

#### **Administrator**

Rev. Joseph R. Cwik cwikj@adw.org

## **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.

# Our Lady's Catholic Church

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Web page: http://ourladyschurch.org

### 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.



## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## REFLECTION

Anyone who has driven often on highways can recall times in which traffic has slowed to a standstill because of a bottleneck, when multiple lanes of traffic must funnel down to a single open lane. This contemporary phenomenon is analogous to Jesus' words today about getting into heaven. Jesus says people will come from every direction but must pass through a narrow gate to enter. Let us accept this challenge, patiently following that narrow path.

## **FINANCES**

Last Week's Offertory	\$4,604.00
Last Week's Online Contributions	110.00
Holy Day	595.00

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Aug 30	4:00pm	E Abell; B Russell
Aug 31	8:30am	D Cress; M Clements
	11:00am	J&J McAllister

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to have Altar Flowers in honor or memory of someone please call or email the Parish Office: 301-475-8403 or olcmedleysneck@gmail.com.

The donation is \$50.

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

## PARISH \* PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE! Our Lady's Church Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 5 from 1:00-4:30 at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. Bring the family and a dish to share. We'll provide fried chicken!

Enroll Now for Religious Education! Our Lady's Church is once again collaborating with St. Aloysius Church for our family-centered children's Faith Formation program. Families of Faith empowers and equips parents as the primary teachers of their own children. An emphasis is placed on good habits for Catholics families (daily prayer, weekly Mass, and monthly Confession). We meet on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in Father Andrew White School. Register now for the 2025-2026 school year. Classes for Pre-K (age 4) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade begin on Sep 14, 2025. To register, go to <a href="https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/familesoffaith">https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/familesoffaith</a>. Or contact Leonard Wathen, Director of Religious Education, 301-475-8064 or lwathensaintaloysiuschurch.org. New volunteers are welcome.

## Don't Miss Camp Maria's Oyster Scald!

On Sunday, October 12th, 2025...12pm-4pm. The cost is free to attend and food/drink and raffles available for purchase. Bring yourself, friends, and family for a fun afternoon at beautiful Camp Maria featuring live music, raffles, delicious food and drink, and plenty of activities for kids.

SAVE THE DATE: CATHOLIC FAMILY FESTIVAL — Sunday, October 12, 3-8 PM, at Cardinal Gibbons Park, (across from St. Peter Claver Church). An open invitation to all, our 15 Catholic parishes of St. Mary's County are coming together for a day of faith, fellowship and fun! Potluck Picnic, family and children's activities and games, youth and young adult yard games and cornhole, music and sitting areas for the young and old alike. Outside candlelit Eucharistic Procession and rosary!

Mark your calendar — more details to come.

2025 Tri-County Memory Walk

A powerful community event dedicated to honoring the lives lost to addiction and supporting those still fighting. The event is held on Sat., September 13 from 5pm-8pm at Serenity Farms, 6932 Serenity Farms Rd, Benedict, MD. This event is hosted by Project Eco and the Tri-County Memory Walk Committee. This walk is a sacred space for remembrance, healing, and hope. Addiction has touched nearly every family in our region, and this event offers a chance to come together in love, prayer, and solidarity.

## Youth Performing and Visual Arts Showcase at SMR - Early Bird Discount Until September 1, 2025!

Students in grades 5–8 are invited to take part in the *Youth Arts Showcase* at St. Mary's Ryken—a fun and inspiring opportunity to grow in the performing and visual arts with guidance from our award-winning faculty and student mentors. **3 options to participate:** 

- Youth Honors Chorus Build vocal skills and perform in a Christmas concert on the SMR stage!
- Knights Music Mentors Play with SMR student musicians in a final group Christmas concert on the SMR stage.
- **Visual Arts Showcase** Submit artwork based on the theme *"Snowflakes and Sleighbells."*

Open to public, private, and homeschool students. Visit <a href="https://www.smrhs.org/arts/youth-honors-chorus">https://www.smrhs.org/arts/youth-honors-chorus</a> for rehearsal dates, other details, and to register today!

