

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 26, 2017

FROM FR. KUNKEL

Today's Readings
 8th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Is 49:14-15
 1 Cor 4:1-5
 Mt 6:24-34

Readings for 03/05/17
 1st Sunday of Lent
 Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 Rom 5:12-19 / 5:12, 17-19
 Mt 4:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS: FEB. 27 TO Mar. 05, 2017

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Daniel Morris
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Camille Kiedrowski
Ash Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Vocations to the Priesthood Margaret Joan DeVoe
Thursday	9:00 am	Stewart Family
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Guerrieor Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Stewart Family Camillie Kiedrowski All Souls in Purgatory

(S) 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 Jack Arthur, Michael Barlow, Brent Bittner, William Blackstone, Lawrence Boden, Michelle Bortmes, JoAnn Brenmeman, Roy Broyles, Aaron Carter, Mary Cochran, Kemper (Scoop) Cline, Ginger Corvin, Wes Courtney, Jean L Dempster, Elaine Donahue, Kathleen Douglas, Steve Ferguson, Don Green, Gorden Gosewich, Jo Anne Heaps, Ronnie Heaps, Jill Hoffinger, David Hudson, John Hufnagel, Scott Jackson, Janet Jourdan, Michael Kraus, Bob Krug, Kelly Lally, Candace Webb Lee, Elaine Mann, John Meilnik, Katherine Miller, Jim Mixon, Bart Mohr, Chuck & Susan Pace, Mack Palmer, Genelia Peagler, Joan Rogers, Bob Ryer, Barbara Schroll, Patricia Skinner, Jodie Smithson, Jeanne Berg Stith, Shirley Suggs, Bernice Taylor, Charles & Melissa V., Theresa Wagner, Linda Webb, Michael Webb, James W. Webb, Diana Weidner, Kimberly Weidner, Marie Weller, Jim & Bev Wilson, Marie Winterling-Fogarty, Barbara Wunner.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 3/05/17

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Mar. 04.	Sun 8 am Mar. 05	Sun 9:30 Mar. 05	Sun 11:15 Mar. 05
Priest	MS	LG	HK	HK
Lectors	P Marroney	J Healy	K Kiedrowski	J Fender
EM	D Hughes	S. Dieter	J Bowman	G Dumer
	J Kusik	T. Dieter	M Childress	P Era
	M Washburn	F Holtz	B Hoopert	C Era
	S Pardo	B Weber	C Hoopert	M. Rudelll
Server	G Arnett	A Engel	J Devereux	J McCarty
	H Arnett	A Engel	J Devereux	H McCarty
			E Sealy	A Rhodes
Sacristan	K Stewart	B Stewart	W Eakes	B Oursler

In our Gospel this weekend Jesus speaks in a very challenging and uncompromising manner when he states that we cannot serve two masters. In a wealth of poetic imagery he points out the danger of seeking security in material possessions rather than putting our trust in God who can be relied upon to provide everything we truly need. The risk we take when we spend too much time in the pursuit of worldly goods is that God gets precious little space, is easily forgotten and is pushed into the background. The problem facing us is that the world we live in encourages us to set our hearts on acquiring more and more and to seek security in possessions. Our worth is measured in what we own irrespective of whether we have acquired it honestly or at the expense of pushing people aside and treating them shabbily in the process.

Greed can get to the best of us! It so easily becomes a vicious circle because the more we have the more we want. We fail to remember that a time will come when everything we own and cherish so dearly will have to be left behind. On that day human approval will count for nothing! All that will matter then is how we measure up to God's judgment in the way we have treated others in the use of his gifts. Because of the constant danger of becoming immersed in the affairs of the world Christ calls for a detachment from material goods with an invitation to a lifestyle based on simplicity and dependence on God. This will mean standing back and turning our thoughts heavenwards so that we can truly get our priorities right. Sometimes it takes illness or a hospital bed to make us realize who the master truly is. In order to relate properly to people we may have to empty ourselves of our selfish desires and personal ambition.

We could reflect for a few moments on what influence and bearing God actually has in our lives. The answers can be found in the respect we have for other people and the importance we attach to the image-building symbols of status, power and prestige. To trust in God does not mean sitting back and acting irresponsibly as if food, money and clothes are unimportant. Without food there is no life. Without clothes the body is naked and grows cold. Jesus is not advocating reckless living. As stewards of creation we must make good use of our human resourcefulness and plan our lives in a responsible manner. However, worry and anxiety, which arise from being too concerned with our own welfare and security are such a wasted effort and betray an outlook which is not based on a deep faith or befitting a disciple. Constant fretting takes all of the joy from life and wears out mind and body. Trust in the Lord who cares for the whole of creation gives us a freedom of heart, a deep inner peace and a realization that we are truly loved! We are made for God and our hearts are restless until they rest in him!

