

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017**

FROM FR. KUNKEL

Today's Readings

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

Readings for 03/26/17

4th Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
Eph 5: 8-14
Jn 9: 1-41 or 9: 6-9

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

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Kunkel
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Madeline Stenger
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday	9:00 am	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Sharon DelAnecprete
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Will Coster
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Suzanne Tonsoaint Ector Crocetti Daniel Riley

(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, 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, 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.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 3/25/17

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Mar. 20	Sun 8 am Mar. 21	Sun 9:30 Mar. 21	Sun 11:15 Mar. 21
Priest	MS	LG	HK	HK
Lectors	J Seneschal	V Nowak	C Yost	J Fender
EM	J Kusik	A Chaney	K Ayers	D Eakes
	S Pardo	F Holtz	J Bowman	C Era
	D Phillips	B Weber	N Yost	P Era
		B Nowak	M Scraff	M Rudell
Server	G Arnett	O Ayd	W Demond	J Eakes
	H Arnett	L Weber	L Mahns	M Kujawa
		M Rinaudo	R Mahns	C Lawrence
Sacristan			B Oursler	W Eakes

For the next three weeks of our annual Lenten journey toward Easter, we will be invited to consider three of the most fundamental elements of our faith, WATER, LIGHT and LIFE. Our mentor and guide will be St. John, the fourth evangelist. Our companions along the way will be the unnamed woman of Samaria, the man born blind, and Lazarus. Each of these epitomizes a certain aspect of human need; each also exhibits a fundamental disposition toward God which every believer is called to emulate. By sharing in their experiences and by joining in their encounters with Jesus, each of us will be able to identify within ourselves those same basic human needs and to find the remedy for our every need in God.

Thirst led the woman of Samaria to the well in the noon-day sun. God was in her thirst, drawing her to the living WATER who is Jesus. With that woman we also thirst for truth, understanding, mercy, a change of heart and a new beginning. Standing near her, we will hear Jesus initiate the conversation, "If only you recognized God's gift . . . you would have asked . . . he would have given."

On this, the Third Sunday of Lent, we do recognize, we do ask and we are given living water. With the woman, we experience the WATER of salvation and the satisfaction of all of our thirsts in God.

Having accepted Jesus and the water of life he had come to offer, the woman then became his witness to her friends and neighbors. On the strength of her testimony, they too were drawn to Jesus and like the woman, they too came to believe. Thus, in this woman at the well, John offers us an exemplary disciple.

Like her, we are called to drink deep and be washed in Jesus' water of life at baptism. With her, we are invited to ask of Jesus all those important questions that will lead us to faith. Like her, we are challenged to move beyond doubt, to leave our former ways behind and embrace the life he shares with us, here and now and forever!

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

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.



We would like to welcome to St. Mary's Faith Community...Mr. & Mrs. Todd Galbraith & family, Mr. & Mrs. John Trujillo, Mr. Darrell Trujillo, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Appelt & family, and Mr. & Mrs. Clay Phelps & family.

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 your 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.

Good News: The End of Life Option Act (physician assisted suicide bill) in Maryland was withdrawn and the Senate hearing canceled. The bill will not be passed this year.

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

1. Pray that presidential cabinet appointments and Supreme Court appointments are people who will promote a culture of life in our nation.
2. Pray that all elected representatives will promote dignity for life from conception until natural death.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

What Makes Marriage Work Communication

What is the one indispensable ingredient for making marriages work? Family life educators usually answer: communication. This is also in the top 3 complaints of the couples seen in counseling. BUT, this is good news, because effective communication can be learned. Skills such as active listening, using “I” statements, paying attention to my feelings and those of my spouse, and learning tips for “fighting fair” make marriage easier. Some couples use these skills intuitively because they saw them modeled in their own upbringing. Others can learn them through classes, workshops and reading. *Of course, the hardest part of communicating usually comes when there is disagreement between the two of you!!*

Here’s a great set of videos from a real couple, demonstrating an invaluable technique for communication, *dialoging*. <https://youtu.be/Nbbn34EJO5A>

We hope you take some time to sit down together, take a look and try it out! We use it and it really works!
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 28: 20-22. After the vision of God’s renewed covenant, Jacob initiates a covenant with God vowing to give Him a tithe of what he received from the promised land.

Treasure – March 12, 2017

Offertory – Envelopes	\$5,885.00
Maintenance	1,506.50
Catholic Relief (Arch of Baltimore)	326.00
Poor Box – St. Edwards	262.75
Mass Attendance	527

- 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 25th & March 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.)**

Easter Flowers: In honor or in memory of a loved one. Helps defray the cost of decorations and miscellaneous items for the church and assembly hall. This “**Special envelope**” can be placed in the regular offertory collection along with your weekly offering envelope.

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		
Kemper Cline	81	Mar. 22
Joan McCluskey	82	Mar. 25
Happy Anniversary--25 th , 50 th & over 50		
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

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 class (5:30 pm Tues). New Episode each week (50 minutes). March 21st Episode Ten: “The Last Things” Discussion afterward.

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.

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. 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.

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.

ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 20, 2017

10:00am Belles Mtg.
6:00pm..... Eucharist Preparation Class
7:00pm..... Baptism Prep
7-8pm Confessions
7:30m..... Scripture Study

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

5:30pm.....CFF
6:45pm..... High School Faith Formation
7:00pm..... Liturgy Mtg.
7:30pm Evangelization Team

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

5:30pm.....CFF
7:00pm.....Fr. Henry's Adult Ed Class
7:00pm..... Contemporary Music

Thursday, March 23, 2017

7:30pm..... Choir Practice
7:30pm Scripture Study

Friday, March 24, 2017

5:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm..... Stations of the Cross
8:00pm Youth Ministry Movie Night

Saturday, March 25, 2017

..... Food Bags Distributed
..... Chicken Dinner Sign-Up
..... Scout Easter Candy Sale
9:00am..... 1st Eucharistic Retreat

Sunday, March 26, 2017

..... Food Bags Distributed
..... Chicken Dinner Sign-up
..... Scout Easter Candy Sale
1:00pm Prayer Chain Luncheon
5:00pm..... Eagle Scout Ceremony
6:00pm Boy Scout Mtg

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 Belles 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. 31st

“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

St. Mary's Luncheon Bingo

Tuesday, April 4, 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 April 4th is:

Parmesan Encrusted Baked White Fish
Hash Brown Casserole
Green Beans
Chocolate Cake

The Bingo Jackpot for April is \$125.00 in 56 numbers or less.

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

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 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.

Day of Reflection and Prayer Led by Father Michael Schlepner

Making Space for Grace:

Living Our Senior Years Fully.

Conference and Retreat Center at Bon Secours
Marriottsville, Maryland
Saturday, April 8, 2017 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Presenter: Fr. Michael Schlepner

Are you nearing retirement?

Have you recently or not-so-recently retired?

Are you in or near your senior years, maybe still working fulltime?

On this day, we will

- ✓ Look at ways for dealing well with the transition into retirement
- ✓ Identify any unfinished life issues and discern what to do about them
- ✓ Create a plan for what to do tomorrow.

The purpose is to allow our relationship with Jesus help us to live our senior years fully. For more information or to register, contact retreats@rcbonsecours.com or Jennifer_murphy@rcbonsecours.com.

