



# *Pentecost*

*June 4, 2017*

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Dear Parishioners,

Pentecost ranks among the most important feasts of the Liturgical Year, just behind Easter and Christmas. On this day the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, their fears were overcome, and they went out into all the world to share the good news of salvation, Christ's victory over sin and death. While the length of my words here are not proportional to the importance of this feast(!), let us not fail to pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit be kindled in each of us. By this fire of the Holy Spirit, may we put our faith into action and help others to come to know and love our Lord Jesus, as the disciples did on this very day, 2000 years ago. Consider making this old standby part of your daily prayer routine:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

V. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Let us pray:

O God, Who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congratulations to our Eighth-grade graduates! Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm this Sunday, following which they will receive their diplomas. We will miss your daily presence on campus, but we pray for God's blessings as you begin high school. We hope we will see you often, even if you call a parish other than St. Mary's home.

Finally, I am happy to report that St. Mary's has exceeded our goal of \$59,500 for the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal!! As of this writing, we have exceeded our goal by about \$5,000! This is the first time in several years we have done so, and I am grateful to all of you for your generous support in whatever way you could contribute! As you generously fulfill your pledges, we will receive a 25% rebate on all donations that fulfill our goal and a 50% rebate on all donations that exceed our goal. This rebate will go to pay for our campus' new boiler, which will be installed after school gets out. I can't thank you enough for your generosity to the Archdiocese and to St. Mary's. The text of the Archbishop's thank you letter follows.

May God bless you and keep you in His care, and may the Blessed Mother intercede for you,

Father Cibelli

Dear Father Cibelli,

My congratulations and sincere thanks to you and your parishioners at St. Mary for reaching and exceeding your goal of the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Forward, in Faith.

St. Mary's exceptional support bears witness not only to the faith-filled generosity of your parish family, but also to your exemplary pastoral leadership, as shown by your capacity to unite your parishioners in service to a shared cause such as the Appeal.

As we continue on our archdiocesan journey of missionary discipleship, I find much inspiration in seeing a people such as St. Mary so actively engaged in sustaining and enriching our local Church.

With grateful prayers for you and your parishioners, I remain

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori

Archbishop of Baltimore

Please note below the variations in the Mass and Confession schedule in the coming weeks. Furthermore, over the summer, as Father Larry and I take time off for vacation, there may be times when we can offer only one daily Mass or perhaps only one priest will be available for Confession on Saturday morning. I will do my best to maintain our normal schedule, but please keep in mind that it is not always possible to find priests who are available to fill in. I will provide as much notice as possible here in the bulletin so you can plan accordingly for daily Mass and Confession, and perhaps take advantage of what our neighboring parishes offer. Whenever an inconvenience might be experienced on account of not having enough priests on hand, please take a moment to pray for more priests!

June 18, Sunday, Corpus Christi

8:00 am St. Mary's                      11:00 am St. Mary's followed by the Corpus Christi Procession

9:30 am St. Mary's                      **NO 12:50 pm Mass on account of the Procession**

10:30 am St. Michael's

June 24, Saturday, the Birth of St. John the Baptist, Priesthood Ordination in Baltimore

**NO 8:30 am Mass**

**NO 11:30 am Confessions**

**Only One priest at 4:00 pm Confessions**

5:15 pm Mass St. Mary's

**June 4, 2017**

**Pentecost Sunday**

June 4 Pentecost Sunday and Eighth Grade Graduation

8:00 am St. Mary's

11:00 am St. Mary's

9:30 am St. Mary's

**2:00 pm St. Mary's (Graduation)**

10:30 am St. Michael's

**5:00 pm St. Mary's (Extraordinary Form) (No Mass at 12:50)**

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## Attention Parishioners:

The St. Mary Parish is in need of a few volunteers to assist in offertory counting on **Monday** mornings. The time frame is usually between **8:00 am to 10:30 am, once per month**. Basic skills include bill counting, adding checks and cash, and use of a 10-key adding machine. Confidentiality is also required. If you are interested in serving the Lord and St. Mary in this manner, please contact the St. Mary business manager, Mike McCoy, at 301-739-0390 x114, or [mmccoy@stmarysonline.org](mailto:mmccoy@stmarysonline.org). The Parish will be eternally grateful for volunteering your time and talent!



## Parish Office Summer Hours Change

The Parish Offices will be closed on Fridays, starting June 16 until August 18. However, the staff will be on the premises and available



# Corpus Christi Procession

June 18, 2017

St. Mary Catholic Church

In celebration of Corpus Christi, the Washington County Catholic churches are joining forces for a procession through Hagerstown. This day of celebration is supported by all the Washington County priests and they encourage **all** parishioners to participate.