PARISH INFORMATION

Father Schlepner--Weekly Faith Message

Father Michael Schlepner, who assists us with Masses on weekends, writes a weekly spiritual or faith message. It is called *Inbox Inspirations*. Father Mike sends this via email every Wednesday morning. If you want to receive this, contact fathermikeinbox@gmail.com. Your name will be added to the mailing list and you will begin to receive *Inbox Inspirations*. By the way, there is no charge and there is always the opportunity to unsubscribe.

Altar Flowers:

In memory of Rita and Ed Coscia, Sr. & Mary Rita Williams by Ed Coscia, Jr.

If you would like to have a loved one either honored or remembered with a donation of flowers for the altar please contact Sue Dieter, 410-937-4035.

Alert – Please Read:

This past weekend we experienced a man and a woman with children seeking food and carrying signs for donations. We gave the food bags in the back of church that had been designated for the food pantry and I am sure many of you put money in their basket. I am sorry to say I found out this week that this is happening at other churches and it is a scam. So, in the future if this should happen again, tell them to come to the office on Monday for assistance and they cannot solicit for donations. If they will not leave, you have my permission to call 911. Fr. Kunkel

Cemetery Clean-up Notice:

We kindly ask that any Christmas decorations that families would like to save from a loved one's grave please remove by Mar. 12th. After Mar. 12th all Christmas decorations, faded artificial or out of season flowers will be removed and disposed of.

Reminder: Year Round: No class flower holders or glass ornaments. Planting of flowers is not allowed and will be removed. During grass cutting season we request nothing on the ground. Please have flowers or ornaments on the tomb stone.

Sewing Day:

We had a successful day even though our attendance was a little low. We were able to provide 25 dresses to Dr. Walsh in Jarrettsville and to Dress a Girl Around the World organization. We sent several dresses and dress kits to a friend in PA who is going on a mission where they will teach the ladies how to make the dresses. We now have a pattern for boy's shorts. Thanks to all who donated material and dresses for our sewing bee! Our next date is Wednesday, June 14. Hope to see you there!

FORMED: Who Am I to Judge?

“Who are you to impose your morality on others?”

“What's true for you isn't necessarily true for me.”

“Morality is just personal opinion.”

Rise above the culture of moral relativism with Who Am I to Judge? – an 8 part study program. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, “relativism wounds people” and is “the spiritual poverty of our times.”

If you have not joined FORMED:

Go to Formed.org – enter code C9HQ2N – Create your user name/email/password. Then log in – www.formed.org and enter your username/email/password.

World Marriage Weekend:

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated in the World Marriage Weekend. Congratulations to all who renewed their vows, may the Lord bless you with many more years of happiness together. The reception at Fiore Winery was a huge success! To everyone who attended Thank You, without you it would not have been possible. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Prayer before a Crucifix

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of Faith, Hope and Charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment, whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five most precious wounds; having before my eyes that which David spoke in prophecy of Thee, O good Jesus; They have pierced my hands and feet; they have numbered all my bones. “A plenary indulgence is granted on each Friday of Lent to the

faithful who, after Communion, piously recite the above prayer before an image of Christ crucified.”

Inclement Weather Policy

If Harford Co. Schools are closed for the day ALL meetings, classes and activities are cancelled including Bingo (no make-up date).

If Harford Co. Schools close early ALL meetings, classes and activities are cancelled

If Harford Co. Schools are delayed, all meetings, classes and activities will be held as usual, including Bingo

Day Light Savings Time:

Begins March 12th – Spring forward

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

How much money should I be giving to the Church, to the Poor?

1 Timothy 6: 17-19. “Tell those who are rich in the world's goods not to be proud, and not to rely on so uncertain thing as wealth. Let them trust in God who provides us richly with all things for our use. Charge them to do good, to be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have. Thus will they build a secure foundation for the future, for receiving that life which is life indeed.”

Treasure – February 19, 2017

Offertory – Envelopes	\$5,944.00
Parish Catholic School Assessment	506.00
Poor Box – BirthRight	151.98
Mass Attendance	552

- 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.

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

Church in Central & Eastern Europe: Archdiocese of Baltimore: Channels aid through the bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church: training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic mass media.

