

**4th SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 31, 2019**

Today's Readings
4th Sunday of Lent
Jos 5: 9,10-12
2 Cor 5: 17-21
Lk 15, 1-3, 11-32

Readings for 3/31/19
5th Sunday of Lent
Is 43: 16-21
Phil 3: 8-14
Jn 8: 1-11

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 1 TO 7, 2019

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Kunkel
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Albert Doty
Wednesday	9:00 a.m..	Lorraine Dougherty
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Margaret Dougherty
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Cathy Mettee Miller Christopher Mank Rita Dumer

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

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF 4/7/19

Ministry	Sat 4 pm APRIL 6	Sun 8 am APRIL 7	Sun 9:30 APRIL 7	Sun 11:15 APRIL 7
Priest	HK	HK	MS	MS
Lectors	J Seneschal	L Surkin	K Kiedrowski	M Chamberlain
EM	L Fritz	T Dieter	L Hall	D Eakes
	D Hughes	S Dieter	J Kline	M Fetter
	B McConnell	B Weber	M Scarff	B Hoopert
	S Partdo	A Chaney	J Bowman	C Hoopert
Server	M Rinaudo	A Engel	J Channel	P Bittner
	T Rinaudo	O Ayd	M Channell	A Fetter
			I Warne	M Fetter
			J Devereux	J Eakes
Sacristan		A Engel	J Devereux	W Eakes

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

"I don't care for the word morality," says the famous playwright Arthur Miller. "Or for words like right and wrong. The great issue for us is life and death. Whether people are living, or whether they are dying." Miller is echoing the sentiments of Jesus himself as he tells the story of the prodigal son, the story of two boys, two brothers, two sons of the same father. They were both brought up together in the same atmosphere, to enjoy the same life, and the same inheritance. But one day it all changed.

One boy left home, looking for life, for action. He wasn't really bad, just young and full of beans. He may have been foolish, but that is often the lot of human beings. He pursued life wholeheartedly and foolishly, and his folly landed him in a pigsty. He realized that this wasn't really living. Rather, it was leading to death. It was no use staying there. He would be much better off going home and trying

again. The boy's folly helped him grow in understanding. Having admitted his mistakes, having turned from his folly, he could see how the bad times brought goodness into his life

The only truly bad mistake we can make is the mistake that we learn nothing from! So the boy learned to appreciate life and home and father. He found his freedom. He had thought home a prison, and he left to escape from it. He returned to discover that it was no prison at all! His father's open arms embraced him, but didn't smother him. His father's face held the look of love, not the expectation of duty. His father's joy was for the sake of the boy, seeing how he would now be able to live his life, taking full possession of himself. He had traveled a long road, through foreign lands and heart-breaking experiences, but he came home to himself and to those who loved him a free and fully alive human being. Lost was now found! Dead had now come back to life!

May we all learn to rejoice more deeply in God's loving forgiveness. May we proclaim that Good News by the way we deal with each other!

POEM: This poem is about an old violin which, like us, was given a second chance. It's yet another image of your story and my story and God's love for us.

It was battered and scarred and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while.
To waste much time on the old violin.
But he held it up with a smile.
‘What am I bid, good folk?’ he cried.
‘Who’ll start the bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar, then two, only two?
Two dollars and who’ll make it three?’

‘Three dollars once and three dollars twice,
And going for three, but no!’
From the room far back a gray-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow.
And wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening the loosened strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet,
Sweet as an angel sings.

‘The music ceased and the auctioneer
In a voice that was quite and low
Said, ‘What am I bid for the old violin
And he held it up with the bow.
‘A thousand dollars and who’ll make it two?
Two thousand and who’ll make it three?
Three thousand once, three thousand twice
And going and gone!’ said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,
‘We don’t quite understand.
What changed its worth?’ Quick came the reply:
‘The touch of the Master’s hand’.
And many a man with life out of tune
And battered and scarred with sin
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin.

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on.
He’s going once, he’s going twice,
He going and almost gone.
But the Master comes and the foolish crowd
Never can quite understand
The worth of the soul and the change
That’s wrought by the touch of the Master’s hand

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your

support helps the church minister to the parish, provide catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When we contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join the Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Birthday-80's and over

Vilma Baldwin	89	Apr 8
Ellen Bauer	88	Apr 13
Otto Weber	80	Apr 21
Eugene Marsiglia	87	Apr 22
Francis Miller	89	Apr 26

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

John & Beatrice Gibson	57	Apr 14
George & Helen Ramsburg	56	Apr 27
Robert & Suzanne Burton	25	Apr 30

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....Charles Dean Colvin, son of Craig & Anna.

