

**4th SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2009**

FROM FATHER KUNKEL

Today's Readings

4th Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23
Eph 2: 4-10
Jn 3: 14-21

Readings for 3/29/09

5th Sunday of Lent
Jer 31: 31-34
Heb 5: 7-9
Jn 12: 20-33

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 23, 2009

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Frank Tobiasz
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Jessica Amelang
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	James H. Johnson Jr.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Rose Mary Klunk
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Grim Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Jodie Glackin (SI) Jennie Zebron Sr. Mary P Newman SSND

(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, Augie Furst, Melissa Griffin, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Michelle Hall (Mark), 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.

As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting: Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

"PENNIES FOR THE POOR"

St. Mary's would like to thank the 3rd grade students for their donation to the "Pennies for the Poor". The total of your donation is \$12.72. Thank you for helping the Poor.

Some time ago, in Lynn Johnston's daily new spaper comic strip, "For Better or For Worse," Grampa, whose wife passed away is in the process of closing up his own small house and moving in with his daughter and her family. Seven-year old granddaughter April is ecstatic.

"Honest, Grampa? You're really coming to live with us!"

"Yes, but I'll have to sell my little house first," Grampa explains. Then he starts to reflect on the reality of what he is facing:

"Oh, my . . . now that I think about it, this is an awfully big decision. I'll have to get rid of some things! But when you're my age, that's what you do, April. You give up things that aren't so important anymore. All I really need to have with me are a few special treasures," Grampa says, and then he picks up April and says, "and you're one of those treasures!"

Throughout our lives, we accumulate so many things that, frankly, bog us down on our journey to God! Not only the things themselves, but the pursuit of those things distract us from the real joys and meaning of life. They also distort our vision of the world as God created it to be. Lent (which comes from the old English word for spring) is the season for a "spring cleaning" of our spirits and souls. It is a special time to drive out whatever distracts us from the values of God. It is a time to restore an awareness of God's presence in every moment of our lives.

What Jesus did in the temple, we must do in our lives. We must drive out the "money changers" who shortchange us on the time and attention we must give to whatever makes our lives less than what God created us to be! Think about it!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Archbishop O'Brien is introducing a great new opportunity for all of you during Lent. It is called "The Light is on for You!" What it entails is very simple – This Lent Catholic Churches across the entire Archdiocese of Baltimore will be open for Confessions each Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. No matter where you are, if you are near a Church in our Archdiocese you can "pop" in and go to confession!

BAPTISM

Through the Holy Waters of Baptism, we welcome into St. Mary's Faith Community...Robert Lee & Sandra Lee children of Robert Lee Gootee, Mason & Madeleine children of Christopher & Jennifer Oslzewski.



**HOLY THURSDAY
FEET WASHING**

It has been a tradition here at St. Mary's to have parishioners volunteer for the Feet Washing that is part of the Holy Thursday Celebration. Each year we ask for volunteers to sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the church and come on Holy Thursday for this very holy and special celebration.

DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY

On October 5, 1938 a young religious by the name of Sister Faustina died in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. She came from a very poor family that had struggled hard on their little farm during the terrible years of World War I. Sister had only three years of very simple education. Her's were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen, the vegetable garden, or as porter.

On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to this simple nun bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all humanity. As a special sign of His forgiving love, Jesus called for a Feast of the Divine Mercy to be celebrated in the whole Church. We will do this here at St. Mary's on the Sunday after Easter. For each week of Lent, we will be offering you a short reflection. These reflections are messages from Saint Faustina's diary.

