

July 9, 2017

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

I'd like to share a brief report on some of the projects that have been, are, or will be taking place at St. Mary's.

First, thanks in part to a grant received by the school, we were able to upgrade and expand our security camera system throughout the campus. Not only have we upgraded to a digital system, we added several more cameras to give us very thorough coverage of our entire campus to help ensure the safety of everyone, especially our children.

Second, as I have indicated in different ways over the past few months, the boiler that heats nearly the entire campus dates back to at least 1970 if not possibly 1954. So as to ensure that we would not lose heat during the winter and have to close school and shiver in church, we are replacing the boiler this summer. In fact, work began on June 19 and is scheduled to be completed before school starts; however, some work will need to be completed when the heating season arrives around the beginning of October and the boiler is fired up for the first time. Thanks to the efficient work of all those consulted, we were able to contract with the low bidders for a base cost of \$215,000, although the total final cost may be somewhat higher.

Next, I mentioned briefly sometime after Christmas that the rectory, which is 200-100 years old in most parts, has not been updated since perhaps 1980. The carpet is worn out, the walls need painting, the bathrooms need updating, and even some of the electrical system needs to be redone. While the renovations will be modest, the cost can add up. The Facilities Committee and the Finance Committee with help from representatives from the Archdiocese of Baltimore have been working over the past year to prepare a plan and get bids for the work. As of this writing, we are preparing to accept a bid and begin work in hopefully the next few weeks. The work will be done in phases to allow us to continue living in the rectory. I held off on fully unpacking last year so I didn't need to pack up again for the work to take place and then unpack – it will be a relief to be fully settled in and no longer living out of boxes!

Finally, some leaks in the roof over the sacristy have drawn our attention to the fact that it, like the boiler, is well beyond its useful life – we even have pots and pans set up! We're currently waiting on bids for the project and intend to have the roof replaced over the summer as well.

We have a beautiful campus with a lot of history, and Bob Eves with the help of Josh Bowers works very hard to keep everything in good order and save us money. However, it is an old campus and repairs and replacements such as the ones I have described are very necessary. We are trying to plan ahead and perform "preventative maintenance" to avoid *problems* becoming *emergencies*. Therefore, please don't be surprised if this list gets longer before it gets shorter!

It's also important to remind ourselves that while the ultimate purpose to which we must put our financial resources is the celebration of the sacraments, the proclamation of the Gospel, and care for those in need, our physical plant is an important instrument for each of these purposes and, therefore, requires the investment of our financial resources.

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Finally, as I discussed in last week's bulletin, we will need 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 this will affect a total of four weeks, the first of which is this week. **On July 11, 12, and 13, the 8:30 Mass will be cancelled.**

The next is **July 16 – 21**, during which **the 8:30 Mass will be canceled.**

When the 8:30 Mass is cancelled, 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.**

Then, from **July 23 – 28 the 6:30 Mass will be canceled.** The 8:30 Mass will be celebrated and the church will remain open for devotions and private prayer.

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



Summer Office Hours

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.

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
- ◆ **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

7/2/2017 *Attendance*

Offertory WILL BE IN
Online Giving NEXT WEEK'S
 BULLETIN DUE TO
Total HOLIDAY

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
School Support
Other

St. Michael Stewardship Blessings

7/2/2017 *Attendance*

WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN DUE TO HOLIDAY

Offertory

Amount Needed** \$749

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

The second collection today is for
Embracing Our Mission.

Next week's second collection is for
Missionary Cooperative.

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**.



Thank you

Legion of Mary

for supplying the Hosts for the month of July.

JULY CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

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)

St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions
July 10 —16, 2017

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	7/10	6:30 8:30	Todd Ghattas Giorgio Spada
Tuesday	7/11	6:30 No 8:30 Mass	Special Intentions of Bill Whalen Special Intentions of Tyler Garner (Fr. Larry will offer the intention at a concelebrated Mass off premises)
Wednesday	7/12	6:30 No 8:30 Mass	Steven Blouin William Hudson and Special Intentions of Catherine Hudson (Fr. Larry will offer the intention at a concelebrated Mass off premises)
Thursday	7/13	6:30 No 8:30 Mass	Victoria Wollard Vocations to the Priesthood (Fr. Larry will offer the intention at a concelebrated Mass off premises)
Friday	7/14	6:30 8:30	Gene Eakle Special Intentions of The Lafollette Family
Saturday	7/15	8:30 5:15	Marie L. French Bill Hudson
Sunday	7/16	8:00 9:30 11:00 12:50pm	Lynn Mavilia Special Intentions of Sandy & Gerald Elkin James Shives Albert S. Lease

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

Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Michael Churches

Readings for July 9 — 16, 2017

Sunday 7/9	Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zechariah 9:9-10 / Roman 8:9, 11-13 / Matthew 11:25-30
Monday 7/10	Monday Weekday Genesis 28:10-22 / Matthew 9:18-38
Tuesday 7/11	Tuesday Saint Benedict, Abbot Genesis 32:23-33 / Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday 7/12	Wednesday Weekday Genesis 41:55-57;42:5-7 / Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday 7/13	Thursday Weekday Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 / Matthew 10:7-15
Friday 7/14	Friday USA: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 / Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday 7/15	Saturday Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26 / Matthew 10:24-33
Sunday 7/16	Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:10-11 / Romans 8:18-23 / Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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,

Are Catholics required to go to Confession at least once a year?

According to the Church's *Code of Canon Law*, Canon 988 states that ALL GRAVE—*i.e.* mortal-- SINS (not already absolved) are to be confessed by the number of times they have been committed. The Canon goes onto say that the confession of venial sins is also recommended, though they do not have to be mentioned by number. Venial sins can be absolved in a number of different ways, but the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most fruitful. Canon 989 states "After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year." Therefore, if one has not committed any mortal sins, one is not obliged to go to confession. However, the Sacrament of Confession is a most fruitful means for obtaining the grace to rid oneself of even venial sins. "While he is in the flesh, man cannot help but have at least some light sins. But do not despise these sins which we call 'light': if you take them for light when you weigh them, tremble when you count them. A number of light objects makes a great mass; a number of drops fills a river; a number of grains makes a heap. What then is our hope? Above all, confession." (CCC 1863) If one is in a state of mortal sin, it would be hoped that one would not wait a whole year before coming to confession, because "Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire;" (CCC1035) and one never knows when one is going to die. There IS an obligation, however, to receive Holy Communion once year at Easter time. (Canon 920). Canon 916 mentions that one who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Holy Communion, or if a priest to celebrate Mass. This is the so-called "Easter Duty." Therefore, it was often taught that to prepare oneself for Holy Communion one needed to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion, but technically that would only be necessary if one was in a state of mortal sin.