

**7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

Today's Readings

7th Sunday
1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Cor 15: 45-49
Lk 6: 27-38

Readings for 3/3/19

8th Sunday
Sir 27: 4-7
1 Cor 15: 54-58
Lk 6: 39-45

MASS INTENTIONS: FEB. 25 TO MAR 3, 2019

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Joyce McAneny
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Stewart Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	David Suter
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Pat Hushon Kathy Massey Charles Era

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

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 3/03/19

Ministry	Sat 4 pm MAR 2	Sun 8 am MAR 3	Sun 9:30 MAR 3	Sun 11:15 MAR 3
Priest	HK	LG	HK	HK
Lectors	J Seneschal	J Healy	C Yost	J Fender
EM	L Fritz	A Chaney	J Bowman	M Fetter
	D Hughes	T Dieter	M Childress	B Hoopert
	S Pardo	S Dieter	D Eakes	C Hoopert
	D Phillips	F Holtz	N Yost	M Rudell
Server	H Arnett	O Ayd	J Channell	P Bittner
	M Rinaudo	A Engel	M Chanell	M Fetter
	T Rinaudo	I Warne	J Eakes	
			S Hoopert	
Sacristan	G Arnett	A Engel	W Eakes	A Fetter

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

FROM FR. KUNKEL

There's a famous story about a foolish man who heard that Buddha taught that you should never return evil for evil. One day the man met Buddha and decided to see if Buddha actually practiced what he preached. The man began heaping all kinds of verbal abuse upon the great teacher, shouting at him and calling him a stupid fool. All the while, Buddha listened patiently. When the man ran out of things to say, Buddha said to him, "My son, if a man declines to accept a gift from another, to whom does the gift go?" The man replied scornfully, "Any fool knows that. The gift goes back to the giver!" "My son," said Buddha, "you have just given me much verbal abuse. I decline to accept your gift." The man made no reply. Then Buddha said further: "My son, a man who slanders a virtuous person is like a man who spits at the sky. The spittle doesn't soil the sky. It only comes back to soil the face of the man who spit. A man who slanders a virtuous person is like a man who flings dust into the wind. The dust doesn't reach its target. It only blows back into the face of the man who threw it."

That famous story of Buddha is another illustration of what is meant by the "law of the echo." A person gets back from life exactly what the person gives to life. Give abuse and you will get abuse back. Give love and you will

get love back. A week from this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. In our Lenten journey, we have a real opportunity to turn inward and really see how we are measuring up. How do we stack up to the standards of discipleship Luke sets in his Gospel this weekend?

God's call is a call to generosity. Jesus gave us everything, including his very life! What have we given? How have we matched God's generosity? This Lent, we might ask ourselves these questions: How have I been generous with my spouse? Have I gone beyond that which is expected in my relationship and truly practiced charity? How have I given to my Church? Have I even approached practicing justice in giving 10 or even 5 percent of my time, my talents and my treasure? How have I been charitable with my children or parents? Have I, without comment or complaint, given to them more than they deserve? Have I, by prayer or deed, really tried to love someone whom I find difficult? Have I ever prayed for those who are caught in anger and hatred?

So, how do we take God's command to love into our lives? Perhaps, by understanding our own motives and the thoughts and feelings that we don't particularly like in ourselves. Then we may judge less harshly. Could we then be less passive and more active in our help of those in distress - those in our family, our parish, our neighborhood? Above all, perhaps, we can pray for the heart of Christ to be in us so that we live his love with all those we meet. And, who knows, we may even find them, and ourselves, less disagreeable and more lovable!

CELEBRATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Barbara Rudell	80	Feb 25
Nancy Parker	83	Mar 6
Walter Ferenc	81	Mar 9
Elizabeth Swift	81	Mar 12

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

John & Pamela Lassack	50	Mar 29
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If you do not want your name(s), and/or your age in the bulletin please notify Barbara, Ext. 22

WELCOME:



We would like to welcome Mrs. Audrey Boone and Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Culver & Family, to St. Mary's Faith Community..

