

**4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 29, 2017**

FROM FR. KUNKEL

Today's Readings
4th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5: 1-12

Readings for 02/05/17
5th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS: JAN. 30 TO FEB. 5, 2017

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Camielle Kiedrowski Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	John & Lottie Tiletsky
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.	Walter Millikim
	9:30 a.m.	Frances Mank
	11:15 a.m.	Teresa Brusio

(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 Jack Arthur, Michael Barlow, Brent Bittner, William Blackstone, Lawrence Boden, Michelle Bortmes, JoAnn Brenneman, Roy Broyles, Aaron Carter, Mary Cochran, Kemper (Scoop) Cline, Ginger Corvin, Elaine Donahue, Kathleen Douglas, Steve Ferguson, Don Green, Gorden Gosewich, Jo Anne Heaps, Ronnie Heaps, Jill Hoffinger, David Hudson, John Hufnagel, Scott Jackson, Janet Jourdan, 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, Diana Weidner, Kimberly Weidner, Marie Weller, Jim & Bev Wilson, Marie Winterling-Fogarty, Barbara Wunner.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 2/5/17

Ministry	Sat 4 pm 4th	Sun 8 am 5th	Sun 9:30 5th	Sun 11:15 5th
Priest	HK	GL	HK	HK
Lectors	D. Logan	J. Healy	C. Yost	R. Oursler
EM	P. Fritz	S. Dieter	M. Childress	G. Dumer
	L. Fritz	T. Dieter	B. Hoopert	P. Era
	D. Hughes	F. Holtz	C. Hoopert	C. Era
	M. Washburn	B. Weber	N. Yost	M. Rudell
Server	G. Arnett	A. Engel	J. Devereux	E. Cassidy
	H. Arnett	A. Engel	J. Devereux	W. Cassidy
			A. Racine	J. Cassidy
Sacristan	B. Stewart	K. Stewart	W. Eakes	B. Oursler

It is fitting that we are prepared for this weekend's Gospel presentation of the beatitudes by a passage from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, in which he warns us that there is a significant difference between God's standards and the world's. Christians are to live and justify their lives by a wisdom the world considers absurd. The beatitudes are a case in point. They reflect in capsule form much of the spirit of Jesus. In fact, we might even look upon them as a type of Christian commandment. As such, they may be fully intelligible only to a Christian mentality.

To comprehend how the poor, the sorrowing, the meek, and the persecuted can be considered "blessed" actually requires a substantial shift in perspective. It is certainly not a perspective promoted by our social conditioning! The values of the American Dream, for example, are very much at odds with beatitude thinking. It is the wealthy who are thought blessed; it is those with power and influence who are judged fortunate. In our society, the poor are considered a drain on the economy and an all-around embarrassment. The meek, the marginalized, and the down-and-out are generally viewed as people who easily get stepped on or left out. Those who show mercy are often categorized as weak-minded; those pure in heart are written off as naive. If we mourn, we are advised to seek therapy; if we are insulted, slandered, or persecuted, we are encouraged to file a lawsuit.

We do ourselves a disfavor, however, if we don't evaluate the beatitudes at a deeper level. There is enormous wisdom and power for effective living tied up in this litany of Christian attributes. When we are "poor in spirit," we are more open to the movement of grace in our lives. When we are "meek," we are more inclined than the arrogant to see both sides of an argument and the redeeming value of compromise in conflict. When we "mourn," we better appreciate and enjoy happiness than if we never suffered loss. When we "hunger and thirst for justice," we are more likely to be motivated to pursue opportunities to advance the just treatment of all people. When we are "pure of heart," God's loving actions on our behalf are more clearly in evidence all around us. When we show "mercy" rather than take vengeance, we reveal a gracious and forgiving heart. When we stand up for what we believe, for "righteousness," despite pressure from other people, we demonstrate strength of character!

As we can see, the beatitudes actually force us to stop thinking and to stop counting. They force us to start listening -- listening to what we are most afraid we will hear, namely, that everything we consider important about ourselves is not really very important at all! Worse, not much will begin to stir until we actually see that point with two clear eyes, one functional brain and one empty soul. Until then, we can only try to do what the alcoholics and the overweight and the drug takers do at every meeting when they say, "I came to believe I was powerless."

Just saying it often enough becomes a way to stop the lying. Start seeing, do not do anything. Just see, and see some more, and say there is another power that is mine if I give away every power I call my own! Then we truly discover that the beatitudes are not eight or nine in number; there is only one! We all know what that one says. When we are ready to follow its awesome voice, we will have responded to the most important sermon ever preached!

