

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 19, 2009**

FROM FATHER KUNKEL

Today's Readings

Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 4: 32-35
1 Jn 5: 1-6
Jn 20: 19-31

Readings for 4/26/09

3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19
1 Jn 2: 1-5
Lk 24: 35-48

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 20, 2009

Monday	9:00 a.m.	John E. Kusik Sr.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Frederick G. King
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Stanley Chamberlain
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Nick Mangoine
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Grim Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Phyllis Gallion Pearl Wilson Jo Anne Erline

(SI) Special Intentions (B) Birthday (A) Anniversary
(H) Health

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Each week's bulletin will list the names of person's known to be in ill health. Names are included in this listing by contacting the parish office. A name may be continued on the list, simply by calling the office.

Please pray for: Gloria Baronian, Catherine Beyer, Helen Blahus, Helen Burke, Angela Dionne, Jerome Dolivka, Simon Driesen, Irene Frager, Melissa Griffin, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Michelle Hall (Mark), Vida Hedrick, Jessica Hynes, Marie Jourdan, Agnes Kelly, Diana Keys, Bonnie LaPausky, Eddie Lott, Wilma McConnell, Bonnie Morris, Jessica O'Shaughnessy, Don Ryan, Thomas W Scheiber, David Traskey, James E. Webb, James E. W. Webb, Joseph Weidner, Gary Williamson.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF 04/26/09

Ministry	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:15
Priest	HK	LG	PH	HK
Lector	P Marroney	K Kiedrowski	J Edwards	T Driesen
EM	D Hughes	J Siegmund	K Ayers	C Era
	M Puskar	A Chaney	J Bowman	M Palazzo
	J Kusik	B Weber	S Furst	C Hoopert
	T Angel	F Holtz	M Childress	B Hoopert
Server	M Pitz	R Blevins	J Devereux	M Griswold
	G Fleming	A Usselman	C Fender	C Hushon
	C Rutkowski	B Hubbard	S Plummer	H Hushon
Sacristan	G Angel	D Hubbard	J Bocek	A Hushon

As we know so well, Thomas missed the Risen Lord the first time around. The other disciples described the scene in vivid detail, but for Thomas, seeing was believing. And, of course, what he saw wasn't very convincing. After all, if Jesus had really risen and had appeared to the disciples, why were the doors still locked? Why were they still hiding in the closet and not out on the streets proclaiming the good news? Maybe what Thomas lacked was not faith in God, but faith in the people around him! Thomas may be like the saying, "Don't believe what you hear."

Thomas had no difficulty believing in Jesus. "My Lord and my God," he cries out. However, Thomas did have a problem believing in his friends. Thomas wanted more than just words. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus gave his disciples hope. He transformed their fear and restored their belief by showing them his wounds. What do we do with our wounds? We hide them, fearful that others might see our weaknesses and vulnerability. At times we even deny to ourselves that we are wounded. We are afraid to share that we have been wounded by life. However, just as Thomas came to believe by seeing Jesus' wounds, we, too, can come to believe and understand why some people are the way they are because of the wounds that life has inflicted upon them.

There will be times, like Thomas, when we have our doubts, but by being here we are actually testifying to our hope in the wounded Son of God, the Risen Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. And so, as you approach the altar to receive the wounded but resurrected body of Our Lord, show him your wounds. Pray for the courage to show someone you trust your wounds, and pray for the humility to allow someone to show you their wounds as well.

Peace be with you! This weekend's Gospel is telling us that our lives will include crucifixion and resurrection, death and life, fear and peace! This is the peace of Christ that was extended to Thomas who doubted him, and that is available to each one of us today. We may not know where society is going in its war against terrorism. We may not know where the Church is going in its struggle to reform itself. We may not know what direction our crazy economy is taking. But we do know that the peace of Christ is available to us during these difficult times. Like Thomas, our response must be, "MY LORD AND MY GOD!"

FINANCIAL UPDATES

**FINANCIAL REPORT
APRIL 5, 2009**

Envelope Contributors	\$ 7,810.21
Offertory Loose	1,102.51
Poor Box	118.12
Capital Campaign Pledges	2,639.82
Envelopes Used	244
Attendance	878

MILITARY FAMILIES

The following are names of parishioners or their relatives who are currently serving our country in the military. May they feel the support and comfort of the prayers we offer for them.



Aaron Benjamin Leyko
PFC James Borchardt
Lt. Joseph Healy
Michael Rezabek
Sgt. Benjamin Yost
HM3 Christopher Baker
Capt. Craig Richters
Stg. William Royston
James Wheeler
CPO Anthony Clavijo
SPC Sam W. Balzanna III
AC Julia R. Gerick
Sgt. Matthew Warne
Anthony Cirillo
Private Jason Snyder
Daniel Culver
2nd Lt. Charles Gruver
PV2 Emril Getscher
Greg Seiling
LCPL Joseph M. Wheeler
Sgt E-5 Harry Patterson
Zachary Paup
MM2 Michael Nickel

