

Saint Mary, Newport

CATHOLIC CHURCH

& Shrine of St. John Vianney



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SUNDAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 7:00 a.m.
 Tuesday 7:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 a.m.
 Thursday 7:00 a.m.
 Friday 7:00 a.m.
 Saturday 8:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Monday..... 6:00 –7:00 a.m.
- Tuesday 6:00 –7:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 6:00 –7:00 a.m.
- **Thursday 7:00 –8:00 p.m.**
- Friday 6:00 –7:00 a.m.
- Saturday 7:00 –8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays7:00—8:00 p.m.
 Saturday4:00—4:45 p.m.

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At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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SACRAMENTS

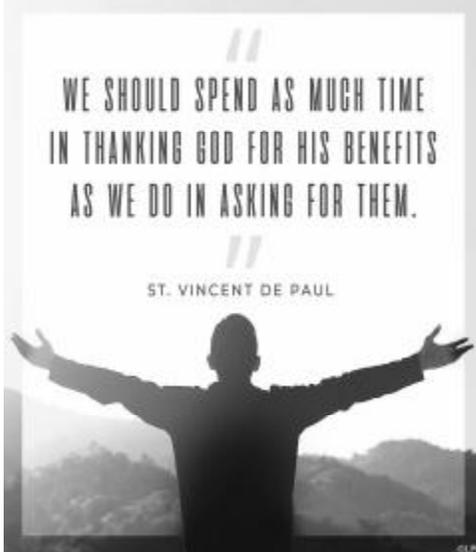
MATRIMONY:
Contact the Pastor six months
before the anticipated day.

BAPTISM:
Arrangements are made at the
Rectory. At least one of the
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Catholic.

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

COLLECTIONS

September 19: \$2,215.00



Dear Church,

Hard to believe it's almost three months now since I came to Newport, and a little over one month since I began teaching at Ryken!

A number of people have been asking how teaching has been going. Very well! There's a bit of rust to shake off after twelve years (when I last taught at DeMatha), but I love being back in the classroom and having some good discussions with the students.

Lately we've been going over a distinction the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle made, between pleasurable goods, useful goods, and noble (or what I call, "fulfilling") goods. Aristotle observes that all persons want to be happy: it's the reason we choose to do anything, because we believe it will satisfy and fulfill us.

Like all animals, human beings enjoy pleasure: pleasure is an experience that usually accompanies greater types of goods, a kind of incentive or sign that what we're doing is right—like bodily pleasure, the esteem of others, relaxation, the experience of fun, or the feeling of contentment. But of course, too much pleasure can be a bad thing: soon enough, it's the pleasure itself, and not the thing it should lead us to or it signifies, that we seek. Moreover, some goods do not always feel pleasing, especially initially. We must grow in our appreciation of the reason for why we seek greater goods that can sometimes be difficult or painful, and so develop the habits of self-denial and perseverance, saying no to immediate gratification, in order to eventually obtain greater, fulfilling goods.

And in order to obtain those goods, we need useful goods along the way, means to obtain what is worth seeking for its own sake: things like money, work, shelter, human laws and rules, communication and cooperation with others, even rest and nourishment—all things that lead to or make possible getting better, greater goods.

The problem is when useful goods are treated as fulfilling goods: when they are sought for their own sake! How strange it is to make money the goal—or work, or having a home, or making rules, or organization! They are only meant to lead us to having or being able to have what fulfills us: greater goods like family, fellowship, and friendship; knowledge, understanding, and wisdom; prudence and integrity; justice and peace; beauty; and religion and spirituality.

When I asked my students, *why are you here?* I was told, *to get into college.* I asked, *why do you want to go to college?* They said, *to get a good job.* I then asked, *why do you want a good job?* They answered, *to make money.* But when I asked, *why do you want to make money?* That's when I started to get the awkward silence. They weren't sure. Some guesses followed, but it was clear most students didn't have a good idea of why they should do that. They had just been told that their whole lives, that making money is what you need to be happy.

But if we're not clear on *why* we're seeking those useful goods, we won't know when to put down the instrument and enjoy the fruit of our labor, what really fulfills. Or worse, sadly, we'll spend our labor on fleeting pleasures, missing what is signified for the sign, the cause for the effect.

Feeling good is a disappointing lie, without having the good that should cause the feeling. Efficiency and organization and productivity and resources, sought for their own sake, leave one empty and frustrated, if they don't lead to what is fulfilling in itself.

Good questions to ask, not just for high school students, but for all of us: why am I doing what I am doing? What am I seeking? What do I think it will bring me? Why do I think getting that will fulfill me? Will it last? Will it really satisfy? Forever?

Imagine if there was a good that could answer those last three questions affirmatively! Wouldn't it be worth seeking above all else? Making sure that everything we are doing would lead to the possession of that good? Striving, with all our might, to make sure we didn't miss out and lose it?

God bless you,
Fr Matt

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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, George Desmarais, Rosanna DiDomenico, Aidan Asperas Dulay, 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 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.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Tuesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Thursday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

RCIA

RCIA class is beginning! Classes will be offered every Tuesday evening, from September 28 to May 31 (with breaks for Christmas and Easter), 6:30-7:30pm in the parish hall. RCIA is the program the Church uses for those who would like to become Catholic, as well as for adult Catholics who want to receive Confirmation. This year, Fr. Matt will be opening the classes to all parishioners who wish to attend, as he goes through the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a Q&A abridgement of the Catechism. This is a great chance to learn more about our faith -- or to refresh our memory about what we learned long ago! For more information, contact the parish office.

COFFEE AND DONUTS



We have been fortunate with good weather these past few weekends and enjoying fellowship, coffee and donuts outside each Sunday, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. There will be a sign up sheet on the coffee/donut table for anyone interested in volunteering to help with set-up and take-down on any Sunday during the month of October.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to join the Catholic Book Club every other Friday, beginning October 1st. Fr. Matt will lead us as we read and discuss several works of Catholic literature this year. For additional information, contact JoAnn Lennon at 301-752-2513.



SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Archbishop Neale School is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 301-934-9595 for more information. Any applicant must be in full compliance with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington's Child Protection Policy.

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in loving memory of

Robert Busser

If you would like to remember your beloved deceased by lighting the Sanctuary Candle in their memory, or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 301-934-8825. A \$10 good will offering is suggested.



MONDAY, September 27

7:00 a.m. Herman Yates (D)

WEDNESDAY, October 13

7:00 a.m. Marge H. (BD)

FRIDAY, October 15

7:00 a.m. Tony Batts (BD)

SATURDAY, October 16

8:00 a.m. Mike G. (D)

Please remember to pray for the Souls in Purgatory. To request a Mass intention, please call the parish office at 301-934-8825.



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