

^BULLETIN COPY – ST. MARY CHURCH – GROVEPORT, OHIO - SUNDAY, September 4 – USE CUT # 2-B

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
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Joan & Leroy (Bud) Surry by Marita Surry
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Walter & Hellen Bruns by the Jerry Jenkins Family
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Mike & Lee Nowak by Linda & Gerald Casey
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Rosary & Prayer Service
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Terry Tucker, 19 year anniversary by Conny Tucker
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Jerry Jenkins by the Jenkins Family
	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.	Branson Cline, Marita Surry, Sharon Merritt
	11:00 a.m.	Patricia Raynak, Connie Brown

NEXT WEEKEND

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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Regina Courey, Sandy Trammer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	JoEllen Stebelton, Rosemarie Watters
	11:00 a.m.	Noreen Reeves, Joanne Myers

Sandy Williams, Sydney Blain Marita Surry, Colleene Weiser Mayellen Fowler, Mary Mashburn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Trammer, Phil Feldmeier, Pam Gerardi, Shawna Gentile, Sandy Williams
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Christine Boucher, Irene Fagan, Pat Jenkins, Ken Koebel, Mary Slone
	11:00 a.m.	Nancy Scholl, Carl Scholl, Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter, Mayellen Fowler

Sandy Trammer, Sandy Williams, Regina Courey, Phil Feldmeier, Pam Gerardi Carolyn Veit, JoEllen Stebelton, Rosemarie Watters, Christine Boucher, Pat Jenkins Jan Gale, Cindy Kinch, Marie Kujawski, Noreen Reeves, Bill Reeves

CANTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Pam Scott
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Susan Howell
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Mashburn

Debra Smith Susan Howell Jeff Buffer
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From Father John . . .

In last Sunday's bulletin I recounted my early faith journey as a husband, father, Episcopalian churchman, naval officer and businessman. In all my endeavors I had a persistent and compelling call to Christian ministry. I was ordained an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Southern Ohio and served as pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church in Scioto County. Being a pastor and leading worship confirmed my vocation beyond what I could have imagined. I loved my parishioners and was pleased to be their spiritual guide. They were a closely-knit, family-centered people who welcomed me into their lives.

In the summer of 2003, the Episcopal Church made decisions contrary to the long Traditions of the whole Church. As I personally struggled with this deterioration, I came to a deeper realization. The fundamental, underlying questions we faced were those of authority . . . the Church's role to say what is and is not authentic teaching regarding doctrine and morals. There was a fatal absence of Apostolic authority. Like all Episcopalian Anglo-Catholics I had a self-understanding of being "Catholic" rather than Protestant. However, through this crisis of authority I came to realize that I was not a Catholic and that I needed to be in full communion with the See of Peter according to the order instituted by Jesus Christ for his Church. I conferred with my Episcopal bishop and with Bishop Griffin and determined that I should submit myself to the Church. It pained me greatly to leave the parishioners and the priestly role that I loved; however, I needed to be in the Catholic Church. I was received into full communion on Pentecost 2004.

With no prior commitments to me, Bishop Griffin and later Bishop Campbell, advanced a petition to the Holy Father for permission to ordain me a Catholic priest. In the early 1980's Pope John Paul II instituted a procedure known as the Pastoral Provision allowing local bishops to seek permission to ordain married Episcopal ministers with strong vocations. The process has not been used often. It is long and arduous involving vocational formation, extensive theological examination . . . and patience! On December 12, 2009, Bishop Campbell ordained me to the Catholic priesthood. My first assignments were as chaplain to Fisher Catholic High School and as a priest at St. Bernadette and St. Mary, Bremen. In 2013 I was transferred to the Perry County Consortium with four parishes and a school. Last May I received the good news that I was to serve as the priest for St. Mary Parish, Groveport. Here I have the benefit of partnership with Fr. Denis Kigozi who is the formal parish pastor. Throughout this journey I have known the watchful protection of our Blessed Mother to whom I dedicate my priesthood.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, September 5 – 1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6 – 1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7 – 1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8 – Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Mt. 1:1-16, 18-23
or Mt 1:18-23

Friday, September 9 – 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10 – 1 Cor 10:14-22 / Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 11 – Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32 or
Lk 15:1-10

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

August 28 – Sunday Offering – \$5,011.94

Society of Heralds of Good News Mission Appeal - \$200.00

Fr. John Reade will be in Pennsylvania Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10, to attend the funeral of his brother, Frank. There will be no Friday morning Mass, but a Rosary and prayer service will be held. Fr. Denis Kigozi will celebrate our 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 9. Please pray for the soul of Frank Newbert.

A Special Diocesan Flood Relief Second Collection will be taken on September 17-18 to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged, with nearly 20,000 people being rescued from the flood waters. Bishop Campbell and The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have asked that all parishes participate in this special collection. The funds will be used to both support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. Please mark your envelope “Flood Relief Collection”, make checks payable to St. Mary.

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.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program will begin on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory and will meet weekly. If you or anyone you know may be interested in becoming Catholic, or if you wish to enrich your faith, please feel free to attend. For more information, please call Fr. John Reade at 614-497-1324 or his cell phone, 740-503-2827.

The flowers in front of the Altar this weekend are given by the Altar Rosary Society in honor of all those who work to make St. Mary Church a wonderful place to worship.

Blessing for all workers this Labor Day: God our Creator, it is your will that man accept the duty of work. In your kindness may the work we begin bring us growth in this life and help to extend the kingdom of Christ. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 next 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. They are requesting Crackers and Canned Vegetables for September.

The St. Vincent de Paul will be preparing 500 sandwiches for the homeless this 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.

The next SVDP meeting will be on Sunday, September 11 at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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

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

The St. Mary Men's Group meeting will be Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Altar Rosary Society will meet Tuesday, September 20 beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by a potluck and a meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

Mark your calendar for the 66th Annual Smorgasbord to be held on Sunday, October 16, 2016. 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, George & 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.