

Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 2018

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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

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Jesus Praying In The Desert

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to call your attention to three items in particular in this bulletin.

- 1.) One is the text of my homily from last Sunday, asking that you would give it your consideration even if you did not hear me deliver it at Mass.
  - 2.) Another lists our Lenten schedule. This includes a revised Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Mass schedule with an explanation for this change on the back. Please be sure to review this and mark your calendars as necessary.
  - 3.) The third is the parish's financial report for the past two years.
- Thank you for your attention to these items!

On March 11 after the 12:50 Mass we have a social and an opportunity to talk about how best to advance the future of the Extraordinary Form Mass here at St. Mary's. We would like your feedback on a few *important* ideas.

To help cultivate the discipline of prayer this Lent, here are the texts of the Proper prayers from Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent for the Ordinary Form (from the Missal) and the Extraordinary Form (Courtesy of [www.propria.org](http://www.propria.org)). Consider spending just a few minutes with each of them each day of the week.

### **Ordinary Form**

#### **Collect**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **Prayer After Communion**

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Extraordinary Form**

#### **Collect**

O God, who sees that we are wholly destitute of strength, keep us within and without: that we may be defended in body from all adversity: and cleansed in mind from evil thoughts. Through our Lord ...

#### **Secreta**

Look favorably upon these present Sacrifices, O Lord, that they may profit us unto both devotion and salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

#### **Post Communion**

We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that we whom Thou dost refresh by Thy Sacraments may worthily serve Thee by lives well-pleasing to Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

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

Father Cibelli

P.S. I will offer Mass *this Friday, March 2, I will offer Mass at 3:00 pm in the Extraordinary Form*. In addition to the 6:30 am Mass, there will be Mass with the School at 10:30 am celebrated by Fr. John Jicha.

Our nation, humanity for that matter, is faced once again with senseless violence and tragic death. And once again, we are left asking why? Often this is accompanied by placing blame and positing solutions that other people are supposed to carry out.

On my own, I don't propose to have the answer. However, I do know that the Lord offers a powerful remedy that does not require publicity or political influence. It can be practiced by all, in some way or another, whether young or old, introvert or extrovert, rich or poor. It need not be restricted to Catholics or even Christians, although it is the very thing that this sacred season of Lent insists upon.

This remedy is self-denial.

Self-denial in the form of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is a weapon far more powerful than speeches, laws, or even firearms. Self-denial has the power to open the heart of the penitent to true conversion by training that individual to say "no" to the things of the world.

Of course, not all the things of the world are bad. But so often we get caught up in pursuing something, even things that are good, that we lose sight not only of others but even God Himself. How often do we want to play just one more game, eat one more chocolate, watch one more video. But are we ever satisfied?

Too often we keep going and going – and this with things that are basically good – that we can't see beyond our own concerns, that we become thoughtless of others, that we forget to pray. Moreover, how much more do we turn in ourselves – and away from God and neighbor – when what we pursue is actually sinful?

Now it might be objected, "Father, I'm not the one going around shooting innocent people." However, Jesus fasted not because He was a sinner but *to set us an example* and *to offer a sacrifice for us*: "Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). So we have the opportunity to do the same for others by our acts of self denial.

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus shows His disciples the importance of prayer in their work when He explains that they could not drive out a demon because they were not praying (Cf. Mark 9:29). In the two Sundays prior to the start of Lent, in the homily, we've heard passages that speak about the power of almsgiving to make us clean and change our hearts. (Cf. Tob. 4:7-8; 12:8-9; Luke 11:41; Acts 10:4, 31).

In other words, the point is not who is at fault here. In too many ways we have become complacent with sin in the world, we're not even shocked anymore that mothers (or fathers) would take the lives of their children. In this regard, if we allow ourselves to become desensitized to sin, especially killing in this case, we are all at fault.

What the point of self-denial *is*, is that we need not feel powerless to do something about this problem because the Lord gives us the tools – the weapons, if you will – for change.

That is, if we give ourselves over to self-denial in the form of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are giving ourselves over to a time-honored discipline that has the power not only to change our own hearts but that of others.