Ensign Karen Twigg Ritchie
Major Randy Staab
MS Rose Leftridge
Capt. Nate Koss
PFC Derek Knight
CPO James Fish
Colonel William Fowler
Colonel Tom Mikolinis
PFC James Hale
PRAN Richard D. Awalt III
PZ2 Robert Thacker
Capt. Timothy Monaghan
Private Vance Chapman
Sgt. Donnie Billin
Master Sgt. Richard D. Hughes
Lt. Scott Hebert
SGT. Eric Hoopert
Master Sgt. Larry Goulden
PFC Derek Washel
Major Sean Wilson
Pv. Samuel Bursell
Lt. Col Neil Salkowski

Please remember in your prayers the brave men and women serving in our Armed Services. Pray for them, their families, for their safe return and peace. If you have loved ones serving in the military at this time of crisis, please call the parish office 410-879-4015 ext. 10.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



We thank all who came the Fridays of Lent to share the soup prepared by our Confirmandi and their families. Your donations of \$ 583.73 provided gift cards for Catholic Charities and funding for Our Daily Bread. We most especially thank all those who prepared and served the soup.

Have you ever thought about sharing your talents? Faith formation needs folks for drama teams and music teams during the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions for children's faith formation. If you are willing to try contact Janet Young at janet_stmarys@yahoo.com. Or extension 12.

Have you or anyone you know... thought about embracing the Catholic faith? If you or someone you know has Inquiry session will start in mid summer. Contact Janet at the parish office at extension 12.

YOUTH MINISTRY

KIDS FOR CHRIST

May 3rd from 1-3 p.m. Drop In

JAM

May 8th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. "Flag Football" Note time change because we cannot use the building, the event will be held outside.

JOINT EVENTS

Christian Contemporary Music Artist, Steve Angrisano will give a concert on Sunday May 17th at St. Isaac Jogues Parish from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. by Bishop Madden and the concert will follow. Don't miss out on this exciting event.

All Youth mark your calendars now, Hershey Park trip is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2009. We will be taking a bus this year and the cost for your ticket/bus fee will be around \$40.00. Great way to celebrate the end of the school year. Open to all 6th thru 12th grade youth. More information to follow. STAND chaperones are needed!!



Our Contemporary Praise and Worship Mass will be kicking off its return on Sunday, June 7th at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Middle and High School youth are encouraged to help as readers, ushers, and greeters. If you are interested in helping to sing the responsorial Psalm, please call Mr. Charlie Suter at 717-456-7220 to set up practice time. Help will be needed before and after each CPW Mass with set up and break down. If you are interested in helping please call Ms. Rachel at 717-456-9118. Starting in June CPW Mass will be held the first Sunday of every month.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

TEA MINISTRY

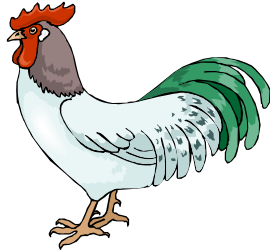
As part of Health Care a ministry is being formed to reach out through visiting the sick, the homebound or anyone needing encouragement. The goal of this ministry is to combine caring and hospitality through fellowship. Anyone interested in becoming part of the Tea Ministry please contact Mary Washburn at 410-452-8789.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and Girls in the 4th grade or higher who are interested in serving the church and Our Lord, please complete a registration form found in the parish office. Training will begin during the month of May. For information contact Norm or Charlotte Yost at 410-836-1977 or nvaugust@aol.com

SPRING FRIED CHICKEN DINNER APRIL 25, 2009 12:00 NOON TO 6:00PM



“It is in giving that we receive!” Give us some of your precious time, and we promise you will receive the priceless gift of a warm fuzzy! We still need more volunteers to make our dinner a huge success, so please sign up today! Every job is easy when many hands help! Not sure of your schedule? Call Lucy Panzer (410-557-8671) for a spot where you’re desperately needed!

Craft Show/Flea Market Vendors-If you would like to rent a space, (\$15.00) please call Barbara, Ext. 11 for details.

Craft Shoppe-If you have any **craft items** you would like to donate to the Craft Shoppe it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours (9:00 to 5:00pm).

Bake Shoppe-Cake and candy boxes will be given out after all Masses on April 18th & 19th. Your goodies can be dropped off on Friday, April 24th or early Saturday morning, April 25th. The bake shoppe is located on the lower level of the parish center (grade 5 classroom). **Reminder: This** stand sells out very early so we need **everyone** to return a baked good.

Plant/Flower Shoppe-When you shop for your spring flowers think about picking up some for St. Mary’s. Donations of plants or flowers will be gladly accepted. You can drop off your plants or flowers on Friday, April 24th or early Saturday morning, April 25th. The Plant/Flower Shoppe is located on the lower level of the parish center, (grade 3 classroom).

White Elephant Shoppe- If you have usable items please set them aside for the White Elephant Shoppe. **However, do not drop them off just yet. We do not have the storage space.** Please, no bedding, furniture, or exercise equipment, only items that will fit in the trunk of a car. Items can be **dropped off starting Monday, April 20th** at the pit during office hours (9:00 to 5:00pm). The room will be locked so please come to the office first.

