

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 19, 2017

FROM FR. KUNKEL

Today's Readings
 7th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
 1 Cor 3:16-23
 Mt 5:38-48

Readings for 02/26/17
 8th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Is 49:14-15
 1 Cor 4:1-5
 Mt 6:24-34

MASS INTENTIONS: FEB. 20 TO FEB. 26, 2017

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Kunkel
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Vocations to the Priesthood Fr. Paul Henry (H)
Thursday	9:00 am	John Kelly
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Frank Mueller
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Camille Kiedrowski Gregory Canter Mary Bredehoeft

(S) 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, Wes Courtney, 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, Patricia Skinner, 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 2/26/17

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Feb. 25	Sun 8 am Feb. 26	Sun 9:30 Feb. 26	Sun 11:15 Feb. 26
Priest	HK	LG	HK	HK
Lectors	B. Mank	V. Nowak	M. Canter	T. Driesen
EM	S. Pardo	S. Dieter	B. Hoopert	D. Eakes
	D. Phillips	T. Dieter	C. Hoopert	D. Friedman
	M Washburn	B. Nowak	M. Scarff	S. Friedman
	J. Poole	B. Weber	N. Yost	M. Rudelll
Server	G. Arnett	L. Weber	K. Gesla	E. Cassidy
	H. Arnett	M. Rinaudo	L. Mahns	W. Cassidy
			R. Mahns	J. Cassidy
Sacristan	K. Stewart	B. Stewart	B. Oursler	W. Eakes

The story is told about a holy old man who used to meditate every morning under a large tree on the banks of the river Ganges in northern India. The place he chose was near a site of pilgrimage where Hindus came to wash in the sacred river and cleanse themselves from sin. One morning, after he had finished his meditation, the old man noticed a large scorpion floating helplessly on the strong current of the river. The scorpion became caught in the tree's long roots that extended into the river bed. The more it struggled to free itself, the more entangled it became in the twining roots. The old man reached out to free the captive animal and, as soon as he touched it, the scorpion lifted its tail and stung him wildly. But the old man reached out again to free it!

A young man was passing and saw what was happening. He shouted out, "Old man, what's wrong with you? You must be crazy! Why bother risking your life to save such an ugly useless creature?"

The old man turned to the onlooker, and in his pain asked him a question. "Friend," he said, "because it is the nature of the scorpion to sting, why should I give up my own nature to save?"

This story of the old man and the scorpion raises a problem that we all face: do we take our cue for action from the treatment we receive from others, or do we continue in the way of graciousness even when we get stung ourselves? Jesus argues that the love his disciples give people is not related to the love they receive from others. This love is not a social contract or a fair bargain. The disciple loves because that is what the nature of discipleship involves! Obviously, Jesus realized that love does not transform enemies into instant friends. Love didn't solve all of Jesus' problems with his enemies. In the end he was the one who reached out to free others and was mortally stung in the process. However, he always remained with his supreme value because that emerged from who he was as the Son of the Father. This is the way we discover what perfection is really all about!

Father Schlepner--Weekly Faith Message

Father Michael Schlepner, 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.

Altar Flowers:

In loving memory of Tess Monius by her parents, John & Cindy.

If you would like to have a loved one either honored or remembered with a donation of flowers for the altar please contact Sue Dieter, 410-937-4035.

World Marriage Weekend:

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated in the World Marriage Weekend. Congratulations to all who renewed their vows, may the Lord bless you with many more years of happiness together. The reception at Fiore Winery was a huge success! To everyone who attended Thank You, without you it would not have been possible. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

FORMED: Who Am I to Judge?

“Who are you to impose your morality on others?”

“What’s true for you isn’t necessarily true for me.”

“Morality is just personal opinion.”

Rise above the culture of moral relativism with Who Am I to Judge? – an 8 part study program. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person’s soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, “relativism wounds people” and is “the spiritual poverty of our times.”

If you have not joined FORMED:

Go to Formed.org – enter code C9HQ2N – Create your user name/email/password. Then log in – www.formed.org and enter your username/email/password.

