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Annual Maryland Day Event Paused for 2026, Set to Return in 2027 at New St. Clement's Island Museum; Commemorative Island Mass Still Scheduled

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government's Museum Division will **not host the annual Maryland Day mainland ceremony and event in 2026** due to [construction](#) of a new St. Clement's Island Museum facility. This longstanding tradition will return in 2027 at the new, modernized museum building.

On Maryland Day 2026, the annual Mass on St. Clement's Island will still take place, commemorating the first Catholic Mass in the English New World. The commemorative Mass will be held on the island at 10 a.m. Community members are invited to attend, with water taxi service beginning at 9 a.m. and return trips provided following the Mass.

Maryland Day celebrates the first landing of the colonists on St. Clement's Island – a significant chapter in the history of the island, St. Mary's County, and the State of Maryland.

The Museum Division looks forward to welcoming the community back in 2027 to celebrate Maryland Day in the new facility.

For questions or more information, please call St. Clement's Island Museum at (301) 769-2222.

For more information on museum hours of operation, programs, events, admission prices, and more, follow our museums on Facebook at:

- St. Clement's Island Museum: [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum)
- Old Jail Museum & Visitor Center: [Facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum)
- Piney Point Lighthouse Museum: [Facebook.com/1836Light](https://www.facebook.com/1836Light)
- Drayden African American Schoolhouse: [Facebook.com/DraydenSchool](https://www.facebook.com/DraydenSchool)

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About the St. Mary's County Museum Division

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research, and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. These sites include St. Clement's Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, the Old Jail Museum, and the Drayden African American Schoolhouse. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison, and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets. For more information, please visit: museums.stmarysmd.com.

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