

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

30 Mattingly Avenue, Indian Head, Maryland 20640



“Unfortunately, each of us strongly resembles the tree that, over many years, has repeatedly shown that it’s infertile. But, fortunately for us, Jesus is like a farmer who, with limitless patience, still obtains a concession for the fruitless vine. *“Let it alone this year”* the invincible patience of Jesus! Have you thought about the patience of God? Have you ever thought as well of His limitless concern for sinners? How it should lead us to impatience with ourselves! It’s never too late to convert, never. God’s patience awaits us until the last moment

*Pope Francis
– Angelus, 28 February 2016*

MARCH 24, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 7:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES:

As Announced

FIRST FRIDAY:

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

FIRST SATURDAY:

7:30 am Mass followed by the Scriptural Rosary

NOVENA TO THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday: 3:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 pm and by request

MARRIAGE:

6 Months notice

BAPTISMS:

Contact the Rectory Office

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Janet Lacey 240-377-8228
staroftheseareligion@gmail.com

RECTORY OFFICE:

Parish Secretary: Diana Medel
8:00 to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday
Office Closed Holidays

PARISH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Archbishop Neale School LaPlata, MD 20646
301-934-9595

STAR OF THE SEA PANTRY:

Third Saturday Of the Month
301-743-9471

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

LEGION OF MARY:

Meets Fridays in the Church Hall
after the 7:30 am Mass

Contact Number: 301-753-9177 and 301-743-5770 *fax:* 301-743-6670

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Web site: www.staroftheseaindianhead.org

Administrator: Rev. Brian A. Coelho



Mar. 25 Monday THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
7:30 am

Mar. 26 Tuesday Lenten Weekday
7:30 am All Holy Souls in Purgatory +
7:00 pm

Mar. 27 Wednesday Lenten Weekday
No Mass

Mar. 28 Thursday Lenten Weekday
7:30 am Edmundo Ruben Medel (B/A)

Mar. 29 Friday Lenten Weekday
7:30 am Mary Cox +

Mar. 30 Saturday Lenten Weekday
5:00 pm

Next Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30 am Arnolando Valencia Galaz +
9:00 am
11:00 am Pro Populo



Mary Gibson, Maria McGuigan, Patricia Mercer, Mary Gladys Mack, Dorothy Regina Bryan Garcia, John Milton Swann, Deloris Marbray, Mathew Krikstan, Donza Milstead, Larry Simmons, , Amber Wagner, Kenneth Bowman, Helen Vanasse, Walter Ott, Rae Ann Coburn, Margaret Montgomery, Theresa Dobak, Jay Haiden, Jewel Bragunier, Billy Vogelsson, Becky & James Gannon, Zigmund Krivitsky, Joseph Kluchinsky, Bill Kreeger, Rev. Robert S. Pittman, Audrey Rye, Melvin Smith, William Downs, Inez Ruffin, Dolores Tompa, Savirse Mae Morse, Billy Gormley, Christopher Abell, Charles Griffith, Eleanor Dudley, Larry Macalino, Sharon Songy, Gabriele Adams, Elizabeth Milstead, Danny Hart, Helen McLean, Hernane Barberan, Hazel Briscoe, Catherine Burch, Isabel Flores, Elena Valencia, for the daughter of a faithful parishioner, Myrna B. Flores, Renetta Penny, Michael Hawkins, Ed Dinger, Nancy McGuigan, Larry Songy, Gloria Bryan, Theresa Glovan, David & Kathryn Newman, Tim Long, Willie Montgomery, Kristie Blake.

Please pray for those who have long term illnesses and their caregivers.

Do you have a change of name, address or telephone number? Please call the rectory office to make changes

Reflection March 24, 2019

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

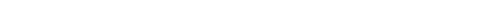
This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope." [The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

If salvation history teaches us anything, it's that God is very patient. Time and time again, people have wandered away from Him and He has sent prophet after prophet to lead them back. To show us just how much He does love us, He sent us His Son who revealed this unconditional love in all that he said and did. This Lenten season is an opportunity to repent and turn back. The mystery of God's presence is revealed in and through the ordinary events of life as the birth of Christ reminds us. God told Moses through the burning bush, "I am who am". And so he reminds us today. Let us turn away no more and turn back to truth.



CATHOLIC QUOTES - TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"God speaks silently, God speaks in your heart; if your heart is noisy, chattering, you will not hear."

-Caryll Houselander

Sacrificial Giving

Parish Income Week of March 17, 2019

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PARISH DEVOTIONS

ADORATION OF THE LORD

“Be still and know that I am God”

We are in need of parishioners to come and spend an hour or so in adoration. If you are interested and available for a certain time, please contact the parish office if you do not get a chance to sign-up after mass.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the Month
April 5th - after the 7:30 am Mass
from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

First Saturday of the Month
April 6th - at 8:00 am
following the 7:30 am Mass.



PARISH NEWS

PARISH EVENT SCHEDULE

Mar. 26	The Light Is On	6:00 - 6:45 pm
Mar. 26	Tuesday Lenten Mass	7:00 pm
Mar. 28	CCD Meets in Hall	5:00 pm
Mar. 29	Lenten Pasta Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 pm
Mar. 29	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
Apr. 02	The Light Is On	6:00 - 6:45 pm
Apr. 02	Tuesday Lenten Mass	7:00 pm
Apr. 04	CCD Meets in Hall	5:00 pm
Apr. 05	1 st Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	8:00 am - 5:00pm
Apr. 05	Lenten Soup Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 pm

COME AND PARTAKE IN OUR PARISH SOCIAL: Join our community for some fellowship while enjoying some Coffee, Donuts and Bagels after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses in the church hall.



APRIL 7TH— HOSTED BY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes meet Thursday at 5:30 pm in the hall. Email Janet Lacey at staroftheseareligion@gmail.com or call at 240-377-8228 with concerns.



HOME VISITS: Fr. Brian makes visits to your home upon requests call the Rectory Office to schedule a visit 301-753-9177.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS: Would you like to purchase Altar Flowers in Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, in Honor of Loved Ones, or a special occasion. Contact Helen Boone at 301-743-3336 or the Rectory Office at 301-753-9177.

EVENTS IN DMV

SPRING SEAFOOD DINNER HOLY ANGELS CHURCH: Sunday, March 24, 2019 from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. Prices: Adults – \$28, Carry Out - \$26, Children 6-12 \$8 and under 5 eat free! Menu Crab Balls, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Oysters, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Homemade Coleslaw, Old Fashioned Green Beans, Pickled Beets, Dinner Rolls, Fruited Jell-O, and beverage. To purchase tickets or for information call 301-769-3332.

ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL THEATER CLUB - Proudly presents their spring production of “The Princess Capers.” It will be held Saturday, March 30 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in the ANS gym located at 104 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door or through the school office. Concessions will be available for purchase. If you are interested in advertising in the playbill, please call the school office to request a flyer or [email anstheaterclub@gmail.com](mailto:emailanstheaterclub@gmail.com)

ST. MARY CHURCH, NEWPORT MONTHLY HEALING MASS: Held the first Thursday of each month, in honor of St. John Vianney. The Litany of St. John Vianney will be recited after Communion and Fr. Michael Briese will offer prayers of healing for body and soul. All are welcome and encouraged to come. Confessions begin at 6:00 p.m. (and continue throughout Mass). Mass begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by Healing Prayers. Location: St. Mary Church, Newport, 11555 St. Mary’s Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. For additional information, please call the parish office at [301-934-8825](tel:301-934-8825).

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