

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 2, 2009**

**FROM FATHER KUNKEL**

**Today's Readings**

18th Sunday  
Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15  
Eph 4: 17, 20-24  
Jn 6: 24-35

**Readings for 8/9/09**

19th Sunday  
1 Kgs 19: 4-8  
Eph 4: 30—5:2  
Jn 6: 41-51

**MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 3, 2009**

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Ferrnti
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Albert Heath
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Margie Foudos
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Stewart Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Jim Long
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	James Verchow Helen Duszynski Marie Hess

(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, Doug Mauzy, Bonnie Morris, Don Ryan, Thomas W Scheiber, David Traskey, James E. Webb, James E. W. Webb, Joseph Weidner, Gary Williamson.

**SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF 08/16/09**

Ministry	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:15
Priest	HK	HK	HK	HK
Lector	S McCain	J Healy	J Edwards	T Palazzo
EM	BA Kloch	A Chaney	J Bowman	M Rudell
	S Pardo	J Siegmund	D Rogers	M Palazzo
	M Washburn	D Walther	L Hebert	P Era
	T Angel	J Walther	L Panzer	C Era
Server	A Baliko	J McAvoy	L Kline	A Kufera
	C Rutkowski	B Hubbard	M Campbell	Z Dodson
	C Fender	A McAvoy	E Eakes	J Enriquez
Sacristan	G Angel	D Hubbard	P Kline	

In the recent past, the news media carried a story of a modern-day good Samaritan who packed his car each day with dozens of homemade sandwiches and traveled to the inner city to distribute them to homeless and needy people. Eventually, those who benefited from his generosity became familiar with the Samaritan's customary route and began to congregate on certain street corners at a specific time each day to wait for their daily gift of food.

The waiting crowds were reminiscent of the long lines of hungry people during the Great Depression of the 1930's. One such line trailed around the walled cloister of a monastery, where plain sandwiches in brown paper bags were distributed each afternoon at 5p.m. After receiving their sandwich, some ate it all immediately. Others ate only a portion of it and saved the rest for later. Still others took the sandwich home to someone in their family. Sadly, some people complained at the plainness of the sandwich and actually tossed it away!

In relating this story, Mark Link suggested that the people's varied reactions to their sandwiches could be compared to the manner in which people respond to God's gifts. When Jesus offered himself as the gift of living bread come down from heaven, he received a wide variety of different reactions.

Some of the many Jesus fed with barley loaves and fish wanted the miraculous dole to continue rather than look beyond the sign to the message it disclosed. They preferred the immediate and continuous gratification of their physical needs. These sought Jesus out, demanding even more sensational displays of power.

In pondering the readings set before us by the Church this weekend, it may prove helpful to consider again the reactions of the people to their plain sandwiches in brown paper bags. Does the plainness and ordinariness of bread and wine mask the true import of God's gift? Would I be more impressed with manna and quail? Does the fact that these sacramental gifts are so frequently available make them seem less precious? Have I begun to take for granted the generosity that provides these gifts so readily and gratuitously? Has my sharing in the bread of life become a matter of habit or a perfunctory routine? Am I merely going through the motions or am I a participating believer in one of the most significant opportunities afforded me by God? Am I given to clamoring for more ostentatious signs of God's loving care, or am I content to discover and welcome even the most simple gifts God sends to me in plain paper bags? Think about it!!

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

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.



## 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, JULY 26, 2009

Envelopes contributors-Weekly	\$ 5,083.50
EFT Contributors-Monthly	5,263.50
Offertory Loose	69.85
Capital Campaign Pledges	4,222.32
Maintenance Collection	1,879.00
Poor Box	78.46
Envelopes Used	188
EFT Contributors	57
Attendance	601

## 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 Borchardt	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 Mikolins
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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

## HELP NEEDED!!!

Would you like to give some of your time to count the Sunday Collection? The collection is counted on Monday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. and there are 5 teams of counters. So you count every fifth week. One new counter is needed and you must be 21 years of age or older. Please call Barbara, Ext. 11 to volunteer. Stan & Carla Markowski will be retiring after many years of counting and I would like to thank them for their dedication and support. You will be missed.

## CATHOLIC REVIEW SUBSCRIPTION

If you are currently receiving the Catholic review you must return your renewal form no later than August 9<sup>th</sup> to continue with your subscription. After August 9<sup>th</sup> anyone not returning their renewal form will be cancelled. A check in the amount of \$ 26.88 must accompany the renewal form.

