

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 5, 2017

FROM FR. KUNKEL

Today's Readings
 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Is 58:7-10
 1 Cor 2:1-5
 Mt 5:13-16

Readings for 02/12/17
 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Sir 15:15-20
 1 Cor 2:6-10
 Mt 5:17-37

MASS INTENTIONS: FEB. 6 TO FEB. 12, 2017

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Kunkel
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Vocations to the Priesthood William Bergeron
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Richard S. McGovern
Thursday	9:00 am	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	John Klein
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Paul Goedeke Camille Kiedrowski Andy Trageser

(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 Brenmeman, Roy Broyles, Aaron Carter, Mary Cochran, Kemper (Scoop) Cline, Ginger Corvin, Jean L Dempster, 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 2/12/17

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Feb. 11	Sun 8 am Feb. 12	Sun 9:30 Feb. 12	Sun 11:15 Feb. 12
Priest	HK	HK	HK	HK
Lectors		R. McGraw	J. Edwards	Youth
EM		A. Chaney	K. Ayers	D. Eakes
	J. Kusik	M. McGraw	J. Bowman	S. Friedman
	D. Phillips	B. Nowak	L. Hall	D. Friedman
	J. Poole	L. Surkin	M. Scarff	M. Rudell
Server	G. Arnett	O. Ayd	W. Desmond	P. Bittner
	H. Arnett	L. Weber	S. Usselman	L. Dodson
		M. Rinaudo	I. Warne	J. Eakes
Sacristan	K. Stewart	B. Stewart	B. Oursler	W. Eakes

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Dr. Charles Foutz & Joseph Foutz by the Foutz & Era Families.

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

A visitor to Lambarene found the great medical missionary, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, pushing a wheelbarrow as he helped build a new road. The visitor was shocked to find the famous doctor performing such a menial task. "Doctor Schweitzer," he asked, "Why are you doing that? How is it that you push a wheelbarrow?" With a twinkle in his eye, Schweitzer replied, "Oh, that's very simple. You just pick up a shovel, fill up the wheelbarrow with dirt, then take hold of the handle, and push." That is the way the Lord's work gets done!

There really isn't very much glamour in our day-to-day tasks and in the day-to-day decisions we make for Christ and his Kingdom. We need to learn that most of the triumphs of the Christian faith are won in the daily round of loving service. We must never get the notion that being a Christian relieves us of work and responsibility and struggle. We must never mistake the Kingdom for utopia, because there will always be "wheelbarrows to fill!"

Just as God needed Peter and Paul, and James and John, so too he needs you! Just as, in times past, he gave each of them a specific, distinct, unique task to perform for the enrichment of the Kingdom, so too he has fashioned a specific, distinct task that is uniquely yours. Hopefully, we all share the same goals. From the first disciple to the last, the Christian mission is to be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world," as Jesus tells us in the Gospel. Each of us has been called to bring the light and the flavor and the scent and the wonder and the healing power and the joy of God's love into the lives of others; but each in his or her own individual way.

God has made you uniquely what you are. He gives you the grace to envision your individual potential - what you can become. God gives you that challenge, but if you fail to say "YES!" to it, his Kingdom is the poorer, because there is no substitute for you! No one else can do the specific, distinct, unique task God has appointed you to do!

From the Gospels we know that when people came to Jesus to be his disciples, he immediately began to shape them to be his ministers. The people came for any number of reasons. He would feed them. He would heal them, spiritually and physically. But they soon discovered that he would also send them out! First he sent the twelve; then the seventy-two; then others. Anyone who came to be a part of what Jesus was doing had to understand that he or she had to become the Lord's minister!

So often, in our time, we come to Christ to get what we can out of him. We come to Church to have our needs met. But we soon discover that he will not let it end there. We discover that there is more involved in following Jesus than simply coming to Church to be passive receivers of the gifts that are being dispensed. And if we are at all conscious of what is going on in the worship experience, we discover that an active ministry is beginning to define itself in us! Make no mistake about it - you are ministers to one another here at St. Mary's! And you are ministers at large to the world! Whatever your secular vocation may be, whatever neighborhood you may live in, whatever your family situation is, while you are there you are a full time minister of Jesus Christ!

It is time for us Christians to take on our true identity and give true witness to the world, of a loving God who cares about us all and keeps his promises! If God compared your acts of the past week to power for a light bulb, would you be operating at 25 watts, 50 watts, or 100?

Father Michael Schleupner -- Weekly Faith Message

Father Michael Schleupner, who assists us with Masses on weekends, writes a weekly spiritual or faith message. It is called *Inbox Inspirations*. Father Mike 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*. By the way, there is no charge and there is always the opportunity to unsubscribe.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

February – 4th month

The “Little One” posters displayed in the vestibule of the church are of beautiful pre-born children at the various stages of development inside their mothers’ wombs. Many posters displayed on January 27, 2017 during the 44th Roe v. Wade anniversary March for Life in Washington DC were photographs of mutilated and dismembered pre-born infants that would break your hearts to see. Continue to pray for your “Spiritually Adopted” baby so that he/she will continue to resemble the babies on our posters, not those on the posters of “legally” aborted babies!

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 REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded – a sign of dreaming.

This is an exciting time for Respect Life.

