

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2014



Dear parishioners,

So we have the new bishop we have been hoping and waiting for. It's a time of joy. It's a time of change. In a time of change we sometimes balk at the change by complaining about the person in charge.

Two things we are emphasizing in our work with my religious community are: 1) "There should be no complaining without solution-ing," and 2) "Leaders are chosen to do a particular task for us, but we are all in it together so stay in the conversation and do your part." Both are great advice. Both are difficult to do because they are the high road. It's much easier to complain or walk away than to invest ourselves. I know how often I fail to take the high ground.

So you and I are at the place where we can lend our support to Bishop Thomas to help him do the best job he can for the Diocese of Toledo. We'll do that best by investing ourselves in St. Mary's Parish for which he has the next level of responsibility. We can each put ourselves into the work of the parish by doing what we can to be a parish, to promote the kingdom, to stay in the conversation even when it's hard, to put our energy into solution-ing.

I always appreciate the way in which you offer your skills and talents, your time and your finances to strengthening the parish. I trust in your generosity to continue that. And I trust that when we can, we will make ourselves available to promote the work of the diocese.

Let's pray for our new bishop, Bishop Daniel Thomas.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

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| Sat Oct 25 | 4:00 p.m. | Janet Maenle |
| Sun Oct 26 | 10:00 a.m. | Theda Hankish |
| Sat Nov 1 | 4:00 p.m. | Dorothy Herrmann |
| Sun Nov 2 | 10:00 a.m. | M/M Charles Hankish Sr. |

Communion Services

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| Tue Oct 28 | 10:30 a.m. | Richland |
| Fri Oct 31 | 8:00 a.m. | St. Mary's |

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| Adults | \$2,161.00 | Loose | \$291.05 |
| Children | \$ 31.00 | Total | \$2,483.05 |

78 envelopes returned = 37%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for November 1 & 2, 2014

Money Counters: Jason Granger, Angie Wenger
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Deb Garlock

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Wehri, Brianna Atkins, Mark Schumacher

Servers: Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West door: Rachel Welch

Cantor: Matt Meyer

Ushers: Trent/Todd and Colin Phillips

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and Adam Basinger

Eucharistic Ministers: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Rachel Welch, Basil and Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Brayton Businger

Readings for November 2, 2014

All Soul's Day

1st Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-9

Gospel Reading: John 6:37-40

Mission Appeal This weekend, October 25 and 26, is our mission appeal weekend for the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes are in the benches. Jesus told us to spread his message to the entire world. This is one way we can do that. You can put the completed envelopes in the collection over the next few weeks.

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Welcome for Bishop Daniel Thomas for Junipero Serra Deanery: Monday, November 3, at St. Gerard Parish, Lima. Vespers at 7:00 p.m. with reception following. All are invited.

Support Our Retired Priests: Please consider a donation to Perpetuate the Gift. The envelopes are in the pews in church. You can place your offering in the collection over the next few weeks.

Liturgy Committee There will be no Liturgy Committee meeting Tuesday, October 28.

The Stewardship Team will meet Wednesday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints. Because the feast falls on Saturday this year, the obligation is lifted. Sunday, November 2, is the Feast of All Souls. This feast outranks the Sunday so we will be celebrating that Mass on Sunday.

Respect Life Month – Death Penalty Advocacy

October is known as Respect Life month in our Catholic Church to honor the dignity of life from conception to natural death. Please consider joining the advocacy effort of Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE) to create legislation to implement recommendations submitted earlier in 2014 by the Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on the administration of Ohio's use of the death penalty. You can 'register' your voice by contacting OTSE at www.otse.org AND you can financially support the advocacy effort by donating in any amount to the \$10,000 matching fund campaign taking place right now. More information about the recommendations of the task force, registering your voice, providing financial support, and the "Voices of Experience" panel can be found on the OTSE website.

In celebration of National Adoption Month, Catholic Charities invites all members of the adoption triad – adoptees, adoptive parents, and birth mothers – to celebrate Mass and receive a special blessing at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo at 4 p.m., Saturday, November 15. A reception will follow Mass. Those involved in an adoption through any agency are welcome. For more information about Catholic Charities' infant adoption services, please contact Lworthy@toledodiocese.org or 419-244-6711, ext. 227.

St. Mary's Parish History

DID YOU KNOW?

The history of the parish gives this description of the stained glass windows: "There are new windows of leaded glass, each with an inlaid Gothic arch worked out in many colors, set off by a light gold-colored background. In the center of each arch is a shield bearing a symbolic title of the Blessed Virgin. Over each is a crown honoring Mary's queenly titles."

St. Patrick Church in Spencerville, Ohio will have an Apple Dumpling Luncheon on Sunday, October 26, 2014 starting at 11:30 a.m. There will be a Salad Bar, Sandwiches and Apple Dumplings. Come and enjoy!

Veterans Day Mass St. John the Evangelist Parish in Delphos, Ohio, is hosting the Third Annual Veterans Day Mass on Sunday, November 16, 2014. Mass will begin at 2 pm, celebrated by Reverend David Reinhart, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish. All veterans, their families, friends, and supporters are welcome to attend. Please join in honoring our veterans for their service and sacrifice. For more information, contact St. John the Evangelist Parish at 419-695-4050.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Ottawa is having its annual **FALL FESTIVAL** on Sunday, November 2, 2014. Chicken and Roast Beef Dinners will be served **FAMILY STYLE** from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Carry-out dinners are available. Adults cost \$8.00 and children under 12 \$5.00. Other features include: Country Store, Baked Goods, Holiday Items, Games and Raffles. All are welcome!

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K-6: Class is Wed., October 29th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Junior High & SNLY: Next class is Sun., Nov. 2, 11:00-1:00 p.m.

A big thank you goes to the PREP students who helped with the Mass last Sunday. The next Mass that the Prep students will lead is November 30th.