

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Donna Barrett by Conny Tucker
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Jerry Jenkins by the Jerry Jenkins Family
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Carmen Rodriguez by Family Friend
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Dick Krauss by Mike Krauss
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Jerry & Patty Perrigo 50 th Wedding Anniversary by Joyce, Lee & Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Raymond C. Matz by Dick & Judi Matz
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	David Hetterscheidt by Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Jim & Ginny 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.	Branson Cline, Jonathan Maier, Sharon Merritt
	11:00 a.m.	Patricia Raynak, Connie Brown

NEXT WEEKEND

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams, Cody Limbach
Colleene Weiser, Jonathan Maier, Marita Surry Connie Brown, Todd Lutz

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Deb Thorn, Sydney Blain
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Colleene Weiser, Marita Surry
	11:00 a.m.	Beth Lutz, Malcolm Solack

Sandy Williams, Regina Courey Ken Koebel, Dave Solack Noreen Reeves, Patricia Raynak
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Marilyn O'Linn, Sandy Trammer, Regina Courey, Phil Feldmeier, Pam Gerardi
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Christine Boucher, JoEllen Stebelton, Irene Fagan, Pat Jenkins, Mary Slone
	11:00 a.m.	John Kinch, Nancy Scholl, Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter, Mayellen Fowler

Shawna Gentile, Judi Matz, Marilyn O'Linn, Sandy Trammer, Regina Courey Mary Slone, JoEllen Stebelton, Carolyn Veit, Rosemarie Watters, Christine Boucher Marie Kujawski, Jan Gale, Cindy Kinch, Noreen Reeves, Bill Reeves
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CANTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Susan Howell
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Bob Fagan
	11:00 a.m.	Debra Smith

Susan Howell Dave Solack Debra Smith
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From Father John . . .

One of the most precious gifts we have in the Church is the Liturgy! We come to the Mass not only as a religious exercise or as a time to be with friends and family. Our presence at Mass is first and foremost our individual and communal sacrifice of praise ... offering ourselves - souls, minds and bodies to the Glory of God. By the Liturgy, Christ offers us to the Father to be holy and he feeds us with his very Self ... his Precious Body and Blood.

The Mass is an awesome encounter with our God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We begin this worship preparing at home, represented by a communion fast. As we arrive at church our preparations should continue in the presence of the Our Lord in the Tabernacle. We sit or kneel in awe and in prayer, calling to mind our shortcomings and God’s Mercy. In this silent attitude of prayer we prepare our hearts for worship and join our personal intentions with those of others that will be blessed by Christ’s perfect Sacrifice in the Mass.

In the busyness of our lives ... in the midst of so much sensory activity around us, it’s a wonderful gift of the Church’s worship that we are given time to quietly unwind and be still. As Sacred Scripture says, “*Be still and know that I am God.*” By this quiet gathering before Mass, we and those in the pews around us can prepare for focused worship to the Glory of God.

I am pleased by the good gathering we had Monday evening at the Solemnity Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was wonderful time to honor our Blessed Mother ... something you’ll learn I never miss an opportunity to do. I want to build occasionally on the 7:00 p.m. evening option to give us, and in particular day-working people, an opportunity for a weekday Mass.

Blessings for all our St. Mary family!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 21 – Is 66:18-21 / Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 / Lk 13:22-30

Monday, August 22 – 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 / Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 23 – 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 24 – Rv 21:9b-14 / Jn 1:45-51

Thursday, August 25 – 1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 26 – 1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 27 – 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, August 28 – Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a /
Lk 14:1, 7-14

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

August 14 – Sunday Offering – \$3,854.40

Society of Heralds of Good News Mission Appeal - \$2,086.04

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

Thank you to all who contributed to the Society of Heralds of Good News Mission Appeal last weekend! Fr. Charles Gorantla extends his sincere appreciation to the generous parishioners of St. Mary. If you still wish to make a contribution, please make checks payable to St. Mary Church, mark “Missions” and drop it in the collection basket.

