

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The past two weeks we've printed stories of people who have experienced physical healing through prayer. The Lord also wants to heal us spiritually and emotionally. Below is the account of one woman's spiritual healing.

With my prayers,
Fr. Conley

Dear Father Conley,

Even though I feel vulnerable sharing, I pray it is helpful in encouraging others. God bless your priesthood and healing ministry.

I am a big believer in healing prayer, since I have been both a recipient of healing as well as a conduit of God's healing love through participating on healing prayer teams. I know that it is Jesus healing me and that the prayer teams are Our Lord's vessels through which His healing light flows-just as Mother Teresa said she was simply a pencil in the hand of God. Therefore, when given an opportunity to allow others to pray with me or when I am asked to pray with others I go with complete trust in Jesus.... nothing more.... nothing less.

At the end of the Healing Prayer Retreat, I went to ask a prayer team to pray with me. I asked specifically for prayer to be anointed by the Holy Spirit since I would be speaking at all the Masses over that weekend. Additionally, I mentioned to the prayer team that I was going to sign up for a longer session to deal with an emotional issue that had recently surfaced after attending a Eucharistic Adoration event two weeks earlier; something I knew Our Lord was calling me to hand over to Him for healing. So, after receiving prayer from the prayer team for the anointing of the Holy Spirit, I left with the intention of signing up for a longer healing prayer session to deal with the deeper emotional issue.

After an amazing weekend of talks at church, which I knew were blessed by the Holy Spirit because many people said so afterwards, I felt so filled with joy and excitement that Our Lord had answered my prayers through the prayer team and anointed me for the talks.

However, that Monday, the emotional issue that had surfaced had reached a new peak with an acute and intense physical pain behind my right shoulder blade that popped up out of nowhere and a deep ache at the center of my chest. It was as if the pain had bubbled up from deep within me over the prior two weeks and was ready to burst but I just couldn't fully let go.... so my body was reacting.

I didn't really want to talk about the issue anymore, since I had already tried to deal with it several times before. Every moment that went by during that day, I felt

as though I was going to break. Spontaneous tears kept erupting from me and the pain continued to intensify. I spent quite a bit of time during that day talking to our Lord at Rosary, at Mass and while driving around in my car.

At the end of the day, I did my usual routine of changing clothes and washing up. I was about to go downstairs to spend some time with my husband. As I walked by my prayer corner in my room, I heard my Lord say, Come be with me.

To be honest, I thought to myself, well, I spent a lot of time with you today, my Lord (sometimes I cannot believe the thoughts that come into my head!) but then I decided to be obedient and sit some more with Him. I sat in my prayer chair and then I heard- Kneel before me. Suddenly I realized this was serious.... He wants my full attention. So I knelt before my altar and gazed into the eyes of the Divine Mercy Jesus.

He told me to tell Him how I feel. I did and at that moment of full obedience and trust in Him, I received a most powerful spontaneous healing. As I poured out my emotions before the Lord, He lifted both my physical and emotional pain RIGHT OUT OF ME and quite immediately!!!

I was literally in shock. I started gasping for air as I laughed with both joy and shock. It all just lifted!!! All of it! I couldn't believe it, yet, I knew in that moment I had been healed by my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the prayer I had received over the weekend and through my obedience, trust and willingness to allow Him to heal me. I also knew I would no longer need to meet for the longer session. It was all just GONE and I was filled with absolute JOY!

I now feel free and alive and filled with joy to share this with all of you. God bless you all! Trust, believe and receive!!! God is GOOD, all the time!!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAMS NEXT WEEKEND

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, spiritual and emotional healing, trained prayer teams will be present after each Mass. Your brothers & sisters on the teams prayed for forty-five people last month. They would be honored to pray for your needs.

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.

CAMP MARIA 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 Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 6:00 to 8:00pm at Camp Maria Retreat Center Dining Hall, 41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650, at \$20 per person. Reservation encouraged by November 12th. For more information, contact Ann Kovalcik, Director, at 301-475-8330 or director@campmaria.org

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.

PRAISE & WORSHIP We will have a praise and worship gathering this Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 and dinner will be served. Everyone is invited to come and join us for Spirit-filled praise of our Lord. For more information contact Fr. Conley.

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

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. Your ticket enters you in all 20 drawings. **The winner of the second drawing of \$1,000 was Karen Krechman, a parishioner here at St. Mary's.**

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS-GREAT FOR EVERYBODY!

Would you like to make your donations electronically? We utilize web bill pay, set up through your individual bank for online donations at St. Mary's because there are no hidden costs or fees associated with giving for the donor or for the church. For more information on how to set up online donations through your bank, please contact our Parish Accountant, [Lisa Shumaker](mailto:Lisa.Shumaker), by phone at 301-870-2220 Ext. 11 or by email at smbacct@comcast.net.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE NEEDS HELP

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

KNOW OF PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND? Please contact Fr. Conley or Sister Theresa at the rectory so we can minister to their spiritual needs.

NEEDS HELP!!!

A parishioner needs a ride here to church on weekends, lives in the Huntington area in St. Charles, close to Nick's. Would prefer 4pm or 8am Mass, if possible. Please contact Mary at the rectory, if you are able to help: (301-870-2220) or (301- 274-3187).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

SUN: 8am Parishioners, 10am Kathleen Conway, **12N:** Charles Merz, **MON:** 8am Devin Wilson, **TUES:** 8am Renzo Vanni, & All Souls, **WED:** 8am All Souls, **THURS:** 8am Gary Edward Williams, **FRI:** 9:30am All Souls, **SAT:** 9am Edna Wills, 4pm JoAnn E. Capone.

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, 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:

\$9,450.65. The unidentified donations totaled \$627.05. We received \$576.00 for our School Support.