

# *Our Lady's Catholic Church*

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## **Pastor**

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## **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.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

By appointment, with enough time for Parents to meet with the Priest.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

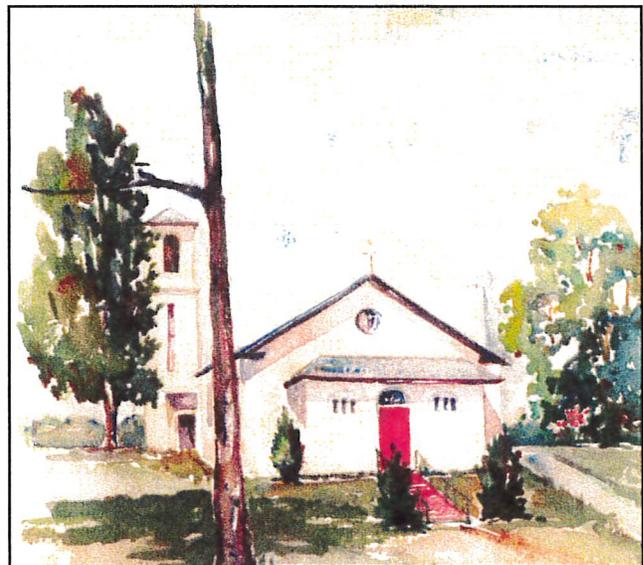
Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

## **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.



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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### REFLECTION

As we approach the festive day on which we may receive gifts and guests into our homes, we take a moment to recall that during this season of Advent we are called to prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts. Yes, we receive him in a most special way at Christmas, the day we celebrate the world receiving him in the flesh, but we also have the opportunity to receive him each and every day. Let us humbly ask God to prepare our hearts to receive him in the Eucharist here today.

### FINANCES

<i>Last Week's Offertory</i>	\$3,415.00
<i>Last Week's Online Contributions</i>	805.00
<i>Archdiocesan</i>	1,025.00

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

Dec. 27	4:00pm	E Abell
Dec. 28	8:30am	Cress Family
	11:00am	R Stancil; S England

### 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](mailto:olcmedleysneck@gmail.com).  
The donation is \$50.



### 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!

### Our Lady's Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 – 4:00PM and 9:00PM

December 25 – 8:30AM and 11:00AM

December 31 - 4:00PM

January 1 – 10:00AM

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) is hosting a fundraiser at Ledos in Leonardtown on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 from 4pm – 8pm. Dine-in or Carry-out and please be sure to tell the cashier/server you are there to support the LVRSA Fundraiser so we can get credit for your visit. Thank you for your support!

The young parishioners of Our Lady's Church will present a Christmas pageant on January 4th (Epiphany) between the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses. If your family is interested in participating, please sign up at the QR code below. The pageant is approximately 10-15 minutes (including photos). Only one narrator is needed to read from a script. All other presenters will be costumed and guided in their role. Practice for the pageant takes about 15-20 minutes. An additional 10-20 minutes will be needed to help them with the simple costumes stored in the church basement before the presentation. Refreshments will be provided. All participants are asked to meet in the church basement on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for light refreshments, an overview of the pageant, practice, and costuming. The pageant will be presented in the church at 10:30am. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kathleen at 301-904-5547.



### 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 sign up, visit <https://campmaria.org> or call Mary McGlenn 240-298-7645.



### Christmas Flower Remembrances

**Christmas flower envelopes are due this Sunday, December 21.**

Begin the 2026 in the presence of the Lord. All are invited to consecrate the first hour of the New Year to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at a Candlelight Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, January 1, from Midnight to 1:00 AM, at Historic St. Ignatius Church, 17682 Villa Road, St. Inigoes, MD. Join us in prayerful silence, adoration, and thanksgiving as we place the year ahead into God's hands. For questions, please email Fr. Patrick Agustin at [agustinp@adw.org](mailto:agustinp@adw.org).

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## SUNDAY December 21, 2025 & ITS VIGIL

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### *Mass Intentions*

Sat	Dec 20	4:00pm	Margaret & Donald Cryer
Sun	Dec 21	8:30am	Our Lady's Parishioners
		11:00am	Loyd Stancil
Tue	Dec 23	8:00am	Marilyn Ann Higgs
Wed	Dec 24	4:00pm	Lillian Kidd Cowan & Dr John Francis Fenwick
		9:00pm	Michael Laney
Thu	Dec 25	8:30am	Sara & Dick Hammett and George & Frances Wigginton
		11:00am	Our Lady's Parishioners
Fri	Dec 26	8:00am	<i>No Mass</i>
Sat	Dec 27	4:00pm	Mary Ann Ganzer
Sun	Dec 28	8:30am	Sara & Dick Hammett and George & Frances Wigginton
		11:00am	Our Lady's Parishioners

**Please note - we will not have Mass on Fri., Dec. 26.**

### 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>.

**Thank you for helping with our Warm Clothing Drive!** Warm clothing was provided for Three Oaks Center for men and homeless women, Carver Elementary, and a Group Home in Leonardtown.

**We are no longer collecting for the Warm Clothing drive, but we appreciate your continuous support of the Food Pantry, which needs support year-round.**

**A Note from Carver Elementary Regarding the Christmas Giving Tree:** *Thank you all so much for making this holiday season special and possible for our community. There were many hugs and tears as parents received their items, a true reflection of the impact of your generosity. You have been an incredible blessing, and we cannot thank you enough for your support. Wishing you all many blessings and a very happy holiday season!*

**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 Flock-note for weekly updates on Catholic events and opportunities near you!

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC 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).

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



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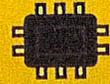


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