

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

*November 26, 2017*



*St. Mary Catholic Church  
Hagerstown, MD*

*St. Michael Catholic Church  
Clear Spring, MD*

**St. Mary**

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**Parish Council Officers**

Rhonda O'Malley, President  
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**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 8:30 am and 5:15pm  
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am  
and 12:50pm (Extraordinary Form)  
Monday-Friday: 6:30am and 8:30am  
Holy Days: 7:30pm on the day and 7:30pm vigil

**CONFESSION:**

Saturday: 11:30am-12noon and 4-4:45pm

**ROSARY:**

Monday-Saturday at 8:00am  
Sunday at 9:00am

**NOVENA PRAYERS:**

Wednesday at 8:30am Mass

**ST. MICHAEL, Clear Spring:**

Sunday Mass at 10:30am

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, it is possible to receive a plenary indulgence by publicly reciting the following act of dedication of the human race to Christ the King. We will have an opportunity to do so today at Mass.

**Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before You. We are Yours, and Yours we wish to be; but, to be more surely united with You, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known You; many too, despising Your precepts, have rejected You. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Your Sacred Heart.**

**Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken You, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned You; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.**

**Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.**

**Grant, O Lord, to Your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and Honor forever. Amen.**

*What is an indulgence?*

An indulgence, a gift of the mercy of God through the Church, remits before God the temporal punishment due to sin—that is, the purgation of our sins after death—whose guilt has already been forgiven with the Sacrament of Penance.

To obtain a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the particular work—in this case public recitation on the solemnity of Christ the King of the prayer below—as well as participate in sacramental confession, the reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of our Holy Father and detachment from even venial sin. If all these conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence is partial. An indulgence can be obtained for the person himself or herself or may be applied to the beloved dead.

Dear Parishioners,

We are blessed as a country to have a national holiday dedicated to giving thanks to God for all the good things He bestows upon us, family and friends, our jobs, homes, cars, and food among countless others.

We as a parish community should especially give thanks for the life of Sr. Corda. We bid farewell to her this past week with Masses for the repose of her soul here in her hometown and at the School Sisters of Notre Dame mother house in Baltimore. I don't propose to do justice to Sr. Corda with this brief column, but that may be the way she would prefer it. So I'll limit myself to these two simple but important considerations.

Sister Corda dedicated her life to Christ as a School Sister of Notre Dame, and this enabled her to bring the gospel to all those students she taught, even if the subject matter wasn't religion. (I hope my grammar would receive a passing mark from Sister!) Consequently, Sister Corda has touched the lives of so many here in Hagerstown and the surrounding area. Let us give thanks to God for the way she has helped so many of us to grow in our God given talents, and let us thank God for her friendship. Young ladies, is God calling you to share His light and love with others the way Sr. Corda did?

Sister Corda also dedicated countless hours to serving those in need through REACH. Giving thanks for Sr. Corda and all the blessings that God has bestowed on us should make us mindful of those who are in need of the things that we take for granted. So let us both pray for those in need and look for opportunities to provide for those same needs. This is certainly a fitting way to honor Sr. Corda.

Sister Corda will truly be missed by this, her hometown community. May she rest in peace. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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

Father Cibelli

P.S. Here again is our Christmas schedule; however, I should note that the **Christmas Eve Mass actually starts at 4:30**. It is preceded by a pageant presented by our children starting at 4:00 pm. My apologies for the discrepancy. Please see last week's bulletin for an explanation of this year's schedule.

