

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

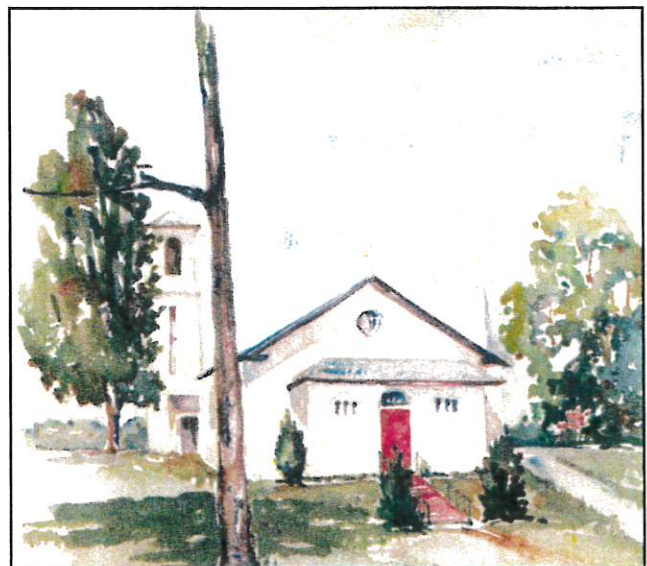
Parish Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday

Closed on Monday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

REFLECTION

Today, having reached the halfway point of Lent, we celebrate Laetare Sunday. This Latin word, pronounced lay-TAR-ray, means "rejoice". We rejoice in the knowledge that the cross does not end in death, that Jesus' story does not end in the tomb. The Church also celebrates the second scrutiny today, a significant step for catechumens but also an opportunity for all of us to look into our hearts for the sinful habits and tendencies we may not even see. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man. More significantly, he can heal our blindness to sin as well. Let us rejoice!

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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| March 25 | 4:00pm | E Abell |
| March 26 | 8:30am | Cress Family |
| | 11:00am | G Hein |

Christmas in April St. Mary's County, Inc. This local charity provides free home repairs and maintenance to those in need. 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 this Sunday, March 19th.*** Both skilled and unskilled volunteer workers are welcome to participate. Donations- Visit www.christmasinaprilsmc.org or call 301-884-2905. Donations are much needed and appreciated.

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.*

Camp Maria Retreat Center: MAKING SENSE OF DEATH Retreat. Friday, March 24, 2023,. 9am-4pm. **\$50 Lunch Included.** Facilitator Ann Kovalcik will support participants to consider death by Looking with Mary at the death of her Son – the cornerstone of the Church. 1. A Mother's sorrow, human suffering, and compassion. 2. The Son of God, suffering and God's compassion. 3. A Holy Sacrifice and the compassion of the Church. 4. Compassion the pledge of resurrection.

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.

Chesterton Academy Together with Gratia Plena Institute Presents: *Dating with Grace*. Soirée High School Girls (current 8th -12th). Saturday April 1, 2023 6:30- 8:30. This event is free, however, it is ladies only! Open to all High School and rising ninth grade Girls (moms too!). There will be light refreshments offered. Location: Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's 28299 Old Village Road Mechanicsville, MD 20659. To RSVP www.gratiaplenainstitute.com/upcoming-events

Easter Flower Offerings: There are envelopes for Easter Flower Offering at the doors of the church. This is a beautiful way to remember our deceased loved ones during this Holy Season. ***Please return the completed envelopes by this Sunday, April 2.***

Parish Calendar

Mon-Sat 8:30-9:30am - Eucharistic Adoration during Lent
March 24 – Stations of the Cross 7pm.
March 31 – Stations of the Cross 7pm.
April 6 – Holy Thursday Evening of the Lord's Supper Mass 7pm.
April 7 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3pm.
April 7 – Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service 7pm.
April 8 – Easter Vigil at 8pm.
April 9 – Easter Morning Mass times at 8:30 & 11am.
April 29 – 8th Grade Retreat 9:00am – 5pm.
May 7 – First Holy Communion during 11:00 Mass.
May 21 – Confirmation during 11:00 Mass.

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.

GUEST SPEAKER SERIES AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - Join us at St. Francis Xavier Hall in Compton on March 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for a talk on the history of the Jesuits by Reverend David J. Collins, SJ. Fr. Collins will be drawing from his soon-to-be published book "The Jesuits in the United States: A Concise History." Dessert and coffee will be served. All welcomed.

SUNDAY March 19, 2023 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

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| Sat Mar 18 4:00pm | Ann Johnson |
| Sun Mar 19 8:30am | Pete Himmelheber |
| 11:00am | Our Lady's Parishioners |
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| Tue Mar 21 8:00am | Pete Himmelheber |
| Wed Mar 22 8:00am | Pete Himmelheber |
| Thu Mar 23 8:00am | Tick & Ada Gough |
| Fri Mar 24 8:00am | Bobby, Tommy & Paul Combs |
| Sat Mar 25 4:00pm | Rev. Everett Pearson |
| Sun Mar 26 8:30am | Sara & Dick Hammett and George & Frances Wigginton |
| 11:00am | Our Lady's Parishioners |

Please, Pray for the Intentions of Our Sick

Jerry Pope, John Rossi, 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

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://saintaloyiuschurch.org/food-pantry>. With your support they are able to sponsor a **Food Give Away Day** on the third Saturday of the month.

