“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.” 1 Peter 3:15

In the days following the resurrection the risen Lord appeared to many people -- many of whom did not immediately recognize Him. Even those who had been His disciples for years were often caught unaware by an encounter with Christ that was both unexpected and life-changing.

So it is for us. That is why the Evangelization programs at St. Mary have both an inward and outward focus.
Inwardly, we take the time to reflect on our own encounter with the risen Christ. Together, we can deepen our understanding and appreciation of God’s grace. Through programs of faith-sharing and education we can strengthen our own discipleship.

Outwardly, we engage our otherwise distracted world. Using words and deeds we bring the hope of the Gospel to the people who need it. And we pray, asking the Holy Spirit to fill every restless heart (even ours!) with true faith, true peace and true joy.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."
Matthew 28:19

This is the command Jesus gave to His Church. Who is that Church today? We are. Our baptism bestowed hope upon each of us -- how can we not share it with others?

All are asked to participate. Please contact John Mastandrea at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877 or jmastandrea@stmaryberea.org.
Prayer Outreach

every Parish Family will be prayed for at least one week during the year—we need Prayer Warriors.

The Prayer Ministry is available to take intentions or requests for prayers from all parishioners. The prayers are for whatever is going on in your life. Plus, each week - families from our Parish Community will be selected and contacted for their intentions so that we may pray for them during that week. Our Prayer Warriors will pray for each Parish family at least one week during the year.

We also will need Prayer Warriors who are available to pray for parishioner’s requests.

Please contact the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877 to join our ministry, with a request for prayer or to be a Prayer Warrior.
Men’s Spirituality

connect with other men of the parish - currently using the *That Man Is You* program.

**Spirituality for Men: "That Man Is You"**

How does a modern man exercise authentic Catholic leadership in this complex world? “That Man Is You” provides a real-world look at what scripture, the saints and social science tell us about male virtue -- how it is critical to healthy families, strong communities and a functioning society. Each week’s presentation and table discussion will challenge you and encourage you.

Sessions are held Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 8:45 in the Garrity Center meeting room.

For information contact John Mastandrea at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877 or jmastandrea@stmaryberea.org.
Women’s Spirituality

connect with other women of the parish – book studies, social events, growing in faith.

Without the contribution of women, society is less alive, culture impoverished, and peace less stable.”

--St. John Paul II, Angelus Address 7/23/95

Our Feminine Genius welcomes and invites all women of the parish to join us as we meet to share and grow in our faith through book studies, speakers, and videos. If interest exists, we hope to provide opportunities for the group to gather for social as well as spiritual activities. Please contact: Alane Mastandrea or Amanda Mazi at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877.

(The term Feminine Genius is attributed to St. John Paul II from his Apostolic Letter, *Mulieris Dignitatem*)
St. Paul Street Evangelization

readied with pamphlets, meet others where they are with the Gospel message.

St. Paul Street Evangelization is a grass roots, non-profit organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking the Catholic Faith to the streets. As an on-the-street Catholic evangelization organization, St. Paul Street Evangelization provides an avenue for people to share the Person of Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith with a hungry culture.

St. Paul Street Evangelization provides the tools and resources for Catholics to engage the culture in a simple, non-confrontational method of evangelization in which we make ourselves available to anyone and everyone to answer questions about the faith and to pray with those who request it.
We go out armed with a simple sign, pamphlets and Rosaries and take to the streets, going wherever people are gathered – on a street corner, at a festival, or even at a football game. Our teams always begin in prayer and we maintain a peaceful presence and allowing people to approach and talk to us if they so choose.

Our evangelists recognize that it is only their job to plant seeds, and in the end, it is up to God to make those seeds grow. Many times people will walk up to us and just ask us if we can pray for them because they trust us. St. Paul Street Evangelization is able to create a bridge of trust between people in the community, the Catholic Church and all of her institutions. We are there for people wherever they are in their journey with God.

Contact Info:
Jamison Henry

http://streetevangelization.com/berea/
Young Couples/Young Families

events targeted for young families & couples – we need Core Team Members.

