

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

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Baptism / Confirmation

Baptisms are held on Saturdays by appointment or the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Confirmation is conferred in the Tenth Grade. Please contact Rita Danhardt for additional information.

R.C.I.A.

If you feel you are being called to join the Catholic Church, please contact Rita Danhardt.

Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to making any arrangements for the wedding reception.

Anointing of the Sick

Please inform the Parish Office about parishioners who need this sacrament as soon as their illness becomes serious or before surgery.

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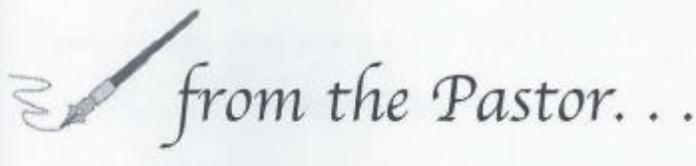
If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Solomon.

Regional School:

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Religious Articles Store

Our Religious Articles Store is located in Room #112 in the parish center and open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and after all weekend Masses. Stop on in and see what we have to offer.



Our VBS coming up at the end of the month (26th-30th). It is a great time to have our young people get more involved in their faith. Statistics have shown that the number one determining factor on whether or not children are religious is their parents; not school, church, or other activities. But these other activities can strengthen and reinforce the Faith. They can be valuable aids and help incarnate, make real and present, the beauty of what we believe. Reminded of the importance of the role of parents, I ask we continue to keep our parents in our prayers. It is harder to be a parent today than it was years ago, even when I was growing up. The proliferation of the internet allowing access to harmful things and people that youth would have never have come in contact with before, a culture that is so very selfish and puts as its highest virtues wealth, looks, and pleasure, a world that does not seem to know what truth is, let alone seek it earnestly; all of this has made raising a child that much more difficult. But, as St. Paul reminds us, "Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more." (Rom. 5:20) Because we are conscious of the battle, we are more aware of our need to be vigilant. And to help each other.

On the good news front, we have reached our goal with the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you so much for your continued generosity to the parish and to the Diocese.

I had put some of my remarks from the opening of St. Mary's in the bulletin last week. Here are some more, following up from where I mentioned that the project would not have any debt. "Now, there is a caveat. And it is here that I ask for your pardon. As I mentioned, when I first got here, we had raised \$120k at that point. The reality is that not much was coming in anymore. Additionally, I asked the Building Committee for how donors were being recognized and there was never great clarity around that. There was the impression that there would be no mention of names directly, like what had happened for the Parish Center. There was also a thought of remembering in some way, perhaps with a memorial plaque or book. But, if you look at Holy Savior Church, we have memorial plaques on everything. Around this time, some people contacted me about donating to the project and having their loved ones memorialized. After much consultation with the Building Committee, I made the decision to both have a donor book for everyone but also have some things memorialized. I saw this a few ways: 1) we have memorialized before, look at the windows around you now 2) with Covid and the deficit reduction collection, I had asked a lot for money from the parish and felt we were tapped out. So, we really needed

and this was coming out of the blue, thank God, and 3) what does a memorialization mean?

It doesn't mean that I have more money than you. It means firstly, that I am publicly professing my faith. Years ago in Maryland, there were laws that were oppressive to Catholics, and so a memorialization is a profession of faith, accompanied by no great risk now, but perhaps with a great risk in the years to come. Secondly, it's saying I want others to have a deep relationship with Jesus and I'm willing to help facilitate that, by prayer and financially. Finally, it's asking for prayers. These people whose names are on the windows were not perfect; they're sinners too, just like all of us. So, we keep benefactors in our prayers.

All that being said, we received memorialized donations for two benches in the garden (still to come) one of the new stained-glass windows (the one of Mary, Star of the Sea), and the picture in the bride's room, but not the frame. It was only after all this was done that, in speaking to more people, I realized that others would have liked to make a memorialized donation, even people who had given previously to the campaign. And so, I'm sorry that I didn't open these memorialized items up to everyone at the same time. My thinking was this: we had asked for money for the campaign, then COVID hit, and we asked for help initially, and then again we did a big ask with the deficit reduction. In all of this, people had been very generous. To be perfectly honest, I didn't think that we would be successful asking for more money. I should have looked at the overwhelming generosity of people so far, as well as the fact that these items were things that could be memorialized, which people do like. I thought, "This is a gift from someone out of the blue; they came up to me. We weren't getting this donation normally." If I didn't handle all of this in the best way, I do apologize. This is all new to me. I probably should have checked with you all before saying yes, but I was just happy to get the gifts, especially with all we'd been through.

To conclude, I think it only fair to offer the last two things to be memorialized to you all. That is the stained-glass window in the sacristy (we haven't gotten them yet, but it will be about \$8500-9k) and the frame in the bride's room (custom done in oak, with real gold leafing-\$7500). And these are first come first serve. Additionally, when doing the work we found two chalices in boxes, one was Msgr. Stout's, our first pastor, and the other was made for the dedication of Holy Savior. The cost of restoration, gold added back on, new boxes for them and shipping came to \$1720 per chalice. No name is added to those, but it will still be wonderful to use again chalices that were used so many times over the years in our churches."

