

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 23, 2017**

**FROM FR. KUNKEL**

Today's Readings  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
Acts 2: 42-47  
1 Pt 1: 3-9  
Jn 20: 19-31

Readings for 4/30/17  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2: 14, 22-33  
1 Pt 1: 17-21  
Lk 24: 13-35

**MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 24 TO APRIL 30, 2017**

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Harold Kilby
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Dennis Borowski
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	John & Rose Bachmann
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Alice M. Jarboe Camille Kiedrowski Vocation Priesthood

(SD) 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 Brenneman, Roy Broyles, Aaron Carter, Mary Cochran, Kemper (Scoop) Cline, Ginger Corvin, Jean L Dempster, Elaine Donahue, Margaret Dougherty, Kathleen Douglas, Steve Ferguson, Don Green, Gordon Gosewich, Sam Hadoulis, Jo Anne Heaps, Clifton Hedley, 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 Wilson, Marie Winterling-Fogarty, Barbara Wunner.

**SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 4/29-30/17**

Ministry	Sat 4 pm April 29	Sun 8 am April 30	Sun 9:30 April 30	Sun 11:15 April 30
Priest	HK	HK	MS	MS
Lectors	J Seneschal	V Nowak	C Yost	J Fender
EM	L Fritz	S Dieter	K Ayers	D Eakes
		T Dieter	J Bowman	M Rudell
	D Phillips	F Holtz	M Scarff	
	M Washburn	B Nowak	N Yost	
Server	A Engel	O Ayd	J Devereux	J Eakes
	A Enghel	L Weber	J Devereux	C Lawrence
		M Rinaudo	I Warne	A Rhodes
Sacristan			B Oursler	W Eakes

Mario was a Chilean who had fled into exile after being tortured in his homeland. His wife and family had all disappeared. After months of treatment at a special hospital for the victims of torture, Mario found work at a nearby factory. His kindness and generosity earned him many friends, but they knew nothing about his past. One day, at a coffee break, he began to tell his work-mates a little about his life in Chile. Mario had few visible scars, so his friends found some of the things he told them difficult to believe. "Apart from anything else," one of them remarked, "Mario is always so cheerful. There doesn't seem to be an ounce of bitterness in his heart!"

We all search for cast iron proof that something has happened. In this weekend's Gospel, despite seeing the joy on the faces of his fellow disciples, Thomas refused to believe that Jesus had actually been with them. Jesus stood among them again eight days later and Thomas was finally able to see for himself. On both occasions the first word that Jesus spoke was "Peace!" After all the suffering and torture of the preceding days, his first words to his disciples spoke of peace and forgiveness. Even with the disappointment of a disciple who did not believe, Jesus still spoke positively about those who had never seen and yet believed.

At their lowest moment, at a time when they were most frightened, Jesus came among his disciples. His presence brought them joy and peace - things which most people strive for throughout their lives. However, without faith it is impossible to experience the joy and peace that Jesus brings into our lives. Many of us will be like Thomas, searching for the cast-iron proof, wanting evidence about the resurrection of Jesus. Thomas only had to look at the joy in the other disciples' faces. We too are encouraged to look at the joy in the lives of those who believe. There we will truly find the risen Lord! For the Christian, faith is much more than just saying, "I believe." It is living a life that truly shows others that Jesus is indeed risen and alive in the world today!

The crucial moment in our lives is when we decide to say either "Yes" or "No" to God in Christ. At a certain level, we say "Yes," perhaps. But then comes the question: "What difference does it make?" Our eyes have not seen Jesus as Thomas' eyes saw. Our fingers have not examined Jesus' wounded side as Thomas' hand did. But even if they had, even if our voices cried out, "My Lord and my God!" as Thomas' voice did, the question still remains: "Has our profession of faith made a difference in the way we live?"



**ALTER FLOWERS**

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

## BAPTISM

Through the Holy Waters of Baptism, we welcome into St. Mary's Faith Community...Emir Matiaz Combs, son of Burak & Carol.



