# Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway



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Rev. Samuel I. Plummer (#101) **Pastor:** plummers@adw.org **Permanent Deacon:** Dcn. George B. Ames, Jr. (Ret.) **Permanent Deacon:** Dcn. Stephen McKimmie (Ret.) **School Principal:** Miss Lynsie K. Reavis (#131) **Director of Music/Liturgy:** Dr. Eran Lupu (#106) Parish Administrative Assistant: Ms. Michèle Fulk (#100)

Parish Bookkeeper:

Ms. Claudette Kim (#107)

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m., Main Church Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m., Main Church

Weekday Masses Monday through Friday;  $\sim 8:15$  a.m.

#### **Holy Day Masses**

Please refer to the bulletin prior to the Holy Day for the schedule.

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**

Saturday ~ 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the Main Church (Jan 1st) Sunday~ before 9:30 & 12:00 Masses or by appointment



**Founded in Colonial Catholic History in 1640** 

**Canonically Established in 1830** 

Welcome to our new parishioners and visitors!

Be sure to introduce yourself to our pastor after Mass. **Registration forms are available in the gathering area** of the Church, at the Parish Office, and on our website.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

Infants: Newborn children of at least one Catholic parent should be baptized as Catholics shortly after their birth. Parishioners with newborns should complete a Baptismal preparation form (available online or hard copy) and call Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class. Baptisms typically do not take place during Mass in the Lenten Season.

Children younger than 7: are baptized "as infants." See above.

-Children 7 and older: if unbaptized, these typically receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the annual Easter Vigil, after preparation. Contact Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to arrange preparations (301) 292-0527 #101.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For a valid marriage, no matter who he or she marries, a Catholic must marry in the Catholic Church before a Priest or Deacon and at least two witnesses, unless he or she receives a dispensation from the Church. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of St. Mary's. Call Fr. Plummer at least 6 months in advance to arrange monthly preparation classes. As a Catholic Church, we are bound to observe the Rite of Marriage as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional diocesan and parish policies. Weddings are typically done on Saturdays, starting no later than 1:00 p.m., in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel. Weddings typically do not take place in Lent. Musical arrangements must be made with our Music Director, Dr. Eran Lupu at (301) 292-0527 #106.

#### FUNERALS

If a Vigil service for the deceased is desired, please arrange for a viewing or wake at the funeral home of your choice. A priest or deacon will gladly come to the funeral home and celebrate the Vigil Service. There are no viewings or wakes in the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel at St. Mary's.

To prepare a Funeral Mass in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel, please call the Parish Office [(301) 292-0527] in order to arrange an appointment with a priest. As a Catholic Church, we are bound to observe the Order of Christian Funerals as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional parish policies.

For burial arrangements in our parish cemetery, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Catholic Cemeteries at (301) 932-1766. A representative will meet with you at our Parish Office.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** Required for unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholic. Non-Catholic Christians who wish to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who wish to receive Confirmation and/or Eucharist, as well as any other inquirers are welcome. Sessions are on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to discuss your situation.

#### **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)**

All parish families' children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic school should enroll in this program. Weekly classes begin in September on Sundays from 10:40 a.m.—11:50 a.m.. Please call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to register.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK**

To arrange for a home "Communion call' contact the Parish Office.

#### EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION/ADORATION WEEKLY TIMES

We are always in need of more adorers to make a "Holy Hour" before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's Chapel. Contact Anne Marie Ramsey (202) 368-7189, to "sign-up" for an hour within the following times:

Wednesday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Thursday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6:30 p.m.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mondays thru Fridays~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed on most Federal Holidays)

## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

### 24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition

Friday, January 7th to Saturday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel

First Friday 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by First Friday Devotions

First Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions

**St. Mary's Choir**—Do you enjoy singing? St. Mary's Liturgical Choir is looking for new choristers to sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. No previous musical experience is necessary, only a love of singing (in tune). Singing is praying to God twice! Practice will

occur on Thursday evenings, at 7:15 p.m., in the Main Church. Next Practice: December 30th.