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, Cathy Graf, 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, Sandra Cochran Scott, Jeanne Berge Stith, Jameson Travis, 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".

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.

These ten symbols, of the "Instruments of the Passion" will week by week become part of the altar decorations during the season of Lent. For instance, the Fourth Sunday of Lent the Dice and the Sign (Dice: gambling for Jesus' clock and the Sign "King of the Jews").

Families wishing to participate in this tradition may sign up on the roster located in the vestibule of the church

HARFORD COUNTY PARISHES RECONCILIATION SERVICE 2019

St. Francis de Sales 410-679-4555 **April 9, 2019 - 7:00PM in the church**
(Also every Saturday at 4:00PM)

St. Ignatius 410-838-627 **April 10, 2019 - 7:00PM in the church**
(Also every Saturday at 3:00PM)

St. Joan of Arc 410-272-4535 **April 9, 2019 – 10:00AM-12:00PM**
2:00PM-4:00PM
6:00PM-8:00PM
(Also every Saturday at 4:15PM)

St. John's 410-592-6206 **April 9, 2019 – 7:00PM**
April 12, 2019 – 3:00PM-8:00PM
(Also Every Saturday at 4:00PM)

St. Margaret's 410-838-6969 **April 16, 2019 - 7:00 pm**
(Also every Saturday at 2:30 - 3:30 pm)

St. Mary's 410-879-4015 **April 15, 2019 - 7:00PM in the church**
(Also every Saturday at 3:30PM)

St. Patrick's 410-939-2525
410-575-6741 **April 12, 2019,**
In the church from 5:30PM to 6:15PM
(Also every Saturday at 3:00PM)

St. Stephen's 410-592-7071 **April 10, 2019 – 3:00PM-5:00PM &**
7:00PM-8:30PM
(also every Saturday 3:45- 4:15PM)

Dates and times are subject to change. Please confirm with the parish.



To St. Mary's Faith Community...Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zang, and Mr. & Mrs. David Mundrick and family.

THIRD WEEK – THE CHAPLET OF MERCY (Diary #687) Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy.



FOURTH WEEK – THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY (DIARY #1320) At three o'clock implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world.

RESPECT LIFE

"Because life is our first and most basic gift from an infinitely loving God, it deserves our utmost respect and protection. Direct attacks on innocent human life are always gravely wrong."

-USCCB on Embryonic Stem Cell Research

March – 5th month

The following text is on the poster:

Fifth Month (size: about 12 inches)

This month marks the half-way point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and his mother can feel him move and stretch, particularly when she is resting. He is big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. Up to now, although he swam with ease in his watery world, he was too small for her to detect because the outside wall of the uterus has no feeling. Babies born at this age have survived.

Keep praying that the physician assisted suicide bill does not pass into law in Maryland. Every human being is a child of God, uniquely created and designed.

Pray for a culture of life.

Out now, look for showing times for “Unplanned” at local movie theaters and encourage others to go. This is the true story of a Planned Parenthood employee who walked away and now advocates for the unborn.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Treasure – March 24, 2019

Offertry – Envelopes	\$6,124.00
CatholicReview	352.00
Poor Box – Local Assistance	247.05
Mass Attendance	546

- 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.

Easter: The ULTIMATE GIFT – God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ dying on the cross for our sins. As we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus we remember the suffering and the glory of our Savior and Lord. We must consider all the gifts God has bestowed upon us and we must remind ourselves we are merely stewards of these gifts. This represents to us a very special spiritual opportunity to make a return to God for His many blessings and they include our time, talent and treasure. After prayerful thought give your gift based on faith and the blessings you have received through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

****Next Weekend: April 6th & April 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.**)

Chaplain at Upper Chesapeake: All Harford County parishes will provide a portion of the salary, housing and benefits for a chaplain to attend to the patients, to anoint the sick, hear confessions and visit the sick at the Upper Chesapeake Medical Center. This “**Special envelope**” can be placed in the regular offertory collection along with your weekly offering envelope.

Update: as of Mar. 24th Fiscal Year Total - \$3,000.00
Income - \$2,531.55 To be collected - \$484.45

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

April 13 Earth Day @ St. Mary’s 9am. Bring work gloves, tarps, rakes, wheelbarrows. Help us tidy up the grounds for Spring Events.

April 14 Easter Egg Stuffing @ 12:30 pm – 2 pm Youth Room Need Candy!!!

