

# 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**

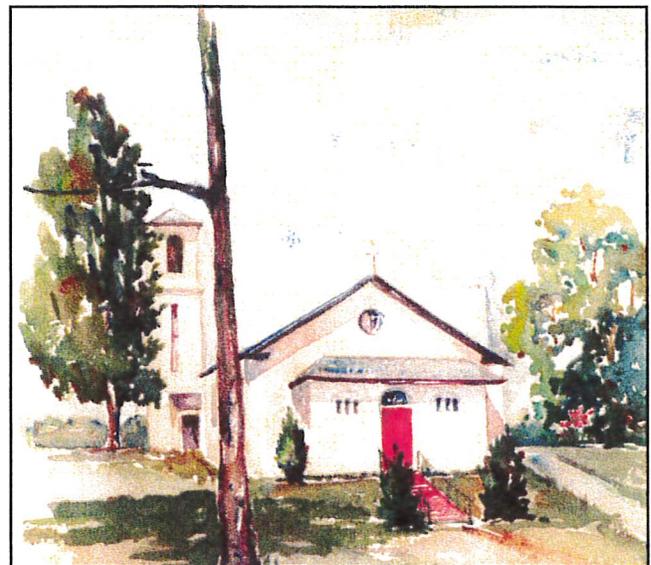
Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

## **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. Joseph R. Cwik  
[cwikj@adw.org](mailto:cwikj@adw.org)

## **Parish Business Manager**

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.

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## Third Sunday of Advent

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### REFLECTION

On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice, for we know that the Lord is near. With eyes of faith, we can sense his presence even as we prepare for the celebration of his coming to us as a newborn infant. With eyes of faith, we can see his coming as well as the prophet Isaiah or the New Testament prophet John the Baptist, who each prepared his people for God's transformative presence. With eyes of faith, let us glory in Jesus' presence right here, right now: in God's word, in the Eucharist, and in those around us.

### FINANCES

<i>Last Week's Offertory</i>	\$4,528.00
<i>Last Week's Online Contributions</i>	4,050.00
<i>Utility Fund</i>	1,055.00

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

Dec. 20	4:00pm	J & J McAllister
Dec. 21	8:30am	D Cress; B Russell
	11:00am	K McCurdy; R Stancil



### **Christmas Flower Remembrances**

Christmas flower envelopes are at the doors of the church. This is a beautiful way to remember our deceased loved ones during the Christmas Season.

**Return the completed envelopes by Dec. 21.**



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



**Continuing Education Spring 2026 - "Called to Love: Theology of the Body" - Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm, January 21 – April 22, 2026:**

This course will explore John Paul II's Catechesis on Human Love to discover how Christ reveals the spousal meaning of the body—from the original experiences to their fulfillment in the resurrection. It will also show how marriage and virginity both reflect Christ's total self-gift on the Cross, the source of divine love that transforms human relationships and grounds the Church's teaching on the unity of love and life. For more info: [information@johnpaulii.edu](mailto:information@johnpaulii.edu) or 202.526.3799. Numerous high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington accept this course toward VCEA licensure or CEU requirements for teachers. The cost is \$150, but scholarships are available.

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Dept, on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 8am -11am. Visit with Santa from 9am-11am.

***Pictures with Santa, Children's Crafts,  
& Photo Booth***

### **WARM Program at Camp Maria**

WARM is a winter sheltering program hosted by faith communities of St. Mary's County on a rotational basis from November to March.

Camp Maria will host the WARM program from December 28, 2025 to January 4, 2026. Volunteers are sought from the local Catholic Community to support the program at Camp Maria. Volunteers are needed to provide Meals; Supplies; Site Setup; Site Breakdown - **but particularly for Monitors**. To learn more or to signup, visit <https://campmaria.org> or call Mary McGlenn 240-298-7645.

**Mass Intention Requests:** To request a 2026 Mass Intention, please call or email the Parish Office with your request. The usual stipend is \$10.

**BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING** is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. To give a sick child a bear-hug this Christmas, please drop off your donated bears by Dec. 17 to Heavenly Presents, 22697 Washington Street (on the Square), Leonardtown. Store hours are Tue. through Sat., or use the after-hours drop box outside the store-front door. Your tax-deductible monetary donations will be used to purchase bears at a discounted price! Please make checks payable to the Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. You may also make donations at [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org) click on Bear Hugs! Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. Used stuffed bears are not accepted by the hospitals. Bear Hugs was an inspiration received in thanksgiving for favors granted through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Jude. Please contact Patricia Disandro at 240-681-3606 for more details about how you can participate in this special outreach.

