

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

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Carmen Rodriguez by Family Friend |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Carrie Billiter 7 th Anniversary by Her Parents & Sister |
| | 11:00 a.m. | For the Parish Family |
| Monday | 8:30 a.m. | Novena & Rosary |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. | Frank Newbert by Morning Mass Group |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. | Doc & Mary Jo Carlisle by George & Thelma Fickner |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m. | For the Parish Family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Special Intention by Nancy & Carl Scholl |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Walter & Hellen Bruns by Jerry Jenkins Family |
| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Steve Begalla by Sandy & Frank Trammer |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | For the Parish Family |
| | 11:00 a.m. | In Appreciation for the Extraordinary Ministers by the Shinoskie Family |

THIS WEEKEND

SERVER SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Matthew Hambrick |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Jazlyn Winski, Deven Winski, Sharon Merritt |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Easter Valentine, Connie Brown, Todd Lutz |

NEXT WEEKEND

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams
 Marita Surry, Jonathan Maier, Branson Cline
 Sandro Nuakey, Macie Sporleder, Eli Nuakey

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Sandy Trammer, David Wilson |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Marita Surry, Rosemarie Watters |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Mary Mashburn, Jim Raynak |

Sandy Williams, David Wilson
 Colleene Weiser, _____
 Beth Lutz, Joanne Myers

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Sandy Williams, Phil Feldmeier, Pam Gerardi, Shawna Gentile, Judi Matz | Shawna Gentile, Sandy Trammer, Pam Gerardi, Sandy Williams, Phil Feldmeier |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Irene Fagan, Christine Boucher, Ken Koebel, Mary Slone, JoEllen Stebelton | Carolyn Veit, Rosemarie Watters, Christine Boucher, Irene Fagan, Ken Koebel |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Nancy Scholl, Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter, Mayellen Fowler, Jan Gale | Marie Kujawski, Cindy Kinch, Noreen Reeves, Bill Reeves, Carol Scholl |

CANTOR SCHEDULE

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

Susan Howell
 Bob Fagan
 Debra Smith

From Father John . . .

Advent ... Reconciliation – Our Parish Penance Service is at **2:00 p.m. this Sunday afternoon**. The atmosphere for this celebration of God's loving mercy is welcoming. If it's been awhile since your last confession, don't worry. Any one of the five priests hearing confessions will put you at ease and assist you through your confession. Bring the family. Non-Catholics are welcome too for private, confidential conversation and prayer. Our service begins with a brief communal penance service followed by individual confessions. After concluding your penance and prayer, you are free to leave.

Advent ... Generosity – Friends of mine from West Virginia alert me to the urgent needs of people suffering the effects of severe summer floods and now facing a harsh winter without adequate shelter and other provisions. I place this before you for prayer and charitable consideration. Many people in a nine county Federal Disaster Area have lost family members and their homes. Jobs are gone for these hard working folk. The basics to sustain life are scarce. Many are ill from the cold and the flood mold. **Risen Lord Catholic Church** remains one of very few help-centers trying to provide assistance. You can make a generous contribution by check marked "*Flood Relief*" to: Risen Lord Catholic Church, 67 Wallback Road, Maysel, WV 25133. See me if you want more information.

Christmas Worship

December 24th at 5:00 p.m. – Solemn Mass and Blessing the Crèche. Our youth are featured with choral music and proclaiming Christmas Scripture and prayers.

December 24th at 9:00 p.m. – Solemn Mass beginning with a Choral Music program.

December 25th at 9:00 a.m. – Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 4 – Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 5 – Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 6 – Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 7 – Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 8 – Gen 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 9 – Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 10 – Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt. 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 11 – Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

November 20 – Sunday Offering – \$4,022.00

Food Pantry - \$307.00 Christmas Flowers - \$268.00

Campaign for Human Development - \$635.00

November 27 – Sunday Offering – \$4,129.26

Food Pantry - \$88.00 Christmas Flowers - \$427.00

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

Next weekend, we will have a second collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. “I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious” a donor writes. “That’s wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*.” Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

Support the legacy of St. Mary Parish by making a year-end gift to the St. Mary Parish endowment fund. Your tax deductible gift will benefit our parish for years to come. For more information, contact James A. Anzelmo, VP Development, The Catholic Foundation at 614-443-8893 or janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org.

