

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Today's Readings

The Holy Family
Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14
Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19
Lk 2: 22-40 or 2: 22, 39-40

Readings for 1/07/18

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60: 1-6
Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6
Mt 2: 1-12

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 1 TO 7, 2018

Monday	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Beverly Wilson
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Tom Muller
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Kunkel
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Stewart Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Guerrero Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15a.m.	Jennifer Lee Kilby Snyder Camille Kiedrowski Mark Chanberlain (SI)

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

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 1/07/18

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Jan. 6	Sun 8 am Jan. 7	Sun 9:30 Jan. 7	Sun 11:15 Jan. 7
Priest	MS	MS	HK	HK
Lectors	J Fender	J McConnell	B Kiedrowski	M Fetter
EM	L Fritz	S Dieter	J Bowman	G Dumer
	S Pardo	T Dieter	L Hall	D Eakes
	D Phillips	F Holtz		P Era
	J Poole	B Nowak		C Era
	MWashburn			
Server	H Arnett	A Engel	K Gesla	J Eakes
	M Rinaudo	A Engel	Z Kiedrowski	C Lawrence
	T Rinaudo	O Ayd	B Kiedrowski	P Bittner
			J Devereuz	A Fetter
Sacristan	G Arnett		J Devereuz	M Fetter

FROM FR. KUNKEL

Teresa's four children all had measles at the same time. For several days they lay in a darkened room as Teresa brought their meals and brought them comfort. A visitor remarked on the misfortune of the four children having such an illness at the same time. "On the contrary," Teresa replied, "they can support one another and keep one another company. Besides, it's much easier for me to get the measles over in one fell swoop." Years later the four children, now confident and happy adults, were reminiscing about their mother's ways. "She was always so positive," one of the children said, "even

when things were really bleak she would always find something to be lighthearted about!"

It is often said that the experience of living and growing in a family helps to shape our adult personality. The adult personality of Jesus, himself, tells us a great deal about the sort of family life he experienced, a family life where he "increased in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and others." The adult personality of Jesus was shaped by his experiences as a child and as a young man in Nazareth. Here, he was cared for and nurtured by his family in such a way that it would one day benefit the whole of humanity!

In an age when our families are bombarded with so much about how they should behave, living the Gospel as a family unit is vitally important! It is within the family that children first hear about and experience Gospel values. Within the family we learn how to love as Christians; we learn patience, kindness and understanding. We also learn how to make mistakes and recover from them. Each family should allow it's members room to grow, room to make mistakes and space to begin all over again. Members of a family where God's love is present and expressed through compassion, honesty and generosity will be able to reach out to those who have had a poor experience of family life.

If children and young adults grow and develop in a caring, positive atmosphere inspired by the Gospel, they will become confident and well-balanced adult Christians. They will become people who are willing and able to live and proclaim the Gospel which they themselves have experienced! Mother Teresa of Calcutta was a living legend of love for the poor and oppressed and the homeless and people dying in the streets. Not only was she directly involved with people in need, but she also managed to find time to travel all over the world to find support for this ministry. On one such trip she gave a talk at the National Presbyterian Church. Author Coleen Evans said she was so deeply moved by Mother Teresa's talk that she would have done anything for her. "What can we do to help you?" Coleen Evans asked. Mother Teresa turned to her quietly and said, "Love your Family." Coming from this great Christian woman who was totally involved in a ministry to the poor all over the world, this was an amazing response! It is evident that Mother Teresa knew her Gospel! Mother Teresa knew that "anyone who aspires to greatness must serve the needs of all." Mother Teresa knew also that it all begins in our family and in our other close relationships!

SPECIAL THANK YOU!



Fr. Kunkel, and the Staff of St. Mary's wish to thank you for your cards, gifts and most of all your prayers. You have all made the Christmas celebration a very blessed and holy one. Wishing all of you a Very, very Healthy and happy

New Year.

CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Lawrence Knott	83	Jan 2
Mary Stewart	85	Jan 10
Josephine Leyko	93	Jan 12
Augusta Guerriero	81	Jan 12
Thomas Burke	88	Jan 15
Betty Lou Knott	84	Jan 17
Anthony Petrucci	88	Jan 18
Elizabeth Grier	82	Jan 27
Robert Groff	87	Jan 30

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

Andy & Naomi Welch	56	Dec 30
Bob & Pat Haloskey	53	Dec 31
Neil & Carol Helfrich	51	Dec 31
Joseph & Patricia Hushon	64	Jan 2
Stephen & Rosalee Bevard	52	Jan 15
John & Dolores Fetter		
Joseph & Anne Willenburg	25	Jan 24
Earl & Diana Weidner	54	Jan 25
Douglas & Mary Washburn	51	Jan 27

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

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, 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 Wetzels, Clark Zander, Diane Zander, Lorraine Zorn.

