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**Bulletin Deadline**  
Monday, 12:00 noon

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

This past Tuesday, I was in Madison, Wisconsin to attend the funeral Mass of Bishop Robert C. Morlino. In 1989, I was a seminarian in Rome when Morlino, then a priest of the diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan doing graduate studies in Rome, was introduced to me by a seminarian from Kalamazoo. Father Morlino always supported and encouraged seminarians, and we became friends. He came to Columbus for my ordination and first Mass in 1991. I was able to return the favor in 1999 when St. Pope John Paul II named him Bishop of Helena, Montana. I will always remember traveling to that beautiful western city for a joyful celebration. Twice, I was able to visit Bishop Morlino in Montana when on vacation. In 2003, Morlino was transferred to the diocese of Madison, Wisconsin, and I was once again able to visit that city for his installation as Bishop, and later for some private visits. He was one of the warmest, wisest priests I ever met, always ready to listen and give carefully considered advice. A lot of other people were able to perceive his outstanding qualities as well. During his tenure in Madison, he ordained 40 men to the sacred priesthood; another 24 are studying to be priests in Madison. Bishop Morlino made it a priority to ensure that the Holy Mass and sacraments were celebrated correctly and reverently. He spoke out boldly and prophetically against the culture of death and corruption in the Church. We need more shepherds like him. His motto was taken from the Book of Habakkuk: "the vision will not disappoint." In his mind, the revelation of Jesus Christ was the only sure anchor of our hope, the only vision that will never disappoint. I pray that Robert Morlino now looks about that never-disappointing vision for all eternity. May he continue to help with his prayers those whom he shepherded as priest and bishop.

To keep the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, we have programmed some extra liturgical celebrations and activities. On Sunday, December 9, as in years past, there will be an outdoor procession from the Crescent Heights Apartments starting at 12:00 noon. The procession will reach the church in time for the start of the 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass. If you plan to take part in the procession, please check the weather reports and dress appropriately. On Wednesday, December 12, mañanitas (morning songs of praise) will take place in the church at 5:30 a.m., followed by refreshments in Moira Hall. There will be an 8:30 a.m. Mass, in English, as usual. At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, we will celebrate Mass in Spanish.

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,  
Fr. Thomas Buffer

**ADDITIONAL TIME  
FOR CONFESSION****THIS ADVENT:**

**Saturday, December 22,  
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.,  
or until all Confessions  
have been heard.**

**Sunday Collection**

for week ending,  
November 25, 2018:

Offertory:	\$11,276.60
Online Giving:	\$ 2,391.05
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,658.65</b>

**Thank you for your support!**



**Del Párroco:**


El Martes pasado estuve en Madison, Wisconsin para asistir a la Misa funeraria del Obispo Robert C. Morlino. En 1989 yo era seminarista en Roma cuando Morlino, entonces sacerdote de la diócesis de Kalamazoo, Michigan que hacía estudios graduados en Roma, un seminarista de Kalamazoo me lo presentó. El Padre Morlino siempre apoyó y animó a los seminaristas, y nos hicimos amigos. Vino a Columbus para mi ordenación y primera Misa en 1991 pude devolver el favor en 1999 cuando el Papa Juan Pablo II lo nombró Obispo de Helena, Montana. Siempre recordaré viajar a esa hermosa ciudad occidental para una celebración gozosa. Dos veces fui capaz de visitar Bishop Morlino en Montana cuando estaba de vacaciones. En 2003, Morlino fue transferido a la diócesis de Madison, Wisconsin, y una vez más pude visitar esa ciudad para su instalación como Obispo, y más tarde para algunas visitas privadas. Él fue uno de los más cálidos, sabios sacerdotes que he conocido, siempre dispuesto a escuchar y dar consejos cuidadosamente considerados. Un montón de otras personas fueron capaces de percibir sus cualidades excepcionales también. Durante su mandato en Madison, ordenó a 40 hombres al sagrado sacerdocio; otros 24 están estudiando para ser sacerdotes en Madison. El Obispo Morlino hizo una prioridad para asegurar que la Santa Misa y los sacramentos fueran celebrados correctamente y reverentemente. Habló audaz y proféticamente contra la cultura de la muerte y la corrupción en la iglesia. Necesitamos más pastores como él. Su lema fue tomado del libro de Habacuc: "la visión no decepcionará." En su mente, la revelación de Jesucristo fue el único ancla segura de nuestra esperanza, la única visión que nunca decepcionará. Rezo para que Robert Morlino ahora mire sobre esa visión nunca decepcionante para toda la eternidad. Que él continúe ayudando con sus oraciones a aquellos a quienes él pastoreaba como sacerdote y obispo.

