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This program involves preparation for and celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for the Christian initiation of unbaptized adults, unbaptized children of catechetical age, as well as for welcoming baptized Catholics and non-Catholics into full communion with the Church. Please contact Father Conley for more information.

The Sacrament of Baptism

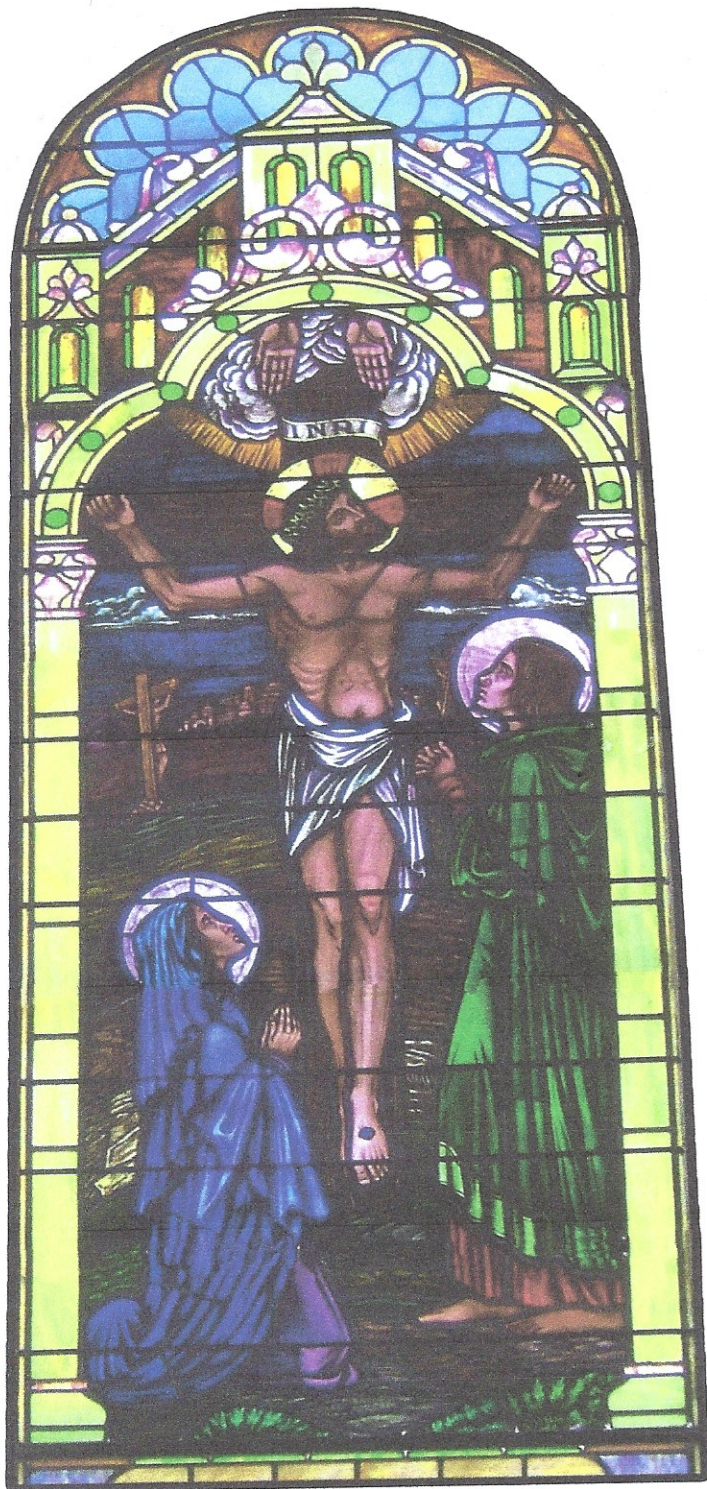
Baptisms are normally celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents seeking to have a child baptized at St. Mary's should contact the rectory office to make the necessary arrangements.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples seeking to be married at St. Mary's are to call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months in advance of their intended wedding date. This should be done prior to any other reception or invitation arrangements so that the parish may suitably serve the couple.

