

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Marian Schrader by Elaine Renaker
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Crecenza Pizutti by Margaret Barnett
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Barbara Webel by Family
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Stella Randall by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Bernie Grebus by Carol Groom
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Walter & Hellen Bruns by the Jerry Jenkins Family
	7:00 p.m.	Student Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Doug Elzey by Dick & Judi Matz
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Ginny & Jim Billiter by the Ralph Billiter Family
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family

THIS WEEKEND

SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Colleene Weiser, Jonathan Maier, Marita Surry
	11:00 a.m.	Connie Brown, Todd Lutz, Sandro Nuakey

NEXT WEEKEND

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer Blair Williams
Branson Cline, Colleene Weiser, Sharon Merritt
Patricia Raynak, Sandro Nuakey, Eli Nuakey

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Joe Stewart, Debra Thorn
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Colleene Weiser, Dave Solak
	11:00 a.m.	Patricia Raynak, Jim Raynak

Regina Courey, Sydney Blain
Mark Dorion, Rosemarie Watters
Joanne Myers, Mayellen Fowler

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Marilyn O'Linn, Blair Williams, Sandy Williams, Phil Feldmeier, Shawna Gentile
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Christine Boucher, JoEllen Stebelton, Ken Koebel, Mary Slone, Rosemarie Watters
	11:00 a.m.	Mayellen Fowler, Jan Gale, Noreen Reeves, Nancy Scholl, Carl Scholl

Blair Williams, Sandy Trammer, Pam Gerardi, Marilyn O'Linn, Judi Matz
Pat Jenkins, Irene Fagan, Carolyn Veit, Mark Dorion, Rosemarie Watters
Jean Bobst, John Kinch, Bill Reeves, Carl Scholl, Mayellen Fowler

CANTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Jeff & Lisa Buffer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Susan Howell
	11:00 a.m.	Pam Scott

Susan Howell
Bob Fagan
Kathy Frank

From The Pastor's Desk

Readings: In the reading from Exodus, we have the call of Moses. A few things are worthy of note. You can see that Moses wasn't especially qualified and was not too familiar with God. God introduces Himself to Moses and gives Him his orders. The response also wants us to know our God. He is kind and merciful and always pardoning, etc.

Paul and the Gospel have a common theme. We should not be overconfident, because we are baptized and share the Eucharist and the Word. It is time to "reform" and to "bear fruit." Lent always has this urgent message. The time to reform is now. This is the Penitential time of the Liturgical Year.

11:00 a.m. Mass – For the celebration of the Scrutinies, we are to use the Readings from Cycle A: This week, we have lessons of faith and teaching that have a Baptismal inference. The people had a thirst for water (Baptism), and they lost faith in Moses and in their God. Meribah and Massah were classic places of sin, and today, we learn of that sin. The psalm prayer tells us not to be like our ancestors in the desert at Meribah and Massah. Paul gives us a lesson about faith and the great love that Christ had for us by His death. He did not die for the good, but He died for us sinners.

In the Gospel, we have the story of the woman at the well. She was a Samaritan and was looked on as a sinner. It is one great story about God's call and how He calls the sinner and the importance of Baptism. "Whoever drinks the water that I give will never be thirsty again; the water I give shall become a fountain within him, leaping up to provide eternal life." The sinner, the woman, brings many to the faith and they listen to Jesus and came to a deeper faith.

Scrutinies: This week, we celebrate the first of the Scrutinies. "The Scrutinies are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out and then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. For the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all." (Instruction: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). For the celebration of the Scrutinies, we are to use the Readings from Cycle A. We will also have Scrutinies on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 28 – Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9

11:00 a.m. Mass (RCIA) – Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

Monday, February 29 – 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 1 – Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 2 – Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 3 – Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 4 – Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 5 – Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 6 – Jos 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

11:00 a.m. Mass (RCIA) – 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

February 21 – Sunday Offering - \$5,325.00

Catholic Times - \$204.00 Black & Indian Missions \$56.00

**God bless you for your continued support of
St. Mary Church!**

Retirement: Retirement age for priest in this Diocese is 70. When one is about to reach 70 he has a discussion with the bishop. If he wishes to work beyond retirement age, he makes his wishes known. If the bishop agrees, he continues in his assignment for another year. Then each year he makes his wishes known and the bishop can either accept or reject his wishes. This year I let it be known that I wish to retire, which the bishop accepted. I know of no priest that the bishop did not let retire after age of 70. Next the pastorates that will be open are sent to all the priests of the diocese and they have a few weeks to let the Personnel Board know their wishes. This is the stage we are in presently. Next the Personnel Board will make recommendations to the bishop and then he will decide. Assignments generally begin the second Tuesday of July. My assignment will end on July 12.

