

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Today's Readings

6th Sunday

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

Readings for 2/18/18

1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 9: 8-15

1 Pt 3: 18-22

Mk 1:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS: FEB. 12 TO FEB. 18, 2018

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Camille Kiedrowskil
Tuesday	9:00 a.m...	Donald Reitz
Ash Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dianne Chatten Lorraine Heaps Lilley
Thursday	9:00 a.m..	Anthony Marzulli
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Larry Kuhn
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Pete Fritz
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15a.m.	Mickey & Mary Gerick George Menzel Teddy Webster

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

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 2/18/18

Ministry	Sat 4 pm Feb. 17	Sun 8 am Feb. 18	Sun 9:30 Feb. 18	Sun 11:15 Feb. 18
Priest	RL	LG	HK	RL
Lectors	P Marroney	V Nowak	C Yost	M Chamberlain
EM	L Fritz	S Dieter	L Hall	D Eakes
	J Kusik	T Dieter	M Scarff	M Rudell
	S Pardo	F Holtz	N Yost	K McCarty
	M Washburn	B Nowak	M Fetter	J McCarty
Server	H Arnett	A Engel	L Mahns	J Eakes
	M Rinaudo	A Engel	R Mahns	H McCarty
	T Rinaudo	O Ayl	E Sealy	A Rhodes
			A Racine	C Lawrence
Sacristan	G Arnett		J Devereux	J McCarty

Celebrations and Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Patricia Lindeman	83	Feb 12
Patricia Hushon	88	Feb 17
Charles Era	84	Feb 20

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

Thomas & Joanne McVan	65	Feb 13
Thomas & Mary Lou Hall	54	Feb 23

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

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.



FROM FR. KUNKEL

Rev. Barbara Brown, an Episcopal priest, writes about taking a group of kids from her downtown Atlanta parish on a mission trip to a rural Kentucky area. They spent a week at Barnes Mountain helping convert an abandoned farmhouse into a new mission. By the end of the first day, the city-slickers were joined by three local teenagers, including a terrific kid named Dwayne.

Dwayne and the Atlanta teenagers immediately established a fast friendship. He was as fascinated with their stories as they were with his. Dwayne and his new friends worked together, played together, ate together, and, prayed together.

On the final day, Dwayne joined the kids and the Rev. Taylor for a Eucharist. The kids were deeply moved by the Appalachian experience. Prayers were offered for the poor; and many expressed their thanks for the privilege of serving the poor people of Barnes Mountain. However, after the service, Dwayne's whole attitude and demeanor changed. Rev. Taylor asked Dwayne what was wrong!

"You all called me poor! I swear, I never thought of myself that way until you said it! I have all these woods to run around in. I have a grandma and granddaddy who love me. I got a whole shed of rabbits I can play with any time I want. Does that sound poor to you? It don't sound poor to me! You all should save your prayers for someone who needs them!"

The Rev. Brown writes of the incident: "No one meant to hurt him, but our language gave us away. We thought of the poor as people other than ourselves. We separated ourselves from Dwayne in our prayers, and our partiality stung him to the quick. By setting him apart like that, we withheld the one thing he really wanted from us, which was to belong – to be a member of a community, not just a mission project!"

Unfortunately, our attitudes and perceptions often reduce people who don't "fit" our image, as "lepers" – lepers who are left outside our gates, relegated to the margins of our communities and society! Our attitudes reduce people who don't "fit" our image as "lepers" who are reduced to labels and stereotypes, who are rejected as too "unclean" to be a part of our lives and our world! How sad!

The Christ who heals lepers comes to perform a much greater miracle! He comes to heal us of our debilitating sense of self that fails to realize the sacredness and dignity of those whom we demean as "lepers" at our own gates!

ALTAR FLOWERS

All the flowers this weekend are donated in loving memory of Tess Monius by her family.

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

**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, Christine Gofford, Jo Ann Heaps, David Hudson, Erin Huff, Jarrett Lyons, Boh Oktavec, John Ricks, Jeanne Berge Stith, Jameson Travis, Earl Weidner, Joseph Weidner, Eliza Wilson, Mandy Wetzell, Clark Zander, Diane Zander, Lorraine Zorn.

A time to die..."May our beloved deceased rest in the Lord's eternal peace".

