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Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 12:00 noon

FROM THE PASTOR:

Today's Gospel presents several of the most striking statements ever uttered by the Lord Jesus – and that's saying a lot! Let's take just one: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." Some people might condemn this teaching as totally unrealistic. I don't think it is; rather, it would have been totally unrealistic if the Lord had said: no one has any enemies; everybody loves you. Both history and our own personal experience teach us that some of us do have very real enemies. Right now, there are people on this planet who want to kill you simply because you are a Christian. If that is true, it is also possible that you yourself may have decided that a certain person is your enemy and that you hate that person. The Lord Jesus is quite realistic about human nature; He knows that the human heart is capable of many things, some of them quite ugly and destructive. His teaching is illustrated in the first reading, in the example of His ancestor David. David has a real and truly deadly enemy: Saul, the king. Saul was looking for David, to kill him. There was no doubt whatever about that. Then, miraculously it would seem, David is given the perfect opportunity to kill Saul. But he doesn't. Later, he says to Saul, "Although the LORD delivered you into my hands today, I could not lay a hand on the LORD's anointed. Just as I regarded your life as precious today, so may the LORD regard my life as precious and deliver me from all dangers." David understands that there is a connection between how he treats others and how God will treat him. Centuries later, Jesus, the new David, will put it this way: "The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."



Sincerely Yours, in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Buffer

"Little Black Books for Lent"

Six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle C).
The goal this Lent is to find six minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days to talk through this book a page at a time. Six minutes. That's within reach. And it pays big returns.

Members of the Spiritual Enrichment Commission will be selling the Little Black Books after all Masses this weekend of February 23/24 and next weekend, March 2/3. Cost is still only \$1.00.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Friday, March 1, 2019, 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.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51

Del Párroco:

El Evangelio de hoy presenta varias de las declaraciones más sorprendentes jamás pronunciadas por el Señor Jesús, ¡y eso es decir mucho! Tomemos solo uno: "ama a tus enemigos, haz el bien a los que te odian". Algunas personas pueden condenar esta enseñanza como totalmente irrealista. No creo que lo sea; más bien, hubiera sido totalmente irrealista si el Señor hubiera dicho: nadie tiene enemigos; todo el mundo te quiere. Tanto la historia como nuestra propia experiencia personal nos enseñan que algunos de nosotros tenemos enemigos muy reales. En este momento, hay personas en este planeta que quieren matarte simplemente porque eres un cristiano. Si eso es cierto, también es posible que tú mismo hayas decidido que cierta persona es tu enemigo y que odias a esa persona. El Señor Jesús es bastante realista sobre la naturaleza humana; Él sabe que el corazón humano es capaz de muchas cosas, algunas de ellas bastante feas y destructivas. Su enseñanza se ilustra en la primera lectura, en el ejemplo de su antepasado David. David tiene un enemigo real y verdaderamente mortal: Saúl, el rey. Saúl estaba buscando a David, para matarlo. No había ninguna duda sobre eso. Entonces, milagrosamente, parece que a David se le da la oportunidad perfecta para matar a Saúl. Pero él no lo hace. Más tarde, él le dice a Saúl: "Aunque el SEÑOR te entregó hoy en mis manos, no pude poner una mano sobre el ungido del SEÑOR. Así como hoy considero que tu vida es preciosa, que el SEÑOR considere mi vida como preciosa y me libere de todos los peligros. "David entiende que hay una conexión entre la forma en que trata a los demás y cómo lo tratará Dios. Siglos después, Jesús, el nuevo David, lo expresará de esta manera: "la medida con la que usted mida se regresará para ser medido a usted."



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 changes 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.



