

February 5, 2017

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday, February 2, we had one last taste of Christmas for the year with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, forty days after Christmas, the Christ child is presented in the Temple in fulfillment of the Mosaic Law, and Simeon acknowledges Him as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel” (Luke 2:32 RSV).

In the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Time throughout the Year, the Lord tells us that we are “the light of the world” and exhorts us to “let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:14, 16).

I think the following prayer is a great way to help each of us live this out. It was composed by the English Blessed, John Henry Cardinal Newman and was adopted by Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta who prayed it each day after Mass. Her Missionaries of Charity do the same even today.

Would you consider joining me in adopting the practice for ourselves?

God bless you and keep you in His care,

Father Cibelli

Radiating Christ

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus! Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, so to shine as to be a light to others; the light, O Jesus, will be all from You; none of it will be mine: it will be You shining on others through me. Let me thus praise You in the way You love best: by shining on those around me. Let me preach You without preaching, not by words, but by my example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You.

St. Mary Stewardship Blessings

1/27/2017	Attendance	861
Offertory	\$8,659.26	
Online Giving	2,691.70	
School Support	57.00	
Total	\$11,407.96	
Amount Needed**	\$15,239	
**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Mary to break even for fiscal year 2017		
Poor Box	\$120.26	
Other	5.00	
*Not used for St. Mary operating expenses		

St. Michael Stewardship Blessings

1/27/2017	Attendance	61
Offertory	\$464.00	
Amount Needed** \$749		
**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Michael to break even for fiscal year 2017		
*Not used for St. Michael operating expenses		



Please pray for

Anthony G. “Moe” Mozingo,
 husband of Shirley;
 and
Helen Mancini Mowen,
 wife of Blaine (deceased).

May they rest in the Peace of Christ!

Prayer for our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
 Protect them as they protect us.
 Bless them and their families for the selfless acts
 they perform for us in our time of need.
 And give us peace.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 Our Lord and Savior.
 Amen.

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Please send your availability for the months of March, April, and May (INCLUDING Stations of the Cross, Holy Week, and Easter availability) to **Trevor Rowland** no later than **Tuesday, February 7th**.

Contact trowland@saintmarysonline.org or
 301-739-0390 x119

Confirmation — Immediate Preparation Classes for Confirmation students will be held in Fatima Hall the parish Center every Wednesday until March 8, 2017. Sign in time is 6:15PM. All Confirmandi must attend these classes.

Contribution Statement: Contribution statements are available. If you would like a contribution statement, please call Paula at 301-739-0390, ext. 110. You can then pick up your statement, emailed, or have it mailed to you. If you made a contribution of \$250 or more at any one time, you will automatically receive a statement, in accordance with IRS requirements.

St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions
February 6—12, 2017

Day	Date	Mass	Mass Intention
Monday	2/6	6:30 8:30	Special Intentions of Maria Taylor Maria Salvador & Elpidio Patayan
Tuesday	2/7	6:30 8:30	Irene Mickle David McLaughlin
Wednesday	2/8	6:30 8:30	Special Intentions of The Daschbach Family Special intentions of Leo Ortiz
Thursday	2/9	6:30 8:30	Wayne Spigler Paulo Elia
Friday	2/10	6:30 8:30	Special Intentions of Jose Rengifo Francis & Ann McDermott
Saturday	2/11	8:30 5:15	Stan Bond Special Intentions of Mike Morrell
Sunday	2/12	8:00 9:30 11:00 12:50	Special Intentions of Martha Rowland In Honor of St. Joseph Special Intentions of Joan Bernhard Mr. Cesidio Paciotti



The **hosts** being used for the month of January have been donated by an anonymous donor.



The **candles** being used for the month of January have been donated by an anonymous donor.

The **wine** being used for the month of January has been donated by an anonymous donor.

