

Dear Parishioners,

So to continue my theme of saying farewell to folks after they are already gone, last week I should have said farewell to our seminarian Frank Nooney who returned to seminary on Sunday. He's only a short drive away in Baltimore, nonetheless, I hope you will renew your prayers for him as he begins a new year, this time starting his theological studies.

Of course Tuesday we send our kids off to school and welcome back the Saint Mary's school students to campus. It will be great to have everyone back for another exciting year. May God bless our students, teachers, and their studies.

As we mark the national holiday of Labor day and the unofficial end of the summer season, we ask for St. Joseph's intercession for all who labor by the sweat of their brow. May the work of labors be noble and for the glory of God who has given them their talents, skills, and ability to work hard. You'll find below a great prayer composed by St. Pius X especially suited for laborers, but certainly, anyone can use it!

It's not too late to sign up for high school CCD, taught by me – Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm here at the parish center! Please contact Jan McCarter.

Again, please mark your calendars now: from October 7th to 13th, St. Mary's will be the host of one of the seven regional sites throughout the Archdiocese for a Rosary Congress scheduled to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Blessed Mother's appearance at Fatima. More information to follow, but we hope for this to be a special time of prayer to grow in our love for God with the assistance of our Blessed Mother.

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

Father Cibelli

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen.

– Composed by Pope St. Pius X

September 3, 2017 22nd 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



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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Help increase your faith in your marriage by embarking on 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, or call 301-541-7007, or email at applications@welovematrimony.org.

St. Mary Stewardship Blessings

8/27/2017 Attendance 740

Offertory	\$7,574.00
Online Giving	2,320.20
Cap. Improvements	2,080.50

Total \$11,974.70

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	\$99.05
*School Support	35.00
*Other	50.00

*Not used for St. Mary operating expenses

St. Michael Stewardship Blessings

8/27/2017 Attendance 41

Offertory \$683.88

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.

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.

Call the Parish Office 301-739-0390 ext. 110, Paula will assist you.

The Parish Offices will be closed on
Monday, September 4,
to celebrate Labor Day!

Please take note there will be
NO 6:30 AM Mass on Monday.



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**.

Saint Mary Church

Basket
Silent Auction



Join us and celebrate
Our Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, Regional Park

Sept 24, 2017

(Black Rock)

2:30PM-6:15PM

Pavilion #1

We will have food to share pot luck style...

please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name.

A-E ~~~~~ Salads

F-L ~~~~~ Warm Dishes/Casseroles

M-P ~~~~~ Snacks, Veggies, Fruit and dips

Q-Z ~~~~~ Desserts

Enjoy Hot Dogs,
Hamburgers,
and Fried Chicken.

Please RSVP By Sept 14th,

return this proton to the collection basket, the office, Or

Contact Mary McNeil (emmbee@look-ma.com)

Name _____ Number attending _____

Age group: 2-10 _____ 11-21 _____ 21+ _____

St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions
September 4 — 10, 2017

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	9/4	6:30	NO MASS
		8:30	William C. Gill
Tuesday	9/5	6:30	All Souls
		8:30	Helen Pauline McDermott
Wednesday	9/6	6:30	Gene Eakle
		8:30	Stanley Raymond
Thursday	9/7	6:30	Vocations to the Priesthood
		8:30	Frederic Ozanum SVdP
Friday	9/8	6:30	Special Intentions of Gary Smith & Family
		8:30	Special Intentions of Maria & Ted Axline
Saturday	9/9	8:30	Frederic Ozanum
		5:15	Bill Hudson
Sunday	9/10	8:00	Special Intentions of Landen, Addison, & Sullivan Yates.
		9:30	Bill Hudson and Special Intentions of Kitty Hudson
		11:00	Jim Shives
		12:50pm	Raymond Nowowieski

St. Michael Church 10:30AM September 3, 2017

St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parishioners



Please pray for

Patricia Eckenrode,
 wife of William
 (deceased).

**May she rest in the
 Peace of Christ!**

Readings for September 3 — 10, 2017

Sunday 9/3	Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2 / Matthew 16:21-27
Monday 9/4	Monday Weekday 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday 9/5	Tuesday Weekday 1st Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 / Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday 9/6	Wednesday Weekday Colossians 1:1-8 / Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 9/7	Thursday Weekday Colossians 1:9-14 / Luke 5:1-11
Friday 9/8	Friday The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Feast</i> Micah 5:1-4a / Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
Saturday 9/9	Saturday Weekday USA: St. Peter Claver, Priest <i>Memorial</i> Colossians 1:21-23 / Luke 6:1-5
Sunday 9/10	Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Romans 13:8-10 / Matthew 18:15-20

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.

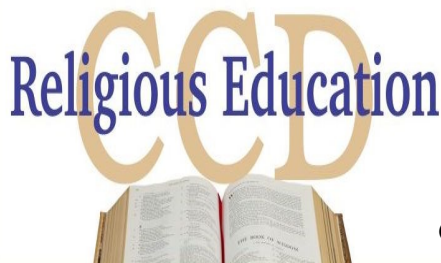
Still Accepting Applications for the 2017-2018 School Year!

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.

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@stmarycatholicschool.org.



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 Helpers will meet after the 9:30 Mass in the **CCD 6th grade classroom** in the School to receive assignments for the coming Sunday School of Religion year and be **STAND** trained.

CCD —The CCD Sunday School of Religion will open next Sunday, September 10, after the 9:30 Mass in the school. Classes are held from 10:45 to 12:15 for children in grades Preschool through Eighth. Registration may be made in the CCD office next Sunday after the 9:30 Mass.

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade, Sat., Sept. 9, 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."

Father,

After Communion, sometimes, you don't sit. My question is do we sit or stand up and wait for your blessing?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (2002) states in paragraph #42 that the faithful "may sit or kneel while the period of sacred silence after Communion is observed." The direction for the priest, found in paragraph #88 is less specific. It simply says "When the distribution of Communion is finished, as circumstances suggest, the priest and faithful spend some time praying privately." In paragraphs # 164 & 165 it states, "Afterwards, the priest may return to the chair... Then, standing at the chair or at the altar and facing the people the priest with hand joined says Oremus." No. 183 states "the priest returns to the chair." So as you can see while the people are to sit or kneel in anticipation of the blessing, the directions for the priest are much more vague, even allowing him to remain at the altar and not going to the chair at all. The phrase, "as circumstance suggest," allows the priest a wide variety of choices. In paragraph #43, one circumstance cited is "reasons of health." As I become older, I find that my knees do not work as well as they used to. In order to genuflect, I need to hold on to the altar or some other steady thing so that my knees to give out and I am sprawled over the floor in pain. Therefore, I generally stand at the chair after communion, because getting up from a sitting position takes a lot of energy and stress on my knees which I am trying to avoid. Therefore, whether the priest, sits or stands, the faithful according to paragraph #42 should not stand until after the priest issues the call to "Let us pray." The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, which gives us the instructions of what we should and should not do at Mass, makes fascinating reading and can be found on the Vatican website.

"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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Columbus Day Ball at BWI Marriott on 10/07/17** reservations must be made by August 24th meeting for those wishing to attend.