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Monday, 12:00 noon

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,
In the week ahead I will travel to Columbus to meet with the Bishop and other members of the Personnel Board of the Diocese of Columbus. We will be considering several parishes that will be in need of new leadership when the current pastor retires. Don't worry – our parish is not one of them. Closer to home, the parish staff will have its monthly meeting this Thursday to look over the calendar for the next couple of months. Since the last week of this month is Holy Week, there will be much to discuss.

We have been receiving a number of registrations and inquiries for further information at St. Mary's School. Please remember that it is important to begin this process early, especially if you plan to apply for any kind of financial aid. Sometimes we hear from people who do not apply at all because they think they will not be able to afford to pay tuition at a Catholic school. We always encourage them to apply and in nearly every case some kind of financial help is available which will make it possible to enroll their children in St. Mary's School. For further information, contact the school office at 740-382-1607.

The first reading at today's Mass contains the Ten Commandments. It's interesting to note that only three of the Ten Commandments given are discussed in detail in this passage; namely, the first three. Sometimes we read about legal battles being fought to keep plaques inscribed with the Ten Commandments in place at public buildings. These debates raise important questions about religious liberty and the place of religion in our history. However, from a Christian point of view, we are reminded that God would rather see His commandments written in our hearts than carved in stone. Here is a hypothetical case to consider: If a poster with the words of the Ten Commandments hangs in the hallway of a school, while the same school schedules athletic and drama practices on Sunday mornings, what would be the point?

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Buffer

DEL PÁRROCO:

En la próxima semana viajaré a Columbus para reunirme con el Obispo y otros miembros de la Junta de Personal de la Diócesis de Columbus. Estaremos considerando varias parroquias que necesitarán un nuevo liderazgo cuando se retire el pastor actual. No se preocupe, nuestra parroquia no es una de ellas. El personal de la parroquia tendrá su reunión mensual este Jueves para revisar el calendario durante los próximos meses. Como la última semana de este mes es Semana Santa, habrá mucho para discutir.

Hemos recibido varias inscripciones y consultas para obtener más información sobre la escuela Santa Maria. Recuerde que es importante comenzar este proceso temprano, especialmente si planea solicitar cualquier tipo de ayuda financiera. A veces escuchamos a personas que no solicitan nada porque creen que no podrán pagar la matrícula en una escuela católica. Siempre los alentamos a postularse y, en casi todos los casos, hay algún tipo de ayuda financiera disponible que posibilitará inscribir a sus hijos en la escuela Santa Maria. Para más información, comuníquese con la oficina de la escuela al 740-382-1607.

La primera lectura en la Misa de hoy contiene los Diez Mandamientos. Es interesante notar que solo los tres primeros de los diez mandamientos dados se discuten en detalle en este pasaje. A veces leemos acerca de las batallas legales que se libran para mantener las placas inscritas con los diez mandamientos establecidos en los edificios públicos. Estos debates plantean preguntas importantes sobre la libertad religiosa y el lugar de la religión en nuestra historia. Sin embargo, desde un punto de vista cristiano, se nos recuerda que Dios preferiría ver sus mandamientos escritos en nuestros corazones que los tallados en piedra. Aquí hay un caso hipotético para considerar: si un póster con las palabras de los diez mandamientos se cuelga en el pasillo de una escuela, mientras que la misma escuela programa prácticas atléticas y dramáticas los domingos por la mañana, ¿cuál sería el punto?