Para mantener la fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 12 de Diciembre, hemos programado algunas celebraciones y actividades litúrgicas extra. El Domingo, 9 de Diciembre, como en años pasados, habrá una procesión al aire libre de los apartamentos Crescent Heights a partir de las 12 del mediodía. La procesión llegará a la iglesia a tiempo para el inicio de la Misa española de 1 pm. Si usted planea tomar parte en la procesión por favor revise los reportes meteorológicos y vistase apropiadamente. El Miércoles 12 de Diciembre, las mañanitas (canciones matutinas de alabanza) se llevarán a cabo en la iglesia a las 5:30 a.m. seguida de refrigerios en Moira Hall. Habrá una Misa de 8:30 a.m., en inglés, como siempre. A las 7 p.m. del Miércoles por la noche, celebraremos la Misa en español.

Su hermano en Cristo,  
Padre Thomas Buffer

**Support the Retirement Fund for Religious:** Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. **Please be generous. Thank you.**



## 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.



## St. Mary School News

Wednesday, December 12:  
8:30 a.m. School Mass

Thursday, December 13:  
Two-Hour Delay

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**

**2018 Classes:**  
**December 9, 16 and Christmas**

Glenna Celestino CL  
(740-382-2262)



## 2018-2019 CONFIRMATION

**9:15-10:45 a.m., in the Commons**  
**Class Schedule: December 9, 16**

**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.

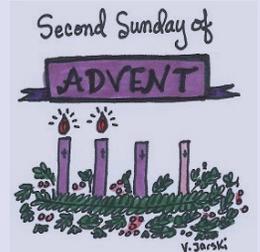
Mary Dutton ([duttonmatter@aol.com](mailto:duttonmatter@aol.com) or 740-361-0121);  
Lucas Bledsoe (740-244-7401);  
or Glenna Celestino  
([glenna@marionstmary.org](mailto:glenna@marionstmary.org)  
or 740-382-2262)

## THIS WEEK IN ST. MARY PARISH DECEMBER 10-16, 2018

### MASS INTENTIONS • DAILY READINGS • EVENTS

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 9, 2018

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



#### MONDAY – December 10 Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

#### TUESDAY - December 11 Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

**5:00-6:00 p.m. Holy Hour with Eucharistic Exposition/Benediction and Confessions**  
**6:30 p.m. Mass Intention: †Ann Walston and Deceased of Family**

#### WEDNESDAY – December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

**5:30 a.m. Mañanitas (morning praise) and Rosary**  
Coffee and Doughnuts to follow in Moira Hall.  
**8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Paul Hoffman**  
**7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass**  
**8:30 p.m. Play of the Virgin Appearances in Moira Hall**

#### THURSDAY – December 13 – Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

**8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: Msgr. Mario Serraglio**

#### FRIDAY – December 14 –

*Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church*  
Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

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

#### SATURDAY – December 15

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

**7:15-9:00 a.m. Men's Group: Eucharist** (meet in Commons)  
**9:00 a.m. Rosary**  
**4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions**  
**5:00 p.m. Mass Intention: †Jose "Joe" Celestino**

#### SUNDAY – December 16– Third Sunday of Advent

*Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18*

Please return Christmas Giving Tree Gifts this weekend.

**8:00 a.m. Mass Intention: †Francis J. Voll & Coletta Voll**  
**9:15 a.m. PSR Classes for Preschool-Grade 7 and Confirmation (Grade 8)**  
**11:00 a.m. Mass Intention: St. Mary Parishioners**  
**1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass**



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
will burn this week  
in loving memory of  
**Edith Davis** by Jack Davis.

