

^BULLETIN COPY – ST. MARY CHURCH – GROVEPORT, OHIO - SUNDAY, March 5– USE CUT # 2-B

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Carmen Rodriguez by Israel Rodriguez
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Ginny & Jim Billiter by the Ralph Billiter Family
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Jerry Jenkins by the Jerry Jenkins Family
Wednesday	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Bert Hinkle by Dick & Judi Matz
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Harry Buettner by the Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	David Hetterscheidt by the Family
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Doc & Mary Jo Carlisle by Angie Carfagna
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Carrie Billiter by Her Parents
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family

**THIS WEEKEND**

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Branson Cline, Jonathan Maier, Sharon Merritt
	11:00 a.m.	Eli Nuakey, Sandro Nuakey, Todd Lutz

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams  
 Jazlyn Winski, Deven Winski, Jonathan Maier  
 Connie Brown, Matthew Hambrick, Easter Valentine

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Williams, David Wilson
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Travis Winski, Rosemarie Watters
	11:00 a.m.	Joanne Myers, Patricia Raynak

David Wilson, Sandy Williams  
 Marita Surry, Colleene Weiser  
 Mayellen Fowler, Beth Lutz

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Pam Gerardi, Phil Feldmeier, Judi Matz, Marilyn O'Linn, Sandy Trammer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Tammy Dorion, Irene Fagan, Pat Jenkins, Joellen Stebelton, Mark Dorion
	11:00 a.m.	Bill Reeves, Noreen Reeves, Jan Gale, Carl Scholl, John Kinch

David Wilson, Sandy Williams, Blair Williams,  
 Carol Vanauken, Michelle Schooley  
 Christine Boucher, Cindy Barker, Dan Barker  
 Ken Koebel, Mary Slone  
 Nancy Scholl, Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter,  
 Cindy Kinch, Carl Scholl

**CANTOR SCHEDULE**

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

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**You are encouraged to attend the following Lenten Programs**

- Lenten Simple Supper, 6:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. each Friday of Lent. Different parish organizations will be preparing the Simple Supper: March 3, Choir / March 10, St. Vincent De Paul / March 17, RCIA / March 24, Altar Rosary Society / March 31, PSR students / April 7, Men's Group. Freewill offering to benefit the Groveport Food Pantry.
- **March 11 & 18**, Saturday Morning, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.: Lenten "*At Church Retreat*". Identical - pick one. The "*7 Deadly Sins – 7 Lively Virtues*" program by Bishop Barron, including short periods for your quiet reflection between each of the seven parts. Excellent for personal examination of conscience.
- **March 22**, 7:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service with multiple priests.
- **April 12**, 7:00 p.m. *Tenebrae* service of readings.
- **April 13-15**: Triduum. Holy Thursday, (7:00 p.m.), Good Friday (3:00 p.m.) and Easter Vigil (9:00 p.m.). Six persons will come into communion with the Catholic Church.
- **April 16**: Easter Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Also:**

- **March 8** – Mass of Healing with Sacrament of Anointing – 12:00 p.m.
- **March 25** – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – 8:30 a.m. Mass
- **April 7** – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, March 5** – Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Mt 4:1-11

**Monday, March 6** – Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday, March 7** – Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday, March 8** – Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 9** – Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

**Friday, March 10** – Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday, March 11** – Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday, March 12** – Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

**February 26** – Sunday Offering - \$3,267.00

St. Vincent De Paul - \$55.00; Catholic Times - \$959.00

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

**This weekend is the Black and Indian Missions Collection**, which helps impoverished communities among the Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleut peoples of our country. They are served tirelessly by many devoted missionaries. Please be generous!

**Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl** invites us to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help in need. Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule—please be sure to pick one up!

**Thank you to all** who contributed to Ash Wednesday's collection for J.O.I.N.

**ST. JOHN XXIII MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS “THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE MUSICAL STORIES FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.”**

This is a full oratorio production written by Marty Haugen. Haugen states, “The Gospel of John is one of the most profound and lyric expressions of [God’s] love. The unique retelling of Jesus’ life, ministry, death, and resurrection, very different from the other three Gospels, opens and reveals a God so in love with creation that this God ‘gave the only Son’ to be the image and manifestation of God for us in the world.” Our parish Music Ministry will be sharing our musical gifts with our family and friends on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the church. As we share the gifts given to us from God, and all that we have learned while growing in our love of the Lord, please consider joining us for an evening of inspiration and praise. For additional information, please contact Cindi Goldhaber at [cgoldhaber@sjxxiiiparish.org](mailto:cgoldhaber@sjxxiiiparish.org)

**Easter Choir practice** continues every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Any questions, please contact Lisa Leonard at 614-738-9830.

**The program “Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible”** continues every Tuesday, with identical sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome!

