

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



SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021  
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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### THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS:

Saturday Vigil .....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday .....9:00 A.M.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday .....8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday .....8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday .....8:00 a.m.  
Thursday .....8:00 a.m.  
Friday .....8:00 a.m.  
Saturday .....8:00 a.m.

### HOLY DAYS

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday .....4:00—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  
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sponsors must be a practicing  
Catholic.

CEMETERY:  
Those who wish to purchase plots  
should call Catholic Cemeteries  
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COLLECTIONS  
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"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

Dear Church,

The Peace of Christ be with you! I'm just starting to settle in a bit here in Newport, though I have a lot of unpacking and catching up still to do. As I'm telling my friends up in the city, I'm loving the country! Truly, the beauty of Southern Maryland is a treasure you have, one that our parish of St. Mary's possesses to a remarkable degree. Many mornings at dawn I have walked the grounds with my coffee, listening to the birds and the bugs (and some distant at a distant farm!), gazing at the mist hovering over the fields, looking at all the different trees, meditating on the many old headstones and memorials, appreciating the beauty of the old church, grateful while I imagine the many things the Lord is calling us to do with this precious asset of a "deserted place" (to quote last Sunday's Gospel), which is to say, a place of quiet and beauty, but also a place well worn with the affection and devotion of so many generations of faithful Catholics. I'm sure you know how many have nothing like this, many who need to come away and rest in a place like this. How much we have to offer our local Church in this Archdiocese, how much the Lord has given us to share! I'm not one to talk much about myself, but a parishioner here has remarked that I should share a little about my own history, as I begin here.

I was born in Seattle, forty-two years ago on Holy Saturday, backwards and upside down. (It took thirty-two hours – and yet my mother never held it against me!) I grew up in Tacoma, a port city just south of Seattle. My father was a high school teacher and coach and my mother worked for Sears. I have a sister, one year younger than me, a kindergarten teacher, who is married with two teenagers. She and my parents still live in my hometown. My brother, four years younger, is married with four little kids, lives in Gainesville, Virginia, and teaches at the Police Academy in Prince William County. So we all ended up teachers!

I attended Bellarmine Preparatory, a Jesuit high school in my hometown, and then Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio, where I studied Philosophy. After college I mostly taught high school in a few places (in a rural area NE of Syracuse; then Dallas, Texas; then Hyattsville at DeMatha) and went to graduate school (in the foothills of the Alps in Austria, an incredible experience), as well as spending a few months as a Jesuit novice in Lafayette, Louisiana, and a brief time working for Starbucks and for Budweiser, memorably. After a many vagarious years of indecision and a few relationships, trying to figure out if I should get married or be a priest, by God's grace I decided to enter seminary for the Archdiocese of Washington at the age of thirty. I went to seminary at Catholic University for graduate studies in Philosophy for two years, then was sent to Rome for five more years, for graduate studies in Theology, where I did doctoral work at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. So in the end, the Jesuits, the Franciscans, and the Dominicans all got an equal share in my personal formation! Since ordination in 2015, I have served as an associate at St. John's in Clinton, St. Pius X in Bowie, and Holy Redeemer in College Park, and then as Administrator at Holy Family in Hillcrest Heights.

Those are the brief details. In the months to come you'll learn a bit more, as I no doubt share some lessons and anecdotes from my own life in my homilies, most of all about how God's mercy is so good, how he surprises us by his Providence, how he reveals himself to us in the most wonderful (and often humbling, as we need it!) ways.

May God bless you!  
-Fr Matt

REMEMBERING THE SICK

We are asked to pray for: Ralph Andeer, Andeer Family, Carmen Asperas, Noellie Asperas, Brad Ballentine, Debbie Bennett, Connie Bennett-Muckey, Frances Bean, Janice Blackstone, Doris Bradburn, Burkey and Margaret Boggs, Tess Cuddy, 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, Scott Raye, Deacon Rourke, Bob & Gail Seith, Paula Stansburg, David Steger, Donald Stevens, Leslie Summers, Phil Wade, Frank & Mildred Wheatley, Kathy Windsor, Leigh Windsor, Laura Yarus, Emmogene and Herman Yates, Bobby, Jake. Please also pray for an increase in vocations, especially in our parish; pray for our parish Priests. To add or remove a name on the prayer list, please email or call the parish office.

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Martha

Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Brooklyn Elizabeth McEwan*



*We Welcome You into  
St. Mary Church, Newport Parish Family*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"For thus says the LORD,  
They shall eat and there shall be  
some left over." (2 Kgs 4:43)

### Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he  
answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

### Second Reading:

One body and one Spirit,  
as you were also called to the one  
hope of your call;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-  
6)

### Gospel:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave  
thanks,  
and distributed them to those who  
were reclining,  
and also as much of the fish as they  
wanted. (Jn 6:11)

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - Question:** We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do? **Answer:** Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area. In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith. Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did.



## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Boys and girls who are in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and older, and have celebrated their First Holy Communion can be Altar Servers. We are welcoming young people who want to learn the importance of their service to the Lord by becoming an Altar Server. Adults who are interested in assisting in the training of these young people and parents who wish for their children to become Altar Servers are encouraged to contact the parish office at 301-934-8825.

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

If you have a background in finances...in banking, accounting, corporate finance, and would like to serve St. Mary's Parish as a member of our Finance Council. Contact Fr. Matt or the parish office at 301-934-8825.

## HALL RENTAL

Did you know? Our St. Francis Hall is available to rent for many special occasions, such as wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, anniversary parties, birthday parties, holiday parties, retirement parties, banquets, repasts, and much more. The Hall accommodates up to 300 guests. Considering renting our Hall on a Sunday? A discounted rate is available for all Sunday Hall Rentals. Hall rental brochures may be downloaded from our Parish website. Or call the parish office at 301-934-8825 for additional information, pricing, and to book your special event. Book ahead, save the date!





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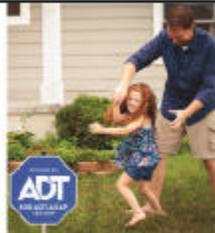
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