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously!

St. Mary Church has a new website: www.groveportstmary.org. Please take a few minutes to browse through it, or if you wish, visit it daily for the day's Mass readings, Catholic News Service, and a daily meditation. It's a great way to keep up with parish activities/events should you fail to read the bulletin!

Easter Flower Intentions – If you would like to help decorate the presbyterium for Easter in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope in your packet or one of the envelopes provided in the vestibule to offset the cost of the Easter Lilies. Be sure to include your name and the name of the intention and drop it off in the collection basket no later than Sunday, March 20.

The Franklin County Board of Elections is looking for poll workers for the upcoming March 15 Primary Election. To qualify, you must be a U.S. citizen and a registered Franklin County voter; have transportation to the polls on Election Day; and serve from 5:30 a.m. to at least 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. You will receive training and compensation of at least \$148 for training and Election Day service. Please call 614-525-5393 or visit <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/poll-worker/faqs-cfm>.

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul has a food basket in the vestibule for the Groveport Food Pantry. For the month of February, they are requesting **rice** or **spaghetti sauce**. For the month of March, they are requesting **cereal**.

Looking ahead: the SVDP clothing/household furniture truck will be here the weekend of April 9th & 10th. The truck holds a lot; let's fill her up!

Thank you to all who contributed to the SVDP Collection last weekend!

Your support is appreciated! Donations help those less fortunate in our area!

The Craft Club will meet this Tuesday, March 1 from 9:00-2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to share in the fun and potluck!

The Forever Young Club will meet this Tuesday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Craft Club is planning a “Bag of Supplies” sale next weekend, March 5 & 6 before & after each Mass. For the cost of \$1.00-\$5.00, the bags will include wood items, Styrofoam balls, felt, fabric and yarn. Now is the time to stock up at a very affordable price! And while you are shopping, take advantage of the freshly baked goods at the **March Madness Bake Sale**, which will be happening at the same time—all in the Parish Hall!

Hugs and Prayers – Please remember in Prayer those of our Parish family and friends who at this time are hospitalized, ill, or recovering: Rosa Alonzo, Dan & Ann Arnett, Donna Barrett, Virginia Bauman, Mary Jo Borghese, The Brothers Family, Tom Bryan, Chris Burkhart, Kathy Daw, Al Elizondo, Dominic Elizondo, Giuseppe Fazio, Shirley Jo Fraley, Ben Garrison, Mary Getreu, Audrey Hall, Cody Hetterscheidt, Tara Hetterscheidt, Bill & Agnes Hillis, Austin Hosfeld, Steve Howell, Jake & Maureen Jajczyk, Mary Jones, Barb Kellenbarger, Evelyn Kelley, Tim Leddy, Lisa Leonard, Julie Litsinberger, Msgr. Bob Metzger, Rita Martini, Maria Mayes, Wanda Menetti, Mary Jo McKinney, Maxine & Tom McLoughlin, Renee Parlin, Joseph C. Ramsey, Fr. Reichert, Matthew Riordan, Gene Schrader, Lucy Snyder, Bernie Sokolowski, Virginia Theado, Dave Verbance, Howard & Rosemarie Watters, Caroline Weiland, Jeanne West, Virginia Whittemore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.

Please pray for the soul of Terri Pasden, whose funeral we celebrated last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE USE CUT LENTEN_SCHEDULE_1_BW (PLACE ACCORDINGLY!)

You Are Encouraged To Attend The Following Lenten Services:

Friday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. Student Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. Mass with Communal Anointing

Friday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. Penance Service

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. Mass & Lenten Program

with Father Metzger

Friday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. Penance Service

Saturday, March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph – 8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 23 – 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 24 – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25 – The Lord’s Passion, 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), March 26 – 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27 – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

