

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**April 2, 2017****MONDAY - April 3***Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11*

7:00 p.m. Women's Study Group (in Commons)
Bishop Barron's "Catholicism: The New Evangelization"

TUESDAY - April 4*Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30*

5:00-6:00 p.m. Holy Hour with Eucharistic Exposition/
Benediction & Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass Intention: †Phyllis Malo

**WEDNESDAY - April 5***Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42*

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Pat Waldo

7:00 p.m. RCIA

7:00 p.m. Scripture Reflection Group
(in Chapel of Commons Building)

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

THURSDAY - April 6*Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59*

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Arlene M. Malcolm

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass Intention: † Fr. Joseph Losh

FRIDAY - April 7 - First Friday*Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42*

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Eileen Augenstein

4:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00 p.m. Recitation of Vespers from the Liturgy of the Hours

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Confessions following Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary

7:00 p.m. Benediction

5:00-7:30 p.m. Fish Fry at Knights of Columbus Hall

SATURDAY - April 8*Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56*

7:15-9:00 a.m. Men's Group (Moir Hall)

9:00 a.m. Rosary

10:30 a.m.-Noon - Children's Choir Rehearsal

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Mass Intention: †Janet Kraschinsky

SUNDAY - April 9 - Palm Sunday*Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66*

8:00 a.m. Mass Intention: St. Mary Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Mass Intention: † Elizabeth Walston

1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

IN MEMORIAM
Eternal Rest Grant Unto
Floyd E. Angus

SANCTUARY CANDLE for this week will burn in loving memory of the deceased members of the Malo and Durkin Families by Pat Durkin.

SACRAMENTAL WINE provided by the Knights of Columbus.



Reminder for Visitation of the Sick: Please remember that due to privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify us when one of our parishioners has been admitted. Please notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is ill or in the hospital by calling 740-382-2118. Thank you.

~SERVERS~**This Weekend: April 1/2, 2017**

5:00 p.m. Austin Chivington, Trent Reece, Dylan Baisden
8:00 a.m. Renata Schuler, Christie Longo, Brett Gubernath
11:00 a.m. Clare Stevenson, Peyton Suchland,
Michael & Summer McLernon

1:00 p.m. Ashley Alvarez, Andrea Tagle, Mateusz Lisiecki

Next Weekend: April 8/9, 2017

5:00 p.m. Cameron Smith, Christian Smith, Teirza Hart
8:00 a.m. Jake Slemmons, Nate Slemmons, Nate Wood
11:00 a.m. Ben Waldo, Luke Waldo, Grace Waldo, Morgan Elliott
1:00 p.m. Andrea Tagle, Ashley Alvarez & Alexander Lisiecki

~LECTORS~**This Weekend: April 1/2, 2017**

5:00 p.m. (I) Anthony Swartz
(II) Becky Swartz
8:00 a.m. (I) Melina Celestino
(II) Pat Baldinger
11:00 a.m. (I) Eric Suchland
(II) Deb Ketcham
1:00 p.m. (I) Gilberto Aguirre
(II) Grecia Catalan

Next Weekend: April 8/9 2017

5:00 p.m. (I) Bob New
(II) Pat Stevens
8:00 a.m. (I) Joe Stanko
(II) Dora Jean Mendoza
11:00 a.m. (I) Fred Dutton
(II) Dean Jacob
1:00 p.m. (I) Martha Esparza
(II) Gilberto Aguirre & Grecia Catalan

PLEASE NOTE: Liturgical Minister Schedules are posted online at <http://www.marionstmary.org/Bulletin> & **Liturgical Assignments**. Paper copies are available in the main vestibule and are also posted on church bulletin boards. Thank you.



**ATTENTION, all St. Mary Parish
Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters,
Ministers of Holy Communion &
Ushers:**

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES ARE IN THE MAIN VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.

Please take a few minutes to sign up to help. Your help is very much needed and greatly appreciated! Thank you!



PRAYER REQUEST LINE: For a prayer request for the Prayer Line, please call Ellen Distel at 740-389-4551 or Dolores at the Parish Office at 740-382-2118 or email dolores@marionstmary.org.

NURSERY: The nursery is available at the 11:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Looking for a rewarding way to acquire service hours for Confirmation? *Think about helping in the nursery.* Please call Angie at 419-834-5783 if you would like to help out.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in *Chapel of Commons Building*. You are invited to join us as we study and reflect on the current Sunday's readings and apply the message of God's Word to our everyday lives.

