

**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9, 2009**

FROM FATHER KUNKEL

Today's Readings

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

Readings for 8/16/09

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

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 10, 2009

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Austin Webbert
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	George Dankers
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Martha E. Grimm
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Delma Welch
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Gloria Conolley
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Shirley Martin John Behr Marie Loss

(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.

There is the story of a man who was crossing the desert in the days of the early American pioneers. He had run out of water and was dying of thirst. Suddenly, he spotted a water pump near an abandoned shack. He inched his way to the pump, mustered up enough strength to work the handle, but nothing happened; no water flowed. Then he noticed a jug near the pump with a note attached. The note read: "There is just enough water in this jug to prime the pump, but not if you drink some first. This well has never gone dry, even in the worst of times. Just pour in the water from the jug and pump the handle quickly. After you have satisfied your thirst, refill this jug for the next thirsty person who comes along." What should the man dying of thirst have done? The contents of the note called for complete trust in the person who wrote it. If the dying man followed the instructions, he ran the risk of pouring out all of the water from the jug into a pump that might fail! He was being asked to put his trust in the message unconditionally. He was being asked to respond to the message in complete faith. He was being asked to accept, without reservation, the absolute truth of the message, or die of thirst!

Isn't that what Jesus is also asking us to do? In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus says: "I am the living bread, which has come down from Heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world!"

Jesus Christ, Son of God, loves us unconditionally. He loves us so much that he suffered and died for us. He loves us so much that he devoted his whole life to teaching us that by following his example we can become the uniquely beautiful persons God wants us to be - now, and for all eternity!

So, we are given a choice, either to place our unconditional trust in the Good News of Jesus Christ or to go on living like "a ship without a sail." Think about it!!

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF 08/16/09

Ministry	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:15
Priest	HK	LG	PH	PH
Lector	B Mank	J Siegmund	G Bissett	T Palazzo
EM	D Hughes	B Weber	M Childress	M Payan
	BA Kloch	S Muller	N Yost	P Era
	T Angel	D Walther	C Yost	M Palazzo
	M Puskar	J Walther	L Hall	P Seneschal
Server	G Fleming		K Dieter	S Griswold
	A Baliko	J Blevins	M Campbell	J Weber
	C Rutkowski	R Blevins	M Mislak	D Hall
Sacristan	G Angel	M Blevins	M Roman	

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Richard E. Davis on the 9th anniversary of his death by daughter Patricia, Son-In-Law Joe and Grandson David Owens. 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. George Bittorf and 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 2, 2009

Envelopes contributors-Weekly	\$ 6,182.50
Offertory Loose	695.56
Capital Campaign Pledges	1,026.16
Poor Box	92.04
Envelopes Used	180
Attendance	634

KEEPING THE FAITH, CONTINUING THE JOURNEY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of July 30, 2009

Pledges

Pledged to Date \$1,353,021
 Paid to Date \$ 983,646
 Balance due \$ 369,375

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 Rezakabek	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.

CATHOLIC REVIEW SUBSCRIPTION

Did you forget? Your subscription renewal or payment were due by August 1st. This is your last chance before your subscription will be canceled. All forms and payment must be in the office by August 12th.

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 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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Meghin Kendzierski and Mary Plummer from our High school Youth Ministry Program. They successfully completed and graduated from the Archdiocese of Baltimore High School Youth Leadership Institute on August 1st. (Hi-Li) Meghin graduated from the Road to Emmaus Track which focused on Peer Ministry skills and leadership. Mary graduated from the Source and Summit Track with a focus on Liturgical planning and Cantoring skills. We are very proud of them as they will be sharing their newly learned skills at our Youth Board Planning Meetings to implement them in our program. Thank you to all our parishioners and our Knights of Columbus for supporting these young ladies financially through monetary donations and our Bake Sale that we held in May. We thank you for your prayers and thank you to the Plummer and Kendzierski family for supporting our Youth Ministry program in sending their daughters on this worthy adventure.

Thank you to all those families who purchased Ironbird tickets, we had a great time on Saturday night and the fireworks were awesome!

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

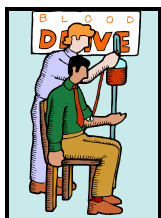
Monday, August 10, 2009	
7:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, August 11, 2009	
7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday, August 12, 2009	
6:30 p.m.	Cont. Music
Thursday, August 13, 2009	
1:00 p.m.	Bloodmobile
5:30 p.m.	Instruments & Small Group
6:45 p.m.	Cantor Practice
7:00 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	Choir
Saturday, August. 15, 2009	
.....	Sign-Up Dinner
Sunday, August 16, 2009	
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.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE



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

WHEN - Thursday, August 13th

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.



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 II

Last weekend, and for the next several 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 euthanasia in light of the proposed legislature:

- ❖ In 1997 the U.S. Supreme Court issued rulings on physician-assisted suicide and sent the issue back to the states to decide and outside of the state of Oregon, it is illegal. However, at the same time the Court reaffirmed that Americans do have the right to refuse or end life-sustaining treatment.
- ❖ There is much misinformation about what is appropriate life sustaining treatment and what is morally objectionable to refuse for oneself or for another (see the PA and MD sample "Will to Live" in the vestibule of the church – or go to <http://www.nrlc.org/euthanasia/StatesList.html> for guidelines on making your morally-sound wishes be known on life-sustaining treatment).
- ❖ The present House version of the "Affordable Health Choices Act" invites abuse by health care professionals when it comes to advising older citizens regarding end-of-life-care, and formulating a "Living Will".
- ❖ Whereas it would be in the best interest of older and/or dying patients to be able to regulate practices that are currently being used covertly for assisted suicide, the "Affordable Health Choices Act" appears to support and expand these practices.
- ❖ In a recent New York Post column, Betsy McCaughey, a former lieutenant governor of New York and health care expert, wrote: "One troubling provision of the House bill compels seniors to submit to a counseling session every five years (and more often if they become sick or go into a nursing home) about alternatives for end-of-life care (House bill,p.425-430). The sessions cover highly sensitive matters such as whether to receive antibiotics and "the use of artificially administered nutrition and hydration." This mandate invites abuse, and seniors could easily be pushed to refuse care."