A time to die...

"IN MEMORIAM"

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



ALTAR 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.



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

FATHER MICHAEL SCHLEUPNER 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

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

Deuteronomy 26: 12-15. God gives instructions to Israel on how to sanctify the tithe

Treasure – December 17, 2017

Offertory – Envelopes	\$6,332.00
Christmas Holiday Food Basket	1,414.00
Parish Catholic School Assessment	581.00
Poor Box – BirthRight	182.12
Mass Attendance	535

Treasure – December 24th and 25th, 2017

The offering for December 24th and Christmas will be posted in the bulletin for January 7th.

- 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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 1, 2018

10:00 a.m. New Years Day Mass
..... Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

10:00 a.m. Luncheon Bingo
5:30 p.m. CFF Class
6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

Wednesday January 3, 2018

7:00 p.m. Cont. Music
5:30 p.m. CFF Classes

Thursday, January 4, 2018

7:00 p.m. Choir

Saturday, January 6, 2018

..... Casserole Pans Distributed

Sunday, January 7, 2018

..... Casserole Pans Distributed
12:30 p.m. Peer Planning
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg.

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., Zip Code: _____

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).

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God: January 1, 2018

****Next Weekend: January 6th & January 7th**

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.)

Poor Box: “Little Sisters of the Poor”: The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the vulnerable aged in our Archdiocese without interruption since 1869. They humbly beg to fill the gap between what is provided by the residents and/or government and truly what is needed for the residents to have the dignity they deserve.

CHILI & CHICKEN CORN SOUP

Our Knights of Columbus council is pre-selling chili & chicken Corn Soup Beginning the first weekend of January we will be taking pre-orders following all Masses. The chili & Soup will be available for pick-up at the church hall after all Masses on Super Bowl Weekend!



See us after church out side or in the hall following all Masses to order a quart (or two) of delicious soup or chili homemade by Knights just in time for the big game! All sales will support our councils activities in serving our church and community. One quart is \$8.00 and two quarts for \$15.00

ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018



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 Jan. 2nd is:

Chicken Pot Pie
Neapolitan Cake Bar

The Bingo Jackpot for January is \$200.00 in 60 numbers or less

In the event of inclement weather, bingo will be cancelled if Harford County Schools are closed for the day. If Harford County Schools are delayed Bingo will be held. No makeup date.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on January 3, 2016. This Feast Day is also known as the Feast of the Three Kings. Tradition has it that on this Feast Day the head of the household will pray a blessing on the home. Below are directions as to how to proceed:



Above your doorpost, using chalk, write:

20+C+M+B+18

CMB represents Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, traditionally the names of the Three Magi.

Pray the following prayer:

As the child of Bethlehem was showered with gifts by star-led Magi Kings, we too have been blessed royally. We are grateful for all the gifts of love that have flooded into our life during this Christmas Season.

We mark the door to our home, asking your blessing on all those who will come in and out. Each day we pass this place, draw us more deeply into your presence and the wonders of your love for us.

May the poor find within these walls and all who hunger find refreshment in our home. Lead us home through you, to you and with you, one God, forever and ever. Amen

WHAT IS THE BEANS & BREAD CASSEROLE PROGRAM???



The first Sunday of each month we ask that you take a casserole pan with a recipe, which is in the vestibule of the church, make the casserole and freeze it, bring it back to church the following weekend to be stored in the Parish Center kitchen until that Monday when one of our people take the casseroles to Beans & Bread.

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore sponsors this program that serves the hungry and homeless of Baltimore. Each day 300 people come through the facility and are not only served a hot, nourishing meal but are given assistance in meeting their needs in day to day survival. This service also includes case management, job placement and temporary housing for qualified individuals. The goal of this program is to empower the disadvantaged to become independent and eventually contributing member of society.

We are in need of additional drivers to transport casseroles from St. Mary's Church to the Beans & Bread day resource center located in Fells Point at 402 South Bond Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231. At present we have three parishioners providing the transport of casseroles. We average four visits per person a year to the site. If you choose to join us in this worthwhile cause please call Glenda Broad @ 717-284-5711.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting in the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas
choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart,
But I am not so far away,
We really aren't apart.*



*I sent you each a special gift,
From my heavenly home above,
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.*

*After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold,
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other,
As my father said to do,
For I can't count the blessings or love he has for each of you.*

*So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away the tear,
Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this
year.*

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Harford County Schools are closed for the day, close early or cancel all evening activities for inclement weather all activities are cancelled at the Parish. On weekends please refer to the ministry for cancellation updates.



The Knights of Columbus would like to say Thank You to the Parishioners for your generous support for the 2017 Tootsie Roll Drive that benefited the John Archer School. Also please keep an eye out for our upcoming Super bowl Chili and Chicken Corn Soup Sale beginning in the month of January, 2018