

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

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“Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God’s mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness (cf. Lk 1:48) and to call herself the Lord’s humble servant (cf. Lk 1:38).”

*Pope Francis
Message for Lent, 2016*

MARCH 31, 2019 FOURTH 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
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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
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Third Saturday Of the Month
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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

LEGION OF MARY:

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

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Administrator: Rev. Brian A. Coelho



Apr. 01 Monday of Week 4 of Lent
 7:30 am Arnoldo Valencia Galaz +
 T. Gerald Clements +

Apr. 02 Tuesday St Francis of Paola, Hermit
 7:30 am Thelma Abell +
 Arnoldo Valencia Galaz +
 7:00 pm

Apr. 03 Wednesday of Week 4 of Lent
 No Mass

Apr. 04 Thursday St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30 am Thelma Abell +
 Arnoldo Valencia Galaz +

Apr. 05 Friday St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest & Religious
 7:30 am Thelma Abell +
 Arnoldo Valencia Galaz +

Apr. 06 Saturday of Week 4 of Lent
 7:30 am Arnoldo Valencia Galaz
 5:00 pm Thelma Abell +

Next Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 7:30 am Thelma Abell +
 9:00 am Bill Keefer
 11:00 am Pro Populo



**GOD, THE MERCIFUL FATHER
 WHO IN JESUS LOVES US
 BEYOND MEASURE AND ALWAYS
 AWAITS OUR CONVERSION.**

The figure of the Father in the parable reveals the heart of God. He is the Merciful Father who, in Jesus, loves us beyond measure, always awaits our conversion every time we make mistakes; he awaits our return when we turn away from him thinking, we can do without him; he is always ready to open his arms no matter what happened. As the father of the Gospel, God also continues to consider us his children, even when we get lost, and comes to us with tenderness when we return to him. He addresses us so kindly when we believe we are right. The errors we commit, even if bad, do not wear out the fidelity of his love. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can always start out anew: He welcomes us, gives us the dignity of being his children and tells us: "Go ahead! Be at peace! Rise, go ahead!"

In this time of Lent that still separates us from Easter, we are called to intensify the inner journey of conversion. May the loving gaze of our Father touch us. Let us return and return to him with all our heart, rejecting any compromise with sin. May the Virgin Mary accompany us until the regenerating embrace with Divine Mercy.

Pope Francis
 on the Parable of the Prodigal Son
 Angelus 4th Sunday of Lent (C)
 6 March 2016



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

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God does not coerce us into anything. Rather, He gives us the freedom and the means to live like adults, taking responsibility for our choices and the direction our lives take. As our loving Father, He desires that our home be made with Him but understands when we choose to pursue our own passions and desires, which lead us away from Him. We have to learn our own lessons if conversion is to be tangible and real. We cannot return to God simply because we are told to or because we are expected to. We have to come to God freely, and when we do, God is there with loving, open arms ready to welcome us back home. We can celebrate because we were dead and have found life again!

CATHOLIC QUOTES - TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes."

Sacrificial Giving

Parish Income Week of March 24, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 3456.00
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PARISH EVENT SCHEDULE

Apr. 01	Monday Morning Mass	7:30 am
Apr. 02	Tuesday Morning Mass	7:30 am
Apr. 02	The Light Is On	6:00 - 6:45 pm
Apr. 02	Tuesday Evening Mass	7:00 pm
Apr. 04	Thursday Morning Mass	7:30 am
Apr. 04	CCD Meets in Hall	5:00 pm
Apr. 05	1 st Friday Morning Mass	7:30 am
Apr. 05	1 st Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	8:00 am - 5:00pm
Apr. 05	Lenten Soup Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 pm
Apr. 05	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
Followed by short reflection on Ten Commandments		
Apr. 06	1 st Saturday Mass	7:30 am
Followed by Scriptural Rosary		
Apr. 08	Monday Morning Mass	7:30 am

PARISH NEWS

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.



FOOD PANTRY NEWS: The 2019 Lenten Food Drive is taking place this weekend. The ushers will be distributing brown paper bags to each person as they leave church. Please take as many bags as you would like. Please go shopping this week and purchase only items from the categories that are listed on the bag. Please return the bags next weekend (April 6th and 7th). All food collected stays here in our Star of the Sea Pantry. Thank you for answering the Gospel call to serve those in need!



FAMILY DAY MASS: Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 11:00 am. Come receive God’s good news and blessings, and be witness to the miracle in the sacrifice of the Mass given for all parish families and visitors. Following the mass all are welcomed to participate in the family activities (Resurrection Eggs) and fellowship in the church hall.

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.

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.

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

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.

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