CASUAL, FUN EVENTS FOR YOUNG COUPLES AND/OR THEIR FAMILIES AT ST. MARY’S CHURCH.
MONTHLY EVENTS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

TIME: event dependent
LOCATION: FR. GARRITY CENTER
250 KRAFT STREET BEREAL, OH 44017

VOLUNTEERS and TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED! JOIN US!
JOIN THE FUN!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Lynne Madzy AT THE Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877
PSR & Sacramental Programs

help our young people grow in their faith - all needed materials provided for you.

Parish School of Religion – Sacramental Programs - Religious Education Office

Is God calling you? Are you trying to find someplace where you can help? How about sharing your faith with the youth of our Parish? We provide all the materials you need to share the Catholic Faith with our young people. All you need is the desire to share and a willingness to help our young people learn more about their faith.

If you are 17 years of age or older, a confirmed, practicing Catholic and, if applicable, in a marriage recognized by the Church, consider joining the REO team. You can help as a PSR Teacher (Catechist), PSR Classroom Aide, Support Staff, Sacramental Session Planner or Presenter. Our PSR Program meets on Sunday mornings (Pre-K & Kndg) from 9:30-10:30am and Monday evenings (grades 1-8) from 6:45-8:00pm in the School. Our Sacramental programs meet monthly (Sundays) for Mass & a Preparation Session. Contact the Religious Education Office at 440-243-8221 or at stmarysberereareo@yahoo.com. If you’re a High School Student looking for service hours . . . we could use your help!!! Call us today!!! Classes begin in August and ends in May.
Coffee, Tea and Thee

bi-weekly faith fellowship and conversation for adults with coffee, tea and pastries.

_For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them._ Matthew 18:20

Our Mission Statement

Coffee, Tea and Thee strives to connect followers of Christ to come together in fellowship to discuss various topics of Christian life. By connecting with fellow parishioners, we are planting a seed to grow in fellowship and faith through conversation over a cup of coffee or tea. It is a time to connect with Christ through the joyful interactions with others after Sunday’s last service on a biweekly basis.

Coffee, Tea, and Thee with focus on either an agreed book study, or video’s that spark in depth conversation about our Catholic faith. This is a faith sharing community, we meet Sunday afternoons throughout the year at 12:30 p.m. and we welcome all to come!

Contact Amanda Mazi at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877
Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same -- with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead.

Mother Teresa
SOCIAL CONCERNS

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THE CORPORAL WORKS CREW (CWC)

“It is in Giving that We Receive”

Looking to be involved in the Parish, and your heroes are St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) and St. Francis of Assisi? You may want to join one of the ministries of the CWC. The corporal works are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. The CWC will have standing ministries (listed below) as well as one-day projects. If you are interested in one of the listed ministries, please contact those people directly. If you have an idea for a ministry or would be interested in the one-day projects please contact Alane Mastandrea at the Parish Rectory (440) 2453-3877
Pantry Partners

promote, collect and deliver items to local Berea Food Pantries.

Contact local pantries (SCAN and Berea Community Outreach) for current needs

❖ Promote various pantry needs to the parish

❖ Work with parish groups for special collections

❖ Help manage the collection bins signage and location to facilitate collection of items

For more information contact Linda Kerekes or Barb Cully at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877.
REFUGEES & IMMIGRATION MINISTRY

collect needed items for newly settled families maybe even help to mentor them.

“For I was..A Stranger and You Welcomed Me ”Matthew 25:35

Would you like to help legally admitted refugees who have come through the federal Refugees Admissions Program resettle here? Our parish would like to start a group to do just that. Partnering with Cleveland Catholic Charities’ Migration and Refugee Services, our group would assist these refugees who have fled their home countries in fear of persecution because of their ethnicity, nationality, social group, religious affiliation or political beliefs to establish their life in the Cleveland area.

As a group, we would decide what type of assistance we would like to give. This can range from simply collecting furniture for a refugee family’s new home to mentoring family and helping them adjust to life in the U.S. If you would be interested in joining the group, please contact Alane Mastandrea or Amanda Mazi at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877.
Baldwin-Wallace Student Meals

cook and serve a monthly meal to BW students after Mass at the BW Chapel.