Parking: Due to construction, there will be “Satellite Parking” at North Harford Elementary School, where buses will transport diners to and from St. Mary’s. There

will be onsite parking for handicap and volunteers only. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Because of the construction on the Religious Education building we need to clean out the entire building.. If you can give us some of your time we would greatly appreciate just a couple of hours in the evening from 7-9 p.m. Beginning the week after Easter come and help us box and move the items in the building. You will be working with Jack Smith our Maintenance Person. He will have all the supplies needed. We just need you! If you can help on any day please call the parish office 410-879-4015.



FIELD OF THE INNOCENT



If you have not yet taken time to view St. Mary’s Respect Life Committee’s Field of Innocents display of crosses for aborted babies – and even if you already have done so – please plan to look at them closely the next time you are at St. Mary’s. Consider the rows of small

white crosses, each representing a pre-born child killed by legal abortion in this country every hour of every year. We once again have 149 crosses representing the 149 pre-born children who die by surgical abortion each hour of every day in the United States. That’s over 1,300,00 pre-born children in 2008 alone. These children are never allowed to laugh, to learn, to sing, to play, to love – things that we take for granted for our children. While looking at the crosses, please say a prayer to our Risen Savior for the victims of abortion – both child and mother.

There were more American victims of legal abortions in 2008 than there have been American casualties in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I & II, the Korean Conflict, The Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the current war in Iraq – combined. Now that advocates of abortion-on-demand for any reason, at any time during the 9 months of pregnancy are firmly in command of every branch of our Country’s government, there is more than every much work to be done by people of Faith and morals. We have an overwhelming task to make this country safe for the most innocent among us.

Please reflect upon the crosses of the innocent young ones – for whom Christ died as much as He did for those of us fortunate enough to have been allowed to be born – and resolve to pray with us for an end to abortion.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE

St. Mary's Respect Life Committee has placed the 6th "Little One" poster in the vestibule of the church. Please read the text, look at the beautiful drawing of a pre-born baby at this age and continue to pray for your personal Little One!

Sixth Month (size: about 14 inches)

The baby can now roll over inside of the womb. Her oil and sweat glands are functioning. A white filmy layer called vernix covers the baby and protects her delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid. This waxy substance will be quickly absorbed into her skin soon after she is born. She can now respond to sound. Her lungs are fairly well developed and she would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009	
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Mtg
7:00 p.m.	STAND
7:30 p.m.	Baptism Prep
.....	Kitchen Closed
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009	
7:00 p.m.	Finance Mtg.
7:00 p.m.	Mystagogy
.....	Kitchen Closed
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009	
6:30 p.m.	Cont. Music
.....	Building Closed
.....	Kitchen Closed
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009	
6:00 p.m.	Out Side Set-Up
.....	Building Closed
.....	Kitchen Closed
8:00 p.m.	AA
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009	
6:00 p.m.	Dinning Room Set-up
.....	Building Closed
.....	Kitchen Closed
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009	
12:00 noon	Spring Chicken Dinner
.....	Maintenance Collection
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009	
.....	Maintenance Collection

FACEBOOK

The Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry has recently established a "Catholic Young Adults – Archdiocese of Baltimore" group page on Facebook. Each Wednesday, we send a note to hundreds of young adults updating them on faith based activities and news of interest to them.

Parents of Young Adults please know that the Church wants to travel along with our young adults (ages 18-35) sons and daughters and has begun to surf the internet to do so. Invite your young adults to search Facebook for "Catholic Young Adults-Archdiocese of Baltimore" and become a member. They will receive weekly updates on faith based activities and news of interest to them.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at the Richlin Ballroom, Van Bibber Rd. Guest Speaker: Bill Donaghy – Bill is a Catholic missionary and lay evangelist who currently teaches Theology at Malvern Preparatory School, as well as Immaculate University. Bill will be speaking on Pope John Paul II's ground breaking teaching on human sexuality, "Theology of the Body". The cost is \$18.00 per person. Registration and advance payment is necessary. For more information call Maria Bredehoeft at 410-592-2160. Deadline is Friday, April 24, 2009.

ILLUMINATE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Join a thousand of your sisters for the first Catholic Women's Conference to include all parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. On October 9 & 10 at St. John in Westminster you can enjoy the experience of fellowship, praise and worship, great educational talks, the sacraments and much more. Please visit the website for detailed information on speakers, schedule, and registration forms, www.catholicilluminate.com. Please download the registration form, fill out, then along with your check, mail to St. John Church. Registration begins April 1st and is limited to one thousand women. For additional information call Catholic Illuminate -443-324-8487. Ladies, bring a family member, call a neighbor, spread the news and come to the Catholic Women's Conference.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

JAMMIN' GENERATIONS MUSIC FOR THE YOUNG AND OLD

Be a part of this fun volunteer program. Infants-preschoolers enjoy singing, dancing, puppets, instruments and a story, while residents love the entertainment! The dates for the Spring Session is June 3rd at Rock Springs Village Assisted Living and April 21st, May 5th & 19th, and June 9th at Forest Hill Health & Rehabilitation. A \$5.00 donation for supplies for the entire session is appreciated. To register call Diane @ 410-452-0307 or e-mail diane.eakes@netzero.net.