6th Annual "Walk in the Park" - 5K Fun Run/Walk at St. Francis Xavier Church on Sat. 4/22/23 is to benefit our parish's Newtowne Manor House Preservation Restoration Fund. This run/walk is open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church parking lot and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. and run/walk participants may begin at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee of \$20 which includes a tee shirt will help preserve this religious and historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration and even online giving is available in the vestibule and on our website: www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. When using the online giving option, be sure to select Walk in the Park. Donations are always welcomed. If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

SOMD MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS – MON., 3/27/23, 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.

Eucharistic Adoration this Lent

Monday – Saturday 8:30-9:30am

Sign up in the front of the Blessed Mother Statue.

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT IHM: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park is hosting its Seafood Dinners Fridays in Lent. \$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 (credit card, ACH or Google Pay). Proceeds to fund replacement of our hymnals.

Spring Oysterfest, Benedict on the Patuxent, Saturday, March 25th, 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.

On March 25, Feast of the Annunciation, Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. at Historic Saint Ignatius church in Saint Inigoes, Maryland. "Maryland Day" is celebrated yearly at this historic church. All are welcome to join with Father William George, S. J. at this Holy Mass. In 1634, on March 25th, the Maryland colonists, on the ships Ark and Dove, first landed on the island now known as St. Clements. Mass was celebrated there by Father Andrew White, S.J. The colonists then obtained agreement from Natives to begin building at Saint Mary's City. A brief history of the Jesuit property at St. Inigoes is available for visitors at the church.

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!

DOLLY AND ME TEA

On Saturday, April 23, 2023, from 12 pm to 3 pm the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department is having a "Dolly and Me Tea". It will be held at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are required. Activities include: Musical Chairs for Children with Free Prizes; 4x6 Beauty and the Beast Pictures; \$10 or \$15 Grab Bag Options; and Raffles. Vendors will be on site selling clothing for your dolls. Food Provided: Finger Sandwiches, Scones, Dessert, and Tea. You can "Decorate Your Own Table"; Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place – to "Decorate Your Own Table" OR Make Reservations by April 16, 2023, Contact Lynn Brady at 240-538-2503.

SPRING YARD SALE: To benefit the Sunshine Committee of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 7 am -11 am at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Parking Lot. We will have covered space if it rains. \$20.00 for Table/Space. All Tables/Space be Rented from the LA-HVFD. Payment for Table/Space will be collected the Morning of the Yard Sale. Cash or Check Only. To Reserve Your Table/Space, Please Call Lexi at 240-298-9965.

SUMMER KNIGHTS CAMPS @ St. Mary's Ryken: Traditional all-day camp (9am-3pm) for children in K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade. Before care starts at 6:30am – after care until 6pm. Camps run Monday-Friday beginning June 20th. ART, ATHLETIC & STEM specialty camps. Opportunities for students in grades K-12. Athletic camps taught by SMR coaches with student mentors.

Plan to Take a Personal "Retreat" Day in the New Year! March 24 - Take a break and enjoy your very own personal retreat at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. During your personal retreat, from 9am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus lunch; so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$100 per person. Advance Registration is required. Visit our website to register and to find more dates ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301-365-0612. We also have Mini-Retreats for Women and Evenings of Reflection for Men, each month. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

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

Catholic Charities Volunteer Enrichment

Join us—online—to deepen your volunteering through discussion and reflection. We will use materials developed by Catholic Relief Services to explore the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity. **March 22, 2023, 7:00-8:00**
Click to sign up: [Volunteer Reflection & Discussion](#)

Apply for a Summer Internship at Catholic Charities Catholic Charities will offer 15 undergraduate students unpaid but rewarding, hands-on, summer internship placements throughout the organization. Gain experience working in a field that interests you with smart and dedicated professionals. Learn more & apply at this link: [Summer Internship Placement Opportunities](#)

Spring Volunteer Opportunities for Groups at Catholic Charities Round up your people! Come together for a few hours to do a service project for Catholic Charities. Examples of group projects are: spring cleaning, assembling food packages, conducting mock interviews with job seekers, doing arts & crafts or singing with clients, and more. Tell us what you want to do, click: [Special Group Volunteer Projects](#)

Camp Maria Yoga Event: No Greater Love - Friday, April 7, 2023, 9am - 11am \$25
Begin Good Friday with a restorative yoga practice, Scripture and reflection, guided by Linda Shaffer. This practice will help you open up to all Jesus has for you on this deeply challenging day. For more information or to register please visit www.campmaria.org or contact director@campmaria.org


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