## Please join us!

After 11:00am Mass	Gather at St. Mary Church
12:15 pm	Begin procession*
1:15pm	End procession at St. Mary Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

\*From St. Mary, down Washington Street to Potomac Street, then left to Franklin Street to St. Mary

## St. Mary Stewardship Blessings

5/28/2017	Attendance	807
Offertory		\$8,650.20
Online Giving		2,726.70
Ascension		1,525.00
Other		5.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$11,381.90</b>
Amount Needed**		\$15,239
**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Mary to break even for fiscal year 2017		
School Support		\$ 295.00
Poor Box		208.76

### *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.

Please keep in mind, Mass attendance is a requirement for the Sacrament of Baptism to occur.

## St. Michael Stewardship Blessings

5/28/2017	Attendance	57
Offertory		\$484.00
Ascension		40.00
Amount Needed** \$749		
**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Michael to break even for fiscal year 2017		
Poor Box		\$15.00

This week's second collection is for  
**Embracing Our Mission.**

Next week's second collection is for **School Support**  
**Thank you!**

**Father's Day Honor Roll** -- Names for the Father's Day Honor Roll are being collected by the Catholic Daughters after all the Masses this weekend. It is imperative to have all your requested names by June 5th for inclusion in the honor roll of names which will be issued in the June 17-18 bulletin. Thank you for your donations that are used for the work of the Catholic Daughters and St. Vincent de Paul. Contact: Judy Kline, 301-824-5189.

**Priest Appreciation Day** is celebrated the first Sunday in June, annually. Please pray the following litany for all priests and remember to honor your priests in whatever you can.

**Litany for Priests** —

Jesus, meek and humble in heart,  
Give all priests Thy spirit of humility;  
Jesus, poor and worn out for souls,  
Give all priests Thy spirit of zeal;  
Jesus, full of patience and mercy for sinners,  
Give all priests Thy spirit of compassion;  
Jesus, victim for the sins of the world,  
Give all priests Thy spirit of sacrifice;  
Jesus, lover of the little and the poor,  
Give all priests Thy spirit of charity.  
Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us;  
and obtain for us numerous and holy priests  
and religious. Amen.

***St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions***  
***June 5 — 11, 2017***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intention</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Penelope Ann Besemer
		<b>8:30</b>	Special Intentions of Romeo Tengey
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Ish Biddle
		<b>8:30</b>	William Hudson & Special Intentions of Catherine Hudson
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Bess McCarthy
		<b>8:30</b>	Garfield Messenis
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6/8</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Special Intentions of Vocations to the Priesthood
		<b>8:30</b>	Ruth Gonce
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6/9</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Elaine Kirehoff
		<b>8:30</b>	Special Intentions of Nancy Appiah
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6/10</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Bess McCarthy
		<b>5:15</b>	Bill Hudson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6/11</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Gene Eakle
		<b>9:30</b>	Special Intentions of the Lafollette Family
		<b>11:00</b>	Jeanette Blazes
		<b>EF 12:50pm</b>	Special Intentions of Vocations to the Priesthood

***St. Michael Church 10:30AM June 11, 2017***  
 Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Michael Churches



**Please pray for**

**Vicki Wood**, wife of Stewart,  
 mother of Vassily and Alexei.

**May she rest in the Peace of Christ!**

The **hosts** being used for the month of June  
 have been donated by  
 The St. Vincent de Paul Society.



## News from St. Mary Catholic School

### Starting New for 2017-2018 School Year Pre-K 4

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](mailto:roconnor@stmarycatholicsschool.org) for an information packet and/or a tour.

### Still Accepting Applications for the 2017-2018 School Year!

We offer grades Pre-K 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Call or email Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or [roconnor@stmarycatholicsschool.org](mailto:roconnor@stmarycatholicsschool.org)

for an information packet and/or a tour. The **BOOST Scholarship Program from the State of Maryland** ([www.educationmaryland.org/BOOST](http://www.educationmaryland.org/BOOST)) has a deadline to apply of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Vincent de Paul**— 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**.

