



St. Mary of the Assumption
14908 Main Street, Upper Marlboro
Redemptorist Parish Mission – May 21 – 24
“Celebrating God’s Mercy and Love”



What is a Parish Mission?

A Parish Mission is a series of:

- ❖ *Inspirational sermons*
- ❖ *Creative stories*
- ❖ *Prayerful rituals*

It's like a retreat – an opportunity to experience renewal, enrich your faith and strengthen your relationships

A Parish Mission can provide:

- ❖ *An opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and with each other*
- ❖ *Renewal of grace, peace and joy in our lives*
- ❖ *Forgiveness and healing for troubled hearts and souls*
- ❖ *A chance to celebrate our faith*
- ❖ *Motivation for improving and enhancing our lives*
- ❖ *A recognition of the goodness that surrounds us in all our relationships*

Evening Programs:

Sunday Service, May 21 – 7:00PM

Theme: God of Mercy and Love –

Symbol: Water

Congregation will write prayer requests.

Monday Service, May 22 – 7:00PM

Theme: Encountering Jesus in Mass and Eucharist

Symbol: Oil

Congregation will receive blessing with oil.

Tuesday Service: May 23 – 7:00PM

Theme: Mercy in Action

Symbol: Wheat and grapes

Exposition and Benediction. Confessions will be heard by Fr. Paul and 3 visiting priests.

Wednesday Mass, May 24 – 7:00PM

Theme: Mary, Mother of Mercy

Mass in Honor of Mary

Flowers will be placed before the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Cookies will be provided each evening.

Morning Programs:

Morning Mission talks will follow 8:00 AM Mass

Monday, May 22 – 8:30AM

Theme: Challenge of Discipleship – our forgiveness of others

Tuesday, May 23 – 8:30AM

Theme: Cost of Discipleship – God molding and freeing us

Wednesday, May 24 – 8:30AM

Theme: Reward of Discipleship – God’s desire for us

Mission Programs will be provided for our St. Mary’s School Children.

Light refreshments will be served in the Red Building after each morning Mission talk.

Brief Biographies of the Missionaries

Father Paul Bryan, C.Ss.R. is a Redemptorist priest. During his years of priesthood, he was a seminary teacher, pastor, counselor, director of San Alfonso Retreat House, coordinator of St. John Neumann Shrine. He worked extensively in Cursillo, Marriage Encounter, Parish Renewal Weekends and in giving retreats for priests, sisters and laity. He is a full time missionary leading parish missions, retreats and days of prayer throughout the United States.

Sister Mary Sninsky, OSF is a Bernardine Franciscan Sister. She was an elementary teacher and elementary principal in the Dioceses of Allentown, Harrisburg and Philadelphia. She served as Director of the Bernardine Franciscan Associates and as Provincial in the US Province. She is a member of the Redemptorist Parish Mission Team since 2002, leading parish missions, retreats and days of prayer throughout the United States.

Other Useful Information

- ❖ For those not able to drive at night, please contact the Parish Office at 301-627-3255. We will do our best to make arrangements for pick-ups and drop-offs.
- ❖ Morning Mission talks will be on the topic of Discipleship.
- ❖ Evening Mission programs will focus on our relationships with God.
- ❖ There will be morning Mass on Monday, May 22, in addition to our regularly scheduled Masses.
- ❖ We will have our normally scheduled Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, May 23, following the morning Mission Program.
- ❖ Benediction will follow the Tuesday evening Mission Service.
- ❖ Fr. Paul and 3 visiting priests will hear confessions during the evening Mission Program on Tuesday, May 23.
- ❖ Fr. Paul will also be available during the mission to hear confessions.
- ❖ Both Fr. Paul and Sister Mary will be available for conversations during the mission.
- ❖ Our Parish Mission will conclude on Wednesday evening May 24 with a Mass.
- ❖ Collection at our Wednesday evening Mass and free will offerings at all services will go to our Missionaries.
- ❖ Mission books will be provided at each evening service. Please bring your book with you each evening you attend.

Please visit our website at www.stmaryum.org or call the Parish office at 301-627-3255 for more information.