

*March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent*

MASS INTENTIONS
First Sunday of Lent
Saturday, February 29, 2020
4:30 pm – John Dusl

St. Mary Life Teen Core

Sunday, March 1, 2020
8:00 am – Felix Diaz
10:00 am – Bob Lampman
12:00 noon – Rosemary McCall

*Joan Shively
Ken & Helen Seufer
Dave & Mindy McCall*

Monday, March 2, 2020
7:30 am – Eileen Morgan

Larry Morgan

Tuesday, March 3, 2020
7:30 am – Jamie Pertz

The Pertz & Corrigan Families

Wednesday, March 4, 2020
7:30 am – Travis Morgan

Larry Morgan

Thursday, March 5, 2020
7:30 am – The intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners

Friday, March 6, 2020
7:30 am – Gordy Petersen
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Deep Springs Trout Club

Second Sunday of Lent
Saturday, March 7, 2020
4:30 pm – Norma Kangas

Lucia Braca

Sunday, March 8, 2020
8:00 am – Shirley M. Badner
10:00 am – Katie Turk
12:00 noon – Norma & Carl Kangas

*Dave & Debbie Linn
Mike & Claudia Turk
Phyllis & Pete Heidinger*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Michael Anderson	Liberty Mosher
Janet Aughinbaugh	Sam Plants
Dottie Bauman	Richard Rakovan
Paul Bauman	Dale Roby
Laurie Bertke-Manahan	Nora Rodriguez
John Bowyer	Mark Shoag
Katy Brent	Helen Skoch
Doug Campbell	Joey Tromba
Jim Carlson	Robert Van Curran
Nathan Cole	Chantel Vargo
Sr. Mary Cora	Crystol Vecchio
Gloria Coury	Larry Vollman
Grace DiDomenico	Lauren Watts
Stephanie Divoky	Jace White
Patrica Fedorko	Charlette Whiting
Ron Gady	
Rudy Gerlica	
Roy Hopkins	
Joseph Kipp	
Gary Kolesar	
William Lang	
Betsy LeBlanc	
Gary LeBlanc	
Nicholas LeBlanc	
Sr. Joesetta Marie Livignano	
Marianne LoCastro	
Gail Moriarty	

Additions or Deletions
Please contact the
Parish Office at
285-7051.

Weekly Collection

RSC Sunday, February 23, 2020 \$11,510.16 (338 donors)
Weekly Budget \$19,000.00
Weekly Contributions \$1,352.00 (41 donors)
SVDP \$485.00
Children's Envelopes -0-
Adopt-A-Student -0-



Pray for those who have died.
Anthony Fatica, husband of Anna
Richard Conroy, husband of Fran

WOW NEWS: Ladies, please join us at our next WOW meeting on Saturday, March 14 at 9:15 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. Afterwards, we will continue our book discussion on St. Teresa. Also, looking ahead, please mark your calendars for our WOW spring retreat to be held on Saturday, May 16. Have a blessed Lent!



Friendship Breakfast will be held this Sunday, March 1, 2020 following the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Please join us for coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship.

Meetings this Week

Mon. 3/2	Learning Circle	9:30 a.m.	CR
	Be My Witness	1:00 p.m.	CR
	RCIA	6:30 p.m.	HR
	PSR	6:15 p.m.	Clrms,SL,Caf.,ABC
	Parish Mission	7:00 p.m.	Ch
Tues. 3/3	Weight Watchers	5:00 p.m.	ABC
	12 step mtg.	6:30 p.m.	CR
	Parish Mission	7:00 p.m.	Ch
	Knight of Columbus	7:30 p.m.	ABC
Wed. 3/4	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	CR
	Parish Mission	7:00 p.m.	Ch
	Heroin Annon.	7:30 p.m.	HR
Thurs. 3/5	Be My Witness	1:00 p.m.	CR
	PreCana	6:30 p.m.	ABC
	Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m.	Caf.
Fri. 3/6	Fish Fry	4:00 p.m.	BR,Caf.
	Fish Fry Child Care	4:00 p.m.	SL
	Video Group	7:00 p.m.	CR
Sat. 3/7	PSR Spirit Day Retreat	8:30 a.m.	BR,Caf.,ABC
Sun. 3/8	Bloodmobile	8:00 a.m.	Bus in the Parking lot
	PSR Spirit Day	8:30 a.m.	BR,Caf.,ABC
	Life Teen	6:00 p.m.	ABC
	PSR	6:30 p.m.	Clsm.,SL,Caf.,ABC

