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Monday, 12:00 noon

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Friends in Christ,



We welcome all guests joining us from out of town over the Labor Day weekend, and wish all members of our parish a safe and happy holiday. Please note that the Parish Office and School will be closed on Monday, September 3.

As you can see, work continues on our church beautification, and we are getting close to the end. The protective covering has been removed from the floor of the altar platform. The new shrines for the statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph have been delayed because the wood ordered for them was not satisfactory and could not be stained the correct color. We hope to have the new shrines installed in a couple of weeks. Also, the sanctuary lamp will need to be redesigned to hang at the correct height. The pulley system that allows it to be raised and lowered will not work in our church so we are looking into a different option so that our Sacristans will not have to go up and down a ladder to change the sanctuary lamp candle. Little details like this are part of every project. Anticipating the completion of the major aspects of the project, we have scheduled a special event for 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23. We will sing solemn Vespers (evening prayer) in the church, with special music provided by our church choirs, then have an Open House for the Marion community. Many of our friends and neighbors have never seen the inside of our beautiful church, so please invite them to attend. Following Vespers, refreshments will be served in Moira Hall.

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,  
Fr. Thomas Buffer

**DEL PÁRROCO:**

Damos la bienvenida a todos las personas que nos acompañan de fuera de la ciudad durante el fin de semana del día del trabajo, y les deseamos a todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia unas vacaciones seguras y felices. Tenga en cuenta que la oficina parroquial y la escuela estarán cerradas el lunes, 3 de septiembre.

Como pueden ver, el trabajo continúa en nuestro embellecimiento de la iglesia, y nos estamos acercando al final. La cubierta protectora ha sido retirada del suelo de la plataforma del altar. Los nuevos santuarios para las estatuas de la Santísima Virgen y San José se han retrasado porque la madera que se ordenó para ellos no era satisfactoria y no podía pintar el color correcto. Esperamos tener instalados los nuevos santuarios en un par de semanas. Además, la lámpara del santuario tendrá que ser rediseñada para colgar a la altura correcta. El sistema de poleas que permite elevarse y bajar no funciona en nuestra iglesia por lo que estamos buscando una opción diferente para que nuestros sacristáns no tendrán que subir y bajar una escalera para cambiar la vela de la lámpara del Santuario. Pequeños detalles como este son parte de cada proyecto. Anticipando la terminación de los principales aspectos del proyecto, hemos programado un evento especial para las 5PM el domingo 23 de septiembre. Cantaremos las vísperas solemnes (rezo de la tarde) en la iglesia, con la música especial proporcionada por nuestros coros de la iglesia, después tenemos un compartir para la comunidad de Marion. Muchos de nuestros amigos y vecinos nunca han visto el interior de nuestra hermosa iglesia, así que por favor pídale que asistan. Después de las vísperas, se servirán refrescos en Moira Hall.

Su hermano en Cristo,  
Padre Thomas Buffer

**Catholic Conversations** presents Deyra Little, author of *From Islam to Christ* on Sunday, September 9, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Sports on Tap, 4030 Main Street, Hilliard, OH 43026.

Born and raised in Muslim Turkey, Derya wandered far and wide in search of her true home. After her parents' divorce, she rejected her family's Islamic faith and became an atheist. During her stormy adolescence, she tried to convince a Christian missionary that there is no God but was converted to Christ instead. Derya's compelling story provides a window into both Islam and modernity. *Catholic Conversations* is hosted by St. Margaret of Cortona Parish and we invite you to join us as we learn about one woman's conversion. There is no fee to attend, you simply pay for what you order. Registration is preferred to guarantee your seat. Please register online through [EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com) and search for Catholic Conversations, or by email, to Julie Naporano at [julienaporano1@gmail.com](mailto:julienaporano1@gmail.com) OR to Nancy Whetstone at [nancywhetstone@gmail.com](mailto:nancywhetstone@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK IN ST. MARY PARISH SEPTEMBER 3-9, 2018

### MASS INTENTIONS • DAILY READINGS • EVENTS

**MONDAY – September 3** – *Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church*  
1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

School & Parish Offices closed for Labor Day holiday.



