

CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Today's Readings
Christ the King
Ez 34: 11-12, 25-17
1 Cor 15: 20-26,28
Mt 25: 31-46

Readings for 12/03/17
1st Sunday of Advent
Is 63: 16-17, 19, 64: 2-7
1 Cor 1: 3-9
Mk 13: 33-37

MASS INTENTIONS: NOV. 27 TO DEC. 3, 2017

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Anthony & Catherine Kunkel |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | Janet Jourdan |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. | Stewart Family |
| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | Guerriero Family |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Donald Fay |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Camille Kiedrowski |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Janet Jourdan |

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

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 12/03/17

| Ministry | Sat 4 pm Dec. 2 | Sun 8 am Dec. 3 | Sun 9:30 Dec. 3 | Sun 11:15 Dec. 3 |
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| Priest | HK | HK | HK | HK |
| Lectors | J Seneschal | S McCain | M Krechel | S Alasandro |
| EM | D Hughes | A Chaney | M Childress | G Dumer |
| | D Phillips | L Surkin | D Eakes | S Friedman |
| | M Washburn | B Weber | B Hoopert | D Friedman |
| | L Fritz | F Holtz | C Hoopert | |
| Server | H Arnett | M Rinaudo | J Eakes | P Bittner |
| | | T Rinaudo | D Warne | C Lawrence |
| | | | I Warne | L Dodson |
| | | | K Gesla | |
| Sacristan | G Arnett | | S Usselman | B Oursler |

FROM FR. KUNKEL

A great warrior once went to see a monk who lived in the hills outside of his city. "Monk," he asked in a voice accustomed to instant obedience, "teach me about heaven and hell!" The monk, physically about half the size of the warrior, looked up and replied with utter disdain, "Teach you about heaven and hell! I couldn't teach you anything! You're dirty! You smell! Your blade is rusty! You're a disgrace, an embarrassment! Get out of my sight! I can't stand you!"

The warrior was furious. So stunned by the little monk's arrogance and vehemence, he was speechless; he shook with rage; his face reddened. The warrior pulled out his sword and raised it above him, ready to slay the monk with one blow. The monk did not cower. "That's hell," the monk said quietly.

The warrior was overwhelmed by the compassion and surrender of the little monk. He could not believe that he had actually been prepared to offer his life to teach him about hell! The warrior slowly put down his sword; he was filled with gratitude and a peace that he had never known. He was transformed by what he had learned from the monk. "And that's heaven," the monk said.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to make God's kingdom a reality in whatever place we happen to be, or in whatever time we live. God's reign is established, not only by acts of heroic sanctity and miraculous transformations, but by the most simple and most hidden acts of compassion, reconciliation, peace and justice.

Faithfulness begins with the ability and the perspective to see in every man, woman and child the face of Jesus Christ, and to then afford them the dignity and respect worthy of that identity. May these last days of the old liturgical year and the first days of the new, truly be a time for all of us to embrace the vision and the spirit that will bring God's kingdom to life among us!



THE BOOK OF LIFE – IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In memory of Paul L. Glackin by his family. These people will be remembered in all Masses during the month of All Souls. Let us pray together for those who have died.

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: Richard Ahlstrom, Annette Baxter, Betty Bennett, Vicki Bennington, Donald Billings, Brent Bittner, Lewis Boone, Sr. Mary Childress, Anthony Leo Cuneo, Tim Dionne, Margaret Dougherty, Susan & Amanda DiPietro, Charles Era, Eva Eakes, Steve Ferguson, Fr. Lloyd George, Christine Gofford, Jo Ann Heaps, David Hudson, Erin Huff, Jarrett Lyons, Boh Oktavec, John Ricks, Jeanne Berge Stith, Bernice, Jameson Travis, Earl Weidner, Joseph Weidner, Eliza Wilson, Mandy Wetzel, Lorraine Zorn.

A time to die...

"IN MEMORIAM"

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



THE ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath Tradition

The word "Advent" means coming. Each year we enter into the four weeks of Advent preparing again for the coming of Jesus. We long to know Him with greater intimacy and closeness, so we prepare through penance, reflection and expressions of our longing for God.

HOME BLESSINGS FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

Each evening we say a seasonal prayer and light a candle. The flame proclaims that Jesus, the Light of the World, will soon come.

Prayers

The First Sunday of Advent, the family gathers to bless the wreath:
Lord God, we, Your people, await the coming of the Savior. Bless this wreath and grant that through its use we may better prepare for Christ's coming.

During the first week, light one purple candle at mealtime and pray:
Jesus, as we turn our minds to You, help us to focus on Your promise. Grant us the grace to repent of our sins and prepare for Your coming.

During the second week, light two purple candles at mealtime and pray:
Lord, may our hearts be set on You and Your will. Help us to always echo the words of Mary at the Annunciation, That the will of the Father may be done in our lives.

During the third week, light three candles – two purple and one rose – and pray:
Jesus, we know that you are coming soon. Our hearts rejoice that You are near. May that holy expectation lead us in the ways of your hope and love.

During the fourth week, light four candles at mealtime and pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, to each of us, to our family and to our world. We long for Your peace, joy and grace that bring new life.

This year Advent begins on December 3, 2017. We need people or families to sign-up in the vestibule of the church to light the Advent Wreath each week. Please sign-up if you would like to help

CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

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| Thomas McVan | 82 | Dec 9 |
| Tina Nierwienski | 90 | Dec 14 |
| Lois Fritz | 80 | Dec 23 |
| Maurice Kief | 88 | Dec 24 |
| Earl Howell | 88 | Dec 25 |

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

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| Maurice & Lorraine Kief | 64 | Nov 28 |
| Mark & Kathy Walters | 25 | Dec 5 |
| Tom & Barbara Burke | 66 | Dec 8 |
| George & Pat Koermer | 61 | Dec 26 |
| Andy & Naomi Welch | 56 | Dec 30 |
| Bob & Pat Haloskey | 53 | Dec 31 |
| Neil & Carol Helfrich | 51 | Dec 31 |

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

RESPECT LIFE


November begins our Spiritual Adoption of unborn children. Pledge cards will be available in the vestibule of the church during November. Please take one and commit to praying for your Spiritually Adopted baby.

The beautiful "Little One" posters will be displayed on the back wall as you leave church. Follow the maturation progress of the babies in danger of being aborted as you pray for your spiritually adopted baby.

First Month (size: about ¼ inch)

At fertilization a new human life begins, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA, which is present from the first day of life. The new little person's sex is also determined from the beginning. During this first amazing month of life the baby grows to 10,000 times his size at conception. By the third week the baby's heart begins to beat.

The BirthRight/Gabriel Network Fundraiser yielded \$1366 in donations thus each organization receives \$683. St. Mary's parishioners are asked to give and give and give, and every time, you give. Thank you for your consistent and reliable generosity.

|  Reconciliation/Penance Services Advent 2017 The Harford Region | |
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| Dec. 1, - 5:30-6:30PM | St. Patrick's Havre de Grace |
| Dec. 8, - 5:30-6:30PM | St. Patrick's Havre de Grace |
| Dec. 11, - 7:00PM | St. Mark's, Fallston, MD |
| Dec. 11, -10:00AM-12:00PM & -1:00PM-3:00PM & -6:00PM-8:00PM | St. Margaret's, Bel Air, MD |
| Dec. 12, - 7:00PM | St. John's Chapel Hydes, MD |
| Dec. 12, - 7:00PM | St. Joan of Arc, Aberdeen, MD |
| Dec. 16, - 10:00AM | Holy Spirit Church Joppa |
| Dec. 18, -9:30AM & -7:00PM | St. Mary's, Pylesville, MD |
| Dec. 18, - 7:00PM | St. Ignatius, Forest Hill, MD |
| Dec. 19, -7:00PM | St. Mary's, Pylesville, MD |
| Dec. 19, -7:00PM-8:00PM | St. Francis de Sales, Abingdon, MD |
| Dec. 20, -3:00PM-5:00PM & -7:00PM-9:00PM | St. Stephen's, Kingsville, MD |

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generous donations. The Food Pantry will be closed in December due to the large outreach food program. The Pantry will be open on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until noon, with a "snow" date of January 27th.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

How much money should I be giving to the Church, to the Poor?
Genesis 14:20. Melchizedek comes out to meet Abraham, as Abraham gives him a tithe of the spoils of his victory.

Treasure– November 12, 2017

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| Offertory – Envelopes | \$4,614.00 |
| Maintenance | 1,754.00 |
| AofB– Seminarians | 511.00 |
| PoorBox–St.Edwards | 428.05 |
| Mass Attendance | 490 |

Treasure– November 19, 2017

The treasure update for November 19th will be in the December 3rd 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.

****Next Weekend: December 2nd & December 3rd**

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.)**

Parish Building Fund: An offering to help build our future building fund account and to assist with any major projects the parish may have but a capital campaign is not necessary and if a capital campaign is necessary to have a little nest egg to begin the project. This **special envelope** can be placed in the regular offertory collection along with your weekly offering envelope

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 INFORMATION



Donate your blood and make a difference

THE BLOODMOBILE WILL BE AT ST. MARY’S ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

The Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at St. Mary’s on Thursday, NOVEMBER 30, 2017. Appointments are now available from 2 until 6:15 p.m. The Red Cross assigns staff according to the number of donors on the schedule so an appointment is extremely helpful and recommended.

The blood supply continues to remain low and blood banks are in need of all types of blood, especially O+. As we get closer to the holidays, the need for blood will grow while the number of donors decrease as we begin to get ready to travel, gather together to celebrate with our family and friends, etc. To schedule you may login to the Red Cross website and sign up, call Darlene at 410-404-8583 and leave a message, or you may email me at dew1250@gmail.com, and put Blood Donor in the subject line.