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



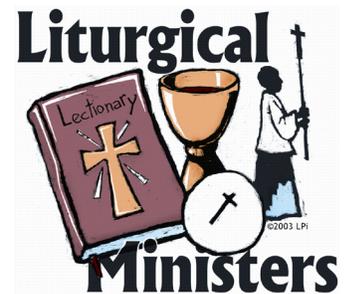
**Healing Blanket Ministry:**  
Healing Blanket Ministry continues its mission to sew blankets. Would you like to join us in this ministry? We will supply the material for you to sew. *We ask those who give a blanket to a loved one, to please sign the blue binder with your name and the name of the person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

**ATTENTION, LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

Liturgical Minister Schedules **for JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2019.**

**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 at 740-382-2118 or e-mailing [dolores@marionstmary.org](mailto:dolores@marionstmary.org) **on or before DECEMBER 18th. Thank you!**

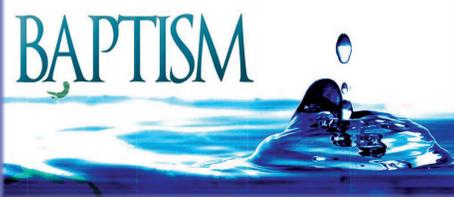
**PLEASE NOTE: ALTAR SERVERS – LECTORS – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – USHERS – GREETERS:** The **SIGN-UP SHEETS for Christmas Eve/Day Masses** are now available in the main vestibule. Your help is very important. Please sign up to help! *Thank you.*



LITURGICAL MINISTERS – WEEKENDS OF DECEMBER 8/9 AND DECEMBER 15/16		
THIS WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m.	Volunteers Needed	(I) Joan Shoup (II) Pat Stevens
8:00 a.m.	Sam Baer, Ben Wood, Sean Murphy	(I) Peter Schuler (II) Suzanne Schuler
11:00 a.m.	Michael McLernon, Summer McLernon, Bryce Rollins	(I) Dean Jacob (II) Dora Jean Mendoza
1:00 p.m.	Ricardo Martinez, Maria Martinez, Miguel Martinez	(I) Maximilian Aguirre (II) Alma Mendez
NEXT WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m.	Gavin Baisden, Dylan Baisden, <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	(I) Bob New (II) Glenna Celestino
8:00 a.m.	Nate Slemmons, Jasmine Flores, Gabriela Flores	(I) Paula Dunn (II) Pat Baldinger
11:00 a.m.	Clare Stevenson, Annika Musser, Mia Chatman	(I) Dean Jacob (II) Fred Dutton
1:00 p.m.	Ashley Alvarez, Betzayda Simon, Andres Alejandro	(I) Emilio Salinas (II) Eduardo Salinas

**PLEASE NOTE:** Liturgical Minister Schedules are posted online at [http://www.marionstmary.org/Bulletin & Liturgical Assignments](http://www.marionstmary.org/Bulletin%20&%20Liturgical%20Assignments). 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.

## BAPTISM



### 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).



### December

- 9 Life Teen, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Life Teen, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 **No** Life Teen
- 26 Candlelight Rosary and Hot Chocolate –  
 At the life-size Nativity in front of the Knights of Columbus,  
 7:00 p.m.
- 30 **No** Life Teen

Life Teen normally meets three Sundays a month from 6:00 p.m. 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.

### Christmas Giving Tree 2018



Please return your wrapped/tagged gift or cookies to the church **next weekend, December 15/16.**

Please make sure the tag is firmly attached to the gift. Place your item near the crèche. We can always use and appreciate your help in delivering the gifts to the nursing homes. We will meet after the Mass in Spanish on Sunday, December 16, 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 the Bulletin for Christmas is **Tuesday, December 11th. Thank you.**





**EARLY BULLETIN**

**DEADLINES:**

Bulletin articles for Sunday, December 23 must be submitted by 12:00 noon on **Thursday, December 13th.**

Bulletin articles for Sunday, December 30 must be submitted by 12:00 noon on **Thursday, December 20th.**

Bulletin articles for Sunday, January 6, 2019, must be submitted by 12:00 noon on **Thursday, December 27th.**

All bulletin articles should be submitted to [dolores@marionstmary.org](mailto:dolores@marionstmary.org).

**Thank you for your cooperation.**



**JUST A QUICK REMINDER**

We greatly appreciate the many parishioners who have pledged their support for the St. Mary Beautification Project with a monthly donation. Because we are not mailing out monthly statements, it is easy to forget to send in your payments. 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*

**2019 Religious Art Calendars:**

Through the courtesy of **SNYDER FUNERAL HOMES, GUNDER-HALL CHAPEL**, 2019 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**

**Monday, December 24th  
Christmas Eve**

4:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass  
7:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass

**Tuesday, December 25th  
Christmas Day**

12:00 Midnight – Mass with Choir  
11:00 a.m. – Mass



**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 at 740-382-2118 for more information.

**YOUR SPOUSE WILL THANK YOU!**

Give thanks and plan now to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!**



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](http://www.wwmecolumbus.org).