

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday I offered an update on some of the physical plant projects we are working on over the summer, today I thought I would offer an account of two things: one particular new endeavor for the Fall and what I'm doing with my time over the next few weeks.

First, beginning this Fall, probably on Monday, September 11, we will be offering high school level CCD. While we are still working out some details, the basic plan is to meet on Mondays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the parish center with a simple but thorough lesson plan. The classes will be taught by me with plenty of time for discussion and even some snacks! The plan for this year is to have one class composed of students from all four years of high school. This is open to any high school student regardless of where they attend high school. As I said, we are still working out some details, but please contact Jan McCarter to express your interest in the program.

In terms of how I'm spending the next few weeks, well, as you're reading this, I am with a group of about 25 of our high school students on retreat at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. These retreats have been popular with our youth group over the past several years, and I wanted to join them to offer my support and experience the retreat myself.

When I get back I will go on my own retreat. The Church requires her priests to take at least a five day retreat each year, and this is an opportunity to be refreshed by the Lord. It seems best for me to do this during the summer when activities are a bit slower! I hope that this week will allow me the opportunity to recollect on the past year and refocus for the year to come. I will be asking for God to show me how He wishes me to better serve St. Mary's and St. Michael's. In particular, I will be praying for all of you while on retreat, and I humbly ask your prayers for me.

I'll then take a few days of vacation, although I have not yet figured out exactly how I will be spending them. I hope even to do a little work on my dissertation. While I am very near to the end, I have not made a lot of progress on it in the past few months and don't want to lose sight of the goal of completing it soon!

Finally, the week of August 7 I will be away at a Eucharistic and Marian Conference with several classmates and contemporaries from seminary. This will be an opportunity to share priestly fraternity, but I will also be looking for ideas that we might be able to use here at St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

While I will find it awkward to be away so much in the course of the next month, I pray that it will provide me with the renewal, spiritual and physical, to serve the Lord and you with continued faithfulness and zeal.

Finally, please recall that while Fr. Larry or I take time away some of the daily Masses will be cancelled. 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.

From July 17 – 21, the 8:30 Mass will be canceled.

Then, from **July 23 – 28 the 6:30 Mass will be canceled.** The 8:30 Mass will be celebrated to allow families who are participating in our children's retreat (St. Mary's version of Vacation Bible School) to attend Mass as the start to the retreat each day.

From August 7 – 11 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.**

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 16, 2017 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS **SAVE THE DATE*** September 24**

The Parish Picnic is fast approaching!!! September 24th at the Regional Park. We are in need of committee members to help with the organization of this great parish family event. Contact Mary McNeil emmbee@look-ma.com or (301) 582-3752

Come beat summer boredom! All summer Summer Madness will meet on 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays from 7-9pm. This is for 6th to 12th grade students and their friends. We will have games, fellowship and fun as well as pizza. Free will donation for pizza is requested.

Called to Greatness for high school students and their friends meets during the summer from 7-9pm on 1st and 3rd Mondays at the parish. Games, fellowship, pizza and prayer. Free will donation is recommended.

I-serve for high school students is August 3-4. This is to do service work in the Frederick area. Call Todd Anderson for details at 3014914881



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.

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.

St. Mary Stewardship Blessings

7/9/2017	Attendance
Offertory	\$8,244.03
Online Giving	\$2,440.20
Total	\$10,684.23
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	\$101.87
School Support	\$10.00
Other	\$10.00
EOM	\$1,171.00

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

7/9/2017	Attendance	36
Offertory	\$276.00	
Poor Box	\$11.27	
School Support	\$10.00	
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
Missionary Cooperative.

Next week's second collection is for
School Support.

Please give generously to the needs of
St. Mary School.
Thank you!

Please pray for soul of Barbara Lee Cushwa.

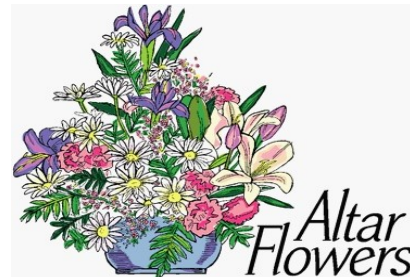
May she rest in the Peace of Christ!



