

# ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25, 2021



## MASS SCHEDULE

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH—208 BALTIMORE AVE.

7AM SUNDAY & 8:30AM WEDNESDAY

HOLY SAVIOR CHURCH—1705 PHILADELPHIA AVE.

### MASSES

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 8:30AM

SATURDAY: 5:15PM

SUNDAY, 9AM, & 11AM

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### Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and anytime by appointment.

### 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.

### Holy Orders

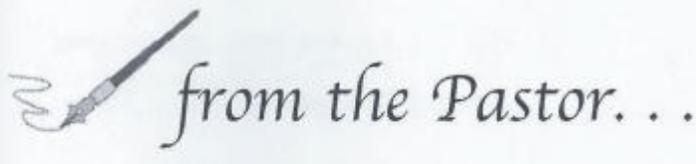
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### Regional School:

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We welcome our new shepherd, Bishop William Koenig, to the Diocese. Our Tenth Bishop, he was ordained on July 13<sup>th</sup> and installed as the Ordinary (main bishop, as opposed to auxiliary, helping bishops) of our Diocese. While this may seem like a common occurrence, we usually have an auxiliary bishop from another diocese named our Ordinary. Bishop Malooly, for example, was an auxiliary bishop of Baltimore before being named for Wilmington. The last time we had a priest ordained our Ordinary bishop was 100 years ago. So, it was quite the memorable occasion. I was happy to help out as one of the Masters of Ceremony (along with about 6 other priests and seminarians). It was a long but very beautiful liturgy. If you haven't grabbed one of the Dialogs with the special section on the ordination and information about our new bishop, please help yourself. We have plenty at church. Once again, welcome to Bishop Koenig and we will be sure to keep him in our prayers.

This past Sunday we had our first Breakfast back after Covid. It went very well. We had great attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy, not just the food, which is always great, but the fellowship, as well. The only not great thing was, since we currently have Mass at 7, 9, and 11 a.m. (more on the Mass times in a later column) we were unable to feed those coming from the last Mass. Our breakfast goes from 8 a.m. – Noon. I'd love to be able to have breakfast after the 11 a.m., if at all possible. For that to happen, we are going to need some more volunteers to help with the clean-up. We are okay in terms of the serving, but the clean up afterwards definitely needs help. So, please let Donna in the Office know if you are interested in helping clean up. Thank you again to all of our volunteers, especially those who made that great birthday cake for me, and, God willing, we can continue to have Parish Breakfasts for all of the Sunday morning Masses.

Speaking of Mass, this past Saturday it was quite difficult to get in for Mass. Some people said it took them 45 minutes to get in, some an hour, and one person said it took them two hours. Obviously, that's very challenging. I'd like to offer those who usually come to Saturday night to think about the Sunday night 6 p.m. Mass. It's easier to get into the town at that time (you are not fighting the hotel check-in crowd) and once Mass is finished, it's also easier to get out. So, if you usually

So, if you usually come to the 5:15, perhaps consider the Sunday 6 p.m. this summer.

And speaking of the difficulty of getting in on Saturday, one thing I've been thinking about for a while is additional confession times. Confession from 4-5 p.m. on Saturday just doesn't work well for many people. I do offer the opportunity to make an appointment during the week, and many do, but I feel I need some additional times. Please let me know what would work. Is during the week good, in the mornings, during the day, in the evenings, before or after dinner? Perhaps before Mass, maybe even on some Sundays? Let me know what you think and I'll see what I can do. This is such an important sacrament and so necessary for us. God willing, this can be more available to us as a parish going forward.

Another thing I've wanted to look at for some time is the establishment of a Pastoral Council. Pastoral Councils are required by Canon Law in parishes. Their function is not decision making, but advising the pastor. With all of the things going on here, I've sort of unofficially gotten people's opinions via this column, but a Pastoral Council can be helpful, especially for big items. So, I'm looking into restarting our Pastoral Council this Autumn. It probably would meet quarterly, or ad-hoc, and would probably consist of appointed and elected members. I need to talk to the Diocese about all of this. But keep giving me feedback in the meantime (and after we get one started as well). I find it helpful to have as much information to go on as possible.

