

July 30, 2017

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MERCY COMMITTEE

Many of us have been recipients of kindnesses during our time of grief. St. Mary's Mercy (bereavement) Committee was established to support grieving families in their time of need. Our mission is to provide a bereavement luncheon following a loved one's funeral.

If you would like to pay it forward or simply be part of something bigger, contact Linda Field (301-797-6189), Peggy Hurd (301-739-6183) or Judy Kline (301-824-5189) for details about the Mercy Committee. All are welcome to become part of our ministry.

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

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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 28TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED

Friday, August 4 from 6 to 9 PM at St. Joseph Church

17630 Virginia Avenue Hagerstown, MD.

Tickets \$45 in advance, and \$50 at the door.

For more information call 301-797-9445.



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.

St. Mary Stewardship Blessings

7/23/2017	Attendance	742
Offertory		\$9,043.25
Online Giving		\$2,163.20
Total		\$11,206.45
Amount Needed**		\$15,239
<p>**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Mary to break even for fiscal year 2017</p>		
Poor Box		\$112.94
School Support		\$1,826.00

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

7/23/2017	Attendance	39
Offertory		\$307.00
<p>Amount Needed** \$749</p> <p>**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Michael to break even for fiscal year 2017</p>		

Next week's second collection is for
Black and Native Americans.

Thank you for your generous offering!



Thank you
Legion of Mary

for supplying the Hosts for the month of July.

Please pray for

William Richard Marconi,
husband of Joyce;
and

Barbara Cushwa,
long-time member of St. Mary Church.

May they rest in the Peace of Christ!

CCD — Registration is open for the next school year CCD Program. Classes are from pre-school to 8th grade. Only new students need to register. Call Jan McCarter at the CCD office, 301-739-0390 ext. 129; leave a message.

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**.

St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions
July 31 —August 6, 2017

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	7/31	6:30	William Hudson and Special intentions of Catherine Hudson
		8:30	Dottie Jones
Tuesday	8/1	6:30	Special Intentions of Gary Smith & Family
		8:30	Francis and Ann McDermott
Wednesday	8/2	6:30	All Souls
		8:30	Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory
Thursday	8/3	6:30	For the Faithful Departed
		8:30	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	8/4	NO 6:30 MASS	
		8:30	Special Intentions of Tim & Judy Butts in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday	8/5	8:30	Special Intentions of Sue Anderson
		5:15	Jean Jacques
Sunday	8/6	8:00	Gene Eakle
		9:30	Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Michael Churches
		11:00	Special Intentions of Tim & Judy Butts in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
		12:50pm	Geraldine Breslan

St. Michael Church **10:30AM** **August 6, 2017**

Vocations to the Priesthood

Readings for July 30 — August 6, 2017

Sunday 7/30	Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 13:44-52
Monday 7/31	Monday Weekday <i>Saint Ignatius of Loyala, Priest</i> Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 / Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday 8/1	Tuesday <i>Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 / Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday 8/2	Wednesday <i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i> Exodus 34:29-35 / Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday 8/3	Thursday Weekday Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 / Matthew 13:47-53
Friday 8/4	Friday <i>Saint John Vianney, Priest</i> Leviticus 25:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Matthew 12:54-58
Saturday 8/5	Saturday Weekday <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major; BVM</i> Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 / Matthew 14:1-2
Sunday 8/6	Sunday THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD <i>Feast</i> Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2nd Peter 1:16-19 / Matthew 17:1-9

Father,

Why does the priest mix a little water with the wine during the offertory prayers?

St. Thomas Aquinas gives four reasons for the purpose and meaning of this ritual:

- 1.) The mixing of a little water with wine was a long established custom in the ancient Mediterranean world. It eventually became part of the Jewish Passover and so consequently a part of the Mass. The Biblical basis for this practice can be seen in the Book of Proverbs 9:5 which reads *"Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!"*
- 2.) It reminds us of The Gospel of John 19:34, *"but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out."* For the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass makes present for the us Christ's one, definitive, redemptive, unrepeatable sacrifice on the Cross.
- 3.) Quoting Pope Julius, 'We see that the people are signified by the water, but Christ's blood by the wine. Therefore when water is mixed with the wine in the chalice, the people [are] made one with Christ.' This ritual then signifies the passage from 2 Peter 1:4 *"He has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature..."*
- 4.) This is appropriate to the fourth effect of this sacrament, which is the entering into everlasting life: hence Ambrose says (De Sacram. v): 'The water flows into the chalice, and springs forth unto everlasting life.'" The priest when he pours a little water into the wine says a little prayer taken from 2 Peter 1:4, *"By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."*

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.
- ◆ Congratulations to Brother **Paul Leatherman** of Hagerstown for reaching the milestone of Honorary Life Membership.
- ◆ Congratulations to Brother **Louis Scally** of Hagerstown for reaching the milestone of Honorary Membership.
- ◆ **Annual Chicken & Ribs BBQ Sale on Saturday & Sunday August 12th and 13th from 11am to 6pm** in the K of C parking lot. \$10/meal.
- ◆ **Assembly Installation of Officers** on Sunday, August 13th at 3pm. Dress is tux with social baldric. Meal to follow.
- ◆ **Attention Color Corps: Recertification Training on August 17th** Assembly Meeting at **6:30pm** after meeting. Assembly meeting to begin at 6pm instead of usual 7:30pm. Bring sword, service baldric with scabbard, chapeau and shoes for drill practice.
- ◆ **Holly Place Bingo Fundraiser** to be held **Sunday, August 20th** at the **Council Hall**.
- ◆ **K of C Car Raffle Tickets** now for sale. \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5. 1st Prize is 2017 Ford Mustang or \$18K. Raffle benefits local St. Marys Catholic School scholarships. Drawing is **10/7/17**. See a Knight to purchase tickets.

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@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.

St. Mary Catholic School Employment Opportunities

Physical Education Teacher

St. Mary Catholic School is seeking a Physical Education Teacher for Grades PreK-8 for the 2017-2018 school year. The ideal candidate will have State of Maryland certification to teach Physical Education and will have some teaching experience. Salary is based on education and experience. Résumés should be sent to the principal, Mrs. Patricia A. McDermott. (pmcdermott@stmarycatholicsschool.org)

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 Mrs. Brooks, cafeteria@stmarycatholicsschool.org. Great hours! Wonderful students!

BROWN SCAPULAR

Have you ever considered wearing the **Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**? Wearing the scapular is a great sign of faith, hope, and love and openness to God's will. It stands for commitment to following Jesus like Mary. It expresses our hope that we will meet God in eternal life and not suffer the fires of hell. We will have the opportunity for investiture/enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, our patronal feast day after the 8:30 Mass and at 7:15 before the 7:30 EF High Mass. If you desire to do this, please RSVP for more information to POCs Loretta Carpenter 301-790-1570 or Shirley Spencer 301-790-0247. An ice cream social will follow the 7:30 pm Mass.