

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for May 2nd – 10th

Sat. 2 nd 9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of the Furrey Family
Sun. 3 rd 10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon. 4 th 9:00 a.m.	Pope Francis and all holy priests
Tues. 5 th 9:00 a.m.	Medical workers, emergency responders, and their families
Wed. 6 th 9:00 a.m.	Sick and Homebound of our community
Thurs. 7 th 9:00 a.m.	Fr. Charles Caserta
Fri. 8 th 9:00 a.m.	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Sat. 9 th 9:00 a.m.	Martha Copenhaver
Sun. 10 th 10:30 a.m.	Parishioners

We will no longer have Mass in public at any of our churches. Fr. David will offer Mass every day in private to fulfill the Mass intentions.

You can view Mass on-line at EWTN.org

Fr. David will live-stream daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. and one Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. via the Catholic Community of Preble County Facebook page.

Welcome to Online Giving

We are so grateful to continue receiving weekly/monthly offering gifts. Please remember envelopes may be sent by mail to the parish office (407 East Main Street / Eaton, OH 45320), or you may easily give online at preblecountycatholics.org/donate

In a few simple steps, you can set up an automatic recurring gift, and specify when and how often you'd like to give online. Also, you can select which parish you would like the donation to go towards and indicate your envelope # (if known).

Please see these beneficial options for enduring this time as it will greatly help continue the mission and work of our Preble County Catholic Region.

ALL PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED

Join us in prayer--Even though the growing threat of COVID19 has many of us staying in our homes, that doesn't mean we have to pray alone. The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary daily, from our homes at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Knights will take up the Rosary and raise our voices to God. Wherever you are, you know that at those hours, somewhere a Knight is praying with you. We will continue praying with you until the Archbishop sounds the "all-clear" and it is safe for us to gather together again in prayer.

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through mail and online donations.

Visitation Mail Online Total

March 2020 13,409 1,010 14,419

April 2020 12,180 2,320 14,500

Average monthly donations (7/19 – 2/20) \$14,124

St John Mail Online Total

March 2020 3,307 40 3,347

April 2020 2,005 870 2,875

Average monthly donations (7/19 – 2/20) \$4,642

St Mary Mail Online Total

March 2020 3,364 225 3,589

April 2020 1,000 775 1,775

Average monthly donations (7/19 – 2/20) \$4,872

Even if no donations are received during remainder of shutdown, funds in bank accounts are sufficient to cover routine operating costs for 4 months for Visitation, 6 months for St John, and 20 months for St Mary. In addition, each parish has substantial savings invested with the Archdiocese that are available if needed.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Friends in Christ,

I just wanted to highlight a few things that have happened in the last month while we were all staying home and "distancing" from one another.

At St. Mary Church in Camden, we have put a new extended concrete parking pad near the handicap entrance for a more safe and easy access for all parishioners. We have also removed four large sugar maple trees in the front of the church because they were dead and hollow in the middle (definitely a risk if they would've fallen on our church building).

At Visitation of BVM Church, we have sanded every pew, refinished them, and cleaned most every surface. A huge thank you belongs to Dianna and Mark Metzger (and family) for their great work. We have also cleaned the carpet and both piano and organ are in the music area in the back of Church. This will open up the sanctuary for more space and place the baptismal font up front for baptisms in the future. I look forward to discussing with choir members (after we are free and clear of COVID-19) about what the music ministry will look like in the future.

At St. John Church, there have been no major projects begun over this pandemic closure besides replacing the spigot for the Holy Water dispenser.

I am so grateful for your continued prayers, support, and generosity. The can food drive was a huge success and each local food bank (Eaton / West Alexandria / New Paris) were so appreciative. You can see a snapshot of our collection amounts for April and some financial planning for the months ahead should anything more serious take place. Your continued donations always go to help our buildings remain beautiful and pay for the hard work and dedication of all our wonderful staff. The parish staff have limited hours but are working from home and planning for when we can all be together again. A special thank you goes to our "church cleaners" on staff at each church that will be called upon in this time to disinfect our churches when we reopen a little more.

In other news, we have a seminarian (someone studying for the priesthood) named Max Travis staying with us for this summer of 2020. Please pray for him as he still has five more years of studying before becoming a priest.

We also are moving forward with our new Mass times that we had scheduled to go into effect on this weekend of May 2 & 3. Therefore, when we return to public Masses (May 30th is the plan), we will be following the new times for Mass. I will schedule one last 7pm Mass at St John for all of

of those who attend at that Mass will have a chance to say goodbye to that Mass time. Details and date are TBD at this moment. (Reminder: New Mass times are on the front of the bulletin)

I would also like to reopen our Churches for a select number of people every week for an hour in the evening for Adoration and Prayer every weekday until May 29. Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm and Wed. from 4:00-5:00pm on the following weekly schedule: Mon. & Wed. at Visitation / Tues. at St John / Thurs. at St Mary. I have a signup genius going to all the emails we have in our database for you to sign up. I will also have it linked on the homepage of our website: <preblecountycatholics.org> I also have three spots for those without the internet and would've liked to sign up. These three spots are given to the first three that call for each date available. If a family of five wanted to signup then fill in five slots on the signup genius form. The COVID-19 virus is still with us and we need to be careful. So, while we reopen a little in May, we will also follow the guidelines from Governor DeWine that only 10 people are allowed to gather, wearing Masks at the Holy Hour is strongly suggested, hand sanitizer available upon entry, and social distancing throughout each church needs to take place. Thorough cleaning and disinfecting each Church will take place after every time of prayer and ready for the next evening.

God Bless and know of my prayers,

Fr David Doseck

St. Anne's Sodality Scholarship

St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation will be presenting \$1000 in scholarship funds to a worthy student, not just a new high school graduate, but for any woman of any age who is furthering her education. Application guidelines will be available on the website. Applications must be submitted by May 11.

K of C Super Cash Bonanza Raffle—Mike Quinn and Joe Cost would like to thank fellow Knights for a successful 1st phase to the Super Cash Bonanza. Due to the COVID-19 response, ***the 2nd and final phase has been pushed out to June 12***, to allow for more time to turn in tickets. If you need more tickets, call Joe Cost at (937) 307-8688. Vivat Jesu!