## 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

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATIONS

Faith Formation registrations for next year have been mailed. 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 will begin the First Tuesday of August. 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

## YOUTH MINISTRY PLANNING MEETINGS

Did you know that you can help plan events? Do you like to work with others? Do you want to improve your leadership skills? If so, then come join us at our monthly Youth Ministry Planning Meetings. Youth and parents welcome. Summer date August 5<sup>th</sup> we meet at 7:00p.m. in the Rectory. You can make a difference.

## CASCADE LAKE

### BUS TRIP

Make sure you mark your calendars for August 4<sup>th</sup> when we will be headed to Cascade Lake for a day of Fun In The Sun. Cost is \$25.00 per person. We will leave at 12:45 p. m. at St. John Hydes and return at 10:00 p.m. Permission slips must be in today!!



## JAM

Mark your calendars for August 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

Tuesday, August 4, 2009	
10:00 a.m. ....	Luncheon Bingo
Wednesday, August 5, 2009	
6:30 p.m. ....	Cont. Music
7:00 p.m. ....	Youth Ministry Planning Mtg
Thursday, August 6, 2009	
5:30 p.m. ....	Instruments & Small Group
6:45 p.m. ....	Cantor Practice
7:30 p.m. ....	Choir
Saturday, August. 8 , 2009	
.....	Casserole Pans Returned
.....	Archdiocese Collection (Catholic Communications)
Sunday, August 9 , 2009	
.....	Casserole Pans Returned
.....	Archdiocese Collection (Catholic Communications)

**ST MARY'S  
LUNCHEON BINGO TO BE  
HELD AT WHITEFORD  
AMERICAN LEGION  
TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 4, 2009**



Join us for a relaxing day of bingo and lunch. While we are under construction on the Religious Education Building the Whiteford American Legion has been gracious to let us rent their hall for our monthly Bingo. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and the low price of \$7.00 include admission, lunch and a regular bingo packet of 16 games, 3 cards to a sheet. For a small additional fee special games and extra bingo packets can be purchased. The Menu for August 4<sup>th</sup> is:

Subs: Ham & Cheese & American Cold Cut  
Tostitos Chips & Ice Cream & Cookies

Jack-pot for next month will be \$325.00 in 59 numbers or less.

We also need help on Monday & Tuesday. If you can give some of your time please call Nancy @ 410-692-6363, Pat @ 410-836-1891 or Cheryl @ 410-557-9157.

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**

Its that time again – time to make your appointment to donate blood at our next scheduled Bloodmobile.

WHEN - Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

TIME - 1 to 7 p.m.

Appointments every 15 minutes

WHERE - Highland Presbyterian Church  
701 Highland Rd.

Because of ongoing construction we will be having the Bloodmobile at Highland Presbyterian Church – another one of the churches which make up the group called North Harford Interfaith. Highland has been gracious enough to lend us their facility while St. Mary's is unavailable.

Highland is located south on Route 543 to RIGHT on Highland Road – follow around to church parking lot on the left. Highland Church is opposite the Old Highland School.

To make your life saving appointment please call in MD Theresa Driesen at 410-457-0451, in PA Janice Bowman at 717-382-4198.

Remember – summer vacation time means a decrease in the number of donors and an increase in the number of accidents. Please consider donating.



**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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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**

On July 17, Bishop William Murphy, Chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, sent a letter to Congress saying: "The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) looks forward to working with you to reform health care successfully in a manner that offers accessible, affordable and quality health care that protects the life and dignity of all people from conception until natural death." Abortion must not be included as part of a national health care benefit. "No health care reform plan should compel us or others to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion."

For the next several weekends, St. Mary's Respect Life Committee will provide information on the "Affordable Health 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 abortion coverage in light of the proposed legislature:

- ❖ Roe v. Wade in 1973 ruled that abortion is a "right" in the negative sense that government may not prohibit a woman's decision to have an abortion before viability. But the Supreme Court has upheld the federal ban on "partial-birth abortion" and that it may "encourage childbirth over abortion" by prohibiting use of public funds, personnel and facilities for abortion.
- ❖ Congress has barred federal funding of abortion in all major health programs for over three decades.
- ❖ Federal law also allows states to establish their own policies on abortion and most states significantly regulate abortion.
- ❖ The "Affordable Health Choices Act" – as currently under discussion – would establish abortion as a "basic" health benefit, subsidize it with federal taxpayer funds, and overturn state laws restricting it.