

**20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 16, 2009**

FROM FATHER KUNKEL

Today's Readings

20th Sunday
Prv 9; 1-6
Eph 5: 15-20
Jn 6: 51-58

Readings for 8/23/09

21st Sunday
Jos 24: 1-2, 15-17, 18
Eph 5: 21-32 or 5: 2, 25-32
Jn 6: 60-69

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 17, 2009

Monday	10:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Thomas Pigg
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Kenneth Trzcinski
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Robert Trescott
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Grim Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Anthony Gross Margaret Robinson Elizabeth Lowe

(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, Charles Crandall, Angela Dionne, Jerome Dolivka, Simon Driesen, Bill Duncan, Liz Fournier, Irene Frager, Diana Glos, Melissa Griffin, Michelle Hall (Mark), Ellen Heaps, Jo Anne Heaps, Vida Hedrick, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Jessica Hynes, Agnes Kelly, Diana Keys, Tracy Knox, Bonnie LaPausky, Lorraine Heaps Lilley, Eddie Lott, Lisa Marroney, Doug Mauzy, Bonnie Morris, Don Ryan, Thomas W Scheiber, David Traskey, James E. Webb, James E. W. Webb, Stacy Welch, Joseph Weidner, Gary Williamson.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF 08/23/09

Ministry	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:15
Priest	HK	LG	LG	PH
Lector	D Logan	V Nowak	C Yost	T Driesen
EM	B Mank	F Holtz	S Furst	P Seneschal
	L Fritz	A Chaney	M Childress	N Novicki
	S Pardo	B Weber	L Hebert	D Friedman
	P Fritz	B Nowak	N Yost	S Friedman
Server	J Weber	A Usselman	E Eakes	N Sexton
	G Corcoran		K Dieter	J Smith
	M Pitz	K MacKey	L Kline	M Girsword
Sacristan	S Martin	A MacKey	P Kline	

Some great men and women leave their memoirs to posterity; others leave their libraries; still others leave monuments to their achievements or teachings in popular movements. Jesus was the only great spiritual leader to leave his "flesh to eat" and his "blood to drink."

This assertion in this weekend's Gospel might merit utter astonishment unless we understand something of Jesus' motivation. Jesus never wanted to leave just a message of "good news," he wanted to leave something to concretely demonstrate the permanence of his love! Specifically, he wanted to leave himself!

Jesus was very clear how he wanted to do this. He said, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you . . . For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." This is truly a remarkable concept, and it took his disciples quite some time before they really understood the magnitude of what Jesus meant. However, it wasn't long after the ascension of Jesus that Eucharists began to be celebrated in earnest. The disciples came to know his actual presence "in the breaking of the bread."

Needless to say, Jesus' assertions on this subject posed a grave problem for the people of that time. The fact that some people took Jesus at his word is clear. Scripture tells us that when they heard what he said, "many walked with him no longer."

However, the Eucharist has always been considered a living memorial of Jesus, Jesus alive and truly present to us in sacramental food. Theologians of all ages have been trying to explain how this could be. And no matter what the "explanations" have been, we inevitably fall back on the tremendous mystery of it all.

Regardless of all this, there is no mystery about God's love! The primary revelation about God that we learn from Jesus is that God is absolute love! We know that God loves us with a passion beyond imagination, and that God's compassion for us is limitless. Is it, therefore, not reasonable that God would want to communicate love for us in Jesus in the most intimate fashion possible?

Intense love craves intense union. And there are few ways of becoming more intimately united with someone than in the form and fashion of food. Nothing gets "closer" to us than the food we eat. When we digest a full-course meal, everything we eat becomes part of us, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, and blood of our blood. When Jesus says his body is real food and his blood is real drink, he is expressing from the depths of his love just how much he wishes to become part of us, body and soul. "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them!" Think about it!

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Allan Iannacone on the 7th anniversary of his death and in thanksgiving of St. Mary's Community. If you would like to have a loved one either remembered or honored with a donation of flowers please call Sue Dieter at 410-836-1641.



We would like to welcome into St. Mary's Faith Community: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Shenton & family and Mr. & Mrs. Zoran Antic & family.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death". Lead us into a new millennium of Life. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen!

FINANCIAL REPORT AUG 9, 2009

Envelopes contributors-Weekly	\$ 6,642.00
Offertory Loose	650.75
Capital Campaign Pledges	5,213.83
Poor Box	66.56
Diocesan Collection	644.50
Envelopes Used	196
Attendance	578

SUMMER CONTRIBUTIONS

Now that summer is here, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and safe summer. Our parish is dependent on your contributions, especially during vacation season. We, as you, must still pay the utilities, salaries, etc.

If you use parish contribution envelopes and are away for some weekends, I ask you to please make up your contribution the following weekend.