Campus Based Faith Sharing ~St. Mary~Berea AND Baldwin Wallace University Newman Center

MENU

First Course ~ Desire to volunteer to share the gift of Mass, food and fellowship with local college students once a month.

Second Course ~ Join a team of St. Mary’s parishioners to prepare a simple entrée and dessert for 50 hungry college students at 3:00 pm

Third Course ~ Deliver and set up the tasty entrée and dessert buffet at the Newman Center at 5:00 pm

Fourth Course ~ Enjoy conversation, laughter and appreciation of the Catholic community of The Newman Center of Baldwin Wallace University. (Clean up at the conclusion of dinner too!)

Kindly RSVP with your interest to Lynne Madzy at the Parish Rectory

(440) 243-3877
Veterans Assistance

connect with City of Berea to serve various needs of local Veterans – who served our country.

This ministry seeks to coordinate and collaborate with the City of Berea and the local department of Veteran’s Outreach so that parishioners may be informed of available programs and resources.

We also seek to facilitate “community” connecting younger veterans with older veterans who may need assistance with transportation to church, grocery stores or help with yard work, home repairs etc.

Help us identify local vets and help those who served our country with services that help them.

To get involved and join this Ministry Brigade, contact Cons Templemen, Veteran - USMC

Army Strong!    Fly Navy!    Aim High!    Always Ready!    Semper Fi!
Summer Meals/Lunch for Kids

with “Berea Cares” prepare and serve weekly summer meals for kids in need.

Hunger DOESN’T take a Summer Vacation!

In our community, some families and their children struggle to make ends meet. During the school year, the children receive a free or reduced cost lunch. But what happens in the summer? **Berea Cares** coordinates groups to prepare Summer Lunches for Kids

For our assigned week, we prepare and serve lunch for these children in need.

Won’t you join us? **St. Mary’s Cares!**

**Ministry Coordinator:** Debbie Malloy
Do you enjoy all the amazing events our Parish has to offer? Are the dinner events more of your thing? Or what about starting up a new ministry to bring more fellowship, and community within our Parish? Then Parish Life Ministries that focuses on the life of our Parish is the place for you! Here we will organize together to gather volunteers for big Parish events, promote our Parish through publicity, and help start new fellowship based ministries and events.

Young or old – our Parish is vibrant and at our C-H- -R-C-H – the only thing missing is U.

These ministries are for those social butterflies AND those behind the scenes helpers who want to create a stronger since of community for our Parish!

If you are interested in becoming a part of St. Mary's Parish Life Ministries or have any questions, please contact Amanda Mazi at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877.
Greeters

A welcoming face to all who come to St. Mary’s.

Do you like to help People?
Would you like to make a difference at ST MARY CHURCH?
We need FRIENDLY FACES who are available before and after all the Masses in the vestibules to Welcome Visitors AND Parishioners to our church and maybe to help answer some questions.

Choose your favorite Mass time. Arrive just a little early and stay a few minutes after.

4:00 PM Saturday  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM  and 11:30 AM Sunday

- Take your seat during the announcements.
- Return to the vestibule after the recessional hymn.

What a warm way to Welcome ALL to our Parish!

To join contact Ministry Coordinator Dan Malloy at the Parish rectory (440) 243-3877.
Publicity

promote in print, digital, web media - our parish activities, news, events and happenings.

Publicity Ministry

*St. Mary's is ready for her close up...*

other parishes and in our town! This is a grassroots ministry where we will work together in building a stronger sense of community within our parish by advertising! All are welcomed to join, and offer ideas to get the word out about what is happening in our Parish! We will meet twice a month, and connect via email to keep the communication and the publicity flowing!

Contact Amanda Mazi at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877.
Hospitality
the Backbone of our events – providing support for set-up, clean-up, serving, dishes-we make it go!

HELP GET THE PARTY STARTED AND FINISHED!

Make the Garrity Center the Place to BE!
Your short commitment will make a BIG Difference

We need help: Setting up and taking down tables and chairs,
decorating, cooking, cleaning up, and doing dishes.

Any questions or to join the team contact Dan Malloy at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877.
Friendly Fellowship

after Mass, casual Social Events that offer warm conversations for parishioners and visitors alike.

