

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2018

Today's Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60: 1-6
Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6
Mt 2: 1-12

Readings for 1/14/18

2nd Sunday
1 Sm 3: 3-10,19
1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20
Jn 1: 35-42

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 8 TO 14, 2018

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Joyce Smith
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Eleanor Shimko
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Pete Fritz
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15a.m.	Mary Glos Joe Staniewitz James Kehr

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

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 1/14/18

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Jan. 13	Sun 8 am Jan. 14	Sun 9:30 Jan. 14	Sun 11:15 Jan. 14
Priest	HK	HK	MS	MS
Lectors	R Pitz	S McCain	K Kiedrowski	M Chamberlain
EM	J Kusik	A Chaney	M Childress	S Friedman
	M Washburn	L Surkin	B Hoopert	M Rudell
	S Pardo	B Weber	C Hoopert	K McCarty
	M Peach	D Phillips	M Scarff	J McCarty
Server	H Arnett	A Engel	L Mahns	A Rhodes
	M Rinaudo	A Engel	R Mahns	H McCarty
	T Rinaudo	O Ayd	E Sealy	A Racine
			D Warne	A Fetter
Sacristan	G Arnett		S Usselman	J McCarty

FROM FR. KUNKEL

In the great feast of the Epiphany we celebrate God's extravagant love for his people, all of his people, of all generations, in all times. God's love could not be restricted to an exclusive and elite group in the Middle East. No! The mercy, forgiveness and compassion of God is offered to everyone, and the wise men, and countless others like them over the centuries have taken this story to the ends of the earth. From the humble stable in Bethlehem, the story of redemption has been proclaimed, in season and out, under persecution or freedom.

Now the challenge lies with each one of us as well! Are you willing to be an Epiphany person? Are you eager to manifest Christ to the world? This is our mission; our faith is not static! We must be involved in the proclamation of God's love! We are all encouraged in the Scriptures to "arise" and bring God's hope, love, forgiveness and compassion to those who need it most.

The Epiphany is not just for bejeweled men on camels, or Christians in atheistic countries. We who have celebrated the great feast of Christmas must be emboldened to travel through our own neighborhoods and to proclaim that God has dramatically intervened in our lives through the birth of his Son Jesus Christ! At the very beginning of this New Year, let us all be eager to show forth Christ to those we shall meet wherever we may be. In that way we will truly be Epiphany people!

The feast of the Epiphany challenges us to ask ourselves to what extent are we turning on lights in the darkness of our world - and lighting the way to Jesus. This is what this feast is really all about. It's not just the story about a star that lit up the darkness of the ancient world and pointed the way to Jesus. It is also a story about you and me becoming stars in the darkness of our world and leading other magi to Jesus. This is what we truly celebrate!

SPECIAL THANK YOU!



Fr. Kunkel, and the Staff of St. Mary's wish to thank you for your cards, gifts and most of all your prayers. You have all made the Christmas celebration a very blessed and holy one. Wishing all of you a Very, very Healthy and happy

New Year.

CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Mary Stewart	85	Jan 10
Josephine Leyko	93	Jan 12
Augusta Guerriero	81	Jan 12
Thomas Burke	88	Jan 15
Betty Lou Knott	84	Jan 17
Anthony Petrucci	88	Jan 18
Elizabeth Grier	82	Jan 27
Robert Groff	87	Jan 30

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

Stephen & Rosalee Bevard	52	Jan 15
John & Dolores Fetter		
Joseph & Anne Willenburg	25	Jan 24
Earl & Diana Weidner	54	Jan 25
Douglas & Mary Washburn	51	Jan 27

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

**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. Ellen Bradley, Sister Anthony Leo Cuneo, Janine Devereux, 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 Wetzels, Clark Zander, Diane Zander, Lorraine Zorn.

A time to die...

**“IN MEMORIAM”
STANLEY MARKOWSKI**

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

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.