SEXUAL ABUSE SCANDAL

In the face of unfolding revelations in the on-going Sexual Abuse Scandal in the Church, Fr. Kunkel, the Staff at the Parish, and the Parish Council, over the course of a number of meetings, devoted considerable time in reviewing the things that we do at St. Mary's to try to protect Parishioners, and especially our children. There also have been a number of discussions and listening sessions at St. Mary's to afford Parishioners the opportunity to express their concerns. The Archdiocese has implemented a number of policies and procedures that have likewise been implemented at all Parishes, including here at St. Mary's in an effort to limit the possibility that something of the nature of the abuse that we have read and heard about will not occur at St. Mary's. Based on those discussions, we have concluded that, at the local level, which is all that we can control, we are doing everything that reasonably can be done to provide for the safety of our Parishioners, including, particularly, those that are young and most vulnerable. If you have any questions or concerns, we invite you to contact Fr. Kunkel the Parish Staff, or a member of the Parish Council.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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 ...HEALED OR A TIME TO HEAL...

Please Pray For: Richard Ahlstrom, Annette Baxter, Betty Bennett, Vicki Bennington, Donald Billings, James Bohdel, Cheryl Boring, Roy Broyles, Mary Rita Doak, Kathleen Douglass, 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, Catherine Miller, Brenda Mullen, Harry Neuman, Boh Oktavec, John Ricks, Jeanne Berge Stith, Jameson Travis, Hilda Wachter, Penny Wallace, Emma Webster, Weidner Family, Kathy Wiley, 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"
JEANETTE KATEN**

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.

RESPECT LIFE

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.

The **Maryland March for Life** takes place on Monday, March 4 from 4:30-9:30. Speakers will include Ryan Bomberger from the Radiance Foundation and Kelly Stauffer from Silent No More Awareness Campaign. Deborah Brocato is going. Contact Deborah at debbrocato@aol.com if you would like to go. See www.mdmonthforlife.com for more details.

Physician Assisted Suicide has been introduced as House Bill 399 and Senate Bill 311. Contact your legislators to urge them to oppose these bills. Go to www.stopassisted-suicidemd.org to find your legislators.

Speaker Michael Busch introduced House Bill 1031, Declaration of Rights – Right of Bodily Integrity and Privacy, which would add a right to abortion to the Maryland Constitution. Abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy is already legal in Maryland with very few regulations. There is no parental notification for minors. There is no hospital affiliation requirement in case of emergency. If abortion is made a right in the Maryland Constitution, it would be nearly impossible to overturn and nearly impossible to place any protections for women and their unborn children. Contact your legislators to express your opposition to this bill.

If these laws pass, we will have codified the ability to kill human beings from conception until death instead of protecting and respecting life from conception until natural death. Pray this does not happen and keep praying for the conversion of hearts to God's will.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Treasure – February 17, 2019

Offertory – Envelopes	\$5,483.00
Parish Catholic School Assessment	355.00
Poor Box – BirthRight	241.44
Mass Attendance	488

- 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.

****Next Weekend: March 2nd & March 3rd**

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.)**

Parish Building Fund: An offering to help build our future building fund account and to assist with any major projects the parish may have but a capital campaign is not necessary and if a capital campaign is necessary to have a little nest egg to begin the project. This **special envelope** can be placed in the regular offertory collection along with your weekly offering envelope.

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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES WITH FR. PAUL HENRY ARE CANCELED

Fr. Paul Henry had a fall and dislocated his hip. He is now in rehab at Stella Maris. His Adult Education Classes have been canceled until further notice. Keep Fr. Paul in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

MARDI GRAS FAIR/PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mardi Gras Fair/Pancake Breakfast will be March 3rd after all the Sunday Masses. All free will offerings will benefit our Catholic Heart Work Camp Trip to Steubenville, OH. July 14-19!!! Work campers we need you to help cook and serve.



SPRING FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Our spring fried chicken dinner will be on **April 27th** 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. Approximately 300 **stewards** will be needed to accommodate our guests and to prepare and clean up for the dinner. As always we must ask our parishioners to give of your time, talent and treasure.

