

Dear Parishioners,

As we observe the 242 anniversary of our Nation's independence this July 4<sup>th</sup>, let us take the time to mark the day not only with a cookout, but with gratitude, prayer, and even sacrifice.

We enjoy many freedoms as Americans for which we must give thanks to God, chief among them is the freedom of religion allowing us to worship, proclaim, and live out our faith in the One True God revealed to us by His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks also for all those who have sacrificed themselves, even paying the ultimate price, to preserve these freedoms.

With these freedoms, of course, come great responsibilities. St. Paul exhorted the Galatians, "For freedom Christ has set us free... do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another" (Gal 5:1, 13). His words are fitting for us first as Americans as well. By growing in love of the Lord we learn more and more to exercise our freedoms responsibly and with respect for the good of all, even those with whom we might disagree.

It is especially for this purpose that I suggest we mark this day with prayer and even sacrifice. Prayer helps us to enter into our relationship with God more deeply, that our wills may be conformed more and more to His divine will, His plan for our happiness. Moreover, not all of us are able to make sacrifices that directly or materially benefit our Nation, yet all of us can offer spiritual sacrifices to help sanctify our Nation. Consider joining me in performing one simple act of self-denial for the good of our Nation on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps a sacrifice of your time to come to the 8:30 Mass that day? Perhaps the sacrifice of an extra helping of food or one less beer at the cookout that day? In other words, a small sacrifice that still allows us to enjoy the festivity of the day, yet, is offered to God in the secret room of our heart. Might we even go so far as to make such sacrifices on a regular basis for our Nation?

In other news, in next Sunday's bulletin, I'll include a brief update on several of the projects that are being undertaken over the summer, such as the replacement of the boiler.

Finally, as you have seen in previous weeks' bulletins, I warned that it may be necessary to cancel some daily Masses while Fr. Larry or I are away. Due to the limited number of priests in Washington County, any priest I would ask to cover daily Mass while we are away would have to drive some distance if he were even available; however, there are other options for Mass within just a short drive.

This will affect a total of four weeks, the first of which is the week of July 9. During that week, **on July 11, 12, and 13, the 8:30 Mass will be canceled.** The 6:30 Mass will be celebrated and the church will remain open for devotions and private prayer. Please consider going to St. Ann, St. Joseph, St. Augustine, or St. James for the 8:00 Mass scheduled in those parishes. **Please check their websites to confirm time and location.**

Whenever an inconvenience might be experienced on account of not having enough priests on hand, please take a moment to pray for more priests!

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

Father Cibelli

# July 2, 2017 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## JULY CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

**July 4, 2017, No 6:30 Mass**

**July 8, 2017**

11:30 AM: Fr. Larry, Fr. Cibelli (2 priests)

4:00 PM: Fr. Cibelli, Fr. Larry (2 priests)

**July 15, 2017**

11:30 AM: Fr. Larry (1 priest)

4:00 PM: Fr. Larry, visiting priest (2 priests)

**July 22, 2017**

11:30 AM: Fr. Larry (1 priest)

[possibly concluding at 12:20, if a  
baptism is scheduled]

4:00 PM: Fr. Larry, visiting priest  
(2 priests)

**July 29, 2017**

11:30 AM: Fr. Larry (1 priest)

4:00 PM to 4:45 PM: Fr. Larry (1 priest)



## 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 any emergencies or urgent needs of parishioners.



## CCD REGISTRATION

Registration for the next school year CCD Program is going on now. Classes are from pre-school to 8th grade. Only new students need to register. Call Jan McCarter, 301-739-0390 ext. 129. Leave a message.

## 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. .
- ◆ 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

6/25/2017 Attendance

Offertory	\$10,851.09
Online Giving	2,290.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,141.29</b>

Amount Needed\*\* \$15,239

\*\*This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Mary to break even for fiscal year 2017

Peter's Pence	\$1,522.35
Poor Box	153.34
School Support	345.00

### 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

6/25/2017 Attendance

Offertory	\$432.62
Peter's Pence	\$ 20.00

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  
**Embracing Our Mission.**



Thank you

**Legion of Mary**

for supplying the Hosts for the month of July.

**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**.

Set off your own fireworks by giving your spouse the gift of a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend! The next weekend is on October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information and to apply online visit [welovematrimony.org](http://welovematrimony.org), or call 301-541-7007, or email at [applications@welovematrimony.org](mailto:applications@welovematrimony.org).



**Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade, Sat., July 8, 2017, from 10:30–11:30am, at the Natl. Shrine Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes, The Grotto Cave, Mount Saint Mary's Univ., Emmitsburg, MD.** Come join us in prayer and bring your family and friends! Questions? Call Pat Oliver at 301-845-8253. Rosary Crusades are **always on the second Saturday of each month, 10:30-11:30am, at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.** As Blessed Mother Teresa said "Everything begins with prayer."