Saturday, December 23, 2017	Sunday, December 24, 2017	Monday, December 25, 2017
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass</b>	<b>Christmas Mass</b>
5:15 pm (St. Mary's)	8:00 am (St. Mary's)	12:00 am (St. Mary's)
	9:30 am (St. Mary's)	6:30 am (St. Mary's, EF, Low Mass)
	10:30 am ( <b>St. Michael's</b> )	8:00 am (St. Mary's)
	11:00 am (St. Mary's)	10:00 am (St. Mary's)
	12:50 pm (St. Mary's, EF, Low Mass)	10:00 am ( <b>St. Michael's</b> )
		12:00 pm (St. Mary's, EF, High Mass)
	<b>Christmas Mass</b>	
	4:30 pm (St. Mary's)	

### **Practice Faithful Citizenship: Join the Catholic Advocacy Network**

"Responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation," the U.S. Bishops have said. Getting involved is easy. The Maryland Catholic Advocacy Network, an outreach of the Maryland Catholic Conference, is an email network that keeps you informed on public policy issues and puts you in direct contact with lawmakers to share your views. Visit [www.mdccatholic.org](http://www.mdccatholic.org) and click on the Catholic Advocacy Network button to join today.

## **ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT**

St. Mary's is once again sponsoring an **Advent Service Project**. Please join us in providing Christmas gifts to children in the **Washington County Head Start Program**. We would like the Parish to buy the toys for 3, 4, and 5 year olds and a few infants. The CCD program will be buying clothes for each of the children.

**Gender and age information will be handed out outside of the church after all the December 2/3 Masses.**

### **Upcoming Events at National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Thanksgiving Day on November 23** — Only the grounds will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The chapels, Miller Family Visitors Center and St. Bernadette's Gift Shop will be closed.

**The Immaculate Conception on December 8** — The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin. There will be reconciliation at 11 a.m. and mass at 12 p.m.

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrates the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary that marks the beginning of the massive conversion to Christ and His Church of the native peoples of Mexico. There will be reconciliation at 11 a.m. and mass at 12 p.m.

### **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!

## **Legion of Mary—**

*"The more we honor the Blessed Virgin, the more we honor Jesus Christ, because we honor Mary only that we may the more perfectly honor Jesus, since we go to her only as the way by which we are to find the end we are seeking, which is Jesus." St. Louis De Montfort*

The Legion of Mary is an international of the faithful of the Catholic Church, who serve the Church on a voluntary basis. It was founded in Dublin, Ireland in 1921 as a Catholic Marian movement.

The Rosa Mystica Praesidium at St. Mary Church in Hagerstown, Maryland is inviting anyone interested in their apostolic work to join us or to start a new Praesidium in their own parish. Our meetings are every Friday morning at 9:30 AM in St. Mary's Conference Room of the Parish Center.

## THINGS TO DO ....

### **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. 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 [v.ricketts1@verizon.net](mailto:v.ricketts1@verizon.net) (301) 791 - 0133.

***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. Anthony Shrine** will be hosting a **BINGO**

— For the extraordinary care and upkeep of our cemetery. The **BINGO** will be held on

**December 2, 2017,**

in the **Upper Hall at St. Anthony Shrine, 16150**

**St. Anthony Road,**

**Emmitsburg, MD.**

Bingo games will be 50/50; there will be a 50/50 Raffle and Tip Jars (must be 18 to buy or play the jar games). **Doors open at 5:30pm** and food will be available to purchase at that time.

**Games start at 7PM.** We also have a Framed Picture of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as a raffle. Questions, please call **Leo Krietz at 301-447-3365 or the Parish Office at 301-447-2367.**

Come have some fun for a good cause!

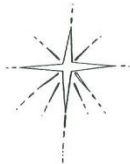
**The National Christian Choir's Christmas Concert**, The Splendor of Christ, is the perfect way to begin your holiday season. Be inspired, receive Christ's message through the music of the beautiful voices of this 150 auditioned member choir along with live orchestra. There are two venues, the first 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.

## **Volunteers**

**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](tel: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/>



# ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

## helping children who without our help will have nothing at all for Christmas



Dear Parishioners,

We are announcing our plans to adopt the children of Washington County Head Start and we are asking for your help.

We appeal for your assistance with our Advent service project as we have in the past. Your generosity will enable us to continue our in-gathering of gifts for these needy little ones. Because of your warm and generous response in the past we presume to call upon you again. You, the members of the parish, and the children in our Sunday School of Religion have made it possible to provide both new toys and new clothing to our adopted boys and girls of Washington County. This event has become a St. Mary's tradition. We thank all who return each year to adopt a needy child, and we welcome those of you who adopt a child for the first time. All of the children are either three, four or five years old and a few infant through 2 year olds.