April 20 Need High School Volunteers to report to the Youth Room @ 10:45 am to help hide eggs and help the children for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

May 18 SKYZONE Event - Meet us at Church at 11:30am, we will be at SKYZONE in Timonium for 2 hours of fun! Cost is \$21 pp open to Middle and High School.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

TAKE A STAND AGAINST ABUSE WITH SARC! **WHAT IS SARC?**

SARC(The Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center) is Harford County's lifeline to victims, potential victims, and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse and stalking. Working within the community, they are the catalyst for the eradication and prevention of domestic violence.

SCAR’S Mission is to provide a lifeline for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking by providing safe haven, advocacy, resources, and hope in Harford County. They rely on community support and offer a wide variety of opportunities that support their mission of coming together to end abuse.

*****Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.** St. Mary’s will host a community event to present a Domestic Violence Awareness Program in St. Mary’s Parish Hall. A representative from SARC will present the program to the St. Mary’s and surrounding communities. This is a free open event to everyone.***

Come and learn about SARC and help put an end to Domestic Violence!

COMMON GROUNDS

Please note a change of topic for discussion at Common Grounds on April 11. This meeting will be used for a follow up discussion on the **Domestic Violence Awareness Program** presented the prior evening by SARC. Because this is such a major problem in society today, please try to attend the meeting on Wednesday, April 10 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm, then join us for a continuing discussion at Common Grounds the next evening in the Youth Room at 7:00 pm. Archbishop Lori’s Pastoral Letter on racism will be the topic at a later date.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

There will be two Knights of Columbus sponsored Eucharistic Adorations in the month of April: First Tuesday Adoration on April 2 and another Adoration on Tuesday, April 23. At this time, the Marian Icon, ***Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians*** will be on display. This will be the 18th Marian Icon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Come and honor Our Lady as we pray for her intercession for the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith around the world. You will receive the prayer card ***Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians*** when you arrive.

FOOD PANTRY

In March, the food pantry served 11 families, 46 people. The pantry is in need of many food items. We are especially in need of canned fruit and veggies. Thank you for our new volunteers!! The pantry will be closed in April due to

the large food drive for Easter. We will be open again on Saturday, May 18th from 10 a.m. until Noon.

ST MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 1, 2019

9:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00p.m. 1st Eucharist Prep

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

10:00a.m. Luncheon Bingo
5:30 p.m. CFF Classes
6:00 P.M. Adoration
6:30 p.m. Religious Ed Teachers Meeting
6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

6:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. CFF Classes
7:00 p.m. Cont. Music

Thursday, April 4, 2019

7:00 p.m. Choir

Friday, April 5, 2019

3:00 p.m. Fish Fry
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 6, 2019

6:00 a.m. Man Hour
..... Casserole Pans Distributed
..... Raffle Tickets & Sign -Up for Spring Dinner
..... Cake and Candy Boxes distributed
..... Food Bags Returned
10:00 a.m. 1st Eucharist Retreat

Sunday April 7, 2019

..... Casserole Pans Distributed
..... Raffle Tickets & Sign -Up for Spring Dinner
..... Cake & Candy Boxes distributed
..... Food Bags Returned
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Mtg.

LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will host a Lenten Fish Fry, April 5th 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.

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: 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.

ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON

BINGO TUESDAY,

APRIL 2, 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 April 2nd is:

Parmesan Encrusted Baked White Fish
Hash Brown Casserole
Green Beans
Chocolate Cake

The Bingo Jackpot for April is \$200.00
in 50 numbers or less

FAITHFEST MARYLAND 2019:

Save the Date-Mark your calendars – FaithFest Maryland 2019 will be Saturday, September 14, 2019 starting @ 2:00 p.m. More information will be out soon check out our website for up to date information www.faithfest.us.



Christian Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry will be collecting and distributing groceries for Easter. Here are the dates:

- 3/30-3/31- Distributing the grocery bags
- 4/6-4/7 - Collecting the grocery bags
- 4/12- Sorting the groceries (7:00 pm)
- 4/13- Distributing the groceries (8:30 am)

Volunteers are needed! Come join us.

You'll have some fun and you will be helping your neighbors.

Please contact Bob Hoopert at 410-692-4157 or chhooper@zoominternet.net

EASTER BUNNY IS COMING!!

It's that time of year, the Easter Bunny is coming to St. Mary's. We need Easter Candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on April 20. Collection boxes will be in the Hall and Vestibule of the Church! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

VBS News

Parents save the date, VBS will be June 24-28, 2019!!! Our theme is ROAR: Life Is Wild * God Is Good Registration will kick off Sunday May 5 after all the Masses. Open to all children going into Pre-K 4 thru 6th Grade as of August 2019.