

# ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 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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## PARISH OFFICE — HOURS

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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.

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## *from the Pastor...*

I neglected to put in last week's bulletin, congratulations to Julia Shockley and Robert Phillips III who were married at St. Mary's on the 17<sup>th</sup>. God's blessings on them for the years to come.

Another congratulations goes to Stella Alexandra Parsons who was baptized this past week. Let us keep her and her family in our prayers.

Let's complete the trio, congratulations to Zachary Fuchsluger, one of our youth, who was just accepted to the Naval Academy. Let's keep Zachary and all those who serve our country in our prayers.

Although this column gets sent out Monday and hence, I'm always a week late on things, nevertheless this Monday VBS is off to a strong start. It's always great to see the energy of our kids and our youth helpers for the Lord. May God continue to keep that flame alive in their hearts and may He give continued strength and perseverance to their parents in their calling as the first teachers of their children in the Faith.

A little update on how things have been going down at St. Mary's on Wednesdays. The first Wednesday I had a woman pass by, nod, and keep walking. A minute later she came back with and showed me her phone which had a language app on it. It translated from Spanish and said how she had been here for a couple years but been unable to go to church. I mentioned, in less than beautiful Spanish, the Mass times here and that the church was open now. She was very excited to know that St. Mary's was open and went right in. So, as far as a verdict on the success of Wednesday nights, even if no one else ever says hello and stops by, it's gone well by my reckoning. Let's continue to pray for not only visitors, that they may be open to the Lord on vacation, but also local workers that, in the midst of their busyness,

they also may make time and space in their hearts for Christ.

This Saturday (the 31<sup>st</sup>), there will be a Memorial Mass for Fr. Bill Lawler at St. Mary Refuge of Sinners in Cambridge at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Lawler used to help us here at the parish. He was a very kind soul and had a great care for people and the Church. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

This upcoming weekend Fr. Bob Wojtek, a Redemptorist priest, will be covering the Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday evening Mass. I met him through Fr. Klevence years ago and he likes to vacation here in OC. I'm sure everyone will be very welcoming to him and we'll keep him and his community in our prayers, especially as he works in formation for the Redemptorists-to-be.

Finally, this upcoming week is the White Marlin Open. It's great to have a tournament that a lot of people enjoy, as well as being a financial boon to the town. May everyone be kept safe with the large crowds, may the weather be good, and may all fishermen, through the intercession of St. Peter, have a great love for the Lord.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**August 2 Monday**

8:30 a.m. Deacon Ed Gardner

**August 3 Tuesday**

8:30 a.m. Adele Lee

**August 4—St. Mary's Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Dec. Members of Kane & Hipszer Families

**August 5 Thursday**

8:30 a.m. Mike Mackin

**August 6 Friday**

No Mass

**August 7**

**Holy Savior Saturday**

5:15 p.m. Edward Szymanik

**August**

**St. Mary Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Barbara Valle

**Holy Savior Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Margaret Harlin

11:00 a.m. Parishioners

6:00 p.m. Joseph Dyer

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 Special Intention of Carol Clewes from Jim & Margaret Yates. The Candle will be lit at St. Mary's in Loving Memory of Frank Pivic from Anne Case



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



GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF  
SCRIPTURE

**August 1, 2021**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

# Readings of the Week

## Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

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

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

## WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE

July 24/25, 2021

**Saturday 5:15pm—155**

**Sunday 7:00am—144**

**Sunday 9:00am—239**

**Sunday 11:00am—217**

**Sunday 6:00pm—30**



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 and Toys) and bring them to us in the fall, that would be greatly appreciated. We can take Jewelry now as it is small and easy to store. 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!)



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.



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 closing in on \$5,000. Help us to get that total higher & higher!!



Yes! We will be parking cars for the White Marlin Open. We will open at 4pm. Tell your friends, especially those with large vehicles, we have plenty of room and will only be charging \$10 a night.



The Feast Day of the Assumption falls on Sunday, August 15th this year and we will still have our procession to the beach. This year it will be following the 11a.m. Mass and hope you all can join us at this wonderful event.



St. Luke's Annual **Day of Fun at Jolly Rogers** is Sunday, August 15. Wristbands are available at their parish office and will be for sale after all Masses on August 7/8 and August 14. This fundraiser benefits their Religious Education Program. Wristbands are \$25 each.

Splash Mountain from 10am to 4pm  
Rides at 30<sup>th</sup> Street from 2pm to 6pm  
1 round of golf at 30<sup>th</sup> Street between 10am and 4pm



## GOSPEL

just one day earlier, Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today's Gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn't understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven you will never be hungry or thirsty again.

## PRAYER

God, fill me up with love for Jesus.

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:24-25

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

FOOD  
THIRSTY  
MIRACLE

MANNA  
FAITH  
BREAD

LIFE  
HUNGRY  
COMES

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## MISSION

If you believe in Jesus, you can look forward to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!

# 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>	FY2022	FY2021
Jul: 3rd Sunday	\$11,624	\$ 8,311
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

<u>Second Collection</u>		
Jul: 3rd Sunday	\$ 1,854	\$ 548
Jul: 2nd Sunday	\$ 2,182	\$ 974
Jul: 1st Sunday	\$ 2,190	\$ 477
Jun: 4th Sunday	\$ 1,669	\$ 444
Jun: 3rd Sunday	\$ 1,677	\$ 553

<u>Total Collections</u>		
Jul: 3rd Sunday	\$13,478	\$ 8,859
Jul: 2nd Sunday	\$13,859	\$14,393
Jul: 1st Sunday	\$10,915	\$ 8,992
Jun: 4th Sunday	\$12,302	\$ 8,953
Jun: 3rd Sunday	<u>\$ 9,883</u>	<u>\$ 7,942</u>
Total	\$60,437	\$49,139
	23% Increase	

## **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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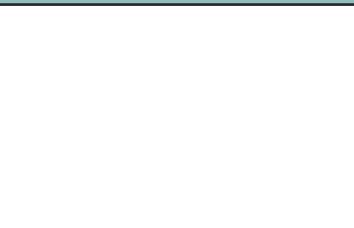
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