Contact Dr. Eran Lupu at: eranlupu @icloud.com

**RCIA/Adult Faith Formation**— For those inquiring about Catholic teachings and are interested in becoming Catholic, and for Catholics who would like to deepen their knowledge of Catholic teachings. If interested please come to the Parish Hall Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Brother Charles, OP & Brother Linus OP are the facilitators.

Topic for January 5: Unit 3: Sacraments: The Means of Our Sanctification "Confession and Anointing" Come and be spiritually nourished.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Masses: Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Saturday, January 1st, at 9:00 a.m. (Main Church)

Starting January 1st, Confessions will be 2:30-3:45 p.m.



Important Donation Information—We would like to thank everyone who has supported St. Mary's Church and School during this 2021 calendar year with their time, talent and financial contributions. We look forward to the support from all of our members in the new 2021 year ahead. Realizing that some people wait until the end of the year to make sizable donations, we want to remind everyone that contributions are recorded on the date that they are received regardless of the date on the envelope or other source document. Therefore, for contributions to be recorded for the year 2021, they must be received in the office by December 31, 2021. Contributions received after December 31 will be credited toward 2022.



#### Eucharistic Exposition :

**†** Exposition is in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass (Approx. 9:00 a.m.) until **7:00** p.m., Wednesday, and Thursday (Devotions and Benediction).

We need to be sure to have adorers the whole time the Lord is exposed. <u>At least two</u> people at a time would be ideal.

- **\*** Save Eucharistic Exposition through your commitment to be in the presence of the Lord for a full hour of adoration.
- **T** We cannot provide this devotion without your participation.
- Please contact Anne Marie Ramsey, at (202) 368-7189, to sign up for an hour. Please, continue wearing your masks and use the hand sanitizer provided. Thank you.

**COME SPEND TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!** We Need Adorers to cover on Wed. from 4-5p.m., & 5-6p.m. *On Thurs., we need Adorers from 10-11a.m.*, 12-1p.m., & 2-3p.m.

#### Our PSR (Parish School of Religion) Our next class is Sunday, January 9. 10:40-11:50 a.m. in the School Classrooms.

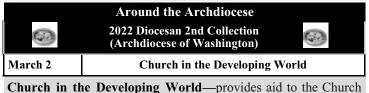
**Pamphlets**—There are some fantastic pamphlets for you to take home and read. You can find them in our pamphlet rack on the right-hand-side of the Main Church Baptistry when looking toward the Sanctuary.



You Shop. Amazon Gives—AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Mary's Church and School, while shopping for Christmas, baby shower, birthday, anniversary and graduation gifts. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price (0.5%) to us.

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**Church in the Developing World**—provides and to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. Did you know that more than 20 countries still struggle to recover from Communist rule? Funds from this collection focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral care and catechesis, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Thank you for your generosity! More information <u>www/usccb.org/</u> <u>ccee</u>.

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH | DECEMBER 26, 2021

Parish Week Events:		Current Week's Mass Schedule—Advent	
Sunday, Dec. 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, Main Church PSR Resumes January 9th—10:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., in School Classrooms	Mon., Dec. 27 8:15 a.m. Tues., Dec. 28 8:15 a.m.	<i>St. John</i> Henry Torrillo (+) <i>The Holy Innocents</i> Stephen Agboli—BD
Monday, Dec. 27 St. John	School: Christmas Break/Classes Resume 1/3/2022 Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (Main Church) Parish Offices Closed	Wed., Dec. 29 8:15 a.m. Thur., Dec. 30	St. Thomas Becket Rev. Michael W. Briese 6th Day Within the Octave of Christmas
Tuesday, Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Holy Name Society—7:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)	8:15 a.m. Fri., Dec. 31	Elda & William Ramsey St. Sylvester I
Wednesday, Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC) RCIA/Adult Faith Formation—No Class/Resumes Jan. 5	8:15 a.m. Tom Polley (+) <u>Next Weekend's Mass Schedule</u> Ist Sat., Jan. 1 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY	
Thursday, Dec. 30 6th Day Within the Octave of Christmas	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC) Choir Practice—7:15 p.m., (Main Church)	9:00 a.m.	MOTHER OF GOD Judy Bednar (+) Sunday Vigil
Friday, Dec. 31 St. Sylvester I	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Parish Offices Closed	4:00 p.m. Sun., Jan. 2	Edwin Foster (+) Anniv. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
First Saturday, Jan. 1 The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Not a HDO	9:00 a.m. Mass, (Main Church) <u>4:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS</u> <u>NEW CONFESSION TIMES 2:30-3:45 p.m.</u>	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parishioners Robert Blandford (+) Bienvenido Alamares (+)
Sunday, Jan. 2 Epiphany of the Lord	8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, Main Church PSR Resumes January 9th—10:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., in School Classrooms	The names listed next to a specific Mass indicate an act of love for a living or deceased member of a family or a friend. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a specific date, or intention, please contact Michèle Fulk, in the parish office at (301) 292-0527, or <b>parish@stmaryspiscataway.org</b> .	