The Annual Three Bags Full children’s clothing consignment event will take place at several Central Ohio locations: August 31-September 3, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard; September 21-24, Hartford Fairgrounds, Croton/Johnstown; October 12-15, The Grove Community Christian Church, Baltimore. The sale benefits charities such as J.O.I.N., Joseph’s Coat, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, Birthright, etc. Visit www.threebagsfull.info for more information.

We are in need of volunteers to help with downsizing some of the landscaping around the church, i.e., removing some small trees and shrubs, weed eating and pruning. We plan to do this on Tuesday, August 23 at 9:00 a.m. Should you have any questions, please contact Adela Jarrell at 614-491-4515.

Like to sing? An Adult Weekly Choir will be started this September through May, and a Children’s Choir is also being planned. Adult Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. The choir will sing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Questions? Please call Lisa Leonard at 614-738-9830.

Congratulations to Armengol and Alma Igartua and their daughter Izzie on the birth of Izzie’s twin boys on August 15 – Mishaal and Tamin. May they have the special intercessions of the Blessed Mother.

The flowers in front of the Altar this weekend are given by Mary Slone in memory of Lewis Slone and their anniversary.

THANKS

Thank you to the Men's Group for their hard work on last Sunday's Parish Picnic! It was a big success, despite the rain! The cookout was excellent, with a wide variety of side dishes/desserts provided by the parishioners. This was a family-fun event. The children had a great time with a variety of games and prizes. The adults enjoyed fellowship time with their parish family! The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Jessie Loechler, who won \$76.00!

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 **August**, they are requesting Hamburger/Tuna Helper and canned tuna.

The St. Vincent de Paul will be preparing 500 sandwiches for the homeless on Tuesday, September 6, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Many hands make light work! It takes about 45 minutes with 8-10 people helping. All are welcome to come and help—no experience necessary!

SVDP is sponsoring a clothing/household items collection for the SVDP in Lancaster. A truck will be here September 10th/11th. If it fits in your car, SVDP will take your donated items! Help will be available to unload your car.

**This weekend is the SVDP Third Sunday Collection after all Masses!
Your support is appreciated; Donations help those less fortunate in our area!**

The Craft Club will meet this Tuesday, August 23, from 10:00-2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Any questions, please call Rosemarie Watters at 614-491-6978.

The Altar Rosary Society will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** in the Parish Hall on Monday, August 29, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Please sign up in the vestibule!

Mark your calendar for the 65th Annual Smorgasbord to be held on Sunday, October 16, 2016. We will need many volunteers to help with this wonderful parish event. If you are new to the parish, this is a great way to meet parishioners. Watch the bulletin for more details!

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, Mary Ann & Richard Armstrong, Ann Arnett, Virginia Bauman, Margaret Bonner, Mary Jo Borghese, The Brothers Family, Tom Bryan, Chris Burkhart, Catherine Courey, Kathy Daw, Al Elizondo, Dominic Elizondo, Giuseppe Fazio, Shirley Jo Fraley, Ben Garrison, Mary Getreu, Cody Hetterscheidt, Tara Hetterscheidt, Bill & Agnes Hillis, Austin Hosfeld, Susan & Steve Howell, Jake & Maureen Jajczyk, Mary Jones, Mary Kampf, Barb Kellenbarger, Evelyn Kelley, Tim Leddy, Lisa Leonard, Julie Litsinberger, Rita Martini, Dick Matz, Maria Mayes, Trisha Mentzer, Msgr. Bob Metzger, Mike Metzger, Wanda Mennetti, Mary Jo McKinney, Maxine & Tom McLoughlin, Connie Neuherz, Renee Parlin, Joseph C. Ramsey, Fr. Reichert, Gene Schrader, Lucy Snyder, Bernie Sokolowski, David Stember, Virginia Theado, David Wilson, Howard & Rosemarie Watters, Caroline Weiland, Jeanne West, Virginia Whittemore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.