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Monday, 12:00 noon

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the liturgical observance of the Christmas season. It is good to keep our attention focused on what the birth of Jesus Christ means. In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul summarizes the meaning of Jesus' birth in these words: "when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Gal 4:4-5). This is the ultimate exchange of gifts: God sends His only Son to enable us to become His adopted sons and daughters. God is born into the world of time, so that we might be born into eternal life. It is fitting, then, that we bring the Christmas season to a close by witnessing the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. The words spoken from heaven at that event are pronounced anew each time we celebrate a Baptism: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Speaking of Baptism, this seems like a good day to remind parents of their obligation to have their children baptized without delay. The Code of Canon Law states, "Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks; as soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it." This means that children should normally be baptized no more than a month after they are born. As a reminder, we offer baptismal preparation classes for parents four times a year in English and in Spanish. Children who are seven years of age or more must undergo a thorough catechesis before receiving Baptism. Baptismal sponsors (godparents) must be practicing Catholics in full communion with the Church who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Experience compels me to add one more thing: I am sometimes asked to sign a document stating that a person is qualified to be a godparent. Please remember that I can sign these papers only if the person in question is an active member of St. Mary parish, who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. We sometimes hear from a person who grew up in Marion but has not lived here for many years, wanting me to affirm that they are able to be a sponsor for a Baptism. I'm sure everyone can understand why I am unable to sign such a document.

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,  
Fr. Thomas Buffer

*In Memoriam*



**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Lorraine J. Gedye-Litzenberg  
and John Paul Scharf**

**Del Párroco:**

Este Domingo celebramos el Bautismo del Señor y es el fin de la observancia litúrgica de la época navideña.



Es bueno mantener nuestra atención centrada en lo que significa el nacimiento de Jesucristo. En su carta a los Gálatas, San Pablo resume el significado del nacimiento de Jesús en estas palabras: "cuando el tiempo había llegado por completo, Dios envió a su hijo, nacido de una mujer, nacido bajo la ley, para redimir a los que estaban bajo la ley, para que pudiéramos recibir la adopción como hijos" (GAL 4:4-5). Éste es el intercambio definitivo de dones: Dios envía a su único hijo para que seamos sus hijos e hijas adoptivos. Dios nace en el mundo del tiempo, para que podamos nacer en la vida eterna. Es apropiado, entonces, que llevemos la temporada navideña a un fin, presenciando el Bautismo de Jesús en el Jordán. Las palabras que se hablan desde el cielo en ese acontecimiento se pronuncian de nuevo cada vez que celebramos un bautismo: "tú eres mi hijo amado; contigo estoy muy contento."

Hablando del bautismo, este me parece un buen momento para recordar a los padres su obligación de bautizar a sus hijos sin demora. El código de derecho canónico declara: "los padres están obligados a cuidar de que los niños se bauticen en las primeras semanas; tan pronto como sea posible después del nacimiento o incluso antes de él, deben acudir al pastor para pedir el Sacramento para su hijo y prepararse apropiadamente para ello." Esto significa que los niños normalmente deben ser bautizados no más de un mes después de nacer. Como recordatorio, ofrecemos clases de preparación bautismal para padres 4 veces al año en Inglés y en Español. Los niños de siete años de edad o más deben someterse a una catequesis exhaustiva antes de recibir el bautismo. Los patrocinadores bautismales (padrinos) deben ser católicos practicantes y en plena comunión con la iglesia, que hayan recibido los sacramentos del bautismo, la confirmación y la Eucaristía.

La experiencia me obliga a añadir una cosa más: a veces me piden que firme un documento indicando que una persona está calificada para ser madrina o padrino. Por favor, recuerde que puedo firmar estos documentos sólo si la persona en cuestión es un miembro activo de la parroquia de Santa María, que ha recibido los sacramentos del bautismo, la confirmación y la Eucaristía. A veces escuchamos de una persona que creció en Marion, pero no ha vivido aquí durante muchos años, queriendo que afirme que son capaces de ser un patrocinador para un bautismo. Estoy seguro de que todo el mundo puede entender por qué no puedo firmar un documento de este tipo.