St. Michael Mass Intention

St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parishioners

Readings for February 5 — 12, 2017

Sunday 2/5	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1st Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16
Monday 2/6	ST. PAUL & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Genesis 1:1-19 / Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday 2/7	Genesis 1:20—2:-4a / Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday 2/8	ST. JEROME EMILIANI; ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN Genesis 2-4b-9, 15-17 / Mark 7:14-23
Thursday 2/9	Genesis 2:18-25 / Mark 7:24-30
Friday 2/10	ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN Genesis 3:1-8 / Mark 7:31-37
Saturday 2/11	OUR LADY OF LOURDES; BVM (World Day of the Sick) Genesis 3:9-24 / Mark 8:1-10
Sunday 2/12	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sirach 15:15-20 / 1st Corinthians 2:6-10 / Matthew 5:17-37

Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts (for the year 2017)

After the Gospel on the Feast of the Epiphany is sung the following:

Know, dear brothers and sisters,
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the first day of March will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the sixteenth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-eighth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the fourth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the eighteenth day of June the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the third day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

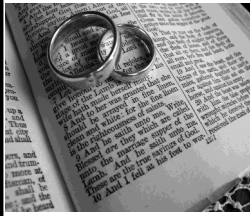
ASK THE PRIEST

Father,

In the Apostles Creed, can you explain the line: “Jesus descended into hell vs. Jesus descended to the dead. How can it be hell, if Jesus was present there?”

This question is answered very well in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* paragraphs 632-635. Your question has to do with the translation of the word, “hell”. The word, “hell”, in English is generally understood to mean the place where those who die in a state of mortal sin go to suffer the everlasting punishment of separation from God. Originally, the Hebrew word, “*sheol*” and the Greek word, “*hades*” simply meant the abode of the dead with not real connotation of everlasting pain and torment. The distinction between the realm of the dead and the realm of the punishment of the unjust is made very clear in Jesus’ story about Lazarus and the rich man. (Luke 16:19ff). Lazarus is in the “bosom of Abraham” and the rich man is in a place of everlasting torment and pain. By their sin, Adam and Eve closed the doors to Paradise and they were not reopened until the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. By His dying and rising, Jesus opened the gates of heaven to all the righteous souls (like Lazarus) who had awaited the coming of Jesus. This is the meaning of the phrase, “He descended into hell” or “to the dead.” The second attempt is a more precise translation of the Greek word, “*hades*”. In paragraph 633, it states ““It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Savior in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell." Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.”

“Ask The Priest” is a continuing feature of the Bulletin. If you have a question regarding the Catholic faith, please place your question in the box on the back table.



Husbands and Wives! The CHERISH Retreat on Saturday, February 11 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Hagerstown MD from 1:00 — 9:00pm, has been planned just for the both of you! CHERISH stands for Catholic Hearts Espoused Rejoice in Sacramental Hope. The retreat includes a reflection for married couples from Fr. Matt Buening: "Living Your Marriage Abundantly." Additionally, there will be Saturday Evening Vigil Mass, opportunities for confession, dinner and more. Free will donations accepted. RSVP by **Feb 7** at the cherishcouples.net website or by calling 301-797-6493.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Let the light of your love shine upon your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 21-23, 2017 or October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information and to apply online visit welovematrimony.org, call 301-541-7007, email at applications@welovematrimony.org.

Defund Planned Parenthood Rally in Frederick

On **Saturday, February 11**, pro-lifers across the country will hold rallies at Planned Parenthood facilities, calling for an immediate end to the organization’s federal funding. Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest abortion chain and receives over \$500 million from taxpayers every year. But pro-life leaders in Washington are now moving to end that government subsidy. Come out on **February 11** and raise your voice with tens of thousands of pro-lifers across the country demanding that our government defund Planned Parenthood! **When: Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. Where: Planned Parenthood, 170 Thomas Johnson Drive. Please park across the street.** More Info: Call John Miller....240-446-8624 or email johnm45@comcast.net

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From Stress to Success

Caritas Counseling Center is offering “From Stress to Success,” a small group designed to help you manage a crisis or deal with a major life change, Wednesdays, March 1-April 19, 2-3:30 p.m. (except April 12). Part of our Healthy Life series, the therapist-facilitated group will cover mindfulness practice, skill-building and discussion. Space is limited. For details, cost or to register, contact Martha Keys Barker at 301-431-6866 orcaritas@sli.org. Caritas (caritas-sli.org) is a ministry of Saint Luke Institute.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift....

We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called *gift* because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; *grace* since it is given even to the guilty; *Baptism* because sin is buried in the water; *anointing* for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; *enlightenment* because it radiates light; *clothing* since it veils our shame; *bath* because it washes; and *seal* as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship.