1. President Donald Trump signed an executive order to re-establish the Mexico City Policy. In 1984, President Reagan signed The Mexico City Policy, which states that government funds will not be given to international organizations that fund abortions. President Clinton rescinded the order. President Bush reinstated the order and President Obama rescinded the order. Thanks to President Trump for bringing it back.
2. Prominent members of the new administration, Vice President Mike Pence (Protestant) and Kellyanne Conway (Catholic), spoke at March for Life 2017 and the event has received media coverage not seen in many years.
3. The House of Representatives passed a bill to defund Planned Parenthood, the No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act (H.R. 7), with bipartisan support on January 24, 2017. Now, we wait for the Senate to act. Please call your senators to express support for “No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion.”

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.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

In January, the Food Pantry served 8 families, 25 people. We are in need of soap, condiments, fruit juice, canned meat, shampoo, conditioner, and hamburger helper.

The pantry will be open on Saturday, February 18, from 10:00 am until noon. Snow date is Saturday, February 25.

Please remember there are no financial limitations for our “customers.” If you know anyone who just needs food, please send them to the pantry. We are open the third Saturday of the month, with exception of the months of Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Bloodmobile at St. Mary’s --Thursday, March 2nd

Appointments are now available from 1:45 to 6:15p.m. The Red Cross assigns staff according to the number of donors scheduled so an appointment is extremely helpful and recommended. The blood supply is currently low. All types of blood, especially O+ are needed.

To schedule an appointment, call Darlene Walther at 410-404-8583 or 717-862-3037 or you may email her at dew1250@gmail.com and put “blood donor” in the subject line.

Thank you in advance for volunteering to donate blood. When you give blood, you give life.

Celebrations and Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday—80s and over

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

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)

Feb. 7 Episode Five: “Peter and Paul”

Feb. 8 Episode Six: “Mystical Union of Christ
and the Church”

Discussion afterwards.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Stewardship Update:

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

1 Timothy 6: 9-10. “Those who want to be rich are falling into temptation. They are letting themselves be captured by foolish and harmful desires which drag men down to ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all evil. Some men in their passion for it have strayed from the faith, and have come to grief amid great pain.”

Treasure – January 29, 2017

Offertory – Envelopes	\$7,695.00
Poor Box – Local Assistance	196.88
Mass Attendance	566

- 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.

Stewardship of property: How much should I give? The Old Testament guideline for giving was the tithe (usually 1/10). How close do you come to the giving expected of the early Christians?

Weekly Gross Income:

Percentage:	3%	5%	8%	10%	15%
500.00	15.00	25.00	40.00	50.00	75.00
600.00	18.00	30.00	48.00	60.00	90.00
700.00	21.00	35.00	56.00	70.00	105.00
850.00	25.50	42.50	68.00	85.00	127.50
1000.00	30.00	50.00	80.00	100.00	150.00
1250.00	37.50	62.50	100.00	125.00	187.50
1500.00	50.00	75.00	120.00	150.00	225.00

**Next Weekend: February 11th & February 12th

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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY’S

Monday, February 6, 2017	
7:00pm	1 st Eucharist Parent Mtg
7:00pm	Little Rock Scripture Study
Tuesday, February 7, 2017	
10:00am	Luncheon Bingo
5:30pm	CFF Classes
5:30pm	Faith Formation Adult Ed Class
6:45pm	Confirmation Class
Wednesday, February 8, 2017	
5:30pm	CFF Classes
5:30pm	Faith Formation Adult Ed Class
6:45pm	Baptism Prep Mtg
7:00pm	Contemporary Music Practice
7:00pm	Adult Ed Class (Fr. Henry)
Thursday, February 9, 2017	
7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday, February 10, 2017	
7:00pm	Youth Ministry Open Gym (off campus)
Saturday, February 11, 2017	
	Casserole Pans Returned
	Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony
10:00am.....	9 th Grade Day of Reflection
Sunday, February 12, 2017	
	Casserole Pans Returned
	Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony
11:15am.....	CPW Mass
6:00pm	Boy Scout Mtg

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

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.



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.

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 6th & 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 nbittner@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

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.

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.

“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

From Stress to Success

Caritas Counseling Center, 1300 York Rd., Lutherville MD, is offering “From Stress to Success,” a small group designed to help you manage a crisis or deal with a major life change, Wednesday, March 1 – April 19, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (except April 12). Part of our Healthy Life Series, the therapist-facilitated group will cover mindfulness practice, skill-building and discussion. Space is limited. For details, cost or to register, contact Martha Keys Barker at 301-431-6866 or caritas@sli.org. Caritas (caritas-sli.org) is a ministry of Saint Luke Institute.

The Bible and the Sacraments – On Line Study

Experience the power of the Church's seven signs of grace in the St. Paul Center's new video study, *The Bible and the Sacraments*. This Lent, join thousands of Catholics online by participating in the free study at BibleandtheSacraments.com. (Just type BibleandtheSacraments.com into your browser.)

Join host Matthew Leonard for this visually stunning eleven lesson series that explores how and why the seven Sacraments are God's gifts of life and love to His children.

Examining the rich relationship between the Old and New Testaments, this study reveals the Sacraments as more than earthly rituals. They are “powers that come forth from the Body of Christ” (CCC 1116). The goal of *The Bible and the Sacraments* is to understand where the Sacraments come from, what they mean, and why they are so important and foundational to our Catholic faith.

The free online limited-time study begins on March 1, 2017 and will continue in 11 lessons through the Lenten season. Sign up now to participate in this deeply moving Bible study.

Two new lessons will be posted each week and will be available for two weeks after the posting date.

The St. Paul Center was founded by Biblical scholar Dr. Scott Hahn and this study is based on his writings