

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



MONDAY – December 11

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

7:00 p.m. Women's Study Group:

"Matthew: The King and His Kingdom"

TUESDAY – December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

5:30 a.m. Mañanitas (morning praise) and Rosary
Coffee & Donuts to follow in Moira Hall.

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

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass Intention:
†Claire Ann Andres

7:30 p.m. Play of the Virgin appearances in Moira Hall



WEDNESDAY – December 13 – Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: Living & Deceased of
Spinelli & Sorrentino Families

5:00-5:45 p.m. Children's Choir

7:00 p.m. RCIA

7:00 p.m. Scripture Study

7:00 p.m. Parish Choir

THURSDAY – December 14 –

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Margaret Roseberry

FRIDAY – December 15

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Francis J. Voll

SATURDAY – December 16

Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Mt 17:9a,10-13

9:00 a.m. Rosary

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

5:00 p.m. Mass Intention: †Jonathan Rowe

Coffee & Donuts after Mass in Moira Hall –

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY – December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Hospitality Sunday: Coffee & donuts in Moira Hall –

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Please return Giving Tree gifts this weekend. Thank you!

8:00 a.m. Mass Intention: †Jerry Nemeth

9:15 a.m. PSR Classes:

Preschool-Grade 7 and Confirmation Class

11:00 a.m. Mass Intention: St. Mary Parishioners

1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

2:00 p.m. Sort & deliver Giving Tree Gifts

(meet in church – volunteers are needed)

5:00-6:30 p.m. CONFESSIONS

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week in of memory of Dr. James J. Buffer, Jr., by St. Mary Church Cleaning Ladies.

SACRAMENTAL WINE provided by the Knights of Columbus.

~SERVERS~

This Weekend: December 9/10

5:00 p.m. Dylan Baisden, Gavin Baisden, Volunteer needed

8:00 a.m. Nate Slemmons, Kelly Baer, Samuel Baer

11:00 a.m. Grace Waldo, Ben Waldo, Luke Waldo

1:00 p.m. Ashley Alvarez, Jasmin Tagle, Maria Martinez

Next Weekend: December 16/17

5:00 p.m. Kasey McDaniel, Nick McDaniel, Aaron McDaniel

8:00 a.m. Michael McLernon, Summer McLernon, Ben Wood

11:00 a.m. Morgan Elliott, Zane Dine, Lindsey Anderson

1:00 p.m. Andrea Tagle, Ashley Alvarez, Miguel Martinez

~LECTORS~

This Weekend: December 9/10

5:00 p.m. (I) Bob New

(II) Pat Stevens

8:00 a.m. (I) Pat Baldinger

(II) Pat Baldinger

11:00 a.m. (I) Dean Jacob

(II) Dean Jacob

1:00 p.m. (I) Eduardo Salinas

(II) Gilberto Aguirre

Next Weekend: December 16/17

5:00 p.m. (I) Joan Shoup

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8:00 a.m. (I) Sharon Baldinger

(II) Melina Celestino

11:00 a.m. (I) Fred Fosco

(II) Kevin Anderson

1:00 p.m. (I) Martha Esparza

(II) Alma Mendez

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.

****Reminder**** It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to keep your assignment. Thank you.



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.



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.



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.

From the Pastor:

Advent is a time of quiet, joyful anticipation. Making time for silence in Advent helps us appreciate the mystery of Christmas, when we will sing "Silent Night," a song emphasizing the peace and quiet of the stable in Bethlehem. The liturgy speaks of this silence, too, quoting the book of Wisdom: "While all things were in quiet silence and the night was in the midst of her course, your almighty Word leapt down from heaven, from your royal throne." (Wisdom 18:14-15). We can help our brothers and sisters discover the quiet joy of Advent and Christmas by doing everything possible to create a quiet, peaceful environment in our church. Parents can help by teaching their children how to be reverent when entering the house of God, showing them how to take holy water, make the sign of the cross, and genuflect to the Lord present in the tabernacle. Everyone can help by refraining from unnecessary talking. Another way we can all help is by turning off our cell phones *before* entering the church. Lately this has been a real problem. During one week last month, I heard a cell phone ring at least once during Mass every day of the week. Think about that: Mass was interrupted *every single day that week*. This is a great distraction and is easily prevented. Please be mindful of these things.

