

Dear Parishioners,

Please note that the feast of the Assumption, August 15, is a holy day of *obligation* again this year. Mass will be celebrated the evening before, August 14 at 7:30 pm, and on the day of Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, and 7:30 pm. It's also St. Mary's patronal feast day! So to help mark the day a little more, we will have the opportunity to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel after the 8:30 am Mass and before the 7:30 pm Mass on August 15. The evening Mass on August 15 itself will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form – the way the Mass was celebrated prior to the 1960s. In fact, this is how the Mass was celebrated at the time of the founding of our parish! While it can seem very foreign to many of us today, it's a quite beautiful way of worshiping God.

I'd like to encourage you to participate in the Mass celebrated in the Extraordinary Form if you have never done so before. It's a different way of participating in Mass, especially if it's our first time. We will have sheets with an English translation of everything, and this is especially helpful for the readings, but my usual advice for the first few times is to “take it all in” – that is, don't worry about following the text too much. Instead look at the forest instead of the trees, so to speak. There will be plenty of elements of Mass you will recognize. Like looking at a beautiful painting or listening to a symphony, praise God by enjoying the things that stand out to you a beautiful, even if there are details that you don't fully understand or notice.

After the 7:30 Mass on August 15, we will have an ice cream social in Fatima Hall, organized by the Legion of Mary. Please join us!

There's more information on all of this elsewhere in the bulletin.

For anyone who might not have seen this yet, 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. Please contact Jan McCarter to express your interest in the program.

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

Father Cibelli

August 13, 2017 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Ministry Fair and Pancake Breakfast September 17th after the 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am masses. All of the Ministries will have their "Basket" on display to be auctioned off at the Parish Picnic! Contact Rhonda O'Malley omalleynr@aol.com

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 emmbec@look-ma.com or (301) 582-3752

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASS — Starting September 11, 2017, 7:00-8:00 pm (Mondays), in the Parish Center Conference Room. Fr. Ernest Cibelli will be teaching a class for high school teens interested in furthering their Catholic faith and Catholic education.

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.

Reminder! Visit the Religious Articles Store. Many new items have arrived! 9—12noon on Sundays or call the Parish Office, 301-739-0390, to arrange another 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! Through August, **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.

St. Mary Stewardship Blessings

8/6/2017 Attendance	710
Offertory	\$9,730.78
Online Giving	\$2,805.20
Total	\$12,535.98
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	\$ 71.00
Black & Native American	\$1,246.24

St. Michael Stewardship Blessings

8/6/2017	Attendance	56
Offertory	\$732.00	
Black & Native American	\$103.00	

Amount Needed** \$749

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

This week's second collection is for
Embracing Our Mission.
 Next week's collection is for
 School Support.



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.

The flowers on all the altars last weekend, August 5/6, were in honor of **Tim and Judy Butts' 50th wedding anniversary.**
Congratulations!

The flowers on all the altars this weekend have been generously donated by the **St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

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 St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Mary Conference was established in 1954. During the first six months of 2017 the SVdPS helped approximately 250 members of our community. Types of assistance included eviction prevention, utility shut-off prevention, local bus transportation, emergency travel expenses and food vouchers. Assistance to the poor and suffering is provided through your donations to the Poor Box. Thank you!

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation and Patronal Feast of St. Mary Catholic Church

*Vigil Mass:
Monday,
August 14th —
7:30 PM*



*Mass during the
Day:
Tuesday,
Aug. 15th—
6:30 AM & 8:30
AM (Enrollment
in Brown Scapular
following 8:30 AM
Mass)*

*Sung Mass in the Extraordinary Form:
Tuesday, August 15th—7:30 PM*

Celebrate the patronal feast of our parish by praying and experiencing the Mass as it was celebrated in the days of its founding.

-Featuring music by Antonio Lotti (1667-1740) and Felice Anerio (c. 1560-1614)

Mass will be preceded by **Blessing and Enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** at 7:15 PM.