***St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions***  
***July 3 —9, 2017***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intention</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/3</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Anna Casto
		<b>8:30</b>	Special Intentions of The Lafollette Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7/4</b>	<b>NO 6:30 Mass</b>	Michael Dodge ( Intention will be offered off premises)
		<b>8:30</b>	Most Abandoned Nun in Purgatory
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7/5</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Margaret Maciulla
		<b>8:30</b>	Leonard Adamczyk
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7/6</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood
		<b>8:30</b>	Juana Ronda
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7/7</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Poor Souls
		<b>8:30</b>	Special Intentions of Maria & Ted Axline
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Andrea Ellis
		<b>5:15</b>	Bill Hudson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/9</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Stan McCarter
		<b>9:30</b>	Robert Duffy
		<b>11:00</b>	For Those Who Died Suddenly
		<b>12:50pm</b>	Fred, Cleo, and Terry Burger

***St. Michael Church***    **10:30AM**    **July 9, 2017**

Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Michael Churches

**Readings for July 2 —9, 2017**

<b>Sunday 7/2</b>	<b>Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2nd Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a / Roman 6:3-4, 8-11 / Matthew 10:37-42
<b>Monday 7/3</b>	<b>Monday Saint Thomas, Apostle Feast</b> Ephesians 2:19-22 / John 20:24-29
<b>Tuesday 7/4</b>	<b>Tuesday USA: Independence Day</b> Genesis 19:15-29 / Matthew 8:23-27
<b>Wednesday 7/5</b>	<b>Wednesday Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; USA: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal</b> Genesis 21:5, 8-20a / Matthew 8:28-34
<b>Thursday 7/6</b>	<b>Thursday Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</b> Genesis 21:1b-19 / Matthew 9:1-8
<b>Friday 7/7</b>	<b>Friday</b> Genesis 23:1-4, 19: 24:1-8, 62-67 / Matthew 9:9-13
<b>Saturday 7/8</b>	<b>Saturday BVM</b> Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 / Matthew 9:14-17
<b>Sunday 7/9</b>	<b>Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Zechariah 9:9-10 / Roman 8:9, 11-13 / Matthew 11:25-30

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Call or email Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or [roconnor@stmarycatholicschool.org](mailto: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,

How do I invite people to Eucharistic adoration at the Chapel? And explain Eucharistic Adoration.

The answer to your first question is simple. You say “Would you like to come to Eucharistic Adoration with me?” You might add why you enjoy going there; e.g. “I love the quiet time with the Lord,” “It gives me peace in a hectic world,” “I get to spend quality time with the one I love,” etc.

The second part of your question, is a little bit longer. At the Last Supper with his apostles, Jesus “took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.” (Luke 22:19-20) In the Gospel of John, chapter 6: 53-56, Jesus makes it even clearer when He says “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him.” Therefore, Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist, His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. The Church calls this doctrine “transubstantiation.” Because Protestant congregations do not have a valid priesthood, they do not have the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Martin Luther argued that the bread does not change substance but that Jesus comes down and inhabits the bread in what is called “consubstantiation.” This is a false teaching. Jesus said “This IS My Body” not “This is a symbol of my body” or “This is like my body” or “It is only my body during Mass.” Jesus is God and, therefore, His words, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the action of the priest, CHANGE the bread and wine into His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. The words of the priest have a real, substantial and powerful effect upon the bread and wine so that the bread and wine CEASE TO EXIST, and become GOD. If we could lift the sacramental veil of the appearances of bread and wine, we would see Jesus as He appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection. Consequently, since the Eucharist is really, substantially, completely, and permanently the Body and Blood, Soul and DIVINITY of Jesus Christ we must treat it with the great awe and reverence due to God—that is what Divinity means—Divinity means GOD! Therefore, someone once asked St. Augustine if it was a sin to adore the Eucharist, he responded “It’s a sin NOT to adore the Eucharist.” Adoration is a prayer form given only to God. Adoration is prayer that recognizes God in His awe, and majesty, and power. Therefore, by “going to adoration” we are placing ourselves in the real, substantial, and permanent presence of the Living God. Many non-Catholics will argue that this doctrine of transubstantiation came out of the Middle Ages, but history proves them wrong. If you want more on this topic, you can read the book, *In The Presence of the Lord: The History, Theology, and Psychology of Eucharistic Adoration* by Fr. Benedict Groeschel and James Monti, or watch the 29 minute YouTube video, “Real Presence through the centuries.”

*“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.*