Saint Mary’s Catholic Church
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Parish Mission Statement
St. Mary's 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.

St. Mary’s Parish Staff
Reverend John P. Singler, Pastor
Reverend Max Cole, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Thomas J. Grasson
Mrs. Ruth Novak, Music Director
Mr. Larry Roetzer, Religious Education Coordinator
Mrs. Diana Lipfird, Homebound Coordinator
Mrs. Barbara Goebel, Spiritual Ministries

Parish Office Staff
Ms. Eileen Staab
Mrs. Janel Abraham
Mrs. Lorri Masie

St. Mary’s School Staff
Mr. Andrew Carner, Principal
Mrs. Sandi Ziegler, Program Coordinator

School Office Staff
Mrs. Nancy Whelan
Mrs. Mary Beth Hennessy

St. Mary’s Religious Education Staff
Mr. Larry Roetzer, Coordinator

St. Mary’s 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: 1st & 3rd Sunday after 11:30am Mass
Reconciliations: Saturdays 3-3:30pm
Seasonal Celebrations
Marriage: Contact Parish Office
Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office
Seasonal Celebration
Communion Calls: Contact Parish Office
Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All the readings today have a strong eschatological (end times) emphasis. As the liturgical year comes to a close, we are reminded that we continue to await Jesus’ return and the final judgment.

Last Sunday we were reminded of our stewardship to acclaim and care for the gifts and talents we have received and to use these gifts and talents for the benefit of all. Servant # 3 failed miserably at his obligation.

Today’s judgment themed readings remind us to truly tend to each other as Christ tends to us. The image of God as shepherd is in one sense a very tender one, but the shepherd also has the role of judging “between one sheep and another.” So we ask, “Have we closely modeled ourselves on God’s way of acting, seeking out the lost by feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty? Have we conducted ourselves in a way that would identify us as members of God’s flock?”

We desire eternal life, but our duty is to make that desire real in our words and deeds, thoughts and actions, now!

A Fond Farewell

The Parish, Staff and School Administration will bid a fond farewell next week to Ms. Eileen Staab. Eileen has been a long-time professional staff member here at St. Mary’s for more than twenty years. Among her many “assignments” over the years, Eileen has been the amiable voice on the phone, carefully managed the PSR office, and served Fr. Garrity as his personal secretary. In addition, Eileen has masterfully prepared and published the Parish Bulletin for many of her twenty years, created numerous publications and letters, all the while controlling the daily clerical tasks, all with great cheerfulness and a kindly presence. It is that presence that will be greatly missed, as Eileen has been a most indispensable employee and indeed, a friend to all of us.

May you be wonderfully blessed in your years ahead, Eileen, as we bid you a fond farewell! Using a little bit of Latin, “ad multos annos!” Congratulations for many years ahead!

Wow!! Kudos and Thanks to all who helped strip wax, scrub, polish and buff the Fr. Garrity Center floor last Saturday! It looks AMAZING. Thanks especially to Fr. Max, who ran a tough crew, along with our terrific Athletic Commission Board Members and Coaches and their children! Everyone did a FANTASTIC job! That’s great stewardship! Thank you to each and every one and to SO many who step up and step out to make our Parish Family so wonderful! Indeed we have MUCH to be thankful for this Season!

And thank you for your continued generosity in the Sunday offering. We are blessed, indeed!

Fr. John Singler
Monday         November 24       St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 14:1-3,4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 (503)
9:00 am Helen & Angelo DeCaro                           Mary Ferrante
Tuesday          November 25                    Weekday
Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 (504)
9:00 am Tom Toddy                                                  Carol Mazer
Wednesday     November 26                                   Weekday
Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19 (505)
9:00 am Stan Olszewski                                              Sue Spahr
Thursday         November 27                   Thanksgiving Day
Sir 50:22-24/Lk 17:11-19 (684A)
9:30 am Sonny Laubert                                                      Family
Friday              November 28                                                  Weekday
9:00 am Charles Kinney                                              Family
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Hours
Saturday          November 29                    Weekday
Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 (508)
4:00 pm Louis & Catherine Konarski                             Daughter
Sunday            November 30                          First Sunday of Advent
2 Is 63:16-17,19;64:2-7/Mk 13:33-37 (2)
7:30 am Katherine Hill                                      Tim & Vicki Follen
9:30 am Neil & Joann Doutt                    Ann Youmans & Family
11:30 am Michael Hama                                      Wife & Family
Confirmation with Bishop Lennon

Evening Prayer Liturgy of the Hours

Pray with the Church, for the Church. We will meet this Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel for Exposition and Evening Prayer Liturgy of the Hours. Come and join us in the solemn prayer established by the Church. Prayer booklets provided.