If silence is indispensable to preparing for Christmas, today's scriptures speak of an indispensable condition for receiving the Gospel at any time: repentance and conversion. John the Baptist prepares the way for the Lord Jesus by preaching this message: you must change. You must repent. Like Lent, Advent is a time when the call to conversion comes to the forefront of the Church's message. There is no shortcut to Christmas: good news is always preceded by facing the truth about ourselves.

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Buffer

Del Párroco:

Adviento es un tiempo de silencio, anticipación jovial. Hacer tiempo de silencio durante el Adviento nos ayuda a apreciar el misterio de Navidad, cuando cantaremos "Noche de Paz", una canción enfatizando la paz y el silencio del establo de Belen. La liturgia también habla de este silencio, marcando el libro de la Sabiduría: "Cuando un silencio apacible envolvía todas las cosas y la noche había llegado a la mitad de su rápida carrera. Tu palabra omnipotente se lanzó desde el cielo, desde el trono real." (Sabiduría 18 14-15). Nosotros podemos ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas a descubrir el regocijo del Adviento y la Navidad haciendo todo lo posible para crear un ambiente callado, de paz en nuestra iglesia. Los padres pueden ayudar enseñando a sus niños de cómo se hace reverencia cuando entramos a la casa de Dios, demostrándoles como tocar el agua bendita, hacer la señal de la cruz, e inclinarse al Señor presente en el tabernáculo. Cada uno puede ayudar absteniéndose de conversaciones innecesarias. Otra manera de ayudar es apagando sus celulares antes de entrar a la iglesia. Últimamente esto ha sido un problema real. Durante una semana el mes pasado, escuché el timbre de un celular por lo menos una vez todos los días durante la Misa en una semana. Piénselo: la Misa se interrumpe cada día durante esa semana. Esto es una gran distracción y puede ser prevenida fácilmente. Por favor sea consciente de estas cosas.

Si el silencio es indispensable para prepararnos para Navidad, las escrituras de hoy nos habla de una condición indispensable para recibir el Evangelio en cualquier momento: arrepentimiento y conversión. Juan el Bautista prepara el camino para el Señor Jesus predicando su mensaje: usted debe cambiar. Usted debe arrepentirse. Como Cuaresma, Adviento es un tiempo cuando el llamado a la conversión llega al primer plano del mensaje de la Iglesia. No hay un camino corto hacia la Navidad: la buena nueva está siempre precedida afrontando la verdad de nosotros mismos.

Su hermano en Cristo
Padre Thomas Buffer



**ADDITIONAL TIME FOR CONFESSION
THIS ADVENT:**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17: 5:00-6:30 P.M.

St. Mary School News
December 13: 8:30 a.m. School Mass
December 14: Two Hour Delay
For more information about enrollment, please call the school at 740-382-1607.



**Woman in Love
Mother / Daughter Retreat
January 27/28, 2018**

Paradisus Dei for Mothers and 8-12 grade daughters.

"Delivering God's Remarkable Good News about Sexuality. Shepherding young women on the path of purity, sexuality, and chastity is a sacred role entrusted to parents. Mothers, especially, yearn for effective strategies and answers. The Woman in Love Mother/Daughter Retreat helps you deliver God's remarkable good news about sexuality. Katie Hartfiel leads mothers and **daughters (grades 8-12)** on this journey that weaves engaging talks with powerful prayer and extraordinary fun to create an experience of a lifetime."

Dates

- January 27/28, 2018
- Saturday, 9:30 a.m. through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mothers will go home Saturday evening, the girls will spend the night with leaders.

Go to <http://paradisusdei.org/woman-in-love/> to learn more about this retreat.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION Parish School of Religion **PSR**

Religious Education classes -
Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Preschool through 7th grade
9:15-10:45 a.m. -
St. Mary Grade School
(1st Floor)

2017 Classes: December 10, 17 Christmas
2018 Classes: January 7, 14, 21
February 4, 11, (off for Presidents Day), 25

Register on Sunday Morning - 1st floor, St. Mary Grade School
Glenna Celestino (glenna@marionstmary.org, 740-382-2262)

Classes are held on Sundays, from 9:15-10:45 a.m., in the Commons.