Finally, we are going to be having **Midweek Movies with Father August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** In the Hall we'll have a movie, curated by yours truly, popcorn, concessions, and drinks, all free. After the movie, we'll have a little bit of discussion. I'll let you know as we get closer what the movie is. It will be a fun event, a cheap date, and an opportunity to talk about something that isn't the weather, traffic, or politics. I hope to see you there.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**July 26 Monday**

8:30 a.m. Karen Hardy

**July 27 Tuesday**

8:30 a.m. Pat & Vince Barnaba

**July 28—St. Mary's Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Jack Schleicher

**July 29 Thursday**

8:30 a.m. S.I. Lorraine Moulder

**July 30 Friday**

No Mass

**July 31**

**Holy Savior Saturday**

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

**August**

**St. Mary Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Vincenzo Esposito

**Holy Savior Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Mardell Ford

11:00 a.m. Parishioners

6:00 p.m. Bob Dicken



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 In loving memory of Virginia Streckfus from Al & Priscilla Beachley. The Candle will be lit at St.

Mary's in Loving Memory of Fr. Bill Lawler.



If you are interested in purchasing flowers for the Altar, please contact the parish office.



GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF  
SCRIPTURE

**July 25, 2021**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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# Readings of the Week

## Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15  
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35  
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

## WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE

July 17/18, 2021

**Saturday 5:15pm—125**

**Sunday 7:00am—162**

**Sunday 9:00am—309**

**Sunday 11:00am—173**

**Sunday 6:00pm—32**

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 now over \$4,000!!



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, the Sisters of Jesus and Mary will be joining us and will take a few moments sharing all the good works they do in the Salisbury Area. There will be a collection at the end of Mass to help the Sisters carry on all that they do for the community. Thank you.



So, here we are looking out on the start of Vacation Bible School!! This is a week where our building bursts with giggles and shrieks!! It is a week where lives are changed, as many adult lives as children! We bond while we are building the sets and organizing our materials and lessons. Our work force is almost even between adults and teens/preteens.



The conversations, laughter and yes sometimes frustration (arrrrggg that panel feel AGAIN) are all shared! I love the weeks leading up to VBS almost as much as I love the week of VBS!! I get to see new sides of the kids and adults that join me, sometimes dragging their tired selves in, ready to do whatever is asked of them and yes, they get to see a new side of me as well!!!



So, this weekend, we invite you to take a few minutes and wander through the rocky mountains, look at the classrooms, and then go up stairs and check out the hall! We are proud of the work we have done and so excited to share it with our parish this weekend and our young friends this week. We thank you so much for your support, generosity and prayers. We ask for your continued prayers for the coming week! And it is never to late to join us...in this parish there is always room for one more!!



**Registration Information**

**Ages ~ Participants Age 3 (Potty trained) to the end of 4<sup>th</sup> grade! Children going in to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade may choose to volunteer or be a participant! Volunteers ~ Must have completed 4<sup>th</sup> 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/events/stmaryvbs21>



**Sharing the Gospel**

Jesus seemed to be surrounded by crowds a lot, didn't he? That's because no matter where he went, he helped people, he healed them, and he taught them about God. In today's Gospel reading, one crowd was following Jesus all day, and now they were getting hungry for dinner. Instead of sending them back home, Jesus showed everybody's God's amazing power. Jesus took a boy's lunch and made more than enough food for everybody to eat.

**Prayer**

Dear God, help me always to remember that you have the power to give us more than we need. Amen.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of two fish and five loaves of bread.

**Mission for the Week**

The boy in today's Gospel shared his lunch. You can share food, too. Bring boxed and canned food to a food pantry in your neighborhood, and ask God to bless the people who eat it.

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 **PUZZLE**  
There are a lot of loaves and fish. How many fish can you count?



**ANSWER:** THERE ARE SEVEN FISH

 **MISSION**  
Share two cans of fish and five bags of flour with needy.

# 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)

First Collection	FY2021	FY2020
Jul: 2nd Sunday	\$11,677	\$13,419
Jul: 1st Sunday	\$ 8,725	\$ 8,515
Jun: 4th Sunday	\$10,633	\$ 8,509
Jun: 3rd Sunday	\$ 8,206	\$ 7,389
Jun: 2nd Sunday	\$ 9,215	\$10,981

Second Collection		
Jul: 2nd Sunday	\$ 2,182	\$ 974
Jul: 1st Sunday	\$ 2,190	\$ 477
Jun: 4th Sunday	\$ 1,669	\$ 444
Jun: 3rd Sunday	\$ 1,677	\$ 553
Jun: 2nd Sunday	\$ 2,333	\$ 1,063

Total Collections		
Jul: 2nd Sunday	\$13,859	\$14,393
Jul: 1st Sunday	\$10,915	\$ 8,992
Jun: 4th Sunday	\$12,302	\$ 8,953
Jun: 3rd Sunday	\$ 9,883	\$ 7,942
Jun: 2nd Sunday	<u>\$11,548</u>	<u>\$12,044</u>
Total	\$58,507	\$52,324

12% 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](http://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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