



St. Mary Church

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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY: 5:15PM

SUNDAY:

7:30AM — 9:30AM — 11:30AM

5:00PM (EXTRAORDINARY FORM)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

SATURDAY:

11:30AM TO 12 NOON

4:00 TO 4:45PM

ROSARY:

MONDAY — SATURDAY 8:00AM

NOVENA:

WEDNESDAY 8:00AM

ST. MICHAEL, 31 S. Martin St.

Clear Spring, MD 21722

SUNDAY MASS

10:30AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

BEFORE MASS

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PATRICIA A. MCDERMOTT

PRINCIPAL

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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION

AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY AT

ST. MARIA GORETTI CHAPEL

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28, 2018



Jesus healing the blind man near Jericho

Mark 10:46-52

Artist: Eustache Le Sueur or Lesueur (1617-1655)

Parish Mission Statement

We are a Eucharist-centered community, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished and strengthened by the sacramental life of the Church, who welcomes, accepts and celebrates our unity, as persons created in the image and likeness of God.

Child Protective Services 240-420-2222

This number is manned 24-7 to call for reporting suspect child abuse or neglect.

Dear Parishioners,

If you haven't had a chance to read my column from last week (21 October 2018) regarding the Pastoral Council nominations, please ask an usher for a copy or visit our website: <http://www.saintmarysonline.org/bulletins>

Election day is coming up, and while mid-term elections don't seem to get our attention as do presidential elections, it's still important to inform our consciences before casting our ballots. Here are a few resources to help you do so. They are also posted on the home page of our website for easier access.

<http://www.mdcathcon.org/elections>

<https://www.ewtn.com/vote/>

<https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/InFocus/Article/TabId/721/ArtMID/13629/ArticleID/19875/A-guide-to-Catholic-voting.aspx>

And even before election day is All Saints Day and Halloween.

Please, of course remember that All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. We have Mass on October 31 at 7:30 pm, November 1 at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

But please also be attentive to the way you (and your kids!) observe Halloween.

There is a very thorough article on a very real danger associated with Halloween.

Below I provide a very practical excerpt from an article on a very real danger associated with Halloween, but you can read the whole thing here:

<https://www.hprweb.com/2015/10/halloween-neither-a-trick-nor-a-treat/>

Another article is complimentary in providing ways that we can more appropriately observe Halloween:

<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/why-catholics-should-embrace-halloween>

I realize that I'm giving you a lot to digest here! I don't expect you to do it all at once, but I do hope you dedicate a few minutes here and there over the next few days as both of these topics demand our attention.

You are in my daily prayers.

May God bless you and keep you in His care, and may the Blessed Mother intercede for you,

Father Cibelli

From "Halloween: Neither A Trick Nor A Treat" by Fr. Jacek Stefanski:

Dressing up in costumes that stand for demons, goblins, witches, and vampires is not the same as putting on a mask with the face of J. F. Kennedy, or a shirt similar to the one used by Elvis Presley. Exorcists have been finding out that when we start playing with something that resembles Satan, and his demons, we open ourselves to these malevolent creatures' influence, which is not just something psychological or intellectual in nature.¹ Satan sees such behavior as an invitation on our part: an open door to his evil spiritual influence on the minds and souls of human beings. As exorcists confirm unequivocally, even if we are not consciously seeking demonic influence, it is still possible for us to be dangerously affected by it. Actually, it is a lot easier for the devil to enter into the mind of those who think nothing of things that "innocently" resemble the devil. So while it is true that there is an unhealthy intellectual and psychological aspect which negatively influences children dressing up in costumes of demons, witches, goblins, and vampires, there is an even more serious area which we should be concerned about: the spiritual aspect of demonic activity which appears innocent and harmless. It becomes more dangerous, because the innocent appearance of evil desensitizes us to what we are dealing with. Let us never forget that it is not only members of Satanic cults who enter into a spiritual relationship with Satan. A spiritual relationship with the devil can take place in various degrees. It does not always have to end up in diabolical possession. But, as exorcists warn, exposing kids to something which has some kind of a demonic connotation, draws the risk of entering into a relationship with the devil. It is like a slightly open window that a thief sees from a distance: for him it is a signal which he interprets as an invitation to enter into the house. Dressing up children in costumes of all kinds of evil spirits and creatures, hanging pumpkins outside the house with evil faces carved on them, is like sending an invitation card to the devil by express mail. We can be assured that the devil will get interested in the invitation. But once he comes, it will not be that easy to fend him off.

