leave the items next to the Sacred Heart Statue. Contact John Duvall at 240.528.0966 for more information.

WE HAVE ADVENT BOOKLETS AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH FOR YOU TO PICK UP. THIS BOOKLET HAS THE MASS READINGS AND DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR EACH DAY DURING ADVENT.

Advent Retreat Weekend for Women December 2-4, 2022

Prepare your soul for the coming of Christ! Plan now for your advent retreat. Explore your mission in life, and in the new year, as you experience His Presence in the silence! These retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is required. Cost: \$300 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!



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We hope you and your family had a very happy Thanksgiving! At FAW we are grateful for our many blessings and thankful for the support from our affiliated parishes!

Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers - Monday, November 28th, 7:00PM - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park. All are invited to come and receive prayer for physical, mental and spiritual healing. Confessions begin at 6:30PM.

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. The kiosk is located in the choir side vestibule.

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.


Christmas Flower Remembrances

Christmas flower envelopes are at the doors of the church. This is a beautiful way to remember our deceased loved ones during this Holy Season. We ask that you return your Christmas Flower envelope by December 18.


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