Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Sunday

5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon

8:30 a.m.

Mondays - Saturdays

Reconciliation

Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Saturdays

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Monday - Saturday 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

Assistive Listening Devices & Large Print Bulletins are available, just ask a Minister of Hospitality. To request a Sign Language Interpreter, please contact the Parish Office.

*All Masses are In-Person and are celebrated safely & responsibly following the directives of the state of Maryland, Prince George's County & the Archdiocese of Washington.



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Rev. Mark L. Smith, Pastor Rev. Andrew C. Clyne, Parochial Vicar Coordinator of Lifelong Family Faith Formation

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Mrs. Marie Winterson Parish Secretary Virtus Child Protection Coordinator

Mrs. Kathie Bernitt Bookkeeper

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Mrs. Barbara Asbury Assistant Coordinator of School of Religion

Mr. James Brosnihan Mr. William Winterson **Facilities Maintenance**

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<u>Matrimony</u>

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to speak with a priest and to schedule Pre-Cana Formation and a wedding date.

Baptism

Baptisms are typically held the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office for information and to schedule Baptism Preparation Formation and a Baptism date.

Fealy Hall

Fealy Hall, our original church, is now a beautiful reception hall and is available to registered parishioners to rent for family celebrations. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

Holy Redeemer is committed to the highest levels of honesty and integrity. If you see or suspect any misconduct of any employee or person representing our parish or school community, please report your concerns to EthicsPoint, an independent reporting service: www.adw.org/ethicspoint or 1-855-290-3381.

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"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible

voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.



Farewell to Fr. Mark Pancake Breakfast



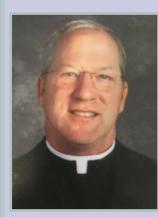
Fr. Mark's last Sunday Mass at Holy Redeemer will be on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free Farewell to Fr. Mark Pancake Breakfast following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on that day in the Four Seasons Room to wish him "Godspeed" over breakfast featuring Pancakes, Sausage, Fixins Bar, Coffee, Tea, Milk, & Juice. (Don't forget the 1 hour fast before you receive Communion if you're thinking of eating before going to the 10:00 a.m. Mass!) We're trying to get a ballpark head count, so please let Marie in the Parish Office know if you're coming so we have enough breakfast.

Contact John Mudd to volunteer to help at jemudd0813@gmail.com.

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church - College Park, Maryland

A Fond Farewell to our Pastor, Fr. Mark Smith One last party with Fr. Mark!



Recently, we learned that our Pastor, Fr. Mark is being transferred to St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Bethesda, Maryland, effective March 1, 2022.

While this sudden move may be a sad one for us at Holy Redeemer, we know that Fr. Mark will pour the same love and energy into

his new parish that he has into Holy Redeemer the last 8+ years. He will be sorely missed, but he has been a tremendous steward of Holy Redeemer during his time here, overseeing physical plant improvements including the renovations of the church and Fealy Hall, implementing new spirituality programs, and exercising loving pastoral care and fraternal friendship to the members of our parish family. He leaves to our next pastor a spiritually and financially healthy parish that has managed to weather well the challenges of the last several years.

On March 1st, we will welcome Fr. Edward Hegnauer, who is currently in residence at St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood, Maryland, to Holy Redeemer when Fr. Mark leaves. Fr. Hegnauer will be our interim Administrator working alongside our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Andrew, until this summer when the final priest assignments are made.

In the remaining time that Fr. Mark has at Holy Redeemer, let us keep him, Fr. Hegnauer, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Mark Knestout, who will be moving from St. Bartholomew, and each other, as well as the parishioners from St. Bartholomew and St. Francis of Assisi in prayer as we prepare to go through this transition period.

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St. Blaise Blessing of Throats Saturday, February 5 & Sunday, February 6, 2022 Blessings at the ends of Masses

> **Presidents Day** Monday, February 21, 2022 Parish Office & School Closed

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Sunday, February 27, 2022 10:00 a.m. *Pancake Breakfast Farewell (free) following the 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Four Seasons Room

> **Fr. Mark's Last Day at Holy Redeemer** Monday, February 28, 2022

Fr. Edward Hegnauer Arrives Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Ash Wednesday

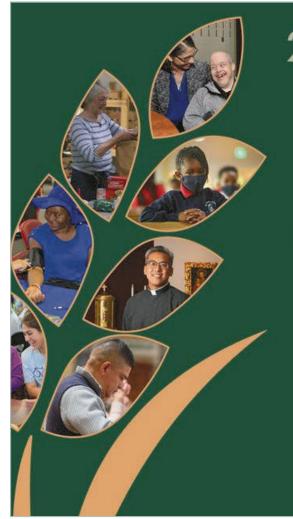
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Masses with Distribution of Ashes at 8:30 a.m. (with Holy Redeemer School), 12:10 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

> Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent in the church

Lenten Prayer Service Wednesdays during the Lent around 7:30 p.m. following Adoration & Confessions in the church

Holy Redeemer Cooks & Serves Dinner for the UMD Catholic Terps Wednesday, March 16, 2022

> **First Reconciliation** Saturday, March 26, 2022 10:00 a.m. in the church



2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

FROM GOD'S ABUNDANCE, OUR GIFTS OF CHARITY.

Commitment Weekend February 19 & 20, 2022

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Catholic Advocacy Day in Maryland is February 16, 2022. Be a voice for hope and justice with legislators on life, education and human rights.

www.mdcatholic.org/advocacyday #MDCatholic @mdcatholic

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network in Maryland.

Text CATHOLIC to 443-764-8765 or go to www.mdcatholic.org/joincan

Contact your state senator and delegate on critical issues affecting our Church and the people we serve.



Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church



The Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Maryland presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Sunday,

February 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Learn more at setonshrine.org.

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THIS WEEK: St. Blaise Blessing of Throats



We will have the St. Blaise Blessing of Throats at the ends of Masses on the weekend of February 5th & 6th. Parishioners will be invited to come forth at the end of Mass for a special individual blessing of their throats with candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation in commemoration of St. Blaise (Feast Day, February 3rd), the patron saint against throat ailments.

Our Holy Redeemer School students, teachers, and faculty will have the opportunity to have their throats blessed at the School Mass on Wednesday, February 2nd.

The Story of St. Blaise. There isn't much known about this fourth century martyr, but some legends might give us a clue into the current traditions for his feast day. St. Blaise is said to have been born into a wealthy noble family. He was raised a Christian and became a bishop in Armenia; then the persecution of Christians began. While he was in prison for refusing to renounce his faith, a young boy was choking on a fish bone, and was miraculously saved by St. Blaise.

But what about the candles? Another legend says that on his way to prison, St. Blaise encountered a wolf who had captured a poor woman's pig. She begged for St. Blaise to help, and he commanded the wolf to release the livestock. In gratitude for his intervention, the woman brought candles to his prison cell so that he would have light to read the Scriptures.

St. Blaise was martyred around the year 316 during the persecution of Licinius.

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Stewardship

Offertory Collections January 29 & 30, 2022

Poor Box Collection:	\$41.00
Offertory Envelopes Collected:	\$4,648.38
Offertory Faith Direct Collected	
Total:	\$9,959.63
Budget Goal:	\$9,450.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$509.63

Offertory Contribution Statements for 2021 are available upon request from the parish office. Please contact Marie at 301-474-3920 or at parish@holy-redeemer.org to have your Contribution Statement mailed or emailed to you.

Thank You for your support of the Mission and Ministries of Holy Redeemer Parish!

Mass Intentions

For the Week of February 6, 2022 The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 5, 2022 8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Stephanie Gnewuch 5:00 p.m. Eleanor Kelley Shroff, RIP Requested by the Muscardin Family

Sunday, February 6, 2022 8:00 a.m. Joseph & Anna Chillemi, RIP Requested by Patricia and Kristie Chillemi 10:00 a.m. Mariana Givens Craver, RIP Requested by Irma Arispe 12:00 noon ALL PARISHIONERS

Monday, February 7, 2022 8:30 a.m. Martin & Esther Reynolds, RIP Requested by Kathy Schoffstall

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:30 a.m. Janet E. Day, RIP Requested by Dorothy Day

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 8:30 a.m. Harvey, Jr. & Nellie Cooper, RIP Requested by Jennee Chin

Thursday, February 10, 2022 8:30 a.m. Leon Klosky & Nancy Shaw, RIP Requested by the Garner Family

Friday, February 11, 2022 8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Fr. Mark L. Smith Requested by Pat Krug

Saturday, February 12, 2022 8:30 a.m. William Joseph Goodall, RIP & James Scott Goodall, RIP Requested by the Goodall Family 5:00 p.m. Paul Vinansky, RIP Requested by the Lattanzi Family

Sunday, February 13, 2022

8:00 a.m. ALL PARISHIONERS 10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the DeFranco & Williams Families, RIP Requested by Wayne & Ginny Williams 12:00 noon Phil Saviano, RIP Requested by Buddy Robson

Blessed Palms for Ash Wednesday Ashes

We are currently collecting the old blessed palms that you have gathered from Palm Sundays past. These we will gather to burn to make ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday Masses.

