

Message from the Pastor

A couple of weeks ago, somebody asked me why the vestments I wear at Mass look different than Fr. Barry's and especially why it has a "T" on it.

The history of the different cuts of vestments is actually something that I have a tendency to nerd out about. Different cuts of vestments emerge because of different philosophical or theological emphases. Some cuts of chasubles emerged to emphasize the fact that the chasuble—like St. Paul says in Colossians 3:14—represents Christ's love, which goes over all other virtues. So many earlier chasubles in history were very large (and somewhat cumbersome). Other cuts, like the Roman style (sometimes called a "fiddleback" because of how the front looks) emerged because, while Christ's love goes above all things, the priest also has important duties at the altar and larger vestments restrict the priest's movements too much or put the priest in danger of knocking over a chalice. Not a good thing!

I prefer the St. Philip Neri cut. It's named after the priest who first had a chasuble like it, but it was an attempt to incorporate multiple points of view: It is ample, representing the ample amounts of Christ's love for His Church. But it is also practical. It stops at the elbows instead of coming down to the wrist so that my hands and arms are more free to do what I need to do on the altar in order to fulfill the requirements of the Mass without putting the Lord in danger of being knocked over by accident.

The "T" on the front is a type of cross known as the "Tau Cross"—so named because it looks like a capital "T" or "tau" in the Greek alphabet. Some think that this was the shape of the cross on which Christ was crucified. It is on the side of the chasuble that faces the altar because on the altar we have the sacramental re-presentation of the saving action of Jesus Christ on the Altar of the Cross.

The Column on the back of the chasuble represents the Virgin Mary, who stood at the side of the Cross as a pillar of faith and support for our Lord. When we see the column on the back, we can be reminded that when we approach the Altar or when we faithfully carry the crosses of our own life, Mary is always there to be a pillar of faith and support for us, too.

Anyway, I could go on, but hopefully that's enough information for now!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Witt

Save the Date!

Women's Spa For the Soul

April 9, 2021

Guest Speaker: Julia Monnin

"The World is Noisy - God Whispers"

Ft. Loramie Men's Conference

**** Location Change ****

The 2021 Ft. Loramie Men's conference is set for Saturday, March 6th, 8:00am – 3:30pm, at Romer's in St. Henry, with a NEW optional Latin Mass starting at 7:00am. This is a great day for all men, from high school age to 100. Please come enjoy the day and expand the growth of your faith. The theme this year is "Building on Faith".

Tickets are available for \$25 each. This includes 2 meals, books and materials.

Returning keynote speaker: Fr. Nathan Cromley

Please pre-buy tickets as with the COVID-19 restrictions we will only be allowed 350 seated in the hall. Tickets can be purchased on-line at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FLMensConference/>

Lucky 10 January Drawing

\$500 Marilyn Spicer	\$100 Stacey Grannan
\$100 Brandy Hullinger	\$75 Andy Rammel
\$50 Sally Gossard	\$50 Marie Humphries
\$50 Howard Homan	\$25 Darla Miller
\$25 Ted Hasis	\$25 Stacy Smith

RCIA News

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Classes for Adults are on Thursdays, at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary in the cafeteria. Please call Nan Mielke at 419-300-1045 for more information for Holy Rosary & St. Patrick.

Moran Refrigeration

This Week's Bulletin Sponsor

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 01/18	Weekday Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22 8:15am Sally Long
Tues. 01/19	Weekday Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28 8:15am HR Entrup & Walter Families
Wed. 01/20	St. Fabian & St. Sebastian Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6 12:05pm HR Vernon Mallory
Thurs. 01/21	St. Agnes Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12 8:00am SP Florence Byrne & Casey Wehrle
Fri. 01/22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19 8:00am HR Don & Alfrieda Backs
Sat. 01/23	St. Vincent Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21 4:30pm HR Robert Snyder
Sun. 01/24	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 8:00am HR Jim & Muriel Maze 9:30am SP Peg Hines-Steinberger Family 11:00am HR Ray Kill

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sat. January 23	HR	4:30pm	Mass
Lectors: Ciera Rupert, Jennifer Tester			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			
Sun. January 24	HR	8:00am	Mass
Lectors: Ellen Schloemer, Liz Schloemer			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			
Sun. January 24	SP	9:30am	Mass
Lector: Jenny Riethman			
Sacristan: Kent Schlegel			
Ushers: David Oen, Allen Scott			
Sun. January 24	HR	11:00am	Mass
Lectors: Carla Eaglowski, Greg Eaglowski			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			

Holy Rosary Collection

Weekly Collection	\$ 5,470.05
Online Giving	\$ 1,844.43
Mailed in Donations	\$ 0.00
Total Collected for the Week	\$ 7,314.48

St. Patrick Collection

Weekly Collection	\$ 1,196.00
Mailed in Donations	\$ 0.00
Total Collected for the Week	\$ 1,196.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 17
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
9:30am	Mass at St. Patrick
11:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary - Live Streamed
Monday	January 18 Parish Office Closed
8:15am	Mass at Holy Rosary
Tuesday	January 19
8:15am	Mass at Holy Rosary
Wednesday	January 20
11:30am	Confessions at Holy Rosary
12:05pm	Mass at Holy Rosary
Following Mass	Legion of Mary - Upper Room
6:30 pm	CCD at St. Patrick
7:00pm	CCD at Holy Rosary - Grades K-12
8:00pm	CONNECT at Holy Rosary - Rectory Basement
Thursday	January 21
8:00am	Mass at St. Patrick
All Day	Adoration at St. Patrick
6:30 - 7:20pm	Confessions at St. Patrick
6:30pm	Holy Hour & Benediction at St. Patrick
7:00pm	RCIA - Cafeteria
Friday	January 22
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
6:00pm	7 Sensational Dates - K of C Hall
Saturday	January 23
8:00am	Latin Mass at Holy Rosary
8:00am	Men's Fellowship - Cafeteria
3:30 - 4:15pm	Confessions at Holy Rosary
4:30pm	Mass at Holy Rosary
Sunday	January 24
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
9:30am	Mass at St. Patrick
11:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary - Live Streamed

FRIENDS OF HOLY ROSARY UPDATE

The Friends of Holy Rosary recently received donations in memory of Janet Dingleline (\$120), Rita Miller (\$290), Kay and Ray Dingleline (\$100) and Pat Behr (\$25). Another donation (\$50) was received in honor of Father Alex Witt. These donations bring the trust balance to \$283,947.08. Thank you!

All parishioners are encouraged to become a member of the Friends of Holy Rosary. Dues are \$5 per person. Please use the pink envelope or an envelope marked Friends of Holy Rosary with your name on it and drop it in the collection basket. You can also mail them to Dave Helmstetter, 5421 County Road 33A, St. Marys, OH 45885. Any donation or dues can also be dropped off at the parish office.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Lynn Westerfield, Pat Krugh and Lisa Sullivan for the beautiful job decorating Holy Rosary Church for Christmas.

COVID GUIDELINES

The guidelines, in regards to wearing masks, remains in effect for all functions for both parishes: Mass, CCD, School, Bible Studies, etc. Masks are to be worn at all times that you are inside any of our buildings.

Please be considerate of others in addition to the guidelines set forth by the State of Ohio. This is for the safety of not only yourself, but also for those around you.