

**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 16, 2017**

Today's Readings

15th Sunday  
Is 55: 10-11  
Rom 8: 18-23  
Mt 13: 1-23 or 13: 1-9

Readings for 7/23/17

16th Sunday  
Wis 12: 13, 16-19  
Rom 8: 26-27  
Mt 13: 24-43 or 13: 24-30

**MASS INTENTIONS: JULY 17 TO JULY 23, 2017**

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Tom Muller
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Rev. Doc. Daniel Deupree McKee II
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Henry & Thomas Pigg
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory Camille Kiedrowski Vocation Priesthod

(SI) Special Intentions (B) Birthday (A) Anniversary (H) Health

**SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 7/23/17**

Ministry	Sat 4 pm July 22	Sun 8 am July 23	Sun 9:30 July 23	Sun 11:15 July 23
Priest	HK	HK	MS	MS
Lectors	B Mank	S Alasandro	J Edwards	T Driesen
EM	L Fritz	A Chaney	K Ayers	C Era
	D Hughes	S Dieter	J Bowman	P Era
	J Kusik	T Dieter	M Childress	D Friedman
	S Pardo	F Holtz	L Hall	S Friednam
Server	A Engel	L Weber	W Desmond	M Kujawa
	A Engel	M Rinaudo	C Lawrence	H McCarty
		O Ayd	I Warne	J McCarty
Sacristan			B Oursler	W Eakes

**FROM FR. KUNKEL**

It is well known to those who grow things, whether in a window-box or in a field, that we need to nourish the soil in order that the plants flourish. And so, we sprinkle our small potted plant with liquid feed, we replenish the soil in our window-box and we fertilize our fields. In ancient China, every vestige of household waste was carried out to garden-sized fields that climbed up the hillsides. The people felt that what was taken out needed to be returned because the earth could not produce good crops unless it had sufficient depth and fertility. In other words, however good the quality or abundant the quantity of seed, a rich harvest cannot be achieved without good soil in which to sow it.

This weekend's Gospel invites us to search our hearts in silence and reflect on the different sorts of soil

we might find there. Perhaps there are several important questions we might ask ourselves that might be helpful in doing this. Can we celebrate the gifts we have been given? Do we recognize the good aspects of our lives? Do we rejoice in our family and in other relationships? Are we truly grateful, and do we thank God? Perhaps poor soil might be found in some of these areas of our lives?

The thorns which choke the good plants may be present in feelings of bitterness or anger. Do we know why we feel these emotions? What aspects of our lives are being choked out - family, other relationships, love, prayer? What choices do we want to make? Which roots need nourishment? How might we try to nourish them this week - perhaps by going out of our way for someone we love, or maybe by confronting difficult situations? God's Word promises that we will never be alone and can approach all situations with hope!

No matter what the situation, we have to struggle to believe. Nevertheless, God's Word has an immense and mysterious power to change us. The hard thorny patch that our lives may be currently experiencing, could be Christ's way of calling us to a deeper union with him! Experience tells us that we must work for anything that is worth having. Reaping the rich harvest of God's goodness depends on our openness to receive his Word. So often, when God is sowing the seed of his love around us we can be cold and maybe too proud to allow ourselves to be won over. However, there is good soil in every human heart and given time and effort and a degree of pain, the Spirit of the living God will put down deep roots in our lives, assuring us of salvation! It might take us a lifetime, but if we allow the seed to struggle to grow in us, we will grow too!

**Celebrations and Congratulations!!**

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Mary Rita Doak	94	July 15
Joseph Healy	83	July 15
George Koermer	80	July 15
Ernest Kraft	81	July 19
Jospehine Glackin	93	July 31

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



In memory of our parents Mildred & William Pospisil and Jane & Edward Murk by Dolly & Ray Murk. 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

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT  
THIS WEEK TO PRAY...**

*“For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven...”*

A time to be born... **BAPTISM**

Through the Holy Waters of Baptism, we welcome into St. Mary’s Faith Community... Claire Abigail Michlin, daughter of Alexander & Sara - Alexa Mae Martin, daughter of Ryan & Sarah and Scarlett Danee Miller, daughter of Jared & Morgan.



A time to be ... **HEAL**

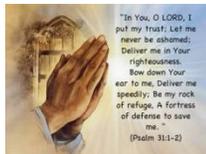
Please Pray For: Brent Bittner, Steve Ferguson, Jo Ann Heaps, John Ricks, Bernice Taylor, Earl Weidner, Joseph Weidner, Eliza Wilson.

**Names will remain on our sick list for one month, after which time they will be removed, unless we are notified to keep them on the list.**

A time to die...

