

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



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 Web Site Additions:**

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 Parish E-mail: [delawarestmary@rrohio.com](mailto:delawarestmary@rrohio.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.

**March 7, 2010  
Third Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**  
**Responsorial: Psalm 103**  
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**  
**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

*Father, who am I that You should love me so much – enough to give up Your only Son for my sake? Help me to set aside everything that separates me from You and to return Your love as fully as I can.*

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

**Sunday evening Mass schedule...**  
 First & Third Sundays (except summer)  
 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Life Teen Mass  
 Last Sunday of each month  
 5:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

**Collection Totals – February**

**February 1-February 7** \$26,798.69  
**February 8-February 14** \$19,905.32  
**February 15-February 21** \$30,198.38  
**February 22-February 28** \$18,147.76

The February average as budgeted is \$20,375.00. The actual average for February was \$23,508.99. Also, there was a large donation of \$25,000.00 given which is not counted in this averaging.

**Third Week of Lent –  
The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses**  
 Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more information.



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, March 6 – Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent**  
 4:30 p.m. Rose Gladman  
**SUNDAY, March 7 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Molnar  
 9:00 a.m. Evelyn Meyer  
 10:45 a.m. Melissa Laska Morris  
 12:15 p.m. St. Mary Parishioners  
 6:00 p.m. Intention of Our Youth  
**MONDAY, March 8**  
 5:30 p.m. Martin Shimp  
**TUESDAY, March 9**  
 5:15 p.m. Rosary  
 5:30 p.m. Romelio Douglas  
**WEDNESDAY, March 10**  
 8:15 a.m. Harley Fathbruckner  
**THURSDAY, March 11**  
 8:15 a.m. Anne Dinovo Rowlands  
**FRIDAY, March 12**  
 8:15 a.m. Carolyn Shimp  
**SATURDAY, March 13 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 4:30 p.m. David Edmonds  
**SUNDAY, March 14 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 7:30 a.m. Marilyn Wurm  
 9:00 a.m. Jean Stojkov  
 10:45 a.m. Tim Warner  
 12:15 p.m. St. Mary Parishioners

**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 group (2 or 3 individuals) to share your thoughts regarding the verse and discussion questions (3 minutes).

**March 2010 Bible Verses and Discussion Questions**

**March 7th** – Jesus said in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” (Luke 13:2-3)  
 In what ways has God called you to interior repentance or conversion of heart?  
 How has the sacrament of Penance impacted your relationship with God?

**March 14th** – Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” (Luke 15:1-2)  
 How do you draw near to listen to Jesus?  
 What are you doing to welcome and comfort the lost this Lent?

**March 21st** – Jesus straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” (John 8:7)  
 How do you avoid the temptation to judge others?  
 What gives you the strength to admit to your own sinfulness?

**March 28th** – When a maid saw Peter seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, “This man too was with him.” But he denied it saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” (Luke 22:56-57)  
 Have you ever denied your relationship with Jesus when you are being persecuted for your faith?  
 In what ways has God demonstrated His grace and mercy to you this Lent?

**Lenten Presentations each Friday during Lent... following Stations of the Cross**

**March 12**  
 5:00-7:00 p.m. Fish Fry  
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 7:45-8:30 p.m. (Church) Fr. Black will give a step-by-step explanation of the Mass, reflecting upon its meaning and spiritual significance.

**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**  
**SUNDAY OFFICE HOURS – 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

9:00-11:00 a.m. – SVDP Needs Committee (TL)  
 Following 4:30 p.m. Mass – SCRIP Office OPEN  
 (Office Located in the School Commons)  
 SMOW Group Selling Resurrection Eggs (Vestibule)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

Following All Masses – SMOW Group Selling Resurrection Eggs (Vestibule)  
 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)  
 1:15-3:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration (Church)  
 3:00 p.m. – Benediction  
 4:30-5:45 p.m. – PSR Classes  
 6:00 p.m. – Life Teen Mass – Youth Mass  
 with Contemporary Music by Cross Connection  
 6:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball  
 7:30 p.m. – CORE Appreciation Night – Bowling



**MONDAY, MARCH 8**

4:00-9:00 p.m. – Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 6:30 p.m. – Bishop's Annual Appeal Dinner (Commons)  
 6:00-9:30 p.m. – Limex (KH)  
 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Wolf Den (KH-LR)  
 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Brownie Meeting (KH-LR)  
 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study (School – 3rd Floor)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**

