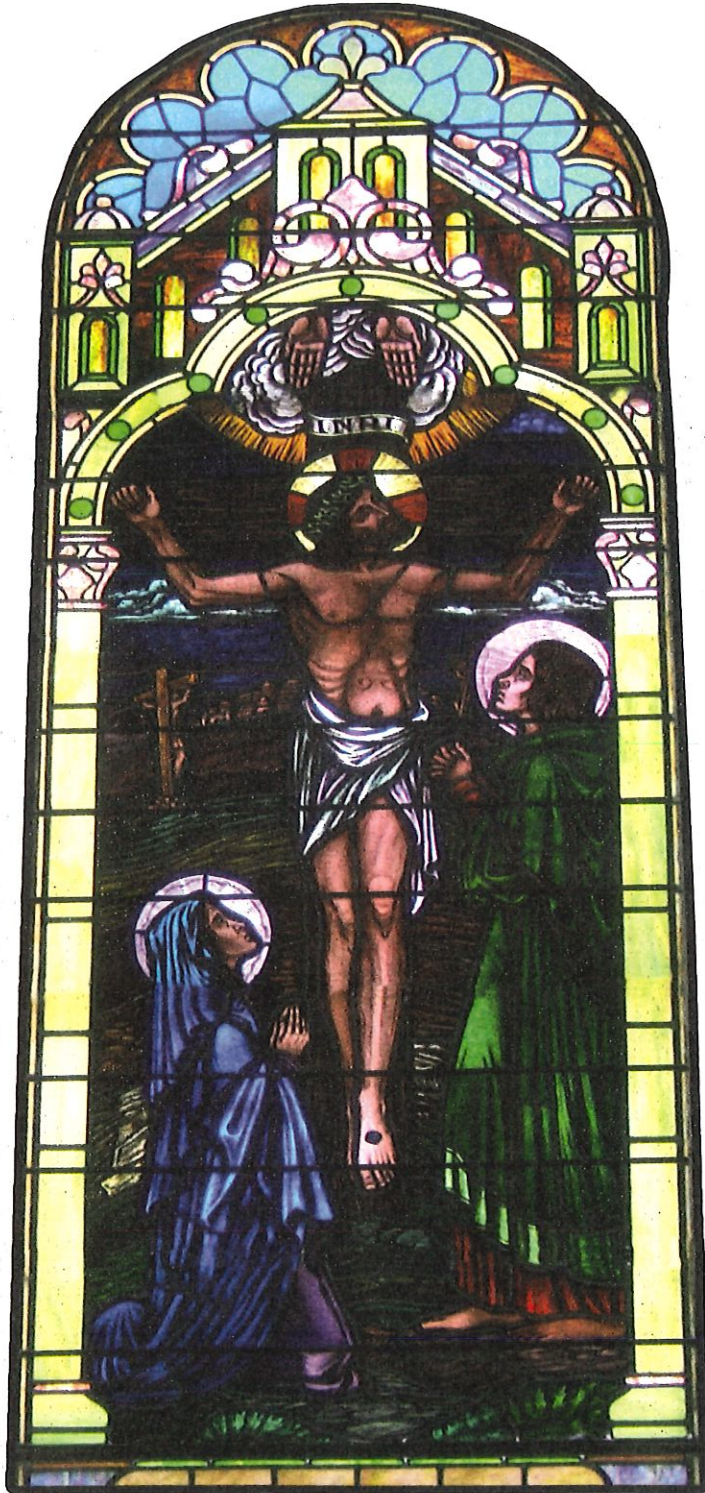


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Saturday Vigil Masses: 4 pm and 6 pm

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Monday – Thursday 8 am

Friday 9:30 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:30 – 9:45 am

Monday-Thursday 7:30 – 7:50 am / Friday 9:00 – 9:20 am

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This program involves preparation for and celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for the Christian initiation of unbaptized adults, unbaptized children of catechetical age, as well as for welcoming baptized Catholics and non-Catholics into full communion with the Church. Please contact Father Conley for more information.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are normally celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents seeking to have a child baptized at St. Mary's should contact the rectory office to make the necessary arrangements.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples seeking to be married at St. Mary's are to call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months in advance of their intended wedding date. This should be done prior to any other reception or invitation arrangements so that the parish may suitably serve the couple.

The Sacrament of Anointing

Any Catholic who is facing serious illness or surgery is encouraged to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Please call Father Conley at the rectory office to arrange to receive this sacrament for yourself or for a family member.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to wish you all a very happy new year! You see, according to the Church's calendar, as we begin the Season of Advent this Sunday, we are also beginning a new liturgical year. The Church year begins with the four weeks of Advent, during which we remember how the Israelites waited longingly for the coming of the Messiah. We use the color purple in church to mark this season as a sign of sadness of the world before the coming of Jesus Christ.

On December 24th, with the first Mass of Christmas Eve, we enter the joyous Christmas Season. The festive colors of gold and white mark this season in the decor of the church as we reflect on the birth of Christ and the events which followed. The Christmas Season, according to the Church's calendar, lasts this year until Monday, January 9th and closes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The following day we begin Ordinary Time. The color for Ordinary time, which is sort of a season between seasons, is green. The color green has traditionally been understood as a sign of hope and life. During Ordinary time the Gospel readings each Sunday follow the chronology of our Lord's life and mission.