As you can imagine, the needs of this program continue to grow with each passing year. Without our help, these little ones will have nothing at all for Christmas. To those who may not know about our program, let us explain just what we have been doing for the past 47 years . . . 35 of those with your help.

Each child in our Sunday School of Religion, along with the CCD Executive Board members, teachers, and classroom aides, brings a gift-wrapped item of new clothing for his or her adopted friend. While the CCD group takes care of all the clothing, we hope that you will once more provide the toys. All toys and clothing are distributed to the children after we deliver them to Washington County Head Start.

Our "shopping list" this year is as big as ever. With your help we will be able to provide for all these children once again.

What we ask of you:

On December 2 and 3, there will be names on the Advent wreath as well as CCD members will be outside the church entrances with the names of these needy children. At that time, you may select a name and then purchase a toy for that child. We estimate the cost to be about \$30. Complete directions will be given to you when you select your boy or girl.

If you would prefer giving a cash donation, instead of buying a toy, we have a group of volunteers who will do the shopping for you. If, however, you plan to make a donation, please do not select a name of a child. Donations in any amount are most gratefully accepted.

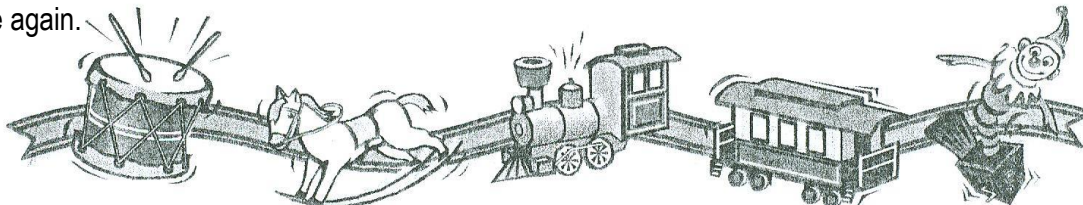
Your gift, along with the gifts of clothing that our CCD children, teachers, helpers, and Executive Board members will bring, will be delivered to Washington County Head Start in time for Christmas. The needs of those poor children are very great; their resources are very limited. We hope to make at least one day very happy for them with your help.

### Please:

Because checking in all the gifts, to make sure that each child is taken care of, is time consuming, we ask you to **bring your gift to church on any day and put it around the advent wreath, or drop it off through the week at the parish office, or bring it to Mass on the weekend of Dec 9 and 10 or the weekend of Dec 16 and 17.**

So, to insure that each child has his or her gift, will you please be on time with your gift? The gifts will be delivered on December 18. While we'd all like to have more time for this process, we simply do not have it. Thank you for your understanding and help.

In Jesus' Name . . . The CCD Christmas Team



Collections will be in next week

## Christ the King Prayer

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge  
You King of the universe.  
All that has been created  
has been made for You.

Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism,  
when I renounced Satan  
and all his pomps and works,  
and I promise to live a good Christian life  
and to do all in my power  
to procure the triumph of the rights of  
God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus,  
I offer you my efforts in order to obtain that  
all hearts may acknowledge  
Your Sacred Royalty,  
and that thus the  
Kingdom of Your peace  
may be established throughout the universe.  
Amen.

**This week's second collection is for  
School Support.**

**Next week's second collection is for  
Christmas Flowers.**

**Please put the names on your envelope.**

**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!

[The 13<sup>th</sup> of the Month Fatima Prayer](#)  
Group meets at 12 noon in the church for  
prayer. It does not meet when the 13<sup>th</sup>

falls on Sunday.

This is an hour of grace!



