



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 in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

Can you believe it's been over a month since we celebrated Christmas? By now, our decorations are likely back in their boxes and the warm glow of the holidays has faded, but let us not forget that our greatest Christmas gift ever – the Son of God – remains with us always. Even on an ordinary day in the middle of winter, he is with us here as we gather to celebrate the meal he left us before he died. Let us give thanks as we receive him once again in the Eucharist.

Moses told the people that one day God would send a prophet from among their descendants who would speak God's word with authority. We believe that this promise is fulfilled in Jesus, who in the Gospel speaks God's word with such authority that even the unclean spirits obey him! We may be anxious about many things, to use Saint Paul's words, but let the knowledge that God can dispel the darkness in our lives give us hope.

FINANCES

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| <i>Last Week's Offertory</i> | \$2,159.00 |
| <i>Last Week's Online Contributions</i> | 925.00 |
| <i>Education</i> | 355.00 |
| <i>Other</i> | 648.00 |

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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| Feb 3 | 4:00pm | E Abell |
| Feb 4 | 8:30am | M Clements |
| | 11:00am | G Hein |



Father Andrew White, S.J. School

"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living Our Faith"

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

We are kicking off Catholic Schools Week this weekend! Father Andrew White School children are participating in service projects and celebrating all that Catholic schools have to offer as they highlight how Father Andrew White is "United in Faith and Community."

You are cordially invited to visit our award winning parish school! Father Andrew White is having an Open House (by appointment only) on Wednesday, January 31st from 3 - 5:30 pm. Schedule a private tour to discover how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith." Call the office at (301) 475-9795 or email office@fatherandrewwhite.org.

Join the FAW community on Saturday, February 3 from 5:00-7:00pm in the gym to celebrate the end of Catholic Schools Week! Our Annual Italian Dinner will be served, with spaghetti and homemade meatballs, garlic bread, salad and drinks. Desserts will be available for sale from the 8th grade class, who is raising money for their 8th grade trip. Tickets are available in advance (online) or at the door. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids age 5-12 and under 5 are free. We hope you can bring your family and friends to join us! We will have a Brown Bag Auction and drawing at 6:30, as well. You do not need to be present to win!

The Arm of St. Jude the Apostle is coming to St. John Francis Regis Church (43927 St. Johns Rd, Hollywood) on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Veneration begins at 1pm and ends at 10pm. Mass in honor of St. Jude is at 7pm. For more info check out: www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com.

The Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's: Parents and Students interested in this affordable High School option
Open House ~ February 3, 2024 4PM
Middle School Event ~ February 23, 2024 6PM
To RSVP, see events info on our webpage:
<https://www.chestertonstmarys.org/events>



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



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department is hosting Pancake Dinner on FEB 13 from 4:30pm - 7pm. Dinner includes: scrambled eggs, home fries, applesauce, pancakes, local country sausage, local bacon and drinks. Adults & carryouts are \$15. Seniors (65+) and kids (<10) are \$13.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREATS FOR MEN AND WOMEN: Please call 301-982-2008 to register and for more information about these retreats. You can also go to hope@adw.org.

- **Retreat for Men: Abortion Hurts Men Too!** Are you suffering the loss of a child from abortion? You are not alone! Come and experience the Mercy of God, you are invited to attend an *Entering Canaan* Men's Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, March 16, 2024.
- **Retreat for Women: Are you having unresolved feelings about your abortion?** You are not alone! Any woman, who has gone through an abortion, is invited to attend an *Entering Canaan* Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

SUNDAY January 28, 2024 & ITS VIGIL

Mass Intentions

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| Sat Jan 27 | 4:00pm | Amy Stehlin (L) |
| Sun Jan 28 | 8:30am | Christina Gruby |
| | 11:00am | Our Lady's Parishioners |
| Tue Jan 30 | 8:00am | Christina Gruby |
| Wed Jan 31 | 8:00am | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Thu Feb 1 | 8:00am | Thelma "Tookie" Hayden |
| Fri Feb 2 | 8:00am | Ella Mae Russell |
| Sat Feb 3 | 4:00pm | John F. "Jake" Mattingly |
| Sun Feb 4 | 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://saintaloyiuschurch.org/food-pantry>. With your support they are able to sponsor a **Food Give Away Day** on the third Saturday of the month.

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

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: 1/28, 2/4. Contact: Jennifer Bicknell (301-475-8064 x11) or jbicknell@saintaloyiuschurch.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Give your marriage the promise of a great year by learning how to better communicate and love each other.

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can enhance your marriage to be the best it can be. Join us and see how your relationship can grow. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Mar 1-3, 2024 in COLLEGE PARK, MD and Oct 11-13, 2024 in COLLEGE PARK, MD. For more information visit our website

at: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us at 301-5000-0871 or applications@moments4marriage.org.



Dear Parish Family,

The turning of the calendar to February means the Annual Catholic Services Appeal is at hand. On behalf of Cardinal Gregory, thank you to all our families who made a contribution in 2023 to help the Archdiocese reach its goal.

Now, I ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal. If you are not familiar with the Appeal, you may wonder how it is different and separate from your offertory giving to the parish. First, the Appeal unites us with our Archbishop in serving the many charitable needs of the Church of Washington. Second, the Appeal funds ministries that our parish count not sustain on our own, such as seminarian formation, campus ministry programs and deaf and disabilities ministries. Third, the Appeal supports our parish ministerial life, from schools and catechesis, to family and pro-life ministries, to many more in between.

The Annual Appeal is a call to stewardship. It is not mandatory. This means that the many vibrant ministries we have in the Archdiocese are the result of families such as your own who have responded generously each year with your free will offering. I am particularly grateful for your contribution which helps to inspire new vocations and form our new generations of priests.

I am also asked to remind you that, as in every year, 100% of your gift to the Appeal is restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Appeal and cannot be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, your gift will be credited towards our parish goal.

Next weekend will be our commitment weekend. Thank you in advance for your prayerful commitment to the 2024 Annual Appeal. Your steadfast generosity not only is a source of inspiration for me but a force for good in our Church today.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. John


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