

# St. Mary Church



St. Michael 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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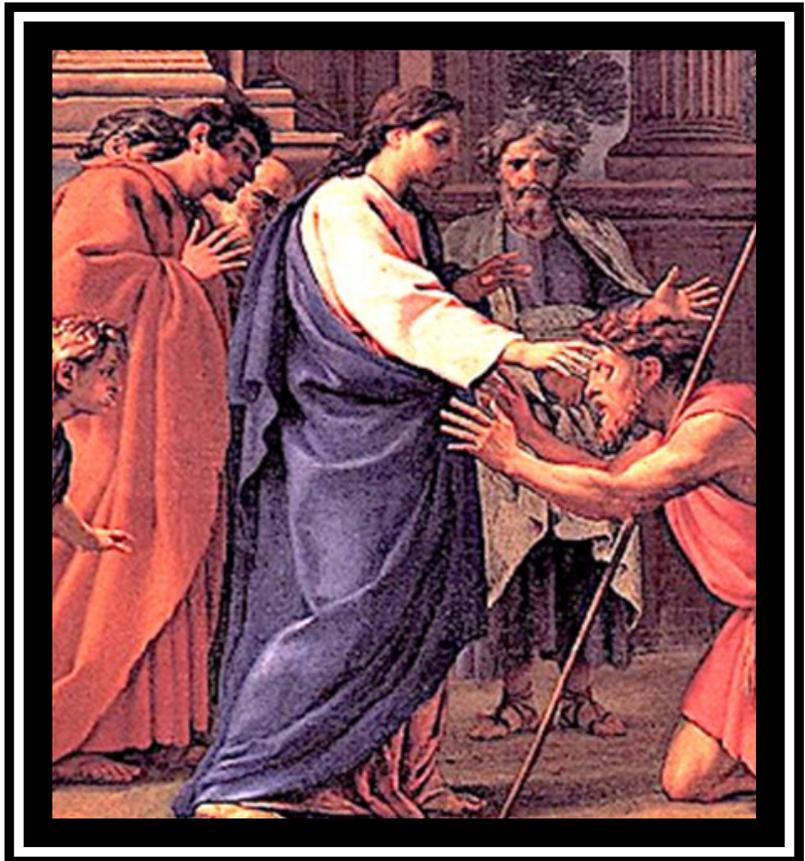
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**[www.stmarycatholicsschool.org](http://www.stmarycatholicsschool.org)**

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

**AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY AT  
ST. MARIA GORETTI CHAPEL**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 9, 2018



He looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him,  
“Ephphatha!”—that is, “Be opened!”—  
and immediately the man’s ears were opened.

(Gospel)

**Eustache Le Sueur (1616-1655)**  
**Christ Healing the Blind Man**

*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.

Dear Parishioners,

Have you noticed you never receive emails from St. Mary's? Maybe you're happy about that! But if you're interested in receiving email or text communications from us, please keep reading. We are finally starting to make use of a service called FlockNote. FlockNote allows parishioners to sign up to receive emails and/or text messages from St. Mary's according to the preference of the one who signs up. To start with, we are going to try and email the Sunday bulletin to anyone who would like to receive it. There are also groups to join to receive notifications regarding daily Mass and special events. If you are interested in exploring the possibilities, follow this link in your web browser (<https://app.flocknote.com/saintmarysonline/dashboard>) or **send a text message to phone number 84576 with the phrase STMARYCC as the content**

Over the summer, I asked you to read an article in Baltimore Magazine about the opioid epidemic we are suffering through here in Hagerstown and also to pray about what we might do to help. One of the responses to this request can be found in back of church under the image of Divine Mercy. One of our parishioners composed a prayer especially for those suffering from addiction. I encourage you to take a copy and make good use of it.

I mentioned briefly last week that we will be hosting the Rosary Congress again this year. The Rosary Congress will begin with the 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday October 7 and conclude with the 5:15 Mass on Saturday, October 13. Both the opening and closing Masses will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Hagerstown. More details will be coming, but please mark your calendars now!

There are still some details we need to work out with the parking lot, but I'm sure you're glad we can use it again! Please note the following:

During the school day, the primary lot will be closed like in the past.