If you have any palms to offer, please drop them off at the baskets at the entrances of the church between now and February 27th. Thank you!

In Your Prayers

FOR THE ILL & INFIRM: John "Buddy" Adams, brother of Diane Vie, Earl Armstrong, Nancy Baker, Ronald Bellamy, husband of Irene Bellamy, Mike Bo-vich, husband of Maria Bovich, Rollins O'Brien Bradford, grandson of Sharon O'Brien, Clarice Briscoe, Mark Burchik, son-in-law of Paul & Dorothy Wathen, Edwin Dabila, Mary Anne Denevan, Barbara Edmonson, Debbie Garner, cousin of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Emil Girczyc, brother of Carole Wilkinson, Teresa Gorman, Maureen Gove, grandmother of Jonathon Bernhard-Gove, Alan Hilderbrand, brother of Jennee Chin, Leslie Hilliard, Francis Hunter, Nicholas Jacob, nephew of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Karen Jallohe, Richard James, son of Del & Emily Fanning & father of Daniel James, **Debby** Jones, sister-in-law of Don & Debbie Hutchinson, Adele Kasinskas, sister of Carol Macknis, Melvin Kraus, son of Daniel Kraus and friend of Lee & Beth Scribner, Pat Krug, Agnes Longanecker, aunt of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Marcela Maes, aunt of Ma-rie Winterson, Amado Martinez, friend of Jenn Eller, Rose Mary McAleer, mother of Janet Bradford, Mike McGin-nis, brother of Jim McGinnis, Mary Lou Milstead, Andrew Minni, nephew of Don & Debbie Hutchinson, Grace Minni and Nicole Minni, sisters-in-law of Don & Debbie Hutchinson, Maureen Murphy, Dorothy Myrtle, Roy & Anne Nelson, Ferenc **Payerle**, *father* of Tom Prikockis, mother of Payerle, Carolyn Prikock-Larry is, Dolores Reese, Stacey Rehsenberg, niece of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Alan Richwald, Richard Roelofs, brotherin-law of Beth Scribner, Mia Rojas, Nicholas Scribner, son of Lee & Beth Scribner, Michael Urban, husband of Rachel Urban & father of Evan Urban, Adrienne Wathen, sister of Paul Wathen, Sharon Wathen, niece of Paul & Dottie Wathen, Helen White, sister of Anne Nelson, Marion Wilkinson, aunt of Carole Wilkinson, Wayne Williams, Aury Winterson, mother of Mike Winterson and grandmother of William & Anna Winterson, All who are ill this week throughout the world

FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD: Esther Anderson, mother of Tracey Batacan and grandmother of Jasmine & Jada Batacan, Mani Anthony, sister of Xavier Abra-ham, William "Bill" Beck, brother of Mary Armof **Bradford**, father strong, Russell Alan Bradford, Bernadette Bleza & Jose Paus, cousins of Jaime Espiritu, Eugene Corrado, Sr., Jeffrey Steven Cruz, son of Lucy Cruz (RIP) and brother of Rick Cruz, Rosemary Doyle, Bernard Downey, cousin of Patrick Renzi, Fran Egelanian, Petro Exis, nephew of Gary & Diane Vie, Janet Ferst, mother of Bridget Ferst and Kurt Ferst & grandmother of Elijah Guzman, Monica Hopper, sister-in-law of Ray Howe, cousin of Alex Smith, **Tom** Sonski, Lloyd Hutchinson, husband of Annie Hutchinson, Richard A. Keller, Lucy Krug, aunt of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Bri-en, Douglas Ladisec, cousin of Jennifer Eller, Donna Thompson Lewis, sister of Terri Thompson Brady, Delores "Dee" McAllister, Rachel Mecholsky, grandmother of Nicholas Mecholsky, Joseph Prikockis, father of Larry Prikockis and grandfather of Abigail & Liam Prikockis, Elizabeth A. Russo, mother of Mark Russo and grandmother of Anthony & Peter Russo, Steve Schemmel, OCDS, Fr. Charles Smarsh, Anthony Sorge, son of Joe & (RIP) Sorge, Andrew Staley, cousin of Katie Rita White, Natalie Theis, mother of Joe Theis & grandmother of Hilary Beall, Renee Underwood, Judith Williams, All who have died this week throughout the world



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