

**St. Mary Catholic Church
Delaware, OH**



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Parish Web Site: www.delawarestmary.org

Web Site Additions:

please e-mail to webmaster@delawarestmary.org.

Parish E-mail: delawarestmary@rroho.com

Penance:

Saturday, 3:30-4:10 p.m. (anytime by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the Parish day or night.

Notify the office for visits to the sick and hospitalized.

Baptism:

Infants: Third Sunday of each month; 1:30 p.m.

Baptismal Preparation Program is required.

Call the Parish Office to register for both the Baptismal Program and Baptism.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adults are initiated at the Easter Vigil after participation in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which is a process of prayer and instruction from Fall to Pentecost. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office four to six months before the proposed wedding date.

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Responsorial : Psalm 71

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

*Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety,
for You are my rock and my fortress.*

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS, please contact Louise Herndon at 740-417-0355 (if no answer, please call 740-369-6378).

Times are tough. Rising expenses, home losses, and downsizing have affected many members of the St. Mary Community. Some families are in crisis. Where do they turn?

Call St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary (740-417-3410). One of our roles is to provide emergency services to our Parishioners, always in strict confidence. Call us if you need or someone you know in the Parish needs our assistance. We want to help.



Is Your Stomach Talking?

...Then listen, and stop by the **Pancake Breakfast on February 14th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.** Pancakes, sausage, and juice are only \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children or a family rate. Bring your special Valentine out for breakfast!!



MASSES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, January 30 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Jeff Beitel

SUNDAY, January 31 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. Mary Beth Bellisari

9:00 a.m. Evelyn Meyer

10:45 a.m. Constance Seligman

12:15 p.m. St. Mary Parishioners

5:30 p.m. Intention of Our Latino Community

MONDAY, February 1

5:30 p.m. Andy Gaborcik

TUESDAY, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

5:15 p.m. Rosary

5:30 p.m. Mackenzie Meyers

WEDNESDAY, February 3 – St. Blaise

8:15 a.m. Letitia Brinnon

THURSDAY, February 4 –

St. John Vianney, Universal Patron of Priests

8:15 a.m. Intention of Fr. Black and Fr. Schalk

FRIDAY, February 5 – St. Agatha

8:15 a.m. Martha M. Welch

SATURDAY, February 6 – Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. James Drcek

SUNDAY, February 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Molnar

9:00 a.m. Jeff Beitel

10:45 a.m. Alice Cappel Savage

12:15 p.m. Anastasia Lisa Kopylowicz

6:00 p.m. Intention of Our Youth

Matthew 18:20

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in their midst.”

At the start of each meeting and/or activity:

Read the Bible verse and discussion questions out loud (1 minute).

Spend a moment in quiet reflection (1 minute).

Break into small groups (2 or 3 individuals) to share your thoughts regarding the verse and discussion questions (3 minutes).

January 2010 Bible Verses and Discussion Questions

January 31st – “And he said, ‘Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place...’ When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury” (Luke 4:24, 28).

Have you known anyone who was rejected by their family or friends because of their faith?

Have you ever been discouraged to preach the Gospel when others are unbelieving?

February 2010 Bible Verses and Discussion Questions

February 7th – Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catchers of men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him (Luke 5:10-11).

In what circumstances has Jesus said to you, “Do not be afraid”?

What have you had to leave behind in order to be a better disciple of Jesus?

February 14th – Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied (Luke 6:20-21).

Are there times in your life when you seek wealth above the kingdom of God?

What are you most hungry for?

February 21st – Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil (Luke 4:1-2).

Have there been difficult times in your journey of faith when you felt as if you were in the desert?

When temptation knocks loudly, where do you go for help?

February 28th – Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him” (Luke 9:35).

In what new ways are you listening to Jesus, the chosen Son of God, this Lent?

How are you imitating Jesus this Lent?

The St. Mary Respect Life Committee’s next meeting will be Monday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Teacher’s Lounge. We will be planning our events for this year. New members always welcome!