## SUNDAY August 24, 2025 & ITS VIGIL

#### Mass Intentions Sat Aug 23 4:00pm Michael Laney Sun Aug 24 8:30am Dick & Sara Hammett and George & Frances Wigginton Our Lady's Parishioners 11:00am Tue Aug 26 8:00am Joyce Spense Wed Aug 27 8:00am Mark Bailey Thu Aug 28 8:00am Louis & Gladys Jenkins Fri Aug 29 8:00am Robert E. and Mary Wigginton Sat Aug 30 4:00pm Robert Keegan Sun Aug 31 8:30am Shirley & Perry Abell 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 in the choir side vestibule. For more information on how you can help and what types of food they prefer, please visit,

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



Mark your calendars for our next "Coffee & Donuts" which will be on Sunday, September 7th after 8:30 am Mass.

<u>Mass Intention Requests</u>: To request 2025 Mass Intentions, please call or email the Parish Office with your request. The usual stipend is \$10.

Field Mass - The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows A special Field Mass and Rosary will commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Monday, September 15, 2025, at the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery at 38888 Doctor Johnson Road in Mechanicsville (Helen), Maryland (located behind the Mother Catherine Academy School). Rosary and Mass are offered for the deceased members of our community, and the Church especially encourages those who have recently suffered a loss of joining us. Rosary and Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Father Chip Luckett from Our Lady of the Wayside as our celebrant. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort in the cemetery rain or shine. For additional information, you may contact the office of the Catholic Cemeteries Southern MD Regional Office at (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766.

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

Kathy Bell Atlas, Peg Duchesne, Marilyn Higgs, Jamie Nelson, Emilie Dolaher, Charles Fenwick, Jr., Anne Powers, Cristi Reid, Mary Alberta Goddard, Leonard Kohl, Ethan Fenwick, Mary Edna Bowles, Alex Duvall, Betty Leresche, John Rossi, Jeannie Pichee, Alex Datzuk, 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, Paul Woodburn, Jr., Patty Van Ryswick, John Allum-Poon, Evelyn Ryce, Teresa Fenwick, Claudia Fenwick, Anna Daugherty, Ben DeWeese, Dona Hamlet, Margaret Breakfield, Irene Dixon, Pat Bateman, Sarah Milburn, Agnes Higgs, Beth Higgs, Peter Van Ryswick, Alice Holly, Cecelia Knott, Ray Harding, Jr., Trish McWilliams Guy, Christina Howe, Jean Bowles Wathen, Jody Van Ryswick

## Malvern Retreat House is holding a women's retreat on September 12-14 in Malvern PA.

The retreat's theme is "EUCHARIST: FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY" and includes seminars, music, prayer, fellowship and Mass. For more information: www.malvrnretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 6PM, "PILGRIMS OF HOPE" MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, REFLECTION AND WORSHIP NIGHT. Join us at 6PM at St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown for an amazing evening with Adoration, worship, reflection on Hope and this Jubilee Year and individual prayer. This month we will be introducing a new format with more quiet Adoration time. If you struggle to stay focused in prayer or would like to grow in your Eucharistic Prayer Devotion, join us! Music provided by: Fiat! Contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information at: (301) 475-7139 also visit us at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org.

## Events to honor our Blessed Mother - Hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Plata, MD:

- September 27, 2025: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage to the National Shrine on September 27, 2025. This is a day packed with great preaching, opportunities for prayer, reconciliation, and of course praying the Rosary. The experience of praying the complete rosary with 3,000 other friends of our Blessed Mother is absolutely unforgettable. Sacred Heart is providing bus transportation to the shrine. **The cost is \$20.**
- September 30, 2025: Sacred Heart will host an Outdoor Living Rosary at 6:15 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.
- October 6-8, 2025: 9th Annual Rosary Mission. The theme this year will be *Psalms of Joy, Sorrow, and Glory*. Our preacher this year will be
- Fr. Ephrem Reese O.P. Fr. Ephrem is a Dominican assigned to the House of Studies in D.C. There will be an evening with a reception for Fr. Ephrem, an evening for the installation of new members and a concluding mass with the blessing of holy objects.

Please call the Sacred Heart La Plata church office for more information at 301-934-2261.



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