

Dear Parishioners,

With the month of November, the Mass and other liturgical rites of the Church turn our thoughts to the End Times, when Christ will come again. This makes sense especially when we consider that it is the last month of the Liturgical Year (Advent being the beginning of a new Liturgical Year.)

We are invited to contemplate the “four last things”: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. This happens most explicitly by the feasts that mark the first two days of the month.

First is All Saints Day on November 1 when we honor all those who are in heaven, yet are not “canonized” like the more famous saints. These are people who lived holy lives on earth and, if necessary, have already passed through purgatory for their final purification. God willing, they include our family and friends who have preceded us in life.

**Please keep in mind that November 1 is a Holy Day of *obligation* this year (because it does not fall on a Monday or Saturday). Our usual Holy Day of obligation Mass schedule is in effect: 7:30 the night before, 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (with the school), and 7:30 pm the day of.**

The next day, November 2, we commemorate all the Faithful Departed. These are the souls who are being purified in purgatory in order that they would enter God’s presence in heaven. We must be perfect, as our Heavenly Father is perfect, to enter His presence in heaven. So, anyone who dies in a state of grace (free from mortal sin) yet still needs to be purified of venial sin or the effects of sin (temporal punishment) passes through purgatory. It is especially important that we pray for these souls, above all those who do not have anyone to pray for them, because they cannot pray for themselves.

Please consider coming back to church on November 2 for the All Souls Day Masses, perhaps especially if you lost a loved one recently. Masses on November 2 will be at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 7:30 pm. The 12:00 pm Mass will be an Extraordinary Form Low Mass (i.e. without singing) and the 7:30 pm Mass will be an Extraordinary Form High Mass (i.e. everything is sung). If you’ve never been to an Extraordinary Form Mass, consider experiencing it for the first time on November 2.

The rest of the month, especially from November 2 – 9, is a special time of prayer for these poor souls in purgatory. To that end, the daily Masses during this “Octave of All Souls,” will be offered specifically for the faithful departed, whether individually or collectively.

Finally, please consider finding an opportunity to visit a cemetery and pray the repose of the souls of everyone buried there.

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

Father Cibelli

**October 29, 2017**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Catholic Daughters Education Contest!** The 2018 National Catholic Daughters Education Contest is underway! Any students in any school or home-schooled, from Grades 4 through 12 are invited to express their creativity on either of the following themes: "The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us, We are Filled with Joy" OR "Finding Joy in My Life". What you need to do: Create an entry of art (grades 4-12), essay (grades 4-12), poem (grades 4-12), computer art (grades 4-12), music (grades 6-12) or photography (grades 6-12). You can enter as many categories as you like. **BEFORE YOU START:** Contact Linda Field at [lindab.field@myactv.net](mailto:lindab.field@myactv.net) or 301-797-6189 for criteria information and an application form. Deadline for entries to Linda Field: March 1, 2018. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention winners. First place winners go on to State judging and a chance for National judging!

We are now holding spots for our annual trip to the **Steubenville Summer Youth Conference**. This year we are going on July 13-15 (Friday – Sunday) This is an incredible weekend where the high school youth will celebrate their faith and hear awesome speakers in a group of about 2000 kids. Actual cost is about **\$250**. We will be fundraising to help defray these costs. **Deposit of \$40 is due by 11/5/17** to hold your spot. There is no guarantee that you will be able to go if you do not contact us ASAP. Full cost includes t-shirt, bus ride, lodging, and food. It is the experience of a lifetime. Please contact Todd Anderson at 301-491-4881 or [hagerstownhomeseller@gmail.com](mailto:hagerstownhomeseller@gmail.com).

**Volunteers Needed to work in St. Mary's Religious Articles Store on Sundays from 9AM – 1PM.** We could also do half shifts if that would work better for you. We are trying our best to have the store available during and after all the Masses. Please call **Joan Bernhard at 301-745-6697** or leave your name and number at the parish office, 301-739-0390.

### **REACH Cold Weather Shelter Volunteers Needed**

St. Mary's will again be hosting a weekend at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter in Hagerstown. Volunteers are needed November 12-19. Volunteer positions include check-in, laundry, kitchen help, overnight, breakfast and hospitality. Your selflessness and compassion during our week hosting at REACH cannot be measured. Those we help are truly grateful for your time and kindness. Contact Katie Leatherman ([leatherman.katie@gmail.com](mailto:leatherman.katie@gmail.com) or 240-291-2932) to participate. Volunteers will need to complete a volunteer application; this can be done online using the following link. <https://reachofwc.org/volunteer-application/>

**The Saints Martha and Mary Meal Ministry:** The Saints Martha and Mary Meal Ministry is a group of parish volunteers that make and deliver meals on a short-term basis to parishioners who have: just had a new baby, had surgery, had or are going through an illness, had or are having a hospital stay, experienced the loss of a loved one

The Meal Ministry will arrange timing and delivery of meals to those parishioners outlined above. If you are in greater need than outlined above, please contact The St. Vincent de Paul Society Ext. 124.

For questions, to volunteer, or to request meals please contact coordinators Jen Smith( 301) 331 4575

[jennifer.wilson.smith@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.wilson.smith@gmail.com) or Valerie Ricketts (301) 791 - 0133 [v.ricketts1@verizon.net](mailto:v.ricketts1@verizon.net)

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35

## St. Mary Stewardship Blessings

10/22/2017 Attendance 974

Offertory	\$9,714.40
Online Giving	4,256.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,971.10</b>
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	\$155.01
*Mission Sunday	\$1,235.00

\*Not used for St. Mary operating expenses

## St. Michael Stewardship Blessings

10/22/2017 Attendance 38

Offertory	\$550.00
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  
**Capital Improvements**

Next week's second collection is for  
**Seminarians.**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul —



Anyone experiencing a hardship is encouraged to contact the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Help Line** for assistance (301-739-0390 extension 124). Your contributions to the poor box are appreciated!

## C.H.E.R.I.S.H

**Husbands and Wives!** Join Fr. Collin Poston and Fr. Matt Buening at the CHERISH married couples retreat on Saturday, Nov 4th from 5 - 9PM here at St. Mary's. **CHERISH** stands for **C**atholic **H**earts **E**spoused **R**ejoice in **S**acramental **H**ope and the theme of the retreat is "Living Your Marriage Abundantly." Includes Saturday Evening Vigil Mass at 5:15PM, dinner buffet and more. Free will donations accepted. RSVP by Oct 31 at [cherishcouples.net](http://cherishcouples.net) or 301-797-6493.

## Confirmation Pilgrimage

Our Confirmation candidates will go on a pilgrimage to the **Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in McSherrytown, PA** as part of their preparation to receive this sacrament. Please meet in the Parish Center on **Friday, November 10 at 8:00AM; we will be returning at 4:00PM.** All students must take part in this pilgrimage.

### *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.**

Parents are obliged by the Church to have their children baptized within about the first two months after birth. Failure to do so without a serious reason would be a mortal sin. 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.

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Steubenville youth conference will be

July 13-16 ,2018

Reserve your spot, they go fast!!

\$40 sincerity fee now to reserve your spot

Steubenville is a retreat for all Highschool teens.

from the Steubenville site...

"{teens} have had their faith awakened and their hearts set on a fire through a personal encounter with Jesus at a Steubenville Conference. This summer, over 54,000 teens and their leaders will be a part of this movement of grace..."

Please contact Todd Anderson [hagerstownhomeseller@gmail.com](mailto:hagerstownhomeseller@gmail.com) for information.

Interest form and sincerity fee due by Nov 3.

Turn in to Saint Mary Church office or CTG.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_



# MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE IGNORED



Only 4% of patients who died from PAS in Washington state were referred for a mental health evaluation. Suicidal patients aren't given resources they deserve, like being screened for depression by a mental health care provider.

**MARYLAND**

AGAINST PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

**St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions**  
**October 30 — November 5, 2017**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intention</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/30</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Vicki Wood
		<b>8:30</b>	All the Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/31</b>	<b>6:30</b>	William Itnyre
		<b>8:30</b>	Special Intentions of Maria & Ted Axline
		<b>7:30 pm</b>	Special Intentions Robert and Mary Ann Goyena
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/1</b>	<b>6:30</b>	For a Family in Time of Trial
		<b>8:30</b>	St. Mary and St. Michael Deceased Parishioners
		<b>10:30</b>	Walter Kufera
		<b>7:30pm</b>	The Deceased Donoghue Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/2</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Intentions of the Holy Father
		<b>8:30</b>	Francis Gavigan
		<b>12:00pm</b>	Elaine Cibelli
		<b>7:30pm</b>	All the Faithful Departed
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/3</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Bruce Beyer
		<b>8:30</b>	Deceased Legion of Mary Members
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/4</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Deceased Members of the Daly Family
		<b>5:15</b>	Bill Hudson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/5</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Gene Eakle
		<b>9:30</b>	Jose Thattil
		<b>11:00</b>	Dottie Jones
		<b>12:50pm</b>	Marie Adameczyk

**St. Michael Church 10:30AM November 5, 2017**

St. Mary and St. Michael Deceased Parishioners

The hosts being used for the month of October have been generously donated by The Legion of Mary



**Please pray for**  
**Francis Gavigan,**  
 father of Pam Miller;  
  
**William Itnyre,**  
 husband of Jaumie;  
 and  
**Michael Smargiassi.**  
  
**May they rest in the**  
**Peace of Christ!**

**Readings for October 29 — November 5, 2017**

<b>Sunday 10/29</b>	<b>Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Exodus 22:20-26 / 1st Thessalonians 1:5c-10 / Matthew 22:34-40
<b>Monday 10/30</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Roman 8:12-17 / Luke 13:10-17
<b>Tuesday 10/31</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Roman 8:18-25 / Luke 13:18-21
<b>Wednesday 11/1</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS Solemnity</b> Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1st John 3:1-3 / Matthew 5:1-12a
<b>Thursday 11/2</b>	<b>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (ALL SOULS' DAY)</b> Wisdom 3:1-9 / Romans 5:5-11
<b>Friday 11/3</b>	<b>Weekday Saint Martin de Porres, Religious</b> Roman 9:1-5/ Luke 14:1-6
<b>Saturday 11/4</b>	<b>Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b> Roman 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 / Luke 14:1, 7-11
<b>Sunday 11/5</b>	<b>Sunday Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10 / 1st Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 / Matthew 23:1-12



Father,

### **Can Catholics celebrate Halloween?**

“Halloween”, or more precisely “All Hallows’ Eve,” is celebrated the evening of 31 October, which is the vigil, or “Eve” of All Saints’ Day. The word, “hallow,” is an older English way of saying “holy” as we say in the Our Father “hallowed be thy name.” So, the proper way to celebrate “All Hallows’ Eve” or Halloween is to participate at Mass on the vigil or to come to Mass on “All Hallows’ Day” (that is , All Saints Day) because All Saints Day is a Holy Day of obligation and Catholic must attend Mass on that day (or the vigil) under pain of mortal sin.

Because November 1<sup>st</sup> celebrates all the holy men and women who are in heaven, whether the Church has canonized them or not, satanists, witches, and those involved with the occult have chosen this evening, especially in the darkness of the night, to mock the Catholic tradition with a celebration of their own. You may have heard about the “Black Masses” that were scheduled for Harvard University and the Oklahoma Civic Center. These are satanic rituals that mock the Catholic Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, where they desecrate a consecrated host. Celebrating Halloween with children dressing up as witches, skeletons, and devils is offering an entry way for evil forces into their lives and their homes. It would be much better to have children dress as their favorite saint; not only does that invoke the patronage of that holy person on their lives, they can learn something about the life of the saint and how they followed Jesus, and it also can be a fun family activity helping the design the costume.

But, Father, Halloween is just harmless children’s fun, isn’t it? In response, I would say how harmless is it for your children to eat rat poison. How much rat poison would you allow in your child’s food? How much demonic influence will you allow in your child’s life. Think about it: you teach your children to go up to somebody’s house and say “Trick or Treat”. In other words, “if you don’t give me some candy, I will vandalize you home.” Do we really want to teach our children to be extortionists?

*“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.*

**The National Christian Choir’s Christmas Concert**, The Splendor of Christ, is the perfect way to begin your holiday season. Be inspired, receive Christ’s message through the music of the beautiful voices of this 150 auditioned member choir along with live orchestra. There are two venues, the first is in Frederick, MD at the International Community Church on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. On Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> they perform in Lancaster, PA at the Lancaster Mennonite High School Fine Arts Center at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at [NationalChristianChoir.org](http://NationalChristianChoir.org) or call the office at (800) 599-4710.

### **PANGBORN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- ◆ **New council website for keeping informed of council news:** [www.kofc1365.org](http://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](mailto: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 Pavilion or Hall is available for rental. Please contact us at 301-739-9019..