FOURTH WEEK – THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY (DIARY #1320) At three o'clock implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF 03/29/09

Ministry	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:15
Priest	PH	LG	LG	HK
Lector	S McCain	J Healy	L Hebert	B Kiedrowski
EM	B A Kloch	J Siegmund	L Payne	M Payan
	D Hughes	K Kiedrowski	K Ayers	C Era
	L Fritz	D Walther	L Hall	J Windsor
	P Fritz	J Walther	L Panzer	P Era
Server	G Fleming	A Usselman	K Dieter	A Kufera
	A Baliko	R Blevins	O'Shaughnessy	N Sexton
	K Perzinski		J Glackin	S Greeson
Sacristan	S Martin	M Blevins	J Bocek	

FINANCIAL UPDATES

FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 15, 2009

Envelope Contributors	\$ 6,167.50
Offertory Loose	841.00
Poor Box (Birthright)	100.53
Capital Campaign Pledges	2,147.48
Diocesan Collection	1,066.80
Envelopes Used	218
Attendance	758

FINANCES FOR WEEK OF MAR 6 TO MAR 12

Register Beginning Balance	\$ 5,368.97
Weekly Operating Income	\$ 12,994.67
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ (5,396.34)
Register Operating Net	\$ 12,967.30
Weekly Operating Profit/Loss	\$ 7,598.33

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**.

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
LCPL Joseeph M. Wheeler	Major Sean Wilson
Sgt E-5 Harry Patterson	Pv. Samuel Bursell
Zachary Paup	Lt. Col Neil 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.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION NIGHTS

April 2, 2009

St. Bernadine School
3601 Old Frederick Rd., Baltimore

April 23, 2009

Archbishop Borders School
201 S. Conkling Street, Baltimore

Presented by the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Baltimore Child Abuse Center Topics will include:

- ❖ Definition of child sexual abuse, its signs, symptoms and effects.
- ❖ Laws that effect child sexual abuse, mandated reporters and confidentiality.
- ❖ How to respond if your child discloses that he/she were sexually abused.
- ❖ Tips for keeping your child safe.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

There will be a meeting for parents during faith formation sessions on March 24th and 25th to bring parents up to date about the renovation of the Education building and the new addition and how it will affect faith formation next year (primarily by moving from the Education building to the Church). We will also have a short presentation on Human Sexuality for Children and the distribution of materials.

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.

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

KFC

April 4th – Youth Pilgrimage
April 5th – KFC Drop In – 1-3 p.m.

JAM

Supper and Stations from 5-7 p.m. and join us at 8:00 p.m. in the Hall for Movie and snacks.

JOINT EVENTS

March 27th Youth Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
April 10th – Day Hike to Falling Branch All Youth
April 11th – Easter Egg Hunt All Youth



EASTER EGG HUNT

Mark your calendars for St. Mary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 11th at 12 noon, rain or shine. Youth of all ages are invited to participate in the hunt. Bring your basket and have some fun.

All parish families are asked to donate a bag of appropriate wrapped egg sized candy during the month of March. Donation boxes will be in the parish hall and in the vestibule of the church. No peanut butter eggs or peanut candy. Please help us to help the children by donating the candy.

Are you a Confirmation student looking for hours? Come help us stuff Easter eggs for the hunt on the April 5th KFC Sunday drop-in from 1-3 p.m. You can also help the day of the hunt, come April 11th at 10:00 a.m. with one dozen cupcakes for the children and help hide the eggs. Call Mrs. Denise Cicero @ 410-557-9368 to volunteer.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP WE NEED YOUR REGISTRATION NOW!!!

Anyone planning to attend Catholic Heart Work Camp we need your registration NOW!!! We will be traveling to Providence, RI, from June 28 – July 4, 2009 to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who need our help. We still have a few slots open. Please call the Parish Office at the Youth Ministry ext. 23.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

ST MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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 April 14th is:

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes
Succotash, Dinner Rolls & Coconut Cake

The Bingo Jackpot for April is \$225.00
in 55 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.

EASTER BASKET ADOPTION

In conjunction with our Easter Holiday food baskets, we also reach out to the children for an Easter basket. Please call Barbara, Ext. 11, to adopt a child or children for Easter. You MUST call the parish office to get the information on age, sex and family number. Please do not bring a basket without this information tagged to the basket. Easter baskets must be tagged and returned to the parish office by March 29th. Please Don't delay, call today. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



MARYLAND RESIDENT ALERT

Maryland residents: contact your state legislators immediately to urge them to vote "no" to HB474/SB566. This dangerous piece of legislation would add a broadly defined category of "gender identity" to the state's existing anti-discrimination law. Because the bill's broad definition of "gender identity" includes "expression and behavior," men are not required to have undergone a sex change operation. The Maryland Retailers Association has purportedly agreed to allow men to enter women's bathrooms.

