

Our Lady's Catholic Church

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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 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.



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.



Octave Day of Christmas: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

REFLECTION

How appropriate that on the first day of every year we honor Mary, the Holy Mother of God, for it was her willing obedience to God's plan that enabled the Incarnation and therefore initiated what in time became Christianity. Today is also the World Day of Peace and so we look to Mary, the Queen of Peace – who bore the Prince of Peace – as our model and inspiration for holding peace in our hearts, our communities, and in our world.

As the new year dawns, we realize the blessings that we have been given. God blesses the Chosen People as they invoke God's name. We are blessed as daughters and sons on God, able to call God, "Abba, Father!" Like the shepherds, who heard the message of the angels and went to find the word made flesh, let us listen to the word of God, then go forth praising and glorifying God.

FINANCES

Last week's offertory and Christmas collections will be reported next week.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 7	4:00pm	B Russell
January 8	8:30am	M Clements
	11:00am	G Hein

Silent Retreat Weekend for Women: January 6-8, 2023. Start the New Year with a silent 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!

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION - TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 7:00PM - ST. CECILIA CHURCH, St. Mary's City. You are invited to step away for some quiet time of reflection and prayer. Two talks will be given, "Our Heart's Epiphany - 20+C+M+B+23," by Fr. Larry Swink and a visiting priest. Epiphany is an invitation to anyone and everyone around the world to follow Christ. Bring a friend! The new format includes Adoration, 2 talks, Confessions(6PM), and Benediction. If you have any questions about this, contact Kathy at 240.925.2157 or email damerons7@md.metrocast.net.

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.

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.

Church Volunteers Needed! We need volunteers to serve as Lectors, in the Choir and Altar Servers. Please call the Parish Office 301-475-8403 if you can help. Thank you!

The John Paul II Institute will offer a continuing education series: "Called to Love: Theology of the Body". It will be held on Wednesday evenings from January 18 to April 26, 2023. This course explores the Pope's significant teachings known as "Theology of the Body". The course will be taught in person in McGivney Hall on Catholic University of America's campus in Room 006, and offered online simultaneously. The class fee is \$150. To register, please complete the online registration form. Please go to: [Continuing Education Course: Called to Love: Theology of the Body - Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage & Family](#) for more information. Or contact information@johnpaulii.edu.

Nightly Rosary

Since September 2018, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) has been hosting a nightly Rosary call for the healing of the Church. We also pray for healing from the COVID pandemic and for callers' personal intentions. All (men, women, children, non-CCW members) are welcome to join us any night of the week or every night of the week. Please join us at 8:00 p.m. as we read meditations on the Rosary's mysteries and pray together. Remember, in prayer we are never alone. Call 605-468-8016, code 357090# 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

SUNDAY January 1, 2023 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

Sat Dec 31	4:00pm	Doug Woodburn
Sun Jan 1	8:30am	Deacon Thomas Spalding
	11:00am	Our Lady's Parishioners
Tue Jan 3	8:00am	Deacon Thomas Spalding
Wed Jan 4	8:00am	Deacon Thomas Spalding
Thu Jan 5	8:00am	Jay Norris
Fri Jan 6	8:00am	Olga Russell
Sat Jan 7	4:00pm	Patricia Goin
Sun Jan 8	8:30am	Olga Russell
	11:00am	Our Lady's Parishioners

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.

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.

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

This year Bishop Roy E. Campbell will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This celebration is to highlight the witness to the Catholic vocation of marriage and the beauty of God's plan for married life. Couples must register with the parish office to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year by January 20, 2023.

Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick

Johanna Brubacher Malone, Chrissie Gruby, 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 Copey



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TRIENNIAL NATION COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

- Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), next weekend, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. You will find envelopes for this collection in the pews next weekend and in your monthly mailer.

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.*



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