



Called by the Father's love, transformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we bear Christ's Word together, boldly proclaiming God's Kingdom to the world.

Sunday Bulletin

June 28, 2026

Monday	Jun 29	6 - 9PM	Dinner in Honor of Fr. Peter Hocken—Goshen House
Wednesday	July 1	1:30-2:30PM	Intercessory Prayer – Call Tom Singer 240-602-2698
Sunday	July 5	4 – 7PM	Community Bring-Your-Own Picnic - Courtyard

THERE WILL BE NO PRAISE & WORSHIP GATHERING ON SUNDAY, JULY 5.

DINNER IN HONOR OF MSGR. PETER HOCKEN

Monday, June 29 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Mother of God Community invites all who knew **Fr Peter Hocken** to an evening of Dinner and Fellowship in his honor. Our special guests are visiting from Krakow, Poland, and will share with us the fruits they have received from the late Fr. Peter Hocken's ministry in Poland and the Catholic foundation named in his honor. **RSVP is required.** Dinner will be catered by **Mission BBQ**; a basket will be put out for donations to help defray expenses.

Our Polish guests would like very much to hear you share your treasured memories of Fr Peter, your gratitude for Baptism in the Spirit, and ways you see the Holy Spirit renewing the Church today. Please **RSVP to Teri Stief at mogc@motherofgod.org by Friday, June 26.**



COMMUNITY BRING-YOUR-OWN PICNIC

Sunday, July 5 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join in the fun at our **Holiday Weekend Picnic** in our beautiful courtyard. The whole family is welcome – we will have activities for children and grown-ups. **Please bring your own picnic** and something to share; **there will be a grill available** if you want to grill something yourself. Invite your friends and neighbors as we celebrate our nation's birthday!

We are looking for a few people who could help with kids' or adult games during the evening. **Please contact Tom Singer** at tom_singer@ymail.com or via cell 240-602-2698 to let him know of your ideas. The sky's the limit!

We look forward to enjoying a fun evening with everyone!



ENCOUNTER

DC CAMPUS

SUMMER INTENSIVE

July 27--30, 6-9 pm
at Mother of God Community

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY'S DC CAMPUS is holding their **Summer Intensive** the evenings of July 27 - July 30. This annual event provides a survey of the content offered in the first four quarters of the **Encounter School of Ministry**. The Summer Intensive is perfect for anyone desiring to attend the Encounter School during the year but unable to do so because of distance or schedule. It is also ideal for those discerning their enrollment in the School of Ministry but needing greater discernment.

The four-evening survey includes: Identity & Transformation, Hearing God's Voice & the Prophetic Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Power & Healing, and Inner Healing & Freedom.

The **Encounter School of Ministry** is a two-year school that draws from the richness of our Catholic heritage as we seek to teach, equip, and activate disciples to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in their spheres of influence. In conformity with the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, we offer students a dynamic 2-year training program designed to take you to the next level in your ministry. For more information go to encounterschool.org/dc



MOTHER OF GOD COMMUNITY WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration is now open for the annual **Mother of God Community Women's Retreat**, the weekend of **August 21 to 23, 2026**. We will be staying at the Loyola Retreat House, overlooking the Potomac River in beautiful Faulkner, Maryland. This will be a special weekend, with the Church celebrating the **Feast of the Queenship of Mary** on Saturday.

We are blessed to have **Fr. James Brent, O.P.** as our retreat leader this year. Father will be leading our reflections throughout our retreat weekend. **Our theme this year is "Return to the Heart"** taking inspiration from Proverbs 4:23 "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." Come away with us as we bring our hearts to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus. We will have time for praise and personal prayer, graced preaching, Mass, and time for confession and adoration. A collection will be taken up in support of Fr. Brent's ministry to us and others.

Our retreat runs from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Local priests will help with Mass each day and hear confessions as well. Brochures with registration form are available on Sunday night. Payment is via mailed check or online via Zelle or PayPal.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 7.

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