

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday I began a preaching series on our participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at St. Mary's. For anyone who couldn't be with us, I'll be making these homilies available in different ways after they are delivered at Sunday Mass. So today I will be brief here in this section on account of including the homily in the bulletin. I'll share them with St. Michael's in the near future.

June 21 – July 4 marks the national “Fortnight for Freedom,” a time for prayer and fasting for the intentions of being able to practice the Faith freely here in the United States. Archbishop Lori is requesting that each parish in the Archdiocese send representatives to the opening Mass on June 21 at 7:00 pm at the Baltimore Basilica. Please contact Paula Bowers by 12:00 noon on Monday, June 19 if you would like to attend this Mass so that space can be reserved for St. Mary's and St. Michael's. Our goal is 8-10 representatives.

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

Father Cibelli

Many of us are unfamiliar with the Corpus Christi procession, so these reflections of Cardinal Ratzinger, now Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus, might prove helpful to us. They are taken from the book *Feast of Faith*:

“What does Corpus Christi mean to me? Well, first of all it brings back memories of special feast days when we took quite literally what Thomas Aquinas put so well in one of his Corpus Christi hymns: *Quantum potes tantum aude* - dare to do as much as you can, giving him due praise... . In fact these words also recall something Justin Martyr said as early as the second century. In his description of the Christian liturgy he writes that the one who presides at the Eucharistic celebration, i.e., the priest, is to offer up prayers and thanksgivings “as much as he is able”. This is what the entire community feels called to do at Corpus Christi: dare to do what you can. I can still smell those carpets of flowers and the freshness of the birch trees; I can see all the houses decorated, the banners, the singing; I can still hear the village band, which indeed sometimes dared more, on this occasion, than it was able! I remember the joie de vivre of the local lads, firing their gun salutes - which was their way of welcoming Christ as a head of state, as the Head of State, the Lord of the world, present on their streets and in their village. On this day people celebrated the perpetual presence of Christ as if it were a state visit in which not even the smallest village was neglected.

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“How then are we to understand the Corpus Christi procession? ... There is a general human factor which has caused processions to arise in all religious circles. Our relationship to God needs not only the inward aspect; it also needs to be expressed. And as well as speech, singing and silence, standing, sitting and kneeling, expression also calls for this celebratory walking along together in the community of the faithful, together with the God in whom we believe. ... So the Liturgy opens out into everyday life, into our earthly cares; it goes beyond the church precincts because it actually embraces heaven and earth, present and future. How we need this sign! Liturgy is not the private hobby of a particular group; it is about the bond which holds heaven and earth together, it is about the human race and the entire created world. In the Corpus Christi procession, faiths link with the earth, with the whole of reality, is presented “in bodily form”, by the act of walking, of treading the ground, our ground...”

Also, it may interest you to know that a plenary indulgence may be obtained by participating in a Eucharistic procession. An indulgence, a gift of the mercy of God through the Church, remits before God the temporal punishment due to sin—that is, the purgation of our sins after death—whose guilt has already been forgiven with the Sacrament of Penance.

To obtain a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the particular work—in this case participation in the procession—as well as participate in sacramental confession, the reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of our Holy Father and detachment from even venial sin. If all these conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence is partial. An indulgence can be obtained for the person himself or herself or may be applied to the beloved dead.

June 18, 2017

Corpus Christi Sunday

Happy Father's Day to All Fathers

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

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@saintmarysonline.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 for the needs of parishioners.

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

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 Knight about joining our order. .
- ◆ The Pavillion or Hall is available for rental. Please contact us at 301-739-9019.
- ◆ Due to the 4th of July holiday, there will be NO bingo on this Tuesday.

St. Mary Stewardship Blessings

6/11/2017	Attendance	735
Offertory	\$10,920.40	
Online Giving	2, 221.70	
Total	\$13,142.10	
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	\$157.21	
School Support	\$2,072.00	
Other	25.00	

St. Michael Stewardship Blessings

6/11/2017	Attendance	42
Offertory	\$320.00	
Amount Needed** \$749		
**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Michael to break even for fiscal year 2017		

Next week's second collection is for Peter's Pence.