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This week, St. Mary Parish is hosting a three night, Lenten Mission. Catholic evangelist Tim Staples from *Catholic Answers* will be speaking in the Church on Monday, March 2nd, Tuesday, March 3rd and Wednesday, March 4th. Each evening's presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tim will be speaking on the following subjects:

Evening #1: Why Be Catholic (part 1)

Evening #2: Why Be Catholic (part 2)

Evening #3: Catholics and the Culture Wars

Tim Staples is Director of Apologetics and Evangelization...at Catholic Answers, but he was not always Catholic. Tim was raised a Southern Baptist. Although he fell away from the faith of his childhood, Tim came back to faith in Christ during his late teen years through the witness of Christian televangelists. Soon after, Tim joined the Marine Corps.

During his four-year tour, he became involved in ministry with various Assemblies of God communities. Immediately after his tour of duty, Tim enrolled in Jimmy Swaggart Bible College and became a youth minister in an Assembly of God community. During his final year in the Marines, however, Tim met a Marine who really knew his faith and challenged Tim to study Catholicism from Catholic and historical sources. That encounter sparked a two-year search for the truth. Tim was determined to prove Catholicism wrong, but he ended up studying his way to the last place he thought he would ever end up: The Catholic Church!

He converted to Catholicism in 1988 and spent the following six years in formation for the priesthood, earning a degree in philosophy from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, Pennsylvania. He then studied theology on a graduate level at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, for two years. Realizing that his calling was not to the priesthood, Tim left the seminary in 1994 and has been working in Catholic apologetics and evangelization ever since. (<https://www.catholic.com/profile/tim-staples>)

Please join us for what promises to be a powerful Lenten mission. May God bless you and your loved ones with a spiritually enriching Lenten season.

Fr. Dan Redmond



Bakery & Snacks Needed For Parish Mission:

We are excited to be hosting Tim Staples from Catholic Answers for our Parish Mission on March 2, 3, and 4 at 7:00 pm in the church. We are in need of hand held bakery and snack foods for the hospitality following each night's presentation. Items can be left in the Hospitality Room or in the Banquet Room. Questions call Michaela Boehnlein 440-286-8879.



Please note: Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on Wednesday, March 4, from 9-11:00 am. All are welcome to read and study God's Word. Please come join us!



PSR Home School Reminder - Grade 8

Second semester home school materials are due March 8 for 8th grade students. Please return your materials in the box marked "PSR Home Study Material Pick-up & Return" found in the Community Room adjacent to the church.



Confirmation Spirit Day Retreat

As a reminder, Confirmation Spirit Day Retreat dates are March 7 and March 8 (depending on your specified date).

Students are to report in the school lobby at 9 a.m. The day concludes at 5:30 p.m. Each day ends with 4:30 mass, parents are welcome to attend mass. Any concerns, call the PSR office at 286-6531.



Life Teen is held on Sundays, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Life Teen is for those in 9th through 12th grade, so please plan on coming to Life Teen to see what it is all about. We meet every Sunday in the cafeteria, and dinner is provided starting at 6 p.m. Lastly, if anyone has any questions about donating food gift cards, donating a meal or becoming a Core member, please contact Chris and Sherry Loxterman at lifeteen@stmarychardon.org.

Thank you for supporting Life! Sincerely, Sherry and Chris Loxterman and the entire Core Team.



Prayer Shawl The Prayer Shawl will meet this Sunday, March 1st directly after the noon mass in the Community Room. If you know how to knit or crochet we welcome you to join our ministry, it is very rewarding. First Holy Communion is right around the corner, if you would like a girl's poncho created please complete the Poncho Request Form located next to the registry book on the brown cabinets. Prayer Shawls are located in the Community Room, please help yourself to a shawl for those in need or as a gift of celebration. Remember to sign the registry if you would like us to pray for the recipient of the shawl.

Prayer Basket



Please pray for our Confirmandi and First Communicants. There is a basket in the church gathering space with the candidates' names.

Please select the name of a candidate to pray for as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Confirmation is April 20th and First Holy Communion is May 2nd.



A Few Good Voices--the Sunday noon Mass choir is looking for adults 18 and over who have singing/choir experience and would like to join us. Please stop by after noon Mass for more info or call Alex Ulle, pianist/director at 440-463-3632.



Baby Shower for Birthright Geauga -

The St. Mary Knights of Columbus will be collecting new baby shower items over two upcoming weekends. The collection will begin the weekend of Feb. 29 and March 1 and conclude the weekend of March 7-8.

