

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR

Care of Creation

SEPTEMBER 1

**Our Lady
Star of the Sea
Catholic Church**



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ENCYCLICAL
LETTER OF
THE HOLY
FATHER FRANCIS

*If the simple fact of being
human moves people to
care for the environment
of which they are a part,
Christians in their turn
"realize that their
responsibility within
creation, and their duty
towards nature
and the Creator,
are an essential part
of their faith."*

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Dear OLSS Parishioners,

Summer is gone, already! At times I feel as if I am still waiting for it to begin, guess It will be next year now. As I listened to Cardinal Wuerl's talk at the opening mass for Catholic School teachers this past week, I was reminded of last weekend's Gospel about the narrow gate that we have to pass through in order to get into the Kingdom. He mentioned the "Holy Door" at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception were the mass was being held. It leads me to reflect on how important Mercy is if we want to get into Heaven.

It is a narrow gate, Mercy, because we get busy, so judgmental, so pressured that being merciful is not always our first thought. Anger, harsh words, judgments, fears, and other similar reactions are often our first response to life rather than Mercy. That gate is narrow when we don't even think about acting like Christ. Each weekend Mass, we begin with the Prayer of St. Francis to help us remember God's mercy towards us but also to remind us to be merciful towards others. Perhaps as we find ourselves missing the Summer, we might reflect upon our desire not to miss the chance to be merciful and be able to enter through that narrow gate that is God's Mercy.

Msgr. Mike

Adoration returns to the Historic Church from 9am to 5:30pm this Tuesday and morning Mass will return to 7am in the Convent Chapel.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday:

8:00am and 10:45am

Daily Mass: As noted inside.

Headsets are available in the Church for the hearing impaired.

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE ~ Week of September 4

Check weekly for changes

No Mass MONDAY

TUESDAY

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Adoration in Historic Church
5:30 p.m. Mass in Historic Church
6-6:30 p.m. Confessions in Historic Church

WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass in Convent Chapel

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. Mass in Historic Church

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass in Convent Chapel

SATURDAY

3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Confessions in Parish Church
4:00 p.m. Mass in Parish Church

MASS INTENTIONS

✠ Indicates deceased L Indicates living
August 30, Deacon Jack Etzel ✠
August 31, Ray Lankford ✠
Sept. 1, Chuck Betsch ✠
Sept. 2, Daniel Cannedy (L)
Sept. 3, David Williams ✠
Sept. 4, 8 a.m., Patricia Mentges ✠

MASS ASSIGNMENTS ~ Sept. 3rd-4th

4:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

LECTORS

M.E. Romney	G. McMinn	G. Moore
F. Briggs	B. Boufford	J. Moore

MASS SERVERS

C. Capristo	M. Blaylock	M. Moran
J. Capristo	A. Pensenstadler	C. Moore
L. Moronta	J. Oster	M. Moore

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D. Quinn	G. LeDoux	L. McDevitt
B. Zwissler	J. Moyer	D. Peachman
D. Zwissler	J. Oster	M. Posey

GREETERS

Bartley Family	Wickers Family	Klein Family
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GIFT CERTIFICATES

S. Clow	S. Cole	S. Stump
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. Lake	M. Shaw	F. Gallagher
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Coffee Hour resumes after Labor Day weekend

Readings for Sept. 4

Wisdom 9:13-18B

The deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans.

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I am sending Onesimus, that is, my our heart, back to you

Luke 14:25-33

“Whoever does not carry his own cross.... Cannot be my disciple”.

SIGNING FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED in September is changed from the first Saturday (Labor Day weekend) to Saturday, September 10, at the 4:00 Mass.

Father Jack will be leading a Four part series on the Mass in Scriptures every Tuesday night after the evening Mass (from about 6:15 to 7 p.m.) in the Providence Room. Series begins August 23- All are welcome.

Faith Formation: The Office of Faith Formation is in need of Adult Aides and substitute teachers.

With almost 90+ students and 11 volunteer catechists and aides, Our Lady Star of the Sea's Faith Formation program is an active and vital part of our parish life. Through the Office of Faith Formation, Our Lady Star of the Sea provides catechesis to the children and youth of our Parish whose regular school curriculum does not include instruction in the Roman Catholic Tradition. Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a part of this vital community.