Su hermano en Cristo
Padre Thomas Buffer

THIS WEEK IN ST. MARY PARISH
MARCH 5-11, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS • DAILY READINGS • EVENTS

MONDAY – March 5
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
7:00 p.m. **Women's Study Group:**
"Matthew: The King & His Kingdom" (Commons)

TUESDAY – March 6
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
5:00-6:00 p.m. **Holy Hour with Eucharistic Exposition/ Benediction & Confessions**
6:30 p.m. **Mass Intention: †Jaclyn Cooper**

WEDNESDAY– March 7
Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19
8:30 a.m. **Mass Intention: †Mary Lou Clark**
7:00 p.m. **RCIA** *(Commons)*
7:30 p.m. **Adult Choir**

THURSDAY – March 8
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
8:30 a.m. **Mass Intention: †Janis Swepston**
7:00 p.m. ***"Sports and Catholicism: Fans of Our Faith"***
Presenter: Fr. David Schalk *(in church)*

FRIDAY – March 9 – *Day of Abstinence*
Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
8:30 a.m. **Mass Intention: †David Dickerson**
5:30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross/ Confessions following Stations**
5:00-7:30 p.m. **Fish Fry at Knights of Columbus Hall**
7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross in Spanish**

SATURDAY – March 10
Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
9:00 a.m. **Rosary**
4:00-4:30 p.m. **Confessions**
5:00 p.m. **Mass Intention: †Monica Rall**

SUNDAY – March 11 – 4th Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Collection for Catholic Relief Services
8:00 a.m. **Mass Intention: St. Mary Parishioners**
9:15 a.m. **PSR Classes: Preschool-Gr. 7 and Confirmation**
11:00 a.m. **Mass Intention: †Tony J. Nicolosi**
1:00 p.m. **Spanish Mass Intention: *Special Intention***
2:30-4:30 p.m. ***Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting*** *(Commons)*
6:00 p.m. **Choice Wine Program** *(Commons)*
6:00 p.m. **Life Teen**

LECTOR TRAINING SESSION

We are currently experiencing a severe shortage of lectors (readers) for the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. We could also use some additional lectors to be in the rotation for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Those wishing to serve in this way should be faithful, practicing Catholics who strive to live out God's Word in their lives.

We will have a training session for new lectors on **Saturday, March 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.** If you plan to attend, please contact the parish office in advance to allow us to prepare sufficient copies of training materials.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New Members Welcome. Please contact St. Mary Parish Office. Present members, please keep our Office informed of change in name, address and family members.

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.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Call Option Line at 1-800-395-HELP. Confidential, caring assistance is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Ministry

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.

SACRAMENTAL WINE
provided by the Knights of Columbus.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

To allow more children to participate in the Living Stations of the Cross on March 16, the Children's Choir will not be singing for this occasion, as was previously planned. **We will resume practices on Wednesday, April 4, from 5:00-5:45 p.m.,** to prepare for the celebration of 1st Holy Communion on April 28. Contact Kathleen Whitt at 740-252-0365.

Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

March 7: 8:30 a.m. – School Mass
For more information about enrollment, please call the school at 740-382-1607.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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)

2018 Classes
March 4, 11, 18,
Easter (April 1), 8, 15, 22
May 6

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

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MEETING

Sunday, March 11, 2018
2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Commons

For Parents of those children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on April 28 or 29, 2018.

CONFIRMATION Classes

9:15~10:45 a.m., in the Commons

Classes
March 4, 11,
March 16-18, Damascus Retreat
April 8, 15, 22

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

Prayers Please

CONFIRMATION RETREAT
Damascus Catholic Mission Campus
March 16-18, 2018

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates.

LIFE TEEN®

March 4, 11, 18 at 6:00 p.m.
No Life Teen on March 25.

Hey high school teens, if you have not been to Life Teen in a while or ever, you are welcome to come. We would love to see you at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons on most Sunday nights. Just show up. We feed you dinner every time! If you have any questions, you can call or text me at 740-223-8656. Mark Starrs

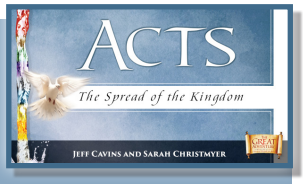
NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER:

On Tuesday, February 20, the Neighborhood Supper was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The *Grand Prairie Homemakers Group* prepared and served approximately 70 people. The menu consisted of Marzetti, green beans, fruit cocktail, rolls, doughnuts and cookies, milk and coffee.

