

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2017**

Today's Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3: 8-14
Mk 1: 1-8

Readings for 12/17/17

3rd Sunday of Advent
Is 61: 1-2,10-11
1 Thes 5: 16-24
Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

MASS INTENTIONS: DEC.11 TO 17, 2017

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Kunkel
Tuesday	9:00 a.m..	Eva Eakes (H)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Camille Kiedrowski
Thursday	9:00 a.m..	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Vocation Priesthood
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	John Klein
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Fr. Lloyd George (H) Eileen Racine William A. Baynes

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

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 12/17/17

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Dec. 16	Sun 8 am Dec. 17	Sun 9:30 Dec. 17	Sun 11:15 Dec. 17
Priest	HK	MS	HK	HK
Lectors	P Marroney	V Nowak	C Yost	M Chamberlain
EM	D Phillips	S Dieter	K Ayers	D Eakes
	M Washburn	T Dieter	L Hall	M Rudell
	L Fritz	F Holtz	N Yost	P Seneschal
		B Nowak	M Scarff	
Server	H Arnett	M Rinaudo	J Devereux	J Eakes
		T Rinaudo	A Racine	H McCarty
			I Warne	P Bittner
Sacristan	G Arnett		J Devereux	J McCarty

FROM FR. KUNKEL

In appreciation of his twenty-five years of loyal service, a corporation gave one of their faithful employees an all-expense-paid trip to Europe. When he returned, they asked him about the trip. He replied, "The only thing I can say is that I wish I had gone to Paris before I was "born again."

There is a lot of that in all of us – the notion that if you let the power of God take over in your life, you give up the fun of Paris. We need to realize that there is no fun and no pleasure in anything in our lives that opposes God's will! We need to understand that the only things that will give any lasting pleasure are those things that are rooted in the Being of God, and in his purpose for our lives!

Similarly, after pursuing a course of religious instruction in a certain parish, a woman who worked as a housekeeper in

a busy hotel, told the pastor that she would like to be baptized and become a parishioner. The pastor asked her to give some of the details of her conversion. "I had something come into my life that I had never experienced before," she said. "Can you be more specific?" the pastor asked. "Well," she said, "I can't talk theology to you, and I still don't know my Bible very well. However, I can tell you that ever since I got religion I don't sweep the dirt under the rug anymore."

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance. Repentance means to turn away from that which is wrong and sinful and estranges us from God. There is only one way to turn – TO THE FUTURE! The past is gone. We cannot replay it again. We cannot go back and sweep our transgressions "under the rug," so to speak. Again, there is only one way to turn in the spirit of genuine repentance - the future. Unfortunately, it is the most difficult way to turn because we really don't know what is out there! Therefore, we can only live by faith – trusting that God is already there, eagerly waiting to welcome us home.

**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...



A time to be ...HEAL

Please Pray For: Richard Ahlstrom, Annette Baxter, Betty Bennett, Vicki Bennington, Donald Billings, Brent Bittner, Lewis Boone, Sr. Ellen Bradley, Mary Childress, Sister Anthony Leo Cuneo, Janine Devereux, Tim Dionne, Margaret Dougherty, Susan & Amanda DiPietro, Charles Era, Eva Eakes, Steve Ferguson, Fr. Lloyd George, Christine Gofford, Jo Ann Heaps, David Hudson, Erin Huff, Jarrett Lyons, Boh Oktavec, John Ricks, Jeanne Berge Stith, Bernice, Jameson Travis, Earl Weidner, Joseph Weidner, Eliza Wilson, Mandy Wetzel, Clark Zander, Diane Zander, Lorraine Zorn.

A time to die...

**"IN MEMORIAM"
Charles Daughton**

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





THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath Tradition

The word "Advent" means coming. Each year we enter into the four weeks of Advent preparing again for the coming of Jesus. We long to know Him with greater intimacy and closeness, so we prepare through penance, reflection and expressions of our longing for God.

HOME BLESSINGS FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

Each evening we say a seasonal prayer and light a candle. The flame proclaims that Jesus, the Light of the World, will soon come.

Prayers

During the second week, light two purple candles at mealtime and pray:

Lord, may our hearts be set on You and Your will. Help us to always echo the words of Mary at the Annunciation, That the will of the Father may be done in our lives.

During the third week, light three candles – two purple and one rose – and pray:

Jesus, we know that you are coming soon. Our hearts rejoice that You are near. May that holy expectation lead us in the ways of your hope and love.

During the fourth week, light four candles at mealtime and pray:

Come, Lord Jesus, to each of us, to our family and to our world. We long for Your peace, joy and grace that bring new life.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers donated in memory of Paul L. Glackin by his family. And also donated in front of Mary on the occasion of the Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary.



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.

CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Thomas McVan	82	Dec 9
Tina Nierwienski	90	Dec 14
Lois Fritz	80	Dec 23
Maurice Kief	88	Dec 24

Earl Howell 88 Dec 25

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

George & Pat Koermer	61	Dec 26
Andy & Naomi Welch	56	Dec 30
Bob & Pat Haloskey	53	Dec 31
Neil & Carol Helfrich	51	Dec 31

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

RESPECT LIFE

December 12 is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join many around the world in a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe with prayers beginning December 4. Visit the Respect Life page at www.stmaryspylesville.org for more information.

December – 2nd month

Merry Christmas from St. Mary's Respect Life Ministry! As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, please remember to pray for the pre-born baby you spiritually adopted in November. Your spiritually adopted child is now two months old in gestation and needs you to pray that his/her mother awaits the birth of her child with trust in God, just as Mary awaited the birth of her Son.

Pray for your Little One by name. If you haven't named your Spiritually Adopted baby, ask God to help you.

Second Month (size: about 2 inches)

The developing baby is now called a 'fetus' which is Latin for 'Little One'. She is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form; fingers and toes are developing. Ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. Forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. This Little One can now suck her thumb. By 8 weeks all body systems are present.

Father Michael Schlepner
Weekly Faith Message

Father Michael Schlepner, who assists us with Masses on weekends, writes a weekly spiritual message. It is called *Inbox Inspirations*. Father sends this via email every Wednesday morning. If you want to receive this, contact fathermikeinbox@gmail.com. Your name will be added to the mailing list and you will begin to receive *Inbox Inspirations*. A link to his Sunday homily is also included in the email. By the way, there is no charge and there is always the opportunity to unsubscribe. Father Mike's *Inbox Inspirations* and his homilies are also posted on his Facebook page – Father Michael Schlepner.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Stewardship Update:

How much money should I be giving to the Church, to the Poor?

Numbers 18: 21. The tithe is dedicated to the Levites for the work in the tabernacle.

Treasure– October 2017
Offertory – EFT **\$8,944.36**

Treasure– November 26, 2017
Offertory – Envelopes **\$7,113.00**
AofB – Campaign for Human Dev **537.00**
CatholicReview **351.00**
PoorBox– Local Assistance **650.02**
Mass Attendance **553**

Treasure– December 3, 2017
The offering for December 3rd will be posted in the Dec. 17th bulletin.

- 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.

Christmas and Year End Giving:

Christmas marks the ULTIMATE GIFT – God’s gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus we remember that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the new born King; the beginning of gift giving.

We must also consider all the gifts God has bestowed upon us during the year and we must remind ourselves that we are merely stewards of these gifts. This presents to us a very special spiritual opportunity to make a return to God for His many blessings - a true Gift of Faith. These opportunities include our time, talent and treasure.

After prayerful thought and consideration please remember your parish, St. Mary’s, at Christmas. Give your gift based on faith and the blessings you have received this year. Thank you for your generosity.

Year end gifts for the year 2017 must be in the office by December 18, 2017 to be recorded as a gift for this calendar year. Again, thank you for all you do for St. Mary’s

Contribution Statement 2017:

If you would like a contribution statement (recorded contributors only (Church Envelopes or EFT) for calendar year 2017 please call Barbara, Ext. 22, email – Barbara_stmarys@yahoo.com or fill out this form and return to the office. Contribution statements **will not automatically be mailed. You must request one.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City,St.,ZipCode: _____

Phone #: _____

(If you contributed to the Embracing Our Mission campaign or the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal your statement will be mailed from the Archdiocese of Baltimore).

****Next Weekend: December 16th & December 17th**

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:

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. This “**Special envelope**” can be placed in the regular offertory collection along with your weekly offering envelope.

Holiday Food Christmas: Funds to help offset the cost of the food vouchers given out to the families to purchase perishable food for Christmas. 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: “BirthRight”: The donations to the poor box this weekend will help support **BirthRight** located in Bel Air.

 Reconciliation/Penance Services Advent 2017 The Harford Region	
Dec. 11, - 7:00PM	St. Mark’s, Fallston, MD
Dec. 11, -10:00AM-12:00PM & -1:00PM-3:00PM & -6:00PM-8:00PM	St. Margaret’s, Bel Air, MD
Dec. 12, - 7:00PM	St. John’s Chapel Hydes, MD
Dec. 12, - 7:00PM	St. Joan of Arc, Aberdeen, MD
Dec. 16, - 10:00AM	Holy Spirit Church Joppa
Dec. 18, -9:30AM & -7:00PM	St. Mary’s, Pylesville, MD
Dec. 18, - 7:00PM	St. Ignatius, Forest Hill, MD
Dec. 19, -7:00PM	St. Mary’s, Pylesville, MD
Dec. 19, -7:00PM-8:00PM	St. Francis de Sales, Abingdon, MD
Dec. 20, -3:00PM-5:00PM & -7:00PM-9:00PM	St. Stephen’s, Kingsville, MD

