Mission Statement

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.

Parish Pastoral Staff
Reverend John P. Singler, Pastor
Reverend Michael J. Feldtz, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Robert J. Cole, Retired, In Residence
Deacon Thomas A. Cully, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Angela Kovic, Music Director

Parish Support Staff
Mrs. Diana Lipfird, Homebound Coordinator
Mr. John Mastandrea, Adult Faith and Education Coordinator
Mrs. Johanna Garr, Religious Education Coordinator

Parish Office Staff
Mrs. Janel Abraham
Mrs. Lorri Masie

School Administrative Staff
Mr. Andrew Carner, Principal
Mrs. Sandi Ziegler, Program Coordinator
Mrs. Nancy Kaesgen, Director of Development

School Office Staff
Mrs. Mary Beth Hennessy
Mrs. Diana Zjaba

Parish Mass Schedule
Weekday: 9:00am Monday through Friday
Weekend: 4:00pm Saturday Vigil
7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am
Holy Day: Consult Bulletin

Sacramental Ministries
Baptisms: On Sundays After 11:30am Mass
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-3:30pm Seasonal Celebrations
Marriage: Contact Parish Office
Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office Seasonal Celebration
Communion Calls: Contact Parish Office

Celebrating 167 years of Pastoral Service to the Catholic Community of Berea
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020

Biblical wisdom literature, as here in Sirach, (First Reading) often talks about the choice between two paths: wisdom or foolishness, life or death. The point of traditional wisdom literature is to make this choice clear and to argue for the way of wisdom and life. The commands of God are intended to point toward the way of life. God’s commands are not impossible to fulfill, otherwise they would be unjust. We must learn to trust that what God commands is, in fact, the truly good. Sin, in this reading, is failure to trust God and so choose the wrong path.

Paul had at first, declared that he came to the community of Corinth not speaking wisdom, but concedes that in fact, he was speaking wisdom; but it was not the wisdom “of this age,” but rather God’s wisdom, which only the mature can understand. He goes on to write that this wisdom is only accessible through the power and the gift of the Spirit, who alone comprehends the mysterious plan of God.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus insists that he has not come to abrogate (abolish) a single divine command or prophetic exhortation. Instead, he insists that the law exists not merely to be “observed,” but to be lived! It is intended to point the way to righteousness. The way to this righteousness, the kingdom of heaven is to become formed into people whose will reflects the values embodied by the law.

So choose life and wisdom this week and live well.

Our Pastoral Staff has been busy PLANNING in preparation for the upcoming LENTEN SEASON, which begins with ASH WEDNESDAY in 10 days - February 26th, 2020.

This year’s Lenten “theme” in keeping with our 2020 NEW VISION OPPORTUNITIES is RETURN TO ME 2.0’20.

RETURN TO ME 2.0 ’20

Keep the Wednesday’s of Lent OPEN for a special series on Return, a 2.0 series that follows last year’s Prodigal Son Return Series. This year, we are drawing on the recent publication by Brandon Vogt, RETURN How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church. It is a timely topic and Deacon Tom, Fr. Mike, Fr. Bob and I will lead a weekly discussion beginning March 4th. Copies of the Book will be available to ALL.

Check out the Lenten Newsletter in the Bulletin next weekend with more timely information.

THANKS for your generosity to the support of the Parish! Blessings!

Father John
Weekend of February 16
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Carl Harnegie
Peter & Theresa Harnagy

7:30 am Philip Ockuly

9:30 am For All Parishioner’s Living & Deceased

11:30 am Bill Ball

Monday February 17 Weekday
Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 3:11-13 (335)

9:00 am Eric Matsik
Greg & Linda

Tuesday February 18 Weekday
Jas 1: 12-18 / Mk 8:14-21 (336)

9:00 am George Kraft
Rita Hirsch

1:30 pm Aristocrat Berea Mass

Wednesday February 19 Weekday
Jas 1: 19-27 / Mk 8:22-26 (337)

9:00 am For All Parishioners Living and Deceased

1:30 pm Generations Senior Living Mass

Thursday February 20 Weekday
Jas 2:1-9 / Mk 8:27-33 (338)

9:00 am Angelo Costa
Family

1:30 pm Northwestern Mass

Friday February 21 Weekday Saints
Jas 2:14-24, 26 / Mk 8:34–9:1 (339)

9:00 am George Palisin, Sr.
Family

Saturday February 22 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19 (535)

4:00 pm Diane Ritchey
Special Intention

Sunday February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48 (79)

7:30 am For All Parishioners Living and Deceased

For Weekend Mass Intentions: If the Mass Intention is for your loved one & you would like to take up the gifts, please notify one of the Ushers Prior to Mass.

The Mass Book for 2020 is open for scheduling your Mass Intentions.

Daily 9:00am & Weekend Mass times available in MARCH 2020.

Contact the Office to schedule or submit your request in writing - please include a phone number in case we need to contact you. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Please remember in prayer all who are ill or homebound, especially the following:

Catherine Jackson
James Kendro
Karen Kljun
Patricia Livengood
Sandra Conroy
Candy Corbett
Katie D’Angelo
Charles Doss
Susan Gilbert
Stefan Golier
Nancy Grau
Geri Irvin

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Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48 (79)

7:30 am For All Parishioners Living and Deceased

In your charity, please remember the repose of the souls of Diane Ritchey (Brill) and Angelo Costa.