**“IN MEMORIAM”  
JULY, 2017**

Mrs. Lorraine (Heaps) Lilley  
– mother of Barbara Sadler



**May our beloved deceased rest in the Lord’s eternal peace.**

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Wealthy Families

James 5: 1-2, 5. “As for the rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted, your fine wardrobe has grown moth-eaten. “ “You lived in wanton luxury on the earth; you fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter.”

**Treasure – July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Will be in the bulletin at a future date.**

- 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.

**Summer Contributions:**

Now that summer is officially here, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and safe

summer. Our parish is dependent on your contributions, especially during vacation season. We, as you, must still pay the utilities, salaries, etc.

If you use parish offertory envelopes and you are away for the weekend, I ask you to please make up your contribution the following weekend.

You can also consider joining ParishPay. Your contributions will always be here even if you are away having fun in the sun. The forms can be picked up in the vestibule of the church or call the parish office, Ext. 22.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Fr. Kunkel

**\*\*Next Weekend: July 22<sup>nd</sup> & July 23<sup>rd</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.

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**MORNING ROSARY**

Health Care and the Belles of St. Mary’s invite you to join us to say the Rosary and Liturgy of the Hours on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, following morning Mass or Communion Service (about 9:30 a.m.) The prayers will be cancelled if a funeral Mass is scheduled for that time.



**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**



As part of the Church’s New Evangelization, St. Mary’s is starting a Hospitality Ministry. The purpose of the Ministry would be to expand the ways that we welcome new parishioners and visitors and extend practical support and assistance to members of our Parish. Examples of what the Ministry might do include making a personal visit or providing a welcome basket for new parishioners, providing a home-cooked meal to a family in a crisis situation, or give a ride to someone who needs transportation for a specific reason. And from time to time we may just plan activities just for fun. If you are interested in being a part of this Team to help make St. Mary’s even more welcome community, please contact Denise Edwards at 410-459-3383 or Nancy Novicki at 410-692-6363.

***“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13: 2***

**DID YOU KNOW...**

St. Mary's has a notification system that can email you or text you information on topics of your choice? There are groups such as Bereavement and Prayer Chain.



Any new group can be created and used as a means of communication for ministries and groups. This service is called Flocknote. You can sign up by going to [www.flocknote.com/stmaryspylesville](http://www.flocknote.com/stmaryspylesville) and create a password. Once in you can sign up for groups you would like to hear from, some groups may be a closed group and you need to be a member. If you have any questions contact John McCarty at 443-928-2107 or [1096cop1@comcast.net](mailto:1096cop1@comcast.net).

**PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY**

**YM JOINT EVENT MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**



**July 29 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Outreach to First Fruits Farms.** Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSFF Students meet Mrs. Rachel by the Youth Room at 8 am ready to work! Permission form and waiver needed.

**August 4 Guppy Gulch Water Park** Meet us at Guppy Gulch at 10 am till 3pm. Cost is \$22.00 pp. Permission form is needed. For ages 13 and older. Please call Mrs. Rachel to reserve your spot!! Chaperones needed.



**High School Faith Formation Update**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade FF Registration forms have been mailed out to families who have incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students for 2017-2018 school year. They are due back before July 15<sup>th</sup> or a late fee will incur. If you have an upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade student and we missed you, please contact Rachel Bittner at the Parish Office ext. 23 or [nbittner@hotmail.com](mailto:nbittner@hotmail.com). Please remember your student needs to be in Faith Formation 1 year prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**PARISH PRAYER GATHERING**



We all pray.....Prayer, Just like people come in all shapes and sizes. LONG prayers like "9 day devotional novena" or short prayers like, "PPPPlease God let me get to work on time!" Sometime we want to pray and simply can't find the time, or just can't focus when we do have a few minutes. This message is for you!!! We invite you ALL to join us on Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. at 10 am (or) 7 p.m. for a Parish Prayer Gathering! Bring your favorite prayer to share and spend just a few minutes with us and discover how you can enrich your God given

abilities to Love and Praise God!!! Okay, now pull out your calendar and mark the dates...you'll be glad you did!!!