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Helen Healy on the 2nd anniversary of her death by her husband, Joe.

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Harford Co. Schools are closed for the day ALL meetings, classes and activities are cancelled including Bingo (no make-up date).

If Harford Co. Schools close early ALL meetings, classes and activities are cancelled.

If Harford Co. Schools are delayed, all meetings, classes and activities will be held as usual, including Bingo.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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.

Celebrations and Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday--80's and over

Robert Groff	85	Jan. 30
Patricia Lindeman	82	Feb. 12
Patricia Hushon	87	Feb. 17
Charles Era	83	Feb. 26

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

Thomas & Joanne McVan	64	Feb. 13
Pete & Lois Fritz	59	Feb. 16
Tom & Lou Hall	53	Feb. 23

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Joint Events 6th – 12th Grade

Feb. 4 Ice Skating Party @ Ice World 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Join us for a night of winter fun, we will meet you @ Ice World at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$16 Includes Pizza/drinks, skate rental, & 2 hours of Ice Skating. Parent Pick up is 10:00 p.m. Invite your friends, permission slip required Please RSVP by Feb. 1st to Mrs. Rachel

Feb. 10 Open Gym “Broom Hockey” @ Fawn Grove Rec. Center 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Invite your friends, bring a snack to share. Need to bring an old broom and shin guards.

FAITH FORMATION

R.C.I.A.:

If you know someone who would like to become a Catholic or is looking for a new church, call Janet Young at 443-421-3240 to talk about it

Faith Formation/Adult Education:

Fr. Robert Barron's “Catholicism” series
presented by Mr. Jeff Kline

For Faith Formation parents and all adults
In the Hall during the Faith Formation classes
(5:30pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
New Episode each week (50 minutes)

Discussion afterwards.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Stewardship Update:

The following scripture should leave no doubt about the dangers of riches.

James 5: 1-6. “As for the rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted, your fine wardrobe has grown moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion shall be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. See what you have stored up for yourselves against the last days. Here, crying aloud, are the wages you withheld from the farmhands who harvested your fields. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You lived in wanton luxury on the earth; you fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter. You condemned, even killed, the just man; he does not resist you.”

Treasure – January 22, 2017

Offertory – Envelopes	\$6,201.00
Poor Box – Local Assistance	231.43
Mass Attendance	552

- 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.

Contribution Statement 2016:

If you would like a contribution statement (recorded contributors only (Church Envelopes or EFT) for calendar year 2016 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: February 4th & February 5th**

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: "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 ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, January 30, 2017

7:30pmLittle Rock Scripture Study

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

5:30pmCFF Classes

5:30pmFaith Formation Adult Ed Class

6:00pmConfirmation Interviews

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

5:30pmCFF Classes

5:30pmFaith Formation Adult Ed Class

7:00pmContemporary Music Practice

7:00pmAdult Ed Class (Fr. Henry)

Thursday, February 2, 2017

7:00pmChoir Practice

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Casserole Pans Distributed

AAA – Speaker from St. Edwards

7:00pmYM Ice Skating (Off Campus)

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Casserole Pans Distributed

AAA – Speaker from St. Edwards

6:00pmBoy Scout Mtg

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.



ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO

**TUESDAY,
February 7, 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. Also large print bingo cards will be available upon request. The Menu for Feb. 7th is:

Baked Ziti – Caesar Salad - Italian Bread
Tapioca Pudding

The Bingo Jackpot for February is \$150.00
in 58 numbers or less

Any special dietary requirements please contact our chef, Cheryl Hoopert 410-371-8357 at least a week in advance. Thank You.

World Marriage Day

Renewal of Vows Ceremony

at all Masses, Feb. 11- 12, 2017

Father Henry Kunkel will officiate.

Any married couple may participate and receive a Certificate of Participation. Please let us know if you are participating so we can have a certificate ready.

World Marriage Day Reception

Fiore Winery Sunday, Feb. 12, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
(Snow Date - Feb. 19).

Wine tasting, light fare, commemorative wine bottle and glass included.

Tickets:

Children under 12 - free

Children 12-20 - \$10.00

Single adult 21 or older - \$20.00

Couples - \$40.00

***A ticket is required to participate.**

For tickets or more information, contact John or Bob.