Young Adult Faith Enrichment for those who have special needs (ages 18-30) will begin on Sunday morning, September 18, from 9:15 -10:30. Sr. Paula and Beth Falco will conduct the meetings at the convent. Registration can be done after Mass on any weekend beforehand.

The Evangelization Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 31, in the parish office at 6:00 p.m. Bring personal calendars.

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern MD is offering training to be a Client Advocate volunteer for this ministry this upcoming October. For more information about us please visit www.Friendsofncpsm.org .

Christmas in April Calvert County, Inc., a United Way Community Partner, is a volunteer, non-profit organization that repairs and renovates the home of low-income homeowners, particularly those of the elderly, disabled and families with children. We are dedicated to the goal of helping these homeowners live in warmth, safety and independence. There is no cost to the homeowner approved for the program. Applications, available in the church office, are due Sept. 30, 2016. for the April 2017 program.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF ADULTS**

We are now forming the RCIA for 2016-2017. If you or anyone you know have expressed an interest in learning the Tradition of Catholicism with no commitment required, you are welcome to join our group of Inquirers. We will begin our weekly sessions the first Monday after Labor Day (September 12th). For more information please call Joanne McCoy 410-394-2605.

**Calvert Hospice is Accepting Applications
for the Fall Session of Bridges Support Group**

Sessions will run from September 29 through November 17. Bridges is a support group for the whole family. Location: Trinity United Methodist Church, 90 Church Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Meetings: Thursdays, September 29 to November 17, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$25 per participant (\$50 maximum per family) Pre-registration: Required (Deadline: September 15) <http://calverthospice.org/childrens-programs>

The Care Net Pregnancy Center will hold training for those interested in volunteering as a Client Advocate on October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 & 20. We are offering morning classes at 9:30-12:30 in Calvert County and evening classes at 5:30-8:30 in St. Mary's County; so pick the time and location most convenient for you. The whole training takes approximately 18 hours and is split up into 6 sessions. For more information and to sign up please call 301-737-4604 or 410 326-6866.

The Women's Spirituality Book Club resumes next month. Please get your copy of Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's SACRED FIRE. Books will NOT be bought through the parish this year. Come prepared to discuss the Preface and Chapter 1 on Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. in the parlor of the new church. Those who prefer an evening session, let Sr. Paula know which weekday night you prefer. Evening sessions will be at the convent.

Walking With Purpose

Ladies - You're invited to join us for an amazing journey as we begin a women's bible study, Walking With Purpose, at Jesus the Divine Word. WWP aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teaching of Christ and the Church. We will be offering "Opening Your Heart," beginning Thursday, 22 September from 9:30 - 11:15 am. We will kick-off our study with a wine and cheese open house on Thursday, 15 September from 7 to 9 pm. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of fellowship!

For additional information check out the WWP website at www.walkingwithpurpose.com or contact Torie McGirr (719-659-6849) or tmcgirr17@gmail.com.

Charismatic Prayer Group meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. Call Joe & Sally Hamilton at 410-326-4054 or Lynn Coffey at 410-326-3837.

OLSS Men's Group meets Sat. at 6:30 a.m. in the Historic Church for Mass, then conversation, coffee & donuts. Does not meet during summer.

The Rosary is prayed every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. To become a Rosary leader contact Mary Sutton at 410-610-6740.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed every Sunday after the 8 a.m.. And 10:45 a.m. Masses in the Parish Church.

Baptisms by appointment on Saturdays and Sundays at Mass or individual times. Please call Deacon Chad to arrange a meeting & then schedule the Baptism.

Weddings Registered parishioners should contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the planned date which should not be finalized until church arrangements are made.

OLSS Knights of Columbus: Please call Mike Kelly for more information: 443-624-3079.

OLSS Choir meets every Wednesday evening at 7PM in the church to rehearse. All are welcome. Choir does not meet during summer months. For more information contact Mary McKeon at 410--610-6236.

Prayer Shawl Ministry If you are interested in information about our prayer shawl group please call Mary Ann Dale at 301-863-3333.

Boy Scout Troop 427 meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. For information please call Rob McAlister at 301-862-2002. **Cub Scouts** meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Call Beth Oster at 410-394-0944 for more info.

Solomons Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Friday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chesapeake Room. **Al-Anon** group meets every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room in the Historic Church.