



**St. Mary Catholic Parish**  
**250 Kraft Street**  
**Berea, Ohio 44017-1449**

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**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROCESS**  
**GROUPS & SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES**

# St. Mary Church

250 Kraft Street + Berea, OH 44017 + 440-243-3877



## YEAR OF SERVICE

### 2019—2020

# PROGRAMS BOOKLET

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MEN'S & WOMEN'S GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY & SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

*St. Mary is a faith community which worships together, follows the teachings of Jesus Christ in our everyday lives, evangelizes others by our lives and actions, gives generously of our time and resources in service to others, shows compassion and love towards one another, provides religious education and works for social justice for all.*

## YEAR OF SERVICE AND GROWTH

Thank you for our Year of *Grateful Living* and WELCOME to a **NEW YEAR** of growing as disciples of Faith, Hope and Love. We have titled this year, *Year of Service* and you will notice the many service opportunities offered. As disciples, we know it is up to us to engage our minds, hearts and spirits in the ways of the Lord. Here's to a great *Year of Service*.

The Parish School of Religion—Faith Formation Programs **BEGAN** on September 9th this year and continues every Monday evening. This year we welcomed **142** students in our Faith Formation Programs.

The Sacramental Preparation Process **BEGAN** for those families with children making **First Sacraments—Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**. It bears repeating for all, that Diocesan Policy **requires** all students receiving Sacraments to complete two years of Faith Formation in preparation for receiving these Sacraments.

All Candidates making First Communion (2nd Graders) and Confirmation (8th Graders) and their families, are **expected** to celebrate their faith at the 9:30am Mass on Sundays and in particular, on the Second Sunday of each month for a Learning Session.

**FIRST COMMUNION is on Sunday May 3rd at 11:30am Mass**  
**CONFIRMATION is on Saturday May 9th at 4:00pm Mass**

**RETURNING** to St. Mary is **Children's Liturgy of the Word—CLOW**. Kindergarten age and younger children are dismissed at the beginning of Mass and go with CLOW Leader Kari Novak to hear the Gospel in age appropriate terms and participate in a gospel related activity and then return to their families at the Offertory time.

And **MOSTLY** because we are faith-filled Catholics who love the Lord, Sunday Mass is our primary faith formation and educational growth opportunity. Being with one another as we are being for the Lord is what it is all about. Join us in being faithful Catholics at Mass!



## ONGOING RESOURCES

### FORMED—FAITH ON DEMAND

**FORMED** is an on-line library of Catholic multimedia resources that can be accessed from any network-connected computer or hand-held device. If you have not already registered, simply visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and sign up for free access under the St. Mary account.

### POP-UP Q & A MEETINGS

Periodically, we host **Pop-Up Q & A Meetings** related to select **FORMED** materials. We'll let everyone know which video to watch on **FORMED** and schedule a session where we can all meet to share our questions and comments. It's a great way to explore the faith and get to know each other. *Watch the bulletin for details.*



### In Memory of Thomas Maley 1946-2018

The Garrity Center Library

has been established to inspire and encourage faithful learning as disciples of joy and hope in service to God and others.

### GARRITY CENTER LIBRARY

**BROWSE** our growing Library. There are Scripture commentaries, Spiritual reflections, Lives of Saints, and much more. Bring a cup of coffee and immerse yourself in quality faith-based texts.

## RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



**Father Martin Dober** was **ORDAINED** a Priest of the Diocese of Cleveland on May 18th, 2019 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Downtown Cleveland and celebrated his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 19th at the 11:30am Mass.

**Fr. Martin** is currently assigned as a Parochial Vicar at St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor, Ohio.

**John Draves** is in his 3rd year of Formation at the Congregation of Holy Cross. The Congregation is an apostolic religious community comprised of priests and brothers. They work, pray and live united in a common religious life sharing the same history, vows and spirituality.

**John** traveled to Calcutta, India this past summer and was immersed in a summer service project with the Missionaries of Charity, the Order founded by the late Mother Teresa.



**Rob Butcher**, is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville with a Masters Degree in Theology. Rob is working at St. Mary and in January will be traveling to Papua New Guinea for a two year service endeavor with the Capuchin Community.

**Matt Lawler**, Permanent Deacon Candidate in the Diocese of Cleveland is in his next to last year of Formation.

**Matt** joins us here at St. Mary to immerse himself in learning about Parish Life and will join us for Liturgy, Finance Council, Faith Formation Programs, Bible Study and other programs.



*Let our prayers rise like incense, to you O Lord, for priests, deacons, consecrated religious, married and single all to follow Your Way!*

## SERVICE & OUTREACH



Preparation and fundraising started last summer, but the build happens **NOW**. St. Mary work crew will be on site **September 5th, 7th and 28th**. We need volunteers to build and to provide lunch. We need prayer support. We need **YOU!**

### COORDINATORS:

**Tim and Deanna Meehan:** [deanna@meehanslawnservice.com](mailto:deanna@meehanslawnservice.com)



The **Newman Center**, a gathering place for Catholic Students at Baldwin-Wallace, offers Mass and meals to BW students Sundays during the school year.