Mass intentions are filled on a first come, first served, basis.

Customary Donation: Mass Intention-\$10 per Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: For the week of Sunday, December 27, 2021 to Saturday, January 2, 2022

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in the Main Church for the special intentions of all Seminarians.

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the special intentions of all Religious.

EXPOSITION CANDELABRA: For the week of Sunday, December 27, 2021to Saturday, January 2, 2022 Wed., Thurs.,

The Left-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the intentions of all families of unborn babies.

The Right-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the souls of all unborn babies.

Customary Donation: Sanctuary Light or Adoration Candelabra-\$10 per Week

#### MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The Tabernacle Flowers are donated by Rose Gazarek.

(Due to the closing of Sharper Florist, we now ask that you order and pay for your arrangements directly with your chosen florist. We ask that you contact the parish office to discuss the dates.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Allen, Brian Ashby, Catherine Beck, David Beckner, Ed Bednar, Brendamarie Smith-Bottorf, Fr. Michael Bryant, Harry Burton, Leonard Carter, Paul Carter, Jr., Steven Carter, Scot Cuozzo, Darlene Davis, Dawn De Chance, Nancy Cyr, Shari Deeb, Michael L. DeMoulin, Anju Diggs, John Diggs, Mary Ann Estes, Brice Ewing, Justin Faulkner, Ernestino Figueroa, Jr., Anita and Joe Foley, Theresa Fox, Bill Gates, June Gates, Harry Gorman, Amy Gray, Cathy Gwiazda, Mable Henson, Carol Hickey, Rusty Hickey, Merrill Horner, Normita Ijadunola, Soddye Johnson, Carol Kapitan, Karl Athanasius Kim, Enid King, Steliana Kruer, Jerry Laguilles, Jr., Frank Loeffler, Jr., Felis Luña, Judy Manion, Ruth Mararac, Bill Maxwell, Mary McNeice, Diane Miles, Janet Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jules Olive, Carmelita Penaflor, Walter Raley II, Eddie Randall, Shanda Reecks, Jim Ritchie, Susan Ritchie, Marco Rodriguez, Heather Rosales, James Rudasill, Michael Russell, Greg Scheirer, Leanette Marie Schiliro, Grace Schlosser, Gabrielle Sellers, Michael Sellers, Veronica Shourdes ,Joseph Sienkiewicz, Eva Sikora, Eric Simon, Priscilla Simms, Anna Simpson, Katherine Smith, Shirley Smith, Kathy Tesi, Lorraine Thompson, Janie Tilch, Thelma Tilman, James Conrad Townes, Gil Vigneault, Kim Walls, Rena Walzel, Paul Watson, John Weaver, Donna Webb, Samuel Willett, Marie C. Williams, Joyce Windsor, and those with the Coronavirus. Names will remain on the prayer list for at least 60 days.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD: We are honoring the anniversary of all of our beloved dead who died in the month of January, from 1999-2021. PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD January—1999-2021: Diane Marie Adkins (72), Maria Lucia Alfonso (46), Santiago DeVere Aquino (63), Margaret Frances Gallahan Baden (89), John Dale Bednar (53), Patricia Bladen (85), Carol Bottiglione (71), Edna Mae Brown (77), Phyllis A. Brune (83), William Patrick Burns (70), Anthony M. Cabotaje (22), George A. Carlson (57), Francis Jerome Countiss (66), Luis S. DeOrtube (74), Mary "Nina" Carolyn Edelen (87), Raymond Ted Fugate (86), Richard L. E. Dodson (68), Jonathan M. Duggan (43), Yvette G. Flubacher (71), Matthew James Foley (92), William Alton Gallahan, III (76), Norman Wilford Gilbert (71), Fred John Hurley, Sr. (96), Mary Lou Ihrig (67), George Jerome Lewis (58), Thomas Henry Lewis (64), Florante Telavera Magali (69), Dorothy Maneri (85), Blair William Mildenberg (57), Gertrude M. Miles (78), Frances Katherine Miller (79), Joan Vivian Miller (78), John Michael Miller (54), Denis Michael O'Donnell (70), Edward L. Pockey (72), Rita Valeria Quattrone (84), Dorothy Elizabeth Randolph (87), Sarah Sympronia Munson Sandridge (82), Ceasar Angpeo Solomon (80), Colleen Marie Spadafore (50), Charlene Jessie Sterling (80), Baby Watson (0), Margaret Teresa White (90), Doris Marie Willett (76), Amelia and Catherine Woodsome (87)

