

**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2016**

Today's Readings
3rd Sunday of Lent
Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15
1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12
Lk 13: 1-9

Readings for 3/6/16
4th Sunday of Lent
Jos 5: 9, 10-12
2 Cor 5: 17-21
Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

FROM FR. KUNKEL

Some years ago a Maryknoll missionary left a pair of shoes at a shoe repair shop in his hometown in Ohio. In his preparations for departure for his mission in Peru, he forgot to pick them up. Three years later, he was home again and went to the shop, with repair tag in hand, to claim his shoes. The shoemaker found them on a back shelf, covered with dust. "Thanks for keeping them," the missionary said, "how much do I owe you?" The shoemaker replied, "Well, they won't be ready until next week!"

Sometimes I think that's how we deal with Christ's call to repent and reform. We're always intending to do it, but we're always going to be ready "next" week. We put it off, assuming that the Divine gardener will be patient forever. And God is patient with us! God has given us another whole year since last Lent! Have we borne good fruit? How many years do we think we have left to do God's will?

When will we come to the last year that the gardener will give us before our life comes to an end? We don't really know, do we? So we ought to heed the call of Jesus today. "But I tell you this, you will all come to the same end unless you begin to reform." I think that line gives us a bit of hope too. "Unless you begin to reform," Jesus says.

When we look at the totality of our lives, we can be overwhelmed by the need for reform. How many different areas can we each name where we need to change if we are to be truly like Christ? We probably cannot deal with it all at once. But we must at least begin! We must at least begin to reform, right here and right now, not next week, because next week has an uncanny way of turning into three years and a week!

And so, this weekend's readings call us to examine the fruit of our lives. Are they barren, or do they radiate the glory of the Lord? This Third Sunday of Lent calls us to remembrance and repentance because the Lord is indeed kind and merciful to all who walk in his ways!

MASS INTENTIONS FEB 29th TO March 6, 2016

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Helen Healy
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Anne Cooper
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. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Bonnie Desper Alice Hintenach John H. Bachmann Jr.

(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, Lawrence Boden, Roy Broyles, Loretta Butt, Aaron Carter, Kemper (Scoop) Cline, Ginger Corvin, Kathleen Douglas, Steve Ferguson, Don Green, Jill Hoffinger, Janet Jourdan, Baby Kellan, Kelly Lally, Candace Webb Lee, Katherine Miller, Jim Mixon, Mack Palmer, Genelia Peagler, Holly Ritchie, Barbara Schroll, Jeanne Berg Stith, Linda Webb, Michael Webb, Marie Weller, Jim & Bev Wilson, Barbara Wunner.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 3/06/16

Ministry	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:15
Priest	HK	HK	HK	HK
Lectors	D Logan	J Healy	M Canter	R Oursler
EM	M Demski	F Holtz	J Bowman	G Dumer
	B Mank	M McGraw	M Childress	D Eakes
	S Pardo	S Muller	L Hall	M Palazzo
	J Poole	B Weber		M Rudell
Server	G Arnett	L Weber	K Gesla	C Lawrence
	H Arnett	J Weber	R Mahns	J McCarty
			L Mahns	B Oursler
Sacristan	B Stewart		J Devereux	W Eakes

**RECONCILIATION/PENANCE SERVICE
LENT 2016 THE HARFORD REGION**

March 1,8,15,22	7:00 pm	St. John's Hydes
March 2,9	7-8 pm	St. Stephen's
March 4	7 pm	Regional Penance Service at St. Ignatius
March 5	3:30 pm	Holy Spirit
March 10	7-8:30 pm	St. Joan of Arc
March 16	7 pm	St. Ignatius
March 18	3-8 pm	St. John's Hydes
March 21	12noon-2 pm	St. Margaret's
March 21	7:00 pm	St. Mary's
March 22	5-8 pm	St. Margaret's
Saturdays	3 pm	St. Marks, Fallston
Saturdays	3-3:45 pm	St. Margaret's
	5-5:45pm	St. Margaret's



**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



BAPTISM

Through the Holy Waters of Baptism, we welcome into St. Mary's Faith Community...Zoe Adalyn Bodain, daughter of Seth & Kelly.