Just a note, the frame and other window have been donated, but the chalices have not been yet. Thank you for your understanding during this whole project.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 17

Holy Savior Saturday

5:15 p.m. Ray Sarlitto

July 18

St. Mary Sunday

7:00 a.m. Bob Dicken

Holy Savior Sunday

9:00 a.m. Maryann Brunson

11:00 a.m. Faolan M. Groff

6:00 p.m. Parishioners

July 19 Monday

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Montague Family

July 20 Tuesday

8:30 a.m. John Yarish

July 21—St. Mary's Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Mariano "Mario" Cuba

July 22 Thursday

8:30 a.m. Rose Weber

July 23 Friday

No Mass

July 24

Holy Savior Saturday

5:15 p.m. S.I. Erik Charles Cruz

July 25

St. Mary Sunday

7:00 a.m. Bob Dicken

Holy Savior Sunday

9:00 a.m. Rapahel Zoppo

11:00 a.m. S.I. Patricia Graves

6:00 p.m. Parishioners



If you would like a Sanctuary Candle lit for the week for a special intention or in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office. A donation of \$10.00 is appreciated. The Candle this week at Holy Savior will be lit for the S.I. of Marcy Ann Gaines from Pat McHale. The Candle will be lit at St. Mary's in Loving

Memory of Jean D'Aquila from Don..



If you are interested in purchasing flowers for the Altar, please contact the parish office. This weeks flowers are in loving memory of Raffaolina

Caterina D'Ambrigo from Anne Marie Conestabile.



GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE

July 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE

July 3/4, 2021

Saturday 5:15pm—125

Sunday 7:00am—181

Sunday 9:00am—267

Sunday 11:00am—176

Sunday 6:00pm—42



We know how much everyone missed coming together for our Annual Christmas Bazaar so we will be working hard to make this year's the best ever!

To do that, we need everyone to pitch in. First, we have a lot of items left from 2019 so storage space is very limited. If

you could save your items for the bazaar (gently used and clean Christmas Items, Toys and Jewelry) and bring them to us in the fall, that would be greatly appreciated. Second, we will need volunteers to help set up, work and clean up the bazaar. We will keep you updated as we get closer, however, mark your calendars, our Christmas Bazaar will be November 19 & 20, 2021:)



Yes! It is that time of year again friends:) It is 50/50 raffle time. Hopefully, we will be getting the tickets mailed out to you this coming week. You can either mail them back or drop them in the collection

basket at Mass. We understand that some of you are unable to purchase the tickets. We ask that you just return them so we can reuse them. We will also have basket of cheer tickets available in the entrance of church if you would like to purchase them as well. Thank you, in advance for your support. Please note, if you received an envelope from us that was empty, we made a boo boo in mailing out the envelopes. You can pick a pack up in the center entrance of the church. We apologize for the confusion. Thank you to everyone who has turned in their tickets. We are currently climbing towards \$2,000:)



A Memorial Mass for Father Bill Lawler will be celebrated at St. Mary's Refuge of Sinners church, 2000 Ham-brooks Blvd., Cambridge MD on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 10:30am. After the Mass,

the renovated Daily Mass chapel will be rededicated in honor of Father Lawler. Following the services, the sharing of stories and memories in celebration of his life will continue at a reception in the parish hall. Everyone is invited.



Calling all Elves!! Calling all Elves!! Crafting with the Elves will begin on Wednesday, August 18th and Ms. Roberta has a lot of ideas:) All are welcome to attend after morning Mass in room 122

of the parish center. We are once again looking forward to hearing all the your laughter coming from the room again.



Next weekend our friends from Gifts from Bethlehem will be at the outside entrance of Holy Savior before and after all Masses. Feel free to browse and maybe do a little Christmas shopping as the proceeds from their sales have the Christians in Jerusalem.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever just wanted to be alone for a while? Jesus and his disciples knew what that felt like. They wanted to be alone to talk and rest, but crowds of people were surrounding them. Even when Jesus and his disciples tried to slip away unnoticed, people followed them anyway. They arrived only to find more crowds of people. This was certainly not the quiet time they had planned on. Being patient and kind, Jesus gave up what he wanted, and he began to teach the crowds.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that Jesus gave up what he wanted, just so he could help other people. Help me to follow his example. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus surrounded by large crowds of people.

Mission for the Week

Spend some alone time with Jesus tonight. If you get interrupted because someone else needs help, that's okay. Go help, and then come back to your alone time with Jesus again.

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Well, we are in our final week of preparation so this week we will be in the final count down, I'm sure people my age may have sung that as they read it. We are always in need of adult volunteers! However, this year we have **many** teen/preteen volunteers on our VBS Staff!! The hard part this year is limiting our numbers! A huge important reminder! We have a few spaces left but there will be **No Walk ins** during the week of the Vacation bible school! If you have anyone you would like to register use the link below. If you have any issues call or text me! AS ALWAYS, Thank you for the support, love, prayers, and example that you share with our young parishioners!! Without you none of this would be possible!