Ice Cream Social in Fatima Hall after 7:30 PM Mass

St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions
August 14 — 20, 2017

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	8/14	6:30	Gene Eakle
		8:30	Special Intentions of Pat Baker
		Vigil Mass 7:30	Special Intentions of Lilyanna Renee
Tuesday	8/15	6:30	Georgia Norford
		8:30	Margaret Maciulla
		Assumption of BVM 7:30	St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parishioners
Wednesday	8/16	6:30	Ann Kendall
		8:30	David McLaughlin
Thursday	8/17	6:30	Special Intentions of Catherine Daley
		8:30	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday	8/18	6:30	Special Intentions of Anne Gallagher
		8:30	Jim Shives
Saturday	8/19	8:30	Poor Souls
		5:15	Bill Hudson
Sunday	8/20	8:00	Special Intentions of Pat Baker
		9:30	Special intentions of Lauren McCarthy
		11:00	James Mellis
		12:50pm	Jim Shives

St. Michael Church **10:30AM** **August 20, 2017**
 St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parishioners

Readings for August 13 — 20, 2017

Sunday 8/13	Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Kings 19:9a, 11-13a / Romans 9:1-5 / Matthew 14:22-33
Monday 8/14	Monday Memorial Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Deuteronomy 10:12-22 / Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday 8/15	Tuesday THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Solemnity</i> (Holyday of Obligation) Vigil: 1st Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-21 / 1st Corinthians 15:54b-57 / Luke 11:27-28 Day: Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday 8/16	Wednesday Weekday Saint Stephen of Hungary Deuteronomy 34:1-12 / Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday 8/17	Thursday Weekday Joshua 3:7-10a, 13-17 / Matthew 18:21 — 19:1
Friday 8/18	Friday Weekday Joshua 24:1-13 / Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday 8/19	Saturday Weekday Saint John Eudes, Priest; BVM Joshua 24:14-29 / Matthew 19:13-15
Sunday 8/20	Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 / Matthew 15:21-28

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 9AM –2PM

St. Mary Catholic School Employment Opportunities

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!



Parish Office Summer Hours

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.” Help each other hear God’s plan for our marriage better by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is on October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information and to apply online visit welovematrimony.org, or call 301-541-7007, or email at applications@welovematrimony.org.

Father,

Why do women wear veils in Church?

In addressing the liturgical abuse of the early Corinthian church, St. Paul had this to say about women wearing veils: "Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head unveiled? Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears his hair long it is a disgrace to him, whereas if a woman has long hair it is her glory, because long hair has been given (her) for a covering? But if anyone is inclined to be argumentative, we do not have such a custom, nor do the churches of God." (1st Cor. 11:13-16). Therefore, the Church's 1917 Code of Canon Law #1262 stated: "women, however, shall have a covered head and be modestly dressed, especially when they approach the table of the Lord." When The Code of Canon Law was revised in 1983, that canon was not issued and according to canon 6 of the 1983, any canon from the 1917 not specifically incorporated into new code was abrogated. Therefore, there is no legal or moral mandate for women to cover their heads.

However, if a woman chooses to cover her head, she may do so as an act of devotion. The principle here is two-fold: modesty and humility. Women spend much more time on styling their hair than most men. By covering one of her most attractive features, she is exhibiting modesty and humility. A St. Paul wrote to St. Timothy (1:9-10): "women should adorn themselves modestly and sensibly in seemly apparel, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly attire but by good deeds, as befits women who profess religion." Furthermore, many brides wear a veil or a covering on their head on their wedding day. By wearing a veil, a woman is showing that she is the bride of Christ as she prepares to receive her Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, in Holy Communion.

"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.

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.
- ◆ **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**. Doors open at 2pm and bingo starts at 4pm.
- ◆ **K of C Car Raffle Tickets** now for sale. \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5. 1st Prize is 2018 Ford Mustang or \$18K. Raffle benefits local St. Mary's Catholic School scholarships. Drawing is **10/7/17**. See a Knight to purchase tickets.
- ◆ **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.