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

**YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS
 MOVIE NIGHT DECEMBER 15TH**

To all middle and high school students join us in the Hall at 7:00 p.m. for our Christmas Food Sort then we will go to the Youth Room from 8 – 10 pm for Christmas Movie and snacks.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PHP

DECEMBER 16th

We will be visiting our elderly friends at the Forest Hill Heights. Please meet us at the center at 6:45 pm.. We need musicians to play some Christmas songs. We will carol with the residents to spread some Christmas spirit. Afterwards, we will go to Chick-fil-A for fellowship, bring cash with you. Look for details in the Winter YM Newsletter.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

JESUS' BIRTHDAY BASH DEC. 17th

Children grades K thru 5th are welcome to join Mrs. Rachel in the Hall at 10:30 am to prepare for the annual Christmas Pageant. Families and Parishioners are welcome to join us in the Hall at 3 pm to watch the children perform the Pageant and have a potluck dinner afterwards. Parents please call or e-mail Mrs. Rachel Bittner if your child will be attending.

OUTREACH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS GROCERIES

Dec 9-10 Collecting the grocery bags
Dec. 15th Sorting groceries (7-8:30 p.m.)
Dec. 16th Distributing groceries and Christmas gifts (8:30-11:00 a.m.)

We do need volunteers! We served 13 families for Thanksgiving. More families will be assigned to us by Mason-Dixon Community Services for Christmas and we'll also serve 10 families from St. Edwards's We'll need your help sorting the groceries and we'll really need your help carrying the groceries and the Christmas gifts out to our families vehicles. Come have some fun while helping your neighbors. Please contact Bob Hoopert at 410-692-4157 or crhoopert@zoominternet.net

THE GIVING TREE

The annual Christmas Giving Tree is up in the Church and will remain until December 10th. The tree will be decorated with hand-made ornaments, containing information about the wishes of our families in need. When you take an ornament and purchase the gift for that family, please place the ornament on the package and return it to the foot of the tree as soon as possible, or before December 10th. Your gifts in the past years have given much joy to those in need. Thank you as always for your generosity.

ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 11, 2017

7:00 p.m. WWP
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:30 p.m. 1st Reconciliation

Wednesday December 13, 2017

7:00 p.m. Fr. Paul Adult Ed
7:00 p.m. Cont. Music

Thursday, December 14, 2017

7:00 p.m. TMIY

Friday, December 15, 2017

7:00 p.m. Food Sorting
8:00 p.m. YM Movie Night

Saturday, December 16, 2017

8:30 p.m. Food Distribution

Sunday, December 17, 2017

10:00 a.m. WWP
10:30 a.m. Jesus "B" Bash

3:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner for "B" Bash

BEANS & BREAD MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP



Can you lend a hand? The Beans & Bread Ministry needs a driver to deliver casseroles to downtown Baltimore for 2 months on a Monday in 2018. Please call Glenda Broad at 717-284-5711 or e-mail me at glendabr@comcast.net if you can help or you want more information. Thank you in advance.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We know that Christmas time is a very busy time of the year. Cooking, Shopping, etc. Could you give a few hours to help honor the Infant "Jesus" by decorating the Hall & Church for this very important holiday, "CHRISTMAS", and in turn be blessed in a very special way. Dates to decorate are: Monday, Dec. 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Hall and if you could stay after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24th in Church. If so please call Lois Fritz at 410-692-5949 or the parish office @ 410-879-4015.



FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generous donations. The Food Pantry will be closed in December due to the large outreach food program. The Pantry will be open on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until noon, with a "snow" date of January 27th.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

"Jesus' Birthday Bash"

Sunday, December 17, 2017 3:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation Service for Children

Tuesday, December 12, 2017.. 6:30 P.M.

Confessions: Monday, December 18, 2017 9:30 A.M.

..... 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Parish Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:00 P.M.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2017

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd MASS 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th MASS 8:00 , 9:30 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

4:00 P.M. Church

4:00 P.M. Hall

6:00 P.M. Church

8:00 P.M. Church

9:30 P.M. Church

(all are invited for caroling)

10:00 P.M. Mass in Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017

10:00 A.M. Church

WEEKEND SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2017
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH MASS 4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST MASS 8:00 , 9:30 & 11:15 AM

NEWS YEARS DAY MASS
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(Not a Holy day of Obligation this year)

Monday, January 1, 2018.....10:00 A.M.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, & Tuesday. December 25 & 26, 2017. Also, Monday, January 1, 2018.