**TUESDAY – September 4**

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

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

**6:30 p.m. Mass Intention: †Ruth & Milton Krist**

**WEDNESDAY – September 5** – *Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious*

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

**8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Claire Ann Andres**

**7:30 p.m. Parish Choir**

**THURSDAY – September 6**

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

**8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Marguerite & Cletus C. Uhl**

**FRIDAY – September 7 – First Friday**

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

**8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Paul Fox**

**Devotions:**

**4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Exposition**

**5:00 p.m. Vespers**

**6:00 p.m. Rosary**

**7:00 p.m. Benediction**

**SATURDAY – September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**9:00 a.m. Rosary**

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

**5:00 p.m. Mass Intention: St. Mary Parishioners**

**SUNDAY – September 9 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

**Hospitality Sunday – Coffee & Donuts in Moira Hall  
after the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses**

**8:00 a.m. Mass Intention: †Mary Rose Rubeck**

**9:15 a.m. PSR Class for Preschool-Grade 7 and Confirmation Class (Gr. 8)**

**11:00 a.m. Mass Intention: †Beatriz Alipio**

**1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass Intention: †Bert Caserta**

### 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.



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](mailto:dolores@marionstmary.org).



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.



### IN MEMORIAM

Eternal Rest Grant Unto  
**Richard P. Lowry and Daniel R. Coy.**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** for this week will burn in loving memory of **Allan Brinkman** by his wife, Kathy.



**SACRAMENTAL WINE** provided by the **Knights of Columbus.**

# ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

September 3

NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

September 7

NO SCHOOL – Popcorn Festival

September 19th

8:30 a.m. – Grandparents Mass

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

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL:

St. Mary Home and School is once again selling discount cards for \$10.00 each. You can purchase them at the School or Parish Offices.



Classes will resume on **Sunday, September 9, 9:15 a.m.**, for Preschool-Grade 7 at St. Mary Grade School. Glenna Celestino, CL – 740-382-2262.



## 2018-2019 CONFIRMATION

First class is **September 9, 2018**, 9:15-10:45 a.m., in the Commons.

Mary Dutton, [duttonmatter@aol.com](mailto:duttonmatter@aol.com) 740-361-0121; Lucas Bledsoe, 740-244-7401; Glenna Celestino, [glenna@marionstmary.org](mailto:glenna@marionstmary.org) 740-382-2262.



## SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Collection for week ending August 26, 2018

Offertory: \$11,753.55  
 Electronic Giving: \$ 2,508.36  
 Total: \$14,261.91

**Thank you for your support.**

## 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.



## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 9TH

You are invited to join your fellow parishioners after the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses next Sunday, September 9th, for coffee, donuts and conversation in Moira Hall.



## Pilgrimage Walk to Carey – Saturday, September 22

Join Mark on the last 12 miles of a 32-mile

pilgrimage walk to the Shrine in Carey. Purpose of the walk is to offer prayers and sacrifices for the youth of the parish and their families and that Life Teen will be fruitful and leading our teens closer to Christ and his Church this year. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter in Upper Sandusky. Arrive in Carey around 8:30 p.m. and celebrate the end of the walk with pizza! You will get a ride back to St. Mary in Marion. Teens, parents, and other adults are welcome to walk. Call or text Mark at 740-223-8656 if you want to participate or have questions.

**Life Teen Opening Kickoff – Sunday, September 30, 6:00-8:30 p.m.** Meet in Commons. Food! Games! Prizes! and Scavenger Hunt! If you are in high school, I hope to see you there. Bring a friend. For questions, call Youth Minister Mark Starrs at 740-223-8656.

**Life Teen will normally meet every Sunday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It is open to high school teens of the parish and any friends they want to bring. Dinner is served at each meeting.**



## All Natural. Good for the body. Great for the soul!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods are effective for postponing or achieving pregnancy and are completely natural – no pills, patches or devices. Engaged and married couples are invited to learn about NFP by visiting <http://www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning> or contacting the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.



## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Friday, September 7, 2018

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
- 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.



**RCIA Classes . . .**

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Or, have you been baptized in the Catholic Church, but have not been Confirmed? Or, are you simply interested in learning more about our faith?

If so, starting in September, Fr. Buffer and Fr. Schmit will lead RCIA classes which will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons.

**Classes will begin Wednesday, September 12. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Schmit at 740-382-2118, ext.108.**



**WE ARE HIS HANDS AND FEET**

St. Vincent de Paul Society is the community outreach provider of St. Mary Church. Assisting those in need with food, clothing and household needs. Located at 342 N. Main Street in Marion.

COME SERVE WITH US!

**Call us at 740-386-6422 to inquire about service opportunities.**



**Parish Festival Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses.** The raffle is our biggest money maker for the festival so we ask if you can't purchase the tickets yourself, please do your best to sell them to others you may know. You do not have to be present to win.

**The next Early Bird Drawing is September 3rd so turn your tickets in to be eligible for the drawing!**



**TICKET**

1st Week's winner: Barb Mead  
Please either place your sold raffle tickets/check or cash in an envelope marked **Raffle Tickets** and place in Sunday collection or mail to the Parish Office at 251 N. Main Street, whichever is more convenient. Thank you!

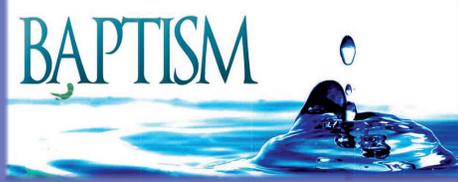


The Franciscans Friars at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, OH, invite you to attend Mass on September 8 at 5:30 p.m. and/or September 9, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Fr. Jim Sichko will be the celebrant. Fr. Jim will be sharing his reflections on "Consolation." Join us also at 2:30 p.m. for Devotions and outdoor Rosary Procession. All are welcome!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS – WEEKENDS OF SEPTEMBER 1/2 AND SEPTEMBER 8/9**

THIS WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 1	Nicholas Swartz, Gavin Baisden, Dylan Baisden	(I) Becky Swartz (II) Anthony Swartz
8:00 a.m. Sunday, September 2	Nate Slemmons, Ben Wood, Volunteer Needed	(I) Jeannene James (II) Paula Dunn
11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 2	Michael McLernon, Summer McLernon, Ben Waldo	(I) Mary Dutton (II) Fred Dutton
1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 2	Betzayda Simon, Andres Alejandro, Jennifer Villalobos	(I) Grecia Catalan (II) Gilberto Aguirre
NEXT WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 8	Christian Smith, Lily Wright, Abigail Wright	(I) Bob New (II) Bob New
8:00 a.m. Sunday, September 9	Gabriela Flores, Jasmine Flores, Sway Sontag	(I) Suzanne Schuler (II) Peter Schuler
11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 9	Lindsey Anderson, Nicholas McDaniel, Sean Murphy	(I) Dora Jean Mendoza (II) Kevin Anderson
1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 9	Bryana Martinez, Maria Martinez, Miguel Martine	(I) Maximilian Aguirre (II) Eduardo Salinas

**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. If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute. 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:  
October 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-Baptismal. 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.

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



**Silent Auction**

**ST. MARY PARISH FESTIVAL**

Saturday, September 15th

5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

St. Mary School Gym

**CALL FOR DONATIONS**

We are in need of items for the St. Mary Festival Silent Auction on September 15th. Suggestions for contributions are: New items, gift cards, tickets to entertainment and sporting events, vacation weekends, golf outings, gift baskets, personal services, e.g. haircuts, manicures, dance lessons, art lessons, etc.

