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Bulletin Deadline
Monday, 12:00 noon

FROM THE PASTOR:

Today, not quite one week after celebrating the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In many traditional cultures, including the culture into which Jesus was born, the father was considered to be the head of the household. In the Holy Family, however, St. Joseph is not seen as the most important member of the family. Instead, the child Jesus is the one who makes the family holy. In the typical Christian home, things are a little different. The parents are the ones who have the responsibility of teaching their children to learn the ways of holiness. The main difference, of course, between the Holy Family of Nazareth and all Christian families is that every member of a Christian family – father, mother, son, or daughter – is a child of the one Father in heaven. St. John reminds us of this startling fact in his usual beautiful and gentle way: "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 Jn 3:1)." All Christian families know that they also have a Mother who is praying to the Father on their behalf: Mary, the Mother of Jesus. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*, St. Pope John Paul II wrote a prayer that beautifully expresses this truth: 'May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, be also mother of the 'family church.' Through her maternal help, may every Christian family be a 'little church' in which the mystery of Christ is relived."

It is fitting then, that the Church invites us to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1, a week after Christmas Day. Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31, and at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1. We wish all families of the parish a happy and holy New Year.

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Buffer

LIFE TEEN®

December 30 – No Life Teen

Life Teen normally meets three Sundays a month, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Commons. All high school teens and friends are invited! Dinner served each meeting. Questions? Call or text Youth Minister Mark at 740-223-8656.

March For Life Trip to Washington, D.C. – January 17-19

Depart St. Mary Thursday, at 12:00 noon. Return Saturday around 1:00 a.m. Cost is $35.00. Join 8,000 teens in a Youth Rally for Life and Mass at George Mason University prior to the March. Then join hundreds of thousands in walking and praying for the unborn and an end to abortion. Fifteen spots available for teens. RSVP to Mark ASAP (first 15 to reserve will go). **Deadline is January 8th.** Pick up a flyer in back of church. RSVP by calling or texting Mark at 740-223-8656.

Del Párroco:

Hoy, casi en una semana después de celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús en Belen, celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. En muchas culturas tradicionales, incluyendo la cultura en la que Jesús nació, el padre fue considerado como el jefe de la casa. En la Sagrada Familia, sin embargo, San José no es visto como el miembro más importante de la familia. En cambio, el niño Jesús es el que hace Santo a la familia. En el hogar cristiano típico, las cosas son un poco diferentes. Los padres son los que tienen la responsabilidad de enseñar a sus hijos a aprender los caminos de la santidad. La principal diferencia, por supuesto, entre la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret y todas las familias cristianas es que cada miembro de una familia Cristiana-- padre, madre, hijo, o hija --es un hijo del único Padre celestial. San Juan nos recuerda este hecho sorprendente en su costumbre hermosa y gentil: "!Miren como nos amo el Padre! Quiso que nos llamaramos hijos de Dios (1 Juan 3:1)." todas las familias cristianas saben que también tienen una Madre que está orando al Padre en su nombre: María, la Madre de Jesús. En su Exhortación Apostólica, Familiaris Consortio, San Juan Pablo II escribió una oración que expresa hermosamente esta verdad: "que la Virgen María, Madre de la Iglesia, sea también madre de la" iglesia familiar ". A través de su ayuda materna, toda familia cristiana puede ser una "pequeña iglesia" en la que se revive el misterio de Cristo."

Es apropiado entonces que la Iglesia nos invite a celebrar la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios, el 1 de Enero, una semana después del día de Navidad. Las Misas para este día santo de precepto se celebrarán a las 5:00 p.m. el Lunes, 31 de Diciembre, y a las 11:00 a.m. el Martes, 1 de Enero. Deseamos a todas las familias de la parroquia un feliz y santo Año Nuevo.

Su hermano en Cristo,
Padre Thomas Buffer

Children's Rosary Group

When: Thursday, December 6th

Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Meet in Moira Hall
(*the basement of our Church, then process into the Church.*)

Who: All children accompanied by a parent.

What to bring:
A Rosary to pray for peace.