Su hermano en Cristo,  
Padre Thomas Buffer

**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.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY –  
January 20, 2019**

**You are invited to join your fellow parishioners for coffee, donuts and conversation in Moira Hall, after the 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Masses.**



## St. Mary School News

January 16:

8:30 a.m. – School Mass

January 21:

No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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 13, 20

February 3, 10, 17

March 3, 10, 17, 31

Glenna Celestino CL  
(740-382-2262)



## CONFIRMATION

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

### 2019 Class Schedule

January 13\*, 20

February 3, 10\*\*, 17

March 3, 10, 17, 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.

Mary Dutton

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Lucas Bledsoe (740-244-7401)

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 13, 2019



## THIS WEEK IN ST. MARY PARISH JANUARY 14-20, 2019

### MASS INTENTIONS • DAILY READINGS • EVENTS

#### MONDAY – January 14

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

6:00 p.m. **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**  
(342 N. Main Street)

7:00 p.m. **Women's Study Group:** Bishop Barron's  
"The Pivotal Players" (Commons)

#### TUESDAY – January 15

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

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

6:30 p.m. **Mass Intention: †Anthony Riales**

#### WEDNESDAY – January 16

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

8:30 a.m. **Mass Intention: †Jim Rohler**

7:00 p.m. **RCIA**

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

#### THURSDAY – January 17 – Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

8:30 a.m. **Mass Intention:**  
†Mary Scharf and Deceased of Family

#### FRIDAY – January 18

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

8:30 a.m. **Mass Intention: For a Special Intention**

#### SATURDAY – January 19

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

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

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon **1st Reconciliation Retreat (Moira Hall)**

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

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

6:15 p.m. **"The Choice Wine" Program for Married  
Couples (Commons)**

#### SUNDAY – January 20 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Hospitality Sunday – Coffee and Donuts in Moira Hall after Masses

8:00 a.m. **Mass Intention: †Jim Blue**

9:15 a.m. **PSR Classes: Preschool-Grade 7  
and Confirmation**

11:00 a.m. **Mass Intention: †Paul Z. Huhnar**

1:00 p.m. **Spanish Mass**

2:30 p.m. **Baptism Class in Spanish (Commons)**

**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 WINE**

provided by  
the Knights of Columbus.



**Life Teen Schedule for January 13**

**January 13 – Life Teen – 6:00 p.m.**  
Pancake Breakfast  
after 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.  
We could use your help. Call or text Mark.  
January 20 – No Life Teen  
January 27 – Life Teen – 6:00 p.m.

**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 are available for teens. RSVP to Mark ASAP (first 15 to reserve will go). Pick up a flyer in back of church. RSVP by calling or texting Mark at 740-223-8656.



**Sunday, January 13, after the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses in Moira Hall.**

All-you-can-eat Pancakes, Sausages and Eggs. Along with coffee, orange juice, milk. No cost, donations only. All proceeds will help our 15 teens and 6 adults attend the *March For Life Trip* to Washington, D.C. (January 17th-19th).

Thank you in advance for supporting our teens. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation, please call or text Mark at 740-223-8656.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS – WEEKENDS OF JANUARY 12/13 AND JANUARY 19/20**