### **HEAVENLY PRESENTS CATHOLIC GIFTS AND BOOK**

**STORE** – Give your loved ones the gift of faith this Advent & Christmas! We are stocked with great gift items including: Framed art, Crucifixes, rosaries, books, children's section, coffee mugs and more! Hours of operation: Tues, Thurs: 10AM-5PM, Wed, Friday: 10-6PM, Saturday: 10-4PM. Special hours Black Friday: 10AM-9PM. 22697 Washington Street (in Leonardtown Square), Leonardtown. (301) 475-9770.

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## SUNDAY December 14, 2025 & ITS VIGIL

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### *Mass Intentions*

Sat Dec 13	4:00pm	David Sliwinski
Sun Dec 14	8:30am	Amy Goddard
	11:00am	Our Lady's Parishioners
Tue Dec 16	8:00am	Marilyn Ann Higgs
Wed Dec 17	8:00am	Marilyn Ann Higgs
Thu Dec 18	8:00am	Marilyn Ann Higgs
Fri Dec 19	8:00am	Marilyn Ann Higgs
Sat Dec 20	4:00pm	Margaret & Donald Cryer
Sun Dec 21	8:30am	Our Lady's Parishioners
	11:00am	Loyd Stancil

### **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 info on how you can help and what types of food they prefer, please visit, <https://saintaloyuschurch.org/food-pantry>.

*THE CHARITABLE OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING A COAT AND WARM CLOTHING DRIVE.* WE WILL BE COLLECTING ALL WARM ITEMS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED. PLEASE LEAVE COATS, SOCKS, GLOVES, ETC. IN THE DESIGNATED CONTAINERS AT THE CHOIR SIDE VESTIBULE. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SHARED WITH JOHN @ 240-528-0966.

### **Children's Manger**

To help prepare younger children for the celebration of Christmas, a manger and hay have been set out in front of the statue of Mary. In the past, children come forward after Mass to place hay in the manger as a reminder that we are preparing to celebrate Christmas. The manger and hay will be available until December 21<sup>st</sup> after which the hay collected will be used in the parish's Nativity Scene!

**February 14, 2026, Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage:** Join us at the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 14, 2026, 10am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples, please register with your parish office by February 6, 2026, to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate in honor of their anniversary year. All married couples and their families are welcome, regardless of how long you have been married. Please contact the parish office to register.

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

Catherine Stancil, Peg Duchesne, 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, 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, Beth Higgs, Alice Holly, Cecelia Knott, Ray Harding, Jr., Christina Howe, Jean Bowles Wathen

### **RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS**

#### **Collection date, this weekend 12/14/2025**

They have spent decades caring for those in need, but years of service for little or no pay have left many religious communities without sufficient retirement savings. Today, over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover their rising health care costs, medication, and daily living expenses. Your gift can help ensure they receive the care they deserve.

**Loyola Retreat House is offering a weekend retreat: "Caring for our Common Home" on January 9-11, 2026.** Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House is located in Faulkner, Maryland. This is a guided weekend retreat led by Dr. Rob McDowell. Spend a weekend reconnecting with God, with nature, and with your own sense of purpose in caring for the world around you. Through guided prayer, discussion, and personal reflection, we'll explore how to live more sustainably and mindfully, deepening our connection to creation and integrating ecological responsibility into our spiritual practices. Retreat fee: \$255

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & WORSHIP NIGHT: PEACE BE WITH YOU, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28:**

Sunday, December 28, 6 to 7:30pm at St. Aloysius Church: Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection and Eucharistic Procession. This will be your last opportunity to gain the plenary indulgence at St. Aloysius Church for the Jubilee Year! The Jubilee Year 2025 will conclude in local dioceses on **December 28, 2025 (and in Rome on January 6, 2026, with the closing of the HolyDoor of St. Peter's Basilica).** Music provided by: Fiat! More info contact Bread of Life Center for Peace: (301) 475-7139 or [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org).

**Explore SOMD Catholic** ([www.SOMDCatholic.org](http://www.SOMDCatholic.org)), created to help unite and support our Catholic community in Southern Maryland. From Mass times and parish events to Bible studies and spiritual resources, everything you need is gathered in one easy-to-use site. Stay connected—join our Flocknote for weekly updates on Catholic events and opportunities near you!



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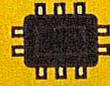


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