Snacks will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Gilberto Aguirre at (740) 361-0639 or Evelyn Lisiecki at (860) 997-0627.

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.

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.

St. Mary School News

School Resumes on Monday, January 7, 2019.

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

Sundays, at 9:15 a.m.
Preschool through 7th Grade at St. Mary Grade School

2019 Classes
January 6, 13 and 20
February 3, 10 and 17
March 3, 10, 17 and 31

Glenna Celestino CL
(740-382-2262)

CONFIRMATION

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

2019 Class Schedule
January 6, 13* and 20
February 3, 10 and 17**
March 3, 10, 17 and 31

**January 13, Parents attend with student.*

***February 10:* Super Sunday, 9:10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for the confirmation student and their sponsor

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 30, 2018

THIS WEEK IN ST. MARY PARISH
DECEMBER 31, 2018-JANUARY 6, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS • DAILY READINGS • EVENTS

MONDAY – December 31
1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
5:00 p.m. *Vigil Mass for Holy Day;*
Mass Intention: †Nick Wall

TUESDAY – January 1, 2019 – New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – *Holy Day of Obligation*
Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
11:00 a.m. Mass Intention: St. Mary Parishioners

WEDNESDAY – January 2
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
8:30 a.m. Mass Special Intention: Dennis Burggraf

THURSDAY – January 3
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Mary Louise Herndon and Special intention of Harrison B. Jones.

FRIDAY – January 4 – First Friday –
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Jose "Joe" Celestino
First Friday Devotions:
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. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Benediction

SATURDAY – January 5 – *Saint John Neumann, Bishop*
1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
9:00 a.m. Rosary
4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass Intention: †Mary Theresa Porter

SUNDAY – January 6 – The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention: †Mary Flora Harris
11:00 a.m. Mass Intention: St. Mary Parishioners
1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

SANCTUARY CANDLE
will burn this week
in loving memory
Jethro and Mary New
by Bob New.

SACRAMENTAL WINE
provided by
the Knights of Columbus.

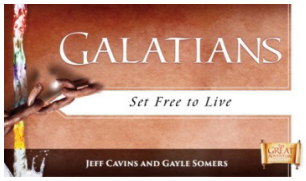
Healing Blanket Ministry:

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.

Inspired by Faith

If you want something you've never had, you have to do something you've never done. Are you ready to reignite your faith? Want to grow closer to Jesus, but you're not sure how to do it? Want to get involved and meet other women of the parish? We have the solution for you! Please save the dates to attend the upcoming **Columbus Catholic Women's Conference**. Discounted pricing ends January 14, 2019. **Makes a great Christmas gift!**

Women's Conference:
February 16, 2019, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/
Ohio Expo Center – Cardinal Hall



St. Mary Women's Group Study: Book of Galatians

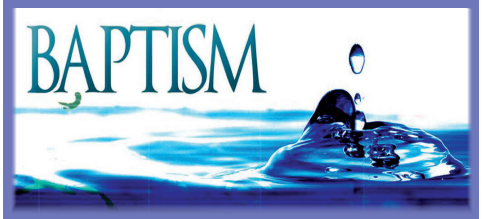
from Ascension Press (Jeff Cavins)

Mondays, February 18-April 8, 2019, in the Commons
This eight-week study session will follow directly after the study on the **"Pivotal Players"** by Bishop Barron. Participant's book is $24.95. Registration for this study will take place **January 14, 2019.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – WEEKENDS OF DECEMBER 29/30 AND JANUARY 5/6

