

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 2018

Today's Readings

4th Sunday of Advent

Mi 5: 1-4

Heb 10: 5-10

Lk 1: 39-45

Readings for 12/30/18

Holy Family of Jesus

Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14

Col 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17

Lk 2: 41-52

### MASS INTENTIONS: DEC. 24 TO DEC. 30, 2018

Monday	4:00 p.m.	Church & Hall
Christmas	6:00 p.m.	Church
Eve	8:00 p.m.	Church
	10:00 p.m.	Church
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Church
Christmas		
Day		
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Massey
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Thomas & Henry Pigg
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Pat Hushon
	9:30 a.m.	Miriam Frey
	11:15a.m.	Thomas Fitzsimons Jr.

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

### SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 1/06/19

Ministry	Sat 4 pm JAN 5	Sun 8 am JAN 6	Sun 9:30 JAN 6	Sun 11:15 JAN 6
Priest	MS	MS	HK	HK
Lectors	B Mank	K Kiedrowski	J Edwards	M Chamberlain
EM	D Hughes	A Chaney	J Bowman	P Era
	J Kusik	S Dietwr	D Eakes	M Fetter
	S Pardo	T Dieter	L Hall	D Friedman
	M Peavh	F Holtz	M Scarff	S Friedman
Server	H Arnett	O Ayd	J Eakes	B Bauerle
	M Rinaudo	A Engel	B Kiedrowski	A Rhodes
	T Rinaudo	I Warne	Z Kiedroeski	
			A Racine	
Sacristan	G Arnett	A Engel	W Eakes	A Fetter

## FROM FR. KUNKEL

There is a "Peanuts" comic strip in which little Lucy and Charlie Brown are contemplating the coming of Christmas. Lucy opens her Bible and begins to read . . .

"And in that region there were shepherds out in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night . . . and an angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone all around them. And they were filled with fear . . . and the angel said to them, "Be not afraid for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people" . . . And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on Earth peace among men with whom he is pleased."

Then Lucy sighs a gentle sigh and says to Charlie Brown, "Like I've said before, that's what Christmas is all about." And Charlie Brown replies, "You're right! So who needs Santa Claus?"

(Dear Charlie Brown:

Why not infuse everything we do in the Christmas Season with the Christ-Spirit — even Santa Claus?)

Advent has called us to look forward to a promise that we can indeed begin all over again, we can indeed find meaning even in our anxiety, and have a better future. Unfortunately, in the midst of the wrapping and baking and decorating of Christmas preparation, the Savior will come to us only if we take the time out to experience the depth of our need and give our need over to God so that God might be truly with us in our need. Blessed are they who, even in their need, trust that the Lord's words to them will be fulfilled. Come, Lord Jesus!

### 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



### ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Camille Ann Kiedrowski by her husband. Also in memory of Mary Eleanor Webster Smith by her family. If you would like to donate a floral arrangement to be placed on the Altar please call Sue Dieter @ 410-937-4035.

### CELEBRATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Lois Fritz	81	Dec 23
Maurice Kief	89	Dec 24
Earl Howell	89	Dec 25
Lawrence Knott	84	Jan 2
Mary Stewart	86	Jan 10
Augusta Guerriero	82	Jan 12
Thomas Burke	89	Jan 15
Betty Lou Knott	85	Jan 17
Elizabeth Grier	83	Jan 27
Robert Groff	88	Jan 30

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

George & Patricia Koerner	62	Dec 26
Andrew & Naomi Welch	57	Dec 30
Robert & Patricia Haloskey	54	Dec 31
Cornelius & Carol Helfrich	52	Dec 31
Stephen & Rosalee Bevard	53	Jan 15
John & Dolores Fetter	62	Jan 19
Earl & Diana Weidner	55	Jan 25
William & Johanna Hill	50	Jan 26
Douglass & Mary Washburn	52	Jan 27

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

## **RESPECT LIFE**

What a joyous celebration of life the month of December is. There is the Feast of St. Nicholas, Patron Saint of children, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn and the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. O, come let us adore him and remember we are all children of God. Lord, bless and protect Baby Sam and all the other spiritually adopted babies. Bring the comfort of your love to their mothers and may they receive the support they need. Help the fathers to be the men they are meant to be. Amen.



### **December – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Please see the following text on the 2nd "Little One" poster in the vestibule of the church:

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.

The March for Life in DC takes place on Friday, January 19. This year's theme is "Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science."

## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

**Treasure – December 16, 2018**

**The treasure update for December 16<sup>th</sup> will be in the December 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin. As always, thank you for your generosity.**

- 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 2018 must be in the office by December 17, 2018 to be recorded as a gift for this calendar year. Again, thank you for all you do for St. Mary's

### **Contribution Statement 2018:**

If you would like a contribution statement (recorded contributors only (Church Envelopes or EFT) for calendar year 2018 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).