This change may be come about because the other person somehow is directly affected by our own change of heart. Maybe they notice something different about how we behave, maybe they happen to notice the act of self-denial and are inspired by it. Or it may be simply the power of prayer and sacrifice – the spiritual or supernatural cause-and-effect that we cannot observe.

And of course we cannot expect to see instantaneous results. Hopefully we will see a difference in our own lives right away, but the results in the world can take a lot longer.

Nor is prayer easy. A Trappist Monk who used to be a high ranking military officer ranks prayer as more difficult than the hardest physical labor and the intellectual rigors of studying, teaching, engineering, and the like. Nonetheless, it is a labor that is accessible to everyone regardless of profession, physical strength, or mental ability (Cf. *The Soul of the Apostolate*, Part 1, section 5).

In other words, we have to work hard and persevere at this in order to see the results. Much of our labor happens in the quiet of our hearts, but that doesn't mean it's not having an effect. If we really apply ourselves to these practices, according to God's call and our abilities as they are right now, we can be confident that through them God will bring about true change.

Obviously Lent comes each year no matter what is going on in the world, and the world's needs - and those of our personal lives and our nation's are not confined to Lent. So we need to ask God to guide us to see how and why we must apply these disciplines and even to apply them outside of Lent. We need these practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to turn our hearts more and more to God who denied Himself, even though He didn't have to.

This year, this Lent, let us give ourselves over to the Lord through these Lenten discipline with even more fervor, confident that God can change not only our own lives, but our families, our nation, and even the world *through* us.

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For information, call 301-733-1184.  
Provides a Catholic-centered education for  
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**REGISTRATION:** To register as a member, call the parish office for a census form. Church envelopes will then be provided. Only registered may obtain a certificate of eligibility to participate in sacraments.

St. Mary's Parish February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

## Stewardship

|               |             |     |
|---------------|-------------|-----|
| 2/18/2018     | Attendance  | 777 |
| Offertory     | \$10,187.85 |     |
| Online Giving | 2,822.70    |     |
| Total         | \$13,010.55 |     |

Amount Needed\*\* \$15,239

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

|                |            |
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| Poor Box       | \$119.30   |
| School Support | \$1,345.00 |
| Other          | \$456.00   |

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| 2/18/2018      | Attendance | 38 |
| Offertory      | \$265.00   |    |
| School Support | \$27.00    |    |

Amount Needed\*\* \$749

**\*\*This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Michael to break even**

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

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### TO SUBMIT BULLETIN INFORMATION:

Send to pbowers@saintmarysonline.org.

### DEADLINE!

**Noon on the Monday prior to the weekend you want your announcement in the bulletin.**

**New Policy:** If any group has inserts to be added to the bulletin, please make sure they are formatted to quarter or half page ads.

### *Parish Mission Statement*

We are a Eucharist-centered community, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished and strengthened by the sacramental life of the Church, who welcomes, accepts and celebrates our unity, as persons created in the image and likeness of God.

## Lenten Suppers

Lenten suppers are \$4 a person and \$15 per family  
February 23                      March 2                      March 9  
March 16 is the **Fish Sandwich Supper** hosted by Called to Greatness  
March 23 is the **Pasta Supper** hosted by CCD and followed by **Living Stations**.

### **Grow closer to our Lord as you learn more about the Faith!**

A Basis Catholic Catechism Home Study Course will be offered here at St. Mary. The program was written by Servant of God Father John A. Hardon, S.J. and updated and revised by Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke. The course will help you grow in the knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. For full details about the course please come to an info session on **Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm** in the **Conference Room of the Parish Center**. There will be a limited number of seats for this 16 lesson course. If you are interested, please call **Donna Kelly at 240-675-3314** or **Bill Fischer at 732-685-7481** before the meeting to reserve a seat.

### **Now Open!**

Enrollment for new students for the 2018-2019 School Year  
St. Mary Catholic School offers Pre-K 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Come see why we were awarded the National Blue Ribbon of Excellence in 2017  
by the U.S. Department of Education!



Our next Open House will be **Sunday, April 22**. You can now inquire and apply directly on our website – [www.stmarycatholicsschool.org](http://www.stmarycatholicsschool.org)  
Welcome Grants for Catholic students who attend public school are available for grades 1, 3, 4 & 5.  
If you would like a tour or more information, please call Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or [roconnor@stmarycatholicsschool.org](mailto:roconnor@stmarycatholicsschool.org).