The Church has its own calendar to remind us of the great events in the life of Christ which brought about our salvation. The fact that the Church's calendar is different from the secular one should also remind us that our days really should belong to God and not to the world. We can give each of our days to the Lord by remembering in the morning to offer all that we will do in His name and, in the evening, thanking Him for His blessings.

With my prayers,
Fr. Conley

This Friday is the first Friday of the Month.

Following the 9:30am Mass we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until the closing Benediction at 6 pm. We hope that many parishioners will come to pray before the Lord in honor of His Sacred Heart. We need volunteers to sign up for adoration from 2 until 6 pm. The sign up is in the foyer,

CHOSEN DVDs on sale for only \$10. Chosen is the best dramatization of the life of Christ ever made. To promote greater awareness of the life of Jesus, the parish has purchased DVDs of the first season of Chosen and is making them available at half price. These 8, approximately 45 minute, episodes recount the early ministry of Jesus according to the Gospels while at the same time providing the "back story" of how people encountered Him. Buy copies for yourselves and your families at our religious goods store. They will make great Christmas gifts!

UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY

AVAILABLE Is there a place in your life where you feel 'stuck' and unable to act/think/feel as you really want to? Do you have difficulty forgiving past hurts or do you feel unworthy of God's love? Unbound prayer ministry is premised on the belief that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can make a profound difference in your life.. In our parish this ministry is coordinated by Sam and Kaye Oliver. Their contact information is listed below. Kaye Oliver 240-682-0646. Sam Oliver 301-848-3206. You can email them at samuel.oliver@comcast.net.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! From Social

Concerns: The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all of the people who donated food, money and gift cards to our very successful Thanksgiving Basket program. From the parish members to the students and teachers from our school that helped with the massive amounts of food and gift cards that came in to help with this program. We were able to help 30 needy families with an abundance of food and gift cards. We are also grateful to Deacon Henry Middleton for donating the beautiful produce again this year. The Knights of Columbus and students from the Confirmation class who donated their time to help move the food out to the recipients' cars, we thank you. Once again, our Thanksgiving Basket program was a great success because of all the help from all of you! Thank you! Sandy Capps, Social Concerns Committee

Lectors please pick up new work books in

sacristy after Mass.

CHOSEN-Episode-7 will be shown this week.

SAVE THE DATE for St. Mary's Bryantown Outdoor Holiday Market on Saturday, December 4th from 9-2. Come out and enjoy 55+ local vendors, three food trucks (Smokey Oak BBQ, Kelly's Kickin Cuisine and Flames, and Cones Brickfired Pizza), live holiday music, free pictures with Santa, and crafts for the kids. Take a chance on some amazing raffles, a kids' shopping area, our SMB Gingerbread Bakery featuring homemade treats, a 12 Cakes of Christmas Auction, and more. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for our toy drive and get entered into our door prize drawing. Don't order your gifts this year. Join us for the perfect way to get your holiday shopping started. It's fun for the entire family. Hope to see you there!

Please join us for our Annual Bells and Blessings Auction and Dinner Benefit on Saturday, December 11th at 6 p.m. in the school hall. There will be Live and Silent Auctions, dinner by Rita B's catering, and a full open bar. Auction items include trips, sports tickets, theatre tickets, and teacher experiences. The festivities include games, prizes, music, wine pull, dessert dash, and opportunities to finish your Christmas shopping! Tickets and Sponsorship Opportunities are available. See <https://bryantown.org/bells-blessings/> for information. This event is sure to be an evening to remember!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

An old farmer and his wife were outside leaning on the pen enclosing their porker. When the old lady murmured wistfully, "Tomorrow's our anniversary, John, let's kill the pig." The farmer pondered the suggestion, removed a stray straw from his sleeve and replied wearily, "What's the use of murdering the pig for something that happened fifty years ago?"

#iGiveCatholic on **#GivingTuesday** will be held on Tuesday, November 30. It's 24 hours of giving by Catholics for the Catholic community, but you have the opportunity to make your gifts in advance beginning November 15 through November 30. Support our parish by visiting washington.igivecatholic.org and searching for our parish's profile. Gifts made on this website are secure and your gifts of \$20 or more are tax-deductible. Check and cash gifts given directly to our parish are welcome and appreciated in any amount! Join our parish to inspire and celebrate Catholic giving by spreading the word about #iGiveCatholic to your friends, family, and colleagues! Thank you for your support and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR Nov 27-Dec 3

SAT: 4pm Nick Hurysh, Sr.

6pm Emily Dorsey

SUN: 8am George Fassel, Jr.

10am: Mary Heiston

12N Kelly Beitz

MON: 8am Mary Heiston

TUES: 8am Joe Gardiner, Jr.

WED: 8am Nick Hurysh, Sr.

THURS 8am Anna Lippert

FRI: 9:30am Joanne Cook

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY

PRAYERS: Eunice Amey, Deacon Gene Burroughs, Quint Burroughs, Brenda Callahan, Dottie Chick, Lorraine Cook, Kendall Farrell, James Gibson, Carol Herskovitz, Regina Kijesky, Marie Knobel, Lillian Komar, Susie Logan, John Nichols, John Reeves, Mary Reeves, Melissa Rollins, Beth Weise, Billie Whittington.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST

WEEKEND: \$8,948.00 \$2,185 of that was through Offertory bank-mailed checks. The unidentified donations totaled \$445.00. We collected \$85.00 for our school support.



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