***Please no used or flea market items.***

Please contact Evan Stickney/Kay Rothman at 740-803-0327 if you have any questions. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

**Thank you.**



In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. This Labor Day, reflect on the dignity of work by visiting [www.usccb.org/jphd](http://www.usccb.org/jphd), to read the annual Labor Day statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This Labor Day, use your power as a consumer to support companies that value fair prices, safe working conditions and environmentally sustainable practices at home and around the world. The Catholic Relief Services Ethical Trade website (<https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/>) connects consumers with products produced in ethical manners.

***It is time to become a United States Citizen...***

**CITIZENSHIP CLASSES**

Learn what you need to know about the Citizenship application process. 8-week courses from September 22-November 10

Every Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at The Commons behind St. Mary Church, Marion 251 N Main Street, Marion, OH 43302

Call/text 860-997-0627 to preregister now!

Learn : Requirements to qualify for Naturalization. N-400 Application for Naturalization. 100 Civic/History questions required. Written and oral parts of the test.

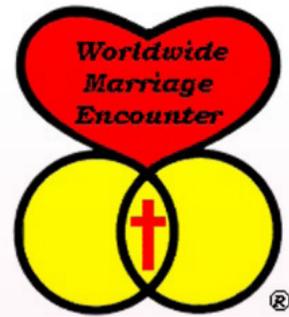
If you are a Legal Permanent Resident who is 18 years old or older, sign up today !

# LUNCHEON

## FIRST CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB AFTER SUMMER BREAK – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

The September Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by Dr. Michael Parker. Dr. Parker will speak about Challenges to Catholic Healthcare. Please join us Friday, September 7, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and Dr. Parker's talk. The September Luncheon is sponsored by St. Gabriel Radio. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Dr. Parker's talk. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc) or contact George Harvey, CMLC President at [GLHarvey56@gmail.com](mailto:GLHarvey56@gmail.com).

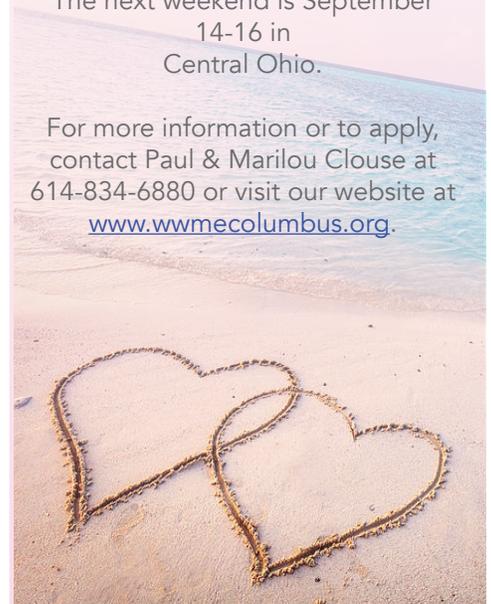


### TIME FOR A TUNE-UP?

Your marriage needs care and maintenance too! That's what you'll get on a *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend*. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones, and focus only on each other.

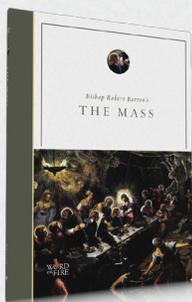
The next weekend is September 14-16 in Central Ohio.

For more information or to apply, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at [www.wmecolumbus.org](http://www.wmecolumbus.org).



Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program

# THE MASS



Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

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### "FILL A BAG CAMPAIGN"



It is our hope that assistance with replenishing The Pantry will continue. Please keep a Bag with the wish list as a reminder to add pantry items to your shopping trips. It is not necessary to fill the bag completely or immediately, but as you are able, and return it to the church or the food pantry at your convenience. **Grocery Bags are available at the church entrance or at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thank you!**

DATE, TIME, LOCATION	COST / REGISTRATION	CONTACT
Women's Study Group new session begins Monday, October 1 7:00 p.m. Commons	Please call to register.  Study Guide: \$22.00	Mary Dutton 740-361-0121 or Dolores at Parish Office 740-382-2118 <a href="mailto:dolores@marionstmary.org">dolores@marionstmary.org</a>