

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017**

FROM FR. KUNKEL

Today's Readings

2nd Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1-4
2 Tm 1:8-10
Mt 17:1-9

Readings for 03/19/17

3rd Sunday of Lent
Ex 17: 3-7
Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8
Jn 4: 5-42 or 4: 5-15

MASS INTENTIONS: MAR. 13 TO MAR. 19, 2017

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Sue Anderson
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	John Gary Bowers, Sr.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Jude Pohl
Thursday	9:00 am	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Henry Kenneth Shamer
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Helen Healy Camille Kiedrowski George Miller

(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, Wes Courtney, Jean L Dempster, Elaine Donahue, Kathleen Douglas, Steve Ferguson, Don Green, Gorden Gosewich, Jo Anne 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, Kimberly Weidner, Marie Weller, Jim & Bev Wilson, Marie Winterling-Fogarty, Barbara Wunner.

This weekend's Gospel presents a powerful scene and an important revelation. Jesus is transfigured in front of his friends; his divinity shines through. His disciples learn that there is much more to Jesus than meets the eye. There is also a lesson that we can learn about ourselves from this revelation. That lesson is, that there is much more to each of us than meets the eye as well. We too are encouraged to do what Jesus did: transfigure ourselves. More and more of the mystery and richness of our inner selves is waiting to be revealed. We are called to let our divinity shine through.

Many of us have a habit of labeling other people, even ourselves, with one or two word definitions. We might make a generalization about a coworker, for example, that he or she is "sweet," or "temperamental," or "a fine person," or "hard to work with." We might define ourselves as "decent," "trying to make a living," "confused," "loving," or "fun to be with." We watch other people in action and draw quick conclusions about their characters. We may be correct in our assessments, but, if we are honest, we have to admit that we are likely seeing only part of the picture. There is always more to an iceberg than what shows on the surface. A person we might write off as a "crank" may be a devoted spouse, a loving parent, a dedicated humanitarian, a joy to his or her friends. There is much more to us than can be put into a single phrase.

We are all unimaginably complex. There is always more to us than what is just visible. Consequently, our purpose in life is to let our complexity unfold. The possibilities for our development are beyond measure. We become "transfigured" as we achieve more and more of our potential and let the best in us shine through. If we are critical, we can also be compassionate. If we are hard and demanding, we can also be gentle and magnanimous. If we are sometimes offensive, we can also be gracious. We can display courage as well as fear; we can heal as much as we can hurt. Jesus encouraged us to "let your light shine before others." For all of our faults, weaknesses, and sins, we are also rich in assets, strengths, and virtues. The Gospel urges us to let these qualities come through!

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 3/19/17

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Mar. 18	Sun 8 am Mar. 19	Sun 9:30 Mar. 19	Sun 11:15 Mar. 19
Priest	HK	HK	HK	HK
Lectors	P Marroney	S McCain	B Kiedrowski	S Alasandro
EM	D Hughes	A Chaney	K Ayers	C Era
	S Pardo	S Dieter	J Bowman	P Era
	D Phillips	T Dieter	D Eakes	M Rudell
	M Washburn	B Weber	L Hall	P Seneschal
Server	G Arnertt	A Engel	Z Kiedrowski	P Bittner
	H Arnett	A Engel	B Kiedrowski	M Kujawa
			I Warne	M Messics
Sacristan			W Eakes	B Oursler

PARISH INFORMATION



**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 Mass on the First Sunday of Lent. 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.



DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY

SECOND WEEK – THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE (Diary #47-48) – Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the

signature: Jesus, I trust in You, I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.

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

Cemetery Clean-up Notice:

We kindly ask that any Christmas decorations that families would like to save from a loved one’s grave be remove by Mach.12th. After March 12 all Christmas decorations, faded artificial or out of season flowers will be removed and disposed of.

Reminder: Year Round: No glass flower holders or glass ornaments. Planting of flowers is not allowed and any planted will be removed. During grass cutting season we request that nothing be placed on the ground. Please have flowers or ornaments on the tomb stone.

Formed – The Catholic Faith on Demand

Don’t forget to open your yearlong Christmas gift from St. Mary’s . . . We are excited to announce that St. Mary’s has become a partner in an exciting 24/7 on-line web-based digital formation series called FORMED, produced by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. There are movies, Bible and spiritual studies, audios and books. This series is designed to help adults grow in their faith at all levels – how we think, how we pray, and how we live. Better yet, access is FREE to all parishioners and their families anywhere, anytime on computers, tablets or phones. There is also content for children!

Go to Formed.org. Enter our parish code C9HQ2N. Create a personal account with your user name / email and password. Then log in by going to www.formed.org. Enter you user name / email and password.

Respect Life Ministry

St. Mary’s Respect Life Ministry has placed the 5th “Little One” poster in the vestibule of the church. Our “Spiritually Adopted” babies are at the half-way point to being born. Babies at this gestational age have survived a premature birth. Yet these viable infants are at the mercy of outside forces – including their own mothers – as to whether they will live or die. Please continue to pray for your “adopted” Little One!

