



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m.	SATURDAY, March 9 Ray F. Noltemeyer †
9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	SUNDAY, March 10 Sally Baumann † For the People
	MONDAY, March 11 No Mass
8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	TUESDAY, March 12 Msgr. Romano Ciotola – <i>Latin Mass</i> Sandra Flaim †
5:30 p.m.	WEDNESDAY, March 13 Celebrant Intention - <i>Latin Mass</i>
5:30 p.m.	THURSDAY, March 14 For the Protection of the Unborn
8:30 a.m.	FRIDAY, March 15 Special Intention
4:00 p.m.	SATURDAY, March 16 For the People
9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	SUNDAY, March 17 Charlie and Margie Campbell † Hilda Kulzer †

Note: Confession is heard 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass. Coffee and doughnuts are served following the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Knights of Columbus: Monday at 6:30 p.m. – 2nd floor Burkley
Adoration: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Chapel
RCIA: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Specht Center
Novena to Saint Anne: Thursday following Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS...will be held each Friday throughout Lent at 7:00 p.m. More details to follow. Preceded by a light supper in the 2nd floor Conference room

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT – March 2-3, 2019
Envelopes: \$4936.00
Non-envelope donation: \$752.00
ECO donations: \$1560.00 (weekly, 1st)
Total offering: \$7248.00
Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.
Please remember in your prayers:

Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:
Toni Neal, John Fetherolf, Maryann Hoblit-Prager, Albert Petrikas, Keith Russell

At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer, Dan Hogan, Karen Schlieb, Foday Kenneh, Joel Rivera, Denise Gammell, Robert Ressa, Tammy Littler, Shirley Thibaut, Dan Fandrey, Danny Campbell, Yvonne Brennan, Ed Quickert, Dottie Kelly, Alieu Kenneh, Agnes Dorn-Carpenter

If you are admitted to a hospital St. Mary may not be notified. Please ask a family member to call the parish office.

SSCM PANTRY-ITEM FOR MARCH.... The item needed for the month of March is **canned soup**. Please drop your donation off throughout the month. We will have a basket marked “food pantry” in the gymnasium for your donations. If you are interested in helping with this ministry... please contact Mary Kelly Minner at mkelly294@yahoo.com or cell: 614.404.0817.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION “His Hour, your hour”
In about the fourth century, monasteries began to reserve the Eucharist, and by the 11th century reservation- still mainly for the sick and dying - was a regular feature of churches. While reverence was certainly given to Christ present in the sacrament, it was not yet customary to pray before the reserved sacrament. How Blessed WE are to have this opportunity to spend time with Our Lord now!
“Can you not spend one hour with me?”

40 DAYS FOR LIFE...is March 6 to April 17. Faithful believers are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. This peaceful prayer vigil will take place at an abortion facility in Columbus. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts and sign a statement of peace. For details and to sign up for a time, visit www.gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life.html or call 614-445-8508

LENTEN CHALLENGE:
“Listen to Catholic Radio AM 820 this Lent”
Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820! Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. Download the free St. Gabriel Radio mobile app.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE: throughout Lent we will pray the Rosary 25 minutes prior to each weekend Mass.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for MARCH 16-17, 2019 (3rd Sunday of the Month)

Extraordinary Ministers are reminded to cleanse the vessels after each Mass

TIME	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	SACRISTAN
4:00 P.M.	open	John LaMotte	Carol Rees	
	open	John Rees	Chris Hilles	Barbara Myers
9:00 A.M.	Andrew Grosko	Rick Driscoll	Sheila Naegele, Carolyn Redwood	
	open	Chip Hirn	Trevor Richards, Mary Wickham	Mark Grosko
11:30 A.M.	Anna Lynch	Chris Bartony	Ann Anderson	
	C. J. Bartony	Jim Wiley	open	open

Prayers after Mass: following each Mass please kneel and prayer the following prayers: The Our Father, The Hail Mary, The Glory Be and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel (see the back of your Missal for a copy of this prayer)

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: March 17 – Knights of Columbus **Pray for our men and women in uniform**

Collection counters for the 3rd Sunday of the month: Frances Melton and Lin Duren

Notes from the Pastor

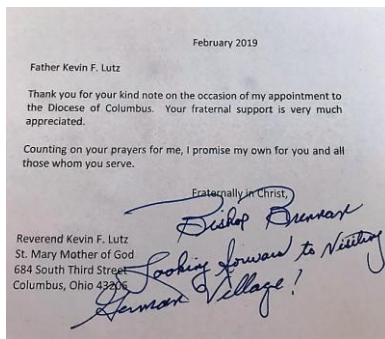
In your charity, please pray for the souls of Ann Hanson, a long-time friend and parishioner of Holy Family, Deacon Michael Ross who served Saint Mary during the years of 2003-2007 and Patricia Gardner, mother of parishioner Cynthia Heider whose funeral was this past week. May they rest in peace.

Lent has begun and already we need reminders to continue on our sacrificial journey with loving fortitude toward spiritual growth as we prepare for the mysteries of Holy Week and our Lord's Resurrection. Follow the helpful sheet for suggestions.