For more information please call Donna 443-504-5454 or Nancy 410-692-6363

**SPECIAL FUNDRAISER**



The Belles of St. Mary's are having a fundraiser on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Jarrettsville Creamery, 1747 W. Jarrettsville Pike. They will receive a profit of 10% on sales from 5-9 p.m. on that night. Bring your family for dinner or maybe dessert with the many delicious flavors of Ice Cream

**ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR**

- Monday, July 17, 2017**  
 9:00 a.m. ....Vacation Bible School  
 10:00 a.m. ....Belles
- Tuesday, July 18, 2017**  
 9:00 a.m. ....Vacation Bible School
- Wednesday July 19, 2017**  
 9:00 a.m. ....Vacation Bible School  
 7:00 p.m. ....Cont. Music  
 6:45 p.m. ....Boy Scout Committee
- Thursday, July 20, 2017**  
 9:00 a.m. ....Vacation Bible School
- Friday, July 21, 2017**  
 9:00 a.m. .... Vacation Bible School Picnic

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> 9AM – 2:30 PM**  
**HERE AT ST. MARY'S**  
 Sponsored by  
**The Knights of Columbus**  
**Mason Dixon Council 10100**



**Open to all Vehicle Years & Models**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Category Awards**  
**\$200.00 BEST IN SHOW!**

Judging starts at 1 p.m.  
 Award presentation at 2 p.m.  
 Advance Car Registration - \$15.  
 Car Registration at the Door - \$20.  
 Music- 50/50 Raffle  
 Food, Snacks & Drinks available for purchase

**Contact Scott @ 410-692-9819**  
**for more information.**

## SEWING DAY

We had a wonderful sewing day in May and June. We have more than 35 dresses to ship out to missions. We delivered 30 pillow cases to GBMC and have more for Upper Chesapeake Hospital. The Ladies are working on shorts for the boys. Other ladies made lots and lots of clothes pin dolls and hair ties.



Our next sewing day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. If you like to sew at home, dress kits are available. Material and clothes pin donations are welcome. For more information on the Sewing Bee Ladies call Sue Pardo @410-456-7882.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### EDEN MILL NATURE CAMPS



Calling all 6-11 year olds! Join our naturalist for a week of fun! We will hike the trails through various habitats, feed and work with live animals in the nature center, explore the park, learn from the Master gardeners, play games, perform experiments, and make crafts. For more information call 410-836-3050.

**July 17 – 21 – Aquatic Adventures** – Discover the world of water. Let's scoop some goop, learn about the water cycle, and study the special animals and plants that call our watery places their home.

**July 24-28 – Tracks and Trails** – Join us as we explore the trails at Eden Mill. We will learn about, and search for, the many signs that animals have left behind. Beaver chews, feathers, tracks, scat, you never know what we mind find!

**July 31 & August – Wild Child-Survival 101** – Do you know the skills it takes to survive? Learn to identify wild useful plants, make a shelter, use a compass, and much more!

**August 7 & 11 – Hunters of the Sky** – Explore the world of flight from a tiny honey bee to a red-tailed hawk. Dissect owl pellets, learn native owl calls, examine a living honeybee up close, and much more!

**August 14- 18<sup>th</sup> Forest Forensics** – Travel the forests, look under the brush, high up in trees and everywhere in between. Learn the sounds of the wildlife, search for decomposers, use science and experiments to solve the mysteries of life in the forest.

### EVENING OF PRAYER & MUSIC WITH AUDREY ASSAD AND HER BAND

**Edge of Dawn Tour – Sunday,  
August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, - St.  
Ignatius – Hickory.**

Tickets are now on sale: \$20.00 per individual - \$60.00 per family of 3 or



more. Available on line or in our office @ [www.stignatiushickory.org](http://www.stignatiushickory.org) or [www.audreyassad.com](http://www.audreyassad.com).

## THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM AUG. 28<sup>TH</sup> – SEPT. 1, 2017

Join our sister parish St. Edwards for a fun time. Trip includes 4 nights lodging, 8 meals: 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Admission to the Ark and Creation Museum. Diamond Tours Dinner Party with Entertainment. Admission to Newport Aquarium and Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens and much more. Will depart from St. Edwards Church, 901 Poplar Grove St. Baltimore Md at 8:00 a.m. Only 9 sets left. For more information or to book you seat call Bessie Butcher at 443-621-9171.



### NUN RUN

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 2017** Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor for their 4<sup>th</sup> annual NUN RUN at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles Street! Start time for the 5K and 1 mile run/walk is 8:00 a.m. Visit [www.littlesistersofthepoorbaltimore.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorbaltimore.org) for additional information. Register at [www.charmcityrun.com](http://www.charmcityrun.com) or Contact 410-744-9367 ext. 126 with questions. If you are “dreaming of running, but sleeping in,” consider a donation to the Little Sisters or participate in a “Virtual Run” at your convenience. Encourage your friends/family to pledge their monetary support as YOU participate in the Nun Run. Forms available on our website.



### 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 [llmadair@thecatholictour.com](mailto:llmadair@thecatholictour.com).