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**

- 9:00-11:00 a.m. – SVDP Needs Committee Meeting (KH-DR)
 4:30 p.m. – Special Mass to kick off Catholic Schools Week
 Followed by Dedication of the Commons in Memory of Mr. Jeff Beitel
 Following 4:30 p.m. Mass – SCRIP Office OPEN
 (Office Located in the School Commons)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – SCRIP Office OPEN
 (Office Located in the School Commons)
 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Parish Office Open
 9:00 a.m. – RCIA (TL)
 10:15-11:45 a.m. – PSR Eighth Grade Confirmation Class (School)
 10:15-11:45 a.m. – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class
 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Leadership Team Meeting – Mandatory! (KH)
 4:45-6:00 p.m. – PSR Classes
 5:30 p.m. – Spanish Mass
 6:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball (Gym)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 2:15- 4:00 p.m. – Girl Scout Meeting (KH)
 4:00-9:00 p.m. – Basketball Practice (Gym)
 6:15-8:00 p.m. – Respect Life Committee (TL)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – Presentation of the Lord

- 2:30-7:30 p.m. – Basketball Practice (Gym)
 4:45-6:00 p.m. – PSR Classes
 4:45-6:00 p.m. – Second Grade PSR First Communion
 Enrollment (Commons)

- 6:00 p.m.-Midnight – Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
 7:00-9:00 p.m. – RCIA (Commons)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – St. Blaise

- Following 8:15 a.m. Mass – Blessing of Throats (Church)
 9:00-10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study (KH)
 11:00 a.m. – Catholic Schools Week Luncheon (KH)
 2:30-9:00 p.m. – Basketball Practice (Gym)
 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study (School Third Floor)
 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. – Festival Committee Meeting (KH-LR)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 2:30-4:30 p.m. – Living Stations Practice (Church)
 2:30-6:00 p.m. – Make-up Session Altar Server Training – Session III
 (Church)
 2:30-6:15 p.m. – Basketball Practice (Gym)
 7:00 p.m. – School Open House for Kindergarten Students and
 New Families Grades 1-8 (Commons)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 8:30 a.m.-Noon – Parish Office Open
 4:00-9:00 p.m. – Basketball Practice (Gym)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. – SVDP Needs Committee (TL)
 Following 4:30 p.m. Mass – SCRIP Office OPEN
 (Office Located in the School Commons)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – SCRIP Office OPEN
 (Office Located in the School Commons)
 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Parish Office Open
 9:00 a.m. – RCIA (TL)
 10:15-11:45 a.m. – PSR Eighth Grade Confirmation Class (School)
 10:15-11:45 a.m. – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class (School)
 1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration
 3:00 p.m. – Benediction
 4:30-5:45 p.m. – PSR Classes
PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME CHANGE!!!
 6:00 p.m. – Life Teen Mass
 6:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball (Gym)

**Check out these Green Team Happenings!**

The St. Mary Green Team is looking for a parishioner to help us get a monthly green e-newsletter out to our e-mail list – just a simple, one-page e-mail and we will provide most of the content. This volunteer assistance wouldn't take long each month but would be a tremendous help to the team. Please contact Tuesday Trippier at ttrippi@columbus.rr.com.

- New members welcome! Join our next meeting on **Monday, February 8, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** at **Beehive Books** in downtown Delaware. It's fun, casual and all are welcome. Don't have time for yet another meeting? Then just join our e-mail list by contacting the e-mail above... and give us your thoughts and suggestions electronically.
- Don't forget to bring in your batteries for recycling – drop off at the Church or School Office. Thanks!
- Plans are underway for Earth Day – We would like to kick off another green initiative... have some ideas? Let us know!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Marriage and please, don't wait until the last minute. **Registration AND active membership** are also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, which is located in the house east of the church (on the corner of Henry and William Streets). Please use the rear door off the parking lot. **OFFICE HOURS are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. Our Parish Office is also open most Sunday mornings, from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – NEW SUNDAY HOURS (please refer to the weekly calendar).** The Sunday office hours help assist with new parish registrations and help answer any questions you may have. **If you're new to the area, simply have questions or are moving out of town, please feel free to stop by before or after Sunday Masses or anytime during weekday office hours.** Thank you and God Bless.