St. Mary volunteers meet at 3:00 pm on meal day to prepare the meal for approximately 50 students. At 5:00 pm, the volunteers deliver and set up the meal at the BW Newman Center. They stay and enjoy fellowship with the students and clean up at the conclusion.

This year's **first meal** is September 22, 2019. Additional DATES to be determined.

**COORDINATOR:** **Lynne Madzy:** [marylynnemadz@gmail.com](mailto:marylynnemadz@gmail.com)

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Trinity Lobby DROP OFF Location:** Kraft Street West End Vestibule

**Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran Church:** DATE **TBD**

**Domestic Violence Information Workshop:** DATE **TBD**

**Senior Leaf Raking Day:** Saturday November 16, 2019 9am-1pm

**St. Mary Giving Tree:** ADVENT—December 1st—15th 2019

**Community Christmas Caroling:** December Date **TBD**

## FAITH FORMATION (PSR)

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)**  
**MONDAY EVENINGS 6:45pm—8:15pm School**

St. Mary Parish is committed to offering faith based learning to all our children; Grades 1 through High School. Monday evenings is for those students, Grades 1—8 to come together and learn the ways of Jesus through a guided curriculum that includes the Scriptures, the tenets and beliefs of our faith, the Liturgies of the Church, the Old and New Testament, the Sacraments and Moral Living. Dedicated and certified catechists lead the children in lecture and dialogue, along with prayer experiences, crafts and special events.

**COORDINATOR:** Mrs. Johanna Garr [jgarr@stmarybera.org](mailto:jgarr@stmarybera.org)

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA

Have you ever thought about becoming Roman Catholic? Do you currently share faith in Jesus Christ and want to become better at it? How about joining the process to become a one, holy catholic and apostolic member!

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* is a faith formation process focused on sharing the faith with those who are **INTERESTED** in becoming Roman Catholic. The **RCIA** is about conversion and through the learning sessions, catechumens, those who have NEVER been baptized and candidates, those who are ALREADY baptized, begin formation and learning in the ways of being Catholic.

The Parish community celebrates their journey at various times throughout the year, all of which leads to being fully received into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**COORDINATOR:** Linda Sullivan [lsullivan@stmarybera.com](mailto:lsullivan@stmarybera.com)  
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## PRAYER WARRIORS

The **Prayer Outreach Ministry** is a ministry of prayer by our parishioners and for our parishioners. **Prayer Warriors** spend quality time in daily prayer FOR others' needs, requests and special intentions.

This year every household and street within our parish census has been "scheduled" on the calendar for the purpose of a week-long prayer endeavor. Families are able to contact the parish office with special requests for prayers.

Always NEEDED are willing PRAYER WARRIORS to pray for the community of St. Mary and beyond.

**COORDINATOR:** Ann Laubert [alaubert@stmarybera.org](mailto:alaubert@stmarybera.org)

## POP-UP ADORATION & PRAYER



Occasionally, as people of faith, we will have the opportunity to gather in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Watch the bulletin for dates.

## PRAYING the ROSARY

**DAILY 9:30am in Resurrection Chapel**  
**MONDAY 7:15pm in Resurrection Chapel**

The Rosary is a prayer simple yet profound and a prayer of great significance. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to "*set out into the deep*" (*duc in altum!*) in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, "*the way, and the truth and the life*" [John 14:6].

The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation. It is a typically meditative prayer, corresponding to the "*prayer of the heart*" or "*Jesus prayer*."

Saint John Paul II wrote, "*To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother.*"

## BIBLE STUDY

**MONDAYS at 7:00pm in Fr Garrity Center Meeting Room**  
**WEDNESDAY at 9:30am in Fr. Garrity Center Meeting Room**

The **Little Rock Bible Study** is being offered this season by Deacon Tom Cully and Mrs. Linda Richter on Monday evening and Wednesday Morning. All too often, Catholics are hesitant about a “*bible study*” for various reasons; however, the **Little Rock Bible Study** series is a wonderfully resourceful and “*easy*” approach to this treasured document.

Join one of the groups and come and experience the Word of the Lord in a creative and faith filled environment.

**COORDINATOR: Deacon Tom** [dtom@stmarybera.org](mailto:dtom@stmarybera.org)



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CLOW

**SUNDAYS 9:30am Mass**

Kindergarten age and younger children are dismissed at the beginning of Mass and go with **CLOW Leader Kari Novak** to hear the Gospel in age appropriate terms and participate in a gospel related activity and then return to their families at the Offertory time.

**COORDINATOR: Kari Novak** [Smcadmin@stmarybera.org](mailto:Smcadmin@stmarybera.org)

## COFFEE, TEA & THEE

**SUNDAYS 10:30am in Fr. Garrity Center Meeting Room**

A faith and fellowship experience for all parishioners, focused on learning, sharing, and answering some of the very basic questions of our faith. In this casual setting, parishioners seek to learn more about our faith and make connections to faithful living out the call to discipleship.