You can also consider joining ParishPay. Your contributions will always be here even if you are away basking in the sun. The forms can be picked up in the vestibule of the church or call the parish office, Ext. 11.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks for your continued generosity.
Fr. Kunkel

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	Ensign Karen Twigg Ritchie
PFC James Borchart	Major Randy Staab
Lt. Joseph Healy	MS Rose Leftridge
Michael Rezabek	Capt. Nate Koss
Sgt. Benjamin Yost	PFC Derek Knight
HM3 Christopher Baker	CPO James Fish
Capt. Craig Richters	Colonel William Fowler
Stg. William Royston	Colonel Tom Mikolinis
James Wheeler	PFC James Hale
CPO Anthony Clavijo	PRAN Richard D. Awalt III
SPC Sam W. Balzanna III	PZ2 Robert Thacker
AC Julia R. Gerick	Capt. Timothy Monaghan
Sgt. Matthew Warne	Private Vance Chapman
Anthony Cirillo	Sgt. Donnie Billin
Private Jason Snyder	Master Sgt. Richard D. Hughes
Daniel Culver	Lt. Scott Hebert
2 nd Lt. Charles Gruver	SGT. Eric Hoopert
PV2 Emril Getscher	Master Sgt. Larry Goulden
LCPL Joseph M. Wheeler	Major Sean Wilson
Sgt E-5 Harry Patterson	Pv. Samuel Bursell
Zachary Paup	Lt. Col Neil Salkowski
MM2 Michael Nickel	PVT Estee Lawrence
PFC James Raab	

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.

KEY HOLDERS- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BLDG.

Anyone with keys to the Rel. Ed. Bldg. Please return them to Barbara Sadler. Please place your keys in an envelope with your name and the reason you have keys. These keys will not work anymore once we open the new Parish Center. However we do want all keys turned in as soon as possible so we can get an accurate number of new keys ordered. Any questions call Barbara, Ext. 11.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Our Faith Formation Family will face a few challenges during this coming year during construction and renovation at the Parish Center. But together as a family of faith we can learn through this great adventure. Just a point in our history, before we had an Education Building faith formation was held in the Church, therefore we are returning to our roots.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATIONS

If you have not registered please do so as soon as possible. Tuition will remain the same. Extra registration forms are available in the rectory if needed.

RCIA – If you or some one you know is perhaps interested in becoming Catholic, a new Inquiry Class has begun and will be held every Tuesday. Call Janet Young in the Parish Office for further information, ext. 12.

High School Faith Formation: Wanted: Fun loving and question-asking adults to join parish youth in their faith journey. This year we will have 6 mini courses of three weeks each. Call Janet, ext. 12 if you would like to join in the fun. Classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-8:00pm. We moved our time so the Choir could have the Church on Thursday.

Children’s Faith Formation needs you. If you would like to share your faith with children, grades Kindergarten through Eight, now is the time to let Janet Young, ext. 12, know your name and phone number. Actual grade level teaching time will be shorter next year and there is strength in numbers in our one room school house model in the Church. Our Sessions meet on Tuesday at 5:15pm and Wednesday at 4:45pm and 6:30pm.



We need catechists for the following classes:
 Early Wednesday: Grades 1, 6, 7 and 8
 Late Wednesday: Grades 1, 2 and 4

All of catechist vacancies were caused by school or work situations.



Children’s Faith Formation
NEEDS A PERSON TO LEAD SONGS
DURING THE EARLY PART OF EACH
SESSION. This is a perfect volunteer experience for a mom or dad who’s child is in that session. Please call Janet Young, ext. 12, in the parish office if that person is you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

PARENTS NEEDED

Parents we need you!!!! We would love to have you help us with our Youth Ministry program as chaperones for drop-in nights, trips, mission work, catechist and retreats. If you haven’t completed the STAND Training implemented by the Archdiocese for adults who work with youth, please do so. You can do this in the convince of your own home. Go to www.archbalt.org/STAND/ website, click on St. Mary’s of

the Assumption Pylesville, password: archbalt to begin the video training and answer session. It will take an hour and a half of your time, print your certificate than contact Janet Young, our DRE, give her your certificate and she will give you the paperwork for the background check/driving record and discuss the video with you. It takes about a month to process paperwork and for you to receive your card. Once this is done, you only have to renew every 5 years. Don’t wait any longer, get your training done and enjoy our youth!!! Any?’s, call Rachel Bittner at 717-456-9118.

JAM

Mark your calendars for August 23rd from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. for a get-together. Bring a friend!! Join us at the playground for lots of fun.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY’S

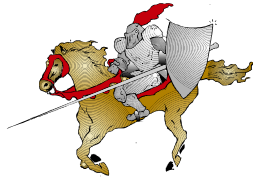
Monday, August 17, 2009	
7:30 p.m.	Scripture Study
7:30 p.m.	Baptism Prep
Tuesday, August 18, 2009	
7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday, August 19, 2009	
6:30 p.m.	Cont. Music
Thursday, August 20, 2009	
5:30 p.m.	Instruments & Small Group
6:45 p.m.	Cantor Practice
7:30 p.m.	Choir
Saturday, August. 22 , 2009	
.....	Sign-Up Dinner
.....	Maintenance Collection
Sunday, August 23 , 2009	
.....	Maintenance Collection
12:30 p.m.	JAM
.....	Sign-Up Dinner