We are in the midst of celebrating the Year for Priests and we are putting together a "Book of Remembrance" for Fr. Black and Fr. Schalk.



Over the next couple of months, we will be collecting notes/cards from parishioners to create a scrapbook to present to them at the Parish Picnic. Blank note cards are located in the vestibule or you can use your own. Drop off your notes of appreciation to the Parish Office by *March 31, 2010*.

Save the NEW date – Parish Picnic, May 29, 2010. Come commemorate the end of the Year for Priests with food, family and fun! Let's show Fr. Black and Fr. Schalk one more time how much we appreciate them. All parishioners are welcome to assist in planning. Please contact Kathy Scott at tksjscott@yahoo.com.

PSR News (St. Mary Parish School of Religion) 740-369-8228
 Ann Manning, DRE (ammanning@columbus.rr.com)
 Pam Moore, Secretary (pmmoore@columbus.rr.com)
 General PSR e-mail (stmarypsr@columbus.rr.com)

Beginning February 7th, the Sunday evening (only) class times will change by 15 minutes. Classes will go from 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Special note: ALL classroom volunteers must have been fingerprinted and attended a Protecting God's Children session.

School News:

740-362-8961

web site: stmarydelaware.org**Catholic Schools Week –****Dividends for Life: Morals, Faith, Knowledge, Discipline****February 1** Guess the teachers/staff baby pictures**February 3 8:15 a.m.** – Mass Followed by the Blessing of Throats and then Student Awards**February 4 9:00 a.m.** – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
 9:00 a.m. – 2nd grade First Communion Enrollment (Church)
 7th and 8th Grades Speaker: Jason Evert**7:00 p.m.** – Information Meeting for Parents of New Students K-8 in 2010-2011**February 5** Casual Dress – Sundaes for Students
 1:00 p.m. – Gym Staff vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Match**School Year 2010-2011 Information Meeting for Kindergarten and New Students****Thursday, February 4, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. – School Commons**

Please mark your calendar to attend this meeting for parents interested in enrolling their children for the school year 2010-2011. Information packets with registration forms, requirements, and time line will be available along with staff to answer any questions you may have. ****Not necessary for children to be present.**

ST. MARY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2010-11 begins... Catholic Schools Week – Thursday, February 4th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the School Commons. If you have questions, you may e-mail: stmarypreschoolde1@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL HEALING MASS: On **Sunday, February 14, 2010**, we will celebrate our Annual Healing Mass at **3:00 p.m.** ALL who feel the need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing are welcome to attend and be anointed. Caregivers and members of Health Services are also invited and will receive a special blessing. This Mass was moved from October to coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11) so that we might plead her special intercession. If transportation is needed, please call Tina Cooney at the Parish Office (363-4641, ext. 111).



Life Teen (Grades 8-12)

LIFE TEEN MASSES – First and Third Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. through May 2010.
Sunday, January 31



4:00-5:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting (KH). Mandatory!
Senior High Youth Ministry Service and Spiritual Opportunities Coming Up...

† Adoration, Tuesday nights, 6:00 p.m. till midnight
Additional information posted on our web site under "Faith Formation"

T.A.G. and Summit – Next Event on February 13, 2010!
Bring your friends and be sure to join us on February 13, 2010, for our upcoming event!

T.A.G. Youth Group Tweens and God

3rd and 4th Grades, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Cost: \$3.00 (includes pizza and drink)

Summit Youth Group

5th, 6th and 7th Grades, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00 (includes two tickets to snack bar)

Questions? Contact Maria Vonada (740-362-2246 or vonada@vonadatech.com) or Michele Himes (740-657-1509 or mhimes@insight.rr.com).