Thank you to all who helped prepare, serve and clean up including St. Mary Boy Scouts for cleanup; Andrew's Pastries for the doughnuts; St. Mary parishioners for the cookies and Teri Titus, St. Mary Coordinator, for her help.

ST. MARY WOMEN'S GROUP PRESENTS:

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline
Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom
Beginning Monday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in The Commons



The study will continue every Monday for twenty weeks. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Accompanying study guide and participation donation $32.00.
Contact Mary Dutton at 740-361-0121 or Dolores at the Parish office for more info and to register. ***Deadline to register is March 26.*** Thank you.

ST. MARY PARISH GUIDEBOOK – coming soon

We are currently working on updating our "*Parish Guidebook*" for 2018. Our last one was published in 2014. In order for us to publish an accurate listing of our parishioners' addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, **we need your help, please.**

If you have or will be moving, if you no longer have a home phone and now only use your cell phone, and if you have an email address, please help us update our records. You can either complete the form below and place in Sunday collection, call the parish office at 740-382-2118 or email the information directly to Dolores at the parish office (dolores@marionstmary.org).
Thank you!

ST. MARY CHURCH, 251 N. Main Street, Marion, Ohio

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Home phone/ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL:_____

EASTER FLOWERS:

Easter Sunday is April 1 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 Monday, March 19th.*** *Thank you.*

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!

You can still sign up for the **Catholic Times.** For a minimum donation of only $17.00 (less than 39 cents per issue), Catholic news from the diocese and around the world will be delivered right to your mailbox. Use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and "**Catholic Times**" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to *St. Mary Parish*, and drop it into the collection basket.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – WEEKENDS OF MARCH 3/4 & MARCH 10/11

THIS WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 3	Christian Smith, Nicholas Swartz, Dominic Aurigemma	(I) Becky Swartz (II Anthony Swartz
8:00 a.m. Sunday, March 4	Caitlin Thiel, Nathan Thiel, Camryn Thiel	(I) Pat Baldinger (II) Pat Baldinger
11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 4	Ben Waldo, Luke Waldo, Grace Waldo	(I) Fred Fosco (II) Fred Dutton
1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 4	Ashley Alvarez, Andrea Tagle, Andres Alejandre	(I) Mateusz Lisiecki (II) Alexander Lisiecki
NEXT WEEKEND	**SERVERS**	**LECTORS**
5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 10	Gavin Baisden, Dylan Baisden, Brett Gubernath	(I) Bob New (II) Bob New
8:00 a.m. Sunday, March 11	Kelly Baer, Samuel Baer, Nate Wood	(I) Sharon Baldinger (II) Sharon Baldinger
11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 11	Kasey McDaniel, Nicholas McDaniel, Aaron McDaniel	(I) Dora Jean Mendoza (II) Joan Shoup
1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 11	Jesus R. Martinez, Maria G. Martinez, Miguel Martinez	(I) Martha Esparza (II) 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.
***Reminder** It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to keep your assignment. Thank you.*

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

April 8, 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, April 22, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at The Commons. Las próximas clases serán el Domingo, 22 de Abril, 2018 a las 2:30pm en la Casa Blanca (The Commons).

The Men's Group is back.
Mark your calendar for
Saturday, April 7th, 7:00-8:30 a.m.
More details to follow.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 16, 2018

This year St. Mary Parish School of Religion and St. Mary Grade School will portray the **Living Stations of the Cross on March 16, at 5:30 p.m.**

Please Note: Practice will be at 4:00 p.m. beginning in Moira Hall.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT:

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Confessions following Stations
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish

Additional times for Confessions:
Sunday, March 18: 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Good Friday, March 30: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

LENTEN SPEAKERS:

March 8: 7:00 p.m., "*Sports and Catholicism: Fans of Our Faith*"
Presenter: **Fr. David Schalk**
Pastor of Christ the King Church, Columbus