From the Pastor:

This Sunday, we hear the Gospel account of the raising of Lazarus. Belief in the resurrection of the dead through the power of the risen Christ was one of the many ideas that separated Christians from non-Christians in the ancient world. From the earliest days of Christianity, believers in Jesus had burial customs that were different from those of the pagans. This seems like a good moment to mention how these differences still exist today, particularly in regard to cremation. In the Catholic Church, burial of the dead is preferred, but cremation is also allowed provided it is not chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. When cremation is chosen, the ashes are to be treated the same way as a body; that is, they are not to be scattered or divided, but laid to rest in a sacred place, such as a cemetery or church. In March of 2016, Pope Francis approved an instruction reminding Catholics of these matters. The instruction clarifies that Catholics are not to keep the ashes of a deceased person in their homes. It concludes, "In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects. ...

When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law."

The full text of the instruction is available in English at http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20160815_ad-resurgendum-cum-christo_en.html and in Spanish at http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20160815_ad-resurgendum-cum-christo_sp.html.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. Please note the special liturgical schedule for Holy Week. Our parish staff, volunteers, and musicians have been dedicating much extra time and effort to prepare a beautiful and moving celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord. Please plan to participate as fully as possible in the holiest week of the Church year.

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Buffer

Del Párroco:

Este Domingo escuchamos en el Evangelio el levantamiento de Lazaro. Creer en la resurrección de la muerte por medio del poder de Cristo resucitado fue una de las muchas ideas que separa Cristianos de los no-Cristianos en el mundo antiguo. Desde los inicios de la Cristiandad, creyentes en Jesus tenían sus costumbres para enterrar que eran diferentes de los paganos. Esto parece ser un buen momento para mencionar como estas diferencias todavía existen hasta hoy, particularmente cuando se refiere a la cremación. En la Iglesia Católica, se prefiere el entierro de los muertos, pero cremación también se permite pero no se escoge por razones contrarias a la doctrina Cristiana. Cuando se escoge la cremación, las cenizas se tratan igual como un cuerpo; por la cual, no son esparcidas o divididas, pero se mantienen en un lugar sagrado, como un cementerio o iglesia. En Marzo del 2016, el Papa Francisco aprobó una instrucción recordando a los Católicos de estos temas. La instrucción aclara que los Católicos no mantengan las cenizas de una persona fallecida en sus casas. Y termina, "Para que se elimine cualquier aparición de panteísmo, naturalismo o nihilismo, no se permite esparcir las cenizas en el aire, sobre la tierra, el mar o en otra manera, ni que se preserven en piezas de joyería u otros objetos...Cuando la persona fallecida ha pedido ser cremada y haya pedido esparcir sus cenizas por razones contrarias a la fe Cristiana, un funeral Cristiano se debe negar de acuerdo a las normas de la ley."

El contexto completo de la instrucción está disponible en Inglés en http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20160815_ad-resurgendum-cum-christo_en.html y también en Español en http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20160815_ad-resurgendum-cum-christo_sp.html.

El próximo Domingo es Domingo de Ramos, el primer día de la Semana Santa. Por favor fíjese del calendario de las liturgias especiales en el boletín. Nuestro personal de la parroquia, voluntarios, y músicos han estado dedicando mucho tiempo extra y esfuerzo para preparar una hermosa y conmovida celebración de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Nuestro Señor. Por favor planea participar lo más que pueda durante la semana más sagrada del año de la Iglesia.

Su hermano en Cristo
Padre Thomas Buffer

Healing Blanket Ministry: Healing Blanket Ministry continues its mission to sew blankets. Would you like to join us in this ministry? We will supply the material for you to sew. *We ask those who give a blanket to a loved one, to please sign the blue binder with your name and the name of the person receiving it.* We need more people to sew the blankets. Please contact Elaine Kelly at 740-389-1018.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION
9:15-10:45 a.m. - Preschool through 7th grade
at St. Mary Grade School.



Class Schedule:
April 2, 9, 23 and 30 ~ **No Class on April 16 (Easter Sunday)**

For more information, call Glenna at 740-382-2262.



St. Mary School News

April 5: 8:30 a.m. School Mass

For more information about enrollment, please call the school at 740-382-1607.



OPERATION STARFISH ~

NEXT BAKE SALE: April 23, 2017 after all Sunday Masses.

