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# Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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## REFLECTION

When Jesus was born into the world, he was born into a family. Today we celebrate the Holy Family, a model for us all to emulate. Do we love and respect our children as Joseph and Mary did their Son? Do we nurture the bonds in our family as the Holy Family did? On this final day of the year, let us resolve to pray to the Holy Family for guidance and support, as we look to them for inspiration.

## FINANCES

<i>Last Week's Offertory</i>	\$2,201.00
<i>Last Week's Online Contributions</i>	1,215.00
<i>Christmas</i>	7,084.00
<i>Other</i>	1,270.00

## LECTOR SCHEDULE Mary, Holy Mother of God

Jan 1	10:00am	R Stancil
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## LECTOR SCHEDULE

Jan 6	4:00pm	J&J McAllister
Jan 7	8:30am	M Clements
	11:00am	G Hein



*Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions at  
Our Lady's Church – Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am*

*Healing Prayers at Our Lady's Church – First  
Friday of the month following 8:00am Mass.*



**In honor of Our Lady of Fatima** The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division - **The Blue Army"** Invites you to **Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Brown Scapular enrollment, and healing prayers. Saturday, January 13 at 1:00pm** in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC. For more information call 301-595-1770



**Father Andrew White, S.J. School**

"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living Our Faith"

## Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

Father Andrew White's open registration for new families starts on February 1, 2024. Please consider the gift of Catholic education for your loved one.

Father Andrew White is accepting applications for substitute teachers. For more information, please contact [office@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:office@fatherandrewwhite.org).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter :** As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Mar 1-3, 2024 in COLLEGE PARK, MD and Oct 11-13, 2024 in COLLEGE PARK, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us at [applications@moments4marriage.org](mailto:applications@moments4marriage.org) or 301-500-0871.



Happy New Year from Fr. John! To start your new year, Fr. John has books at the doors of the church for you. Please pick up **BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST** by Matthew Kelly. This is a book with life-changing reflections about Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our lives. May your New Year be filled with blessings of hope and healing.

## New Year's Retreat for Men - Jan 6-7, 2024

Start the new year off right with a Retreat! Experience the essentials of the Spiritual Exercises in this abbreviated one-night retreat. Based on the Spiritual Exercises, the retreat is designed to provide a rejuvenating experience with a more convenient schedule. You will have the opportunity to participate in guided meditations, attend Mass, and benefit from individual spiritual direction. Additionally, you will have plenty of free time to explore the beautiful natural surroundings of the retreat center and spend time in personal reflection. Registration is required. Cost: \$150 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org). Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Miracles Happen Here! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

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## SUNDAY December 31, 2023 & ITS VIGIL

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### *Mass Intentions*

Sat	Dec 30	4:00pm	Ricky Pilkerton
Sun	Dec 31	8:30am	Our Lady's Parishioners
		11:00am	Loyd Stancil
Mon	Jan 1	10:00am	Jay Bowles
Tue	Jan 2	8:00am	Jay Bowles
Wed	Jan 3	8:00am	Jay Bowles
Thu	Jan 4	8:00am	Jay Bowles
Fri	Jan 5	8:00am	Jay Bowles
Sat	Jan 6	4:00pm	Jay Bowles
Sun	Jan 7	8:30am	Sara & Dick Hammett and George & Frances Wigginton
		11:00am	Our Lady's Parishioners

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

Ethan Fenwick, Amy Stehlin, Mary Edna Bowles, Pat Riegel, Alex Duvall, Betty Leresche, Mary Alberta Goddard, Jerry Pope, John Rossi, Jeannie Pichee, Danny Pichee, Alex Datzuk, Margaret Campion, Johanna Brubacher Malone, Mary Anne Groat, 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, 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, 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://saintalloysiuschurch.org/food-pantry>. With your support they are able to sponsor a **Food Give Away Day** on the third Saturday of the month.

**Church Volunteers Needed!** We need volunteers to serve as Lectors, Altar Servers, cleaning the church, singing in the Choir, helping with our social activities. Or if there's another way to help us just let us know. ***Please call the Parish office 301-475-8403 to let us know how you can help.*** Thank you!

**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](http://www.ourladyschurch.org)

**The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage will be celebrated this year at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will be the main celebrant. Please email or call the Parish office if you would like to register. The deadline to register is Thursday, January 25, 2024.

### ***Grieving with Great Hope***

5-week small group workshop to help people grieving the loss of a loved one. Bereavement Workshop  
Dates in 2024: Sundays 3-5pm: 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4. Contact: Jennifer Bicknell (301-475-8064 x11) or [jbicknell@saintalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:jbicknell@saintalloysiuschurch.org)

***Welcome Cardinal Wilton Gregory this Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00! We are so happy with your visit to Our Lady's Church! We hope your visit here will be filled with the joy and love of our Parish Community and of this Holy Season.***

### **Mass Intention Requests**

Please call or email the Parish Office to request a Mass Intention. The usual stipend is \$10 and Mass cards signed by Fr. John are available.

***What Made Me, Me?*** Workshop Series. Next Session: **Jan 11, 7:00-8:30pm** Why do people do what they do? Deepen your own self-awareness and discover the psychological and spiritual narrative of your life. Learn how your childhood has helped shape who you are today. This new workshop series will lead you through the psychological and spiritual development of a person during each stage of life. Over the course of these workshops, you will see how each stage of development — from Early Childhood through Adolescence -- shaped the person you are today. Presented by Dr. Kathleen Musslewhite, Executive Director of the Alpha Omega Clinic, remaining sessions in the series: **Thursday Evenings: Jan 11, Feb 8; each session duration: 7:00-8:30pm.** The cost for each session is \$60 per person. Come to all or some. This program is a collaboration of Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center with the Alpha Omega Clinic, both located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Find more information and links to register on our website: [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org)