THIS WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m.	Nicholas Swartz, Carson DeWitt, <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	(I) Anthony Swartz (II) Becky Swartz
8:00 a.m.	Nate Slemmons, Jasmine Flores, Gabriella Flores	(I) Suzanne Schuler (II) Peter Schuler
11:00 a.m.	Summer McLernon, Kasey McDaniel, Nicholas McDaniel	(I) Mary Dutton (II) Fred Dutton
1:00 p.m.	Bryana Martinez, Maria Martinez, Miguel Martinez	(I) Martha Esparza (II) Gilberto Aguirre
NEXT WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m.	Gavin Baisden, Dylan Baisden, Annika Musser	(I) Joan Shoup (II) Paula Dunn
8:00 a.m.	Sam Baer, David Tuerck, Ben Wood	(I) Rosemary Chaudry (II) Sharon Baldinger
11:00 a.m.	Lindsey Anderson, Mia Chatman, Clare Stevenson	(I) Kevin Anderson (II) Fred Fosco
1:00 p.m.	Ashley Alvarez, Jennifer Villalobos, Natalia Salinas	(I) Alma Mendez (II) Maximiliam 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.

# 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:**  
**April 14 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.

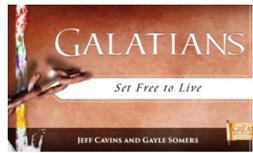
## EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

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 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: \$24.95.

Registration for this study will take place **January 14, 2019.**



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.

Women's Conference: February 16, 2019, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

<http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>

**Ohio Expo Center – Cardinal Hall**

## 2019 Catholic Man of the Year Presented at February's Catholic Men's Luncheon Club – Friday, February 1, 2019

Bishop Campbell will present the 2019 Catholic Man of the Year at the next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Please join us Friday, February 1 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and the announcing of the 2019 Catholic Man of the Year followed by remarks from the recipient. The February Luncheon is sponsored by Decker Vonau LLC. (Find more information at [www.deckervonau.com](http://www.deckervonau.com)). Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m., and the presentation of the 2019 CMOY. No reservations are necessary. Cost of \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc), or contact Craig Heppner, CMLC President, at [craigkofc@gmail.com](mailto:craigkofc@gmail.com).



## 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](mailto:dolores@marionstmary.org) to schedule. Thank you.



### **ADOPT A TREE**

Plant a tree in memory or honor – a fitting tribute for present and future generations. We have three beautiful Princeton Sentry Ginkgo trees left that have not been adopted.

Please call Mike Nicolosi at the Parish Office (740-382-2118) if you would like to adopt a tree (\$500.00 per tree with an engraved plaque at the base of the tree in memory or in honor of).

### **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).

### **The Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus Marriage & Family Life Office**

197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215 • 614-241-2560

#### **Respect Life Mass – January 22, 2019**

Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass in observance of a nationwide Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, marking the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

#### **Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse – January 22, 2019**

Greater Columbus Right to Life hosts this local event for all to pause, reflect, and remember the U.S. Supreme Court's sweeping decision that legalized abortion on demand in all fifty states.

#### **Memorial Mass for Infants Lost through Miscarriage or Stillbirth January 26, 2019**

Families who have experienced infant loss are invited to honor the life of their baby by attending a Memorial Mass at Resurrection Cemetery's Chapel.

#### **World Marriage Day Dance – February 9, 2019**

Central Ohio Marriage Encounter invites all couples to their annual dinner, music and dancing. Contact Fred & Joy Kerner at 614-761-9048 or [joc93@yahoo.com](mailto:joc93@yahoo.com) by January 23.

#### **World Marriage Day Event at the Jubilee Museum – February 10, 2019**

All married couples are invited to envision their marriages as works of art. Presentation by Shawn Kenney, Museum Director, will be followed with self-guided tours of the museum. Keep an eye out for a flyer to be sent to your parish shortly!

### **BIMONTHLY MASS OF HEALING**

#### **JANUARY 21, 6:30 PM, SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL**

Following the Mass, a Healing Service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person will then have an opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those seeking emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited, as well. Bimonthly Healing Masses take place at the Cathedral on the third Monday of the month. In 2019, Bimonthly Healing Masses will be celebrated on January 21, March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18. Secured parking is available off East Gay Street. Handicap elevator access to the Cathedral is located off the Broad Street Courtyard. Saint Joseph Cathedral is located at 212 East Broad Street. For more information, call (614) 224-1295 or visit [www.saintjosephcathedral.org](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.org).