2:30-7:30 p.m. – Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 4:45-6:00 p.m. – PSR Classes  
 6:00 p.m.-Midnight – Eucharistic Adoration (Church)  
 7:00-9:00 p.m. – RCIA (Commons)  
 7:00 p.m. – Baptismal Preparation Class (KH-LR)



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

9:00-10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study (KH)  
 10:30 a.m. – Arbors Mass  
 2:30-9:00 p.m. – Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 7:00 p.m. – SPO (TL)  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study (School – 3rd Floor)  
 7:00 p.m. – Festival Committee Meeting (KH-DR)  
 7:00 p.m. – Choir

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

2:30-4:30 p.m. – Living Stations Practice (CH)  
 4:30-7:30 p.m. – Habitat's "Soups for Shelter" (Commons) –  
 ALL ARE WELCOME!  
 6:45-8:30 p.m. – SMOW (KH-DR)  
 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting (KH-LR)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Parish Office Open  
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Counseling Ministry (KH-DR)  
 4:00-9:00 p.m. – Basketball Practice (Gym)  
 5:00-7:00 p.m. – K of C Lenten Fish Fry (Commons)  
 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross  
 7:45-8:30 p.m. – Lenten Presentation (Church)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

9:00-11:00 a.m. – SVDP Needs Committee Meeting (KH-DR)  
 9:00-11:00 a.m. – Church Weekly Cleaning  
 Following 4:30 p.m. Mass – SCRIP office OPEN  
 (Office Located in the School Commons)  
 SMOW Group Selling Resurrection Eggs (Vestibule)  
 K of C Members Selling Cash Bonanza Raffle Tickets  
 (Vestibule or Outside West Entrance)  
 5:30-7:00 p.m. – T.A.G. (Twins and God) Youth Group – Grades 3 & 4  
 (Commons/Gym)  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. – SUMMIT Youth Group – Grades 5, 6 & 7  
 (Commons/Gym)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – SCRIP Office OPEN  
 (Office Located in the School Commons)  
 Following All Masses – SMOW Group Selling Resurrection Eggs  
 (Vestibule)  
 K of C Members Selling Cash Bonanza Raffle Tickets  
 (Vestibule or Outside West Entrance)  
 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  
 1:30-2:30 p.m. – Pilgrimage Meeting (KH-LR)  
 2:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study (KH-DR)  
 4:30-5:45 p.m. – PSR Classes  
 6:00-8:00 p.m. – YM Morality #6 (KH)  
 6:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball (Gym)



**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, 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 to help answer any questions you may have. **If you're new to the area, simply have questions or 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.



**Support Habitat's "Soups for Shelter"**

St. Mary School is graciously hosting Delaware County Habitat for Humanity's 8th Annual "Soups for Shelter" on Thursday, March 11, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Come out for a complete homemade soup meal – and pick out a handcrafted ceramic bowl – all for just \$12.00 (\$8.00 meal only). And if you can spare a few hours to volunteer that evening, visit [www.habitatdelawareco.org](http://www.habitatdelawareco.org) and click on "Volunteer Now." The local Habitat affiliate has expressed gratitude for St. Mary's ongoing support of this community fund raiser for Habitat's mission – right here at home! For more details, call Valerie Wigton at Habitat (740-363-9950, ext. 225).



Would you like an opportunity to win \$50,000.00? The **Knights of Columbus** is sponsoring a **Cash Bonanza Raffle** after Masses on **March the 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st** and members will be located in the church vestibule or outside the church west entrance. A generous \$5.00 donation will enter you in this raffle to win \$50,000.00! The proceeds of this raffle will go to help your local Knights Council and to help various Catholic charities. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

*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.*

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

**Sunday evening (only) class times have changed 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](http://stmarydelaware.org)  
**March 9th** 7:00 p.m. – St. Mary Athletic Association Meeting – T/L  
**March 10th** Spring Picture Day – Students to wear Dress Clothes  
 7:00 p.m. – SPO Meeting – T/L  
 All Day: Marco's Pizza Day – Just mention SMS and % of proceeds benefit the school. Take-out or dine-in.  
**March 11th** 4:30-7:30 p.m. – Beitel Commons –  
 Habitat "Soups for Shelter" Please join us!  
**March 12th** Grade 1 – "Black & White" Day  
**March 13th** 2nd Home – Families P-Q-R

**ST. MARY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

now accepting applications.  
 If you have questions, you may e-mail [stmarypreschooldel@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarypreschooldel@yahoo.com).