Class Schedule
2017: December 10, 17
2018 Classes: January 7, 14, 21
February 4, 11, (off for Presidents Day), 25

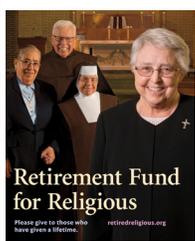
Joe and Debbie Faber (faber3@thewavz.com, 740-360-1582)
Mary Dutton (duttonmatter@aol.com, 740-361-0121)
Glenna Celestino (glenna@marionstmary.org, 740-382-2262)
2017-2018 Team: Joe and Debbie Faber, Mary Dutton & Melina Celestino



December 10 - Life Teen WILL meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons. Catholic teaching on Mary and also the Movie "The Fourth Wise Man."

- 17 - Life Teen - Visit Shut-ins and Christmas Caroling - 6:00 p.m.
- 24 - No Life Teen - Merry Christmas!
- 31 - No Life Teen - Happy New Year!

March For Life Trip to D.C. - Join thousands to stand up for the unborn and to pray to end abortion. January 18-20. Depart Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and return Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Cost around \$35.00, Only 10 spots available. You will only miss one day of school. Call or text Mark at 740-223-8656 to RSVP!



Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes – often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Christmas Giving Tree 2017



Please return all wrapped gifts and cookies to the church **next weekend – December 16/17.**

Please make sure the tag is firmly attached to the gift. Place your gift near the crèche. We can always use and appreciate your help in delivering the gifts to the nursing homes. We will meet after the Spanish Mass on Sunday, December 17th at approximately 2:00 p.m. in the church.

Thank you for your help.



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Those who wish to help with the Christmas flowers for church may do so by making a donation in loving memory of a deceased family member, dear friend, or any special intention.

To donate, please use the special **"FLOWER OFFERING"** envelope that is available at the doors (or any envelope marked **"Christmas Flowers"** and your name and the intention to be remembered) and drop in the collection basket on Sunday or mail to the Parish Office. Thank you.

*Deadline for publication in December 24th Bulletin is **Tuesday, December 12. Thank you.***



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY – Next Saturday, December 16th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, December 17th after the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses in Moira Hall.

Please join your fellow parishioners for coffee & donuts and fellowship. Hosted by Knights of Columbus.

ATTENTION, LITURGICAL MINISTERS:



Liturgical Minister Schedules for **JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2018**

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE: If you know you will be out of town, if you want to change your Mass time preference, or if you no longer wish to continue serving in your ministry, please let us know by contacting Dolores at the Parish Office (740-382-2118 or e-mail dolores@marionstmary.org) **on or before DECEMBER 15TH.** Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: ALTAR SERVERS – LECTORS – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – USHERS – GREETERS.

The **SIGN-UP SHEETS for Christmas Eve/Day Masses** are now available in the main vestibule. Your help is very important – please sign up to help!
Thank you.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection for week ending, December 3, 2017

Offertory:	\$10,788.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,993.77
Total:	\$ 12,781.77

Thank you for your support!

Please note: When making payment on your pledge to the "St. Mary Church Beautification Project," please place in separate envelope and note on it **"Beautification Project"** to ensure it is properly allocated.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
Vicki Moser, Financial Secretary

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 from 2:00-4:30 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: January 14, 2018

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.



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

Next Baptism meeting in Spanish is **Sunday, January 21, 2018** at 2:30 p.m. at The Commons.

Las próximas clases serán el **Domingo, 21 de Enero, 2018** a las 2:30pm en la Casa Blanca (The Commons).



“OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE”
 “NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE”

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE,
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!!**
 TE INVITAMOS A LA CELEBRACION,
 TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS !!!

Sunday, December 10, 2017

11:00 a.m. Everyone welcome for a **procession** (begins from Crescent Heights Road to St. Mary Church).
 12:30 p.m. Traditional Dance in Moira Hall.
 1:00 p.m. Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe
 2:30 p.m. Dinner after Mass with Mariachis.

