

**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

Today's Readings

24th Sunday

Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1: 12-17

Lk 15: 1-32 or 15: 1-10

Readings for 9/18/16

25th Sunday

Am 8: 4-7

1 Tm 2: 1-8

Lk 16: 13 or 16:10-13

FROM FR. KUNKEL

God wants us to be happy. He wants us to be happy now, not just when we get to heaven. Unless we understand that, unless it is a conviction that reaches to the depths of our being, our notion of God and his dealings with us will always be impoverished. So let's think about that for a few minutes.

God wants us to be happy. When we put our own desire for happiness side by side with that you'd think that everything would be just fine. God wants us to be happy; we ourselves want to be happy; therefore there's nothing standing in the way of our happiness. However, most of the time we are truly not happy at all. So, what's gone wrong?

The trouble is we usually look for happiness in the wrong places. We are like the man who was on his hands and knees searching under a lamppost. "What are you looking for?" asked his friend. "My keys, I dropped them," said the man. "Where exactly did you drop them?" asked his friend. "Over there by those bushes," said the man. "Well why are you searching over here?" said the friend, "the bushes are yards away." "I know that," said the man, "but there's more light over here!"

Our search for happiness is very often like the man's search for his keys. We'll never find it because we're looking in the wrong place. We often look where it's easiest to look, or where it's most convenient to look. The more we search the less likely we are to find what we're looking for. We make idols out of things like ambition, or wealth, or success.

They become all-consuming passions, ruling our lives, determining our priorities and our values. And yet none of these can really bring us happiness, so our constant search means constant frustration. We think we are looking for happiness but our real problem is that we do not want happiness enough. We settle for something trivial in place of something great. We have gone off in the wrong direction. We have lost our way.

However, God still wants us to be happy. God wants us to be with him, the source of all happiness. When we harm ourselves by sin, he is eager to draw us back to himself, to snatch us from danger. There is an eastern parable that says that God holds each of us by a string. When we sin, we cut the string. However, God always ties a knot in it drawing us a little closer to himself. Each time we sin God ties another knot, gradually drawing us closer and closer to himself.

God's ways are not our ways. He places no conditions or restrictions on his love for us. He desires our good even when we do not desire it for ourselves! He wants us to be fully alive when we have chosen half-life. He comes to seek us out when we are lost, and he bears us up in the arms of his everlasting love. Let us pray that we will never reject that love, because that is the only thing that can keep us from God!

MASS INTENTIONS SEPT. 12th TO 18th 2016

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Kunkel
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Jack Walther
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Paul Goedeke
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Debbie Hoeck
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Stan & Carla Markowski (SI) Charles Holmes Charlotte M. Ednomston

(SI) Special Intentions (B) Birthday (A) Anniversary (H) Health

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Please notify the Church office if you are in need of prayer, so that we can include you in our Prayer List. Please pray for Michael Barlow, Lawrence Boden, Roy Broyles, Aaron Carter, Mary Cochran, Kemper (Scoop) Cline, Ginger Corvin., Kathleen Douglas, Steve Ferguson, Don Green, Jo Anne Heaps, Ronnie Heaps, Jill Hoffinger, John Hufnagel, Scott Jackson, Janet Jourdan., Kelly Lally, Candace Webb Lee, Katherine Miller, Jim Mixon, Chuck & Susan Pace, Mack Palmer, Genelia Peagler, Kathy Puskar, Linda Rickey, David Ritchie, Holly Ritchie, Bob Ryer, Barbara Schroll, Jeanne Berg Stith, Cheri Stivers, Shirley Suggs, Linda Webb, Michael Webb, James W. Webb, Kimberly Weidner, Marie Weller, Jim & Bev Wilson, Barbara Wunner.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 9/18/16

Ministry	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:15
Priest	HK	LG	HK	HK
Lectors	P Marroney	J Healy	C Yost	T Driesen
EM	J Kusik	S Dieter	J Bowman	P Era
	S Pardo	T Dieter	M Scarff	C Era
	J Poole	F Holtz	N Yost	S Friedman
	M Washburn	B Weber	K Kiedrowski	D Friedman
Server	H Arnett	A Engel	J Devereux	L Dodson
	G Arnett	A Engel	J Devereux	Z Dodson
		L Weber	S Usselman	M Kujawa
Sacristan	B Stewart			J Smith

SUNRISE COMMUNION SERVICE

St. Mary's offers a Communion Service every Wednesday at 6:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information please contact, Mike Dodson @ 717-382-4756





ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to have a loved one either remembered or honored with a donation of flowers please call Sue Dieter at 410-937-4035.

CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday--80's and over

James Wilson	82	September 12
Gordon Smith	82	September 14
Francis McCluskey	90	September 15
Helen Pigg	87	September 16
Edward Roginski	91	September 22

Happy Anniversary--25th, 50th & over 50

Walter & Nancy Novicki	52	September 14
Barry & Jacqueline Hedrick	25	September 28

If you do not want your name(s), and/or your age in the bulletin please notify Barbara, Ext. 22

RESPECT LIFE

SAVE THE DATE: Harford County (MD)/Southern York County (PA) LIFE CHAIN 2015

Your participation is prayerfully being sought in the 22nd annual interdenominational life chain on **October 2** from 2:30-3:30pm. This event takes place at the intersection of Route 165, Route 23 and West Jarrettsville Road in Jarrettsville, Maryland. We join 1,500 other cities and towns across America and Canada in solidarity to pray for the end to abortion and euthanasia.

The LIFECHAIN is non-denominational and participants come from local churches from many denominations. Please join us and invite family, friends and neighbors to pray for renewed respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

Parking is available at the Jarrettsville United Methodist Church, 1733 Jarrettsville Road. Please park in the JUMC lot and walk the short distance to the Jarrettsville intersection, stand prayerfully and/or hold a sign in witness to the sanctity of life.

Contact Deborah Brocato (410-692-6125) for more information.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign /Sept 28 – Nov. 6: *The Beginning of the End of Abortion!* 40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion through a 3-step approach - prayer and fasting, community outreach and constant vigil. The closest sites are York, PA and Fullerton, MD. For more information on campaign locations and participation, go to 40daysforlife.com.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

James 5: 1-2, 5. “As for you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted, your fine wardrobe has grown moth-eaten.” “You lived in wanton luxury on the earth; you fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter.”

“Treasure” – September 4, 2016

The treasure update for September 4th will be in the September 18th bulletin. As always, thank you for your generosity.

- The message of stewardship is that God’s gifts, *shared*, will always be enough. Thank you for continuing to share your gifts with the parish, others and the Lord. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.
- Please consider remembering St. Mary, Pylesville **in your will**. Catholics of generations to come will thank you for your thoughtfulness and remember you in prayer.

Special Charitable Collection – September 24th and 25th

There will be a special second collection on September 24th and 25th to assist the victims of the flooding in Louisiana. Archbishop Lori is inviting all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore to participate in the relief efforts of these victims. The collection will support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will help provide support to affected Catholic Dioceses. Thank you for your generosity and please keep these families in your prayers.

****Next Weekend: September 17th & September 18th**

Weekly Offering: - Provides a regular predictable source of funding so the Church can meet its practical responsibilities; cost of facilities, administration, worship, salaries/benefits, religious education subsidy, ministries, and miscellaneous expenses. **(We encourage all envelope users to please use your envelopes. This will assist in decreasing the posting time.)**

Catholic School Parish Assessment - Archdiocese of Baltimore: *Second Collection:*

To partially fulfill the obligation of the People of God to support Catholic Schools and the unique education they bring to the children within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The funds acquired through this special collection are specifically restricted to use in parish, inter-parish, or Archdiocesan schools. Please be as generous as you can.

Poor Box: “BirthRight”: The donations to the poor box this weekend will help support **BirthRight** located in Bel Air.

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Registration forms have been sent to all families in the parish that have children between 4 and 14 in an email or through the parish website www.stmaryspylesville.org.

Forms need to be printed, completed and either mailed or placed in the collection. Mark the envelope CFF Registration. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office. If your family's schedule changes and you need to change the day your elementary and middle school children attend that will be as simple as you letting Janet know.

R.C.I.A.: If you know someone who would like to become a Catholic or is looking for a new church, call Janet Young at 443-421-3240 to talk about it! We will begin RCIA again on September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Rachel Bittner - Youth Minister
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410-879-4015 ext. 23

9TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

We are still accepting registration forms for any students going into the 9th grade. Remember your student must be in Faith Formation one year prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Mrs. Rachel Bittner if you have any ?'s

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Dear St. Mary's family,

The Enders family would like to send this heartfelt thank you for your support during our recent house fire. The donations from the parish and the Knights of Columbus provided my wife and children with the security and sense of being cared for during this time of trial. It is humbling and truly a blessing to receive from others in time of need and for your generosity we are truly blessed and thankful. One of the lessons learned through all of this is to live simply. There is no benefit to excess and I am reminded of my Franciscan college training to live simply and do few things and do them well. Please continue to pray for my family as the restoration period will continue into the new year.