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 wishes 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

## Life Teen-(Grades 8-12)

**LIFE TEEN MASSES** – First and Third

Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. through

May 2010 with contemporary music by Cross Connection.

**March 7 6:00 p.m.** Life Teen Mass followed by bowling at Colony Lanes until 8:30 p.m. – CORE Appreciation Night – Cost: \$5.00

**14 6:00-8:00 p.m.** YM Morality Night – “Parent’s and Teens” – Potluck, Commons

**21 6:00 p.m.** Life Teen Mass following by Morality night #7 – “1 Human Family” – last day to register early for spring retreat (KH)

**28 Palm Sunday, NO Life Teen**



**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 to be held on March 13, 2010!**

**Bring your friends and be sure to join us on 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](mailto:vonada@vonadatech.com))

Michele Himes (740-657-1509 or [mhimes@insight.rr.com](mailto:mhimes@insight.rr.com))



## TUESDAYS WITH JESUS

Lent is a wonderful time to deepen your time in reflective prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come to “Tuesdays with Jesus,” our weekly Eucharistic Adoration hours in the church, after 5:30 p.m. Mass until midnight. We will have reflective talks from Fr. Black and Fr. Schalk at **8:00 p.m.** every Tuesday during Lent. We will NOT have Tuesday adoration the week of Holy Week, March 30th, but instead will host a night of vigil prayer before the tabernacle Holy Thursday, April 1st. There is a sign-up sheet available at Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration, or you can call Megan Naumovski to sign up for regular Adoration hours or the Holy Thursday night of prayer (740-816-0816).



## April 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.



**\*\*\*Holy week and Easter sign-up sheets have been posted in the side vestibule for your convenience. Please sign up at your earliest convenience.**

## Members of Parish Council 2009/2010

Irene Baird, Vice President	<a href="mailto:mich1565@aol.com">mich1565@aol.com</a>
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## St. Mary Parish Council is now accepting applications for perspective parishioners to hold a seat on Parish Council –

There are several openings for a term beginning in June of this year for a three-year period ending July 1st. Council meetings are generally held monthly, the second Thursday of each month. The work of Parish Council members who are selected for this position work closely with the parish, school and religious education staff. You must be 18 years or older to submit an application. We on Parish Council feel compelled to tell you it is a rewarding experience to take active participation for the betterment of our parish community by serving on this long-standing organization. If you would like more information or an application, please contact the At Large Commission representatives of Council: **Greg York (Chair)** at (740) 595-3075 or [gregreginaYork@aol.com](mailto:gregreginaYork@aol.com); **Terry Flahive** at (740) 666-5015 or [tfahiv@rrcol.com](mailto:tfahiv@rrcol.com); or **Joe Roden** at (740) 363-0572 or [joseph.roden@verizonbusiness.com](mailto:joseph.roden@verizonbusiness.com). Applications will be accepted through March 28, 2010.

## The St. Mary Organization of Women is selling sets of Resurrection Easter Eggs this Lent!

For those of you who don't know, the REE is a set of 14 eggs, one for each Station of the Cross, each filled with some small object related to a Station. For example, there is a small piece of cloth in the egg corresponding to the Station where Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. REE make a great gift and are a meaningful Lenten tradition, and children love them! The cost of each set is \$5.00 and they will be sold at the Friday Fish Fries and after Mass; proceeds benefit SMOW. If you are interested in helping to sell REE or have other questions, please contact Erin Maynard at 614-832-5070 or [emaynard73@yahoo.com](mailto:emaynard73@yahoo.com).

## St. Mary Organization of Women announces upcoming meetings...all parish women invited!!

Wednesday, March 24, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Teachers Lounge. Fun and Unique Catholic Customs! Join us as we explore some different Catholic customs and how to incorporate them into the liturgical year. We'll have activities based on Mary Gardens and saints' feast days from around the world, and make soft pretzels for our Lenten snack.

Wednesday, April 28, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Teachers Lounge. Fr. Schalk will visit us to speak about Pope John Paul II's writings on women and we will have an hors d'oeuvres buffet. Optional: bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share.

If you have questions about SMOW, please contact Erin Yerian at 740-369-2718 or [erinarnett@juno.com](mailto:erinarnett@juno.com), or if you would like to request a membership application, become a SMOW member or receive our weekly e-mail newsletter, please contact Beth Murray-Beachnau at [elmurray@verizon.net](mailto:elmurray@verizon.net) or 595-9692.