Please RSVP by February 3, 2017 to:

John McCarty

1069cop1@comcast.net

443 – 928 – 2107

Bob McConnell

bobmcconnell@comcast.net

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please mark your calendars for VBS this summer, July 17-21, 2017!! Our theme is Deep Sea Discovery: God Is With Me Wherever I Go!! For ages: Pre-K 4 thru 6th Grade. Children and Pre Teens will have a high-energy fun-filled week discovering that God KNOWS Them, HEARS them, STRENGTHENS them, LOVES them, and SENDS them out to do His work! Service with a Purpose. Registration will kick off May 6 & 7th. Can't wait to see you all!

Adult VBS Volunteers 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 rbittner@hotmail.com

SEWING MINISTRY

We will have a sewing day on Wednesday, February 15, from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Please bring your sewing machine and your lunch. We will provide snacks and drinks. If you don't sew, please join us for a fun time. In case of inclement weather and schools are opened late or closed, we will reschedule the date. Please contact Sue Pardo, 410-456-7882 for more information. Thank you

COMMUNITY EVENTS

“Cool Jazz” Concert at John Carroll

The John Carroll School Jazz Ensemble and the Bel Air Community Big Band are heating up the winter once again with a “Cool Jazz” concert on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Join us for classic big band era instruments and vocals, with a touch of blues, rock & more! John Carroll School, 709 E Churchville Rd, Bel Air. Auction and reception – 6:00pm., concert – 7:00pm. General admission ticket: \$20 adults, \$15 students 18 & under; at the door or online at johncarroll.org/jazz. For more information, contact Julie Parrish, 410-879-2480, Ext. 2023 or jparrish@johncarroll.org

St. John the Evangelist School

OPEN HOUSE St. John the Evangelist School invites you to its two Open Houses in January: Sun., Jan. 29, 2017 from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm and/or Tues., Jan 31, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12 pm. Come #DiscoverThePowerOfSmall. Be sure to visit the website to learn more about what this “mighty mouse” school has to offer. www.StJohnSchoolLGV.org. Or visit us on Facebook as well to get a real “feel” for the school, its children and its community. www.facebook.com/StJohnSchoolLGV.

Job Opening at St. John, Hydes

Part-time (19 hrs. wk) Accountant—contact Jane Andrews at 410-592-6206, Ext 113 or send e-mail to andrewsjl@sjehydes.org or www.archbalt.org

Spark Family Ministry Presents

Join best-selling author Christopher West as he explores the ancient but forgotten truth that our deepest desires of body and soul are meant to lead us to the infinite, to God. Joining him will be nationally touring American musician Mike Mangione. Admission includes light hors d'oeuvres and drinks 30 minutes prior to the show. This is a 21 and over event
Where: St Marks, 2407 Laurel Brook Rd Fallston
When: Saturday, February 11 – Time; 6:30 pm – 9:30pm
Cost: \$10/ticket— available at the parish office on Wednesdays/online
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/614>

Night of Reflection – All Liturgical Ministers

St. Mark Catholic Church invites you for a night to Reflect
Friday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Hart, a Catholic song writer and musician, will lead an evening of reflection.

Longaberger Basket/Vera Bradley Purse Bingo

at Prince of Peace Parish Center in Edgewood, Sunday, February 19, 2017. Door open 1:30pm.; Bingo starts at 2:30pm. Prepaid tickets \$15; \$20 at the door. For more information contact Sr. Susanne, 410-679-5912 or Dolores Huff, 410-676-0418. Proceeds benefit the Faith Formation Program.

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 3rd, 4th & 5th or April 7th, 8th & 9th. Choose your date and mail response to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Galeone, 2161 Greenspring Dr, Timonium MD 21093 or call 410-252-5355

Upper Chesapeake Health

The University of MD Harford Memorial Hospital & University of MD Chesapeake Medical Center are offering volunteer opportunities to adults of all ages (at least 15 years of age and completed the ninth grade) interested in volunteering in a healthcare setting. Pamphlets and applications are in the vestibule of the church, or go to www.umuch.org.

Some Words of Wisdom

These words were written by the late Andy Rooney. The subjects covered affect us all on a daily basis:
I've learned ... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
I've learned ... That just one person saying to me, “You've made my day!” makes my day.
I've learned ... That being kind is more important than being right.
I've learned ... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
I've learned ... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
I've learned ... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
I've learned ... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
From a father's perspective.
I've learned ... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
I've learned ... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
I've learned ... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
I've learned ... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.