

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Larry Hartman by Evelyn Schick
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Slone by Pam & Jerry Scott
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Opal Servant by Altar Rosary Society Lenten Program with Father Metzger
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Elmer & Eda Love by the Jerry Jenkins Family
	7:00 p.m.	Apologetics with Deacon Dan Schwartz
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	David Hetterscheidt by the Hetterscheidt Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Roger Crites by Sandy Trammer
	7:00 p.m.	Penance Service
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Solemnity of St. Joseph – Bonnie Shumaker by Lewis Shumaker
	5:00 p.m.	Marian Schrader by Bob Schrader
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Carrie Billiter by Her Parents
	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.	Marita Surry, Jonathan Maier, Branson Cline
	11:00 a.m.	Todd Lutz, Sandro Nuakey

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Laura Slaby, David Wilson
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Ken Koebel, Rosemarie Watters
	11:00 a.m.	Beth Lutz, Sharon Kay

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Mark Widman, Regina Courey, Sandy Williams, Phil Feldmeier, Shawna Gentile
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	JoEllen Stebelton, Ken Koebel, Mary Slone, Christine Boucher, Pat Jenkins
	11:00 a.m.	Jan Gale, Noreen Reeves, Nancy Scholl, Marie Kujawski, Mayellen Fowler

CANTOR SCHEDULE

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

NEXT WEEKEND

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer Blair Williams
Branson Cline, Jonathan Maier, Sharon Merritt
Connie Brown, Sandro Nuakey, Eli Nuakey,
Patricia Raynak

Deb Thorn, _____, Regina Courey, Sandy Trammer
Dave Wilson, Marita Surry, Ken Koebel, Mark Dorion
Joe Stewart, Mary Mashburn, Mayellen Fowler,
Jim Raynak

Marilyn O'Linn, Judi Matz, Pam Gerardi,
Sandy Trammer, Blair Williams
Ken Koebel, Mark Dorion, Irene Fagan,
Christine Boucher, Mary Slone
Bill Reeves, Noreen Reeves, John Kinch,
Sandy Trammer, Marie Kujawski

Jeff & Lisa Buffer
Susan Howell
Kathy Frank

From The Pastor's Desk

Readings: Isaiah knows that the Lord is still working with His people and giving the gift of water. We always see a baptismal reference. The Psalm rejoices because the Babylonian Captivity is over and the people are returning. Paul is praising his faith and how it keeps him looking forward to the prize.

The Gospel is from John rather than Luke and is the story of the woman caught in Adultery. This crime was punishable by stoning. Jesus is the God of forgiveness. The Law said she should be stoned to death and Jesus has another approach. You can see that the tension between Jesus and the Scribes, Pharisees and the Law is growing. The Passion is not far off.

11:00 a.m. Mass – We will have our third, and last, Scrutiny this weekend. We will use the Readings from Cycle A: The first reading has to do with our resurrection and new life and the response assures us of fullness of redemption. We are people of the Spirit, because we have the Spirit of God in us. Paul is teaching good sacramental theology.

The Gospel is the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, a sign that Jesus has power over death. He put all enemies under His feet and the last enemy was death.

We are reminded to pray for the Elect and for those who wish to receive Easter Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). We can assess how well we are doing on our Lenten Journey.

Next Sunday, we start Holy Week. It starts with Passion Sunday. **We will gather for the Procession of the Palms before the 11:00 a.m. Mass,** in back of the parking lot, and process with the palms from there.

You might notice the statues are covered! At this early date, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, it is optional to cover the statues. But it is an ancient tradition that this Sunday is the First Week of the Passion. The idea is that we focus our attention on the Passion of the Lord, and other pious devotions are not encouraged. We now prepare for Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday).

You are encouraged to attend the following Lenten Services:

Tuesday, March 15 - 6:30 p.m. Mass & Lenten Program with Father Metzger

Wednesday, March 16 - 7:00 p.m. Talk on Apologetics with Deacon Dan Schwartz

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 13 – Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

11:00 a.m. Mass (RCIA) - Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

Monday, March 14 – Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday, March 15 – Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 16 – Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 17 – Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 18 – Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 19 – 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Sunday, March 20 – Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14-23:56

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

March 6 - Sunday Offering - \$6,080.60

Catholic Relief Services - \$984.00 Holy Land - \$70.00

Easter Flowers - \$717.00 Easter Offering - \$85.00

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

Thank you to all who donated to the Catholic Relief Services Collection last weekend.

Easter Flower intentions need to be in by next Sunday, March 20.

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. for the Solemnity of St. Joseph. It is one of the ten Holy Days of the Church, but has never been a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. Since it is a Solemnity, we will break the Lenten Cycle and celebrate this important Feast with Mass.

You are invited to share in the Office of Tenebrae Service on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Our parish began this last year: for ages it has come before the sacred Triduum; it is a preparation for it. We hope that you will make it a **priority** and be here to prepare for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Please come and be a part of this evening service!

The Easter Triduum is our most important time of the year. The three days are to be celebrated as one day. This is our Easter Celebration. **It begins with Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.; continues with the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, 3:00 p.m.; and continues with the Easter Vigil, 9:00 p.m., and the Easter Masses.** We are called to worship at the beginning of the Mass on Holy Thursday and we are not dismissed until the end of Mass at the Easter Vigil. The Church presumes we will be present at Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, at Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion and at the Easter Vigil. One part does not make sense without the other two parts. This is what Easter means to us and thus the reason we call it the Easter Triduum (you might say three in one).

Adoration to Christ in the Eucharist should be the center of our devotion. You may wish to keep watch with Christ after Holy Thursday Mass until 12:00 a.m. Please see sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

All Servers interested in serving for the Easter Triduum Liturgy, please see sign-up in the Sacristy.

Help is needed to decorate the Church for Easter! If you are interested in helping, please join us on Saturday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 614-497-1324.

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 March, they are requesting **cereal**.

The next SVDP meeting will be Sunday, March 13, at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Next weekend is the SVDP Third Sunday monthly collection.

SVDP will be preparing and serving a Meal for the Homeless on Thursday, March 31. Watch the bulletin for more details!

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!

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

P.S.R. students in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades will participate in the Holy Thursday Mass on March 24, at 7:30 p.m. They will process in with Father Metzger and ring bells during the *Gloria*. Please call Alice Doran with any questions at 614-497-1437.

Anyone who is interested in donating cookies or helping at the reception following the Easter Vigil, March 26, please call the Parish Office at 614-497-1324 or send an email to stmarygroveport@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Lenten Program for all parishioners, sponsored by Altar Rosary Society, will be held on Tuesday, March 15, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. After Mass, Father Metzger will be doing a question and answer presentation.

Have you ever heard the term *Apologetics* and wondered what it means? Then please join Deacon Dan Schwartz and the St Mary Men's Group on March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to learn more about the meaning of Apologetics.

The Men's Group will sponsor an After Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 2 at 12:00 p.m. outside at the Stations of the Cross. This will be a fun family event for all children and the parish family! Sign up sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend. Watch the bulletin for more information!

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, Mary Kampf, Barb Kellenbarger, Evelyn Kelley, Tim Leddy, Lisa Leonard, Julie Litsinberger, Msgr. Bob Metzger, Mike Metzger, Rita Martini, Maria Mayes, Wanda Mennetti, 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 Jean MacDonald, 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.

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.