St. John XXIII Parish will host the Ohio Dominican University Christmas Chorus, “And the Angels Sang” on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This 75 minute concert of lullabies and songs of praise to the newborn King is sure to lift your heart and prepare you to receive Him once again.

Christmas Poinsettia envelopes need to be in by next Sunday, December 11.

Servers are needed for December 24 and 25. Please see sign-up sheet in the sacristy.

The *Catholicism Series* continues on this Tuesday December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This lesson features profiles of four saints in our time. All are welcome!

The PSR classes will be making 500 sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven to feed the hungry of Columbus this Sunday, December 4.

Adopt-A-Family Program – All items need to be returned, unwrapped, with the angel card attached, by today, December 4. Thank you for your support!

The Flowers in front of the Altar this weekend are in memory of Carrie Billiter by her parents.

 **BAPTISM**

We welcome into our parish Charles Otto Slaby IV who was baptized in our parish church on November 27. May God's blessings be upon him and his family.

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 **December**, they are requesting **Pasta and Pasta Sauce**.

SVDP will be collecting new Women's and Men's socks and underwear again this year with all items delivered to JOIN. The collection will begin next weekend, December 10 & 11. There will be a box in the vestibule. Once again, SVDP will be participating in the Bethlehem on Broad Street Christmas Dinner Program. Please watch the bulletin for details!

Thank you to all who donated to the SVDP monthly collection last weekend!

The Craft Club will be having a Christmas Bazaar in the Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend, December 3 & 4. What a convenient opportunity to do some Christmas shopping!

The Forever Young Club will meet this Tuesday, December 6, at 12:00 p.m. at Berwick Party House. All seniors are welcome!

St. Mary Men's Group December meeting has been moved to Friday, December 16. They will be conducting their annual Christmas Party. All men of the parish are welcome! For more information, please contact Chuck Slaby at 614-567-7025 or by email at slaby@msn.com.

Altar Rosary Society Christmas Party will be held Tuesday, December 20, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by a potluck and a \$5.00 gift exchange. Meat will be provided.

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 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, Mayellen Fowler, Shirley Jo Fraley, Ben Garrison, Mary Getreu, Cody Hetterscheidt, Tara Hetterscheidt, Bill & Agnes Hillis, Austin Hosfeld, Susan & Steve Howell, Jake Jajczyk, Mary Jones, Mary Kampf, Henry Kampf, Barb Kellenbarger, Evelyn Kelley, Tim Leddy, Lisa Leonard, Julie Litsinberger, Rita Martini, Dick Matz, Maria Mayes, Trisha Mentzer, Msgr. Bob Metzger, Wanda Mennetti, Mary Jo McKinney, Maxine & Tom McLoughlin, Connie Neuherz, Renee Parlin, Joseph C. Ramsey, Fr. Reichert, Gene Schrader, Lucy Snyder, Mike Sommer, Joe Stewart, Virginia Theado, Howard Watters, Ken Watters, David Wilson, Caroline Weiland, Jeanne West, Virginia Whittemore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.

Please pray for the soul of Richard Armstrong, whose funeral we celebrated last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

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St. Mary Church Upcoming Dates to Remember!

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| Sunday, December 4 | Advent Penance Service at 2:00 p.m. |
| Thurs., December 8 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed., December 14 | 12:00 noon Mass of Healing |
| Mon., December 19 | Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2:00-7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, December 24 | 5:00 p.m. Solemn Mass & Blessing of Crèche. Our youth are featured with choral music & proclaiming Christmas Scripture & prayers |
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| Sunday, December 25 | Mass at 9:00 a.m. |