### **Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland's 21st Annual Conference** **Saturday, March 10, 2018 7 am - 4 pm \$40 (students \$20)**

Main Location - St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Linthicum, MD

Satellite Location - St. Mary Magdalen Mission of St. Margaret in Bel Air, MD

Speakers include Fr. Donald Calloway, former MLB All-Star and ESPN analyst Mark Teixeira, and Attorney Hugo Alfaro (Hispanic Breakout Session).

Mass with Archbishop Lori, Confession, Lunch, Exhibits and other Speakers.  
Visit [www.catholicmensfellowship.com](http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com) for agenda and registration through Eventbrite.

### **Knights of Columbus**

- Another benefit to being a Knight: Eligible Family Fraternal benefit pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception and offers guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 to any child under age 18.
- Tickets available NOW for the St. Patrick Day dinner & dance on Saturday, March 17th 2018. \$15/adult & \$6/child under 12. Email [FredNugent@myactv.net](mailto:FredNugent@myactv.net) for tickets.
- 1/2 price Bingo all Tuesdays in February on all regular games.
- Congratulations to Bob Carbaugh of Clear Spring and Larry Michaels of Hagerstown to reaching the milestone of Honorary Life membership!
- Congratulations to Joseph Wolfensberger for taking the Knighthood Degree on 2/9/2018.

**Adoration Chapel:** St Ann is updating the listing of pass cards for adorers for the Adoration Chapel. Please contact Donna at 301-733-0410 ext. 10 or [dlouzon@stannchurch.com](mailto:dlouzon@stannchurch.com) with your name, address, email, phone and the five-digit number on your adoration pass card. We will be installing a new system and **if we do not hear from you by March 15, your card will be made inactive**. Thank you for your devotion to the Adoration Chapel and for cooperating with the system update.

## ASK THE PRIEST

### Why did we stop distributing the wine? [*i.e.* The Precious Blood]

The Bishop suggested during the flu season, parishes might consider suspending the sharing from the chalice to combat the spread of germs. But, let me clarify your words. Words are very important and must be used properly. Your question reads "Why did we stop distributing the wine?" Actually, we do not distribute wine, because at the consecration the wine is changed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The wine is annihilated. The substance of the wine no longer exists. The only thing that remains is the "accidents". In referring to the consecrated species, one should refer to it as the Precious Blood. At the words of consecration at Mass, the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It is the whole Jesus, it is not a part of Him, it is not a relic, Jesus does not come and inhabit the bread, Jesus does not just make the bread and wine holy. The bread and the wine are destroyed substantially and changed into the Body and Blood Souls and Divinity of Jesus Christ. This miracle the Church has named TRANSUBSTANTIATION because the substance of the bread and wine has "Trans" (gone over) to the substance of the Body and Blood Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ! With this awesome understanding of how much God loved us to give us His very self in Holy Communion the Church became very concerned about profanation. The Church wanted to avoid any disrespect to the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord. Sometime in the so-called "Middle Ages," the Church decided that it could avoid many threats to the loss/profanation of the sacred species if it reserved the drinking from the chalice to the priest. The Church also in an effort to teach people the sacredness of the Eucharist, mandated that people kneel and receive on the tongue, again trying to avoid any loss of even the crumbs. There was also a much longer fast imposed prior to the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's. So in an effort to protect the Eucharist from profanation and to remind people of the sacredness of the sacrament, the Church allowed the lay to receive only the Consecrated Bread, reserving the chalice strictly to the ordained. Because one refers to the consecrated bread, as the Sacred Body of Christ, and the consecrated wine as the Precious Blood of Christ, many reformers insisted that the lay people should receive under both species. The Church answered this question with the doctrine of CONCOMITTANCE, enunciated by St. Thomas Aquinas in the mid-1200's and made *de fide* at the Council of Constance in the 1400's. The doctrine of concomitance states that the entire substance of the Jesus is contained in either of the two species and that one does not receive more Jesus or a more complete Jesus if one receives under only one species. A wonderful illustration of this idea can be found in Shakespeare's play, "The Merchant of Venice." Shylock had made a loan to Antonio with the collateral being "a pound of flesh." The ships in which Antonio invested are lost at sea and so Shylock demands "his pound of flesh" in default of the loan. Shylock hates Antonio and wants to cut out Antonio's heart, which weighs about a pound. Shylock is insistent on his "pound of flesh" as the letter of the law and will not be dissuaded. Since Shylock will not be deterred the judge agrees that Shylock can have the letter of his bond. Therefore, he can have "his pound of flesh" but since the letter of the bond said nothing about blood, Shylock may not take any blood with his pound of flesh. Hence, Shylock goes off thwarted because one cannot separate flesh from blood. Therefore, it does not matter if one receives under one species or two. One does not receive more Jesus if one receives under both species. After the Second Vatican Council, the Church said that the laity may again receive from the cup under conditions set down by the local bishop because while one does not receive more Jesus receiving under both species is a fuller sign of communion. So to answer your question, it does not matter whether or how often you receive from the chalice as long as it is done with reverence. Some people do not receive from the chalice, by force of habit. They just are not used to it. Some may be afraid of germs, others may be alcoholic. There are some people who are gluten-intolerant, they may only be able to receive the Precious Blood