## 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 St. 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.** 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 at 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.**

## I am athirst!

**Mark your calendars! On Wednesday evening, March 24th at 7:00 p.m.** the St. Mary Choir and Musicians will be joined by guest musicians and voices as we present *Theodore Dubois' The Seven Last Words of Christ*. Dubois composed this work in 1867 while he was the choir director at the Basilica of Saint Clotilde in Paris. In it, he used traditional Roman Catholic liturgical texts to add meditations to the story of Our Lord's Passion. Please plan to join us in the church, as we spiritually prepare ourselves for Holy Week.

### St. Mary Festival –Call for New Committee Members

The next planning meeting for the 2010 St. Mary Festival will be held **Wednesday, March 24th 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](mailto: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!



### YEAR-END TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2009

To receive your year-end contribution statement, please complete a **REQUEST FORM** found in the vestibule on our center bulletin stand 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 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.

### Pull out those green sweaters and shirts

because it's **St. Mary's Senior Luncheon** time again! The Senior Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, March 17, 2010** (St. Patrick's Day), beginning at 12:45 p.m. with a prayer service in the church followed by lunch in the St. Mary School Commons. We'll have great food, entertainment, fellowship, decorations, and door prizes! Here's your chance to see your friends in the parish family after that overbearing winter we've had! Questions or need a ride? Call Beve Reiner (740-272-3840) or Martha Edmonds (740-363-8815). We can't wait to see you!!!



**St. Mary Girl Scouts** will be celebrating Girl Scout Sunday at the 9:00 Mass on March 7. Please join us!

St. Mary Girl Scout troops will be selling cookies after all Masses the weekends of March 6 and 7 and March 13 and 14. We appreciate your support.



**MARZO** – El mes de marzo lo esperamos con gran anticipación. Los irlandeses celebran el 17 de marzo el día de san Patricio, el santo patrón de esa isla. El 19, es el día de san José padre adoptivo de Jesús y protector de la Iglesia y de todos los padres. El 21, celebramos la entrada de la primavera lo que nos llena de alegría pues la tierra despierta de su largo sueño de invierno, y el 28 es Domingo de Palmas, preludio de la semana mas significativa para todo cristiano, la Semana Santa.

**BAUTIZOS.** La próxima clase de preparación, será el 11 de abril a las 2:00 de la tarde. Para más información llamen a la Sra. Imelda Cauley al 369-6109.

**CORO.** Se necesitan voces para alabar al Señor. Si usted esta interesada por favor venga a la iglesia a las 4:45 para practicar con la música.

**ALTAR SERVERS.** Personas interesadas en ayudar al padre durante la Santa Misa pueden tomar una clase con el padre Schalk. Hombres, mujeres, niños y niñas pueden servir.

### 7 de marzo – 3er domingo de cuaresma

Libro del Éxodo 3:1-8, 13-15  
1ª carta a los corintios 10:1-6, 10-12  
Evangelio de san Lucas 13:1-9

### 14 de marzo – 4º domingo de cuaresma – ADELANTEN SUS RELOJES UNA HORA

Libro de Josué 5:9, 10-12  
2ª carta a los corintios 5:17-21  
Evangelio de san Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32

### 21 de marzo – 5º domingo de cuaresma

Libro del profeta Isaías 43:16-21  
Carta a los filipenses 3:7-14  
Evangelio de san Juan 8:1-11

### 28 de marzo – Domingo de Ramos MISA EN ESPAÑOL

De la pasión del Señor  
Evangelio de san Lucas 19:28-40  
Libro del profeta Isaías 50:4-7

### "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, MARCH 7, 2010**

**1:30-3:00 P.M. – BENEDICTION AT 3:00 P.M.**

**Members of our SMOW group, St. Mary Organization of Women, will be our monthly sponsor.**

### Volunteers Needed for the St. Mary Harvest Ball and 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, as we begin planning for the 2010 St. Mary Harvest Ball and Auction to be held October 2nd. All meetings will be at the Rodman Neepner Community Room at 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

The Harvest Ball and 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](mailto:akgroupw@columbus.rr.com).

### ST. MARY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

**SMAA Section...**

#### Basketball Banquet

We will be honoring our basketball players on Sunday, March 21st, in the Commons. Join us at 1:30 p.m. for the girls and 3:00 p.m. for the boys. Cake and drinks will be available. Certificates and some trophies will be awarded!

#### Batter Up!!

The Baseball and Softball (S/B) practices have started. If you are interested in playing, contact John Donahue (740-990-7731) immediately. We are deciding this week on how many teams and what grades will form each team.

