

**Palm Sunday
Passion of the Lord
April 9, 2017**

Today's Readings

Palm Sunday
Mt 21: 1-11
Is 50: 4-7
Phil 2: 6-11

Readings for 4/16/17

Easter Sunday
Acts 10: 34, 37-43
Col 3: 1-4 or 1Cor 5: 6-8
Jn 20: 1-9 or Mt 28: 1-10

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 10 TO APRIL 16, 2017

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Anne Burman |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | Kathleen Mc Kevitt |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Tim Sullivan |
| Holy Thursday | 7:30 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| Good Friday | 3:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Stations of the Cross Evening Service |
| Easter Vigil | 8:00 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| Easter Sunday | 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. | Church & Hall All Parishioners |

(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, Brent Bittner, Lawrence Boden, Michelle Bortmes, JoAnn Brenmeman, Roy Broyles, Aaron Carter, Mary Cochran, Kemper (Scoop) Cline, Ginger Corvin, Jean L Dempster, Elaine Donahue, Kathleen Douglas, Steve Ferguson, Don Green, Gorden Gosewich, Jo Anne Heaps, Dorothy Heinks, David Hudson, John Hufnagel, Scott Jackson, 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, Jodie Smithson, Jeanne Berg Stith, Shirley Suggs, Bernice Taylor, Charles & Melissa V., Theresa Wagner, Linda Webb, Michael Webb, James W. Webb, Kimberly Weidner, Marie Weller, Jim & Bev Wilson, Marie Winterling-Fogarty, Barbara Wunner.

FROM FR. KUNKEL

One of the astounding things about us humans is how we can take something as incomparably beautiful as life and mess it up. Holy Week stands both as a reminder of that ability and as a remedy for it. Despite all the tragedy of Holy Week the message of this time is a message of life, not of death. It offers us something about life for eternity and something for life right now.

The idea of living forever is one that excites us as well as frightens us. It reminds me of the story of the priest who was giving a sermon and at the end he asked: "Now this morning I want all of you who want to go to heaven to stand up." The

whole congregation stood up, except for one young man in the last pew who remained seated. After Mass the priest stopped the man and asked: "When I asked everyone who wanted to go to heaven this morning to stand up, you remained seated. Don't you want to go to heaven?" The man replied: "Oh sure, I want to go to heaven. I thought all of you were leaving this morning!"

We like the idea of living forever, even though we may be in no hurry to get started. We can sabotage the notion of eternal life with our fear. The reason Jesus was not afraid to give his life was because he recognized that it was given to him. If you and I could live our lives as gifts, imagine how free we would be! We would be free of so much worry. We would know that life is greater than any of its parts. So the loss of any part of life, even something as precious as our ability to see or hear or talk or walk, would not crush us because we would know that the gift of life is greater than the loss of life.

If we could live life as a gift, we would be free of so much that depresses us. We would be able to celebrate who we are and what we have and not mourn who we are not and what we don't have. If we could live life as a gift we would be free of so much envy and bitterness and jealousy.

Jesus calls us out of the holes of depression we dig for ourselves. He tears apart the boxes of envy and jealousy we have confined ourselves in. Humanly there is only one enemy to life and that's death. Jesus taught us in that first Holy Week that not even death was an enemy, because he had conquered death and he won't let us stay dead. To accept life as a gift is to accept life the way Jesus accepted it. It is also to let go of life the way Jesus let go of it. Living life as a gift we learn to see life the way Jesus saw it. We learn to live life the way Jesus lived it. And living and seeing life the way Jesus saw it is to live forever. That's good news! That is life to the fullest! That is life worth celebrating! That is the message and promise of Holy Week!

Don't let Holy Week slip by unnoticed! Make this a truly special time, a really important part of your preparation to experience all of the happiness of Easter! Let's learn the true meaning of life again, the presence of inner joy again, the reality of love again! Love is all God is. Love is all we need, or need to share. It's all there in Holy Week. It's all there on the Cross!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

(THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER)

April 23, 2017

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday, April 14, 2017. Divine Mercy Sunday celebration will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Liturgy will include Mass, Eucharistic Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Talk and Benediction.