## PARISH INFORMATION

### RESPECT LIFE

The **Field of Innocents** has been installed near the entrance to St. Mary's. Each cross represents one of the 120 unborn babies killed by abortion each hour of every day in the United States. The number has decreased due to the efforts of Respect Life groups and individuals. Modern Science contributes to educating the population with technology such as the sonogram which gives us a window into the life of the unborn person. Expectant mothers see their unborn babies and know they see life. Prayers and action will yield a culture of life where every human being, born and unborn, will be valued.



### April – 6<sup>th</sup> month



St. Mary's Respect Life Ministry has placed the 6th "Little One" poster in the vestibule of the church. Please read the text, look at the beautiful drawing of a pre-born baby at this age and continue to pray for your personal Little One!

The following text is on the poster:

#### Sixth Month (size: about 14 inches)

The baby can now roll over inside the womb. Her oil and sweat glands are functioning. A white filmy layer called vernix covers the baby and protects her delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid. This waxy substance will be quickly absorbed into her skin soon after she is born. She can now respond to sound. Her lungs are fairly well developed and she would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Old Testament has many references to tithing. 2 Chronicles 31: 5-12. Israel brings the tithe to the designated place.

Treasure – April 9, 2017	
Offertory – Envelopes	\$6,704.00
Maintenance	2,023.00
Chaplain–Upper Chesapeake	558.00
Holiday Food Basket – Easter	1,157.00
Poor Box – St. Edwards	366.00
Mass Attendance	625

Treasure – April 13, 2017	
Holy Thursday – St. Edwards	\$901.50
Mass Attendance	157

Treasure – April 14, 2017	
Good Friday – Holy Land Shrines	\$731.00
Mass Attendance	104

Treasure – April 16, 2017	
Offertory – Envelopes	4,889.00
Easter	8,728.85
Poor Box – BirthRight	324.86
Mass Attendance	995

- 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.

**2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal:** Thank you to all who have participated in St. Mary's 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Through the generosity of Catholics like you, the appeal strengthens the ministries that serve the Archdiocese, allows the Church to form new disciples, directly impacts our parish's administration and evangelization and the ability to assist our sister parish, St. Edwards. Thank you for your prayers and support.

#### Parish Report as of 04/14/2017

Parish Target	\$41,000
Total Gifts	\$71,700
Number of Gifts	220

#### **\*\*Next Weekend: April 29<sup>th</sup> & April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**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.)** Collected with the Easter Offering

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

## Celebrations & Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Eugene Marsiglia	85	Apr 22
Francis Miller	87	Apr 26
Charles Sieck	83	Apr 26

Happy Anniversary--25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> & over 50

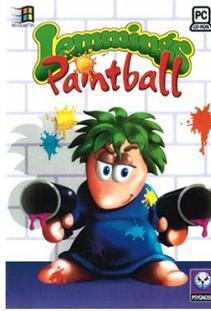
Jeffrey & Leslie Kline	25	Apr 25
George & Helen Ramsburg	54	Apr 27

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

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Youth Ministry Joint Events 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

May 13 Paint Ball at River Valley Ranch. Meet us @ St. Mary's @ 12 noon, carpool out to Ranch \$30 pp pays for 2 hours paintball, all your supplies. Please eat lunch before you come, we will have snacks and drinks. Wear comfortable clothing. Need STAND drivers please.



### Craft Shoppe:



Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office between 9:00am to 5:00pm or call to make other arrangements.

### White Elephant-Slightly used items!!



Slightly used items are preferred. Must come to the parish office; room will be locked. Office hours—9:00am to 5:00pm or call to make other arrangements.

### Religious Articles needed



The Health Care Ministry is in need of clean, usable religious articles to be distributed at the Chicken Dinner. If you have any religious articles someone else may like to have, please bag them and leave them in the back of church marked Health Care.