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

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. 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**.



"The Men's Prayer Group that meets on the Last Friday of the Month will not meet during the months of June, July and August."



The last session of the Sunday Evening Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans has been rescheduled for June 25th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Conference Room. Come and help choose next year's topic.

St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions
June 19—25, 2017

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	6/19	6:30	All Fathers
		8:30	Special Intentions of The Lafollette Family
Tuesday	6/ 20	6:30	All Fathers
		8:30	Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory
Wednesday	6/21	6:30	All Fathers
		8:30	Gene Eakle
Thursday	6/22	6:30	All Fathers
		8:30	Howard and Nona Staubs
Friday	6/23	6:30	All Fathers
		8:30	Special Intentions of John Ryan
Saturday	6/24	8:30	NO MASS
		5:15	Bill Hudson
Sunday	6/25	8:00	Bea McCarter
		9:30	Philip and Sara Alencherry
		11:00	All Fathers
		12:50pm	Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Michael Churches

St. Michael Church 10:30AM June 19, 2017

Donnie Harris and Larry Barbour

Mass Intention Correction: The Intention on June 9th at 6:30 am Mass was for **Elaine Kirchoff**. We apologize for the incorrect spelling of her name.

Readings for June 18 — 25, 2017

Sunday 6/18	Sunday THE MOST BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14 b-16a / Corinthians 10:16-17 / John 6:51-58
Monday 6/19	Monday 2nd Corinthian 6:1-10 / Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday 6/20	Tuesday 2nd Corinthian 8:1-9 / Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday 6/21	Wednesday St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Memorial 2nd Corinthians 9:6-11 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday 6/22	Thursday <i>St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas, Martyrs</i> 2nd Corinthians 11:1-11/ Matthew 6:7-15
Friday 6/23	Friday THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Solemnity Deuteronomy 7:6-11 / John 4:7-16 / Matthew 11:25-30
Saturday 6/24	Saturday THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Solemnity Isaiah 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Luke 1:57-56, 80
Sunday 6/25	Sunday Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Romans 5:12-15 / Matthew 10:26-33

News from St. Mary Catholic School

Pre-Kindergarten Class has a few openings:

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. Students must be 4 years old by September 1st. Don't delay because there is a limited number of spaces! Call or email Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or roconnor@stmarycatholicschool.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 8th grade. Call or email Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or roconnor@stmarycatholicschool.org for an information packet and/or a tour.

Please take note **Summer SMCS School Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Father,

Why do we process with the Eucharist on Corpus Christi?

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, *i.e. Corpus Christi* was instituted by Pope Urban IV in 1264 to celebrate the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In modern times, we have lost our sense of awe and wonder. We have lost our need to use God as an explanation for the mysteries of life. Yet, if we accept the fact that the all-powerful God became a weak man so that He could show us how much He loves us; if we accept the fact that God loves each one of us individually; then we must also accept the fact that God wants to unite himself to us in His Body and Blood Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Cardinal Basil Hume in his book, *The Mystery of the Incarnation*, wrote that we need to recapture our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and “We will not do it by making it consciously cheerful, or by eccentric celebrations. We will do it by going deeper into its meaning. That is the secret.” Pope John Paul II wrote a wonderful encyclical on the Eucharist entitled, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, in which he desired to “rekindle this Eucharistic ‘amazement.’” One way that we can proclaim this mystery to the world is through our annual Corpus Christi procession. When you have Good News, you want to share it with people. “Hey, I got a new job!” “I just got engaged to the most wonderful person!” Well, in the Catholic Church, our spouse, Jesus Christ comes to us, His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Most Blessed Sacrament and we want to tell the world how great our God is; and if not the world, then at least, downtown Hagerstown.

“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.