

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



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday Vigil5:00 p.m.
Sunday9:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday8:00 a.m.
Tuesday8:00 a.m.
Wednesday8:00 a.m.
Thursday8:00 a.m.
Friday8:00 a.m.
Saturday8:00 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

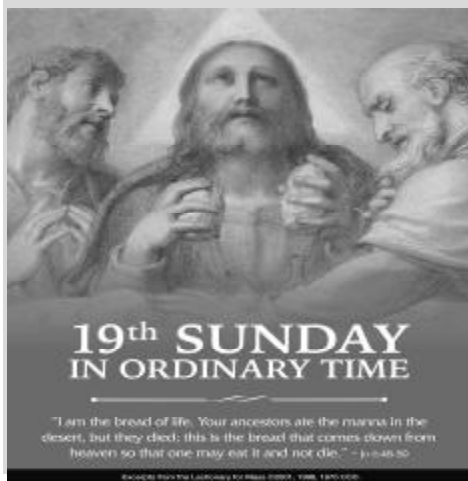
MATRIMONY:
Contact the Pastor six months
before the anticipated day.

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

August 1: \$3,622.00



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The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?
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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, 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, George May, 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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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:

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel:

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day.” (Jn 6:44)



DAILY MASS UPDATE

- We will not have a daily Mass August 9—12.
- Starting August 16, daily Mass Monday through Saturday will begin at 7:00 a.m.

RECEPTION TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our parish patronal feast. And it falls on a Sunday this year! So we'll have a reception in the hall following Mass. Moreover, it looks like we'll be bringing music back to our celebration of the Mass that same weekend: a fitting honor to give to Our Lady! All are welcome! This is a potluck event. A signup sheet is on the table in the back of the church to indicate a dish you would like to share.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Boys and girls who are in the 4th 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.

HELP OUR MARRIAGE—Do you feel alone?

Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 3rd - September 5th, 2021, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org

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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