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. 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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

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

Mark 4: 18-19. “Those sown among thorns are another class. They have listened to the word, but anxieties over life’s demands, and the desire for wealth, and cravings of other sorts come to choke it off; it bears no yield.”

Treasure – February 12, 2017

Offertory – Envelopes	\$5,881.00
Poor Box – St. Edwards	206.25
Mass Attendance	600

- 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: February 25th & February 26th**

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.)**

Catholic Review: *Second Collection* – The Catholic Review is mailed to every registered household in the parish four times a year and is delivered to the parish in bulk eight times a year to be given out at the mass. This collection will help offset the yearly charge for the printing and mailing to the parish for the review.

Poor Box: “Local Assistance”: The donations to the poor box this weekend will help support local assistance where needed.

Celebrations and Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday--80's and over

Charles Era	83	Feb. 26
Loretta Huseman	85	Mar. 3
Nancy Parker	81	Mar. 6
Elizabeth Swift	89	Mar. 12
Kemper Cline	81	Mar. 22
Joan McCluskey	82	Mar. 25

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

Tom & Lou Hall	53	Feb. 23
Joseph & Darlene Ende	50	Mar. 4
Michael & Kathleen Douglass	25	Mar. 28

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, February 20, 2017

10:00am..... Sewing Ministry Mtg
6:00pmEucharist Preparation Class
7:00pm Baptism Preparation Class

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

5:30pm CFF Classes
5:30pmFaith Formation Adult Ed Class
6:45pm High School Faith Formation Class
7:00pm Liturgy Ministry Mtg

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

5:30pm CFF Classes
5:30pmFaith Formation Adult Ed Class
7:00pm Adult Ed Class (Fr. Henry)
7:00pmContemporary Music Practice

Thursday, February 23, 2017

7:30pm Evangelization Ministry Mtg
7:30pmChoir Practice

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00am.....Mardi Gras/Pancake Breakfast

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.

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: Feb. 21st & 22nd:

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. 21 Episode Seven "Mystery of the Liturgy and Eucharist"

Feb. 22 Episode Eight: "Communion of Saints"
Discussion afterwards.

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.



ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, March 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 Mar. 7th is:

Sheppard's Pie – Rye Bread
Pistachio Cake

The Bingo Jackpot for March is \$175.00 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.

Vacation Bible School – July 17th.

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

The Bible and the Sacraments – On Line Study...Mar. 1

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

From Stress to Success...Mar. 1

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.

Kennard-Dale High School presents...Mar. 2

The musical "Anything Goes", Mar. 2 & 3 at 7:00pm and Mar. 4 at 1:00 and 7:00pm. Advance Tickets - \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and seniors, at the door \$15.00. Sales – www.sesdweb.net or 717-382-4871

Married Couples Retreat...Mar. 3

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

St. John the Evangelist School...Mar. 7

Open house – Wednesday, Mar. 7th from 9:00am to 12:00pm
RSVP to ephelps@stjohnschoolLGV.org

God in All Things: An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality...Mar. 7

St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, honed his spiritual practices which were designed to deepen his relationship with God and help him follow Jesus more closely. These spiritual exercises are highly practical and are designed to be used in our busy, active lives. St. Margaret Church in Bel Air is offering a 5-week series to aid us in our journey. Held from 7:00 – 8:30pm on each of the Tuesday evenings from March 7th through April 4th. So we can prepare properly, please register with Michelle Sullivan at mksinbelair@gmail.com or St. Margaret parish office at 410-879-2670.

Looking for a few good men . . . Mar. 11

Archbishop Lori invites high school and young adult men for lunch on Saturday, March 11th at the home of George & Sally Hechter at 2302 Singer Road in Joppa, MD. Time: 11:30am to 2:00pm. Attire: Slacks and collared shirt.

R.S.V.P. is required. Contact Julia at vocations@archbalt.org or 410-547-5426.

Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary...Mar. 11

When: Saturday, March 11 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

What: Craft Show

Where: Firehouse on Rt 165 in Jarrettsville

Many local crafters – homemade items, jewelry, floral arrangements and much more.

Admission is free with plenty of free parking. Food will be available to buy.