

St. Mary's Catholic Church

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017



Dear parishioners,

So last weekend I had the privilege of going to San Francisco to do mission appeals for our community. It was a bit outside my comfort zone but a way that I could help.

My sister Andrea and I stayed at the parish where "Sister Act" was filmed. Beautiful church!! In order to save the church after the earthquake of 1989 the people sold their high school and one convent (The one in the movie!) to raise the 3.2 million it took to retro-fit their church. The church will seat 1400. If you remember the neighborhood from "Sister Act," you would be amazed! The house across from the church just sold for 4 million. The neighborhood has been gentrified by the folks who work for Apple and Google and.... They live in San Francisco but work in Palo Alto and Menlo Park. They cannot afford to have children and they do not go to church. There were 44 people at the 12:15 Mass. So this beautiful restored church stands nearly empty and the pastor worries about how to pay the bills—and wonders if there will be faith when Christ returns.

I spoke at St. Agnes Parish which is in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco. I got there in time to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the "Summer of Love." St. Agnes rents out their parking lot for \$300,000 a year and has plenty of money. Beautiful church, warm and friendly people, great cultural diversity. Such a contrast!

It helped me to see once more that God's Church is big and varied and always called to welcome, to reach out, to include, to be responsible, to be faithful, and to serve. It's not a job for the weak and uncommitted. Be strong in your faith and in your parish! So glad to be home!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Jul 22	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun July 23	10:00 a.m.	Sharon Jolliff
Sat July 29	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun July 30	10:00 a.m.	James Trenkamp and Dolores Hermiller Jan Schulte

Communion Services

Fri July 28 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$5,171.22	Loose	\$484.00
Children	\$21.50	Total	\$5,676.72
75 envelopes returned = 36%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for July 29 & 30, 2017

Money Counters: Barb Galvan and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: Bob Minto, John Parinello

Lector: Shannon Wannemacher

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Bob Minto,
Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Derek Swartzlander, Abygail Kettels,
Izzy Stechschulte

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West Door: Lisa Welch

Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm

Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Sr. Carol and Pat Lugibihl

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Kim Garmatter, Dave
Gerschutz, Travis Kahle, Basil Meyer

Servers: Grace Yarnell and Ayla Grandey

Readings for July 30, 2017

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1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

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Parish picnic This big event will happen on Sunday, August 13, right after the 10:00 o'clock Mass.

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

Thank you again to Kelly Honse and all who volunteered to help at the Vacation Bible School, all who made cookies, all who saved milk jugs. "It takes a village to raise a child."

Community Supper It is our turn to host the Community Supper on Thursday, August 3. There is a sign-up sheet in the main entrance for donations and for workers.



Youth Leader St. Mary's is again looking for a Youth Leader. This person needs to be a practicing Catholic in good-standing with the Church, current in theology, must bring creativity and enthusiasm to the ministry, and must relate well with youth. If you feel called to this ministry, please talk to Sister Carol.

Just a reminder, you are always able to purchase a memorial stone for the memorial garden. Just speak with Sr. Carol or Jerry Wehri if you have any interest. It may have to be placed at a later date but you are able to add a stone if you wish.

Knowing and Hearing the Stories: As we remember the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we lament the violence and division that took place between Christian sisters and brothers. As an act of healing, Presbyterians from the Maumee Valley Presbytery have asked Catholics and Mennonites to tell their stories of those who were martyred for their faith. Please join us for this *Inner Church Dialogue on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bluffton First Mennonite Church, 101 South Jackson St., Bluffton, Ohio.* See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

The Red Cross blood drive will take place at St. Mary's on Thursday, August 3, noon until 6 o'clock. Volunteers are needed for registration and refreshments. Cookie bakers are also needed. The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the main entrance. And, of course, donors are needed!



Mary, Queen of Heaven... St. Barbara Parish (160 Main St., Cloverdale) will be having a 5-week video study on Mary that will take us back into the distant reaches of time, before creation itself and explore the Church teaching on Mary as "*the predestined mother*," before embarking on a trip through Sacred Scripture and the often-sorrowful path she traveled with her Son. We'll examine different aspects of her journey and her role in the early Church and development of the great Marian dogmas before leaping into some of her best-known apparitions.

Amidst all this, we will explore the battle she has waged against the devil; show us the fulfillment of the prophecy from the Garden that enmity would be placed between the woman and the serpent. It is a battle she has fought for the world, for humanity, and for you.

The central goal of this program is to draw you closer to your heavenly mother. This we will do with the teaching of common Marian devotional practices but also by telling Mary's complete story, a story that began before creation.

The first night, Sunday, August 6th at 6:00 p.m., we will be blessed with a mother-daughter team from Luminous Ministries, who will energize our faith life and revitalize our souls with song, stories, and scripture in: '**Who is this Woman Who Simply Said Yes?**'

The four following Sundays (*August 13th, 20th, 27th & Sept. 3rd*), sessions will begin at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Project Rachel Healing Retreat for Women -

An "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat for women who are suffering as a result of an abortion will be held Saturday, August 26, 2017. The day is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo.

For more information and confidential reservations, please call 1-888-456-HOPE or 419-260-5811. Or email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Come and experience God's mercy!