Remember: If you go to confession during the Lenten or Easter Season you fulfill the obligation for confession for Mercy Sunday. (Pamphlets on the history and novena of the Divine Mercy are available in the vestibule of the church.)

PARISH INFORMATION



PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a Parish Penance Service held on Monday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

“FIELD OF THE INNOCENTS”

While you celebrate the re-birth of our Savior among your family and friends, remember in your prayers those whose opportunity for life was ended before they had a chance to enjoy it.



For the 16th year, St. Mary’s Respect Life Ministry has set up the “Field of the Innocents” display of small white crosses representing the staggering abortion statistics in the United States. Each of the 139 crosses displayed represents a pre-born child killed by abortion every hour of every day in this country.

Over 50 million pre-born infants have died “legally” since 1973 in this country alone. To put this figure into perspective, this means that there were more American victims of legal abortions in 2015 than there have been American casualties in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the current war in the Middle East – combined.

Please reflect upon the crosses of the innocent young ones – for whom Christ died as much as He did for those of us fortunate enough to have been allowed to be born -- and resolve to pray with us for an end to abortion.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Old Testament has many references to tithing. Deuteronomy 14: 22-29. God gives instructions on how to disperse and exchange the tithe.

Treasure - March 2017
Offertory – EFT \$10,237.36

Treasure – April 2, 2017
Offertory – Envelopes \$7,112.00
Poor Box Little Sisters of the Poor 371.64
Mass Attendance 545

- 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.

Holy Thursday: April 13th - A charitable contribution from our parish to our sister parish, St. Edwards.

Holy Land Shrines/Good Friday: April 14th - Archdiocese of Baltimore: Collect funds for support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

****Next Weekend: April 15th & April 16th**

Easter: A very special time of the year to give our gift to the church for a very special gift God has given us—His Son died on the cross for our sins and he rose again for our salvation. Please be as generous as you can during this Holy Season

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.)** Collected with the Easter Offering

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

Celebrations and Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday-80’s and over

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| Vilma Baldwin | 87 | Apr 8 |
| Ellen Bauer | 86 | Apr 13 |
| Eugene Marsiglia | 85 | Apr 22 |
| Francis Miller | 87 | Apr 26 |
| Charles Sieck | 83 | Apr 26 |

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

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| Lawrence & Bertha Mann | 25 | Apr 9 |
| John & Beatrice Gibson | 55 | Apr 14 |
| Jeffrey & Leslie Kline | 25 | Apr 25 |
| George & Helen Ramsburg | 54 | Apr 27 |

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

SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGES ARE BUILT ON POSITIVE LITTLE MOMENTS

Mother Teresa's words to "do small things with great love" resonate in a particular way in marriage. A recent article from the Institute for Family Studies, based on a report from the University of Texas in January 2017, explores the relationship between marital satisfaction and regular positive interactions. The study gave nearly 200 newlyweds (married less than six months) a series of surveys over a three-year period that assessed positive experiences in their relationship, negative behaviors between the spouses, and the couples' overall marital satisfaction. It found that couples who have far more positive than negative interactions, however "mundane," have happier marriages and higher marital satisfaction. Drawing from the work of Dr. John Gottman and others, the researchers noted that interactions between spouses can be likened to a bank account: positive interactions are like making a deposit, while negative interactions are like withdrawing money. Having more "an internal storage of positive feelings, as a result of positive interactions with one's spouse, bolsters overall marital satisfaction. With more emotional capital, spouses are "less vulnerable to negative experiences," such as occasional criticism, impatience, and other marital conflicts. These findings echo the "magic ratio" of Dr. Gottman, who believes that the most stable marriages consistently have five positive interactions for every one negative interaction. Positive interactions can be anything from shared leisure time, smiling when one's spouse comes home from work, or a simple expression of appreciation. While no marriage is completely immune from hard times, intentionally treating your spouse with love and respect no matter what can strengthen and sustain the quality of your relationship over time. An understanding of emotional capital and communication styles can also be a vital tool for pastors, counselors, and other family life ministers as they seek to help married couples live out their vocation.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Need High School Teens to volunteer on Saturday April 15 @ 10:45 am to help hide the Easter Eggs then help the Children to help supervise the hunts. Meet Mrs. Rachel @ the Youth Room.