St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions**Oct. 29 — Nov. 4, 2018**

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	10/29	6:30	Matt Beckovich
		8:30	Dr. Charles Spencer
Tuesday	10/30	6:30	Special Intentions of Rekha Tandel
		8:30	David Jennings
Wednesday	10/31	6:30	Special Intentions of Daisy Davila & family
		8:30	Peggy and Robert Baker
		7:30	Georgio Spada
Thursday	11/1	6:30	St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parishioners
		8:30	Richard Walla
		10:30	Sister Corda
		6:30pm	Deceased of Daly and Donoghue Families
Friday	11/2	6:30	Erik Gregg
		10:30	Elaine Cibelli
		12:00pm	Holy Father's Intention
		6:30pm	All Souls
Saturday	11/3	8:30	Poor Souls
		5:15	William Hudson, Jr.
Sunday	11/4	7:30	Bridget A. McKendrick
		9:30	William Wisner
		11:30	James Gray
		5:00pm	Elaine Cibelli
<i>St. Michael</i>	11/4	10:30am	St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parishioners

Readings for October 28 — November 4, 2018

Sunday	10/28	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52
Monday	10/29	Weekday Eph 4:32 — 5:8 / Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	10/30	Weekday Eph 5:21-33 / Lk 13:18-21
Wed.	10/31	Weekday Eph 6:1-9 / Lk 13:22-30
Thurs.	11/1	ALL SAINTS Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1st Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a
Friday	11/2	ALL SOULS DAY Eph 4:1-6 / Lk 12:54-59
Sat.	11/3	Saint Martin de Porres, Religious — BVM Phil 1:18b-26 / Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	11/4	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 6:2-6 / Heb 7:23-28 / Mk 12:28b-34



St. Mary's will again be hosting a weekend at the **REACH Cold Weather Shelter** in Hagerstown. Volunteers are needed November 11 - 17. Volunteer positions include check-in, laundry, kitchen help, overnight, breakfast and hospitality. Your selflessness and compassion during our week hosting at REACH cannot be measured. Those we help are truly grateful for your time and kindness. Contact Katie Leatherman (leatherman.katie@gmail.com or [240-291-2932](tel:240-291-2932)) to participate. Volunteers will need to complete a volunteer application; this can be done online using the following link. <https://reachofwc.org/volunteer-application/>

Apologies for the incorrect Mass Intentions in last week's bulletin. Here is the intentions that should have been published:

***Monday, 10/22**
6:30

SI of John Carroll & Family
8:30
Georgio Spada

***Tuesday, 10/23**
6:30

SI of Matt & Peggy Ann Carroll
8:30
Richard Walla

Wednesday, 10/24
6:30

James & Joan
St. Ledger
8:30

Raymond Wetzel

Thursday, 10/25
6:30

Gluse Nam
8:30

SI of Peggy & Matt Carroll

Friday, 10/26
6:30

Thomas C. Myers

Saturday, 10/27
8:30

SI of John Carroll & Family
5:15

Bill Hudson & SI of Kitty Hudson

Sunday, 10/28
7:30

Bernard & Bridget Womack
9:30

Matt Carroll
11:30

Bridget Nirappel
5pm

Szele-Hadford Families

*The Masses for Monday and Tuesday have been rescheduled.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

RESPECT LIFE

Right to Life: -- There's an abortion facility in Hagerstown at 160 W. Washington St, Suite 100, just 3 doors from St. Mary Church, and there's a serious need for adults and children to be there praying for a change of mind of those entering. There's an opportunity for sidewalk counseling if you're comfortable doing that, but first, prayer at the site is very powerful. Volunteers are needed 2 days each week: **every Thursday and every other Tuesday from 9 to 11 AM; every other Saturday from 8 to 11 AM.** Open Tuesday, November 6; Thursday, November 1, 8, and 15; and Saturday, November 3 and 17. We also need another "shift" to stay until the women come out after the abortion so we can provide some help. Please email Janet Neel dneel@myactv.net.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The Fall Campaign of **40 Days for Life - Wednesday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018.** God is faithful, and He will use your faithful prayer vigil presence in front of the local abortion facility at 160 W. Washington St. to save the lives of the most innocent among us, the preborn children, and their mothers from a lifetime of regret. We do not attempt to cover with our presence the entire 24 hours/day, 7 days per week of the 40 days campaign; but is it too much to ask of every one of us (who is physically capable) that we put our faith in action and come to pray in front of this facility at least once during the 2 days each week this place performs abortions? Former abortion workers have stated that the more people who are praying in front of the facility absolutely impacts the number of women who go through with their abortion. Our prayerful presence sends a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion (many people stop and tell us they did not even know what happens here). It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility. See Right to Life notice in bulletin for more details.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel	Signup: Key card
St. Maria Goretti High School	St. Ann,
Current hours need	Donna Louzon,
Monday: 9am, 12Noon	301-733-0410 x10
Tuesday: 11pm	dlouzon@stannchurch.com
Wednesday: 12am	adorationpro.org/annmd
Friday: 1am, 5pm	For more info contact
Saturday: 5pm, 7pm, 10pm	Mr./Mrs. Ott
Sunday: 12Noon, 11pm	301-739-4167