#### Basketball – the Winning Continues...

Congratulations to our winning Saints from last weekend: **Girls** – 4th Grade (White) and **Boys** – 4th Grade (Green) finishing 9-1. Good luck to our 6th, 7th and 8th graders who are participating in the St. Mary Tournament in German Village!

#### Quick as a Rabbit!!

If you think so, prove it at Track! Track and Field practices have begun. Practices are Monday and Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 p.m., with an added practice on Thursday following the winter thaw! Questions, 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.

### FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

**Fried Perch, Baked Alaskan Pollock, or Fried Shrimp, rolls and 2 sides in the Commons, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

(Carry- out Available)

**Every Friday during Lent:**

thru March 26

\$4.50 for Children 10 and younger, \$7.50 for Adults

*Sponsored by Knights of Columbus*



### News about the PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY in May.

1. Due to some cancellations, we still have seats available on the pilgrimage, and we can take 4-6 more people. If you know of anyone in your family, among your relatives, neighbors, friends (and enemies!) and acquaintances, who are thinking about a wonderful life experience this Spring, please have them contact Deacon Felix ASAP (office – 363-4641, ext. 103 or home – 369-2014). **There is still time to sign up.** Perhaps some folks are getting a good tax refund; what better way to invest those funds!!! Thanks for your help in advertising our Parish Pilgrimage.
2. There will be a group meeting on **Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., in Kavanagh Hall.** During the meeting, we will update everyone on the latest about the pilgrimage, learn some basic Italian expressions, share some information about the cities we will visit and watch for a short time a DVD about the Vatican. Pilgrimage participants are asked to attend.

**Operation Easter Basket:** Donation boxes for Operation Easter Basket will be in place thru March 25th! **Located in the School Commons and the lobby of the Delaware Library!** Please help us get the word out so we can bring many smiles to so many children!



Accepting donations of: Easter baskets, plastic eggs, wrapped candies, school supplies (markers, scissors, crayons), religious items (books, coloring books, bookmarks), hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss), stickers, toys, stuffed animals. Your donations will be combined to create baskets for children in need, benefiting the Salvation Army and Delaware Free Store. So please join me, and help make Operation Easter Basket a success. Please contact Erika at [elajtai@yahoo.com](mailto:elajtai@yahoo.com) or 740-747-0400 for more information.

**Save the Date: Saturday, March 27th! Easter Basket Assembly, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.!** Mark your calendar and join us in the School Commons for some fun-filled smiles and laughter assembling the Operation Easter Baskets! Ribbons and bows and wrapping... OH MY! Come for 20 minutes or the whole three hours, we take any time you can spare! Many hands can create many baskets. So come on, and join us!

**Volunteer Donation Collectors Needed!** Please contact Erika at [elajtai@yahoo.com](mailto:elajtai@yahoo.com) or 740-747-0400 if you are able to help collect donation items for Operation Easter Basket for the School Commons and/or Delaware Library donation boxes. We will need your help!

A new group is starting “**The Great Adventure – The Bible Timeline**” in Kavanagh Hall on Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p.m. If you missed it before or just heard about it, please join us and bring a friend!! Questions? Please call Ann Manning (369-8228).

### Safe Environment Program – Protecting God’s Children



*Moms, dads, grandparents, parishioners...*

If you have children or grandchildren, have an interest in helping with our various children’s programs and you are considering working or volunteering with children at St. Mary at any time, it is mandated by the diocese, prior to volunteering, that you must attend a PGC program and be fingerprinted. Please explore the VIRTUS web site and we believe you will find it very educational. Please don’t wait to be asked to become involved, please be ready to help with your children! Please be proactive and register now. Also, please keep in mind, St. Mary offers only one program in the fall of each year, but many sessions are available throughout the diocese year round. Specific guidelines are available through the diocesan web site [www.colsdioc.org](http://www.colsdioc.org) and click on “Protecting our Children”.

**Please note, for all sessions:** In keeping with VIRTUS policy, no one will be admitted to a session after the first video has started.

**ALL PERSONS WORKING/VOLUNTEERING WITH CHILDREN MUST ATTEND.**

**St. Mary’s next program will not be offered until fall 2010.**

**VARIOUS PROGRAMS ARE SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE. PLEASE REFER TO THE VIRTUS WEB SITE TO SCHEDULE A PROGRAM THAT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU ([www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)).**

† To register for a session in the diocese, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on the yellow “Registration” button located just below the login.