It puts women and children at risk as it has no exemptions to keep males out of women's bathrooms or locker rooms. It puts business owners, landlords, day care centers, schools, and even churches at risk because it imposes fines for "discrimination" in hiring or even attempting to control use of public restrooms.

In fact, it adds special rights to less than 1/10th of 1% of the population and takes away rights of the other 99.9%.

Call your legislators today at 310-970-5000. House Committee: 301-858-3770/Senate Committee: 301-858-3623. For more information, go to www.NotMyShower.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009

7:30 p.m. Belles of St. Mary's
 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

10:00 a.m. Bingo Meeting
 4:45 & 6:30 p.m. Children's Faith Formation
 4:45 & 6:30 p.m. Parent Mtg
 6:30 p.m. Cont. Music
 7:00 -8:30 p.m. Confessions

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

5:30 p.m. Instrument & Small Group Practice
 6:00 p.m. 1st Eucharist Prep Mtg
 6:30 p.m. High School FF
 6:45 p.m. Cantor Practice
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 8:00 p.m. AA

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009

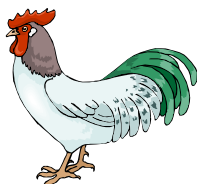
12:00 p.m. 1st Communion Retreat
 Grocery Bags Returned
 Sign-Up Chicken Dinner
 Boy Scout Easter Egg Sale

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

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 Grocery Bags Returned
 Sign-Up Chicken Dinner
 Boy Scout Easter Egg Sale
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

SPRING FRIED CHICKEN DINNER APRIL 25, 2009

12:00 NOON TO 6:00PM



We need your **time, talent and treasure**.

Time: Just 4 hours of your busy schedule or better yet, 8 hours would be great.

Talent: We need all the talent we can get to have the day be a success.

Treasure: Supporting the parish by buying a dinner ticket even if you are working and paying for that extra chicken and rolls sold at the end of the day.

Stewards-(Volunteers)-Approximately 300 stewards are needed for the preparation, day of the dinner and clean up. Don't always count on the other person to volunteer. We need everyone to do his or her share. If necessary sign up will continue next weekend, **March 21st & 22nd** Sign up the easy way--call Lucy, 410-557-8671. Please mark your calendar for this important fundraiser. We need everyone to participate in order to serve our visitors in a friendly and courteous manner.

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

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2009

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS EVERY FRIDAY _____ 5:00 PM
 (PROVIDED BY CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES)

CONFESSIONS – EVERY WEDNESDAY _____ 7:00 -8:30 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY
 FRIDAY _____ 7:00 PM

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE,
 MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009 _____ 7:30 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 4 & 5TH) MASSES
 SATURDAY _____ 4:00 PM
 SUNDAY _____ 8:00 AM –9:30 AM & 11:15 AM
 CHORAL PRESENTATION _____ 4:00 PM

CHRISM MASS MONDAY _____ 7:30 PM
 CATHEDRAL OF MARY OUR QUEEN

HOLY THURSDAY
 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER _____ 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS _____ 3:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING
 SERVICE _____ 7:30 PM
 (Holy Land Collection)

HOLY SATURDAY FOOD
 BLESSING _____ 1:00 PM

(NO 4:00 AND 6:00 P.M. MASSES)
 EASTER VIGIL _____ 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
 CHURCH & HALL _____ 8:00 – 9:30 – 11:15 AM

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY
 AND EASTER MONDAY

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 28th 2009 HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT THE ROCKS

Price - \$8.00 fro adults, \$7.00 for seniors (60+) and \$ 3.00 for children (5 to 12). Time is 4-7 p.m.. Join your community with an evening of fellowship. Located ½ mile south of 165 on Rte 24. For more information call 419-452-5502.