

**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

**Today's Readings**

24th Sunday  
Sir 27: 30—28:7  
Rom 14: 7-9  
Mt 18: 21-35

**Readings for 9/24/17**

25th Sunday  
Is 55: 6--9  
Phil 1: 20-24, 27  
Mt 20: 1-16

**MASS INTENTIONS: SEPT. 18 TO SEPT. 24, 2017**

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Kunkel
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Dan Silva
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Tom & Joann Wilson (A)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Jack Gibson Jr.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Andrew Poole Camille Kiedrowski Carol Sewell

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

**SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 9/24/17**

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Sept.23	Sun 8 am Sept. 24	Sun 9:30 Sept. 24	Sun 11:15 Sept.24
Priest	NA	MS	HK	HK
Lectors	J Fender	R McGraw	J Edwards	R Oursler
EM	J Poole	A Chaney	M Childress	S Friedman
	S Pardo	M McGraw	B Hoopert	D Friedman
	M Washburn	L Surkin	C Hoopert	M Rudell
	J Kusik	B Weber	M Scarff	
Server	H Arnett	A Engel	L Mahns	P Bittner
		A Engel	R Mahns	J McCarty
		L Weber	A Racine	M Messics
			I Warne	H McCarty
Sacristan	G Arnett		S Usselman	B Oursler

**FROM FR. KUNKEL**

A mother and daughter had lived in the same town for twenty years without speaking to each other. Relatives visiting in the area could never speak to both of them at the same time, because mother and daughter could not bear to be in the same room together. The invariable question each asked any visitor was, "What's she been saying about me?" No one knew what had caused the rift in the first place. In fact, if the truth were told, they themselves may well have forgotten! The reason for the rift no longer mattered. What was important to both of them was keeping up their own entrenched position; keeping up the resentment and the hostility; finding strength in their refusal to give an inch. Closed off from each other, closed in on themselves, they could no longer relate openly with anyone at all. A black fog of resentment enveloped them!

That is an extreme example of the refusal to forgive and of the refusal to ask for forgiveness! However, such an extreme example really helps us to understand why Jesus was so insistent that we must be ready to forgive those who hurt us – over and over again if necessary! He knew that refusing to forgive someone traps us in an anger, in a hostility and in a resentment which eats into us and colors our entire life.

How can we forgive, when it seems impossible? How do we cope with our bitterness and resentment? How can we be sincere, when we want to forgive, but also feel the need to hold a grudge?

First, we must see forgiveness as it really is. It is first of all an act of justice. God has forgiven us! Our response to that great gift must be to forgive others in our turn. We must do this, not because of our fear of punishment, but out of a grateful heart.

Secondly, forgiveness is not something we can "do." Rather, it is something we can "begin" and "nurture." It is a process, and not a one-time act.

Third, forgiveness is not something we can do alone. We have the Holy Spirit in our heart, constantly calling us to be reconciled with each other and with God. It is at the Spirit's prompting, and with the Spirit's help, that we can begin to forgive.

Fourth, being from God, forgiveness works miracles of healing. Where once was darkness and despair, forgiveness brings light and peace.

Finally, we cannot forgive and forget. However, we can begin to forgive, and as we grow in forgiveness, our memory of hurt will be redeemed by God. We will then understand more about ourselves and about our neighbor; and about the infinite, tender mercy of God!

**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



We would like to welcome to St. Mary's Faith Community...Mr. & Mrs. Michael Minor & family, and Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Burns & family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of Camille Ann Kiedrowski by her husband. If you would like to have a loved one either remembered or honored with a donation of flowers for the altar please call Sue Dieter at 410-937-4035



## **Celebrations And Congratulations!!**

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Helen Pigg	88	Sept. 16
Edward Roginski	92	Sept. 22

Happy Anniversary--25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> & over 50

Anthony & Sharon Stinnett	25	Sept. 19
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If you do not want your name(s), and/or your age in the bulletin please notify Barbara, Ext. 22

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.