Thank you

Legion of Mary

for supplying the Hosts for the
month of July.



The flowers on all the altars are in
loving memory of **Anthony Mozingo**
from his family.

St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions
July 17—23, 2017

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	7/17	6:30	Anna Logan
		No 8:30 Mass	William Hudson/Special Intentions of Catherine Hudson (Fr. Cibelli will offer the intention at a Mass celebrated off premises)
Tuesday	7/18	6:30	Dawn O'Connor
		No 8:30 Mass	Poor Souls (Fr. Cibelli will offer the intention at a Mass celebrated off premises)
Wednesday	7/19	6:30	Giorgio Spada
		No 8:30 Mass	Neil Cooley (Fr. Cibelli will offer the intention at a Mass celebrated off premises)
Thursday	7/20	6:30	Deceased Of The Holy Family Institute
		No 8:30 Mass	Vocations to the Priesthood (Fr. Cibelli will offer the intention at a Mass celebrated off premises)
Friday	7/21	6:30	Thomas DeMoss
		No 8:30 Mass	Special Intentions of Gary Smith and Family (Fr. Cibelli will offer the intention at a Mass celebrated off premises)
Saturday	7/22	8:30	Bobby Hoberg
		5:15	Bill Hudson
Sunday	7/23	8:00	Gary Wetzel
		9:30	Bobby Hoberg
		11:00	Special Intentions of Eliza Jane Staley
		12:50pm	Special Intentions of Paula Bowers

St. Michael Church 10:30AM July 23, 2017

Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Michael Churches

Readings for July 16— 23, 2017

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
Monday 7/17	Monday Weekday Exodus 1:8-14, 22 / Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday 7/18	Tuesday USA: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Exodus 2:15a / Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday 7/19	Wednesday Weekday Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 / Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday 7/20	Thursday Weekday Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Exodus 3:13-205 / Matthew 11:28-30
Friday 7/21	Friday Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Exodus 11:10—12:14 / Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday 7/22	Saturday Feast Song of Songs 3:1-4b John 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday 7/23	Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 / Matthew 13:24-43

News from St. Mary Catholic School

St. Mary Catholic School Part Time Openings

After-School Care Attendant

St. Mary Catholic School has openings for after-school care attendants to work shifts Monday through Friday, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M., for K-8 grade students. Adults with CPR/First aid and who are in compliance with STAND/Shield the Vulnerable requirements are sought to assist with faith-filled afternoons of homework, snacks, playground, and light housekeeping responsibilities. For more information, please contact Paula Radley, 301-733-1184, or pradley@stmarycatholicsschool.org.

Cafeteria Attendant

SMCS needs a part-time employee to work in the cafeteria. If interested, please send your résumé to Barbara Brooks, cafeteria@stmarycatholicsschool.org. Great hours! Wonderful students!

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@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 8th grade. Call or email Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or roconnor@stmarycatholicsschool.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,

I've noticed that some people hold hands during the 'Our Father' and others lift their hands up in the air while praying at different times throughout the Mass. Are we allowed to do this? What does the church say about it?

In the *Roman Missal*, the book that the priest prays from at Mass, there are a series of instructions about what we should be doing at Mass. The instructions are called "rubrics" (coming from the Latin word for "red") because they are often written in red ink. The rubrics for the 'Our Father' state "(152) After the Eucharistic Prayer is concluded, the priest, with hands joined, says the introduction to the Lord's Prayer. With hands extended, he then says this prayer together with the people. (153) After the Lord's Prayer is concluded, the priest alone, with hands extended, says the embolism *Libera nos* (Deliver us). At the end, the people make the acclamation, *Quia tuum est regnam* (For the kingdom)." As you can see the rubrics do not clearly encourage or prohibit the practices mentioned above. It does however, say that the priest ALONE extends his hands for the embolism. The extension of the hands in prayer is called the "orans" (Latin, for "praying") position, and is often used by the priest to lead people in prayer. The *Book of Blessings* states "A minister who is a priest or deacon says the prayer of blessing with hands outstretched; a lay minister says the prayers with hands joined." (#1999) In a document issued in 1997 by St. Pope John Paul II entitled, "Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of the Priest", it states "Neither may the deacon or non-ordained members of the faithful use gestures or actions which are proper to the to the same priest celebrant."

"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.