There are now several parking spaces near the garage that can be used even during school. We will soon have signs on them designating their use during the week, but the short of it is, please use these for short periods of time (i.e. less than an hour) if you are visiting our campus during the school day.

These same parking spaces are available to everyone outside of school hours, especially on Saturday and Sunday.

If you have to visit the parish office during the school day, please go to the east gate (the one closest to the parish center). There you will find an intercom. Please press the button with the green bell, and Paula will be happy to help you.

For those in wheel chairs or similar, you can go to the intercom by the gate in between the church and the primary lot and follow the same procedure above.

Visitors to the school must go to the main entrance to the school on Washington Street.

The next days for prayer, fasting, and reparation to the Sacred as a way to help heal the wounds caused by those clerics who have abused their power, especially for the healing of their victims, will be the "Ember Days" of September 19, 21, and 22. More details to come. Thank you for considering participating in this effort.

And finally, please remember going forward we are keeping the Summer Mass schedule: 5:15 pm (Saturday), 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm (Sunday). You can find my homily regarding the decision on our website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. We can speak for a few minutes after Mass or you can ask Paula to set up an appointment. I am happy even just to listen.

Please know of my daily prayers for each of you.

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

Father Cibelli

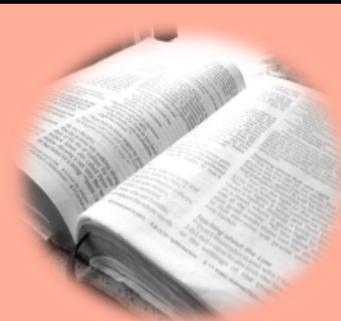
## *St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions* *September 10 — 16, 2018*

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	9/10	6:30	Poor Souls
		8:30	Thomas Terano
Tuesday	9/11	6:30	Jim Sword
		8:30	Richard Walla
Wednesday	9/12	6:30	Bridget Nirappel
		8:30	Pauline Allison
Thursday	9/13	6:30	Vocations to Priesthood
		8:30	Special Intentions of Fr. Carleton Jones
Friday	9/14	6:30	Jim Shives
Saturday	9/15	8:30	Jim Shives
		5:15	Special Intentions of the Lafollette Family
Sunday	9/16	7:30	James and Joan St. Ledger
		9:30	Special Intentions of Rocky Burger
		11:30	Jim Shives
		5:00PM	Jim Sword
<i>St. Michael</i>	9/16	10:30am	St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parishioners



## **Readings for September 9 — 16, 2018**

Sunday	9/9	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Isaiah 35:4-7a / James 2:1-5 / Mark 7:31-37
Monday	9/10	<b>Weekday</b> 1st Corinthians 5:1-8 / Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday	9/11	<b>Weekday</b> 1st Corinthians 6:1-11 / Luke 6:12-19
Wed.	9/12	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> 1st Corinthians 7:25-31 / Luke 6:20-26
Thurs.	9/13	<b>Saint John of Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> 1st Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Luke 6:27-38
Friday	9/14	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17
Sat.	9/15	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 1st Corinthians 10:14-22 / John 19:25-27
Sunday	9/16	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Isaiah 50:5-9a / James 2:14-18 / Mark 8:27-35



## Registration for the next school year CCD program is going on now.

The CCD Sunday School of Religion begins today, Sunday, September 9 after the 9:30 Mass. Classes are held from 10:45 to 12:15 each Sunday for children in Pre-school to eighth grade. For more information call **Jan McCarter, 301-739-0390 ext. 129.**

Perpetual Adoration Chapel  
St. Maria Goretti High School  
Current hours needed:

Monday: 9am, 12Noon  
Tuesday: 11pm  
Wednesday: 12am  
Friday: 1am, 5pm  
Saturday: 5pm, 7pm,  
10pm  
Sunday: 12Noon, 11pm

Key card: St. Ann, Donna Louzon,  
301-733-0410 x10  
[dlouzon@stannchurch.com](mailto:dlouzon@stannchurch.com)  
Signup: [adorationpro.org/annmd](http://adorationpro.org/annmd)



Contact: Mr./Mrs. Ott 301-739-4167

**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, September 11 and 25; Thursday, September 13, 20, and 27; and Saturday, September 22. 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](mailto:dneel@myactv.net) if you can help.