April 22 Earth Day Clean up at St. Mary's. Teens meet Mrs. Rachel @ 9am at the Playground. Bring work gloves, tarps, rakes, weed pulling tools. We will be picking up debris, pulling weeds in the playground and do our part to help tidy up the grounds for spring events. If raining, event will be cancelled.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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.

Spring Fried Chicken Dinner

April 29, 2017 - 12 noon to 6:00 pm

Stewards:

Time: 4 hrs but 8 would be great.

Talent: Volunteer

Treasure: Buy a dinner ticket:

Dining Room/Carry Out

Adults - \$12.00

Seniors (60-over) - \$11.00

Children:

Dining Rm - (5-10) - \$7.00

Carry Out - 10/under - \$7.00

Sign up will be after all the Masses:

Apr 22 & 23 Or Call Barbara, Ext. 22 or

email: Barbara_stmarys@yahoo.com

Please park where attendants direct you.

Raffle Tickets: Can be picked up at the sign in table. Please return as soon as possible.

Craft/Flea Market Space:

15 X 15 spaces --- \$15.00

Call Barbara, Ext. 22

Bake Shoppe:

Our friend's are always asking for our homemade baked cakes and pies. Brownie Makers: We need some varieties of brownies. Cake & candy boxes will be given out:

Apr 22 & 23

Drop off: Fri. Apr 28 or early Sat. Apr 29. **If possible note on your box or attach a list of the ingredients.**

The Following items can be dropped off starting Apr 24th — please not before, no storage space. Rooms will be locked - come to the office 9:00am to 5:00pm

Crafts

Religious Articles

White Elephant - Slightly used items !!

Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt

will be held on Holy Saturday April 15 @ 12 noon for Toddlers thru 8th Graders. Join us for this fun filled event.



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will not be open in April due to the large food drive for Easter. We will be open on May 20, 2017, from 10:00 am until noon. Thank you for your generous donations.

SEWING DAY

We will meet to sew dresses and shorts for the missions on Wednesday, May 10th and June 14th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please bring your lunch and your sewing machine. If you do not sew, there are jobs for non-sewers!! Dr.



Walsh will be going on a mission in early June. We want to have lots of dresses for her to take on the trip. If you want a dress kit to sew at home, kits are available. For more information call Sue Pardo at 410-456-7882.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS & LUNCHEON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017 11:00 A.M.



Celebrant: Fr. Henry Kunkel

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for the elderly and all who are suffering with physical, emotional or stress related pain. You may stand-in for a friend. The church and hall are wheelchair accessible.

ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 10, 2017

7:00pmParish Penance Service
7:30m Knights of Columbus
7:30 pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral Mary Our Queen)

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

5:30pmFinal CFF Classes

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

5:30pm Final CFF Classes
7:00pmContemporary Music

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

.....Parish Office Closed
3:00 pmGood Friday Stations
7:30 pmGood Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

12 noon Easter Egg Hunt
1:00 pmBlessing of the Easter Food
8:00 pmEaster Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Mass in Church & Hall 8:00am – 9:30 am – 11:15 am

Vacation Bible School – July 17th.

Adult VBS Volunteers are 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.

BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD

HOLY SATURDAY,

APRIL 15TH AT 1:00 P.M.

A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET



BUTTER – This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a lamb or a cross. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

EASTER BREAD – A round loaf topped with a cross or a fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is our true Bread of Life.

HORSERADISH – Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection.

EGGS –(decorated with the symbols of Easter, of life, of prosperity) – Indicate new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

SAUSAGE – A spicy pork sausage, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

HAM –Symbolic of great joy and abundance. Some prefer lamb or veal. The lamb also reminds Catholics that the Risen Christ is the "Lamb of God".

SMOKED BACON – A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

SALT – A necessary element in our physical life, that Jesus used its symbolism: "You are the salt of the earth."

CHEESE –Shaped into a ball, it is the symbol of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

CANDLE – A candle is inserted into the basket to represent Christ, the Light of the World. A colorful ribbon and sometimes sprigs of greenery are attached. A linen cover is drawn over the top and it is ready for the priest's visit or the trek to church where it is joined with the baskets of others to await the blessing that will render it fit for consumption on Easter Sunday.