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade, Sat., Nov. 10, 2018, from 10:30-11:30am, at the Natl. Shrine Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes, Mount St. Mary's Univ., Emmitsburg, MD. Come join us in prayer and bring your family and friends! Questions? Call Pat Oliver at 301-845-8253. Rosary Crusades are always on the second Saturday of each month, 10:30-11:30am, at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. As Blessed Mother Teresa said "Everything begins with prayer."



Society of St. Vincent de Paul — Anyone experiencing a hardship is encouraged to contact the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Help Line** for assistance (**301-739-0390 ext. 124**). Your contributions to the poor box are appreciated!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its national orientation program—**Ozanam Orientation**—on **Saturday, November 3, 2018, 8:30am – 3:30 pm**, at **The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727**. The program provides an overview of the history, spirituality, organization, and current endeavors of the Society, as well as a home visit segment. New members, prospective members, and interested persons are introduced to what it means to be a Vincentian. Existing members are reacquainted with Vincentian spirituality, heritage, and practices; gain new insights, sharing and learning with members from other parish Conferences. There is no fee to attend but registration is required. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and all materials. To register please contact Amy Lamke 410-662-0500, ext. 207 or Amy.Lamke@vincentbaltimore.org Mail-in forms are also available in the church vestibule.

Stewardship**St. Mary's**

10/21/2018	Attendance	808
Offertory	\$7,172.06	
Online Giving	\$2,827.70	
Total	\$9,999.76	

Total Amount Needed \$18,727**

****This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Mary to break even for fiscal year 2019**

Poor Box	\$137.00
School Support	\$158.00
World Mission	\$587.00

Stewardship**St. Michael's**

10/21/2018	Attendance	55
Offertory	\$722.00	
World Mission	\$ 10.00	

Total Amount Needed \$658**

***This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Michael to break even for fiscal year 2019**

Wine — Eucharist — Candles

If you would like to sponsor the Wine, Eucharist, Flowers, or Candles in "Honor" or "Memory" of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office 301-739-0390.

The following is the price for **monthly** sponsorships.

Wine -- \$200.00

Eucharist -- \$100.00

(\$300.00 for both)

Votive Candles -- \$100.00

Individuals selecting to sponsor any of the above will be acknowledged in the weekly bulletin.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on November 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD and February 8-10, 2019 or October 25-27, 2019 also in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up! Early registration is highly recommended.

Called to Greatness Youth Group

All 9th—12th graders are welcome!

Upcoming events:

November 2nd: **CtG Meeting**, 7:00pm

November 16th: **CtG Meeting**, 7:00pm

November 23rd, 5:00pm—24th, 6:30pm:

**NET Ministries Retreat**

Join us right here at St. Mary's for an overnight retreat led by an awesome team of 11 young missionaries from across the US. The retreat will include talks, prayer, music, group discussions, games, meals, and conclude with the 5:15pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Please plan to attend and invite a friend to join you.

"The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." Benedict XVI

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift....

We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called *gift* because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; *grace* since it is given even to the guilty; *Baptism* because sin is buried in the water; *anointing* for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; *enlightenment* because it radiates light; *clothing* since it veils our shame; *bath* because it washes; and *seal* as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship.

St. Mary's offers the **gift of baptism** on the **second and fourth Saturdays** of each month at **12:30pm**. **Baptism Class** is scheduled the first Sunday of each month in the **Conference Room of the Parish Center from 12:30 to 1:30pm**.

It is very important that babies be baptized as soon as possible and preferably within six weeks of birth. Therefore, Fr. Cibelli is offering this sacrament more often. A good precedence would be, as soon as parents begin to announce their pregnancy, to call and schedule their baptism agenda shortly after.

Please keep in mind, Mass attendance is a requirement for the Sacrament of Baptism to occur.

Call the Parish Office **301-739-0390 ext. 110**, Paula will assist you.