**\*\*Next Weekend: September 23<sup>rd</sup> & September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**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: "Local Assistance":** The donations to the poor box this weekend will help support local assistance where needed.

### **PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT THIS WEEK TO PRAY...**

*"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven..."*

#### **A time to be born... BAPTISM**

Through the Holy Waters of Baptism, we welcome into St. Mary's Faith Community...



#### **A time to be ... HEAL**

Please Pray For: Annette Baxter, Betty Bennett, Vicki Bennington, Donald Billings, Brent Bittner, Lewis Boone, Sr. Anthony Leo Cuneo, Margaret Dougherty, Susan & Amanda DiPietro, Steve Ferguson, Fr. Lloyd George, Jo Ann Heaps, Erin Huff, Jarrett Lyons, John Ricks, Jeanne Berge Stith, Bernice, Jameson Travis, Earl Weidner, Joseph Weidner, Eliza Wilson.

#### **A time to die...**

#### **"IN MEMORIAM"**

May our beloved deceased rest in the Lord's eternal peace.



## **PARISH INFORMATION**

### **SEND A SPECIAL GET WELL CARD!!**

Our Beloved Fr. Lloyd George is recuperating from several operations over the past few months. If you would like to send him a get well card or just a line letting him know how much he is missed I am sure it would help cheer him up during his recovery.

His mailing address is:

Fr. Lloyd George  
Ignatius House  
Jesuit Community  
4603 Millbrook Rd.  
Baltimore, Maryland 21212



## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

### **TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

Romans 13: 10. "Love never wrongs the neighbor, hence love is the fulfillment of the law."

**Treasure – September 10, 2017**

<b>Offertory–Envelopes</b>	<b>\$5,531.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>2,113.00</b>
<b>PoorBox–St. Edwards</b>	<b>507.00</b>
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	<b>557</b>

- The message of stewardship is that God's gifts, *shared*, will always be enough. Thank you for

### **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Please plan in joining us for Hospitality Sunday after all the Masses on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will have refreshments and, as always, fellowship with other parishioners and guests. For the Saturday evening service we hope to have a table outside after Mass (weather permitting). This event is sponsored by the Parish's new Hospitality Ministry. We also hope you will take this opportunity to learn more about our new Ministry.





## Introducing Walking with Purpose Women's Catholic Bible Study

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you seek connection with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose this fall. Weekly group sessions are starting on **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** *Opening Your Heart*, our foundational study, is designed for women new to Walking with Purpose whether or not you have any Bible study experience. We welcome women of all ages to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.

Walking with Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible study that aims to bring women to a closer relationship with Christ. Personal study and small group discussions at WWP each week link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Interested in learning more? Please join us on **Monday, October 16 at 7pm** to our first Connect Coffee Talk to find out what Walking with Purpose is all about! Bring a friend! For questions or to RSVP, contact Sharon Alasandro (slalasantro@gmail.com OR 443-243-6317) or Ellen Dumer (stmarchchristlife@verizon.net OR 410-236-7871) visit Walking with Purpose [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com) for more information. *Registration starting soon!*

May the Holy Spirit inspire you to join us!

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

The summer is rapidly drawing to a close. If you have not yet registered your family for Children's Faith Formation, the office has registration forms or contact Janet by e-mail.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic please contact Janet in the parish office.

## PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

### HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION UPDATE



9<sup>th</sup> Grade FF Registration forms have been mailed out to families who have incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students for 2017-2018 school year. If you have an upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade student and we missed you, please contact Rachel Bittner at the Parish Office ext. 23 or [nbittner@hotmail.com](mailto:nbittner@hotmail.com). Please remember your

student needs to be in Faith Formation 1 year prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## WORK CAMP UPDATE

Tentatively we are planning for the Summer of 2018, we are hoping to serve in Oil City PA July 22-27, 2018. This will be a next Level camp for those coming into 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of Sept. 2018. **So please let me know before Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> if you have an interest in joining us as I will be reserving our spot for summer 2018.**



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### FALL FRIED CHICKEN DINNER 2017

Dining Room	1,522
Carry Out	655
<b>Total Dinners</b>	<b>2,177</b>

**Last year 2016** **2,088**

<b>Record Dinners:</b>	
<b>Spring 1999</b>	<b>2,618</b>
<b>Fall 2006</b>	<b>2,624</b>

Winners of the Raffle:

Tamara Bilynsky	\$500.00 Parishioner
Bret Bennett	\$300.00 Delaware
Rose Mary Wilson	\$200.00 Parishioner

Congratulations to all.

