

WELCOME TO
St. Cecilia Church
January 3, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord



About Our Church

St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church is located in St. Mary's City, MD.

Our Pastor is Father Scott Woods

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am – 12:00pm

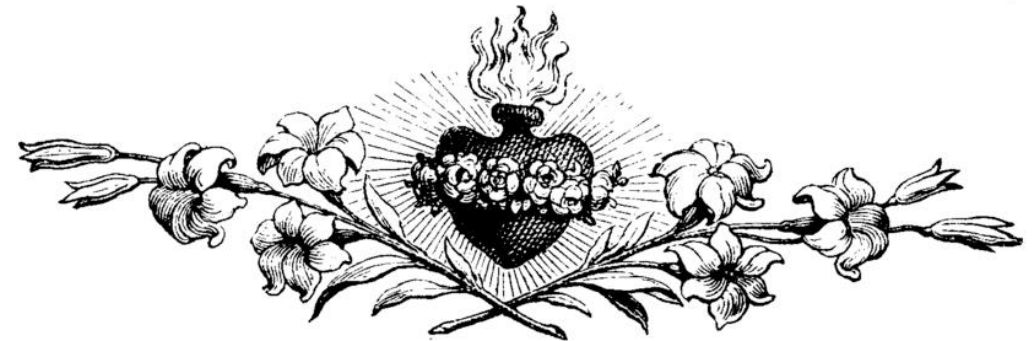
The office will be closed on Thursdays, Holy Days and Federal Holidays.

Other Contact information

St. Peter Claver: 301-872-5460

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Prayer Intentions

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers: Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Bradley Anderson and Ernie, Kristin Austin, Judy and Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, Dorothy Berry, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis Carroll, Robert Carter, Steven Carter, Sr. Colleen Clair, Nancy Cotter, Debi Clark, Joey Cosgrove, Jack Cullison, Celia DeVoe, Erica Dingle, Ed Dishman, Norman Fenwick, Eileen Garvey, Mary Glynn, Mary Jean Goldsborough, Mary Gorman, Hannah Gravelle, Mary Jane Hall, Jeff Harris Family, Baby Hancock, James Hensley, Larry Hobbs, Sonny Hunt, John Jovan, Bambi Kwiatkoski, Lynn, John Lolli, Adam Lumpkins, Helen Lococo, Shirley D. Major, George Matthew, Dennis MacQuilliam, Bill Morris, James Morris, Michelle Nelson, Cecilia Plymale, Eileen Peterson, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, ZaNiya G. Rice, Joel Rivera, Kimberly Sariego, Tiny Taylor, John F. Thompson, Susan Windburn, William Woodland, Lisa, Donna Burriss, Elaine McNeil, Tara Sewell, Doris Rose Yates, James Young, Eva Butler, Francis Birch, Evan Beck, Michael Hammett Jr., Andrew Farrand, Joe Dziewit. We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds, *and* souls.

Mass Intentions for January 2 – 8

Saturday 4:30 PM For the intentions of Gaye and Joseph McCarthy
Sunday 8:00 AM For the intentions of our parishioners
Monday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Joseph Bower
Tuesday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Dale Taylor
Wednesday 7:30 AM For the intentions of Andrew Pasqualle
Thursday 7:30 AM For the peaceful repose of the soul of Tom Waring
Friday 7:30 AM For the intentions of Tobias Euchner
Saturday 8:00 AM Mass at St. Peter Claver

Announcements & Events

- There will be a second collection for the Poor Fund on the weekend of January 9 & 10.
- **The Knights of Columbus** Carry-Out Chicken Dinner has been canceled for January.
- **All young adults in their 20s and 30s** are invited to take part in the local Catholic young adult group "PAX Catholic." Although the pandemic has slowed events down, we are now revamping our ministry once again! As it is safe to do so, we will host bonfires, socials, evenings of recollection, and "Theology on Tap." For more information, please visit our website at www.paxcatholicmd.org, or send us an email at paxcatholicstmarys@gmail.com.

