

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

30 Mattingly Avenue, Indian Head, Maryland 20640



Vocation and Mission of our Church

Mary welcomed Jesus with faith and gave him to the world with love. This is also our vocation and mission, the vocation and mission of the Church: to welcome Christ into our lives and give Him to the world, so "that the world may be saved through Him" (Jn 3:17).

*Pope Benedict XVI
Angelus, December 8, 2006*

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 ~ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 DAYS:

As Announced

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

BAPTISM:

Contact the rectory office.

RECTORY OFFICE:

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR:

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

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PANTRY

Third Saturday Of the Month
301-743-9471

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

JFK Council 301-643-6210
Frederick Borrell

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

LEGION OF MARY:

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

MUSIC COORDINATOR:

Ryan Dolan 240-210-0378

PARISH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL:

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

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Web site: www.staroftheseaindianhead.org

Pastor: Rev. Brian A. Coelho



Sept. 16 Monday St. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
7:30 am

Sept. 17 Tuesday St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:30 am Jason & Iriana Wright (W/A)

Sept. 18 Wednesday Week 24 in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Sept. 19 Thursday St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
7:30 am

Sept. 20 Friday St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
7:30 am

Sept. 21 Saturday St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
5:00 pm Bill Kreeger

Next Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am
9:00 am John Moody +
11:00 am Pro Populo



Mary Gibson, Maria McGuigan, Patricia Mercer, Mary Gladys Mack, Dorothy Regina Bryan Garcia, John Milton Swann, Delores Marbray, Mathew Krikstan, Donza Milstead, Larry Simmons, Amber Wagner, Kenneth Bowman, Helen Vanasse, Walter Ott, Rae Ann Coburn, Margaret Montgomery, Jay Haiden, Becky & James Gannon, Rev. Robert S. Pittman, Zigmund Krivitsky, Joseph Kluchinsky, Jewel Bragunier, Billy Vogelsson, Melvin Smith, Bill Kreeger, William Downs, Inez Ruffin, Dolores Tompa, Savirse Mae Morse, Billy Gormley, Christopher Abell, Charles Griffith, Eleanor Dudley, Larry Macalino, Sharon Songy, Gabriel Adams, Elizabeth Milstead, Danny Hart, 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, Theresa Glovan, David & Kathryn Newman, Tim Long, Frank Funk, Willie Montgomery, Kristie Blake, Harry Mattingly, Beverly Briscoe, Frank A. Provenzano II, Joy Cooper, Pat Vites, Mary B. Thomas, Dennis Morse, Scotty Anderson.

Please pray for those with 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 or corrections 301-753-9177 or 301-743-5770.

REFLECTION

"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost? let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We all struggle with worshipping things that are not God. These are things that we place in our lives and reverence more than God himself. Things such as our self-image, power, status, possessions, securities, and even ideologies can be allowed to make great claims on us. Sometimes, who "god" is for us is what we make this "god" out to be. Our self-constructed gods serve little purpose, other than placating us and making us feel better about ourselves and our world. This is not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, nor the God whom Jesus called Father. The true God challenges us out of our comfort zones and pushes us to discover our potential. But, He does so patiently and with great love. He knows how fickle we can be and is always eager to welcome us home.

Sacrificial Giving

Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means." Sirach 35: 7-9

Parish Income Report for Week of September 8, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 3780.00
Religious Education:	\$ 25.00
Assumption of Mary:	\$ 25.00
Flowers:	\$ 60.00
Votive Offering:	\$ 128.00
Catholic Universtiy:	\$ 479.00
Loose:	\$ 329.31
Pantry:	\$ 140.00
Cemetery:	\$ 60.00
Improvement Fund:	\$ 212.00
Online Donations :	\$ 85.00

Thank you for your Generosity and Support!

Parish News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Doors opened Thursday, September 12th. Classes meet weekly on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:45 pm in the church hall. All children wishing to receive sacraments must attend. If you have yet to register your children there is still time. You can register for classes after Mass or online via our website www.staroftheseaindianhead.org, or visit the rectory office during office hours.

ADULTS SEEKING ENTER THE CATHOLIC FAITH OR RECEIVE SACRAMENTS of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation Contact Father Brian for more information, 301-753-9177.

CCD VOLUNTEERS Faith Formation is an ongoing process involving the entire family. We are always and still in need of assistance. We are still seeking volunteers to work with our parish Religious Education Programs for the 2019 - 2020 Year, as Catechists, Assistants, Mentors, and Substitutes. Please indicate the areas in which you may be able to assist in this ministry. Parent of a child/ youth in any of these programs please consider helping, we need you.

ONLINE DONATIONS WINNER The winner of the 100th online donation donor is Mrs. Barbara Plemons. She won the Marie's Diner Gift Card. Online giving is a secure, easy, and convenient way to support our mission through online tithes, giving, and donations which may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home. All donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and you can change your account preferences and amounts at any time. Visit <https://www.staroftheseaindianhead.org> and click on the Donations tab!

ANNUAL PARISH FEAST DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to our guests Most. Rev. Michael W. Fisher, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, DC for celebrating our Feast Day Mass and installing me as a pastor. Our visiting guest priests Fr. Tony D'Souza, Fr. Pawel Sass, and Fr. David M. Friel who helped us prepare for our Feast Day with the 3-day Novena. Also Fr. Martino Choi, MC of the celebration, Deacon Dan Abeyta. Congressman Steny Hoyer, Delegate Edith J. Patterson, Charles County Commissioners, President - Rueben Collins, II Esq., Vice President - Bobby Rucci, Amanda Stewart, Gilbert Bowling, III, Thomasina Coates - for their well wishes and felicitation of citation. I am most grateful and appreciative to all for the generosity, support, service, and love given by all who contributed in many ways to the Parish Feast Day Celebration and 110th Anniversary of our Parish: All our Parishioners, volunteers, generous sponsors and donors. Potomac Heights Fire Department, Indian Head Fire Department, Knights of Columbus (JFK), Loyola Retreat House, Gray Market - Sondra Gary, Hospitality Committee Members, Gospel Choir, Music Coordinator - Ryan Dolan, Pastoral & Financial Council Members, Staff Members especially Diana Medel, Joe Plemons and Janet Lacey, Shalet Sahay for their extraordinary services, Altar Servers, Photographers - Paul Dobak, and Larry Bastian, Fred and Marilyn Borrell, Rick and Nelly Kiser and her mom Gladys, Nicole Neal, Darrell Johnson, Marion Aleshire, Robinson Meneses, James and Conchita Walls, Helen and Norman Boone, Michael Jones, Jerome & Jehnell and Jehnae Linkins, Dwayne Gray, Dotty and Bill Kreeger, Nancy McGuigan, Matthew and Kelly Kavlick family, Mabel Painter, Flower Basket, all volunteer guests - Jose Contreras, Doris, Pedro and Claudia Martinez, Elva, Maria. Also, family guests, friends and other parishioners, who joined us in our celebration. It is my hope that you all enjoyed the celebration, food, and events as much as I did. All your generosity, service, and love give witness to the faith in this Parish. Thank You All!

Fr. Brian Coelho

Thank you for your assistance in the Parish Feast Day Fund Raising. The parish received the following for: AUCTION-\$632, BAKE SALE-\$124, BINGO-\$93, 50/50 RAFFLE- \$436. DONATIONS-\$80 In total the parish received \$1365.00. God Bless you for your generosity. The winner of the 50/50 Raffle Mrs. Carol Iekel-\$436.



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