

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

At times we all question if the Lord knows what we are going through. This is especially true when we are suffering. I think the story of a healing that took place here a few weeks ago should answer our questions.

Fr. Conley

What's on your phone's screen saver? As part of our retreat day on Healing Prayer, participants were invited to approach one of our prayer teams to receive prayer for physical, spiritual and/or emotional healing. One of the people that accepted this invitation was longtime parishioner, Bertha Chase. Bertha is known to many of you by name and those of you who come to the 10 o'clock Mass would recognize her as the friendly usher who welcomes you to church each Sunday. At the retreat day Bertha approached the prayer team comprised of Glenda Miller and Doug & Ellen Walls, because she was seeking healing of pain in her leg. As the prayer team prayed for Bertha, the Holy Spirit gave Glenda a mental picture. The picture was of Jesus holding the hand of a little girl. Glenda asked Bertha if this mental image made any sense to her. When she heard Glenda's question, Bertha was overwhelmed and tears began flowing. Bertha was profoundly moved by Glenda's question because, totally unbeknownst to Glenda, Bertha had put that image of Jesus holding the hand of a little girl on her cell phone screen saver. Below is Bertha's account of the event.

Dear Fr. Conley,

I was feeling so blessed everyday just asking Jesus to hold my hand and in my heart knowing He would, but when Glenda described the vision given to her of Jesus holding the little African American girl's hand, I cried with joy. The picture on my cell phone is of the picture I ordered last year as a reminder to ask Him to hold my hand every day. We are to go to the Lord as his children, not as grown, all-knowing adults. My three wonderful friends prayed over me (Glenda and Doug & Ellen Walls) and the pain I had continued to have in my leg periodically, I no longer feel. My heart is overflowing with love for the Blessed Trinity. I don't mind if you tell my story and tell my name.

Lovingly in the Name of Jesus, Bertha Chase

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION IN HONOR OF CHRIST OUR KING, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

On the feast of Christ the King we will have a Holy Hour from 1 to 2 PM. It will be a time of praise and adoration and for approaching the throne of grace for mercy and healing.

ST. MARY'S HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

The mission of our healing prayer ministry is to help people to have a personal encounter with the Lord and experience his healing love. We do this by praying with people who are seeking physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Our healing prayer ministry is founded on our confidence in God the Father, who was given us every spiritual blessing in the heavens; Jesus Christ the Son who has redeemed us by his blood; and the Holy Spirit who fills us with the fire of his love. Persons seeking prayer from the healing prayer ministry will be given the opportunity to make an appointment with a prayer team for one or two confidential prayer sessions. To make an appointment to meet with one of our healing prayer teams, please contact Kaye Oliver at 240-682-0646 or Sam Oliver at 301-848-3206. Email can be sent to Samuel_Oliver@comcast.net.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Throughout the month, daily Masses will be offered for the Souls in Purgatory. Envelopes for Mass offerings for All Souls are to be found in your envelope packets or in the vestibule of the church. Also, you are invited to inscribe the names of your loved ones who have passed on in the Remembrance Book on the stand by the Cry Room. This book will remain out during the month to remind us of the spiritual work of mercy "*to pray for the dead.*"

MASS FOR THE FAMILIES OF DECEASED CHILDREN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 at 9AM.

We will be offering this Mass for parents and families who have experienced the passing of a child through a miscarriage or the passing of a child before they reached adulthood. Families will be invited to light a vigil candle in memory of the child they are mourning. They will also be invited to place the child's name and photograph with the candle. If you would like to participate and have your child remembered at this Mass, please contact Father Conley so that we can be sure to have a candle for your child. 301 – 870 – 2220 ext. 13 or frconley@comcast.net

FOLLOWING JESUS

Our Following Jesus series meets again this Thursday from 6:30-8:30 in the hall for dinner, learning & discussion. All are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Conley.

**“FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP” CMRC
SERIES OF SPIRITUAL PRESENTATIONS &
DISCUSSIONS**

Join us at Camp Maria Retreat Center for an evening of “Faith, Food & Fellowship” with our speaker, Rev. Rory T. Conley on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Camp Maria Retreat Center Dining Hall, 41290 Camp Maria Road Leonardtown, MD. \$20 per person Reservations: Encouraged by November 12th.

