

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2017**

FROM FR. KUNKEL

Today's Readings

5th Sunday of Lent
Ez 37: 12-14
Rom 8: 8-11
Jn 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7

Readings for 4/9/17

Palm Sunday
Mt 21: 1-11
Is 50: 4-7
Phil 2: 6-11

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 3 TO APRIL 9, 2017

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Kunkel
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Linz
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday	9:00 am	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Stewart Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	William Mank
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Betty Anderson (SI) Michael Essig Jr. Vocation Priesthood

(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: Michael Barlow, Brent Bittner, 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, Dorothy Heinks, David Hudson, John Hufnagel, Scott Jackson, 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 4/09/17

Ministry	Sat 4 pm April 8 th	Sun 8 am April 9 th	Sun 9:30 April 9 th	Sun 11:15 April 9 th
Priest	HK	LG	MS	HK
Lectors	P Marroney	R McGraw	M Canter	Youth
EM	D Hughes	A Chaney	K Ayers	P Era
	J Kusik	F Holtz	L Hall	C Era
	S Pardo	M McGraw	B Hoopert	S Friedman
	D Phillips	B Weber	C Hoopert	D Friedman
Server	G Arnett	L Weber	A Racine	J McCarty
	H Arnett	O Ayd	E Sealy	H McCarty
		M Rinaudo	S Usselman	A Rhodes
Sacristan			W Eakes	B Oursler

Altar servers who attend Catholic schools often vie to serve at funerals. Usually it means a trip to the cemetery with the priest, and a chance to get out of school. On one such trip, after the burial of the deceased, the priest took the servers to a hilltop in the cemetery where the priests of the diocese were buried around a stone altar. The servers were quite taken with the priests' graves. Two of the servers had gone ahead of the others, but they could still be heard. They were comparing the priest they were with to another priest in the parish. One remarked to the other, "I can't imagine Father John being here. He's so much fun." The other responded, "Yeah, he's not like Father Greg. He's so uptight, you'd think he's already dead!" Knowing who the other priest was, Father John chuckled. But then he wondered if he would ever be dead before his time?

This is an important question for all of us. Will we be dead before our time? Not physically dead, just so dried up that we already seem to be in a grave. Are we living or are we dead?

There are many graves, and not all of them are in the ground. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, asks, "What is it we build our lives around?" He says that those of us who look at life on strictly human terms cannot please God. He is concerned about what animates us, suggesting that only those with God at the center of their lives truly live. Without that center, we are just dry bones. He suggests that we look at life from the perspective of Christ.

Jesus calls not only to Lazarus, but to all of us: "Come out! Go free! Unbind yourselves from the wrappings of death!" As Jesus called Lazarus to life, Jesus calls us to life, to drop the bindings of sin and death that prevent us from loving and being loved. This week, ask the Spirit to assist you to see clearly what you need to change in yourself if healing is to come through you!



BAPTISM

Through the Holy Waters of Baptism, we welcome into St. Mary's Faith Community...Rachel Fawn Miller, daughter of Paul & Angela.



**DEVOTION TO THE
DIVINE MERCY
FIFTH WEEK – FEAST OF MERCY**

(Diary #699)

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

PARISH INFORMATION



PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a Parish Penance Service held on Monday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

“FIELD OF THE INNOCENTS”

While you celebrate the re-birth of our Savior among your family and friends, remember in your prayers those whose opportunity for life was ended before they had a chance to enjoy it.



For the 16th year, St. Mary’s Respect Life Ministry has set up the “Field of the Innocents” display of small white crosses representing the staggering abortion statistics in the United States.

Each of the 139 crosses displayed represents a pre-born child killed by abortion every hour of every day in this country.

Over 50 million pre-born infants have died “legally” since 1973 in this country alone. To put this figure into perspective, this means that there were more American victims of legal abortions in 2015 than there have been American casualties in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the current war in the Middle East – combined.

Please reflect upon the crosses of the innocent young ones – for whom Christ died as much as He did for those of us fortunate enough to have been allowed to be born -- and resolve to pray with us for an end to abortion.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Old Testament has many references to tithing. Deuteronomy 12: 5-11. God gives instructions on what to do with the tithe.

