

^BULLETIN COPY – ST. MARY CHURCH – GROVEPORT, OHIO - SUNDAY, September 11 – USE CUT # 2-B

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
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Cecil Bosworth by the Sullivan Family
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Bill Elzey by Dick & Judi Matz
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Lucy & Frank Trammer by Frank & Sandy Trammer
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Dick Krauss by Mike Krauss
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Carmen Rodriguez by Family Friend
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Jack & Tony Zaleusky 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 Cody Limbach
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Colleene Weiser, Jonathan Maier, Branson Cline
	11:00 a.m.	Todd Lutz, Connie Brown

NEXT WEEKEND

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams, Cody Limbach
Marita Surry, Jonathan Maier, Sharon Merritt
Todd Lutz, Patricia Raynak

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Williams, Sydney Blain
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Marita Surry, Colleene Weiser
	11:00 a.m.	Mayellen Fowler, Mary Mashburn

Debra Thorn, Sandy Williams
Rosemarie Watters, Ken Koebel
Jim Raynak, Beth Lutz

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Trammer, Sandy Williams, Regina Courey, Phil Feldmeier, Pam Gerardi
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Carolyn Veit, JoEllen Stebelton, Rosemarie Watters, Christine Boucher, Pat Jenkins
	11:00 a.m.	Jan Gale, Cindy Kinch, Marie Kujawski, Noreen Reeves, Bill Reeves

Sandy Williams, Shawna Gentile, Judi Matz, Marilyn O'Linn, Sandy Trammer
Pat Jenkins, Irene Fagan, Ken Koebel, Mary Slone, JoEllen Stebelton
John Kinch, Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter, Jan Gale, Marie Kujawski

CANTOR SCHEDULE

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

Susan Howell
Bob Fagan
Debra Smith

From Father John . . .

In the bulletins for the last two Sundays I've shared an overview of my life journey as a young man, husband, father, naval officer, businessman and Episcopal minister. I described how I entered the Roman Catholic Church and later was ordained to the Catholic priesthood through the Pastoral Provision process. This process, instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II, enabled our bishop to consider me for priesthood and to petition the Holy Father after appropriate preparation. This consideration, extended to few, is a great gift that recognizes my priestly vocation.

When you first heard of my assignment and pending arrival at St. Mary and then read my recent two bulletin articles, perhaps you reacted, "*What!? A married priest? How's that happen in the Roman Catholic Church?*" Some may have greeted the idea with applause. Others, with concern or doubt. But just about everyone was probably curious. These reactions are understandable ... I respect each, whether positive or negative or just puzzled.

Let me offer a few remarks that may help. First, I'm not a "married Catholic priest" ... I'm a Catholic priest who is married. This may seem just a game of semantics; but there is an important distinction. Saying "married priest" may seem to imply various kinds of priests with different Sacramental qualities. But the Church is clear: a priest is a priest. In the Eastern Catholic Churches where priests are typically married, they are just as much priests as those in the Roman Church. The Sacramental Graces of Holy Orders are totally imparted through ordination by any bishop in Apostolic Succession. I think that the description, "Catholic priest who is married" more effectively expresses this reality.

Next, the tradition of a celibate priesthood is a discipline expected of all men ordained in the Roman Catholic Church, unless dispensed by the Pope. It is not a doctrine essential to authentic priestly orders. I totally support the discipline of priestly celibacy and I believe it should continue as the Roman norm. I honor my brother priests who serve in celibacy. Furthermore, I don't view my ordination to the priesthood as a breakthrough for a more "up-to-date" Church. No! Instead, the Pope's permission for my ordination is a generous gift from the Church, enabling me to resume the vocation I love and that I desire to offer within the life of the Roman Catholic Church.

Finally, through his ministry a priest offers various life and faith experiences. In my case these include being a husband, a father and a grandfather. As priests go, I obviously bring unusual perspectives. However, celibate priests also bring wise and holy guidance for the people and families in their pastoral charge. I'm thankful for the opportunities for priestly service that God and his bishop have granted me.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, September 12 – 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 / Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 13 – 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a / Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 14 – Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

Thursday, September 15 – 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday, September 16 – 1 Cor 15:12-20 / Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 17 – 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 / Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 18 – Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

Will be posted next week!

A Special Diocesan Flood Relief Second Collection will be taken next weekend, 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. Should you have any questions, please call Lisa Leonard at 614-738-9830.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program will begin this 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.

66th ANNUAL SMORGASBORD – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule for donating food items and for volunteering your time.

Smorgasbord Committee Chairperson meeting will be on Sunday, October 2 after the 8:30 Mass.

Part-time help wanted! Christ the King Church is looking for weekend custodial help. The primary responsibilities of this part-time position include managing the church facilities on Saturday and Sunday, as well as setting up for parish activities and liturgies. Candidates should be flexible in their hours and have the ability to work independently. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 614-237-0401 or christthekingcolumbus@gmail.com.

The flowers in front of the Altar this weekend are given by Clifford & Theresa Chopp in memory of deceased members of the Thomas & Chopp families.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



Parish School of Religion (PSR) Classes will begin this Sunday, September 11, 2016, from 9:30-10:50 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Doran at 614-497-1437 or by email at stmarypsrgroveport@msn.com

Next Sunday, September 18, is Catechetical Sunday, the recognition of the Parish School of Religion (PSR) teachers who give so unselfishly of their time to teach the children. At the 11:00 a.m. Mass, there will be a service to commission our PSR teachers for the coming year.

St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to all who helped make the 500 sandwiches for the homeless last Tuesday!

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 next St. Vincent de Paul meeting will be this 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 this weekend, September 10th/11th. If it fits in your car, SVDP will take your donated items! Help will be available to unload your car.

Next 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 on Tuesday, September 13, from 10:00-2:00 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. All men of the parish are invited to attend!

Altar Rosary Society will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 20 beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by a potluck and a meeting. Please bring a dish to share. All women of the parish are invited to attend!

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.