Looking ahead...

Ash Wednesday – February 17, 2010
Masses and Distribution of Ashes
8:15 a.m. (All-School Mass) – 12:00 p.m. –
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



A sign -up sheet is posted in the vestibule for all Ministries.

LENT BY CANDLELIGHT

St. Mary Organization of Women will host Lent By Candlelight on **Monday, February 22nd, 2010, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Rodman Neeper's Community Room.** All St. Mary Parish women (and guests) are invited to attend our annual Lent By Candlelight event. Enjoy a quiet evening of reflection and formation while being pampered with elegant table settings and delicious desserts! This is an important time in our liturgical year to feed our souls in preparation for Lent. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Erin Maynard at 614-832-5070 or emaynard73@yahoo.com by February 8.

Want to do something Special for Lent?

How about the Bible Timeline Study (The Story of Salvation) everyone is talking about? This 24-week study will give you the "big picture" that you need to read and understand the Bible for years to come. So many of St. Mary's parishioners are enjoying this "Great Adventure." Let me know if you would like to start this Lent. Perhaps a Sunday afternoon or Tuesday evening session would work for you. Perhaps a group would like to take an accelerated class, meeting twice a week for 12 weeks. Once I hear from you, we can work out a schedule for meetings.

Ann Manning (740-369-8228, stmarypsr@columbus.rr.com)

*For your convenience, BEFORE OR AFTER Masses, additional restrooms are available inside the school's main door off the parking lot and please, **DO NOT** send children unattended, and please try to limit your visits, especially during Mass.*

Looking for an Enriching Lenten Devotion?

How about joining a Small Church Community?

Small Church Communities...

Where people meet to discover the Gospel message and encourage each other to live it.

NEW GROUPS NOW FORMING FOR LENT

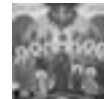
You'll meet more people from our parish!
You'll discuss how the Scriptures relate to modern life!
You'll pray together!

To join, contact Cindy Williams

Call: 369-0012

E-mail: cwhoneybee@yahoo.com

When the day of they were place.



Pentecost had come, all together in one

–Acts 2:1

THANK YOU, ST. MARY BLOOD DONORS! I am pleased to announce that our last blood drive was another successful one. We had 57 viable units of blood donated. We had 2 first-time donors. We saved 167 lives. Maybe even someone here at St. Mary Parish. **Thank you all so much.** A special **thank-you** to my team Diane Matous, Barb Hard, Beth Kastle and Bill Edmonds. Thank you, too, to Mary Shocker and Kim Reynolds for baking cookies and to parish council for supplying the juice. It has been my pleasure serving as the coordinator for the blood drives over the past two years. I am pleased to announce that Diane Beitel has agreed to taking on the position of coordinator for the American Red Cross Blood Drives here at St. Mary. I will be helping also in an unofficial capacity as this ministry is dear to my heart. I still intend to help us meet my personal goal of 70-plus units.



May God bless you all, *Karan Grady*

TIME WITH JESUS

Jesus told St. Margaret Mary Aloccoque, "I so ardently thirst to be loved by men in the Most Blessed Sacrament that this thirst devours me..." St. Mary's has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Tuesday evening after the 5:30 p.m. Mass until midnight, which will continue through Lent. Please contact Megan Naumovski at megbski@aol.com for questions or information. We need additional adorers at the 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. hours, so please prayerfully consider this important devotion in the new year!



St. Mary's **Engaged and Married Couples in Christ** invites you to a Valentine's Day Dinner. **ALL Engaged and Married Couples are WELCOME! This is an adult-only event, Saturday, February 13th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.,** at the Rodman Neeper Community Room.



Come and enjoy a relaxing evening of fun and fellowship with our wonderful Church family and support one another in our vocation of Marriage. See the St. Mary web site for further details.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 10th to Doug and Bibianne Galuzny at 740-362-1542 or bibianne@columbus.rr.com.