Fifth Month (size : about 12 inches)

This month marks the half-way point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and his mother can feel him move and stretch, particularly when she is resting. He is big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. Up to now, although he swam with ease in his watery world, he was too small for her to detect because the outside wall of the uterus has no feelings. Babies born at this age have survived.

Praying is a powerful action we can all take. Here are some specific prayer intentions:

1. Pray that the Maryland legislature does not pass the latest bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide. The name of the bill is The End of Life Option Action (HB370/SB354). For more information, visit <http://.stopassistedsuicidemd.org/>
2. Pray that presidential cabinet appointments and Supreme Court appointments are people who will promote a culture of life in our nation.
3. Pray that all elected representatives will promote dignity for life from conception until natural death.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

What Makes Marriage Work Spirituality/Faith

The Only Time An Affair Will Help Your Marriage...I thought that might get your attention! But, as you will see I am not speaking of human affairs, although this is an affair of the heart. And, if you choose to allow it into your marriage, it WILL bring it closer to "heaven on Earth". Take a good look at this diagram. What do you notice?



Do you see how each partner in the marriage has their own path to God? They do not even have to happen through the same means. Men and women have different needs and this extends the spiritual life also. Not that they can't also enjoy some of the same things, too! And what happens as their paths bring them closer to God? As you fall in love with the Lord, you will become closer to each other! This is The Gift of Marital Faith in your marriage. It is *the most effective means* to a deeply passionate and lasting relationship. It does not mean that you will not experience difficulties. You may even experience more than you feel is your fair share considering the depth of your faith. But, if you watch closely you will see that this Gift of Marital Faith is the foundation of your ability to weather the storms while remaining together in love. **How to start?** It is simple, but may not be easy. Pray together. If it is not already something you do together, **try this:** at the end of the day, take each other's hand or hug and just say, "God we know you are here and we want your help". As you grow together you will want to express more together to the Lord.

Dcn. Gary and Ellen Dumer

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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Old Testament has many references to tithing. Genesis 14: 20. Melchizedek comes out to meet Abraham, as Abraham gives him a tithe of the spoils of his victory.

Treasure – February 2017
Offertory – EFT \$9,269.36
Number of Donors 84

Treasure – March 5, 2017
Offertory – Envelopes \$5,560.00
Parish Building Fund 925.00
Poor Box – Little Sisters 278.77
Mass Attendance

- 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: March 18th & March 19th**

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 School Parish Assessment - Archdiocese of Baltimore:

Second Collection: To partially fulfill the obligation of the People of God to support Catholic Schools and the unique education they bring to the children within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The funds acquired through this special collection are specifically restricted to use in parish, inter-parish, or Archdiocesan schools. Please be as generous as you can.

Poor Box: "BirthRight": The donations to the poor box this weekend will help support **BirthRight** located in Bel Air.

Celebrations and Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Elizabeth Swift	89	Mar. 12
Kemper Cline	81	Mar. 22
Joan McCluskey	82	Mar. 25

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

Michael & Kathleen Douglass	25	Mar. 28
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If you do not want your name(s), and/or your age in the bulletin please notify Barbara, Ext. 22

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Events: - Mar. 24

Joint Events – 6th to 12th Grade

March 24 – 7:00pm – Teens will lead the Stations of the Cross in the church; Volunteers are needed, there are 13 short readings

March 24 – 8:00 – 10:00pm – Movie Night in the Youth Room immediately following the Stations. Popcorn and beverages on the house. Bring a friend.

April 22 Earth Day Clean up at St. Mary's. Teens meet Mrs. Rachel @ 9am at the Playground. Bring work gloves, tarps, rakes, weed pulling tools. We will be picking up debris, pulling weeds in the playground and do our part to help tidy up the grounds for spring events. If raining, event will be cancelled.

Need High School Teens to help us on April 9 from 12:30 – 2 pm in the Youth Room to stuff Easter Eggs for the Annual Easter Egg hunt. Pizza on the house!

Need High School Teens to volunteer on Saturday April 15 @ 10:45 am to help hide the Easter Eggs then help the Children to help supervise the hunts. Meet Mrs. Rachel @ the Youth Room.

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.

Monday Night Bible Study – Mar. 13

Join us on Monday, Mar. 13th at 7:30pm, as we begin our new study on the book of Revelation. We will be using the book, "Revelation: God's Gift of Hope" by Kevin Perrotta, published by Loyola Press. Books can be purchased through the Loyola Press website, (<https://www.loyolapress.com/products/parish-ministry/bible-study-or-scripture/revelation-gods-gift-of-hope>) or for Kindle Readers or Kindle apps on Amazon. Please contact Joy Fender for more information; jcfender@zoominternet.net or 410-688-5571

Young Adult Ministry-March 2017

Young Adult Theology on Tap is being sponsored in Harford County by the Harford Area Young Adult Ministries. Any young adults 21 and over are welcome to join us at Main Street Tower (29 S. Main St, Bel Air) for Faith/Fun, interesting speakers, lively conversation and good company. The

dates are Thursdays during Lent – Mar. 9, 23, 30 & Apr. 6 – Time 7-7:30pm Social / 7:30-8:00pm guest speaker / 8-9Pm Lively conversation and good company. Any questions contact Hannah Bittner 717-380-7443, Young Adult Ministry Coor.