Life Teen Schedule
February 24 Life Teen – 6:00 p.m.
March 3 – NO Life Teen
March 10 – 6:00 p.m.
March 17 – 6:00 p.m.
March 24 – 6:00 p.m.
March 31 – NO Life Teen

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



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.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019



Ash Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. Mass & Imposition of Ashes
- 12:05 p.m. Service of the Word & Imposition of Ashes
- 5:30 p.m. Mass & Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass & Imposition of Ashes

Fridays during Lent:

- 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- Confessions following Stations



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**

February 27:

8:30 a.m. – School Mass

February 28:

5:30-7:00 p.m. – Literacy Night

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

March 3, 10, 17, 31

April 7, 14

Friday, April 12:**Living Stations of the Cross**

**April 14: Collecting new and gently
used items for
The Voice of Hope**

**Glenna Celestino CL
(740-382-2262)**

**CONFIRMATION**

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

2019 Class Schedule

March 3, 10, 17, 31

April 7, 14

May 4, 5

May 7: Confirmation

March 3: Parents attend with
student. **Saint Report Due, Schedule
Interviews today** (Interviews will take
place at the end of March.)

May 4-5 Confirmation Retreat:

1:00 p.m., Saturday through Sunday
at 12:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul
Retreat Center, Newark

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Lucas Bledsoe,

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 24, 2019

THIS WEEK IN ST. MARY PARISH FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS • DAILY READINGS • EVENTS

MONDAY – February 25

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

7:00 p.m. Women's Study Group: "Galatians: Set Free to Live"**TUESDAY – February 26**

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

**5:00-6:00 p.m. Holy Hour with Eucharistic
Exposition/Benediction & Confessions****6:30 p.m. Mass Intention: †Ann Shoup****WEDNESDAY – February 27**

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Dino Pappas**7:00 p.m. RCIA****7:30 p.m. Parish Choir****THURSDAY – February 28**

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Marjorie Baron**FRIDAY – March 1 – First Friday**

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Martha Wiecher**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. Recitation of the Rosary****7:00 p.m. Benediction****SATURDAY – March 2**

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

9:00 a.m. Rosary**4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions****5:00 p.m. Mass Intention: †Mary Lou Williams****6:15 p.m. "The Choice Wine"***program for married couples (Commons)***SUNDAY – March 3 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

8:00 a.m. Mass Intention: †Joseph A. Maniaci**9:15 a.m. PSR Classes: Preschool-Grade 7 and Confirmation****11:00 a.m. Mass Intention: St. Mary Parishioners****1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass**

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.

Hospitality Sunday – February 24th



You are invited to have coffee and donuts with your fellow parishioners after Mass this Sunday in Moira Hall.



Dynamic Catholic

Be Bold. Be Catholic.®

The Church of the Resurrection in New Albany will host a Lenten event focused on a faith-filled journey of growth and conversion!

This inspiring event, presented by Dynamic Catholic's *Dr. Allen Hunt* will create a personal plan to strengthen and enrich the *4 life-giving spiritual habits* of a highly engaged Catholic; *prayer, study, evangelization, generosity.*

"Find your Greatness"
 Church of the Resurrection
 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road,
 New Albany, OH
 Saturday, March 16th, 2019
 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Ticket Cost – \$25.00

Register online at DynamicCatholic.com/NewAlbany or go to the parish website at <https://www.cotrna.org> and click on the "Find your Greatness" icon, or contact Gayle Kerkman at 614-429-7308 or gkerkman@gmail.com.

Please join us and invite your family and friends to this transformative Lenten event!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – WEEKENDS OF FEBRUARY 23/24 AND MARCH 2/3

THIS WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m.	Christian Smith, Ben Waldo, Christian Waldo	(I) Bob New (II) Paula Dunn
8:00 a.m.	Samuel Baer, Sean Murphy, Gabriella Flores	(I) Suzanne Schuler (II) Peter Schuler
11:00 a.m.	Nicholas McDaniel, Abigail Wright, Lily Wright	(I) Mark Jankowski (II) Eric Jankowski
1:00 p.m.	Jesus R. Martinez, Maria G. Martinez, Miguel Martinez	(I) Emilio Salinas (II) Eduardo Salinas
NEXT WEEKEND	SERVERS	LECTORS
5:00 p.m.	Christian Smith, Nicholas Swartz, Carson DeWitt	(I) Anthony Swartz (II) Becky Swartz
8:00 a.m.	David Tuerck, Jasmine Flores, Gabriella Flores	(I) Jeannene James (II) Sharon Baldinger
11:00 a.m.	Summer McLernon, Annika Musser, Bryce Rollins	(I) Fred Dutton (II) Mary Dutton
1:00 p.m.	Ashley Alvarez, David Arreola, Betzy Pedro	(I) Gilberto Aguirre (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. 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 14th, 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, 7 de Abril, 2019 a las 2:30 p.m.** en la Casa Blanca (The Commons).