You are invited to an **Italian Dinner and Silent Auction** to benefit **Family Promise of Delaware County.** The event will take place on **Wednesday, February 10th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.,** at **First Presbyterian Church (73 W. Winter Street).** Tickets are available after Masses this weekend or by calling Rosemary Janslewitz at 740-363-5503, or at the door. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Carry-out will be available.

February 2010 Liturgical Minister schedules (this includes lectors, commentators, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and ushers) are available on our web site. Please remember, if you are unable to attend your scheduled date, please find a sub. Lists are located in the side vestibule.



Is a family member or a relative or a loved one sick at home for several days? A visit can be arranged for some spiritual comfort and help. Does your loved one need to be hospitalized and wish to be visited while in the hospital? Please call the Church Office and leave a message for Deacon Felix. A visit at home or in the hospital will be done as soon as practical. Do not deprive your loved one of the help of the Eucharistic Lord and of the spiritual comfort of prayer, especially during a challenging and difficult time in their life. Please, call Deacon Felix at ext. 103, or the Parish Office during regular hours. **We cannot help if we do not know where or when help is needed.** Thank you. Deacon Felix

Altar Server Info

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – Altar Server Make-up Training – Session III (Church) **first beginning at 2:30 p.m. and second beginning at 4:15 p.m.** Questions may be referred to Kevin King at 740-666-0632.



ST. MARY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Basketball Continues...

Congratulations to our winning Saints – January 16-17: **Girls** – 6th, 5th (Green), and 4th (Green); **Boys** – 7th, 6th (White); 4th (Green). Last weekend we had more winners – **Girls** – 7th won 25-0; 5th (Green), 16-10; and 4th (White) 12-11; **Boys** – 8th with their first win, 7th again, and 4th (Green) 18-13. **Banquets** – stay tuned for the exact date in March!

Track, Baseball and Softball

The 4th-8th graders at St. Mary School and PSR are receiving information about these spring sports this week. We are collecting consent forms anytime, now, and through our Pancake Breakfast on February 14th. We need the forms to determine team size, sent into the School or Parish Offices. Fees will be collected at the Parents meeting. Practice for these sports may begin March 1st or so (indoors). Questions for Baseball/Softball, contact John Donahue (740-990-7731) or Track, call Annette Schwartz (740-548-9564).

Need Sports Forms??

Forms are all online at <http://www.delawarestmary.org/athletic-association/forms> – complete and submit through the office.

INFANT BAPTISMS

It is required that parents have participated in a Baptismal Preparation Program within the last five years prior to scheduling a Baptism and all expectant parents are invited. **Our next Baptismal Preparation Program will take place TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. in Kavanagh Hall, 15 S. Union Street, and the next program scheduled will be May 2010.** Please note: This one-time Baptismal Preparation Program is offered once every other month. **Registration is required for the Baptismal Program and Baptisms. A Baptismal packet of information will be made available to each family to pick up in the Church Office prior to the Baptismal Program and/or Baptism. Upcoming Baptism** – February 14th (second Sunday due to Lent). Please note: We will not offer Baptisms during the Lenten season. We will offer Baptisms in April, one on the 11th and one on the 18th. Baptisms in the month of May will be offered on the 16th, all beginning at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in registering for either the Baptismal program, Baptisms or have any questions, please call the Parish Office (363-4641) Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. We are pleased to offer childcare, when needed, at our preparation program. When registering for the program, please indicate childcare will be required. Baptism for school-age children, please call the PSR Office (740-369-8228).



Infant Baptisms are held at 1:30 p.m., the third Sunday of each month, unless otherwise noted. If you would care to register for any Baptismal dates, please contact the Parish Office at 740-363-4641 as soon as possible as these dates do fill quickly.