Blue Grass Coffee House – March 11

Join us for an evening with foot stompin’ Bluegrass music from our own Ron Plummer and His Pick’in Pals from 7 – 10 pm. A \$5.00 per person donation includes coffee or lemonade, and dessert. Other concession foods will be offered for sale and there will be a “Silent Auction.” All proceeds will benefit the Catholic Heart Work Camp summer mission trip. Invite everyone you know. There will be fun for the whole family!!

Faith Formation/Adult Education – Mar. 14 & 15

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 (5:30 p.m. T/W). New Episode each week (50 mintes). March 14th Episode Nine: “Prayer” . March 15th Episode Ten: “The Last Things” discussion afterward.

Food Pantry Ministry: March 18th

In February, the food pantry served 10 families, a total of 36 people. The pantry will be open on Saturday, March 18th with a snow date of March 25th. We are in need of instant potatoes, canned fruit, mayonnaise, mustard, catsup, dish and laundry detergent, spaghetti sauce, jello, pudding, cereal, bar soap and tooth brushes. The pantry will not be open in April because of the Easter food drive. Thank you for your generous donations. Sue Pardo & the food pantry volunteers

Spring Fried Chicken Dinner – Mar. 18 & 19

Our Annual Fried Chicken Dinner will be held on April 29th, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. We will need approximately 300 stewards to volunteer and as always we must ask our parishioners to give of your time, talent and treasure. Please sign up if you are going to work the dinner; it helps prevent a lot of headaches and keeps our stress level at ease.

Time: 4 hours at the most but 8 hours would be great.
Talent: Volunteer for any of the many positions to be filled.
Treasure: Buy a dinner ticket (it helps the cause).

Sign up will be after all the Masses as follows: March 18th & 19th / March 25th & 26th/ April 1st & 2nd / April 22nd & 23rd or call Barbara at Ext. 22 / or email her at barbara_stmarys@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for giving of your time and talent, signing up early and for your continuous support for our parish.

Lenten Fish Fry – Mar. 31

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 31st from 3:00 – 8:00pm. A fish platter will be available for \$9.00 which will include fish, French fries, apple sauce, coleslaw and a drink. Also available will be a fish sandwich for \$6.00. The Bells of St. Mary’s will have desserts available for purchase. Come spend a Friday evening of Lent with friends and family. Carry out will be available.

St. Mary’s Lenten Mission Come to me! says the Lord – Mar.

31 “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Mt. 11:28

Friday, March 31st at 7:00pm. Join us after the Fish Fry for an evening of spiritual renewal!

Father Okoro has asked that we read and ponder the following Bible verses before the event:

“A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!” Isaiah 40:3

“Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8

“Lord, you will open my lips; and my mouth will proclaim your praise.” Psalm 51:17.

A free-will donation will be collected for Fr. Okoro’s blessing us with his gifts of spiritual transformation.

Fr. Justin Okoro, ordained a priest on July 6, 1996 for the Catholic Archdiocese of Owerri Imo State, Nigeria. He was a pastor, retreat teacher and Director for Life for 17 years in Nigeria. In 2014, he volunteered to serve the Diocese of Gallup in New Mexico, where he gave retreats and conferences for parishes and Charismatic prayer ministries in New Mexico,

Texas, Florida, and New Jersey. In 2016, he enrolled in the Health Administration program at Mount St. Mary University. He currently resides at St. Agnes parish in Catonsville. Fr. Justin is the son of Mr. Sylvanus and Mrs. Edith Okoro of Igeria

Easter 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 April 15 at 12 noon. Donation boxes will be in the vestibule of the Church and Hall. Thank you in advance, we need all donations by Sunday April 9th in as we will be stuffing eggs on April 9th after the last Mass.

Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Holy Saturday April 15 @ 12 noon for Toddlers thru 8th Graders. Join us for this fun filled event.

Vacation Bible School – July 17th.

Adult VBS Volunteers are 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY’S

Monday, March 13, 2017

6:00pmEucharist Preparation Class
7:30m.....Scripture Study

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

5:30pm CFF
5:30pm FF Adult Education Class
6:45pm.....High School Faith Formation
7:00pm.....Parish Council

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

5:30pm CFF
5:30pm FF Adult Education Class
6:45pm.....Scout Committee Mtg.
7:00pm Fr. Henry’s Adult Ed Class
7:00pmContemporary Music

Thursday, March 16, 2017

4:00 pmKnights of Columbus Dinner
7:30pmChoir Practice

Friday, March 17, 2017

5:00pm.....Knights of Columbus St. Patrick Day Supper
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Chicken Dinner Sign-Up
Boy Scout Candy Sale
8:00amConfirmation Bus Trip
10:0amFood Pantry Open

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Chicken Dinner Sign-up
Boy Scout Candy Sale
10:30amGIFT