St. Mary's offers the **gift of baptism** on the **second and fourth Saturdays** of each month at **12:30pm**. **Baptism Class** is scheduled the first Sunday of each month in the **Conference Room of the Parish Center from 12:30 to 1:30pm**.

It is very important that babies be baptized as soon as possible and preferably within six weeks of birth. Therefore, Fr. Cibelli is offering this sacrament more often. A good precedence would be, as soon as parents begin to announce their pregnancy, to call and schedule their baptism agenda shortly after.

Call the Parish Office 301-739-0390 ext. 110, Paula will assist you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Introducing - Take A Look Tuesdays

Prospective parents and students are invited to visit Saint Mary Catholic School each *Tuesday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.*

Staff members will be available to give tours and to answer questions of prospective parents. Witness student participation in the classroom, observe a typical day, feel the energy in our hallways, and watch the children socialize during break. What a great chance to see SMCS students in action!

Stop by and see for yourself why St. Mary Catholic School is the right place for your student.

Registration Now Open!

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year for Pre-K 4 through 7th Grade is now Open.

Call or email Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or roconnor@stmarycatholicsschool.org for an information packet and/or a tour.

Starting New for 2017-2018:

St. Mary Catholic School is excited to announce a Full Day option (8:15 AM – 2:45 PM) will be available for our Pre-K 4 program.

The Half Day option is from 8:15 AM – 11:30 AM. Space is limited so don't delay. Call or email Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or roconnor@stmarycatholicsschool.org for an information packet and/or a tour.

Welcome Grants

Students who are currently enrolled in public school who wish to transfer to St. Mary Catholic School are eligible to receive a tuition grant for \$2,000 off the first year's tuition and \$1,000 off the second year's tuition.

A limited number of grants are available to students actively participating in a Catholic parish. Grants will be available from January 20th until May 1st, 2017 for Grades 2nd through 5th only.



Called to Greatness

Youth Ministry

Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays 7-9

You are invited to attend an upcoming **TransCanada Open House** on **February 9, 2017** from **6-8 PM** at the **Hancock Town Hall** in Hancock, MD. TransCanada employees will host a public discussion on their new natural gas transmission pipeline which will run from Hancock, MD to Berkeley Springs, WV.

SVDP— Assistance to the poor and suffering is provided through your donations to the Poor Box. Anyone suffering through a hardship is encouraged to contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for assistance. Phone 301-739-0390 ext 124.



The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul *Serving Christ in the Person of the Poor*
since 1633

The Daughters of Charity are offering a **“Come and See”** vocation retreat weekend **March 3-5, 2017**. Single Catholic women ages 18-40 interested in a vocation as a Sister are invited to attend. The retreat will be held at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD. If interested please contact: Sr. Mary Frances Barnes, D.C. at 410-646-2074 or devoc@doc.org.

PANGBORN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- ◆ **New council website for keeping informed of council news:** www.kofc1365.org
- ◆ **Brotherhood Council Meetings 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 8pm** in the Council Hall. Our Trustee for 2016-2017 is Cel Shannon. For information, please contact Cel Shannon at cel_s67@hotmail.com.
- ◆ **Bingo Bingo Bingo.** Every Tuesday at the **Knights of Columbus Hall (20340 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742)** Starting at 6:45 pm we conduct 34 bingo games for the public. Please join us and have fun.
- ◆ Every practical Catholic man over the age of 18 should become a Knight. We need your help. Speak with a night about joining our order.
- ◆ The Knights of Columbus has launched a FREE smartphone app on Android and Apple iOS platforms that show what the Order has to offer eligible Catholic men and their families! Featuring an overview of the Orders work in providing security to families, as well as its charitable and Church activities, The "Knights of Columbus: Join Us" app is a concise and engaging way to share with potential new members the good works and insurance protection made possible by K of C membership. Users can also access an online form which they can complete as a first step in becoming a Knight! The app is available for FREE download through iTunes or the Google Play store.
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- ◆ Pangborn Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will host **Italian Night Dinner & Dancing Saturday, February 18th opening at 6:30pm at the Columbus Hall on Leitersburg Pike.** Donation \$12.00 & children under 12 \$6. Contact Fred Nugent for advanced ticket sales at FNugent@verizon.net.
- ◆ All Bingo Tuesdays will be **HALF PRICE** on regular games during the month of February!
- ◆ Knights: Annual Dues Notices have been sent. Please remit timely.