A gathering of God’s people in faith.
To harvest our beliefs together as one family of God.
Organize dates and times during the year for these fellowships.
Recruit people to cook, bake and provide the feast for each of these scheduled gatherings.
If you are interested in this program, contact Linda Sullivan at the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877.
Lectors

Male and Female volunteers proclaim the Word of God, announcements

Proclaims the readings during Mass and reads the Announcements before Mass

Reads 1st and 2nd readings and the Universal prayer (when Deacon Tom is not assisting at Mass)

One Lector is assigned to a Mass for weekdays, all weekends and Holy Days

7:30 am Sunday Mass Lector will also lead the Opening and Communion Antiphons

A Lectors handbook will be provided for each Lector to practice readings

Training will be provided before the 1st assignment.

Strong speaking skills are required for this ministry.

Ministry Contact: Jeff Haas - jhaas1@stmaryberea.org
Eucharistic Ministers

distribute Holy Communion

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EM) Ministry

EM's assist the Priest during Mass by distributing Holy Communion and The Blood of Christ.

Ministers must be certified and classes are held throughout the year at different parishes around the region. Please contact St. Mary's Parish office for a future class schedule to attend.

Seven EM's are scheduled for each Mass, 3 for Holy Communion, and 4 for the Blood of Christ. Ministers can serve one to two Masses per month based on availability and Mass preference.

Hospital and Nursing Home Extraordinary Ministers

These Ministers distribute Holy Communion to Southwest Hospital patients (must be certified thru SWGH) and EM's will distribute Communion after the 7:30am Sunday Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month.
Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the Priest and/or Deacon at each Mass. Before Mass, the Server is responsible for lighting candles (extinguishing them after Mass), putting the Offertory Gifts at the Offertory table in the back of church and setting the cruet of water, the Priest chalice and the common Communion Cups on Credence table in the sanctuary.

Student Servers

Male and Female Volunteers assisting Priest & Deacon at Mass

Students (male & female) from the 5th thru 12th grade may serve at Mass. Two Student Servers will be assigned to most Masses and Servers are rotated to serve one or two Masses monthly based on preferences and availability. Student Servers will serve 4:00 pm Mass Saturday, 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am Masses on Sunday and evening Masses for Holy days as well as weddings, as needed.

Training will be provided before your 1st assignment
Adult Servers

Male and Female Volunteers assisting Priest & Deacon at Mass

Altar Servers assist the Priest and/or Deacon at each Mass. Before Mass, the Server is responsible for lighting candles (extinguishing them after Mass), putting the Offertory Gifts at the Offertory table in the back of church and setting the cruet of water, the Priest chalice and the common Communion Cups on Credence table in the sanctuary.

Ministry Contact: Jeff Haas - jhaas1@stmaryberea.org
The Music Ministry is a very special organization to our Masses at St. Mary's. Music is played before Mass, during Mass, and after Mass, there are 4 areas of the Music Ministry.
Youth Choir

Open to all students from 5th grade thru 8th grade in the Day School and PSR Program.

Youth choir sings at the 11:30 am Mass on Sundays and for Holy Days.

Youth choir practice is held on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

In session from Labor Day thru Pentecost Sunday.
In session from Labor Day thru Pentecost Sunday
Choir practice is held on Tuesdays from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
To join, you must be an adult or at least high school age. It would be helpful (but not required) if choir member can read music.
Our Adult Choir sings at 9:30 am Mass and for all holy days and special Masses
Must audition for this position and Cantors are used all year round for all Masses, holy days, and special Masses
Funeral Choir

Sings and ushers at all funeral Masses held at St. Mary's

We are requesting senior parish members who would be interested in joining this Ministry since funerals are generally held in the mornings

Ministry Contact – Angela Kovacs - akovacs.stmarysbera@gmail.com
Ushers
Male and Female Volunteers gather collection, assist with seating

Ushers help during Mass with taking the Offertory Collection, any 2nd Collection, helping Guests find seats (especially if the church is crowded) and providing general information. Eight ushers are needed per Mass. Adults only, male and female, and this ministry is open to all parish members.
Choose your Mass preference and a Lead Usher coordinates each Mass.

Ministry Contact: Marty McGinty through the Parish Rectory (440) 243-3877.