March 22: 7:00 p.m., "*The Mysteries of Holy Week*"
Fr. Ryan Schmit – Presenter

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are once again holding their ever popular Fish Fries on Fridays during Lent, from **5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall,** 1231 E. Center Street. Meal will consist of all-you-can-eat fish, French fries, coleslaw and dinner roll. Cost is $9.00 for adults and children 12 and over; $8.00 for Senior Citizens 60 and over; $5.00 for children ages 5 to 12; and children under the age of 5 are free. There is a max charge of $30.00 for a family (*family is defined as living under the same roof).*

ENCOUNTER LENT – Companions on the journey
This Lent, become companions on the journey through
*Daily prayer
*Weekly fasting
*Almsgiving that changes lives
Jesus gives us the example of the Good Samaritan. With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we set out to encounter and love our neighbor.
Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more information.

LENTEN PROJECT:

St. Mary Community Outreach Committee will be collecting for our Lenten Project the weekend of March 17 and 18. We will be collecting monies for *Turning Point* and both *Homeless Shelters.* "Lose Weight-Donate" and assist these community organizations that help those in need.

Thank you for your support,
St. Mary Community Outreach Committee

HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION.

This collection works at home and abroad to give aid to struggling, poor, and underrepresented families. The six worldwide organizations supported by this collection provide humanitarian aid, pastoral support, and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe.

The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. *Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and* ***help Jesus in disguise.***

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Challenge: Family & Schools. Join our faith community in the 2018 Rice Bowl Family Challenge. A participation form with directions can be found at www.columbuscatholic.org/catholic-relief-services or emailed to you by contacting the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or the Marriage & Family Life Office at familylife@columbuscatholic.org. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from your parish. May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

40 Days for Life during Lent. Faithful believers are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. This peaceful prayer vigil will take place at an abortion facility in Columbus. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts and sign a statement of peace. For details, visit www.40daysforlife.com/columbus.

Spirit of Hope Gala of Catholic Social Services will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at St. Charles Preparatory School's Walter Commons, 2010 E. Broad Street, Columbus. The annual event benefits Catholic Social Services' fourteen programs which help poor and vulnerable seniors and families reach their potential. To purchase tickets or to sponsor, visit www.colscss.org or contact 614-857-1236 or jnaporano@colscss.org.

Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross. Many facets of faith and justice will be the focus of the annual Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross. The walk begins with opening prayer at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, at 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 30, 2018. Hundreds of participants from across the diocese will process to locations throughout downtown Columbus to recognize Jesus Christ's suffering and crucifixion as well as to reflect on current areas of social concern. Open to all ages. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (614) 241-2565.

Share the Journey Migration Campaign. Pope Francis launched Share the Journey, a global campaign to support migrants and refugees around the world. The U.S. bishops are asking Catholics around the country to join the campaign at www.sharejourney.org.

Opiate Addiction Epidemic Resources. For a list of resources and suggestions for families, schools, and parishes to respond to the opiate addiction epidemic in Ohio, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/drug-awareness or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

Responding to the Sin of Racism. "Racism is a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family…" from Brothers and Sisters to Us, U.S. Catholic Bishops. For resources to respond to the sin of racism, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism. Consider sponsoring a Bridging the Racial Divide Training for dialogue facilitators in your parish. Please call Mark Huddy at the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collection for the week ending February 25, 2018.

Offertory:	**$ 9,029.50**
Online Giving:	**$ 2,556.18**
Total:	**$11,585.68**

Thank you for your support.

St. Gabriel CATHOLIC RADIO AM 820

FROM THE CHAIR WITH BISHOP CAMPBELL

Bishop Campbell will take your questions on Tuesday, March 6th, during this LIVE call-in-show. St. Andrew students will give their reflections on What must you do to make this Lent a good one?

Call *St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM820* at (614) 459-4820 to ask your questions about the Catholic faith and growing in holiness.

Listen to Catholic Radio AM 820 this Lent

Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820. Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith!

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