Birthright Geauga is in need of blankets, Dreft or other mild infant formula laundry detergent, infant toiletries, wipes, diapers (especially sizes 3-6), diaper bags, and unopened, non-expired baby food and formula (Gerber Soothe formula preferred). New or gently used maternity clothes, children's clothing (newborn - 6T), children's boots, jackets, and coats are also welcome. Please place your items in the Knights of Columbus Baby Shower cribs located in the church gathering space during this time frame. They will be distributed to the agency the week of March 8. Thank you in advance for your generous donations to this worthy cause. The Knights will also be distributing Novena to End Abortion prayers at all masses the weekend of February 29 and March 1.



Word of Life: "[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (The Gospel of Life 5)



American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has a critical shortage of blood and urgently needs donors of all blood types - especially type O. Right now there is less than a 3 day supply of both O negative and O positive blood types. Severe winter weather and seasonal illnesses make it even more difficult to maintain a sufficient blood supply. Please consider giving the gift of life at the Blood drive here at St. Mary on Sunday, March 8th. The bloodmobile bus will be parked in the back parking lot from 8:00am until 2:00pm.



Planning now for summer fun!

June 22-26

Rocky Railway

St. Mary's Catholic
Vacation Bible School

Planning is beginning for teachers, station leaders, crafts, and decorations!
Would you like to help??

Contact Judi Parker jparker@stmarychardon.org



Empty Nesters:

Come join us on Thursday, March 12th for our annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration at 5:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. RSVP's are necessary. We need volunteers to make corned beef and cabbage. Please bring either an appetizer or dessert to share. (Turn in your receipt to be reimbursed for the cost of the meat.) Non-members cost is \$5 per person. Members can pay their dues on this evening. Call Peggy at 440-724-1866 or Joe at 440-821-1926 to make your reservations.



50+ Social will meet on Monday, March 16 at 12:00 noon in the ABC Room. Sandy McLeod will speak on Ireland and customs. Corned beef sliders will be served. Dues will still be collected. Desserts, prizes and new members welcomed. For information contact Dolores Hissom at 286-9836.



Legacy Giving

Please contact St. Mary Parish, Fr. Dan Redmond at 440-285-7051 for further information.



Lenten Almsgiving: A Request from the Hands United in Hope & Love Ministry

The Hands United in Hope & Love Ministry prayerfully asks for your continued spiritual and financial support of our growing global outreach to our friends in Christ in Nicaragua.

Inspired by our meeting with the new Bishop of León, Rene Socrates Sandigo Jiron, the primary focus of this year's Lenten Almsgiving is to assist the poorest of the poor, in the struggling parish community of The Divine Child Jesus in El Viejo, Nicaragua. Your generosity will provide funds to purchase supplies needed for our mission team to work hand-in-hand with Padre Roger's parishioners later this year to make repairs to his rectory and school. In addition, we hope to purchase additional Spanish-language Bibles for the children of Chacraseca and to assist Padre Tomás with the ever-growing challenge of keeping his school open in a difficult economy.

Please keep our partnership and the success of the mission trip in your prayers during this Lenten season.

For those interested in making an Almsgiving donation, envelopes will be located at the end of each pew throughout Lent. Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated. We also ask that you prayerfully consider taking a leap of faith and joining the next mission trip in late November 2020. For details, please contact Dale George at maridalegeo@msn.com or 440-343-0329.

Once again, let's show our friends in Nicaragua that we are with them – that our hands and hearts are truly united in hope and love.



St. Mary's Fish Fry
Fridays in Lent 4:30-7:00pm
February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27,
April 3



All Proceeds Benefit St. Mary's School "Adopt a Student" Tuition Assistance Fund

Tradition
Community
Fellowship
Support
Spirit

Information:
Mike Boehnlein
440-286-8879

All You Can Eat Buffet
St. Mary's Banquet Room
Pricing for Dine In Guests
Adults: \$13, Children 6-12: \$6, Age 5 and under eat free!

Dine In Menu Includes:
Beer Battered Cod, Baked Cod, Breaded Shrimp,
Weekly Soup Special, Vegetables du Jour, Pizza, French Fries,
Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Pierogies, Salad Bar,
Cabbage and Noodles, House Made Rolls, Soft Drinks,
A la Carte Homemade Dessert Table (additional \$1)

Carryout Pricing
Adult Dinner: \$12, Children 6-12: \$5
Includes: Entre and Sides, 1 Salad Bar Item, Roll and Butter
Children age 5 and under pick 2 items free!

