

**2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 18, 2009**

FROM FATHER KUNKEL

Today's Readings

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3: 3-10, 19
1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20
Jn 1: 35-42

Readings for 1/25/09

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Jon 3: 1-5, 10
1 Cor 7: 29-31
Mk 1: 14-20

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 19, 2009

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mary Kay Bailey
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Frank Tobiasz
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Tiszl
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	9:00 a.m.	James Berrett
Saturday	4:00 p.m. HK	Grim Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. HK 9:30 a.m. PH 11:15 a.m. PH	Walter Sitek James Verchow Frances Owens

(SI) Special Intentions (B) Birthday (A) Anniversary
(HK) Fr. Kunkel (PH) Fr. Henry (LG) Fr. George

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: Catherine Beyer, Helen Blahus, Helen Burke, Angela Dionne, Jerome Dolivka, Simon Driesen, Augie Furst, Melissa Griffin, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Michelle Hall (Mark), Jessica Hynes, Marie Jourdan, Alice Kelly, Diana Keys, Bonnie LaPausky, John Layton, Wilma McConnell, Nicholas Mikolinis, Bonnie Morris, Jessica O'Shaughnessy, Don Ryan, Tiffany & Gabriella Santos, Joseph Scheach, David Traskey, Joseph Weidner, Gary Williamson.



In memory of Rose Mary Perzinski, & Janet Stabb by their family. 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. Joseph V. Marshall Jr. & Mr. Eugene Roupe Jr.



St. Mary's warmly welcomes BRAC Families. If we can do anything to make your transition to our area and parish easier, please call one of our staff. Welcome

When a car skidded on wet pavement and struck a light pole, several bystanders ran over to help the driver. A woman was the first to reach the victim, but a man rushed in and pushed her aside. "Step aside, lady," he barked! "I've taken a course in first aid!"

The woman watched him for a few minutes, then tapped his shoulder. "Pardon me," she said. "When you get to the part about calling a doctor, I'm right here!"

Christ is in our midst and we can "behold" Him in the most hidden acts of compassion, the most uncomplicated acts of justice, the most humble acts of reconciliation. "Come and you will see" is both an invitation and a challenge. Jesus dares us to COME – to abandon the things that deter us from the things of God; and to SEE – to focus our attention, not on our own needs and the things that the world exalts as important, but on the presence of God in the goodness and generosity all around us!

It may surprise us that the first words of Jesus in the Gospel of John are a rather brusque question: "What are you looking for?" Even more surprising, maybe, is the response of the would-be disciples. We might have expected them to ask Jesus about the meaning of life, or at the very least to request some snippet of teaching from this man that the Baptist had commended to them. But instead they ask a question in return: "Where are you staying?"

Perhaps that question is actually the right response for any aspiring disciple. They are not looking for answers to deep theological questions. They are not interested in philosophical speculation. They just want to be with Jesus, to stay with Him, to learn from Him. In short, they want to know Him, for who He really is. That, when you stop and think about it, is the task of anyone who wants to be a disciple!

What are we looking for? If we want to be disciples of Jesus, we need to get to know Him for who He really is. We may need others who know Him, other witnesses, to help us. And we also need to recognize that we are witness too, like Andrew, whose first action as a disciple was to tell his brother!

SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 2: 18-22
Tuesday, Hebrews 6: 10-20; Mark 2: 23-28
Wednesday, Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17; Mark 3: 1-6
Thursday, 1 Samuel 24: 3-21; Mark 3: 13-19
Friday, Hebrews 8: 6-13; Mark 3: 13-19

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF 01/25/09

Ministry	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:15
Lector	P Marroney	J Siegmund	M Krechel	R Oursler
EM	B Mank	A Chaney	M Childress	M Payan
	J Kusik	F Holtz	C Yost	M E Fonte
	M Puskar	S Muller	D Rogers	D Friedman
	B A Kloch	B Weber	L Panzer	S Friedman
Server	G Fleming		H Krechel	D Hall
	C Rutkowski		N Krechel	E Oursler
	K MacKey	B Hubbard	J Roman	T Oursler
Sacristan	A MacKey	D Hubbard	M Roman	K Fonte

FINANCIAL UPDATES

FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 4, 2009

Envelope contributors-Weekly	\$10,112.50
Offertory Loose	880.70
Poor Box	113.04
Capital Campaign Pledges	16,227.72
Holy Day	1,772.00
Envelopes Used	242
Attendance	710

FINANCES FOR WEEK OF JAN 3 TO JAN 8

Register Beginning Balance	\$ 17,415.68
Weekly Operating Income	\$ 32,183.94
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ (26,679.03)
Register Operating Net	\$ 22,920.59

Weekly Operating Profit/Loss \$ 5,504.91

Thank you—Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in giving to **your parish**. You may contribute by Electronic Funds Transfer or the Weekly Contribution Envelopes. Call the parish office, Ext. 11 if you have any questions. Let us all be good stewards with the gifts we have been given and pray God will show us the way to **tithe**.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT 2008

New Procedure!!

