

Saint Mary, Newport CATHOLIC CHURCH & Shrine of St. John Vianney



**SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021
PENTECOST SUNDAY**



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Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS:

Saturday Vigil5:00 p.m.
Sunday9:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday8:00 a.m.
Tuesday8:00 a.m.
Wednesday(No Mass)
Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday4:00—4:45 p.m.
& by appointment

ALL ARE WELCOME

We welcome our newcomers. Some have just moved into our parish; others have been here a few months and still, others have discovered St. Mary Church, Newport and appreciate the warm welcome. We strongly urge parishioners to accept Christ's invitation and call to us to participate in the spiritual life and ministries of St. Mary Church, Newport.

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ADORATION/BENEDICTION:
(Announcements will be made
once we are able to resume
Adoration)

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY:
Contact the Pastor six months
before the anticipated day.

BAPTISM:
Arrangements are made at the
Rectory. At least one of the
sponsors must be a practicing
Catholic.

CEMETERY:
Those who wish to purchase plots
should call Catholic Cemeteries
at 301-932-1766.

COLLECTIONS

May 16: \$1,765.00

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

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REMEMBERING THE SICK

We are asked to pray for: Ralph Andeer, Andeer Family, Carmen Asperas, Noellie Asperas, Brad Ballentine, Debbie Bennett, Frances Bean, Janice Blackstone, Doris Bradburn, Burkey and Margaret Boggs, Sally Davis, George Desmarais, Rosanna DiDomenico, Aidan Asperas Dulay, Sandra Ferguson, Debbie Friedrich, Martha Gray, Ellie Guy, Cathy Floyd, Cindy Kilmon, Fr. Fred MacIntyre, Jesse and Benedict McIntyre, Nicole McIntyre, Dennis Houser, Devon Pascal, Jimmy & Tammy Payne, Fr. Pittman, Deacon Rourke, Paula Stansburg, David Steger, Donald Stevens, Leslie Summers, Phil Wade, Frank & Mildred Wheatley, Kathy Windsor, Leigh Windsor, Laura Yarus, Bobby, Jake. Please also pray for an increase in vocations, especially in our parish; pray for our parish Priests. To add/remove a name on the prayer list, please email or call the parish office.



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ST. MARY CHURCH, NEWPORT GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD

PANTRY— Open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. For more information, you may contact Evelyn Lawrence at 301-643-6597, or call the parish office at 301- 934-8825. Check out our Good Shepherd Facebook Page. “Like and Share” our Facebook to help spread the good word about our Food Pantry. <https://www.facebook.com/StMaryChurchNewport>.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel:

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.” (Jn 15:27, 16:13)

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THREE TO GET MARRIED MARRIAGE PREP - Jun 10-13 (In-Person Only), Jun 24-27 (Virtual Only), Jul 22 (In-Person Only). The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$315 per couple. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/virtual-marriage-prep>. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.



THERE'S JUST ONE WEEK REMAINING TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR OUR ANNUAL “PARTY FOR 25” CRAB FEAST RAFFLE

Our annual St. Mary's Church Seafood Fundraiser will soon draw to a close. Ticket purchases are available through Friday, May 28th. If you received your tickets in the mail, please return them at your earliest convenience. If you did not receive tickets or need any more information, please contact Katherine Nutter at 301-643-2443, or call the parish office at 301-934-8825. Anything you can do to help make this parish fundraiser a success would be greatly appreciated. The 1st winner of the raffle will receive: 2 bushels of crabs, 10 lbs. of steamed shrimp, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, drinks and more! Our 2nd and 3rd prize winners will also receive spectacular “mystery prizes”! Chances for the raffle are \$5.00 for 1 ticket, or 6 tickets for \$25.00. **NEW THIS YEAR:** If you would like to purchase additional tickets, they may be purchased online by visiting our parish website or our parish Facebook page. The winning tickets will be drawn Sunday, May 30th, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. **Winners: please call the parish office to make arrangements to pick up your prize at the parish office.**

MARRIAGE WORKSHOP: STRENGTHENING YOUR LOVE MARRIAGE RENEWAL WORKSHOP MAY 22-23, 2021 (IN-PERSON ONLY)

- A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. Make your marriage thrive, not just survive! The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$400 per couple. Seating will be limited to facilitate social distancing. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. See our website for more details about measures to limit exposure to illness, details about the program and links to register: www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

CATHOLIC VS. PROTESTANT BIBLES - Question: Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different? Answer:

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.



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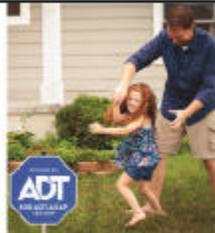
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