Mass & Confession Time

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Morning: 8:00am

Weekday Mass: Monday – Friday 7:30am

Daily Adoration: Monday - Friday 6:00am – 7:15am

Weekly Confession: Saturdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Latin Mass Schedule at St. Peter Claver

Monday & Wednesday – 6:00 PM

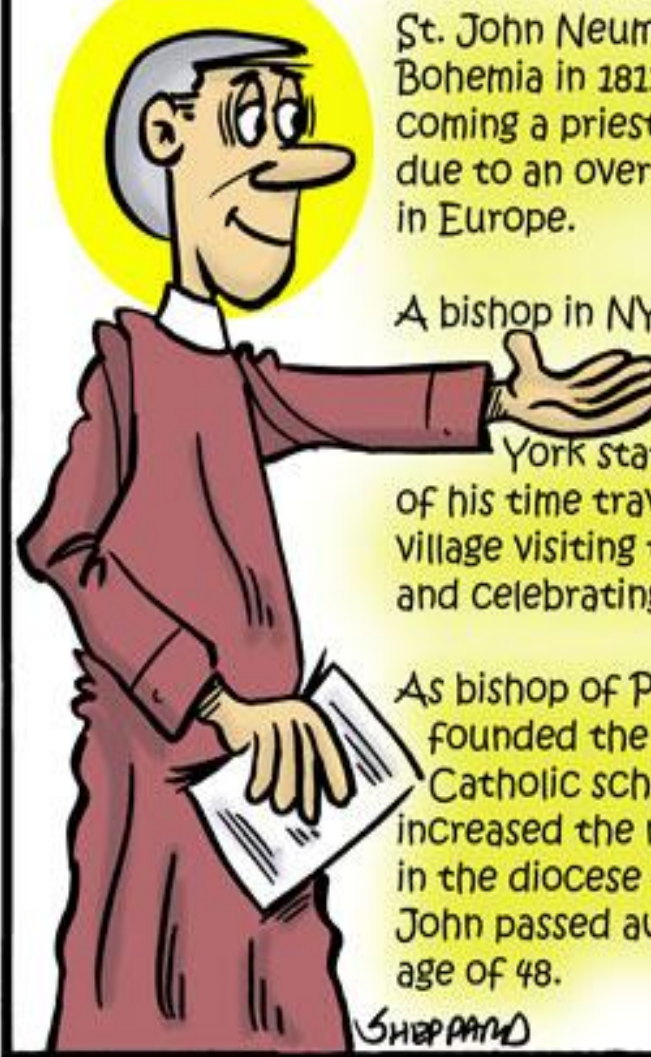
Sunday Afternoon – 12:00 PM

Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day. For all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the reunion of Christendom and for the Holy Father's intentions of the month.

January: Human Fraternity - May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard



St. John Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811. He tried becoming a priest but was rejected due to an overage of ordinations in Europe.

A bishop in NY accepted him and assigned him to western New York state. He spent most of his time traveling village to village visiting the sick, teaching and celebrating Mass.

As bishop of Philadelphia he founded the first Diocesan Catholic school. He also increased the number of schools in the diocese from 2 to 100. John passed away in 1860 at the age of 48.

Pointing Others to Jesus

January 4, when before Epiphany

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. [John 1:35-37](#)

Imagine if John would have so loved the attention that he was getting from everyone that he decided to keep it to himself. Imagine if he decided that he could become “king” if he played his cards right. Imagine if he became so self-consumed with his own popularity that he did not want to point others to Jesus and run the risk of losing them to Him. Of course, that’s not what happened. What happened is that John fulfilled his role beautifully, preparing the way for Jesus and pointing others to Him when the time was right.

In this passage above, John turns the eyes of two of his followers to our Lord. He says to them, “Behold, the Lamb of God...” They see Jesus and leave John.

Perhaps that experience was bittersweet for John. Perhaps he felt the loss of his followers on one level. But any experience of loss would have been transformed and alleviated by the joy of knowing that he was fulfilling the purpose of his life by pointing others to Christ.

So it must be with us. It’s easy to get self-consumed in life. It’s easy to want all the attention and, when we receive it, it’s hard to let it go. But true Christian love is always selfless. It is always focused on our Lord and it always points others to Jesus. John set a wonderful example of this life of virtue, we are called to do the same.

Reflect, today, upon those who are in your life. Do you seek their attention for your own selfish sake? Or do you rejoice in the many opportunities you have to point them to Jesus? By pointing others to our Lord you will be satisfied beyond any selfishness and will be rewarded beyond measure.

Lord, help me to constantly look for ways to point those in my life to You. Help me to be selfless and sacrificial at all times. Help me to realize that love is all about You and is all about helping others come to know You and follow You. When that requires sacrifice on my part, help me to embrace that sacrifice with wholehearted joy and zeal. Jesus, I trust in You.