† For those who do not have access to the Internet, please contact Regina Quinn (Columbus Diocese) at 614-241-2565 to register or contact our Parish Office for assistance.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Janet Conroy at the Parish Office (740-363-4641, ext. 101) or e-mail [jconroy@rrohio.com](mailto:jconroy@rrohio.com).

**SPECIAL NOTE: When attending a PGC program at any parish in the diocese, other than St. Mary, a copy of your PGC certificate must be sent to Mrs. Conroy at the Parish Office prior to volunteering. Also, BCI reports must also be sent to Mrs. Conroy.**

**CALLING ALL CHURCH CLEANERS – MEN AND WOMEN,** we could use your help to clean the church for the upcoming holidays. The seasonal cleaning is scheduled for **Monday, March 15, at 9:00 a.m.** Remember, many hands make light work. We could really use your help, so mark your calendar now.



Please bring buckets, rags, small ladders and mops; and most definitely, bring a friend.

Questions? Call Betty Kociba (740-548-5602).

– Fr. Black

## Around the Diocese...

**Annual St. Joseph’s Day Celebration** with Italian Dinner, St. Joseph’s Table and Dancing Music by Ray Massa’s Eurorhythms. Sponsored by St. John the Baptist Italian Church. **Saturday, March 13, 2010,** from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the **Berwick Manor Restaurant and Party House. EVERYONE IS INVITED!** Ticket price: \$40.00/person (tickets must be purchased in advance). Proceeds to benefit J.O.I.N and C.R.S.’s Haiti Relief. For further information and ticket sales, please contact **Bonnie at 614-882-6088 or Martha at 614-885-9662.**

### Earthquake Relief in Haiti Update

It is now six weeks since a 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti. The Haitian Government reports over 200,000 people were killed, 300,000 were treated for injuries and 250,000 homes were destroyed. With the rainy season beginning, there is a new urgency to provide water-resistant shelters and to clear rubble from canals and ditches to prevent flooding. Your donations are helping CRS work with Caritas Haiti, the local Church’s charitable agency, to focus on the distribution of food and emergency shelter kits, and to coordinate with partners on water, sanitation, health and security issues. To date, we have fed over a half million people and provided emergency shelter kits to 9,100 families. Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of prayers and support for the Haitian people. For information on CRS’s relief efforts in Haiti as well as prayer resources, educational resources, and information on how you can help with the long-term rebuilding process, please go to [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) or call **877-Help-CRS (877-435-7277)** or contract the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540 or [socmailbox@colsdioc.org](mailto:socmailbox@colsdioc.org).

### Day of Reflection for Separated and Divorced

“Working at Moving on With our Lives,” a day of reflection for separated and divorced persons, will be offered on Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church – Multi-Purpose Room, 313 North State Street, Westerville. The registration fee for the program, which is sponsored by the Marriage and Family Life Office, is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Registration is required, and the deadline is March 19. **Contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or [flomailbox@colsdioc.org](mailto:flomailbox@colsdioc.org) for additional information or to register.**

**Bishop Watterson Athletic Association presents “Viva Las Vegas”** on **Saturday, March 27, 2010, 7:30-11:30 p.m.,** at Little Bear Village Golf Club, Lewis Center. Registration and payment options are available at [www.bishopwatterson.com](http://www.bishopwatterson.com) or call 614-268-8671, ext. 244, for more information. Tickets are \$40.00 before and \$45.00/per person after March 12th. Enjoy fine hors d’oeuvres, casino games, raffle, entertainment and more. Donations in the form of gifts, gift cards or monetary donations will be graciously accepted. Proceeds will support the Athletic Association.

### MAKE YOUR KIDS HAPPY ...

How? Leave them for a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! You’ll spend 44 hours where you focus only on each other and on strengthening your marriage. The next Marriage Encounter weekends, both in central Ohio, are after Easter on April 23-25 and July 23-25. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 740-746-9003 or visit our web site at [www.wmecolumbus.org](http://www.wmecolumbus.org).

### Love...Naturally!

Did you know that Natural Family Planning (NFP) is 99% effective and 100% natural? Discover a healthier way of life by enrolling in a diocesan **NFP workshop**, offered through the Marriage and Family Life Office and the West Columbus Deanery. A five-session workshop will begin Tuesday evening, April 27, 2010, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at SS. Simon and Jude Parish, West Jefferson, and continue on May 11, May 25, June 15, and July 13. The registration is only \$60.00 per couple and includes all instructional materials; financial assistance is available. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560 or [flomailbox@colsdioc.org](mailto:flomailbox@colsdioc.org).

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