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## First Sunday of Lent

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### REFLECTION

The Holy Spirit gathers us together today as we begin this forty-day season of Lent. Life is full of temptations, and we are especially aware of them during Lent. We are tempted to do things we find desirable even when we know they're wrong. We are tempted to avoid things that are hard to do or undesirable, even when we know they're the right thing to do. Today we hear the serpent successfully tempt Adam and Eve and the devil unsuccessfully tempt Jesus. May the Holy Spirit, who accompanied Jesus in the desert and accompanies us wherever we go, give us the strength to resist temptation.

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 25	4:00pm	J & J McAllister
February 26	8:30am	Cress Family
	11:00am	A Moseley

**SOUTHERN MD MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 7:00PM - IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH**, Lexington Park. Come seek God and His power to overcome that Goliath in your life this Lent with Confession, Mass and healing prayers. In the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, inviting you to come and lay all before Jesus and receive the healing power of God. Confessions begin at 6:30PM.

**MEN'S NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 7:00PM - ST. CECILIA CHURCH**, St. Mary's City. "Penance! Penance! Penance!" given by Fr. Larry Swink. This month's format includes 2 Talks, "What does a good confession look like?" and "The inestimable value of penance for you, your loved ones and all of humanity." Adoration and Confession begins at 6:30PM.

### 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.

**PICK UP A LENTEN BOOKLET** at the doors of the church. This booklet from "The Word Among Us" has the Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations for each day of Lent. It includes stories of inspiration to enrich your Lenten Journey.

**Christmas in April St. Mary's County, Inc.** is dedicated to "improving the quality of life for the low income, elderly and disabled homeowners in our community." This local charity provides free home repairs and maintenance to those in need.

**Volunteers-** Join a group of Our Lady's Church parishioners and the Charitable Outreach Committee to help out with the annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors day on April 29th 2023. Sign-up sheet is located by the St. Joseph statue. The last day to sign up is Sunday, March 19th. Both skilled and unskilled volunteer workers are welcome to participate. **Donations-** Visit [www.christmasinaprilsmc.org](http://www.christmasinaprilsmc.org) or call 301-884-2905. Donations are much needed and appreciated.

**Spring Oysterfest, Benedict on the Patuxent, Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Saint Francis de Sales hall, 7209 Benedict Ave. 12-3pm.** Local oysters fried, scalded and raw at outdoor bar, local BBQ roast pig, steamed shrimp, hush puppies, potato salad, green beans, coleslaw, candied yams, green beans, mac and cheese, homemade desserts. \$30 per adult, reserve a table for six and one person eats free. Family rates. Call for more info 301-274-3416.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**-Join us Fridays during Lent at 7pm for Stations of the Cross.



**Pick up a Catholic Relief Service (CRS) RICE BOWL BANK** at the doors of the church. Fill with loose change and turn in after Lent. You may also give online at [crsricebowl.org/donate](http://crsricebowl.org/donate).

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## SUNDAY February 26, 2023 & ITS VIGIL

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### *Mass Intentions*

Sat Feb 18 4:00pm Sam Spalding, Teresa Spalding,  
& Sam Spalding, Jr.  
Sun Feb 19 8:30am Pete Himmelheber  
11:00am Our Lady's Parishioners  
Tue Feb 21 8:00am Pete Himmelheber  
Wed Feb 22 8:00am Pete Himmelheber  
Thu Feb 23 8:00am Pete Himmelheber  
Fri Feb 24 8:00am Pete Himmelheber  
Sat Feb 25 4:00pm Pete Himmelheber  
Sun Feb 26 8:30am Sara & Dick Hammett and  
George & Frances Wigginton  
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.

**Support the St. Mary's Ryken Chapel of Charity Renovations by attending the Knight Gala!** Please join us for Knight of Beauty at the Knight Gala on Saturday, March 25. This black tie optional event will feature: a three course gourmet meal and open bar prepared by Ken's Creative Kitchen; Casino Game Tables featuring Blackjack, Craps and Texas Hold 'Em; Live Entertainment provided by the NightLife Band; Silent Auction and Basket Raffles; \$10,000 Knight Raffle; Fellowship & Celebration. Visit <https://www.smrhs.org/knightgala> to reserve tickets.

**Pray for our seminarians:** Please stop by our "Vocations Tree" in front of the Blessed Mother Statue, where you'll see cards for each of the seminarians of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for who He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese.

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

Jeannie Pichee, Margaret Campion, Cheri Eckhardt, Johanna Brubacher Malone, Chrissie Gruby, Mary Anne Groat, 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., Eleanor Ripple, Jacqueline Muir Westlein, Patty Van Ryswick, John Allum-Poon, Evelyn Ryce, 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 Trossbach, Edith McFadden, Beth Higgs, Peter Van Ryswick, Charles Mills, Alice Holly, Cecelia Knott, Ray Harding, Jr., Rose Spalding, Trish McWilliams Guy, Christina Howe, Ethan Swayze, Jean Bowles Wathen, Jody Van Ryswick

**LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT IHM** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park is hosting its Seafood Dinner once again! Prices are \$16 (shrimp or rockfish), \$17 (oysters or scallops) and \$24 (seafood platter with shrimp, oysters, scallops and rockfish). 2 sides included (green beans, french fries, mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes or extra hush puppies). Kids' meal (fish sticks and one side) is \$5. Dine-in or take-out. Order and pay in person (cash and check) or online at [seafood.ihmrcc.org](https://seafood.ihmrcc.org) (credit card, ACH or Google Pay). Proceeds to fund replacement of our hymnals.

### **62nd Annual Spring Dinner Hosted by the Hollywood Fire Volunteer Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Lunch**

- Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 1-4 pm or until sold out
- \$30 Carry Out Only. No Pre-sales
- For Information, Contact Maria Barnes (240-925-4376)
- Stuffed Ham, Fried Oysters, Parsley Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Beets, Chicken Salad, and a Roll
- We Will also have a Bake Table
- Stuffed Ham for sale by the pound \$15
- Chicken Salad for sale by the pound \$8

The Latest Book from Matthew Kelly: *Holy Moments – A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life* is available at the doors of the church. Please pick up a copy and enjoy reading it this Lent.

**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!