THIS WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m.	Gavin Baisden, Dylan Baisden, Nicholas Swartz	(I) Pat Stevens (II) Joan Shoup
8:00 a.m.	Samuel Baer, Michael McLernon, Summer McLernon	(I) Paula Dunn (II) Rosemary Chaudry
11:00 a.m.	Lindsey Anderson, Abigail Wright, Lily Wright	(I) Mary Dutton (II) Kevin Anderson
1:00 p.m.	Jesus R. Martinez, Maria G. Martinez, Miguel Martinez	(I) Gilberto Aguirre (II) Grecia Catalan
NEXT WEEKEND	**SERVERS**	**LECTORS**
5:00 p.m.	Christian Smith, Ben Waldo, Luke Waldo	(I) Bob New (II) Joan Shoup
8:00 a.m.	Sway Sontag, Ben Wood, Sean Murphy	(I) Jeannene James (II) Pat Baldinger
11:00 a.m.	Mia Chatman, Bryce Rollins, Clare Stevenson	(I) Dora Jean Mendoza (II) Dean Jacob
1:00 p.m.	Betzayda Simon, David Arreola, Ashley Alvarez	(I) Grecia Catalan (II) Gilberto Aguirre

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.*

THE NEXT CLASS:
January 13, 2019,
2:00-4:30 p.m.
in the Commons.

Please call the Office of Religious Education at 740-382-2262, to register or if you have any questions. Families may schedule Baptisms by calling the Rectory at 740-382-2118.

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.

Las próximas clases serán el Las próximas clases serán el **Domingo, 20 de Enero, 2019 a las 2:30 p.m.** en la Casa Blanca (The Commons).

ST. MARY WOMEN'S GROUP STUDIES:

Join us as we continue to hear from Bishop Barron about the next two ***"Pivotal Players"*** – those saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization. This new program will begin on **Monday, January 14, 2019,** in the Commons and will feature St. Augustine, the Teacher, and St. Benedict, the Monk. This is a five-week study.

So, please register for this study program and walk with Bishop Barron as he traces the lives and contributions of these two pivotal saints. Please contact Mary Dutton via email at duttonmatter@aol.com or text/call 740-361-0121, or call the Dolores at the Parish Office at 740-382-2118 or dolores@marionstmary.org.

Cost: Leader guide containing answer key to discussion questions is $29.95; Study Guide without answer key is $19.95. Please indicate your preference or no Study Guide.

Please Note: Registration deadline is December 31st.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Russ Brady
James & Bessie Ruby
Deceased members of the Pfeiffer & Giles families
John H. Butterworth
Cleona Fox
Hazel & Frank Butterworth
Dan & Maud Sherrer
Rev. C. David Sherrer

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Friday, January 4, 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.	Rosary
7:00 p.m.	Benediction

THE CHOICE Wine™

Couples, would you describe your marriage as superabundant?

Mark your calendars.
Our new marriage ministry,
The Choice Wine will begin on
January 12th, 2019, at 6:15
p.m. after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.
The program will be from 6:15
to 8:00 p.m.,
each week for nine weeks.

This nine-session program
will teach couples
7 Steps to a
Superabundant Marriage.
Give your marriage the gift of
superabundance.
It's worth it!

For more information please call Keith or Connie Adams at 740-387-7931 or 740-244-5406.

ADOPT A TREE

Plant a tree in memory or honor – a fitting tribute for present and future generations. We have 10 beautiful Princeton Sentry Ginkgo trees for $500.00 per tree with an engraved plaque at the base of the tree in memory or honor of. Please call Mike Nicolosi for more information at 740-382-2118.

We greatly appreciate the many parishioners who have pledged their support for the **St. Mary Beautification Project** with a monthly donation. We are not mailing out monthly statements. If you cannot remember the amount of your monthly pledge, please call the Parish Office at 740-382-2118. Thank you**.**

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. *You can either mail your payment to the Parish Office (251 N. Main Street), or place it in the Sunday Collection.*

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Vicki Moser, Financial Secretary

The next weekend is February 15-17, 2019, in Central Ohio. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus on each other. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880, or visit our website at www.wwmecolumbus.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses may be scheduled for deceased relatives and friends or for a special intention (i.e. health, anniversary). Intentions for Mass are noted in the Sunday Bulletin. The normal stipend is $10.00.

You can also schedule the **Sanctuary Candle ($10.00)** to burn in memory of loved ones or for special intentions/occasions. **Communion Hosts ($25.00)** for the week can be offered as well.

Please contact Dolores at the Parish Office at 740-382-2118 or by e-mail at dolores@marionstmary.org to schedule. Thank you.