Important Notice

For Parents and Students in 7th grade through high school. *You are invited to attend this special event...*

**"Here's the Truth:
 Revealing God's Plan for Marriage through the Church"**

Marissa Everhart, the Youth Minister from St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Granville, will speak on March 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Moira Hall.



- Marissa will be addressing sexuality; what is being promoted in our culture and what is taught in our Church.
- Marissa will help us get a better picture of sexuality as a wonderful gift from God that needs to be nurtured and protected from abuses and careless actions.
- Our children need us to help them in these times of great conflict.

Please attend with your child on March 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Moira Hall. Questions? Concerns? Contact Glenna Celestino, CL at 740-382-2262 or Mary Dutton at 740-361-0121.



The Knights of Columbus will once again be holding their ever popular Fish Fries on Fridays during Lent, beginning the Friday before Lent begins on March 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 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*).

The Catholic TIMES

The Diocese of Columbus' News Source

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! You can still sign up for **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 the parish, and drop it into the collection basket. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the **Catholic Times**. You need the **Catholic Times** to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic world.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS



Spirit of Hope Gala of Catholic Social Services will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. Charles Preparatory School's Walter Commons, 2010 East Broad Street, Columbus. The annual event benefits Catholic Social Services' programs which help seniors and families. To purchase tickets or to sponsor, visit www.colscss.org/upcoming-events or contact Julie Naporano at 614-857-1236 or jnaporano@colscss.org.



Lighten Your Load, Brighten Your Light, is a day of self-care and healing, Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Martin de Porres Center, Columbus. Grounded in gratitude and humility, this day seeks to return the patience, compassion and love you give out, back on yourself. As caregivers, first responders, crisis counselors and volunteers, and ministry leaders, taking the time for self-care is vitally important to your resiliency and renewal, which ultimately influences your capacity to serve and lead. We invite you to retreat and reignite through your passion, faith, and community.

Freewill offering is appreciated; registration is required due limited space and lunch is provided. To register, visit www.tinyurl.com/DHTE-register. For more information, contact Andrea Pannell at 614-241-2550 or email her at apannell@columbuscatholic.org. Sponsored by the diocesan Hope Task Force.



The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host ***"Estate Planning & End of Life Issues, a Gift for Your Family,"*** on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at St. Andrew's Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. Open to all, topics discussed will include how to avoid probate, proper bank accounts, insurance (life/long, term, disability), and other aspects of end-of-life planning. Event cost is \$20.00 per person (includes lunch and materials); registration/payment is Friday, March 15. Contact Katie Boesch, at DCCW at 614-228-8601 or visit columbuscatholic.org/diocesan-council-of-catholic-women for forms and more information.



Organic, Healthy, and Empowering – Do you buy organic and hormone-free foods? Why not apply this healthy approach to your family planning method? **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** empowers married couples to effectively achieve or postpone pregnancy without risking the health of the woman, her nursing child, or her future fertility. Attend a NFP Class Series at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, starting on Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.; the course continues on March 30, April 13, and May 18. For more information and to register, go to www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.



"Interior Peace" is the theme of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) upcoming Silent Retreat, to be held April 5-7, at the St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 East Broad Street, Columbus. Led by Father T.J. Lehigh, Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Parish, the retreat cost is \$150.00 (\$50.00 non-refundable deposit required) and includes all meals from Friday evening through breakfast on Sunday. Registration deadline is

March 22; Additional information and registration forms are available at columbuscatholic.org/diocesan-council-of-catholic-women; mail completed form and payment to Columbus DCCW, 197 East Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215.



Christ Alive in Our Marriage Newlywed Retreat! Newlywed couples, as well as couples who have been married up to five years, are invited to a day-long retreat where they will connect with each other and embrace the gift of uninterrupted time together. Taking place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish on Saturday, April 6th, the retreat will include time for prayer, discussion, testimonies from other newlywed couples, and will end with 5:00 p.m. Mass. Cost is \$25.00 per couple. For details and to register, visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/young-adult-retreats>.