**\*\*Next Weekend: Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 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.)**

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

## Christ Bell

### THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child ( John 1:12)  
I am Christ 's friend ( John 15:15 )  
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)  
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)  
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)  
I am a personal witness of Christ . (Acts 1:8)  
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)  
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)  
I am free forever from condemnation ( Rom. 8: 1-2)  
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant ( Phil 3 :20)  
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)  
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)  
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)  
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)  
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)  
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22 )  
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28 )  
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit ( John 15:16 )  
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph.. 3: 12 )  
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13 )  
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life ( John 15: 1-5)  
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)  
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified  
(Romans 5:1)  
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship  
(Eph. 2:10)  
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be  
perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)  
I have been redeemed and forgiven ( Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's  
child (Eph 1:5)  
I belong to God  
Do you know  
Who you are?

**'The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD turn His face toward you  
And give you peace...  
Numbers 6:24-26**

## 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 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.*

## Advent

**In each heart lies a Bethlehem,  
an inn where we must ultimately answer whether  
there is room or not.**

**When we are Bethlehem-bound we experience  
our own Advent in His.**

**When we are Bethlehem-bound we can no longer  
look the other way conveniently not seeing stars  
not hearing voices.**

**We can no longer excuse ourselves by busily  
tending our sheep or our kingdoms...**

**This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem and see this  
thing that the Lord has made known to us... lets  
ponder in our hearts this Gift of Gifts...Through  
the tinsel let's look for the gold of the Christmas  
Star. In the excitement and confusion, in the  
merry chaos, let's listen for the brush of the  
angel's wings.**

**Let's go to Bethlehem and find our kneeling  
places.**

## 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...Aria Rose Warne, daughter of Philip & Monica, also Benjamin Henry Magness, son of John & Deborah, and Angela Tany Kupina, daughter of Joseph & Tanya.



### A time to be ...HEAL

Please Pray For: Richard Ahlstrom, Emma Barnett, Annette Baxter, Betty Bennett, Vicki Bennington, Donald Billings, Cheryl Boring, Roy Broyles, Mary Rita Doak, Susan & Amanda DiPietro, Eva Eakes, John Gibson, Christine Gofford, Nancy Harkins, Jo Ann Heaps, Sam Hadoulis, Lorriane Hebert, Erin Huff, Judy Johnson, Attila Kekesi, Jarrett Lyons, Brenda Mullen, Harry Newman, Boh Oktavec, John Ricks, Jeanne Berge Stith, Jameson Travis, Hilda Wachter, Penny Wallace, Emma Webster, Weidner Family, Eliza Wilson, Mandy Wetzel, Clark Zander, Diane Zander, Lorraine Zorn.

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

### "IN MEMORIAM"

**Mary Frances Snyder,  
Edward Roginski, Wilfred McCain,  
Thomas McVan, Irma Catherine Baranowski,  
and Lorraine Dougherty**

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



### 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 19, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until noon, with a "snow" date of January, 26<sup>th</sup>.

### ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019



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. 8<sup>th</sup> is:

Chicken Pot Pie  
Banana & Chocolate Pudding

The Bingo Jackpot for January is \$200.00  
in 52 numbers or less

### CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

4:00 P.M. .... Church.  
4:00 P.M. .... Hall  
6:00 P.M. .... Church  
8:00 P.M. .... Church  
9:30 P.M. .... Caroling..Church  
10:00 P.M. .... Mass in Church

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018

Church.....10:00 A.M.

### NEW YEARS EVE & NEW YEARS DAY MASS

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, December 31, 2018.....4:00P.M.  
Tuesday, January 1, 2019.....10:00 A.M.

The Parish Offices will be closed on December 24 to 26, 2018. Also, Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

## 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 Co. Schools are closed for the day** ALL meetings, classes and activities are cancelled including Bingo (no make-up date). **If Harford Co. Schools close early** ALL meetings, classes and activities are cancelled. **If Harford Co. Schools are delayed**, all meetings, classes and activities will be held as usual, including Bingo

### ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Monday, Dec. 24, 2018

..... Christmas Eve Office Closed  
4:00 p.m. .... Mass in Church & Hall  
6:00 p.m. .... Mass in Church  
8:00 p.m. .... Mass in Church  
10:00 p.m. .... Mass in Church

#### Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018

10:00 a.m.....Christmas Day  
..... Office Closed

#### Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018

..... Office Closed  
7:00 p.m. .... Cont Music

#### Saturday, December 29, 2018

6:00 a.m. .... Man Hour

#### Monday, New Years Eve December 31, 2018

9:00 a.m.....Mass  
4:00 p.m. .... New Years Eve Mass

#### Tuesday, New Years Day, January 1, 2019

10:00 a.m..... Solemnity of Mary