May they rest in eternal peace.

Collection for the week of 2/9/20:  $11, 303.00

Thank You for ALL the support you give St. Mary.

St. Mary Church now provides Electronic Giving - Electronic Giving allows our parishioners to give easily and is a safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - Visit our website:

www.stmaryberea.org

Click on the VANCO Link to get started!
### Parish Events

#### Weekend of February 16th
- **Saturday** - 3:00pm - Church Confessions
- **Sunday** - 9:30am - Chapel Children’s Liturgy of the Word

#### Monday, February 17th
- 9:30am - Chapel Rosary
- 7:00pm - Chapel Rosary

#### Tuesday, February 18th
- 9:30am - Chapel Rosary
- 6:30pm - FJG Mtg Rm Social Concerns Group / CRS Talk
- 7:30pm - Church Traditional Choir Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, February 19th
- 9:30am - Chapel Rosary
- 7:00pm - Church Adoration

#### Thursday, February 20th
- 9:30am - Chapel Rosary
- 12:00pm - FJG Mtg Rm Pinochle Club
- 7:00pm - FJG Mtg Rm Men & Women’s Group

#### Friday, February 21st

#### Saturday, February 22nd
- 3:00pm - Church Confessions

#### Sunday, February 23rd
- 9:30am - Chapel Children’s Liturgy of the Word

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### Anniversary Wishes

If you will be having a wedding anniversary in the month of **FEBRUARY** and would like your names listed in the bulletin, please call the parish office (440) 243-3877 or email jabraham1@stmaryberea.org

- **Gerald & Joan Foust**  
  February 1st - 62 years
- **Rick & Kathy Wesbecher**  
  February 1st - 51 years
- **Jim & Carolyn Deppisch**  
  February 14th - 33 years
- **Ed & Cheryl Causey**  
  February 21st - 34 years
- **Alan & Candy Corbett**  
  February 23rd - 46 years
- **John & Janice Goetz**  
  February 23rd - 63 years

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### Family Perspective

Today’s Gospel is from the “Sermon on the Mount.” Jesus gives strong and lofty ideals to inspire and guide our living. For family life we are reminded that ideal families are not lived on lofty mountaintops, but in the nitty-gritty of everyday life. In their love, mutual sharing and forgiveness, families give us a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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### “Keep The Light of Christ Burning”

Keep the light of Christ always burning in your heart, for He alone is the Way to walk. He is the Life to live. He is the Love to love.

**Excerpted from:** Love: A Fruit Always in Season Daily Meditations by Mother Teresa (Ignatius Press 1987)

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### 40 Days for Life

**From February 26th - April 5th,** you’re invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7:00am - 7:00pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm - 1200 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland / Planned Parenthood - 25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights or Family Planning - 54 South State Street, Painesville. Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Justin Martyr Church n Eastlake on February 25th at 7:00pm with Keynote Speaker, Fr. Daniel Bowen. Contact John Noall at cleve-landpraysforlife@gmail.com or (216) 245-9744 for more information.

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### “Loose Change for Life” campaign continues

We are supporting the Cleveland Pregnancy Center by filling a baby bottle with change, or an envelope with bills, or a check. Please consider supporting this ministry by taking a baby bottle or envelope from the Mother Teresa vestibule. Please return your bottles by: 2/23/20. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

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### Happy Birthday to Fr. Mike

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Birthday  
On Monday February 17th!!
Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Kindergarten age and younger children
During 9:30 mass. Children are called up, dismissed and with the CLOW Leader will spend a few minutes in the Chapel hearing the Gospel Message in age appropriate terms and participate in a gospel related activity and return to their families in Church at the Offertory. The small group setting lasts about 20 minutes.

CLOW is intended for children Kindergarten and younger; however if an older sibling would help make the transition easier, they are welcome as well.

Kari Novak is the CLOW Leader: A Berea Resident, an Intervention Specialist at Grindstone elementary, a Parishioner and the 2nd Grade Sacramental Program Catechist. Assisting her will be Confirmation Candidates

Contact: smcadmin@stmaryberea.org

Music Ministry & Liturgy Notes

By Angela Kovic
Director of Music and Liturgy

A VISION OF THE WORD

Last week we talked about the importance of the altar in our church; let’s shift our gaze over slightly and consider our ambo! This is the place where our announcements, readings, universal prayers, and homily take place. But the ambo is more than just a podium to read at; this is where we are able to connect with God through his word. The General Instruction of the Roman Missals says, “when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.” At the ambo, we are bringing the living aspect of the Word into our hearts.

The ambo’s name comes from the Greek origins of ‘ambon’, which means a raised area. Of course, like the altar, the ambo is placed on a higher level than where the congregation sits to signify its importance to the Mass. There are other times in our history when God used heights to bring his message down! Think of Moses with the Ten Commandments on Mount Sanai, or Jesus’ Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, or his Ascension on the Mount of Olives! The height that the ambo gives that sense of importance to the eye as well as in our hearts. So remember during mass that when you hear something from the ambo, you’re hearing it from God!