Sincerely John, Claudia, Lexy, Lucy, John, and Emily Enders

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, September 12, 2016	7:30 p.m.Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, September 14, 2016	7:00 p.m.Cont. Music
	7:00 p.m.Parish Activity Evaluation Mtg
Thursday, September 15, 2016	2:00 p.m.Bloodmobile
	7:00 p.m.Cantor Practice
	7:30 p.m.Choir
Saturday, September 17, 2016	10:00 a.m.Food Pantry
	12 noonCatechist Gathering
Sunday, September 18, 2016	10:30 a.m.GIFT Program
	6:30 p.m.Boy Scout

FOOD PANTRY



In August, the food pantry served 5 families, a total of 24 people. The pantry will be open on Saturday, September 17th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The pantry is in need of canned fruit, tuna, pudding, jello, soup, spaghetti, and instant potatoes. Thank you, Food Pantry Staff &

Customers

BLOODMOBILE – SEPTEMBER 15TH



Though schools and colleges normally closed for the summer have resumed they are mostly not yet back to scheduling non-related school activities.

If you have been thinking about donating blood September 15th is your golden opportunity. Our next Bloodmobile is scheduled for that date and appointments are available from 2:15 until 6:30 p.m. Thank you to our regular donors who have already scheduled for this date when they donated in June.

Remember – each pint of blood can help three people in need of a transfusion - burn, shock and trauma victims and chemotherapy patients.

To schedule your appointment call in MD - Theresa Driesen at 410-457-0451 and in PA - Janice Bowman at 717-382-4198

Red Cross assigns staff according to the number of donors on schedule so an appointment is extremely helpful and preferred. And a guarantee for adequate Red Cross Staff. Again Thank You.



BOOK CLUB

Join us for our next meeting Sept. 29th at 12:30 p.m. in the Library. We will be discussing the book, "Little Sins Mean a Lot". By Elizabeth Scalia. From the cover, the author "takes a look at 13 little sins that, if left unexamined and unconfessed, can have a serious impact on our spiritual lives and our relationship with Christ." For more information, please contact Leslie Kline @ 410-688-0574 or safetyles@yahoo.com

DRESS DAY



We plan to sew again on Wednesday, October 12th. We now have a pattern to make boy's shorts out of men's T-shirts. Please join us even if you don't sew. There are lots of jobs for everyone!! Or just come to visit and see what the St.

Mary's sewing factory looks like!!

PARISH PICNIC

St. Mary's would like to say **Thank You** to all of its parishioners for your service and dedication. The Clergy and staff along with the Knights of Columbus and Parish Council will sponsor a **Parish Picnic** to be held on **October 16, 2016 from 12:30 – 5:00.**



The parish will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and beverages. Parishioners are asked to bring either a homemade salad (potato salad, slaw, pasta salad, etc.) or dessert. Also if you prefer, you can bring deviled eggs, baked beans, or your special dish.

Entertainment and games will be provided. We will have a corn hole tournament (bring your corn hole set if you have one) and Norrisville fire department will bring a fire engine too. To attend this great event, please complete the form below and return it to the office or in the collection plate no later than October 9, 2016. **Bring a friend and show them what St. Mary's is all about!**

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

I will bring: _____

If your dish contains nuts please mark accordingly.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION

2016 Maryland Catholic Women's Conference – Witness of Mercy, We are Called! will be held October 7-9 at Mount Saint Mary's. Keynote Speaker is Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. Registration is open at www.MarylandCatholicWomen.com



2016 Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Women's Conference – Mother of Mercy, Make Our Hearts Like Yours! will be held Saturday, October 29th from 8:30 am to 4 pm at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA Register at www.catholicwomensconference.org

IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



**Saturday
October 3, 2015
10:00 AM**



Please join us as we bring back Blessing of the Animals. All animals

great and small are welcome, except due to the concern of the avian flu, no poultry this year. Please arrive at 9:45AM to prepare for the blessing. The Blessing of the Animals begins at 10:00AM on the parish grounds, behind the parish center outside the youth room. Please have animals on leashes. Refreshments will be available.

MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

We are praying for beautiful, unseasonably warm weather in January, when we can make our voices heard to the Supreme Court against their Roe v.Wade decision. Join those of us from St. Mary's as we attend the Youth Rally and mass at the Verizon Center and then join the March.

We are working with 2 deadlines. We need an approximate headcount by Friday, September 30th to reserve our FREE tickets for the Youth Rally. Train tickets will need to be paid by Friday, December 9th to Barbara in the office, and cost \$10 round trip from Edgewood to Union Station. If you reserve a ticket for the rally, but do not pay for your train ticket, your spot will be forfeited. To reserve your spot, please email Christine Bowers at DuckBookLady@hughes.net or cal or text 410-937-8705.