If you would like a contribution statement for calendar year 2008 please call Barbara, Ext. 11 or fill out this form and return to the office. Contribution statements **will not automatically be mailed. You must request one.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

CSZ: _____

Phone #: _____

THE ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL IS NOW THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL DO EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD... (1 COR. 10:31 – 11:1)

The Archbishop has approved changing the name of the **Archbishop's Lenten Appeal** to the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**. The campaign will now take place prior to Lent each year so that the Appeal does not interfere with Lenten liturgies.

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Do everything for the glory of God." Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of \$ 39,561.00. Then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received.

Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 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
Greg Seiling	PFC Derek Washel
Sgt. Daniel Martin	LCPL Joseph M.
Wheeler	Major Sean Wilson Sgt E-5 Harry
Patterson	Pv. Samuel Bursell Zachary Paup
Major Neal Salkowski	MM2 Michael Nickel

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

It is never too early to start planning. To that end I have a question, have you ever thought about volunteering in Faith Formation? Many gifts and talents welcome. Drop a note of interest in the collection that includes your name and phone number or drop me an e-mail at janet_stmarys@yahoo.com

The Celebration of First Eucharist is not that far away. Our annual Parent meeting will be held on Monday, January 19 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All parents who plan to celebrate this year should attend.

ARE YOU ATTENDING A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, ARE YOU A MARY'S PARISHIONER, DO YOU WANT TO BE CONFIRMED?

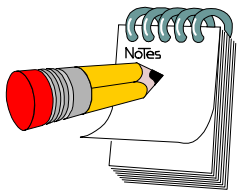
Parents and youth who are anticipating Confirmation in the Fall of 2009 should mark Monday, February 9th at 7:00pm on your calendar. An information meeting will be held at that time and classes will shortly follow. A family letter and registration form will be mailed in two weeks.

WEATHER POLICY

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS: NOW THAT WE ARE INTO THE HEART OF WINTER. IF WE NEED TO CANCEL A FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITY, YOU CAN FIND OUT IN THREE WAYS:

WBAL 1090 AM BALTIMORE, WDAC 94.5 FM LANCASTER, OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE EXTENSION 12. ALSO IF IT IS A SCHOOL DAY AND HARFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED OR CLOSE EARLY, WE ARE CLOSED.

YOUTH MINISTRY



JAM

January 23rd Basketball Free Throw
January 31st Snow Tubing Trip – Don't forget Snow Tubing permission forms due by Wednesday, January 28th. STAND certified drivers needed. Call Rachel @ 717-456-9118.

February 13th Dance Night – Rebecca Fonte & Carrienne Cicero will help us learn some new dance moves and Ms. Mary Ellen will help us learn some old Ones. Come hang out and invite your friends and try something new.

KFC

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**Attention High school folks, Back by popular demand, Kids for Christ will be meeting on the 1st Sunday of the month starting March of 2009. First Sunday Drop-in will be right after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Enjoy Hospitality Sunday and then hang-out with your friends from 1-3 p.m. March 1, 2009 KFC Drop-in.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MARCH FOR LIFE – JANUARY 22, 2009

The Respect Life Committee of St. Mary's encourages all parishioners to prayerfully consider participating in the 36th annual March For Life to be held in Washington, DC on January 22, 2009. St. Mary's Pylesville parishioners are called to present a dramatic turnout for this event so that the Country's newly-elected President and his Cabinet, elected Senators and Representatives, and appointed Supreme Court Justices, are made aware of our parish's unified support of Life.

Please consider joining this year's most important March for Life!