*Share with
your
Community:*

*Donate to
"The Loaves
and Fish
Fund"
Lenten meals
for those who
can least
afford it.*

Desserts for the Fish Fry

The wonderful desserts that are a part of the Lenten Fish Fries have always come courtesy of the parishioners of St. Mary. Once again, we are asking the parishioners to donate a dessert to one of the Fish Fries during Lent. The listing is setup according to first letter of each parishioner last name:



Last Name ~ A to I (March 20)
Last Name ~ J to Q (March 6-March 27)
Last Name ~ R to Z (March 13-April 3)



Desserts can be dropped off in the cafeteria after school or by 4:00 p.m. on the one of the days listed for the your last name. Please put your name and phone number on any dishes that may come with the desserts so that they can be returned to you.

Thank you in advance for contributing something delicious to this year's Lenten Fish Fries.



St. Mary Chardon's Annual Fish Fry Needs Volunteers: Our fish fry has grown and become one of the most popular in our area. We are thankful to have many wonderful volunteers who help each year, but are in need of additional help. Please contact us at cgraham1@roadrunner.com if you are able to join us. Thank you.

Community News



Catholic Renewal Ministries will host an Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference on Friday and Saturday, March 6 & 7, 2020. Neal and Janet Lozano will be here in Cleveland to present the conference sessions. Unbound is a ministry of freedom and healing that helps us to release the Power of the Gospel into our lives. The conference involves times of prayer and worship, insightful teaching, and personal ministry. The conference will equip you to cooperate with God to overcome habitual sin, addictions, negative thoughts, resentments, and other spiritual difficulties. February 10th is the deadline for the discounted advance registration. Registration will close on February 25th. Plan to register early since space is limited. Registration for the two day conference will be \$75 per person for registrations postmarked by February 10th. Late registrations is \$90 postmarked by February 25th. There will be NO registration at the door. More registration, location, and schedule details and PayPal registration are available at crmweb.org. For any questions, please call CRM at 440-944-9445, or Marge Zampino at 216-990-0919; or email CRMUnboundConference@gmail.com.



Joseph House Clothing Bank Seeks Volunteers

Joseph House is a ministry serving refugees and others in need in the St. Clair/ Superior neighborhood of Cleveland. It is a collaboration between

Divine Word Parish in Kirtland and three Cleveland parishes- St. Vitus, St. Paul Croatian and Immaculate Conception. We are seeking volunteers to help at the clothing bank on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10:45 am- 1:00 pm. This is a fun and rewarding way to directly help some of our most vulnerable neighbors. If you can help, even occasionally, please call Joan Laux at 440-376-7800 or Sharon O'Flaherty at 440-974-3764. Learn more about us at josephhouseofcleveland.org.



The next **Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend** is scheduled for March 27 – 29, 2020. This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.



Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group, designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated, will begin Thursday,

evenings, through March 5, 2020, at St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor from 7- 9 pm. It's not too late to join! Sessions are designed to offer direction, support, and the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. For more information or to register, please call Catholic Charities at 352-6191 or 1-800-242-9755, or email kjubeck@st-gabriel.org. There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER – A new support group for caregivers of those with dementia and alzheimer's will begin at St. Helen's. We will meet in the gathering space on Saturday morning March 14th, immediately after 8:00 Mass. This group will meet once a month and is a "faith-based group." Please pass the word to anyone you know caring for a loved one.

Any questions, please feel free to call Carol Joyce at 216-978-1911.



Kiwanis Club of West Geauga 67th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

Please join us for ALL YOU CAN EAT Blueberry, Buttermilk, Chocolate Chip or Buckwheat

Pancakes, French Toast and Sausage Patties. Geauga County Maple Syrup. Breakfast includes: Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice, Chocolate Milk, White Milk or Water.

When: Sundays March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd Time: Breakfast is served between 8:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Price \$ 9.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6 to 11, children 5 and under are free. Where: West Geauga High School 13401 Chillicothe Road Chesterland, OH ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



Growing Through Grief Bereavement Support Program St. Gabriel Parish.

Have you been grieving for a year or longer and still don't feel like you're coping any better? Do you feel like you are walking alone and no

one understands what you are feeling? If the answer is yes, please join us! This program offers suggestions for working through the stages of grief and finding ways to continue on. It provides an opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings in an environment of understanding and empathy. These sessions will be Tues. evenings, March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 & 14. They will be held in the Religious Education Office in St. Gabriel School from 7:00—8:30 p.m. You do not have to attend all sessions. For more information, please call Eileen at 440-255-1447.