**NOTE:** All of the names that were here originally, are now on the Prayer List Page on our website <u>https://saintmaryspiscataway.net/prayer-list</u>. **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY HERE & AWAY:** PFC Eric Bean, U S Army; Staff Sargant Brandon Fournier, USAF; LT. Laura Carts Hills, USCG; CPO Mary Patton, USNR; CWO2 Christopher Ramsey, USMC; and Major Stephen Voglezon, US Army. Please contact us if you have relatives in the military serving overseas.

### EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

This ritual is traditionally performed on the Feast of the Epiphany. Family and friends gather to ask God's blessing upon their home and all who live or visit there. Begin at an outdoor manger scene, or at the entrance of your home.

Reader: (Head of household) Peace be to this house. ALL: And to all who dwell herein.

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves inwardly, so that, through the Holy Spirit, Christ himself will speak to us in this celebration and bring us the comfort of his presence.

#### **Reading of the Word of God**

Reader: A reading from Proverbs: "By wisdom is a house built, by understanding is it made firm; and by knowledge are its rooms filled with every precious and pleasing possession." (24:3,4)

Let us pray: Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the Magi to the birthplace of the infant Jesus, so enable those who dwell here to be your light in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray.

All: Amen.

Using the chalk, all are invited to make this inscription on the lintel of the home (horizontal frame above the front door). Each person is afforded a turn to make one or more of the marks. When finished it will look like this: 20 + C + M + B + 22

The letters may also suggest Christus Mansionem Benedicat which means "May Christ bless this dwelling."

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Leader: In the name of the + Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray. The three Wise Men,

Write "C" as you say Caspar, (And so forth)

- M Melchior,
- B and Balthazar, Followed the star of God's Son, who became man
- 20 two thousand
- 19 and nineteen years ago.
- + May Christ
- + Bless our home
- + And remain with us
- + Throughout the new year.

#### **CONTINUE INSIDE THE HOME:**

Reader: A reading from Isaiah: "Justice will bring about peace; right will produce calm and security. My people will live in peaceful country, in secure dwellings and quiet resting places." (32:17,18)

We ask the blessing of the Lord on this home and all who live here. We remember that a way of life that is a true communion can only endure and grow if the Lord is its source. Let us therefore call upon him, saying "Lord, make us holy."

All: Lord, Make us holy.

Reader: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior taught us:

All: (Join hands for the prayer) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Reader: May the God of hope fill us with joy; may the peace of Christ abound in our hearts; may the Holy Spirit enrich us and watch over us, through Jesus Christ we pray.

All: Amen.



WE THREE KINGS of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar; Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. *Refrain*.

*Refrain:* O! Star of wonder, star of light, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.



Born a king on Bethlehem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign. *Refrain*.



Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising, voices raising, Worshipping God on high. *Refrain*.



Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, Breathes a life of gather gloom; Sorrowing, sighing bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*.

Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia, Sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain* 