The Sacrament of Anointing

Any Catholic who is facing serious illness or surgery is encouraged to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Please call Father Conley at the rectory office to arrange to receive this sacrament for yourself or for a family member.



Rev. Rory T. Conley, Pastor

New Parishioners

We welcome you to our faith community. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Also you can call the rectory office or email smboffice@stmarysbryantown.com to have a form mailed to you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday is the Feast of the Archangels. The article below explains what the Bible has to tell us about these powerful defenders of God's people.

With my prayers,
Father Conley

Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, Raphael — Pray for the Church and the World by Joseph Pronechen

The Lord has three great Princes of Heaven as close as a prayer away. The names of this powerful heavenly trio should be on the tip of our tongues. They are the Archangels St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. They share a singular feast day each year — Sept. 29. don't forget this powerful trio heavenly helpers — the only three angels named in Scripture..

St. John Paul II reminded us of the meaning of their names. "Mica-EL in fact means: 'Who is like God?' In this name, therefore, we find expressed the salvific choice thanks to which the angels 'see the face of the Father' who is in Heaven." Next is Gabri-EL, meaning "my power is God" or "power of God." Then there is Raphael, 'Rafa-EL' meaning "God heals."

Archangel Michael

Michael is the prince of the angels and a great warrior. For one, the angel giving revelations about the end of the world to Daniel (12:1) tells him, "At that time shall Michael rise up, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book."

In Revelation (12:7-8) John reveals that "war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven." Which leads us to look at St. Michael's four major duties? First, to wage battle against Satan and the fallen angels. Second, to save the souls of the faithful from the power of Satan and the devils, especially at the hour of death. Third, to protect the People of God, the Old Covenant's Jews and the New Covenant's Christians. Fourth, to lead the souls of the departed to our Lord for the particular judgment. St. Michael wants to see us safely into heaven so he protects and defends souls and is their advocate at death.

We should also remember that St. Michael is the patron of policemen, soldiers, first responders including ambulance drivers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, also those dying and a holy death, artists, storms at sea, mariners, bakers, grocers, and, not surprisingly, exorcists.

Archangel Gabriel

Gabriel, as his name reveals, is especially tied to announcing the Incarnation of Jesus, the Son of God.

St. Luke tells us "the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary" (1:26-37). Earlier, the archangel identified himself to Zachariah, saying, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news" (Luke 1:19).

We honor St. Gabriel, whose name means "Strength of God" or "Power of God," regularly without a second thought. But we should always remember that whenever we pray the "Hail Mary," we first honor our Blessed Mother, of course, as we begin the "Ave Maria" with the words Gabriel addressed to her at the Annunciation. Traditionally, he's also considered the archangel who announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, warned St. Joseph to take Baby Jesus and Mary to Egypt, called him back to Israel, and later comforted Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Because St. Gabriel is such a powerful ambassador of God, he's also the patron of communications workers, and of radio and TV. We should always ask his intercession to turn around our media, from print to TV to movies to the internet, back to morality, decency, and the good.

Archangel Raphael

Raphael has much to tell us when we meet him as he plays a predominant part though most of the beautiful Book of Tobit. For one, St. Raphael protects Tobit's son Tobias and conducts him safely on a long journey to and from home. As the meaning of his name "God heals" and "Medicine of God" tells us, he drives a demon away from Sarah, secures a happy marriage for Tobias and Sarah in the Lord, brings healing to the father Tobit's blind eyes, and tells the recipients of his help to give all the praise and honor to God. And he gives them much sound spiritual guidance and counsel (Tobit 12: 6-18).

To make sure everyone knows who he really is, Raphael identifies himself. He tells Tobit and his family, "God sent me to heal you and your daughter-in-law Sarah. "I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels who present the prayers of the saints and enter into the presence of the glory of the Holy One. "Do not be afraid; you will be safe. But praise God for ever. For I did not come as a favor on my part, but by the will of our God. Therefore, praise him forever" (Tobit 12: 14-15, 17,18).