Homebound Ministry

Our Homebound Parishioners are very important to us and we want to make sure their spiritual needs are being met. If you or a friend or family member are homebound and unable to attend Mass, we would like to bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Please call Diana Lipfird, the Homebound Parishioner Coordinator, at 532-9491 or e-mail her at dlipfird@gmail.com. We will set up a time and day for the Extraordinary Minister to visit that best fits your schedule. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and would like to be part of our team of taking Communion to the homebound, please call Diana at 440-532-9491.

Anniversary Wishes

St. Mary’s extends anniversary wishes and many blessings to couples who will be celebrating their “special day” in November:

- Ray and Linda Salsgiver—44th Wedding Anniversary—11/6
- Dr. Jesus and Carolyn Ramon—49th Wedding Anniversary—11/6
- Tim and Cheryl Meehan—43rd Wedding Anniversary—11/6
- Ron and Marita Kontur—40th Wedding Anniversary—11/15
- Mary Ellen and Mike Nichols—47th Wedding Anniversary—11/18
- Paulette & Tom Flandera—44th Wedding Anniversary—11/21

If you will be having an anniversary in November and would like your names listed in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 243-3877 and your names will be included in the announcements.

Mass at Cathedral of St. John

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA provides the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces wherever they serve, no matter the circumstances. On Saturday, November 29th, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., will celebrate the 4:30 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Cleveland (located at Superior Avenue and East Ninth) to pray for world peace. All are welcome to attend. Following the Mass, a Benefit Reception will be held at the English Oak Room at Tower City Center, 230 West Huron Road, #7273, in Cleveland. For tickets and additional information, please visit www.milarch.org/events.
**In Your Charity**

In your charity, please remember the repose of the souls of Donna Rego, Rose Kundmueller, mother of Joan Satow; and Irene Boyle. May they rest in eternal peace.

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**Quiet Prayer**

Tuesday’s Quiet Prayer will begin at 12:30 pm in the Chapel with 20 minutes of Contemplative Prayer. This will be followed by a CD by Fr. Georgon on living a contemplative life in the world of today. Come and see if the Lord might be calling you to this kind of prayer.

**Fair Trade Shopping Boutique**

“Gifts that make the world a better place”

St. Joseph Church is sponsoring a Fair Trade Shopping Boutique with the theme “Shop Locally, Help Globally.” Come and shop for beautiful handicrafts, clothing, drinks, and chocolate from around the world. What is Fair Trade? Fair Trade is a business model that ensures equitable compensation for workers in impoverished areas. Fair Trade promotes the dignity and safety of workers, as well as methods of production that help sustain the environment. The event is Sunday, November 23rd from 8:00 am-2:00 pm in the Holy Family Center, adjacent to the church vestibule. St. Joseph’s is located at 12700 Pearl Road in Strongsville. For more information, please call 243-2203. Plan to start your Christmas shopping with “gifts that make the world a better place”.

**Parish Events**

**Sunday, November 23rd**

- 1:00 pm—(Church) Confirmation Practice
- 5:00 pm—(FG Ctr) Volleyball Banquet

**Monday, November 24th**

- 9:30 am—(Chapel) Rosary
- 7:15 pm—(Chapel) Rosary

**Tuesday, November 25th**

- 9:30 am—(Chapel) Rosary
- 11:00 am—(Chapel) Bible Study
- 12:30 pm—(Chapel) Quiet Prayer
- 7:00 pm—(Chapel) Bible Study
- 7:00 pm—(Chapel) Traditional Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, November 26th**

- 9:30 am—(Chapel) Rosary
- 7:00 pm—(Chapel) Evening Prayer/Exposition

**Thursday, November 27th—Happy Thanksgiving**

- 9:30 am—(Church) Mass

**Friday, November 28th**

- 9:30 am—(Chapel) Rosary

**Saturday, November 29th**

- 3:00 pm—(Church) Confessions

**Ministry Schedules**

**Ministry Schedule for Thanksgiving and the First Sunday of Advent—November 29th & 30th**

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<td>(L) Kristen Waters (C) ——</td>
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| **First Sunday of Advent** |       |                                           |                              |
| 4:00 pm      | (L) T. Morgan (C) S. Hritz | (H) M. Olsen, G. Butcher, S. Lewis (C) S. Butcher, M. E. Nichols, E. Robertson, R. Heitz | S., C., T. Jablonski |

| 7:30 am      | (L) M. Dole (C) M. Juba | (H) D. Lipfird, R. Koehl, B. Cashman (C) L. Durica, F. Sliwa, K. Dorsey, N. Picard | E. Southworth, N. Beck, C. Zielinski |