**Second annual St. Philomena Medical Benefit Concert** at St. James Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV on June 10th. The headlining band is Scythian and we have many other opening bands, including Catholic Podcast, Fishing With Dynamite! Get tickets at St. James, Charles Town, WV or [www.radioheartmedia.com/](http://www.radioheartmedia.com/)

**Is your car dirty?** Come help support our youth going to the Steubenville Summer Youth Conference by getting your car, van or truck washed every Saturday in May and June from 9 am to 5pm. Cost: donation

### **Tuscarora Catholic Summer Camp**

will hold its 24th Annual Week of Faith and Fun-filled Activities July 24th—27th for campers in 4th through 12th grades. Held at Rhodes Grove Camp, off US Route 11 near Greencastle. This unique opportunity permits true Christian interaction giving our campers an opportunity to meet other Catholic Students. Each day's program includes Mass, Religious Lesson. Swimming is scheduled each afternoon with a certified life-guard and other adults present. There is a Rope Course, Nature Program, Horse Back Riding, Hikes, Camp Fires and other scheduled activities. The fee is \$225 for each camper.

**For more information and applications contact Sister Margie at 717-485-5917.**

### **PANGBORN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- ◆ **New council website for keeping informed of council news:** [www.kofc1365.org](http://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](mailto: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 Knight about joining our order.

Father,

### **Do I have to go to Mass when I am away on vacation?**

One may think that since I am out of town I don't have to go to Mass because I cannot go to the church that I usually attend. The beauty of being Catholic is that you simply don't just belong to St. Mary Catholic Church, you really belong to the Universal Catholic Church which covers the whole world. Therefore, whether you are in Hagerstown or Ocean City, Pittsburgh or Paris, you can go to any Catholic Church and fulfill your obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. It is amazing to think somewhere around the world, every hour of the day, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being celebrated somewhere in the world. The big question is where to find that Mass. If you are travelling in the United States, just go to [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) and type in the zip code of where you are. The website will tell you the days and time of the Celebration the Mass in nearby Catholic Parishes as well as address, phone numbers, etc. When travelling abroad, you will have to use other sources or websites to find the nearest Catholic Mass.

According to St. Pope John Paul II, (*Dies Domine*, #47) "The present Code [of Canon Law] reiterates this, saying 'on Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to attend Mass.' This legislation has been understood as entailing a grave obligation: this is the teaching of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*..." Therefore, if attendance at Mass is a GRAVE obligation, then to 'miss church' with full consent of the will and full knowledge is a mortal sin. If there is no full consent of the will or if there is no full knowledge, then it is only a venial sin.

St. Pope John Paul II also reminded us in his encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* #, that we must get away from the idea that Mass is a "fraternal banquet" and recover the more ancient theology that "the Mass makes present the sacrifice of the Cross; it does not add to that sacrifice nor does it multiply it."(para 12) Therefore, since the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass makes present Christ's one, definitive, redemptive, and unrepeatable sacrifice on the Cross, to miss Mass without a grave reason is telling the Lord that those nails in His Hands and Feet are not important to us. This is why we offer Mass at various time, the evening before, early in the morning, and in the afternoon. Simply because you can't attend the Mass time you usually attend does not mean you cannot go to another Mass time or even go to another parish. If we are sick or do not have a means of transportation, that is not our fault because we do not have full consent of the will and/or full knowledge. But if we decide to stay on bed, go to a sporting event, or chose something else beside God, then YES, it is a sin 'to miss church.'

We can also miss church by arriving late. There are two major parts to the offering of the Mass; The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. One must be present for both parts of the Mass. In the Extraordinary Form of the Roma Rite (The Traditional Latin Mass), this was signified by the moving of the Gospel to the other side of the altar. If you arrived and the Missal was already on the left side of the altar, you were late for Mass because you had missed the reading of the Gospel.

*"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.

## **Readings for June 4—11, 2017**

<b>Sunday 6/4</b>	<b>Sunday Pentecost Sunday</b> Acts 2:1-11 / 1st Corinthians 12:3b-7 / John 20:19-23
<b>Monday 6/5</b>	<b>Monday St. Boniface, bishop &amp; Martyr</b> Tobit 2:9-14 / Mark 12:1-12
<b>Tuesday 6/6</b>	<b>Tuesday St. Norbert, Bishop</b> Tobit 2:9-14 / Mark 12:13-17
<b>Wednesday 6/7</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a / Mark 12:18-27
<b>Thursday 6/8</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a / Mark 12:28-34
<b>Friday 6/9</b>	<b>Friday St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church</b> Tobit 11:5-17 / Mark 12:35-37
<b>Saturday 6/10</b>	<b>Saturday BVM</b> Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20 / Mark 12:38-44
<b>Sunday 6/11</b>	<b>Sunday THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Solemnity</b> Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 / Corinthians 13:11-13 / John 3:16-18