Have a great week! Come and visit!
We continue chugging along!
Reet!!

Our group of diligent workers have worked so hard gluing, cutting, building, painting, sanding and somethings you just wouldn't believe! Thank you, thank you, thank you!! This week, 7/19 to 23 is the pull it all together week so if you'd like to join us we will be working daily 10 to 2 with the emphasis on the 21,22, and 23 because that is when we are able to set the stage. Feel free to stop by! AND remember to save time next weekend of 7/24 &25 to stroll the halls and see the transformation. Choo choo!!!!

Thank to some of the local businesses that have helped us out: especially Palmer Appliances who kindly save us some awesome boxes (note the train in the hall.) and Red Sun Custom who print beautiful shirts for our volunteers every year. Please keep them in your prayers and if you need appliances or shirts and can patronize them and thank them for their support

Registration Information

Ages ~ Participants Age 3 (Potty trained) to the end of 4th grade. Children going in to 5th and 6th Grade may choose to volunteer or be a participant. Volunteers ~ Must have completed 4th grade to adult (all age adults, even and especially adult who act like kids. Please join us.) Remember The Website is up and open for campers and volunteers ...check it out at <https://vbspro.events/p/stmaryvbs21>

Donations needed I think we are pretty much through the building phase of gathering and we are now working on assembling so if anyone can help with snacks below is the list ~

Repeat snack list

Twizzlers Pull 'n' Peel candy ropes 4 Bags
sandwich-size resealable plastic bags 5 boxes ~ dollar store are fine

Berry cream cheese ~ 5~ 8-ounce tubs
quart-size resealable plastic bags 5 boxes dollar store are fine

3 lbs of butter
4 rolls of parchment paper
5 bags of honey wheat pretzel twists
5 boxes graham crackers
3 packs of rice cakes
3 boxes of rice chex.

Generic of everything is fine! Anything you can contribute helps a great deal!

Also any snacks, water or juice for our volunteers to use during the week of VBS!

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

PLACE	GOING	SHEPHERD
APOSTLES	BOAT	PEOPLE
ALONE	CROWD	TEACHING

F T G E R T H A O S P
E A L O N E L R T U E
R P N D I T O J S H O
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MISSION

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FINANCE COUNCIL NEWS

Monthly Budget Update 7/1/20 – 5/31/21

Total Actual Revenue \$740,250
 Total Budgeted Revenue \$543,304
 Positive Variance \$196,946

Total Actual Expenses \$524,305
 Total Budgeted Expenses \$498,495
 Negative Variance \$ -25,810

Actual Net Income \$215,945
 Budgeted Net Income \$ 44,809
 Positive Variance \$171,136
 Actual revenue includes \$105,946 in
 Deficit Reduction funds through 5/31/21.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Tax Free Charitable Distribution

Need a tax break? Congress has permanently enacted qualified charitable distributions from your traditional IRA accounts. These distributions can be used to satisfy all or a portion of your *Required Minimum Distribution* and are free of federal and state income tax. Also, these gifts help you avoid the Medicare high income surcharge and can help reduce your income taxes on your social security benefits.

Distributions must be made *directly* from your IRA account to St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church. For questions, contact the parish office at 410-289-0652

Weekly Collections (Including Electronic)

<u>First Collection</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Jun: 4th Sunday	\$10,633	\$ 8,509
Jun: 3rd Sunday	\$ 8,206	\$ 7,389
Jun: 2nd Sunday	\$ 9,215	\$10,981
Jun: 1st Sunday	\$ 9,197	\$ 8,785
May: 5th Sunday	\$ 8,665	\$10,597

<u>Second Collection</u>		
Jun: 4th Sunday	\$ 1,669	\$ 444
Jun: 3rd Sunday	\$ 1,677	\$ 553
Jun: 2nd Sunday	\$ 2,333	\$ 1,063
Jun: 1st Sunday	\$ 1,500	\$ 658
May: 5th Sunday	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,219

<u>Total Collections</u>		
Jun: 4th Sunday	\$12,302	\$ 8,953
Jun: 3rd Sunday	\$ 9,883	\$ 7,942
Jun: 2nd Sunday	\$11,548	\$12,044
Jun: 1st Sunday	\$10,697	\$ 9,443
May: 5th Sunday	<u>\$ 9,802</u>	<u>\$11,816</u>
Total	\$54,232	\$50,198

8% Increase
 (Last March began the first COVID closure weeks.)

Electronic Giving

Electronic giving (called WeShare) is the preferred way to make your weekly offertory. By giving electronically, it relieves the need for about 6 parishioners to count money every Sunday (about 10 hours total). Furthermore, the parish could eventually save money on envelope printing and mailing and you would not have to write checks. The Finance Council would also be able to budget more efficiently. Please consider making the switch; it is safe and secure. Cards are available in the back of church with instructions to join WeShare and have your offering sent electronically. You can also go to our website, www.stmarystaroftheseaocmd.com and go to the donate section and you will be guided to the site. If you need additional assistance setting this up, please don't hesitate to call the parish office (410-289-0652). Thank you for your continuing support.

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