Dinner will be provided by our chef, Terri Williams, with time to spend with others before and after the presentation. Invite your friends & family. For more information, contact Ann Kovalcik, Director, at 301-475-8330 or director@campmaria.org

OUR CHOIRS NEED YOUR HELP!!! *We are now asking SMB members to consider joining our 10 AM or our Noon choirs. Our music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and prayer. This is possible only with the generous sharing of the time and talent of our committed choir members. If you can carry a tune and want to join a group of loving, caring Christians, please consider joining us! If interested, please call Kaye Oliver at 240-254-2463.*

ST. MARY’S SCHOOL \$60,000 RAFFLE You may purchase a ticket on your own for \$100 or consider purchasing a ticket with your friends, family or co-workers. Split the ticket cost and the winnings. There are 20 opportunities to win cash prizes adding up to \$60,000. Your ticket enters you in all 20 drawings. **Tickets are on sale in the foyer of church, school or rectory. The second drawing for \$1,000 will be held this Sunday, at the Fall Dinnerfest.** The Grand Prize Drawing of \$20,000 will be held on March 1, 2019.

MARRIAGE HELP – Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vai) is a program that can help you rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. All calls and inquiries are confidential. To obtain more information, visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call (443) 400-7017, or email: retroconnor@yahoo.com

ENCOUNTER GRACE Ladies ages 21+: Join the Encounter Grace team (Mrs. Penny Bailey and Mrs. Laura Roland), a new Catholic women's ministry organization in Southern Maryland, for a faith-filled fun evening on Friday, November 9, 2018 from 6 pm - 9 pm at the Waldorf Jaycee Hall. For more information, email Encounter Grace team at encountergraceco@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support.

**AUCTION TO BENEFIT IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION CHURCH**

Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 28297 Old Village Avenue, Mechanicsville is having their annual Auction on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 6 P.M. Preview at 4 P.M.

There will be a Live Auction, Silent Auction, Bake table, raffles (John Deere Mower S240 42-inch Mower Deck, Kid’s 12-volt Gator, 5 burner grill, and a 50/50 raffle), food table, basket table and lots of fun and excitement. Items such as: quilts, furniture, antiques, gift sets, dinners, gift cards, sports memorabilia, collectibles, afghans, and many others made or donated by the parish and business communities will be to auctioned off. For information, contact: Rectory office (301- 884-3123).

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE –

The Social Concerns Committee collects food 52 weeks per year. Please help address the needs of our community with food donations. Bins are located in the back of the church. We are grateful for your continuing support.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE NEEDS HELP

We need some help to work after the 12 Mass. Please call Ellen Walls at 301- 579-2557 or Fay Adriani at 301-645-3531.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

SUN: 8am Maurice Long, Sr., 10am Parishioners, **12N:** F. Brooke Matthews, **MON:** 8am Gopal Lilaram Chandiramani, **TUES:** 8am Kathleen Conway, **WED:** 8am All Souls, **THURS:** 8am All Souls, **FRI:** 9:30am All Souls, **SAT:** 9am Joseph F. Weingarden, III, 4pm George H. Burch.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY

PRAYERS: Stephen Balenger, Anna Bankins, Mary Bowes, Deacon Gene Burroughs, Brenda Callahan, Joe Cross, Agnes Curtis, Chuck Davis, Susan Welch Day, Kendall Farrell, Keith Van Gadson, Arlene Gandolfi, Martha Gehring, James Gibson, Zynae Green, Irma Johnson, Angie Kalnasy, Regina Kijesky, Fr. Joseph Kleinstuber, Lillian Komar, Susie Logan, Larry Miller, Joseph Mona, Wayne Mullings, Mary Reeves, Sylvene Savoy, William Leon Savoy, Edna Sweeney, Jean Turner, Eva Washington, Beth Weise, Pat Werner, Brice Zimmer.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

\$9,382.21. The unidentified donations totaled \$679.21.