**INSTRUMENTS OF CHRIST'S
PASSION AND DEATH**

St. Mary's did revive last year an old Lenten tradition in our parish. For each Mass during the Sundays in Lent, a family may volunteer to participate in the opening procession by bringing up one of the symbols we associate with the

Passion of Christ. Because the Sacred Passion of Christ is the source of all of our happiness and good, so the instruments of it are justly considered as objects of our veneration. "If the Ark of the Covenant," says St. Jerome, "was held in such high veneration among the Jewish people, how much more ought Christians respect the wood of the cross and the other instruments of Christ's passion, where on our Savior offered himself a bleeding victim for our sins". By devoutly respecting the instruments of Christ's passion during the Sundays of Lent, we profess our faith in Him who suffered for us. We also excite our hope in His merit, enkindle His love in our hearts and renew the grateful remembrance of His death.

There are ten instruments that we will reflect on during the Primary five Sundays of Lent: the Lamb and the Lance; The Whip and the Crown of Thorns; The Jug of Wine and the Sponge; the Dice and the Sign; and the Hammer and the Nails. These Sacred Instruments by which our Redeemer triumphed over sin and death and purchased for us mercy, grace, and salvation.

These symbols, of "Instruments of the Passion" will week by week become part of the altar decorations during the season of Lent. For instance, a figure of a lamb and a lance will be carried up during the Masses on the First Sunday of Lent (February 14th). Families wishing to participate in this tradition may sign up on the roster located in the vestibule of the church.

As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

RESPECT LIFE

Fourth Month (size: about 9 inches)

The baby's brain has begun maturing – a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at 7 months. Her taste buds are working. Nutrients consumed by her mother are passed on to her within an hour or 2. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to the baby's parents can be seen at this time. This month, REM (rapid eye movement) has been recorded – a sign of dreaming.

Maryland March for Life – Mon., March 7 in Annapolis. Disappointed that the blizzard kept you from the national March for Life this year? Join us in Annapolis for the 38th annual Maryland March for Life. Pre-March Youth Rally at 4:30 with singer Caitlin Jane, pizza and more! Mass at 5:15 in St. Mary's church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St. March begins at 6:30 with a rally on Lawyers Mall featuring speakers Ramona Trevino, former Planned Parenthood manager and Wayne Cockfield, Veteran & Disability Rights Advocate, Tracey Tiernan, 95.1 Shine FM Radio Host. Free Chick fil A dinner at mixer back at St. Mary's at 8:00. Bus from Immaculate Conception, Towson – Contact Marci: 410-853-7444 or email to gtowle311@comcast.net. Bus from Fredrick area leaves from St. Peter, Libertytown-Contact: Linda 301-829-2888.

CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Loretta Huseman	84	Mar 3
Nancy Parker	80	Mar 6
Elizabeth Swift	88	Mar 12

Margaret Dougherty	96	Mar 20
Joan McCluskey	81	Mar 25

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



DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY

THIRD WEEK – THE CHAPLET OF MERCY (Diary #687)

Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy.

Information sheets for Preparing for the Divine Mercy and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy can be found in the vestibule of the church.

REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a Regional Penance Service for the Holy Year on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius Hickory Parish Church. This regional Penance Service will take the place of "The Light is On" this year in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. St. Ignatius is located at:



533 E. Jarrettsville Rd.
Forest Hill, MD 21050
Phone 410-879-1926

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS/STATIONS



Lenten Soup Suppers are every Friday, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Center followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m. Free will offering for the Soup Supper will benefit Catholic Heart Work Camp.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

"Treasure" – February 21, 2016

Offertory - Envelopes	\$ 5,717.05
Parish Catholic School	590.35
Poor Box – BirthRight	92.42
Mass Attendance	607

- 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.
- *Embracing Our Mission Campaign Payments: Payments should be mailed directly to the Archdiocese of Baltimore.*

Easter: The ULTIMATE GIFT – God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ dying on the cross for our sins. As we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus we remember the suffering and the glory of our Savior and Lord. We must consider all the gifts God has bestowed upon us and we must remind

ourselves we are merely stewards of these gifts. This represents to us a very special spiritual opportunity to make a return to God for His many blessings and they include our time, talent and treasure. After prayerful thought give your gift based on faith and the blessings you have received through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A special Thank You:

A very special thank you to three of our collection counters who have had to step down from their position. They are Lori Robbins, Charlie Smith and Barbara Burke. All three have been counting the collection for many, many years and I will certainly miss all of them. However, we must also thank Vickie Bennington, Marlene Molter and Becky Stewart for volunteering to count the Sunday collection. So, it is goodbye to Lori, Charlie and Barbara and hello to Vickie, Marlene and Becky. Thanks to all of you for all you have done and will do for St. Mary's.

****Next Weekend: March 5th & March 6th**

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. **Please Note:** This envelope is **NOT** for a pledge payment. 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.

opportunity to serve God's people and to continue to grow in faith. Many Blessings in this new chapter of your faith journey. God Bless you and keep you safe. St. Mary's good wishes and prayers go with you!!!

St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry provides a safe and welcoming environment for young adults in the parish by offering social events, trips and various outreach projects to help young adults stay involved in the parish. Any young adults out of high school ages 18-30 are eligible to participate in events pertaining to young adult ministry.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 18- Dinner at MaGerks Pub and Grill in Bel Air Md. We will meet at MaGerks at 6:30pm and have dinner. Please call or email me ahead of time to let me know if you are coming.

March 19- Archbishop's Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage Baltimore \$20 per person. Plan on 8am till 7:30 pm. Bus Trip. Call Hannah by March 1st if you are going.

April 22- Movie night in the Youth Room from 7-10pm. We will have popcorn, pizza and refreshments.

I hope to see more of you young adults in the future and hope you will come out and participate in our program.

Hannah Bittner.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH MINISTRY

Rachel Bittner - Youth Minister

E-mail – nbittner@hotmail.com

410-879-4015 ext. 23

JOINT EVENT FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

- March 4th - Teens will be leading the Stations of the Cross 7pm in the Church, please volunteer to read. Teens join us after Stations in the Youth Room at 8 pm for Ice Cream Sundaes and a Movie Night.
- March 13th - Stuffing of the Easter Eggs in the Youth Room from 12:30pm til 2pm. Need teens to volunteer.
- March 25th - Outdoor Stations of the Cross 11 am. Meet in the Youth Room to join us for Outdoor Stations and then for lunch, Cheese Pizza, weather permitting, let us know if you are coming.



ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

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 March 1st is:

Shepherd's Pie
Pistachio Cake

Progressive Jackpot for March 1, 2016 is \$150.00 in 57 numbers or less.

The menu may be subject to change due to inclement weather and or based on the availability of time for preparation.

In the event of inclement weather, bingo will be cancelled if Harford County Schools are closed for the day. If Harford County Schools are delayed Bingo will be held. No makeup date.

BLUEGRASS COFFEE HOUSE

Bluegrass Coffee House March 12 from 7-10 pm. Featuring our own Ron Plummer and His Pick'in Pals. Parish Hall Doors open at 6:30 pm, \$5 donation at the door includes your coffee/drink, a dessert and an evening of Bluegrass music and fun. We will have a Silent Auction plus other food for sale. All donations will benefit Catholic Heart Work Camp.



EASTER EGG CANDY!!!

Yes it's that time of year, Parishioners we will begin asking for donations of pre-wrapped Easter Candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 26 at 12 noon. Donation boxes will be in the vestibule of the Church and Hall. Thank you in advance, we need all donations by the 2nd weekend in March as we will be stuffing eggs on March 13th after the last Mass.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Hannah Bittner – Coordinator

717-380-7443



SPECIAL NOTE: Congratulations to one of our Young Adults, Matthew Moore who will be on staff this summer for Catholic Heart Work Camp!!! Matt has been in the parish since he was in the 4th grade. He has been involved in Middle and High School Youth Ministry programs. He served as a Peer Minister helping in HSF and Confirmation Classes and preparation. He has volunteered with us at Catholic Heart Work Camp for six summers and now will be on staff. We are so proud of you Matthew for this