| 9:30 am      | (L) D. Canepari (C) M. Columbro | (H) G. & J. Irvin, K. Kljun (C) K. & B. Laneve, S. & C. Scanlon | H. McArdle, K. & J. Vlcek |

| 11:30 am     | (L) K. Zanotti (C) J. Klueber | (H) C. Rose, A. Chernosky, M. Dober (C) V. Dober, L. Sullivan, R. Straub | J. & M. Dober, J. Ludwick |
This past Veterans Day, November 11th, Mr. Winner went into our Second Grade classrooms to share some of his experiences of being in the Air Force during his time of duty. He answered questions and also demonstrated the proper way to handle the American flag. The students appreciated Mr. Winner taking time out of his day to share his experiences with them. To all of our Veterans, thank you for your sacrifices.

This past Sunday, the 16th, the SMS PTO hosted their Eighth Annual Mother-Daughter-Grandmother-Aunt-Tea at Columbia Hills Country Club. Over 140 participants enjoyed a light lunch with dessert and the camaraderie of family and friends in a beautiful setting. A very special “thank you” to Mrs. Kay Leonard and Mrs. Maureen Leonard for coordinating such a lovely event for everyone. This was truly a lovely way to start the holiday season!

Students in grades 3-8 participated in Reconciliation at school on the 21st. A number of local priests assisted Fr. John and Fr. Max administer this sacrament to our students. Reconciliation was held in the school gym. Lights were dimmed and reflective music was playing to help transform the gym into a reverent setting.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

Monday, 11/24/14    Scholastic Book Fair
Parent/Teacher Conferences
No School for Students

Tuesday-Friday, 11/24-28  Thanksgiving Break

Saturday,12/06/14  Light Up Berea Parade

**Family Perspectives**

To whom much is given, much is expected. In today’s gospel Jesus tells us that we much share our abundance with “the least”...the stranger, the prisoner, the hungry and the homeless. As we gather to give thanks this week, we must also ask ourselves how well we share with “the least”. Happiness is secured not by having but through sharing. Eternal happiness through sharing with the least.
Music Ministry and Liturgy Notes

By Ruth Novak
Director of Music and Liturgical Ministries

HALLELUJAH CHORUS and more

This Tuesday from 7 to 7:50 pm in the church, we will be practicing primarily the Hallelujah Chorus for singing on Christmas Eve at the end of the 10 pm Mass. If any of you would like to sing along, even if you can’t climb the stairs to the loft, please let me know. We could practice from downstairs in the pews – but I would like to know in advance if any have that need.

NEXT REHEARSAL FOR:

Youth Choir - (none this week) Tuesday, December 2 from 6-7 pm;

Traditional Choir - Tuesday, November 25 from 7-7:50 pm for Christmas, then 8-9:00 pm for Confirmation;

Contemporary Ensemble - Tuesday, November 25 from 8-9 pm along with the Traditional Choir to prepare for the Confirmation Mass. All rehearsals will be held in the choir loft. Please call Music Ministry Office for more information: 243-3877, ext. 27.
CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL GIFT

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Donor: __________________________________________

Telephone: ______________________ Donation Amount __________________________

Please indicate: Check # __________ or Cash __________

In Memory of: ____________________________________________________________________________

Donor and memorial names will be printed in the bulletin. Your donation of any amount will help defray the cost of maintaining a beautiful Christmas Season when we celebrate the Birth of Our Savior.

Please return this slip to the Parish Office, along with your donation by December 9th, Attn: Christmas Flowers.

Thank you!

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Christmas Giving Tree

The Parish Giving Trees will be up and filled with tags for items and gifts for the needy this Holiday Season. Plans are to have the trees set up in the Sanctuary on November 30th. Please note your wrapped gifts MUST BE RETURNED by Sunday, December 14th.

Should anyone know of a local family—especially with children—who might need help to make this Christmas brighter, please call the Parish Office (243-3877) or Marlene (243-7173) as soon as possible.

Mother Teresa

The coming of Jesus in Bethlehem brought joy to the world and every human heart. The same Jesus comes again and again in our hearts during Holy Communion. He wants to give the same joy and peace. May His coming bring to each one of us that peace and joy which He desires to give. Let us pray much for this grace in our own hearts, our communities and in the Church.

T.G.I.F.F

An inter-parish men’s group will meet at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road in North Olmsted on December 5th for a First Friday luncheon, beginning at 11:30 am. Following the luncheon there will be a talk by Fr. Michael Gurnick from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, titled “Priesthood and the Call for a Fatherly Heart: A Message for All Catholics and concluding with Mass. Cost is $10. Please call George at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, December 2nd to make reservations.

New Parishioners

Welcome to Our New Parishioners …

Miss Karen Ornstein
Welcome to St. Mary’s