**COORDINATOR: Amanda Mazi** [amazi@stmarybera.org](mailto:amazi@stmarybera.org)

## SACRAMENTS PREPARATION

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) EUCHARIST (FIRST COMMUNION)

**2nd SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH**

**9:30am MASS and 10:30am Session in the Fr. Garrity Center**

The **First Sacraments Preparation Process** is for students in Grade 2 to participate in a process of faith formation and learning. The Diocese **requires** that every child have completed one full year of formal faith instruction **BEFORE** beginning the Process.

Celebrating weekly Mass is an integral part of our faith journey and this Process **begins** with the **9:30am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month** and a **Learning Session** following Mass in the Fr. Garrity Center. All students and their parents are expected to attend each of the required program events.

**First Reconciliation: Saturday December 14th—9:30am Church**  
**First Holy Communion: Sunday May 3rd—11:30am Church**

## CONFIRMATION

**2nd SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH**

**9:30am MASS and 6:00pm Session in the Fr. Garrity Center**

The **Confirmation Preparation Process** is for students in Grade 8 to participate in this process of discipleship and stewardship as they prepare to affirm their Baptismal Gifts in the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Diocese **requires** that every child have completed one full year of formal faith instruction **BEFORE** beginning the Process.

Celebrating weekly Mass is required for all Catholics—at any age and at every age—and the Confirmation Process **INCLUDES** the attendance at the **9:30am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month**. Students and Parents, *Sponsors occasionally* gather in the Fr. Garrity Center for a 6pm Learning Session. All candidates and their parents are expected to attend each of the required program events.

**Confirmation: Saturday May 9th— 4:00pm Church**

**COORDINATOR OF SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**MRS. JOHANNA GARR** [jgarr@stmarybera.org](mailto:jgarr@stmarybera.org)

## MEN'S GROUP

**THURSDAYS 7-8:00pm Fr. Garrity Center Meeting Room #A**

These weekly sessions cover a wide variety of topics relevant to living life as a Catholic man in this modern age. Our first three sessions in September will be dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. The Blessed Mother provides many lessons for us and we will approach them from three distinct points.

As the year progresses we will dig deeply into various church teachings, stories of saints' lives, and the vexing challenges of everyday life.

The format is informal but focused. A teaching or a concept is presented, then everyone gets a chance to share responses and ask questions. It's a great way to deepen your faith and get to know your fellow parishioners.

Topic suggestions are always welcome. If there is particular aspect of faith that you would like to explore—let us know.

**COORDINATOR:** John Mastandrea [jmastandrea@stmarybera.org](mailto:jmastandrea@stmarybera.org)

## WOMEN'S GROUP

**THURSDAYS 7-8:00pm Fr. Garrity Center Meeting Room #B**

**Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life:** is an 8-week program that unveils Jesus' plan for happiness in the Beatitudes.

We live in a culture that constantly seeks fleeting pleasures in place of true happiness. It's time to turn to Jesus himself for his roadmap to ultimate joy. Learn how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings—they are the path to true happiness charted by the Lord.

Featuring teaching videos by Fr. Jeffry Kirby and powerful profiles of some living out the Beatitudes in heroic ways. Kingdom of Happiness will not only inform one about these attitudes of being, but show how living them will lead to true happiness.

**COORDINATOR:** Alane Mastandrea [amastandrea@stmarybera.org](mailto:amastandrea@stmarybera.org)

## YOUNG COUPLES + FAMILIES

**SEASONAL MEETINGS—See Bulletin / website for dates**

The continued focus of this **ENDEAVOR** is to strengthen the marriages of young couples by providing a support group, fellowship, and studies that promote the principles of marriage found in God's Word, grow in knowledge and understanding of God's beautiful design for marriage.

*Every marriage should last a lifetime!* **Young Couples + Families** offers practical advice for couples and families to lay the foundation for a successful and fulfilling life—and fun!

Casual events for couples and their families are designed to meet the needs of families with children.

**COORDINATOR:** Mr. & Mrs. Curt Lindsay [clindsay@stmarybera.com](mailto:clindsay@stmarybera.com)

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT TEEN INITIATIVE

Service Opportunities, Spirituality Growth, Social Outings

**SEMI-MONTHLY ON 2nd & 4th SUNDAYS Fr. Garrity Center**

Youth Engagement Teen Initiative **YETI** is a comprehensive Youth Ministry program for all junior high school and high school teens in grades 7—12. Designed by teens for teens, **YETI** allows young adults to stay connected to their faith, their parish and their friends. Activities include a variety of opportunities to live their faith through social, service and spiritual events.

Bi-monthly gathering will include planning, action, and reflection. **YETI** is for teens and led by teens. Together teens are called through prayer, service, stewardship and friendship to work in collaboration with other ministries, to teach social justice and to strengthen their spirituality and involvement in liturgical ministries.

**COORDINATOR:** Christopher Garr [cgarrstmarybera.org](mailto:cgarrstmarybera.org)