A financial report will be given sometime in October when all expenses have been received and paid.

### Thank You

Fr. Kunkel, the chairs and co-chairs and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way with the dinner. Thank you so very much. It takes many hours of planning and preparing to get prepared for you to come and work your shift(s). Please keep this in mind when we have our sign up for the spring dinner (April 28, 2018). Again, thank you for giving your time, talent and treasure for this very important fund raiser.

I personally would like to thank all the chairpersons and their co-chairs for all the time and hard work you continue to do so willingly. No words can express my gratitude to all of you.

Thanks again and God Bless, Barbara

**IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday, September 18, 2017**

10:00 a.m. .... Belles Mtg  
 7:00 p.m. .... RCIA  
 7:00 p.m. .... Baptism Prep  
 7:00 p.m. .... WWP  
 7:30 p.m. .... Scripture Study

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

5:30 p.m. .... CFF Opening  
 6:45 p.m. .... HSFF  
 7:00 p.m. .... Liturgy Mtg

**Wednesday September 20, 2017**

5:30 p.m. .... CFF Opening  
 6:45 p.m. .... Boy Scout Committee  
 7:00 p.m. .... Cont. Music

**Thursday, September 21, 2017**

7:00 p.m. .... Choir  
 7:00 p.m. .... TMIY

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

7:00 a.m. .... Car Show (K of C)  
 ..... Boy Scout Bake Sale

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

11:15 a.m. .... Confirmation Enrollment  
 ..... Boy Scout Bake Sale  
 6:00 p.m. .... Boy Scouts

**Saturday  
 Sept. 30, 2017  
 10:00 AM**



Please join us as we bring back Blessing of the Animals. All animals great and small are welcome. 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.

**ST. MARY'S  
 LUNCHEON BINGO  
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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. The Menu for October 3<sup>rd</sup> is:



- Meat Loaf & Sauce
- Seasoned Roasted Potatoes
- Mixed Field Greens Salad
- Rice Krispies Treat

Progressive Jackpot for Oct 3, 2017  
 is \$150.00 in 57 numbers or less.

**BAKE SALE!!!!**

Garrett Arnett, a Life Scout in Troop 811, will be having a bake sale after the Masses on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> to fund his Eagle Scout project at St. Mary's Church. His project will be the "Prayer Labyrinth" which will be placed behind the Church.



**OPERATION  
 CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Have you missed the Samaritan's Purse program, "Operation Christmas Child," the past few years? This year, St. Mary's will partner with William Watters United Methodist Church, Jarrettsville, in this unique project of Christian relief and evangelism that has touched millions of children. Through the organization Samaritan's Purse Project, you and your family have the opportunity to reach out to needy children in desperate situations around the world. Operation Christmas Child is not just about reaching children with shoebox gifts. It's about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with them through Christian literature distributed with the shoeboxes. To take part in this exciting project, simply follow the instructions in the brochure that will be handed out along with the shoeboxes the weekend of Sept. 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> if you like you may use your own cardboard or plastic shoe box. The shoe boxes must be back by early November. If you are interested in participating in this program, or for more information call Sue Pardo 410-456-7882.



**ADULT EDUCATION**

The Adult Education Classes with Fr. Paul Henry will resume on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room. The topic of this term will be the development of the Nicene Creed as a response to heresies. The primary text will be



Dissent from the Creed: Heresies Past and Present by Richard M. Hogan. We will also discuss The Creed: Professing the Faith Through the Ages by Scott Hahn.