Operation Starfish is a simple, efficient Food for The Poor project that saves precious lives, one child at a time.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING 2017

Children in grades 3-8 have the opportunity to join the Children's Choir in making a beautiful and meaningful contribution to the *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday* and to *First Holy Communion Mass on May 13.*

Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. to noon, in the choir loft. It is not necessary to attend all rehearsals. Contact Kathleen Whitt at 740-262-0365.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection for week ending, March 26, 2017
 Offertory: \$ 8,043.20
 Electronic Giving: \$ 2,659.50
 Total: \$ 10,702.70

Thank you for your support.



CONFIRMATION NEWS

2016 CONFIRMATION

Classes: 9:15-10:45 a.m. in the Commons

April 2, 9, 23 and 30 ~ No Class on April 16 (Easter Sunday)

Prior participation in religion classes at St. Mary School or Parish School of Religion (PSR) is required to enroll in Confirmation class. Each student's religious education **must have included 7th grade catechesis.**

Joe and Debbie Faber (faber3@thewavz.com, 740-360-1582)

Glenna Celestino (glenna@marionstmary.org, 740-382-2262)

2016-2017 Team: Joe and Debbie Faber, Mary Dutton, Miranda Breece and Gilberto Aguirre



Life Teen meets every Sunday (unless otherwise noted) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Commons. Dinner served. All high school teens and friends are invited.

April 2 - No Life Teen.

We will resume next Sunday, April 9.

Steubenville Youth Conference – June 23-25. Attend the most dynamic, amazing, energetic and inspirational youth conferences in our country held on the campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville. Be encouraged and challenged by high energy famous captivating speakers. This conference will be a boost to your Catholic faith and help you grow in your relationship with Christ. Cost is only \$49.00. Yes that is right! It is really \$199.00, but we at St. Mary Life Teen are making it so low that anyone can go. Deadline to sign up is April 15. Call or text Mark Starrs at 740-223-8656 for questions or to sign up! For current 8th graders through seniors in high school. *Mark Starrs, Youth Minister (740-223-8656).*



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Classes are Wednesdays
7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Commons.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of the Church to help individuals discern their call to Faith – and answer their questions.

Topics:

April 5: The 7th and 10th Commandments; will also explain Palm Sunday.
April 12: The 8th Commandment; we will also discuss Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil. **THIS IS A MANDATORY SESSION FOR ALL RCIA ELECT AND SPONSORS TO ATTEND.**

For more information, please call Deb Ketcham at 740-361-4602.



Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **helping Jesus in disguise.** Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit

www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo a The Catholic Relief Services Collection y por ayudar a Jesús con otro rostro. Sus contribuciones harán una diferencia a los pobres y los marginados alrededor del mundo. Si no alcanzó a dar en la colecta, ¡todavía lo puede hacer! Visite www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, y haga clic en el enlace "How to Give," al lado izquierdo.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Friday, April 7, 2017

TIME: 4:00-7:00 p.m.



Schedule:

- 4:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 5:00 p.m. Recitation of Vespers from the Liturgy of the Hours
- 5:30 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Confessions following Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Benediction

You are invited to come and experience the peace, love, and great mercy of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the First Friday of every month as He is exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament. This is in addition to the weekly Exposition we have on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In order to understand and better appreciate this special sacrament, parents must attend a Pre-Baptismal class. St. Mary offers this instruction four times a year on the second Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Commons. **Preregistration for the class is required.**



Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays of the month immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call Glenna at the Office of Religious Education at 740-382-2262, to register or if you have any questions.

THE NEXT CLASS WILL BE HELD ON Sunday, April 9, 2017.

EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

El bautizo es el inicio de nuestra Vida Católica y es el sacramento más importante que recibimos. Si es que su niño es menor de 7 años, y desea bautizarlo, los padres y padrinos deben atender a una clase Pre-Bautismal. Nuestra Iglesia Santa María ofrece estas clases 4 veces al año. **Las proximas clases serán el Domingo, 30 de Abril, 2017 a las 2:30pm en la Casa Blanca (The Commons).**

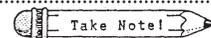


Para más información o si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llamar a la Sra Evelyn (860) 997-0627.