## 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.

### Spring Fried Chicken Dinner

April 29, 2017 - 12 noon to 6:00 pm

#### Stewards:

**Time:** 4 hrs but 8 would be great.

**Talent:** Volunteer

**Treasure:** Buy a dinner ticket:

Dining Room/Carry Out

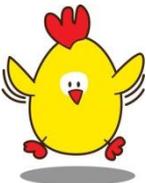
Adults - \$12.00

Seniors (60-over) - \$11.00

Children:

Dining Rm - (5-10) - \$7.00

Carry Out – 10/under - \$7.00



Sign up will be after all the Masses:  
Apr 22 & 23 Or Call Barbara, Ext. 22 or  
email: [Barbara\\_stmarys@yahoo.com](mailto:Barbara_stmarys@yahoo.com)  
Please park where attendants direct you.

**Raffle Tickets:** Can be picked up at the sign in table. Please return as soon as possible.

### Bake Shoppe:

Our friend's are always asking for our homemade baked cakes and pies. Brownie Makers: We need some varieties of brownies. Cake & candy boxes will be given out: Apr 22 & 23

Drop off: Fri. Apr 28 or early Sat. Apr 29. **If possible note on your box or attach a list of the ingredients.**

**The Following** items can be dropped off starting Apr 24<sup>th</sup> — please not before, no storage space. Rooms will be locked - come to the office 9:00am to 5:00pm

### ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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. The Menu for May 2<sup>nd</sup> is:

Sloppy Joe on Roll  
Apple Sauce, Potato Chips  
Pudding Parfait

Progressive Jackpot for May 2, 2017  
Is \$150.00 in 57 numbers or less.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS & LUNCHEON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017 11:00 A.M.

#### **Celebrant: Fr. Henry Kunkel**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for the elderly and all who are suffering with physical, emotional or stress related pain. You may stand-in for a friend. The church and hall are wheelchair accessible.





### LIVING ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus will offer a Living Rosary on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. "Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today." St. Pio of Pietrelcina

### SEWING DAY

We will meet to sew dresses and shorts for the missions on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please bring your lunch and your sewing machine. If you do not sew, there are jobs for non-sewers!! Dr.



Walsh will be going on a mission in early June. We want to have lots of dresses for her to take on the trip. If you want a dress kit to sew at home, kits are available. For more information call Sue Pardo at 410-456-7882.

### MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Knights of Columbus will be serving donuts, coffee, milk, and juice after each Mass on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Free will donations will be accepted and will be donated to this year's Catholic Heart Workcamp. Come join us as we celebrate all of the mothers in our Parish.



### FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will not be open in April due to the large food drive for Easter. We will be open on May 20, 2017, from 10:00 am until noon. Thank you for your

generous donations.

### Vacation Bible School – July 17<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:nbittner@hotmail.com).

### ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Monday, April 24, 2017

7:30 pm .....Knights of Columbus

#### Wednesday, April 26, 2017

7:00pm..... Contemporary Music

#### Thursday, April 27, 2017

7:00pm .....Choir

#### Saturday, April 29, 2017

12 noon ..... Spring Chicken Dinner

### CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE MAY 12 & 13, 2017



The Immaculate Heart of Mary Maryland Homeschool Conference will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church, 1125 St. Michael's Rd, in Mt. Airy, MD 21771. Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> (12 - 6:00 p.m.), and on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> ( 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). This is the perfect

event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit [infor@ihmconference.org](mailto:infor@ihmconference.org) or visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org)

### SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA OCTOBER 2017

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima 10 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal offered over three dates in October, 2017. We can be departing your Airport and at the all land inclusive cost of \$2,149.99 in twin



accommodations with single accommodations also available. Call for the special air price from your city. We will be visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem Portugal, Lourdes France and Barcelona Spain. For further information please call Mr. James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 or e-mail [lmadair@thecatholictour.com](mailto:lmadair@thecatholictour.com).