Domingo, 10 de Diciembre, 2017

11:00 a.m. Todos invitados a la **Procesión** (empieza de Crescent Heights Rd hasta la Iglesia Santa María)
 12:30pm Danza Tradicional en el sótano de la Iglesia Santa María
 1:00pm Misa en honor a Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe
 2:30pm Cena después de la Misa, convivencia con mariachis.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

5:30 a.m. Serenade and Rosario
 Welcome to coffee and donuts.
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass in honor to Our Lady of Guadalupe.
 7:30 p.m. Play of the Virgin Appearances in Moira Hall

Martes, 12 de Diciembre, 2017

5:30am Mañanitas y Rosario
 Convivencia con atole, café y pan dulce.
 6:30pm Misa en Español en Honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.
 7:30pm Representacion de las Apariciones e Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en el sotano

2018 Religious Art Calendars:

Through the courtesy of **SNYDER FUNERAL HOMES, GUNDER-HALL CHAPEL**, 2018 calendars are available for members of St. Mary Parish in the main vestibule of the church. *We would like to thank Snyder Funeral Homes, Gunder-Hall Chapel* for these beautiful religious calendars!

We ask that you kindly please take only ONE CALENDAR per Parish Family so that each St. Mary family may have a calendar. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve
 4:00 p.m., Vigil Mass with Children’s Choir
 7:00 p.m., Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day
 12:00 Midnight Mass with Choir
 11:00 a.m. Mass



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

- Bulletin articles for *Sunday, December 24* must be submitted by noon on **Wednesday, December 13th**.
- Bulletin articles for *Sunday, December 31* must be submitted by noon on **Wednesday, December 20th**.
- Bulletin articles for *Sunday, January 7, 2018*, must be submitted by noon on **Wednesday, December 27th**.

All bulletin articles should be submitted to dolores@marionstmary.org.
Thank you for your cooperation.

SAVE THE DATE: All Men are invited, **2018 Catholic Men’s Conference**, February 24th, Cardinal Hall Building, Ohio Expo Center. *“Cast Your Nets, Become Fishers of Men”* will feature speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Chris Stefanick and Bishop Frederick Campbell. REGISTER TODAY TO SAVE CatholicMensMinistry.com #CMMcon18

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTIONS

Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center presents:

The Precious Present: ADVENT...a time to pray and reflect on God’s GENEROUS GIFTS to each of us.

Saturday, December 16, 2017 – 9:00-11:30 a.m.

\$20.00 includes Continental Breakfast

Facilitated by: Sr. Louis Mary Passeri

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center

2734 Seminary Road SE, Newark, Ohio 43056

Register by calling: 740-928-4246 or

email info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org

Or register online at www.stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.com

Registration Deadline: Monday, December 11, 2017

Nominations now open for the 2018 Catholic Man of the Year

The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2018 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award – to be presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Friday, February 2, 2018 at the Men’s Luncheon – recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the “good and faithful servant.” The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. Nominations will be accepted through December 29th. For details, nomination instructions and the required nomination form, go to <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmoy>. Email the completed nomination form and up to five supporting testimonials to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. Submit a nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

The Catholic Foundation is available to help fulfill your specific philanthropic wishes.

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- Ability to add to the fund at any time
- Make donations anonymously, if desired
- Wish to create a family legacy of faith – name your children, grandchildren or other loved ones as successor advisors to the fund

We know that generosity and acts of charity are family traits. We encourage you to engage all generations of your family in your giving. Thanksgiving and in preparation for end-of-the-year giving is a wonderful time for these discussions. For more information, please contact Scott Hartman at The Catholic Foundation at 614-443-8893, shartman@catholic-foundation.org.

REFIT:

Ever thought about working out with a Christian focus? Try Refit! It’s a Christian based dance cardio class. Fun for everybody. Classes last about 60 minutes and the songs are family friendly. Classes end with prayer.

Where: MVA Church, 947 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Marion.

When: Weekly REFIT classes are Sundays at 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m., and Thursdays at 5:15 p.m.

For more information, check out *Come get refit with us* on Facebook or contact Heidi Walter at 330-464-7519.