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**Every first Friday** is Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00-12:00 p.m. concluding with Benediction. **Every second Wednesday** is the Mass of Healing at 12:00 pm, with the Sacrament of Anointing during the Mass for those in need. **This Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is the next Mass of Healing.**

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) NEWS

This Sunday, March 5, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be making 500 sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven to feed the hungry of Columbus.

### St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a food basket in the vestibule for the Groveport Food Pantry. For the month of **March**, they will be collecting canned meats.

Our parish will be preparing a **Meal for the Homeless** on Thursday, March 30. Donations of fruit, cookies and snacks are always greatly appreciated. Anyone who wishes to help prepare the meal, meet in the Parish Hall at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to help serve the meal, meet at the church at 5:15 p.m.

**Looking ahead:** The SVDP clothing/household/furniture truck will be here the weekend of April 29/30. The truck holds a lot, let's fill her up!

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The **Forever Young Club** will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The **Men's Group** will meet on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a business meeting. All men of the parish are welcome!

The **Craft Club** will meet on Tuesday, March 14, 11:00-3:00 p.m. in Parish Hall and will continue to meet at that time until after Easter. Any questions, please call Rosemarie Watters at 614-491-6978.

The **Altar Rosary Society** will meet on Tuesday, March 21 beginning with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m., followed by a business meeting and a presentation by Fr. Denis Kigozi. All women of the parish are welcome!



**Spring is around the corner!** We will be doing a spring clean-up of the church grounds on Friday, March 31 beginning at 9:00 a.m.—weather permitting! Please bring your garden tools, weed-eaters, blowers, shovels, rakes, etc. No experience is necessary! Everyone is welcome! Please contact Adela Jarrell at 614-491-4515 with any questions.

**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, Julie Bettah, Margaret Bonner, Mary Jo Borghese, The Brothers Family, Tom Bryan, Chris Burkhart, Catherine Courey, Kathy Daw, 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, Mary Jo McKinney, Maxine & Tom McLoughlin, Ralph Myers, Connie Neuherz, Renee Parlin, Joseph C. Ramsey, Fr. Reichert, Gene Schrader, Lucy Snyder, Joe Stewart, Virginia Theado, Howard Watters, Ken Watters, David Wilson, Jeanne West, Virginia Whittemore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.

## *From Father John . . .*

If Lent's a time for spiritual renewal, then perhaps we can take a moment to look around the parish at some physical renewals that are taking place. These certainly don't have the same eternal significance ... but our Lord through his Church charges us to be good stewards of our temporal goods.

The parish purchased a large screen system for educational use in our parish hall. The 10-part "*Catholicism*" series was shown and discussed by about 25 people. Currently, about 50 people benefit each week from the "*Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible*" study program. More such faith development programs are planned. The church sound systems were improved significantly, especially in the choir area. Funds raised by our Altar Rosary Society helped with the expense. The ARS also helped to improve the lighting for the statue of our Lady in the back of the church, making it more visible ... except during Lent when it's covered!!

We've just completed necessary renovations of rectory bathrooms and remodeling the parish restrooms. The dysfunctional dishwasher and disposer in the parish kitchen have been replaced with strong functioning units. Again, funds raised by the ARS covered a portion of the cost of these kitchen units. Water filtration has been upgraded to eliminate (or reduce) the harsh iron taste.

Other vital projects are in preparation. One that's especially critical is replacement of the large pumps that remove water from our low-lying property. Enhanced appearance of our church from Groveport Road is in progress, including better lighting and roadside signage for an attractive welcome. Church building access and parking lot maintenance are on the planning agenda.

Rob Schorr of the Diocesan facilities department assists St. Mary Parish; he verifies project information when asked by the Diocese, arranges well-qualified contractors and oversees work. I've known Rob for years ... he's an invaluable ally. Thank you, Rob.

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I want to share an organizational change with you. The Diocese requires that every parish have a finance council to serve in an advisory capacity. Not only is this required ... it can be a welcome resource for the parish priest. From my prior executive experience, I know the value of having "other eyes" with helpful advice. The advisory function of the St. Mary Parish Finance Council includes reviewing Parish financial reports and advising on projects & programs that have significant financial implications.

To form the Council I called upon parishioners I believe to have various perspectives: Young and senior, new and long-time, men and women, business and art... The Council meets with me five or six times a year. The current members are Brett Cuthbert, Michelle Cuthbert, Bob Fagan, Phil Feldmeier, Patrick Karnes, Jim Moses, Joellen Stebelton, Michelle Schooley and Rosemarie Watters. Fr. Denis Kigozi, Sandy Trammer and Alice Doran also attend Council meetings. Thank you, Finance Council members for your assistance to me and service to the Parish.

*See Bulletin for a schedule of Lenten & Holy Week activities at St. Mary Church.*