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:

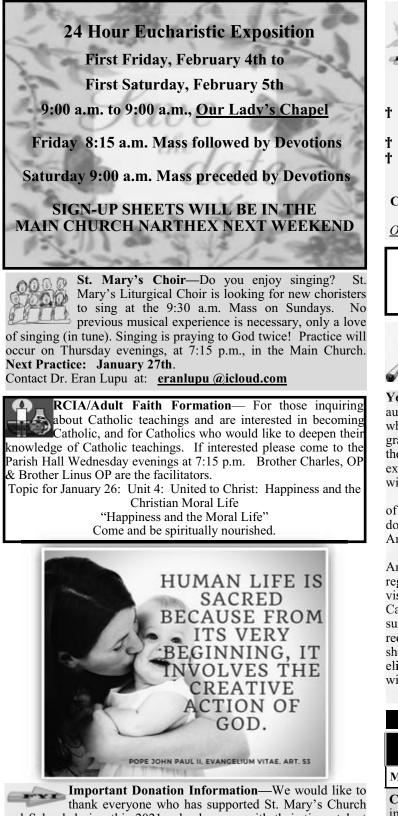
Wednesday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Thursday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6:30 p.m.

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



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.
- 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.

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Our next class is Sunday, January 30. 10:40-11:50 a.m. Pre-K to 6th grade Home School Format 7th to 8th Virtual/Google Format

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.

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	Around the Archdiocese	
	2022 Diocesan 2nd Collection (Archdiocese of Washington)	
March 2	Church in the Developing World	

Church in the Developing World—provides aid 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/ccee</u>.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 23, 2022

Parish Week Events:		Current Week'	s Mass Schedule—Ordinary Time
Sunday, Jan. 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, Main Church PSR —10:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., Pre-K to 6th grade Home School Format 7th to 8th Virtual/Google Format	Mon., Jan. 24 8:15 a.m. Tues., Jan. 25	St. Francis de Sales Trancilasion Roble Ritumalta (+) Conversion of St. Paul
Monday, Jan. 24 St. Francis de Sales Tuesday, Jan. 25 Conversion of St. Paul	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Parish Offices Closed for Dr. MLK, Jr. Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC)	8:15 a.m. Wed., Jan. 26 8:15 a.m.	Bill & June Gates <i>St. Timothy & St. Titus</i> Alfonso Torrillo (+)
Wednesday, Jan. 26 St. Timothy & St. Titus	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC) RCIA/Adult Faith Formation—7:15 p.m. (Parish Hall)	Thur., Jan. 27 8:15 a.m.	St. Angela Merici Juliet deVilliers Miller (+)
Thursday, Jan. 27 <i>St. Angela Merici</i>	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)	Fri., Jan. 28 8:15 a.m.	St. Thomas Aquinas Eileen Steiner (+) fext Weekend's Mass Schedule
Friday, Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas	Morning Mass8:15 a.m., (OLC)	Sat., Jan. 29	Sunday Vigil
Saturday, Jan. 29 BVM	Confessions—2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., (Main Church) Vigil Mass—4:00 p.m., (Main Church)	4:00 p.m. Sun., Jan. 30	Nonso Dungor—BD The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Jan. 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time National Catholic Schools Weat Regime	8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, Main Church PSR —10:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., Pre-K to 6th grade Home School Format 7th to 8th Virtual/Google Format	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Charlotte Whitting (+) St. Mary's Parishioners John Vergot

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 <u>par-ish@stmaryspiscataway.org</u>.

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, January 23, 2022 to Saturday, January 29, 2022

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in the Main Church for the repose of the soul of James Conrad Townes.

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the soul of baby Steven & baby Yvonne.

EXPOSITION CANDELABRA: For the week of Sunday, January 23, 2022 to Saturday, January 29, 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, 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, Wendy Onsted, Melanie Pedri, Carmelita Penaflor, Walter Raley II, Eddie Randall, Shanda Reecks, Jim Ritchie, Susan Ritchie, Marco Rodriguez, Heather Rosales, James Rudasill, Michael Russell, Azucena Santiago, 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, 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. 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), Baby Steven & Yvonne (0), 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 https://saintmaryspiscataway.net/prayer-list.

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.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21	
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30	
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18	
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20	
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25	
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34	
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41	

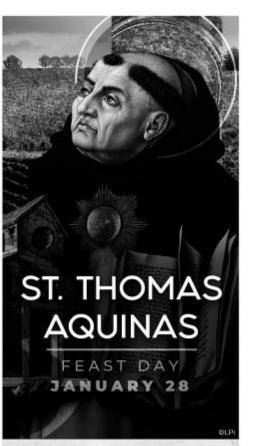
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin		
Monday:	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		
Tuesday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle		
Wednesday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops		
Thursday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin		
Friday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church		
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week		

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 -1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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FIRST READING Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

PSALM Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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