**St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions February 25 — March 4, 2018**

| Day       | Date | Mass  | Intention                                   |
|-----------|------|-------|---|
| Monday    | 2/26 | 6:30  | Margaret Talbot-Hauerkamp                   |
|           |      | 8:30  | Freida Russman                              |
| Tuesday   | 2/27 | 6:30  | Marie Adamczyk                              |
|           |      | 8:30  | Special Intentions of the Lafollette Family |
| Wednesday | 2/28 | 6:30  | Sylvia Young                                |
|           |      | 8:30  | Stanley Raymond                             |
| Thursday  | 3/1  | 6:30  | Vocations to the Priesthood                 |
|           |      | 8:30  | David McLaughlin                            |
| Friday    | 3/2  | 6:30  | Richard Marino                              |
|           |      | TBA   | Special Intentions of David Tengey          |
| Saturday  | 3/3  | 8:30  | James & Joan St. Ledger                     |
|           |      | 5:15  | Catherine Cacciola                          |
| Sunday    | 3/4  | 8:00  | Pauline Allison                             |
|           |      | 9:30  | Rose Ramona Pietropaoli                     |
|           |      | 11:00 | Santos Eliseo Serrano                       |
|           |      | 12:50 | In Honor of St. Joseph                      |



Please Pray for **Sandra Iseminger**,  
wife of Keller.;  
and  
Wilford L. Poffenberger,  
husband of Beverly (deceased).  
May they rest in the Peace of Christ!

**St. Michael Church 10:30AM March 4, 2018** St. Michael and St. Mary Parishioners

All children preparing to receive their **First Communion** need to schedule an interview with Father.  
Please call the Parish Office , 301-739-0390.

**Immediate Preparation Classes for Confirmation** students will be held in the Parish Center every Tuesday until March 6, 2018. Sign in time is 6:15 PM. **All Confirmandi must attend these classes.**

**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!

**Readings for February 25 — March 4, 2018**

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| <b>Sunday 2/25</b>    | <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b><br>Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Romans 8:31b-34 / Mark 9:2-10       |
| <b>Monday 2/26</b>    | <b>Lenten Weekday</b><br>Daniel 9:4b-10 / Luke 6:36-38   |
| <b>Tuesday 2/27</b>   | <b>Lenten Weekday</b><br>Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 / Matthew 23:1-12  |
| <b>Wednesday 2/28</b> | <b>Lenten Weekday</b><br>Jeremiah 18:18-20 / Matthew 20:17-28  |
| <b>Thursday 3/1</b>   | <b>Lenten Weekday</b><br>Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Luke 16:19-31  |
| <b>Friday 3/2</b>     | <b>Lenten Weekday WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b><br>Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 |
| <b>Saturday 3/3</b>   | <b>Lenten Weekday USA: St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin</b><br>Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32   |
| <b>Sunday 3/4</b>     | <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b><br>Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Romans 8:31b-34 / Mark 9:2-10        |