YEAR-END TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2009

To receive your year-end contribution statement, please complete a **REQUEST FORM** found in the vestibule and on our web site (look under "About St. Mary," scroll down to Stewardship and then Forms). Please completely fill out the form and place it in the box located next to the forms or drop it off at the Parish Office. As your form requests, we will either mail or have your statement available to pick up in the Church Office during weekday business hours or during Sunday office hours, from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Statements will be available **beginning January 31, 2010.** Statements will automatically be sent to those who have contributed a **one-time \$250.00 donation.** Statements will also include Legacy contributions during 2009. Thank you and God Bless.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" – Matthew 26:40

St. Mary Parish opens the church for **Eucharistic Adoration the first Sunday of each month following 12:15 p.m. Mass** until Benediction at 3:00 p.m. The hours we spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament are the nearest thing to heaven for us. During the time spent in Adoration, we allow God to touch us; we open ourselves to Him; we surrender to Him; we hear His words of love and respond. Each month, we ask that a group "sponsor" Adoration and have at least one member present in church from beginning to end, to assure that our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is never alone. We very much appreciate this special duty and commitment made by our parish groups. Questions? Please feel free to call Gary Segreto (740-369-5546).



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010
1:30-3:00 P.M. – BENEDICTION AT 3:00 P.M.
Members of our ST. MARY SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD will be our monthly sponsor.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday recognizes January 22nd as the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision which occurred in 1973 and made abortion legal in the United States. Over 50 million babies have been aborted in the 37 years that abortion has been legal. The reality is that many of us have been touched in some way by abortion, either as the mother, father, grandparent, sister, brother, aunt, uncle or cousin of the person who was denied life. The CORE Center, Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County, helps women analyze ALL of their options when faced with an unplanned pregnancy. We want to thank those of you who have supported The CORE Center. You are such a blessing to all of us at The CORE Center and to those we serve in HIS name.

If you have had an abortion or helped someone with an abortion, The CORE Center offers a wonderful program called, HEART, Healing the Effects of Abortion Related Trauma. Please call 740-965-6098 and start out this year on a healing journey. Many people have participated in this program and found it to be the answer to their prayers.

Check us out on the web at thecorecenter.org. To make a tax-deductible donation and/or volunteer, please contact Melissa Lentz at 740-965-6098 or melissal@thecorecenter.org.

Ladies, break out your hats and gloves and join us for our upcoming SanctiTea on February 20th, 2010, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (registration begins at 1:30 p.m.). The Tea will feature light refreshments and a Pro-Life play called "Sarah's Secret." This will be a wonderful afternoon of food, fellowship and entertainment. Tables of 8 are available. Invite your friends and daughters (ages 12 and over) to join us for this wonderful afternoon. Contact Kate Yonkura at kyonkura@aol.com or 614-582-2164 for tickets.

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St. Mary Festival Meeting – Call for New Committee Members

The next planning meeting for the 2010 St. Mary Festival will be held **Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m., in Kavanagh Hall.** We are actively looking for new members to join this fun and exciting committee. New members of the Parish are especially encouraged to join so if you have been thinking about getting involved in a Parish activity here is your invitation. All are welcome to attend and share their thoughts about the event. For those not familiar with the event, the Festival is a carnival-type event with Food, Midway Games and Entertainment for the whole family. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the committee before the meeting, please contact Jason or Beth Graham at 05grahams@gmail.com. Just a reminder, this year's Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, so please save the date and plan on bringing your family and friends. Let's all look to make the 2010 Festival the best yet!



SAVE THE DATE:

Habitat's "Soups for Shelter"

St. Mary Parish will again partner with **Delaware County Habitat for Humanity** for the **8th Annual Soups for Shelter fund raiser, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11**, in the Commons. Enjoy a homemade soup meal, entertainment and silent auction while supporting Habitat's mission of building homes – and building lives – right here in our community. Presale tickets are available. For details, call Habitat for Humanity (740-363-9950) or visit www.habitatdelawareco.org.



Year-round Parish Office Hours...