****Next Weekend: March 4th & March 5th**

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.)**

Poor Box: “Little Sisters of the Poor”: The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the vulnerable aged in our Archdiocese without interruption since 1869. They humbly beg to fill the gap between what is provided by the residents and/or government and truly what is needed for the residents to have the dignity they deserve.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, February 27, 2017	
6:00pm	Eucharist Preparation Class
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg
Tuesday, February 28, 2017	
6:00pm	1 st Eucharist Interviews
6:45pm	High School Faith Formation Class
Wednesday, March 1, 2017	
9:00am.....	Ash Wednesday Mass
7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday, March 2, 2017	
1:30pm	Bloodmobile
7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday, March 3, 2017	
5:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross(Church)
Saturday, March 4, 2017	
	Casserole Pans Distributed
Sunday, March 5, 2017	
	Casserole Pans Distributed
12:30pm	Youth Ministry Retreat Planning Mtg
6:00pm	Boy Scout Mtg

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.

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

Bloodmobile at St. Mary's-Thursday, March 2nd

Appointments are now available from 1:45 to 6:15p.m. The Red Cross assigns staff according to the number of donors scheduled so an appointment is extremely helpful and recommended. The blood supply is currently low. All types of blood, especially O+ are needed.

To schedule an appointment, call Darlene Walther at 410-404-8583 or 717-862-3037 or you may email her at dew1250@gmail.com and put "blood donor" in the subject line.

Thank you in advance for volunteering to donate blood. When you give blood, you give life.

ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO

TUESDAY, March 7, 2017

Join in for a relaxing day of bingo and lunch. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and the low price of \$10.00 include admission, lunch and a regular bingo packet of 16 games, 3 cards to a sheet. For a small additional fee special games and extra bingo packets can be purchased. Also large print bingo cards will be available upon request. The Menu for Mar. 7th is:

Sheppard's Pie – Rye Bread
Pistachio Cake

The Bingo Jackpot for March is \$175.00 in 59 numbers or less. Any special dietary requirements please contact our chef, Cheryl Hoopert 410-371-8357 at least a week in advance. Thank You.

Food Pantry Ministry: Mar. 18th

In February, the food pantry served 10 families, a total of 36 people. The pantry will be open on Saturday, Mar. 18th with a snow date of Mar. 25th. We are in need of instant potatoes, canned fruit, mayonnaise, mustard, catsup, dish and laundry detergent, spaghetti sauce, jello, pudding, cereal, bar soap and tooth brushes. The pantry will not be open in April because of the Easter food drive.

Thank you, Sue Pardo & the food pantry volunteers.

Youth Ministry Joint Events – 6th – 12th grade

Stations of the Cross – March 24th – 7:00pm Teens will lead.
Volunteers needed – 13 short Readings.

Movie Night – March 24th – 8:00 to 10:00pm in the Youth Room following the Stations. Popcorn and Beverages on the house; bring a friend.

Youth Ministry Fundraisers:

Mardi Gras/Pancake Breakfast – February 26th – After all masses - Free will offering – will benefit Catholic Heart Work Campers this summer in Cumberland – will show video from last summer.

Bluegrass Coffee House – March 11th – 7 – 10pm

Join us for an evening with foot stompin' Bluegrass music from our own Ron Plummer and His Pick' in Pals. Doors open at 6:30pm. \$5.00 per person includes your coffee or lemonade, dessert and an evening of Bluegrass fun. Other concession foods can be purchased, also a "Silent Auction". Will benefit Catholic Heart Work Camp Summer trip to Cumberland. Invite everyone you know; fun for the whole family.

Young Adult Ministry:

Young Adult Theology on Tap is being sponsored in Harford County by the Harford Area Young Adult Ministries. Any young adults 21 and over are welcome to join us at Main Street Tower (29 S. Main St, Bel Air) for Faith/Fun, interesting speakers, lively conversation and good company. The dates are Thursdays during Lent – Mar. 2, 9, 23, 30 & Apr. 6 – Time 7-7:30pm Social / 7:30-8:00pm guest speaker / 8-9Pm Lively conversation and good company. Any questions contact Hannah Bittner 717-380-7443, Young Adult Ministry Coor.

Vacation Bible School – July 17th.

Adult VBS Volunteers needed to serve as Teachers, Aides, Music, Craft, Outdoor Play, and Environment/Decorating. Help us with this awesome Children's ministry. Call Mrs. Rachel Bittner or email today. Serve Him with a purpose!! 410-879-4015 ext. 23 or nbittner@hotmail.com.

Celebrations and Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Charles Era	83	Feb. 26
Loretta Huseman	85	Mar. 3
Nancy Parker	81	Mar. 6
Elizabeth Swift	89	Mar. 12
Kemper Cline	81	Mar. 22
Joan McCluskey	82	Mar. 25

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

Joseph & Darlene Ende	50	Mar. 4
Michael & Kathleen Douglass	25	Mar. 28

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Bible and the Sacraments – On Line Study...Mar. 1

Experience the power of the Church's seven signs of grace in the St. Paul Center's new video study, *The Bible and the Sacraments*. This Lent, join thousands of Catholics online by participating in the free study at BibleandtheSacraments.com.