St. Mary Church is looking very beautiful. The sacrifices made by you are paying off in so many ways. The Stations of the Cross are now hung in place and what an addition it makes to the overall appearance and prayerful ambiance of the space. The pews are anchored in place and letting us know that we are approaching our return to St. Mary's on Palm Sunday. The main parts of the side altars are also in place. The Baptistry is being painted and the Pieta Shrine is also being prepared for the return of our beautiful statue. You will be so pleased! Even the laborers remark that this has been the most memorable and beautiful job they have ever had.



Over the years many couples have become engaged in our church--many times in front of the altar or a special shrine. We had such a delightful experience here on March 4th. Joseph Galehouse, a Catholic young man, brought his girlfriend Brook (not a Catholic) to Mass here at St. Mary's a few years ago. Neither of them is from Columbus, but were in school here at the time. This past Monday, they made a special trip here having for its purpose a marriage proposal--Joseph asked Brook to marry him while in St. Mary Church (where they had celebrated their first Mass together). Brook will be becoming Catholic this Easter. We congratulate them both and will keep them in our prayers as they begin this part of their journey together. They are pictured here moments after Brooke said Yes!



Recently I offered a Mass for our New Ordinary, Bishop Robert Brennan, and sent him a note of welcome and his reply is pictured here.

The Lord be with you! Father Kevin F Lutz

News Worthy Notes

MOUNT CARMEL HOSPICE INVITES YOU TO HOSPICE VOLUNTEERING 101

If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer whether at the bedside or behind the scenes, join us for a special panel discussion. A group of Mount Carmel Hospice volunteers will discuss their roles and contributions then answer your questions. The session can help you find the best way to serve your community at end-of-life. Please join us on March 12 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. or on March 19 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care Center. Register by calling 234-LIFE (5433).

TUTORS NEEDED for adults seeking basic education skills, GED preparation or English as a Second Language. The Dominican Learning Center will hold its next Tutor Training Workshop on Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at 1111 E. Stewart Avenue. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate. Teaching materials are free to tutors. To register please call 614-444-7330 ext. 1 or email DLCColumbus@oppeace.org. Visit www.domlearningcenter.org to find out more.

DISCOVER READY NIGHT

Join in an informal Q and A session at Bishop Ready High School on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. and learn about life at Bishop Ready...academics, campus ministry, sports, co-curricular activities, and financial assistance/scholarships. Parents and guardians of students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to attend. Faculty, staff, and administration will be on hand to answer your questions. For more information, call Bishop Ready High School at 614-276-5263.

PECAN PENNY'S! MARCH FUNDRAISER

Hey St. Mary! Come have some family fun!

- Who: Anyone who mentions St. Mary while dining at Pecan Penny's
What: A school fundraiser. 10 (ten) percent of the profit from your bill is donated to St. Mary!
When: Every Wednesday in March from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Where: 113 E. Main St. Columbus, OH 43215

Grand Old Saint Mary's

Rev. Gerard Ahrens - Our First Assistant Pastor?

Father Ahrens is one of Assistants at St. Mary who could be classified as firsts. In last October bulletin (Oct. 2018), Father Hillebrand and Father Horny were in the competition for the title of first assistant. Father Gerard H. Ahrens came to St. Mary in 1875, ten years after our founding, and the same year that Father Hillebrand joined Father Specht as an assistant. Father Horny was officially assigned to St. Mary in 1886, making him the "first" assistant assigned to our parish. Nevertheless, Fathers Hillebrand and Ahrens were probably assigned, unofficially, to help the Pastor, Father Specht, as needed, until appropriate positions opened for the two priests. Let us look at the career of Father Ahrens. Gerard Ahrens was born in Cincinnati July 16, 1841. The son of George Ahrens and studied for the priesthood at Mt. St. Mary's, Cincinnati. One of his teachers was Dr. Sylvester H. Rosecrans, the future bishop. Dr. Rosecrans became auxiliary bishop of Cincinnati, and officiated when Ahrens was ordained sub-deacon and deacon in March 1866. Archbishop Purcell ordained Ahrens into the priesthood in September 1866. In 1866-67, Father Ahrens was pastor of St. John's Parish in Ironton and cared for St. Mary of the Furnaces in 1867. He was assigned to the Cathedral (St. Patrick's at this time), as chancellor in 1868 by Father Hemsteger, Pastor of Holy Cross, as Vicar General of the new Diocese of Columbus. Father Ahrens, was also a professor at St. Aloysius Seminary, 1871-76 (located off west Broad Street) and at the same time was Ohio State Penitentiary chaplain, 1871-76. It was at this time that he also assisted at St. Mary (German) Catholic Church. Father Ahrens moved to Holy Cross on the death of Father Hemsteger in 1878. He died March 25, 1884 at the age of 42 years. Seat of Wisdom, Pray for us. Pray for vocations.

THOUGHTFUL REFLECTION

It is so difficult to reflect on the total and complete love Our Lord has for mankind and then reflect on the actions of mankind in some of our states with regard to abortion. It is beyond anything we can imagine. Babies are God's gift to man and the concept of abortion, let alone abortion at the last second before birth, is unthinkable. In the case of botched abortions...well, just let the baby die. Can there be any doubt that the devil is working overtime to destroy traditional marriage, cheapen it and destroy the family. Many are drifting away from God with the attitude that God is not real and/or important and that they just don't need Him. He has been shoved to the side. This is God's world and you can believe that He is carefully watching the actions of man. Pray. Pray daily for an end of this insanity. During Lent, we can all find inner peace in meditation and prayer with Our Lord and His Blessed Mother.