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is that time of the year again to think about our children getting ready to go back to school (where did the summer go) but before you know it they will be back in school. The Knights of Columbus and the Belles of St. Mary’s will be collecting school supplies for needy children in the Harford County area, from now until August 16th. Would you like to help us with some supplies? Some of the things that will be needed are binders, composition books, colored pencils, pens, Elmer’s glue sticks, rulers, colored markers, filler paper, pencils, notebooks, pencil case, 2 pocket folder, highlighters, erasers and pencil sharpeners. There will be a box in the back of church for the supplies. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

**JOUSTING TOURNAMENT &
FRIED CHICKEN DINNER
SEPTEMBER 12, 2009
12:00 NOON TO 6:00 PM**



We need your three T's—time, talent and treasure.

Time:—Just 4 hours or better yet 8 hours.

Talent:—You got it—we need it

Treasure:—Help support the church by buying a ticket for the dinner.

Stewards—(Volunteers)—Approximately 300 stewards are needed for the preparation, day of the dinner and clean up. Don't always count on the next person—Sign Up will start the weekend of August 15th and 16th. It will continue the following 2 weekends but hopeful the sheets will be filled the first weekend.

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

Program Ad— If you would like to place an ad in the program booklet call Barbara, Ext. 11 for details.

St. Mary Crafts—If you have any items for our craft ladies please bring them to the Parish Office during office hours—9:00 to 5:00

Raffle Tickets—Please return your sold raffle tickets to the Parish Office, mail or in the collection basket marked “Raffle Tickets”. If you cannot sell all of them please return your unsold tickets for the day of the event.

White Elephant—Please hold on to your items for now. We will give you a date later on when you can drop them off. No room to store anything.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES NEEDED

The Health Care Ministry is in need of religious articles to be distributed at the Chicken Dinner in September. If you have any religious articles someone else may like to have, please leave them in the back of church marked Health Care. And stop in to see our display of FREE articles when you come to the Chicken Dinner. Thank you for your support.



**HEALTH CARE REFORM
INFORMATION PART III**

For the past two weekends, St. Mary's Respect Life Committee is providing information on the “Affordable Health Care Choices Act” (popularly known as “Obamacare”) under discussion by both the United States Senate and the House. This week we are giving a brief overview of rationed healthcare (particularly for seniors and the disabled) in light of the proposed legislature:

- ❖ According to a July 15th report by The Hill (the congressional newspaper that publishes daily when Congress is in session), “The House bill would be paid for by roughly \$500 billion in Medicare and Medicaid cuts...” These “cuts” would come as millions of Americans are retiring.
- ❖ The following is a 1996 direct quote from Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, currently health-policy adviser at the Office of

Management and Budget, member of the Federal Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research, advisor to President Obama, and a chief architect of the Congressional health care plan (and brother of White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel) suggesting that healthcare should be rationed to certain individuals...services provided to individuals who are irreversible prevented from being or becoming participating citizens...should not be guaranteed. An obvious example is not guaranteeing health services to patients with dementia.” (Source: http://www.ncpa.org/pdfs/Where_Civic_Republicanism_and_Deliberative_Democracy_Meet.pdf).

- ❖ A Committee would be mandated to decide which treatments/benefits must be – or are not to be – covered under what circumstances (for information about this Committee, go to page 30 of the 1018 page “Affordable Health Choices Act”). This will give federal bureaucrats life-and-death power to decide who's worthy of care...and who's not. This happens every day in Elang, a model for the U.S.
- ❖ Additional applicable references in the “Affordable Health Choices Act” include (but are not limited to) the following;
 1. Health Care rationing on pages 85, 801, and 335-339 (the latter of which mandates the establishment of outcome based measures – i.e. rationing – based on whether the patient is near the statistical “end” of his/her life predicated on a life-expectancy formula currently used in England's socialized medicine plan).
 2. Medicaid eligible individuals will be automatically enrolled in Medicaid without a choice in the matter (see page 102) whereas page 239 provides for the government to reduce physician services for Medicaid
 3. Page 110 provides that the Treasury can take money from Social Security to pay HealthCare.
 4. Waiting periods are mandated for hospital readmission so that individuals are blocked from readmission for a medical problem not adequately treated during the initial hospital stay – and doctors would be penalized for readmitting patients (see page 287).
 5. Pages 525 – 620 provide for government take-over of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- ❖ Why does AARP, the nation's largest senior citizen advocate group, support this bill? Dick Morris, former advisor to President Clinton, said “The interest groups that usually speak up for the elderly, particularly AARP, are in Obama's pocket, hoping to profit from his program by becoming one of its vendors...they are now helping Obama get the medical care of their constituents.”

For the Chairman of the Bishops' Committee on domestic Justice and Human Development, Bishop William Murphy's July 17th letter to Congress about health care reform, see: nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/071709USCCBhealthcareltr..pdf.