

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

County Seat: Leonardtown 20650

Origin: It was here that the passengers on the *Ark* and the *Dove* landed at St. Clement's Island on Annunciation Day, March 25, 1634. St. Mary's, the first Maryland county, was established in 1637, probably by an order of the Governor.

Name: Named in honor of St. Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Form of Government: County Commissioners

County Code: See *Code of St. Mary's County, State of Maryland* (1978) with supplements.



Population, 1980 (preliminary count):

St. Mary's County	June 1980: 56,173
	Revised Sept. 1980: 59,799
Dist. 1, St. Inigoes	4,059
Dist. 2, Valley Lee	3,691
Dist. 3, Leonardtown	7,240
Dist. 4, Chaptico	3,427
Dist. 5, Mechanicsville	7,068
Dist. 6, Patuxent	7,735
Dist. 7, Milestown	3,059
Dist. 8, Bay	19,577
Dist. 9, St. George Island	317

Area: 420 sq. miles

JUDICIAL OFFICES

Circuit Court
 Courthouse
 Box 308
 Leonardtown 20650
 Telephone: 475-5621
 (ext. 505, 506, or 507)

District Court
 P.O. Box 339
 Leonardtown 20650
 Telephone: 475-5621
 (ext. 500, 501, or 502)

Court Terms:

Circuit Court—Grand Jury and Petit Jury, third Monday in March and September.

Orphans' Court Days—Second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Circuit Court Resident Judge
 Joseph A. Mattingly 1987

Circuit Court Clerk
 Mary R. Bell 1982

District Court Judge
 William O. E. Sterling 1981
 Dennis Fean, *Administrative Clerk*
 M. Doris Jones, *Clerk*

Orphans' Court Judges
 Floyd A. Raley, *Chief Judge* 1982
 John L. Alvey 1982
 Paul Bell 1982

Register of Wills
 Norma I. Dawson 1982

Sheriff
 Joseph Lee Somerville 1982

State's Attorney
 Neal Myerberg 1982

District Public Defender
 John Slade

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Board of County Commissioners
 P.O. Box 351
 Leonardtown 20650 Telephone: 475-5621

Meeting Days: Tuesdays, 8:55 A.M.

Board of County Commissioners
 George A. Aud, *President, at large* 1982
 David Sayre, *Commissioner Dist. 1* 1982
 Ford L. Dean, *Commissioner Dist. 2* . . . 1982
 Richard Arnold, *Commissioner Dist. 3* . 1982
 J. Laurence Millison, *Commissioner*
 Dist. 4 1982
 Judith A. Mullins, *Secretary*
 Joseph E. Bell II, *Attorney*

*County Administrator*⁶²
 Edward V. Cox
 Margaret Nelson, *Secretary*

⁶² Chapter 296, Acts of 1971.