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon – Closed Afternoon
NEW SUNDAY HOURS, 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

FELIZ AÑO NUEVO. – ¡Ya llego el año 2010! Con toda sinceridad le pedimos al Señor que derrame sus bendiciones sobre ustedes, nuestra querida comunidad Hispana para que el año nuevo sea lleno de felicidad y prosperidad. Después de esperar el nacimiento del Niño Jesús y la llegada de un año nuevo, cuando la familia regresa a sus hogares y la calma y la rutina regresa a nuestras vidas, sentimos un vacío en nuestros corazones. No dejemos que ese sentimiento nos invada. Este es el mejor tiempo para meditar en la mas importante parte de nuestro calendario Litúrgico: la Cuaresma. Para poder empezar a prepararnos el padre Schalk ha ordenado unas hojitas en las que encontraremos ideas que nos ayudaran a esa preparación ustedes las encontraran en la parte trasera de la iglesia junto a los boletines. Por favor tomen una y llévenla a casa.

ACOLITOS. Necesitamos con urgencia niños, niñas y adultos que quieran entrenarse para servir en las misas. También hacen falta voces en nuestro coro. Ya saben que el que canta al Señor ora el doble.

31 de enero 4º de Tiempo Ordinario **MISA EN ESPAÑOL**

Jeremías 1:4-5, 17-19
1ª Carta a los Corintios 12:31-4:13
Evangelio de san Lucas 4:21-30

7 de febrero 5º Domingo Ordinario

Izarías 6:1-2, 3-8
1ª Carta a los corintios 15:1-11
Evangelio de san Lucas 5:1-11

14 de febrero 6º Domingo Ordinario

Jeremías 17:5-8
1ª Carta a los corintios 15:12, 16-20
Evangelio de san Lucas 6:17, 20-26

17 de febrero MIÉRCOLES DE CENISA – 7º Domingo ordinario

Del profeta Joel 2:12-18
2ª Carta a los corintios 5:20, 6:2
Evangelio de san Mateo 6:1-6, 16-18

21 de febrero 1er Domingo de Cuaresma

Deuteronomio 26:4-10
Carta a los romanos 10:8-13
Evangelio de san Lucas 4:1-13

28 de febrero 2º Domingo de Cuaresma **MISA EN ESPAÑOL**

Génesis 5:12, 17-18
Carta a los filipenses 3:17-4:1
Evangelio de san Lucas 9:28-36

Volunteers Needed for the St. Mary Harvest Ball & Auction Committee:

Do you like to fund raise? Do you like to solicit donations? Do you like to organize? Do you like to be creative? Do you like to work behind the scenes? Do you like to work on the computer at home? Do you like to have fun? If you answered yes to some or all of these questions, then we need you!!

We are currently looking for Subcommittee Chairs as well as individual committee members and ask all those interested to attend our **first meeting Wednesday, February 3rd** to begin planning for the 2010 St. Mary Harvest Ball & Auction to be held October 2nd. All meetings will be at the Rodman Neepher Community Room at 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

The Harvest Ball & Auction is the leading annual fund raiser for St. Mary raising around \$30,000.00 for the school and parish. It is an elegant evening of dinner and dancing for over 300 guests featuring an impressive silent and live auction. In addition to the dinner and auction, we will also celebrate the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of several parishioners. Support St. Mary Parish by volunteering for this fun and memorable event!

For more information, please contact Event Chair Andy Kastle at 740-363-2192 or e-mail akgroupw@columbus.rr.com.

By Glenn C.J. Byer, MA SLD

Today's celebration is one of the times when the reading from the letter of Paul will be preached on as much as the Gospel. If the second reading on the nature of love is going to be the focus of preaching this weekend, it is important that the longer form of the reading be used, in order to get the fuller message. The apostle paints an intricate picture on this topic, and he makes it clear that love is not only something we crave, but also it is what will most surely lead us to God.

The other readings today speak more about conflict and even hatred. The role of the prophet Jeremiah was to speak doom to the people, a mission that would certainly bring him pain. The psalmist likewise clings to God even when proclaiming the message of God brings shame and the need for deliverance. In the Gospel, Jesus is not content to speak words that will please the people; he provokes their anger by reminding them of how they had treated prophets in the past.