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, February 29, 2016

6:00 p.m. 1st Eucharist Prep
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Youth
 7:30 p.m. Little Rock Scripture Study

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

10:00 a.m. Luncheon Bingo
 5:30 p.m. CFF
 6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

12 noon Called & Gifted
 5:30 p.m. CFF Classes
 7:00 Cont. Music

Thursday, March 3, 2016

1-7 p.m. Bloodmobile
 7:00 p.m. Called & Gifted
 7:00 p.m. Cantor Practice
 7:30 p.m. Choir

Friday, March 4, 2016

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper
 6:00 p.m. Rediscovering Jesus
 7:00 p.m. Stations
 7:00 p.m. Regional Penance Service St. Ignatius
 8:00 p.m. YM Movie Night

Saturday, March 5, 2016

..... Casserole Pans Distributed
 Food Bags Distributed
 9:00 a.m. 1st Eucharist Retreat

Sunday, March 6, 2016

..... Casserole Pans Distributed
 Food Bags Distributed
 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat Planning Mtg.

CALLED & GIFTED

Spiritual Gifts Discernment Process: St. Mary's wants to give you every opportunity possible to learn what God has planned for you and so we will offer the process beginning this Spring.

The process has 3 parts:

PART I – The Called & Gifted™ workshop. It lays the foundation for the beginning of discernment.

PART II – A personal one-hour interview with a trained and experienced gifts Interviewer.

PART III – This is discernment in depth. You will practice what you have learned about discernment and using the gift you selected in your interview.

Fees: Course materials are \$25.00, this includes PART 1 and PART 2. The fee for the personal interview is \$40.00 as the interviewers are paid an honorarium for their time and skills. To sign up: Call or email... For noontime group will meet on Wednesday's starting March 2nd – Janet Young, 410-879-4015 x24, janet_stmarys@yahoo.com. For evening group will meet on Thursday's begin on March 3rd – Ellen Dumer, 410-236-7871, edumer1@verizon.net



The Book Club's next meeting will be on April 13th at 12:30 p.m. We will be reading "Nine Words" by Allen R. Hunt, a study from the book of Galatians. Please note this meeting is on a Wednesday. For more information, please contact Leslie Kline at 410-688-0574 or safetyles@yahoo.com.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2016

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS EVERY FRIDAY _____ 5:00 PM
 (PROVIDED BY HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION)

REDISCOVERING JESUS BOOK DISCUSSIONS _____ 6:00 PM
 (EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY _____ 7:00 PM

REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICE _____ 7:00 PM
 (FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH - ST. IGNATIUS HICKORY)

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE _____ 7:00 PM
 (MONDAY, MARCH 21ST)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY (MARCH (19TH & 20TH) MASSES
 SATURDAY _____ 4:00 PM
 SUNDAY _____ 8:00, 9:30, & 11:15 AM

CHRISM MASS MONDAY, MARCH 21ST _____ 7:30 PM
 CATHEDRAL OF MARY OUR QUEEN

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH
 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER _____ 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 (OUTDOOR STATIONS) _____ 11:00 AM
 (STATIONS IN CHURCH) _____ 3:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH EVENING SERVICE _____ 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH FOOD BLESSING _____ 1:00 PM
 (NO 4:00 P.M. MASSES)

EASTER VIGIL MARCH 26TH _____ 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH
 MASSES _____ 8:00 AM CHURCH & HALL
 _____ 9:30 AM CHURCH & HALL
 _____ 11:15 AM CHURCH & HALL

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NINTH ANNUAL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Sponsored by Marriage works on Saturday, March 12th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Bel Air United Methodist Church, 21 Linwood Ave. in Bel Air. For additional information or to register, please visit their website at www.marriageworksmid.org



WOMAN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION

2016 Maryland Catholic Woman's Conference – Witness of Mercy, We Are Called! will be held on October 7-9 at Mount Saint Mary's. Keynote Speaker is Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. Registration will open soon at www.MarylandCatholicWomen.com

2016 Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Women's Conference – Mother of Mercy, Make Our Hearts Like Yours! Will be held Saturday, October 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, Pa. Register at www.catholicwomensconference.org.