EASTER FLOWERS:

Easter Sunday is April 16 and flowers will once again be ordered as a tribute to your loved ones, both living and deceased. Anyone who wishes to make a donation may do so by using one of the envelopes marked "Flower Offering" (located at each of the doors of the church) or a separate envelope marked "Easter Flowers" with your name and the intention and place in the collection basket or mail/drop off at the Parish Office. **Please note the deadline for publication in the Easter bulletin is Thursday, April 6, 2017. Thank you.**



"The Little White Book" – Six minute reflections on the Resurrection narrative of Mark. If you liked the "Little Black Book" for Lent, you'll want to continue your reflections during the Easter season! Members of St. Mary Spiritual Enrichment Commission will be selling these books after Mass next weekend. Cost is only \$1.00.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER:

The Neighborhood Supper was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Approximately 96 people plus workers and Boy Scouts enjoyed a delicious dinner of sloppy joe sandwiches, green beans, fruit cocktail, donuts, coffee and milk.

Thank you to the members of the *Grand Prairie Homemakers Group* for preparing and serving the dinner; *St. Mary Boy Scouts* for helping with cleanup; Teri Titus for help as monthly coordinator for St. Mary; *Andrew's Pastries* for the donuts and those who baked cookies.

Free Organ Concert & Film Screening

Sunday April 2nd, 5:00 pm

Cecil DeMille's
1927 silent feature
"King of Kings"



Original Score performed by
organist Shawn Kenny



Doors open at 4:30pm at
Sacred Hearts Church
4680 State Rt 42
Cardington, Ohio 43315

*Donations will be accepted to support local food banks



FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will once again be holding there ever popular **Fish Fries** on Fridays during Lent. Serving time will be from 5:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 1231 E. Center Street. Meal will consist of all-you-can-eat Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw and Dinner Roll. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and children 12 and over; \$7.00 Senior Citizen 60 and over; \$5.00 children 5 to 12 and children under age 5 are free. There is a max charge of \$30.00 for a family (Family is defined as living under the same roof).

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 10 – 8:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 11 – NO Holy Hour or Confessions and NO 6:30 p.m. Mass (*Chrim Mass at Cathedral*)

Wednesday, April 12 – 8:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday - April 13

No Morning Mass

7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Adoration to follow until closing with night prayer at 11:00 p.m.)



Good Friday - April 14 (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

No Morning Mass

3:00-4:00 p.m. – Confessions

6:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord



"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you because by your cross you have redeemed the world."

Holy Saturday - April 15

No Morning Mass

8:30 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 16

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



LENTEN REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

~ **Abstinence** from meat is observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Good Friday**.

~ **Fasting** is observed on **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating between meals is not permitted. Beverages are not restricted.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

OPERATION RICE BOWL IS A LENTEN PROGRAM OF **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**. PROCEEDS WILL HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR DIOCESE AND AROUND THE WORLD. THE MONEY YOU SAVED FROM FASTING AND SACRIFICE MAY BE BROUGHT IN AT 7:00 P.M. MASS ON **HOLY THURSDAY**

PLEASE PUT IN BASKETS BY DOORS BEFORE MASS BEGINS. THANK YOU.



St. Mary Health Fair and Family Day

Saturday, April 22, 2017

from 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

at St. Mary School Gym



- Walk-In Diabetes check (fast at least 4 hours before testing); Blood Pressure checks and skin checks.

- **Marion Public Library** will bring crafts and free books.

• Participating on this event: WIC, Marion Health Department, YMCA, ARC (Aids Resource Center), Peltier Chiropractic,

Advocare Nutrition, Asian Medical Massage.



- **Marion Center Clinic** will give free dental supplies.

Kindred Nursing & Rehabilitation Community.

Marion County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

- **St. Mary School** will provide scholarships information.

- We will have door prizes. We will have games, inflatables, piñatas for the children and more.



- We will announce the winners for our adult raffle*:

1st Prize: 7.1 cu ft. Freezer

2nd Prize: 32" LED HD Television

3rd Prize: 0.9 cu ft. Microwave

4th Prize: 0.9 cu ft. Microwave



***PLEASE NOTE: You can purchase raffle tickets for \$5.00 after all Masses the weekend of April 1 and 2.**



"Imagine making a holy pilgrimage this Easter season! What would it be like to explore the holy places and churches found right here in Ohio? Join Father Joshua Wagner and hundreds of other pilgrims on his annual Easter Pilgrimage **"The Catholic Church Tour."** This year, we will be exploring the Churches and Shrines of Western Ohio (Maria Stein), of Perry County, and Downtown Columbus. Energize the upcoming Easter Season NOW! Get more information and reserve your spot immediately by going to [CatholicChurchTour.com!](http://CatholicChurchTour.com)"



A Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at Sacred Hearts Church – Cardington:

Each Monday evening, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We welcome St. Mary's parishioners to join us.