All the readings, though, speak about the nature of the love of God. Yes, it is all the things that Paul commends to us, but it is also strong as death, and as Jesus knew, the consequence of love is sacrifice, with the ultimate love leading to the ultimate sacrifice of the cross.

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Around the Diocese...

Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare Open House Sunday, January 31, 2010 – 1:00-3:00 p.m.

4567 Olentangy River Road, Columbus 43214 – Full- and part-time Childcare Totally Terrific Two's; Preschool; Pre-Kindergarten (3-day or 5-day); full- and half-day Kindergarten
Summer Program (Preschool through Grade 6) Call 614-459-8285 or e-mail lebling@cdeducation.org for more details.

Trinity Catholic School is hosting its 10th Annual Legacy of Learning fund raiser featuring local comedian Jeff Robinson on Saturday, February 6th.

Come enjoy an evening of comedy and fun! The evening's festivities will include live and silent auctions, cocktails, dinner and comedy. The event will be at Memorial Hall at the Plumbers and Pipefitters at 1226 Kinnear Road. Tickets are \$50.00 per person (\$25.00 is tax deductible). To order tickets, please call **Nancy Whitt at 579-4175** or go to www.trinity.cdeducation.org to print an order form.

Annulment Process Presentation

The Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office is sponsoring "Understanding the Annulment Process," **Friday, February 12, 7:00 p.m., at St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury, OH 43074.** Msgr. John K. Cody, JCL, Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Columbus Tribunal, will explain the Church's position on divorce and give an overview on the annulment procedure. **There is no fee, but preregistration is requested.** Contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or flomailbox@coldioc.org for additional information or to register.

Alan Clune – 2010 Columbus Diocese Catholic Man of the Year Friday, February 5, 2010 – St. Patrick Church, Downtown Columbus, Ohio

11:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m. (Mass) – 12:10-12:30 p.m. (Lunch)
12:30-1:00 p.m. (Presentation) – Reservations are Not Needed
\$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Students to cover the lunch and Meeting Costs

Additional Information and Questions

Please promote the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club by forwarding an e-mail and spreading the word to men whom you know would enjoy attending. For more information, contact Shane Switzer, CMLC President, at srswitzer@gmail.com or visit www.columbuscatholicmen.com.

Come Away and Fill Your Cup

Are the gray days of winter casting a shadow on your prayer life? Bring some "spring" into your prayer routine by joining Sr. Janice Bachman, O.P., a Dominican Sister of Peace, on **February 27th (Saturday)** for a day of reflection at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark, Ohio.

Using the cup as a metaphor, this day of prayer will focus on the human experiences of emptiness, fullness, brokenness, flaws and blessings. The day will start with a continental breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and will end after lunch at 2:00 p.m. All participants will receive a complementary cup as a reminder of their spiritual thirst. Suggested donation for the day is \$20.00. Please register by February 20th by calling (740) 928-4246 or e-mailing info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org.

Ladies! We are back with the 3rd Annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference, held on February 27, 2010 at the Lausche Building at the Ohio Expo Center.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Coleen Kelly Mast, is a pioneer in the field of chastity education and from Catholic Radio, EWTN and Sirius "The Doctor Is In." Also featuring speakers Terry Polakovic, co-founder of ENDOW and Mother Assumpta Long, O.P., the Prioress General of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, MI. To register and for more information, please visit our web site at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com, you can also call or e-mail Julie at the DCCW Office at 614-228-8601 or jnaporano@coldioc.org.

2010 Family Life Calendars

including monthly blessings, weekly Sunday readings with related discussion questions, Feast Days, Holy Days, suggested activities that encourage awareness of God's constant presence, as well as large spaces for families to record daily celebrations and commitments are available from the Family Life Office of Altoona-Johnstown Diocese for \$4.00 each (including postage) by calling 814-886-5551 or e-mailing familylife@dioceseaj.org. Inquire about quantity prices.