Time: 4 hrs at the most but **8 hrs would be great.**

Talent: Volunteer for any of the many positions to be filled.

Treasure: Buy a dinner ticket (it helps the cause).

It is very important for you to sign up as soon as possible. Out of respect for Palm Sunday (April 14) and Easter Sunday (April 21) we will not have a sign up.

Sign up will be after all the Masses as follows: March 23rd & 24th, March 30th & 31st and April 6th & 7th or call – Barbara Ext. 22 / email -- barbara_stmarys@yahoo.com. If you prefer to volunteer for a certain position and time we suggest you contact Barbara as soon as possible. We cannot call you, you must contact us. Thank you in advance for signing up early and for your continuous support of our parish.

Raffle tickets and **posters** to advertise the dinner can be picked up the weekends of the sign up at the sign up table. **Cake and candy boxes** will be available for pickup after mass on the weekends of March 30th & 31st and April 6th & 7th. **Baked goods** can be returned on Friday, April 26th or early Saturday, April 27th. **Please note your receipt on the box.** Thank You.

FAITH FEST MARYLAND 2019

Calling for Help!! The FaithFest Maryland 2019 planning team has an immediate need for volunteers to help with the Sponsorship/Fundraising to make a successful event. If you have fundraising or sponsorship experience and are interested in helping the team please let us know. You can contact Anita Cain via cell phone 410-804-8606 or by email faithfestinfo@gmail.com

PREVENTION AND RECOVERY MINISTRY

The Mason-Dixon Ministerium is exploring the possibility of starting a Prevention and Recovery Ministry. The goals of this ministry will be to prevent the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol by our young people and to provide support to the people in our local communities who are suffering from addictive behaviors – theirs and their loved ones. During the Masses on the weekend of March 2nd-3rd, we are going to conduct a Congregational Survey to gauge the interest, to assess our needs here at St. Mary's, and to help us to determine where we should focus our efforts. We are going to ask all of our adults and teenagers to complete the survey. It will be completely anonymous. Whether you and your family have ever been impacted by any type of addiction or not, your responses will be helpful as we move forward.

ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 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 March 5th is:

Sheppard's Pie
Rye Bread
Pistachio Cake

The Bingo Jackpot for February is \$200.00 in 54 numbers or less

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Knights, Belles, and Youth Ministry wish to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended or donated to the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the Jones, Friedel, and Woods families, recent fire victims in our community. Your generosity and kindness helped to make this event a tremendous success!

DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tuesday, February 26, 6:30pm, Christ the King (Holy Trinity Hall): 7436 B & A Blvd, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Saturday, March 2, 10am, St. Mary's Seminary & University: 5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Archdiocese contact is Kristine at Kristine.arata@archbalt.org. Feel free to check out the ArchBalt website for information at: <https://www.archbalt.org/clergy-personnel-division/deacons/>.

Also Deacon Phil Seneschal (pseneschal@aol.com) and Deacon Gary Dumer (gdumer@dumerbarnes.com) are available to

discuss any aspects of the formation program or the Diaconate ministry with you.

We all serve Jesus Christ and His Church in a variety of very good ways. If you are feeling called to serve as a Deacon, please consider attending an information session and then discussing it with someone who can help you in your discernment....

INTERESTED IN CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLING?

Our local TORCH group (Traditions of Roman Catholic Homeschoolers) is hosting an information session for those considering educating their children at home and those who would like to be involved in our TORCH group. Parents from Cecil, Harford, and Baltimore Counties are welcome to attend to learn how to get started, where to find help, and what options are available. Meeting will be held in Forest Hill on Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. Contact Chrisie Plate chrisiep@verizon.net for more information.

ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 25, 2019

9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. WWP
7:00 p.m. 1st Eucharist Prep Mtg.
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

5:30 p.m. CFF Classes
6:45 p.m. HSFF Classes

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

6:00 a.m. Communion Service
9:00 a.m. Mason/Dixon Ministerium
5:30 p.m. CFF Classes
7:00 p.m. Cont Music

Thursday, February 28, 2019

7:00 p.m. Choir

Saturday, March 2, 2019

6:00 a.m. Man Hour
..... Casserole Pans Distributed
..... Church Survey
..... Boy Scout Candy Sales

Sunday March 3, 2019

..... Casserole Pans Distributed
..... Church Survey
..... Boy Scout Candy Sales
9:00 a.m. Mardi/Gras/Pancake Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg.

BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at St. Mary's on Thursday, March 7, 2019. Appointments are now available from 1:30 until 6:15 p.m. The Red Cross assigns staff according to the number of donors on the schedule so an appointment is extremely helpful and recommended.

The blood supply continues to remain low and is in need of all types of blood, especially O+. To schedule, you may login to the Red Cross website and sign up, dew1250@gmail.com and put Blood Donor in the subject line.

Our last blood drive was December 6, 2018. We had 50 donors, a large portion of them being St. Mary's parishioners, giving 41 units of blood. Since each unit can now be separated into 3 blood components, these donations had the potential of helping 123 patients in need of blood products.

Thank you in advance for giving and donating blood. Remember, when you give blood, you give life.

LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will host a Lenten Fish Fry March 8th from 3-7 p.m. Fish & Shrimp Platter - \$13, Breaded Butterfly Shrimp Platter \$10, Fish Platter \$9, Fish Sandwich Platter \$9, 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.

BLUEGRASS COFFEE HOUSE

Please join us for the Bluegrass Coffee House on March 9 featuring our own Ron Plummer and his pickin' Pals. Doors open at 6:30 pm, event kicks off at 7 pm till 10 pm. \$7 Per Person Donation at the door includes your coffee or lemonade, dessert, and an evening of Bluegrass music and fun. Other concession foods for sale, and a "Silent Auction". Bluegrass at it's Best!! All proceeds to benefit our Work Camp Mission Trip to help those in Steubenville Ohio this summer.

*Are you looking for something to Inspire You this Lent?
Would you like to Reflect on Christ and His Love for You?
JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT WOMAN'S*

✦ A FEW OF US THE ENTIRE ✦



BIBLE STUDY!

Mondays in Lent
March 11 to April 15th
9:45 am & 7:00 pm meetings

To sign Up Contact
Sharon Alasandro
H 717-382-9094

C 443-243-6317

slalasandro@gmail.com or pick up a registration form in church

22nd ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CONFERENCE OF MD ONE DAY LENTEN RETREAT

THEME: BECOMING A GREAT MAN OF GOD
LOCATION: ST. JOSEPH, FULLERTON
8420 BEL AIR ROAD
BALTIMORE, MD 21236

CLOSING MASS: ARCH BISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI
REGISTER ONLINE: <https://atholicmensfellowship.com>

TRAINING FOR: LECTORS, & EUCHARISTIC

MINISTERS: Saturday, March 9th from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. The Liturgy Committee invites all current and prospective Lectors, Eucharistic ministers to attend a training in the church. Applications to become a Lector or Eucharist Minister are in the back of church. Please consider joining this important ministry. Contact Jackie Seneschal [410-688-2697](tel:410-688-2697) / jackieseneschal@gmail.com for more information.

Lift Up your Hearts:

How to Pray

A Lenten Retreat Day

When: Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 10am to 3pm

Where: Saint Mary Parish, Pylesville

Led By: Fr. Michael Schlepner

Do you want to spend a day this Lent on retreat?
Do you want to have some time to pray?
Do you want to learn how to pray or how to pray in a different way?
On this retreat day, we will:

- ❖ Be refreshed on the basics of prayer
- ❖ Look at some ways of praying that we may not be familiar with
- ❖ Have time for presentations, prayer, silence, and conversation
- ❖ Form a resolution or plan for our own personal prayer life.

The purpose of the day is to enrich our inner relationship with God.

Please note: Free—No charge, Lunch included

- Sponsored by the Mason Dixon Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Please let us know if you plan to participate in this Lenten Retreat. Contact: Diana Weidner at 410-452-5166 x20 or landa_stmarys@yahoo.com Or John McCarty at 443-928-2107 or 1096cop1@comcast.net.