**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

RESPECT LIFE

Happy New Year! This weekend marks the Epiphany and the 12th day of Christmas. The wise men followed the star and found the Christ child. They offered the Lord gifts of great earthly value. God has endowed each of us with His gifts. How will we offer them back to Him?

March for Life in DC takes place on Friday, January 19. St. Margaret's in Bel Air will have a bus. For more information, contact Jim DeCapite at

jdecapite@stmargaret.org 410-459-1649. See the Respect Life page at www.archbalt.org for other buses.

January – 3rd month

Please see the following text on the 3rd “Little One” poster in the vestibule of the church:

Third Month (size: about 3 inches)

The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form. He now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord.

“He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. . . Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2017-18 Respect Life Reflection, www.bit.ly/2x31e1x

**FATHER MICHAEL SCHLEUPNER
WEEKLY FAITH MESSAGE**

Father Michael Schlepner, who assists us with Masses on weekends, writes a weekly spiritual message. It is called *Inbox Inspirations*. Father 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*. A link to his Sunday homily is also included in the email. By the way, there is no charge and there is always the opportunity to unsubscribe. Father Mike's *Inbox Inspirations* and his homilies are also posted on his Facebook page – Father Michael Schlepner.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

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

2 Chronicles 31: 5-12. Israel brings the tithe to the designated place.

Treasure – December 24, 2017

Offertory – Envelopes	\$6,872.00
Poor Box – Local Assistance	527.49
Mass Attendance	563

Treasure – December 25, 2017

Holy Day - Christmas	\$10,620.00
Mass Attendance	1142

Treasure – December 31, 2017

Offertory – Envelopes	\$6019.00
Poor Box – Local Assistance	132.28
Mass Attendance	465

- 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.

Christmas and Year End Giving:

Christmas marks the ULTIMATE GIFT – God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus we remember that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the new born King; the beginning of gift giving.

We must also consider all the gifts God has bestowed upon us during the year and we must remind ourselves that we are merely stewards of these gifts. This presents to us a very special spiritual opportunity to make a return to God for His many blessings - a true Gift of Faith. These opportunities include our time, talent and treasure.

After prayerful thought and consideration please remember your parish, St. Mary's, at Christmas. Give your gift based on faith and the blessings you have received this year. Thank you for your generosity.

Year end gifts for the year 2017 must be in the office by December 18, 2017 to be recorded as a gift for this calendar year. Again, thank you for all you do for St. Mary's

Contribution Statement 2017:

If you would like a contribution statement (recorded contributors only (Church Envelopes or EFT) for calendar year 2017 please call Barbara, Ext. 22, email – Barbara_stmarys@yahoo.com or fill out this form and return to the office. Contribution statements **will not automatically be mailed. You must request one.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St., Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

(If you contributed to the Embracing Our Mission campaign or the Archbishop's Annual Appeal your statement will be mailed from the Archdiocese of Baltimore).

****Next Weekend: January 13th & January 14th**

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.)**

Maintenance Fund: St. Mary: Second Collection: Funds to provide regular maintenance for the parish buildings, grounds and equipment. This fund is not used for general operations of the parish or capital projects.

Poor Box: "St. Edwards": This weekend the donations to the poor box will be given to our sister parish "St. Edwards" to assist them any where their need is most important.



MARCH FOR LIFE

January marks the 44th year of the March for Life. Next weekend there will be an Expectant Parents' blessing at all Masses. On Thursday, January 18th there will be a March for Life prayer Vigil at 7:00 p.m. The DC March for Life takes place on Friday, January 19, 2018.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Christian Outreach Ministry would like to thank all of the parishioners who made donations for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food projects. Through your amazing generosity, we were able to serve 13 local families for Thanksgiving and 24 local families and 10 St. Edward's families for Christmas. Overall, we served 26 adults and 30 children for Thanksgiving and 67 adults and 77 children for Christmas. Thanks to the 48 volunteers for Thanksgiving and the 33 volunteers for Christmas who helped sort and distribute the groceries and the Christmas gifts. An extra special thanks to everyone who came out on the snowy Friday evening of December 15th. All of your efforts were truly appreciated by the families that we served.

ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 8, 2018

10:00 a.m. Belles Mtg.
 7:00 p.m. WWP.
 7:30 P.M. Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

5:30 p.m. CFF Classes
 6:45 p.m. HSSF Class
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council

Wednesday January 10, 2018

7:00 p.m. Cont. Music
 5:30 p.m. CFF Classes

Thursday, January 11, 2018

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

Saturday, January 13, 2018

..... Casserole Pans Returned
 Expectant Parent Blessing

Sunday, January 14, 2018

..... Casserole Pans Returned
 Expectant Parent Blessing
 10:30 p.m. WWP
 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg.

CHILI & CHICKEN CORN SOUP

Our Knights of Columbus council is pre-selling chili & chicken Corn Soup beginning the first weekend of January we will be taking pre-orders following all Masses. The chili & Soup will be available for pick-up at the church hall after all Masses on Super Bowl Weekend!



See us after church outside or in the hall following all Masses to order a quart (or two) of delicious soup or chili homemade by Knights just in time for the big game! All sales will support our council's activities in serving our church and community. One quart is \$8.00 and two quarts for \$15.00

WHAT IS THE BEANS & BREAD CASSEROLE PROGRAM???



The first Sunday of each month we ask that you take a casserole pan with a recipe, which is in the vestibule of the church, make the casserole and freeze it, bring it back to church the following weekend to be stored in the Parish Center kitchen until that Monday when one of our people take the

casseroles to Beans & Bread.

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore sponsors this program that serves the hungry and homeless of Baltimore. Each day 300 people come through the facility and are not only served a hot, nourishing meal but are given assistance in meeting their needs in day to day survival. This service also includes case management, job placement and temporary housing for qualified individuals. The goal of this program is to empower the disadvantaged to become independent and eventually contributing member of society.

We are in need of additional drivers to transport casseroles from St. Mary's Church to the Beans & Bread day resource center located in Fells Point at 402 South Bond Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231. At present we have three parishioners providing the transport of casseroles. We average four visits per person a year to the site. If you choose to join us in this worthwhile cause please call Glenda Broad @ 717-284-5711.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Harford County Schools are closed for the day, close early or cancel all evening activities for inclement weather all activities are cancelled at the Parish. On weekends please refer to the ministry for cancellation updates.



The Knights of Columbus would like to say Thank You to the Parishioners for your generous support for the 2017

Tootsie Roll Drive that benefited the John Archer School. Also please keep an eye out for our upcoming Super Bowl Chili and Chicken Corn Soup Sale beginning in the month of January, 2018

QUARTER AUCTION

The Belles of St. Mary's are having their 8th Annual Quarter Auction on January 21, 2018. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. come for lunch, many delicious foods will be available for purchase.



Join us for an afternoon of fun. The snow date is January 28th. Please call Mrs. Lou Hall @ 452-8512 if you would like additional information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

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 16, 17 & 18th or March 23, 24, & 25th. Choose your date and mail response to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Galeone, 2161 Greenspring Dr, Timonium MD 21093 or call 410-252-5355

"SNOW BIRD BIG BUCK BINGO"

The Ladies of St. Ignatius, Hickory will be holding this bingo on January 19, 2018. 533 E. Jarrettsville Rd, Forest Hill. Doors open at 6 pm bingo begins at 7 pm. Cost: \$16 in advance or \$18 at the Door. Tickets available at the Parish Office. Games include 20 Regular Games with "Big" prizes. Specials and Jackpot Games with a Guaranteed Jackpot of \$500 are extra. Great food and Great fun for All! Proceeds to benefit St. Ignatius Outreach Ministries. For more information call Cetta York 410-879-0959. **NOTE: We follow Harford County Public Schools for inclement Weather closings if schools are closed, bingo is cancelled! Snow Date is Friday January 26, 2018**