Our last bloodmobile visit was September 14, 2017. We had 43 donors, most of them St. Mary’s parishioners, giving 46 units of blood. Since each unit can now be separated into 3 blood

components, patients, these donations had the potential of helping 138 patients in need of blood products.

Our Spring drive will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018. If you are unable to donate in November, please consider taking time to donate in March.

Thank you in advance for giving and donating blood. Remember, when you give blood, you give life.

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PHP
DECEMBER 16th**



We will be visiting our elderly friends at the Forest Hill Heights. Please meet us at the center at 6:45 pm.. We need musicians to play some Christmas songs. We will carol with the residents to spread some Christmas spirit. Afterwards, we will go to Chick-fil-A for fellowship, bring cash with you. Look for details in the Winter YM Newsletter.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

**BEANS & BREAD MINISTRY
NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Can you lend a hand? The Beans & Bread Ministry needs a driver to deliver casseroles to downtown Baltimore for 2 months on a Monday in 2018. Please call Glenda Broad at 717-284-5711 or e-mail me at glendabr@comcast.net if you can help or you want more information. Thank you in advance.

**ST. MARY’S
LUNCHEON BINGO
TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 2017**



Join in for a relaxing day of bingo and lunch. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and the low price of \$9.00 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 Dec 5th is:

- Ham , Sweet Potatoes
- Peas, Biscuits, Christmas Cookies

The Bingo Jackpot for December is \$250.00 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.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
POSTER CONTEST**



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual poster contest once again. The Mason-Dixon Council invites all children in grades K through 8th to participate. Contest rules attached to poster paper is available in the vestibule of the church & hall. The

deadline for the poster is Sunday, December 10th. Completed posters should be put in the boxes placed in the hall and vestibule of the church. Cash prizes will be awarded to a winner at each grade level. Give it your best and good luck!

Questions or more information contact Mr. Neil Bittner @ 717-456-9118.



THE GIVING TREE

The annual Christmas Giving Tree is up in the Church and will remain until December 10th. The tree will be decorated with hand-made ornaments, containing information about the wishes of our families in need. When you take an ornament and purchase the gift for that family, please place the

ornament on the package and return it to the foot of the tree as soon as possible, or before December 13th. Your gifts in the past years have given much joy to those in need. Thank you as always for your generosity.

ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, November 27, 2017

6:00 p.m. Reconciliation Prep
7:00 p.m. WWP
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

5:30 p.m. CFF Class
6:45 p.m. HSFF Class

Wednesday November 29, 2017

8:30 a.m. Ministerial Mtg.
5:30 p.m. CFF Class
7:00 p.m. Cont. Music

Thursday, November 30, 2017

1:30 p.m. Blood Drive
7:00 p.m. TMIY

Saturday, December 2, 2017

..... Casserole Pans Distributed
..... Food Bags Distributed

Sunday, December 3, 2017

..... Casserole Pans Distributed
..... Food Bags Distributed
10:00 a.m. WWP
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINNERS OF THE POT SHOT

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| Rosemary Logan | 5lb Shrimp |
| Denis Baurle | 20 plus lb Turkey |
| Suzanne Arthur | 20 plus lb Turkey |
| Donated to Needy Family | |
| Rodney from JJ's | 20 plus lb Turkey |
| Mike Dodson | Whole Boneless Ham |

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We know that Christmas time is a very busy time of the year. Cooking, Shopping, etc. Could you give a few hours to help honor the Infant "Jesus" by decorating the Hall & Church for this very important holiday, "CHRISTMAS", and in turn be blessed in a very special way. Dates to decorate are: Monday, Dec. 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Hall and if you could stay after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24th in Church. If so please call Lois Fritz at 410-692-5949 or the parish office @ 410-879-4015.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Eve of Holy Day - Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7, 20177:00 P.M.

Holy Day - Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8, 20179:00 A.M.
7:00 P.M.

Lighting Parish Christmas Tree

Thursday, December 7, 2017.....8:00 P.M.

"Jesus' Birthday Bash"

Sunday, December 17, 2017 3:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation Service for Children

Tuesday, December 12, 2017.. 6:30 P.M.

Confessions: Monday, December 18, 20179:30 A.M.

.....7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Parish Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 19, 20177:00 P.M.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2017

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd MASS 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th MASS 8:00 , 9:30 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

4:00 P.M. Church

4:00 P.M. Hall

6:00 P.M. Church

8:00 P.M. Church

9:30 P.M. Church

(all are invited for caroling)

10:00 P.M. Mass in Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017

10:00 A.M. Church

WEEKEND SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2017

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH MASS 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST MASS 8:00 , 9:30 & 11:15 AM

NEWS YEARS DAY MASS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a Holy day of Obligation this year)

Monday, January 1, 2018.....10:00 A.M.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, & Tuesday, December 25 & 26, 2017. Also, Monday, January 1, 2018.