Treasure – March 19, 2017	
Offertory – Envelopes	\$5,776.00
Catholic School Assessment	704.00
Poor Box–BirthRight	120.96
Mass Attendance	

Treasure – March 26, 2017	
Offertory – Envelopes	\$5,763.00
EasterFlowers	882.00
PoorBox – Local Assistance	243.35
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.

Giving:

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?*

<i>Weekly Gross Income</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>15%</i>
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	45.00	75.00	120.00	150.00	225.00

****Next Weekend: April 8th & April 9th**

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.

Holiday Food Easter: Funds to help offset the cost of the food vouchers given out to the families to purchase perishable food for **Easter**. The families also receive food baskets with non-perishable food for their holiday meal. This “**Special envelope**” can be placed in the regular offertory collection along with your weekly offering envelope.

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.

Celebrations and Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday-80’s and over

Vilma Baldwin	87	Apr 8
Ellen Bauer	86	Apr 13
Eugene Marsiglia	85	Apr 22
Francis Miller	87	Apr 26
Charles Sieck	83	Apr 26

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

Lawrence & Bertha Mann	25	Apr 9
John & Joan Kusik	57	Apr 14
John & Beatrice Gibson	55	Apr 14
Jeffrey & Leslie Kline	25	Apr 25
George & Helen Ramsburg	54	Apr 27

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Outreach Ministry will be collecting and distributing groceries for Easter.

Here are the dates:

- 4/1-4/2 - Collecting the grocery bags
- 4/7 - Sorting the groceries (7 pm)
- 4/8 - distributing the groceries (8:30 am)

Volunteers are needed! Come join us. You'll have some fun and you will be helping your neighbors. Contact Bob Hoopert at 410-692-4157 or crhoopert@zoominternet.net.

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 – 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 Coordinator.

Spring Fried Chicken Dinner –

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: 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, April 3, 2017

7-8 pm Confessions
7:30m Scripture Study

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

9:00 am Luncheon Bingo
5:30pm CFF Classes
6:45pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

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

Thursday, April 6, 2017

7:30pm Evangelization Team

Friday, April 7, 2017

5:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper
7:00pm Sort Food Bags

Saturday, April 8, 2017

..... Casserole Pans Returned
8:30am Easter Food Distributed

Sunday, April 9, 2017

..... Casserole Pans Returned
10:30am GIFT Program
12:30pm Stuff Easter Eggs

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.

BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD

HOLY SATURDAY,

APRIL 15TH AT 1:00 P.M.

A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET



BUTTER – This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a lamb or a cross. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

EASTER BREAD – A round loaf topped with a cross or a fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is our true Bread of Life.

HORSERADISH – Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection.

EGGS –(decorated with the symbols of Easter, of life, of prosperity) – Indicate new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

SAUSAGE – A spicy pork sausage, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

HAM –Symbolic of great joy and abundance. Some prefer lamb or veal. The lamb also reminds Catholics that the Risen Christ is the "Lamb of God".

SMOKED BACON – A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

SALT – A necessary element in our physical life, that Jesus used its symbolism: "You are the salt of the earth."

CHEESE –Shaped into a ball, it is the symbol of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

CANDLE – A candle is inserted into the basket to represent Christ, the Light of the World. A colorful ribbon and sometimes sprigs of greenery are attached. A linen cover is drawn over the top and it is ready for the priest's visit or the trek to church where it is joined with the baskets of others to await the blessing that will render it fit for consumption on Easter Sunday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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. Fee is \$60.00 which includes Lunch. For more information or to register, contact

retreats@rccbonssecours.com

or

Jennifer_murphy@rccbonssecours.com.

BASKET BINGO – WELCOME ONE EMERGENCY SHELTER APR. 21



Featuring new and vintage Longaberger & Vera Bradley Products. Doors open at 6:00pm - Bingo begins at 7:00pm – St.



Margaret's Gym, 141 Hickory Ave.

Tickets - \$17 in advance - \$20 at door – Contact Millie 410-241-5331 or Diane-410-420-0405.