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER VIGIL JANUARY 21, 2009

St. Mary's Respect Life Committee will host a prayer vigil for Life in the hall on Wednesday, evening January 21st at 7:30 p.m., the eve of the March for Life (please note that the location is a change from previously announced). Whether or not you can attend the March on the 22nd, we invite you to join us on the 21st to pray for an end to legalized abortion and the universal recognition of the sanctity of human life at every stage from pre-birth to natural death.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE

Please see the following text on the 3rd "Little One" poster in the vestibule of the church:

Third Month (size: about 3 inches)

The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form. He now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

MONDAY, JANUARY 19 2009

7:00 p.m.1st Eucharist Parent Mt
 7:00 p.m.Liturgy Mtg
 7:30 p.m.Baptism Prep.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

5:15 p.m.Children's Faith Formation
 7:00 p.m.Finance Mtg
 7:00 p.m.RCIA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009

4:45 & 6:30 p.m.Children's Faith Formation
 6:30 p.m.Cont. Music Practice
 7:30 p.m.Prayer Vigil

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009

5:30 p.m.Instrument & Small Group Practice
 6:30 p.m.High School Faith Formation
 6:45 p.m.Cantor Practice
 7:30 p.m.Choir Practice
 8:00 p.m.AA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009

9:30 a.m.Women's Study Group

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009

.....Maintenance Collection

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009

.....Maintenance Collection
 6:30 p.m.Boy Scouts

ST MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009



Join in for a relaxing day of bingo and lunch. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and the low price of \$7.00 includes 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 February 3rd is:

Baked Ziti
 Garden Salad, Italian Bread
 Jell-O with Whipped Cream
 The Bingo Jackpot for January is \$200.00
 in 54 numbers or less

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

Inclement Weather Policy: If Harford County Schools open late or are closed for the day due to inclement weather Bingo will be cancelled with no make-up date.

CHURCH SIGNS

Try Jesus. If you don't like Him,
 the devil will always take you back

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2009

All married couples are cordially invited to participate in a special Mass and reception with Archbishop O'Brien at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore, Sunday, February 8th at 3:00 p.m. Celebrate and pray for marriage and families. The Mass will be bilingual and interpreted for the deaf.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Couples celebrating their 50th or 25th anniversary in 2009, please call the Anniversary chair couple, Darla and Chris Phillips, 410-987-4210, or email wmdjubiell@gmail.com by February 1, 2009 to receive special recognition at the Mass, on February 8, 2009 at the Cathedral.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU

A Big Thank You to our entire fellow parishioner's from the Knights of Columbus Council #10100 for all the support you gave us through-out the year last year. We had a very good Car Raffle, unfortunately no one from our parish or our sister parish St. Edwards won either the car/truck or the TV. Our Tootsie Roll Campaign was also a great success and more will be coming about that from the chairman Stan Markowski. Our Turkey Shoot was also once again very successful due to your support.

A Big Thank you also goes out to the youth of the parish that participated in our first Soccer Shoot Out contest. Although the turnout was smaller than hoped for we did have fun. Along with winners that not only won at Council level but also went on to District level shoot out and even State level shoot out. I would like to let everyone know our winners.

- ❖ They were Council Level winners: Girls Brianna Hall, Ana Enders, and Alexis Enders.
- ❖ Boy winners were: Shane Fifer, Joseph Bittner, Nathan Carter, and Alex Caldwell.
- ❖ District Level winners: Alexis Enders and Brianna Hall.

Unfortunately no one from our council parish won anything at State Level. Once again congratulations to all our winners from the entire council.

HEALTH CARE NOTES: THYROID AWARENESS

Thyroid cancer is one of the fastest growing cancers in America and is one of the most curable. If you think you have a thyroid enlargement or you are concerned about your health, talk to your physician. Your thyroid is very important to your overall health. The Association of Endocrinologists published a "Top Ten List" for people to be aware of:

- ❖ Up to 27 million people may be affected by thyroid disease although half may be undiagnosed
- ❖ Thyroid disorders are more common in females.
- ❖ Thyroid disease tends to run in families.
- ❖ Fatigue is a common complaint for both under and over active thyroid disease.
- ❖ TSH testing is the most accurate screen (a blood test).
- ❖ If you have a malfunctioning thyroid gland, regular check-ups are a must.
- ❖ Changes in dosage of thyroid drugs should be followed by retesting.
- ❖ Only a physician should change thyroid medicine dosage.
- ❖ If you are pregnant, your thyroid condition should be carefully monitored.
- ❖ Thyroid cancer is one of the fastest growing cancers and is one of the most curable.

For more information, check the American Association of Endocrinologists website is, thyroidawareness.com