Choir Rehearsal Schedules: Traditional Choir meets to rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. If you are interested in participating in choir, cantoring, or playing an instrument during mass, please call or see Mrs. Angela Kovic after mass up in the loft. The Music Ministry office number is 440.243.3877 ext 27, and the email is musicministry1@stmaryberea.org.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

The Diocese of Cleveland has scheduled Formation Sessions for the remainder of 2020. EM’s assist the priest during Mass by distributing both the Body and Blood of Christ at Holy Communion. Ministers must be commissioned Ministers (Diocesan Policy) by attending a Learning/Formation Session. If you are interested in participating in this Ministry - please contact the Parish Office (440) 243-3877 to get registered for a 2020 Formation Session.

Parish Ministry Spotlight:

Parish Life

Check out the Parish Ministry Spotlight to see what Ministry God may be calling you to bring your Time, Talents and Treas-

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Contact: smcadmin@stmaryberea.org
Religious Education News

Question regarding PSR and Sacramental Preparation:
Contact: Johanna Garr
reoinformation@stmaryberea.org

Next Sacramental Class: Sun, March 8, 2020
Location: Garritt Center
2nd Grade: 9:30 am Mass, 10:30 am class
8th Grade: 9:30 am Mass, 6 pm class
** Turn In: Confirmation name & sponsor form.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Come enjoy the gospel through pictures and activities!
All little ones Kindergarten and younger are invited. Sundays, during 9:30 am Mass in the Chapel.
Contact: Kari Novak
smcadmin@stmaryberea.org

YETI (Youth-Engagement-Teen Initiative)

YETI is a comprehensive Youth Ministry program for all junior high and high school teens Grades 7th - 12th. Designed by teens for teens - YETI allows young adults to stay connected to their faith, their Parish and their friends.
Schedule for Winter / Spring 2020:
• Sunday 2/23/20 - 6:00p FJG: Whiffle Ball - Home Run Derby
• Sunday 3/8/20 - 7:15p FJG: Trivia Night
• Saturday 3/21/20: Bus Trip to Pittsburg - St. Anthony Chapel, Market Square, Fort Pitt

We welcome new faces! Come check out YETI and make a BIG FOOTPRINT!
Contact Chris Garr: cgarr@stmaryberea.org

St. Mary Catholic School
News Corner
Educating the Mind, Nurturing the Soul

Parent/Teacher conferences were held on February 4th and 6th after school. These conferences were not mandatory for all students. Conferences were scheduled at a teacher or parent request. We do appreciate parents taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss their academic progress. Parents, your involvement in your child’s education is critical to their success and we appreciate the effort you make to stay in touch with the teachers. Remember, our teachers are always available via email or voicemail to answer any questions you may have about your child’s academic progress.

Re-Registration forms for the 2020-2021 school year were sent home several weeks ago and then more recently in our weekly Family e-mail. Please complete these forms and return them with the necessary re-registration fee to the school office by February 28th. Any re-registration forms received in the school office after February 28th will be subjected to the appropriate fees listed on the sliding scale as indicated on the re-registration forms.

Recently the SMS DRAMA program held their auditions for the spring performance of Little Mermaid. Rehearsals will begin the week of February 17th under the direction of Ms. Kira Seaton, Director. Performances will be held the weekend of May 15, 16 & 17. Please mark your calendars.

Academic Achievements
St. Edward High School

Honor Roll:
Devin Crowder          Kyle Evensen-Hein
Carter Jacobs         Chase Justice
Connor Kilbane       Camden Mitchell
Casey Patena          Noah Rios
Joseph Straub        Darius Taghizadeh
John Tinter          Kyle Vlcek
Joseph Zacharyasz

As we receive additional achievement notifications, we will publish them in future bulletins.

Important Dates to Remember:
2/17/’20 - President’s Day / No School
2/18/’20 - Video Newsletter / 8:00a.m.
2/19/’20 - Band Practice / 3:30p.m.
" " " Sewing Club / 3:30p.m.
" " " Flurries & Fun Concert (Band)/ 7:00p.m. at SMS Gym
2/20/’20 - Video Newsletter / 8:00a.m.
" " " Vocal Choir Concert – Gr’s. Kdg.-2/ 2:15p.m.
" " " Evening Performance Vocal Choir Concert – Kdg.-2nd grade @ church / 7:00p.m.
2/21/’20 - No PRESCHOOL
" " " Video Newsletter / 8:00a.m.
Fish Fry
Baked Fish Dinners

February 28
March 6, 13, 20, 27, - April 3
4:30pm—7:00pm

St. Mary Church - Fr. Garrity Center
250 Kraft Street - Berea, Oh 44017

Dinner: Fried Fish OR Baked Fish (6-8oz) OR Shrimp
French fries, coleslaw, roll & butter
coffee, tea or water
$12 adults; $7 children
(Senior Discount)

SIDES: Pizza, Mac n’ Cheese,
Cabbage & Noodles, Pierogis
available on request

Take-Out Available