(Just type BibleandtheSacraments.com into your browser.)

Join host Matthew Leonard for this visually stunning eleven lesson series that explores how and why the seven Sacraments are God's gifts of life and love to His children.

Examining the rich relationship between the Old and New Testaments, this study reveals the Sacraments as more than earthly rituals. They are "powers that come forth from the Body of Christ" (CCC 1116). The goal of *The Bible and the Sacraments* is to understand where the Sacraments come from, what they mean, and why they are so important and foundational to our Catholic faith.

The free online limited-time study begins on March 1, 2017 and will continue in 11 lessons through the Lenten season. Sign up now to participate in this deeply moving Bible study.

Two new lessons will be posted each week and will be available for two weeks after the posting date.

The St. Paul Center was founded by Biblical scholar Dr. Scott Hahn and this study is based on his writings

From Stress to Success...Mar. 1

Caritas Counseling Center, 1300 York Rd., Lutherville MD, is offering "From Stress to Success," a small group designed to help you manage a crisis or deal with a major life change, Wednesday, March 1 – April 19, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (except April 12). Part of our Healthy Life Series, the therapist-facilitated group will cover mindfulness practice, skill-building and discussion. Space is limited. For details, cost or to register, contact Martha Keys Barker at 301-431-6866 or caritas@sl.org. Caritas (caritas-sli.org) is a ministry of Saint Luke Institute.

Kennard-Dale High School presents...Mar. 2

The musical "Anything Goes", Mar. 2 & 3 at 7:00pm and Mar. 4 at 1:00 and 7:00pm. Advance Tickets - \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and seniors, at the door \$15.00. Sales - www.sesdweb.net or 717-382-4871

Married Couples Retreat...Mar. 3

We, Frank & Elaine Galeone, are sponsoring 2 retreats for "Married Couples". We have been running these retreats for over 35 years and the couples who attend come away feeling spiritually refreshed and enlightened. The Retreat Master's name is Fr. Rick Kramer from the Office of Family Life in Washington, D.C. and he will lead both retreats. The retreats will be held at Priestfield Retreat Center in

Kearneysville, WV on March 3rd, 4th & 5th or April 7th, 8th & 9th. Choose your date and mail response to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Galeone, 2161 Greenspring Dr, Timonium MD 21093 or call 410-252-5355

For Your Marriage – Mar. 4th

For Christians, specifically Catholics, our deeply held belief of the Sacramental nature of Marriage is at stake.

At one particularly moving wedding homily, a priest first told the following joke: "There are three rings in marriage. The engagement ring, the wedding ring, and the suffer ring." After raucous laughter he continued with a profound interpretation, "All joking aside, marriage is a sacrament precisely because you are called to witness to the suffering of Christ. Just as Christ loves us in our darkest moments when our actions show we despise Him, you must love your spouse precisely when romance is gone and you don't feel the warmth of infatuation."

Also, introducing **GIVEN: Unveiling the Mystery of Marriage** to be presented at St. Joseph, Cockeysville, MD on March 4th from 8 am to 1 pm. Registration at 8 am, Childcare opens at 8:15 am, Mass at 8:30 am, Presentation from 9 am to 1 pm. Price is \$25 for Engaged Couples and \$40 dollars for Married or Dating Couples. Register at <http://bemissionarydisciples.org/given/#event1>

Join Deacon Gary and Ellen Dumer, we will be there!

St. John the Evangelist School...Mar. 7

Open house – Wednesday, Mar. 7th from 9:00am to 12:00pm RSVP to ephelps@stjohnschoolLGV.org

God in All Things: An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality...Mar. 7

St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, honed his spiritual practices which were designed to deepen his relationship with God and help him follow Jesus more closely. These spiritual exercises are highly practical and are designed to be used in our busy, active lives. St. Margaret Church in Bel Air is offering a 5-week series to aid us in our journey. Held from 7:00 – 8:30pm on each of the Tuesday evenings from March 7th through April 4th. So we can prepare properly, please register with Michelle Sullivan at mksinbelair@gmail.com or St. Margaret parish office at 410-879-2670.

Looking for a few good men . . . Mar. 11

Archbishop Lori invites high school and young adult men for lunch on Saturday, March 11th at the home of George & Sally Hechter at 2302 Singer Road in Joppa, MD. Time: 11:30am to 2:00pm. Attire: Slacks and collared shirt.

R.S.V.P. is required. Contact Julia at vocations@archbalt.org or 410-547-5426.

Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary...Mar. 11

When: Saturday, March 11 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

What: Craft Show

Where: Firehouse on Rt 165 in Jarrettsville

Many local crafters – homemade items, jewelry, floral arrangements and much more.

Admission is free with plenty of free parking. Food will be available to buy.