

ST. MARY CHURCH – GROVEPORT, OHIO - SUNDAY, August 28

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
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Rosella, Frederick & Fred Herb Jr by the Family
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Don Peck by the Peck Family
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Dave & Betty Verbance by the Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Alice Wile by Joe & Carol Groom
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Kelli Walsh by Maureen & Jake Jajczyk
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Carrie Billiter by the 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 Cody Limbach
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Colleene Weiser, Jonathan Maier, Marita Surry
	11:00 a.m.	Connie Brown, Todd Lutz

NEXT WEEKEND

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams, Cody Limbach
Branson Cline, Marita Surry, Sharon Merritt Patricia Raynak, Connie Brown

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Williams, Regina Courey
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Ken Koebel, Dave Solack
	11:00 a.m.	Noreen Reeves, Patricia Raynak

Regina Courey, Sandy Trammer JoEllen Stebelton, Rosemarie Watters Noreen Reeves, Joanne Myers

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Shawna Gentile, Judi Matz, Marilyn O'Linn, Sandy Trammer, Regina Courey
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Mary Slone, JoEllen Stebelton, Carolyn Veit, Rosemarie Watters, Christine Boucher
	11:00 a.m.	Marie Kujawski, Jan Gale, Cindy Kinch, Noreen Reeves, Bill Reeves

Marilyn O'Linn, Phil Feldmeier, Pam Gerardi, Shawna Gentile, Sandy Williams Christine Boucher, Irene Fagan, Pat Jenkins, Ken Koebel, Mary Slone Nancy Scholl, Carl Scholl, Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter, Mayellen Fowler

CANTOR SCHEDULE

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

Pam Scott Susan Howell Mary Mashburn
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From Fr. John...

Over the past few weeks you've welcomed me warmly. I'm sure that with the Bishop's announcement of my assignment to St. Mary Church and before my arrival there was probably some curiosity about my unusual vocational path. Unusual, because I'm a late vocation priest with a previous business career and because I'm a priest who is married with children and grandchildren. I've alluded to these in conversations and in homilies. In the next couple of bulletins I want to introduce myself more fully. This article tells of my background up to my ordination in the Episcopal Church. Next, I'll describe my vocational path to ordination and service as a Catholic priest.

I am the eldest of five sons and daughters. In my early teenage years I had a religious awakening and was nurtured in a strong Bible centered faith. My father was stationed with the Navy in the Panama Canal Zone where I graduated from high school and earned an appointment to the Naval Academy. Commissioned in 1965, I served at sea before attending MIT for graduate engineering degrees. My remaining naval service was in shipyards for nuclear submarine construction and maintenance. After leaving the Navy I worked as a project manager and came to central Ohio in 1980. I had various business management positions, including at United McGill with my office in the Groveport Mission House. I started a successful manufacturing company in the '90's.

Ginny, a Boston Irish Catholic, and I married in 1970 and have two (adult) children, Sharon and Brendan, who have 8 children, 4 girls and 4 boys, ranging from 22 to 2 ½ years. Our family life has always been Catholic with my "Catholicism" coming through the Episcopalian Anglo-Catholic (high church) tradition. Our children all went to Lancaster area Catholic schools. Ginny has been a leading teacher of English and Latin at Fisher Catholic since the mid-80's.

Throughout my adult life I've had a strong sense of vocation ... that God was calling me to active and full involvement in his Church. I was always an active layperson from which I discerned a commitment to ordained ministry and attended seminary to become an Episcopal priest. I served parishes in central and southern Ohio until 2003 when I entered the Catholic Church. My life prepared me for the priestly vocation and I had a gratifying sense of fulfillment. Yet, that vocation would be tested in ways I did not expect. Next week, I'll continue with my journey into full communion with the Catholic Church and ordination to the holy priesthood.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, August 29 – 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday, August 30 – 1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, August 31 – 1 Cor 3:1-9 / Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 1 – 1 Cor 3:18-23 / Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 2 – 1 Cor 4:1-5 / Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 3 – 1 Cor 4:6b-15 / Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 4 – Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9:10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

August 21 – Sunday Offering – \$5,097.00

Assumption - \$346.00

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

We welcome Fr. Richard Metzger who will be celebrating the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 3. Fr. John Reade has a wedding Mass at St. Rose in Perry County on September 3.

Have you noticed the beautiful church grounds? Thank you to those parishioners who volunteered on Tuesday, August 23 for helping improve the landscape: Stan Carter, Adela Jarrell, Joe Stewart and Frank Trammer. **Thank you** also to Pam Scott and Marilyn Steitz for the use of their trucks. Roger Lammers also continues to plant, weed and mulch the church grounds and Joe Stewart continues to care for the outdoor stations. The hard work and dedication of these volunteers is appreciated!

Like to sing? An Adult Weekly Choir will begin on Sunday, September 18 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. A Children's Choir is also being planned. Should you have any questions, please call Lisa Leonard at 614-738-9830.

Lectors are needed for the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mayellen Fowler at 614-235-4512, or email: granchick7@yahoo.com.

Birthright of Columbus, a pregnancy support service, is holding the 24th Annual Luncheon and Style Show on Saturday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Mozart's Café. Fashions from the In Review Thrift Store will be featured, and there will be a silent Auction and Raffle. Tickets are \$35. It's a wonderful opportunity to support the pro-life movement and a great time for friends to socialize. For reservations, please call Marge, 614-888-0917 or Mary Jo, 614-235-7465.

Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools offers free course for adults, including computer skills, employment success, U.S. citizenship and ESOL English Language skills. Classes are offered during the day and evenings at our Eastland Career Center and Adult Workforce locations in Groveport. In addition, there are distance educations for those who cannot attend in person. For further information, please contact Pat Weekley at 614-836-4541.

The Flowers in front of the Altar this weekend are given by Clara & Bill Hanf in memory of Rita Armstrong and Ted & Catherine Hanf.



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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parish School of Religion Classes are held for those students who don't attend Catholic Schools and are registered here at St. Mary. **P.S.R. Classes will begin on Sunday September 11, 2016** and are held from 9:30-10:50 a.m. Registration forms are being sent to past families who have participated in P.S.R. If you do not receive a registration form, or are new to the parish, please pick one up in the P.S.R. Office in the back of the church, or get one on our website at www.groveportstmary.org. Please complete the registration form and return it to the P.S.R. Office. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Doran at 614-497-1437 or by email at stmarypsrgroveport@msn.com

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. For the month of **September**, they are requesting Crackers and Canned Vegetables.

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. No experience necessary; just a willingness to help!

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.

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

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

The Craft Club will meet this Tuesday, August 30, from 10:00-2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Any questions, please call Rosemarie Watters at 614-491-6978.

The Forever Young Club will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Mark your calendar for the 66th 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 Whittmore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.