Raphael tells us that God sends His angels to help us in our needs. This is the teaching of the Church, and the deeper and more grave our needs, the more sure we can be that God is providing us with angelic assistance. The story also reveals St. Raphael is, in particular, the patron of travelers, of happy meetings, and of joy, all revealed in the meeting and marriage of Tobias and Sarah. We should also ask Raphael to intercede for us and others for spiritual and bodily healing.

These three glorious archangels reflect the truth in the Letter to the Hebrews that angels are ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to possess salvation." (1:14). And Psalm 91 proclaims: "For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

THIS FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY of the month. We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:30 AM Mass and concluding with Benediction at 6 PM. Volunteers are needed to sign up for adoration between the hours of three and 6 PM. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WILL BE CONFIRMED THIS SATURDAY, THAT THEY WILL OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

BECOMING CATHOLIC OR "FULLY" CATHOLIC - If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church please contact Fr. Conley. **Classes have begun, but you can still join us THIS Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 7pm in the hall.**

Would you like to have a better understanding of the Bible? Join us by Zoom for the Bible Timeline starting Tuesday, October 6, from seven to 8:30 PM. Over the course of just eight sessions, you will learn how the story of our salvation presented in the Word of God all fits together. This will make your reading and hearing of the word of God much more meaningful. And if you have taken this course before, why not take it again as a refresher? The cost is just \$10 for materials. To register please contact Fr. Conley at frconley@comcast.net

Rosary Rally - We will host a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10 at 12 noon. The purpose of this public rosary is to honor the request of our Blessed Mother's messages at Fatima and to pray for our nation and the world. Join us! The Rosary will be held in the field by Oliver Shop Road. Friends and chairs welcome; masks required. For more info or to help in any way, please contact wendymslay1@gmail.com

ADULTS FOR CHRIST Formally known as the Young Adult Fellowship. We encourage all members in their 20s, 30s or 40s to join us at our next meeting this Monday, Sept. 28, at 7pm in the hall where we will continue studying the Eucharistic Miracles. For more information please contact Melissa House at 240-832-7659.

SMB CONFERENCE ON HEALING Oct 23-24, with Dr. Mary Healy. The conference will be held Friday night, 7-9pm, and all day Saturday, concluding with 6pm Vigil Mass followed by Healing Service. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch & dinner on Saturday, pay at the door. Due to Covid, space is limited & pre-registration is required. You can register through parish facebook page or by contacting Fr. Conley at frconley@comcast.net Dr. Mary Healy is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. She serves on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is known nationally for her healing prayer ministry

SMB ANNUAL \$60,000 RAFFLE Tickets are being sold after Mass. You may purchase a ticket on your own for \$100 or consider purchasing a ticket with your friends, family or co-workers and split the ticket cost and the winnings. Your ticket enters you in all 20 opportunities to win cash prizes adding up to \$60,000. Our first drawing for \$1,000 will be held on October 29th.

RIGHT TO LIFE "LIFE CHAIN" Christians, rise up! Take a stand for the sanctity of life. Simply be a sign-bearer during the 2020 Pro-Life Life Chain on October 4. Meet at one of three locations; for more info, contact those listed: Sacred Heart in LaPlata at 1:45pm (contact Jennifer at laplatalifechain@gmail.com); Our Lady Help of Christians in Waldorf at 1:45pm (contact Marlen Coles at marlen@olhoc.org); or St. Francis DeSales in Benedict at 2:00 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

SUN: 8am Julia Totten, 10am Parishioners, 12N Msgr. Thomas Kane, **MON:** 8am Joe Brawner, **TUES:** 8am Martha Anne Gehring, **WED:** 8am Ursuline Swann, **THURS:** 8am Charles J. Makle, **FRI:** 9:30am Janie C. Sembly, **SAT:** 4pm John Fassel, 6pm Msgr. Thomas Kane.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY

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