Put your paws up and running shoes on for **Holy Child's 8th Annual Tiger Trot 5K Run/Walk**, which will take place on **Sunday, September 23 at 8:30 a.m.** After the scenic race, the finish line celebration and awards ceremony will include music, kid rides and entertainment as well as food and drinks – free to all runners and families. This is a fun-filled morning for the whole family. This community event is expected to see more than 400 people on the Holy Child campus! Go to [www.holychild.org/tigertrot5k](http://www.holychild.org/tigertrot5k) to register!



### 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 extension 124**). Your contributions to the poor box are appreciated!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

**K of C Car Raffle Tickets** now for sale. \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5. 1st Prize is 2019 Ford Mustang or \$18K. Raffle benefits local Catholic School scholarships. Drawing is **10/6/18**. See a Knight to purchase tickets.

**Pangborn Ladies Auxiliary** is having a **Craft & Vendor Fair** on Sat., **Sept. 22nd at the K of C Hall**. For info on being a vendor, please contact Darlene at [proudmom31@hotmail.com](mailto:proudmom31@hotmail.com).

**Bingo Bingo Bingo.** Every Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall (20340 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742) Starting at 6:45 pm we conduct 34 bingo games for the public. Please join us and have fun.

The **Columbus Hall** or the **Pavilion** are available for rental. Please call 301-739-9019 for more information.

**Next Admissions Degree** will be Thursday, **September 13th at 8pm.**

Inquiries about the local Knights of Columbus Pangborn Council should be should be made to our Grand Knight, Fred Nugent, at [frednugent@myactv.net](mailto:frednugent@myactv.net).

Stewardship		St. Mary's
9/2/2018	Attendance	705
	Offertory	\$8,888.50
	Online Giving	\$3,892.70
	Total	\$12,781.20
	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	\$62.70
	School Support	\$136.00
	Other	\$177.00

Stewardship		St. Michael's
9/2/2018	Attendance	42
	Offertory	\$634.00
*This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Michael to break even for fiscal year 2019		

Father,

**I recently heard a priest say that you don't have to go to confession to ask Jesus to forgive your sins. He led me to believe that we can have this confession between ourselves and Jesus. Is this a real confession?**

It certainly is true that we can receive God's forgiveness outside of the sacrament of Confession, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks of several ways of obtaining this sort of forgiveness. However, we must remember both the overall benefit of and the necessity of the Sacrament of Confession with regard to venial and mortal sins. The Sacrament of Confession, even frequently, is good as a remedy for venial sin and a guard against mortal sin. The Sacrament of Confession is *necessary* when we have sinned mortally. This also leads us to consider the difference between imperfect and perfect contrition. Below you will find several passages from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* regarding the forgiveness of sins outside of confession. Next week I will offer further insights into the use of the Sacrament of Confession for both venial and mortal sins.

Sincerely, Father Cibelli

#### V. The Many Forms of Penance in Christian Life

1434 The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving,<sup>31</sup> which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. Alongside the radical purification brought about by Baptism or martyrdom they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: effort at reconciliation with one's neighbor, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one's neighbor, the intercession of the saints, and the practice of charity "which covers a multitude of sins."<sup>32</sup>

1435 Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right,<sup>33</sup> by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.<sup>34</sup>

1436 Eucharist and Penance. Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist, for in it is made present the sacrifice of Christ which has reconciled us with God. Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened. "It is a remedy to free us from our daily faults and to preserve us from mortal sins."<sup>35</sup>

1437 Reading Sacred Scripture, praying the Liturgy of the Hours and the Our Father - every sincere act of worship or devotion revives the spirit of conversion and repentance within us and contributes to the forgiveness of our sins.

1438 The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice.<sup>36</sup> These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works).

The 1949 Baltimore Catechism No. 3 asks the question: Why should we go to confession frequently? The response is: We should go to confession frequently because frequent confession greatly helps us to overcome temptation, to keep in the state of grace, and to grow in virtue. It is not necessary to go to confession before every Communion, provided one has not sinned mortally. One can best be guided about frequent confession by one's confessor (number 294).