

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

30 Mattingly Avenue, Indian Head, Maryland 20640

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"FOR EVERYONE WHO DOES WICKED THINGS HATES THE LIGHT AND DOES NOT COME TOWARD THE LIGHT, SO THAT HIS WORKS MIGHT NOT BE EXPOSED. BUT WHOEVER LIVES THE TRUTH COMES TO THE LIGHT, SO THAT HIS WORKS MAY BE CLEARLY SEEN AS DONE IN GOD." – JN 3:20-21

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"ALLOW THE LIGHT AND THE HEALING PRESENCE OF CHRIST TO SHINE BRIGHTLY THROUGH YOUR LIVES. IN THAT WAY, ALL THOSE WHO COME IN CONTACT WITH YOU WILL DISCOVER THE LOVING KINDNESS OF GOD."

— POPE JOHN PAUL II

BAPTISMS:

Contact the Rectory Office

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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RECTORY OFFICE:

Parish Secretary: Diana Medel
8:00 to 1:00 Monday through Friday
Office is closed Holidays

PARISH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE

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Third Saturday Of the Month
301-743-9471

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Frederick Borrell

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

LEGION OF MARY:

Meets Fridays in the Church Hall
after the 7:30 am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 7:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES:

As Announced

FIRST FRIDAY:

Adoration from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

FIRST SATURDAY:

7:30 am Mass followed by the Scriptural Rosary

NOVENA TO THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday: 3:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 pm and by request

MARRIAGE:

6 Months notice

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Administrator: Rev. Brian A. Coelho



Mar. 12 Monday: Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Dorothy Regina Bryan Garcia
Daniel W. Garcia

Mar. 13 Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Julia Dent & R.A. "CAP"
Hungerford and Family ++
12:00 Noon

Mar. 14 Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

No Mass

Mar. 15 Thursday: Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Arnolde Valencia Galaz
7:00 pm

Mar. 16 Friday: Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Buster Jenkins +

Mar. 17 Saturday: Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am Pro Populo



Mary Gibson, Maria McGuigan, Patricia Mercer, Mary Gladys Mack, Dottie Fuchs, Dorothy Regina Bryan Garcia, Daniel W. Garcia, John Milton Swann, Deloris Marbray, Dorothy and Matthew Krikstan, Donza Milstead, Larry Simmons, Marvin Wagner, Amber Wagner, Kenneth Bowman, Helen and Conrad Vanasse, Walter Ott, Rae Ann Coburn, Margaret Montgomery, Jewel Bragunier, Theresa Dobak, Billy Vogelson, Becky and James Gannon, Zigmund Krivitsky, Joseph Kluchinsky, Mary Thomas, Rev. Robert S. Pittman, Gerry Barberan, Audrey Rye, Melvin Smith, Rick Ikel, Juanita A. Galaz, Arnolde A. Galaz, William Downs, Inez Ruffin, Bill Kreeger, Dolores Tompa, Savirse Mae Morse, Joseph Penny, Billy Gormley, Jay Haiden, Christopher Abell, William J. Thomas, Charles Griffith and Eleanor Dudley
Please pray for those who have long term illnesses and their caregivers.

Do you have a change of name, address or telephone number? Please call the rectory office to make changes or corrections 301-753-9177 or 301-743-5770.


Reflection

4th Sunday of Lent

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still - to our eyes - being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination! This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."



**Grant Her Eternal Rest
O Lord!**

Susan Williams



Please pray for the 2nd grader class who will making their First Penance March 24th.

And for the

Confirmation class going on retreat to the Franciscan Monastery St. John Paul the Great and will attend Mass at the Basilica in Washington DC on March 17th.





Parish Income Week of March 04, 2018

Envelopes:	\$ 5970.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 40.00
Votive Offering:	\$ 135.00
Good Friday:	\$ 40.00
ADW Church in the Developin World:	\$ 35.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 50.00
Loose:	\$ 376.71
Pantry:	\$ 1097.00
Cemetery	\$ 85.00
Parish Improvement Fund	\$ 1896.00

God Bless You For Your Generosity!

PARISH NEWS:

GREAT NEWS! The Purchase of the land for Cemetery extension has been finalized. St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church is now the owner of 4175 Hawthorne Road. Many thanks for your patience and support.



Food Pantry News

I would like to thank those of you who took one of the Lenten Food bags and purchased food for those in need of food. The filled bags are to be taken to the parish hall after each mass. If you did not receive a bag or if you forgot to bring yours back this weekend you are in luck! It is not too late! You may pick up a bag this weekend and return it next weekend! Thank you all for answering the Gospel call to serve those in need.

God Bless, Steve Clements, Pantry Coordinator.



NEXT YOUTH GROUP SOUP KITCHEN
LENTEN DINNER FRIDAY
March 16th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ALL ITEMS \$1.00

- SOUP: CHILI, VEGETABLE, TOMATOE, AND SURPRISE SOUP
- SANDWICHES: GRILLED CHEESE, PEANUP BUTTER & JELLY, AND TUNA
- SALADS, AND VARIOUS SNACKS
- DRINKS: SODA AND WATER

Last Lenten Soup Dinner - Please come out and join us for a special dinner and some socializing before the Stations of the Cross on March 23rd .

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Meets March 12th at 7 pm in the Church Hall. All current Eucharistic Ministers required to attend. **NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED!**


DONATIONS FOR HONDURAS: Items and donations are now being collected by the CCD class now until Easter. Toiletries, soap, small toys, flip flops...etc. may be dropped off in the back of the church or on Thursdays or Friday nights at soup dinners. Contact Janet for details: 301751-3360.



CCD: Class meets in the Church Hall Thursday's 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Contact Janet Clements at 301-751-3360 and email: staroftheseareligion@gmail.com.

- Next Family Mass will be April 8th , at 11:00 am, Join us in the Church Hall for Family Gathering and making of Resurrection Eggs following the mass. **All are welcomed!**

Gospel Choir: Looking for an organist or pianist. New members welcomed to join in singing during the 9:00 am mass. For more information please contact Conchita Walls at 301-542-2054.

Home Visits: Would you like a visit from the Pastor? Fr Brian makes his visits on Monday. Please call the Rectory Office to schedule a visit 301-753-9177. 



Altar Flowers: To request altar flowers for any occasion Please call Helen Boone at 301-743-3336 or the Rectory Office at 301-753-9177.

Holy Angels Church Seafood Dinner: On Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - \$28.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carryout's are available at \$26.00 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and a craft table! The Raffle Prize this year is for a total of \$1,500 in cash! The First prize is \$1,000 and the second prize is \$500. You do not need to be present to win. Holy Angels Church's address is 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, Maryland 20609. For more information to purchase advanced tickets, please call the rectory on or before March 1st. at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com

Celebrate 90 Years of Catholic Education - Please join the Archbishop Neale School family for the 90th Anniversary Diamond and Emerald Masquerade Ball sponsored by James T. Warring Sons, Inc. The dining, dancing, and fun will take place on **Saturday, March 10** from 7:00-11:00 p.m. at the Jaycees Hall in Waldorf. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$65 per couple and must be purchased in advance. Contact ans90@archbishopnealeschool.org for more information.

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