

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



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday7:00 a.m.
Tuesday7:00 a.m.
Wednesday7:00 a.m.
Thursday7:00 a.m.
Friday7:00 a.m.
Saturday7:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

AS ANNOUNCED

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)

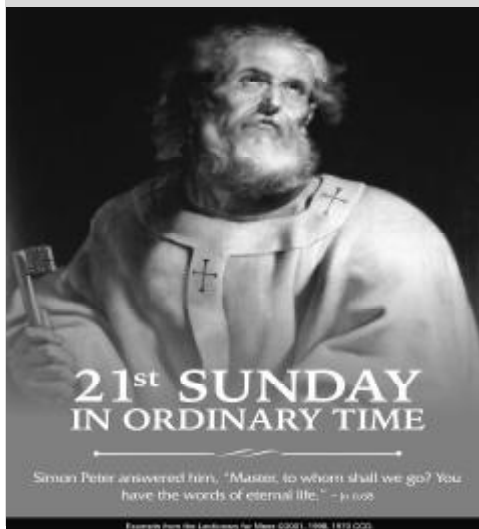
SACRAMENTS

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 15: \$2,210.00



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“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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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, 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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GOOD SUNDAY'S READINGS

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>.

First Reading:

“Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” (Jos 24:18)

Psalm:

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

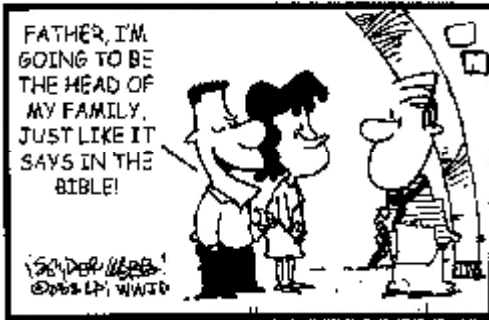
Second Reading:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

Gospel:

Simon Peter answered him, “Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (Jn 6:68)

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - Question: We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society? **Answer:** The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15). God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

LOYLA ON THE POTOMAC, A JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE CRAB FEAST

— 9270 Loyola Retreat Road, Faulkner, MD 20632. Sunday, September 2, 2021, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All you can eat on site: Crabs, chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob and more. Beer, soda, water. Early Bird-Adult tickets \$50, Children 7-12 \$35, 6 and under free. After September 1, tickets are \$65. Make reservations on website or call 301-392-0806.

ONLINE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Join us Friday, August 20 for Feeling Lucky Friday! This online raffle will benefit the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. Raffle items will be posted on the Good Shepherd Facebook Page at 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 20. The drawing will be Monday, August 23 at 7:00 pm. Thank you in advance for your support. For additional information contact Kristen McVerry at 301-751-4451.

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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