"IN MEMORIAM"

**HELEN HOWELL
DEBORAH SPILMAN**

ROSARY/LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The Ladies of the Belles & Health Care Ministry will be praying the Rosary on February 16th following morning Mass. We will be praying the Liturgy of the Hours on Friday, February 23rd. We will meet about 9:30 a.m. Our gathering will be cancelled if a funeral Mass is scheduled that day. We will also cancel if the Harford County schools are closed or open late.

Lenten Reconciliation Service 2018

St. Patrick's – Friday's - Feb. 16 to Mar 23 – 5:30pm

Saturday's – 3:00pm

St. Joan of Arc – Feb. 27 – 7:00pm

Saturday's – 4:15pm

St. Margaret's –Feb. 27 – 7:00pm

Saturday's – 3 to 3:45 & 5 to 5:45pm

St. Mark's – Mar. 5 – 7:00pm

Saturday's – 3:0pm

St. Ignatius – Mar. 19 – 7:00pm

Saturday's – 3:00pm

St. Stephen's – Mar. 21 – 3 to 5 & 7 to 9pm

Saturday's – 3:34pm

St. John's – Mar. 23 – 3 to 8pm

Saturday's – 4:00pm

St. Mary's – Mar. 29 – 7:00pm

Saturday's – 3:30pm

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Treasure – January 2018

Offertory – EFT

\$10,572.89

Treasure – February 4, 2018

Offertory – Envelopes

\$7,313.00

Poor Box – Little Sisters

296.00

Mass Attendance

453

- 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.

Church in Central & Eastern Europe/Ash Wednesday:

Archdiocese of Baltimore: Channels aid through the bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church: training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic mass media.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

****Next Weekend: February 17th & February 18th**

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.

Poor Box: "BirthRight": The donations to the poor box this weekend will help support **BirthRight** located in Bel Air.

Sunday Connection: Eucharist

During the week, our young people who are preparing to receive Holy Communion will be reflecting about Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Join them by taking time to think about the effect that belonging to the Church has on your daily life.

RESPECT LIFE

Please help our nation return to a respect for the sanctity of life. Pray for a culture of life. Pray the Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer written by Pope John Paul II.

O Mary, bright Dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life:

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and Lover of life.

Amen

February – 4th month

The “Little One” posters displayed in the vestibule of the church are of beautiful pre-born children at the various stages of development inside their mothers’ wombs. Many posters displayed on January 19, 2018 during the 45th Roe v. Wade anniversary March for Life in Washington DC were photographs of mutilated and dismembered pre-born infants that would break your hearts to see. Continue to pray for your “Spiritually Adopted” baby so that he/she will continue to resemble the babies on our posters, not those on the posters of “legally” aborted babies!

Fourth Month (size: about 9 inches)

The baby’s brain has begun maturing – a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at 7 months. Her taste buds are working. Nutrients consumed by her mother are passed on to her within an hour or 2. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to the baby’s parents can be seen at this time. This month REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded – a sign of dreaming.

Parents save the date

VBS will be **June 25-29, 2018!!!** Our theme is “Shipwrecked”: Rescued by Jesus. Registration will kick off Sunday **May 6** after all the Masses. Open to all children going into Pre-K 4 thru 6th Grade as of August 2018.

Lenten Prayer Service

The Mason-Dixon Ministerium will have an ecumenical Lenten Prayer Service this Sunday, Feb 11 at 4:00p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church located at 701 Highland Rd, Street MD. All Are Welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Joint Event for Middle and High School

Work Camp (9th grade and up)

Teens we have 3 spaces that have become available for work camp so if you are going into the 9th grade as of September 2018, you are eligible to go. We will be serving in Oil City PA July 22-27, 2018. Cost is \$290 pp but please don’t let the cost deter you as you can apply for scholarships. So please if you would like to help serve with us call or email Mrs. Rachel ASAP!! We need you!!!