The hosts and wine being used  
for the month of November have  
been generously donated by

**Angela Carroll.**

## *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.

**St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions**  
**November 27—December 3, 2017**



<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Intention</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/27</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Francis and Ann McDermott
		<b>8:30</b>	Jim Shives
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/28</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Anna Casto
		<b>8:30</b>	Special Intentions of Danny Judge
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/29</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Special Intentions of Mary Angela and Joe Gorman
		<b>8:30</b>	Special Intentions of Kasey Walker
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/30</b>	<b>6:30</b>	Gene Eakle
		<b>8:30</b>	Vocations to Priesthood
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/1</b>	<b>6:30</b>	All Souls
		<b>8:30</b>	Lynn Mavilia
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/2</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Special Intentions of Charles Teaford
		<b>8:30</b>	Jeanette Blazes
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/3</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Special Intentions of Nick Judge
		<b>9:30</b>	Special Intentions of Fr. Carleton Jones
		<b>11:00</b>	Dottie Jones
		<b>12:50</b>	The deceased members of the Borg Family

Please pray for—

**Sister Corda**  
**(Peggy Louise Mullenix)**

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

**St. Michael Church**    **10:30AM**    **December 3, 2017**  
 St. Mary and St. Michael Parishioners

**Readings for November 26 — December 3, 2017**

<b>Sunday 11/26</b>	<b>Sunday OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> <i>Solemnity</i> Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1st Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 / Matthew 25:31-46
<b>Monday 11/27</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 / Luke 21:1-4
<b>Tuesday 11/28</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Daniel 2:31-45 / Luke 21:5-11
<b>Wednesday 11/29</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / Luke 21:12-19
<b>Thursday 11/30</b>	<b>Saint Andrew, Apostle</b> <i>Feast</i> Romans 10:9-18 / Matthew 4:18-22
<b>Friday 12/1</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Daniel 7:2-14 / Luke 21:29-33
<b>Saturday 12/2</b>	<b>Weekday (BVM)</b> Daniel 7:15-27 / Luke 21:34-36
<b>Sunday 12/3</b>	<b>Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / 1st Corinthians 1:3-9 / Mark 13:33-37



Father,

I get “free gifts” in the mail all the time: rosaries, prayer cards, booklets, etc. I cannot afford to send donations to all these groups. Can I keep the gifts? Or should I throw them away when I don’t send a donation?

As I understand the civil law, if someone sends you anything in the mail which you did not request you are not obligated to pay for it. You did not order it, you did not consent to it, therefore, you are NOT obligated to pay for it. IT IS A GIFT. The term “free gift” is redundant. A gift by its very nature is free. These charities that send you these items are playing upon your guilt. They are trying to trick into sending a donation. While we have an obligation to give to the local parish, the archdiocese, and other charities that give to the poor, while are not obligated to do so by making ourselves poor. You have an obligation to care for your own physical, mental, and spiritual needs. You have an obligation to care for the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of your family. The obligation that you have to care for the needs of the Church and the poor comes after you have taken care of those other two needs. Therefore, if you want to keep the “free gifts” without sending a donation, that is perfectly legitimate. If, however, you decide not to keep them, I would not throw them away. Since they are of a holy nature (though probably not blessed), they should be buried, burned, or shredded.

*“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.*

### Prayer for our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

And give us peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

## **Saint John’s Catholic Prep**

### **High School Placement Test (HSPT)**

**Saint John’s Catholic Prep**

**Saturday, December 2nd**

**8:30 AM Doors Open**

**9:00 AM Testing**

**\$40 Testing Fee**

#### **\*\*Online Preregistration Required\*\***

Saint John’s Catholic Prep is a Catholic, coeducational college preparatory high school located at 3989 Buckeystown Pike in Buckeystown, Maryland. Pre-registration is required for this test. Please visit <https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php> by November 30th to register. Students currently enrolled in the 8th grade at an Archdiocese of Arlington or Washington school take the high school placement test at their middle school. Students do not need to take both tests.

All other interested 8th grade students are required to take this placement test. Prospective students can visit Saint John’s online at [www.saintjohnsprep.org](http://www.saintjohnsprep.org) or call the school at 301-662-4210 for more information.

### **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.
- ◆ The Pavilion or Hall is available for rental. Please contact us at 301-739-9019..