Feb. 23: Pursuing His Purpose “PHP” for High School Students. We will be attending the Stations of the Cross and Benediction @ 7pm then join us in the Youth Room for Food, Fellowship, and Fun from 8 -10 pm.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

ST MARY’S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 12, 2018

6:00p.m.....1st Eucharist Prep
6:00p.m.....Confirmation Interviews
7:00p.m.....WWP
7:30p.m.....Knights of Columbus Mtg

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

5:30p.m.CFF Classes
6:45p.m.....HSFF Class
7:00p.m.....Parish Council Mtg

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

5:30p.m.CFF Classes
9:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.....Ash Wed Masses
7:00p.m.Cont. Music

Thursday, February 15, 2018

7:00p.m.TMIY
7:00p.m.Choir

Friday, February 16, 2018

9:30a.m.....Rosary
3:00 to 7:00p.m.....K of C Fish Fry
7:00p.m.....Stations of The Cross

Saturday, February 17, 2018

10:00a.m.....9th Grade Day of Reflection
10:00a.m.....Food Pantry

Sunday, February 18, 2018

9:30a.m.....WWP Mtg
10:30a.m.....G.I.F.T.
6:00p.m.....Boy Scout Mtg

Food Pantry

The food pantry served 10 families in January, 33 people. We are in need of shampoo, conditioner, mustard, catsup, mayonnaise, dish soap, laundry detergent, juice, instant potatoes, peas, carrots, cereal, pasta sauce, hamburger helper, paper towels, and toilet paper.

The food pantry will be open on Saturday, **February 17, 2018**, from 10 a.m. until noon. There is a snow date of February 24.

Thank you for your generous donations, Sue Pardo, the food pantry staff & "customers."

QUESTION, PERSUADE AND REFER

Anyone can save a life. Come Learn How! Everyone is invited to join us for QPR training **February 20th, 2018**, St. Mary's Parish Center Hall.

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.

It's a time to share resources and stories, as well as promote suicide prevention awareness. Anyone can save a life. Come Learn How! No Registration Required.

Sewing day:

A sewing day is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 21, 2018**, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please bring your lunch. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Please bring your sewing machine if you have one. There are many jobs for non-sewers.

If schools are open late or closed due to inclement weather, we will reschedule.

The sewing group relies on donations of material and other notions to make the several hundred dresses, shorts, and pillow cases we send to the missions and hospitals. We are in need of material donations. Thank you. Sue Pardo 410 456 7882.

BUS TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

Would you like to see a spectacular new museum in Washington, DC without having to drive? St. Mary's is sponsoring a bus trip to the museum on Mar 16th, Leave at 6:30a.m., return at 3:30p.m. Cost: Adults & children(12/above)-\$45: Children (5-11) - \$38. Cost includes bus and entrance fee; does not include food.

All are welcome. Reservations: include adults and children's names, Contact name, phone # and email address. Write **MOTB Bus Trip** on check & envelope. Check payable to "St. Mary". Confirmations will be emailed or mailed. Visit www.museumofthebible.org for a preview.

Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will host a Lenten Fish Fr, Feb 16 and Mar 16 from 3-7pm. Fish Platter – \$9, Fish Sandwich Platter - \$9, Breaded Butterfly Shrimp Platter -\$10, Fish Sandwich -\$6, Kids-Pizza & Fries -\$5. Each platter includes French Fries, Applesauce, Cole Slaw, Roll and Drink. Additional Fries -\$2 and Soda -\$1. Eat in or take out.

INSTRUMENTS OF CHRIST'S PASSION AND DEATH

For each Mass during the Sundays in Lent, a family may volunteer to participate in the opening procession by bringing up one of the symbols we associate with the Passion of Christ. Because the Sacred Passion of Christ is the source of all of our happiness and good, so the instruments of it are justly considered as objects of our veneration. "If the Ark of the Covenant," says St. Jerome, "was held in such high veneration among the Jewish people, how much more ought Christians respect the wood of the cross and the other instruments of Christ's passion, where on our Savior offered himself a bleeding victim for our sins". By devoutly respecting the instruments of Christ's passion during the Sundays of Lent, we profess our faith in Him who suffered for us. We also excite our hope in His merit, enkindle His love in our hearts and renew the grateful remembrance of His death.

There are ten instruments that we will reflect on during the Primary five Sundays of Lent: the Lamb and the Lance; The Whip and the Crown of Thorns; The Jug of Wine and the Sponge; the Dice and the Sign; and the Hammer and the Nails. These Sacred Instruments by which our Redeemer triumphed over sin and death and purchased for us mercy, grace, and salvation.

These symbols, of "Instruments of the Passion" will week by week become part of the altar decorations during the season of Lent. For instance, a figure of a lamb and a lance will be carried up during the Mass on the First Sunday of Lent. Families wishing to participate in this tradition may sign up on the roster located in the vestibule of the church.

As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence.