

# The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption



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**SUNDAY MASSES** - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM  
**CONFESSIONS** - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)  
**BAPTISMS** - Contact Parish Office  
**WEDDINGS** - Contact Parish Office *six months in advance*

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 St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740-376-1334)

June 9, 2019  
*Pentecost Sunday*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	5:30 PM	- Liv/dec'd of the Robert & Lucy Long Family
	8:00 AM	- Theo Binegar Huggins Family
	10:00 AM	- Tarcella Hendershot
	12:00 PM	- People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	- Earl Thieman
	12:05 PM	- Juliette Milsark
TUE	7:45 AM	- Henry Albrecht
	12:05 PM	- Kim Fields
WED	7:45 AM	- Betty June Huck
	12:05 PM	- Georgene Mizik & Louella Macenko
THU	7:45 AM	- Ann Jill Scileppi
	12:05 PM	- Dick Weber
FRI	7:45 AM	- Betty Russell
	12:05 PM	- Dan & Katie Hrycenko
SAT	9:00 AM	- Russell Hupp, 49 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	5:30 PM	- Liv/dec'd of the Ciraolo & Mallamaci Families
SUN	8:00 AM	- Joe Wesel
	10:00 AM	- People of the Parish
	12:00 PM	- Richard Crum

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**  
 Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY BAPTIZED:**  
 King Gaid.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**  
 The ministry schedule for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers ran out the end of May. We hope to have a new schedule shortly after our new DRE arrives in July. In the meantime we are putting a ministry schedule in the bulletin each week for the following weekend. Please check the schedule and if you are not able to serve on the following weekend, we ask that you obtain a substitute. We appreciate your understanding and all that you do for our parish.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office is closed every Monday until 1:00 PM.

**REST IN PEACE:**

Joan Hushion, mother of Tom Hushion of this parish, passed away on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. We extend our deepest sympathy to Tom and his family and will remember Joan in prayer. May she now enjoy eternal peace and happiness.

**VISITORS WELCOME!** We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON	5:10 PM	-	Parish Finance Council Meeting.
	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions.
WED	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs. See announcement.
THU	8:30 AM	-	10:00 AM – Cleaning the Basilica. See announcement.
	7:00 PM	-	Bingo in the Parish Center.
FRI	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs. See announcement.
SAT	7:00 PM	-	Bingo in the Parish Center.

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### **The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!**

Total collection last weekend:           \$ 13,688.50

Second collection last weekend for  
the Maintenance of the Basilica:       \$ 2,595.16

***God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!***

### BASILICA FOUNDATION

A fund has been established at the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of the Basilica. This fund is separate and unique from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have at least \$1 Million in the fund before beginning to use it. To donate to the fund, contact the Marietta Community Foundation at 740-373-3286 and ask about this Fund.

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### ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

For information about online giving please visit <http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page and click on the GIVE ON LINE button to see more information or to sign up.

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### DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

**We have reached our goal in the 2019 D/PSC!** The most recent report from the diocese shows that we are now at 103%. Money now received will be returned to our parish to be used for our own needs. Please remember it is not too late to make a pledge to this year's campaign. Pledge cards are available at the parish office and should be sent directly to the diocese in the envelope provided. We thank all of our parishioners who have so generously given thus far. Your support is crucial to our parish and our diocese!

### SAINT MARY SCHOOL NEWS

**Summer Tours** are available for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade by contacting the school office at (740) 374-8181 or emailing Mrs. Bradley at [tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org).

**Summer office hours** are as follows: The office is only open on Wednesday's from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The office will be closed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week. Normal office hours will resume August 12<sup>th</sup>. Emails will be checked all summer.

**The Back to School/Spruce up the Grounds** clean up for St. Mary Catholic School is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM

**St. Mary Catholic School has openings** for a junior high golf head coach for the 2019 fall season. Interested applicants must have or be able to obtain an active Pupil Activity Permit from the Ohio Department of Education prior to the start of practice on August 1, 2019. The salary for this coaching position is \$1,500.00. Any individuals interested in this position should contact Athletic Director Jim Humphrey at 740-629-4867 (cell) or via E-mail at [super7@suddenlink.net](mailto:super7@suddenlink.net).

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### SCRIP CARDS

Scrip gift cards are being sold after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses. You can also call your order in to the school, 740-374-8181, order online from the school website: [stmarys.k12.oh.us](http://stmarys.k12.oh.us) or you can email your order to [brendaburkey@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:brendaburkey@stmaryscatholic.org). A Scrip order form is on the back of this week's bulletin.

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**CLEANING THE BASILICA:** The next day to clean the Basilica will be Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM until 10:00 AM. If you would like to help, please join us.



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**April 28, 2019**



### Notes on the Gospel

Late Sunday evening, the followers of Jesus locked the doors where they met because they feared the Jewish leaders. Jesus appeared before them and said, "Peace be with you." After he spoke, Jesus showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. Again, Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. Just as the Father sent me, I am sending you." Then, Jesus breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit, if you forgive someone's sins, their sins are and will ever be forgiven. If you don't forgive their sins, their sins are not forgiven."

But Thomas the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus appeared. The other followers told him, "We've seen the Lord!" Thomas replied, "I won't believe it until I inspect the nail scars in his hands and touch the scar in his side."

The next Sunday, the followers were inside along with Thomas. Jesus came into the locked room, stood before them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Take your finger and inspect my hands. Take your hand and inspect my side. Give up your doubts and believe!" Thomas replied "You are my Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen Me and believe."

In this gospel, John related two resurrection stories and two verse many scholars believe were the original ending to the gospel. The first section focused upon the gift of the Spirit, the second upon faith, and the third upon the reason for evangelization.

In his gospel, John gave the reason the followers gathered together behind locked doors. They feared the Jewish leadership. "If they killed Jesus," the followers reasoned, "the leadership would certainly be looking for us." Barred doors made Jesus' followers look more suspicious. At the time, trust within the Jewish community was built upon open access. Doors were never locked.

Suddenly Jesus appeared in the locked room and greeted his followers with "Shalom." Shalom ("peace" in Hebrew) meant God was working in the world. When God worked, He put the world in balance. No war, no hatred, no cynicism could overcome God's providence. When God worked, He put the spirit in balance. No fear, no doubt, no lack of trust could overcome the sheer joy of God's presence.

When His followers saw Jesus alive with His deadly wound, they realized the "Shalom" of Jesus, for they witnessed God's activity in the world. Fear left them, for now they believed. Joy entered their hearts. [20:20]

Again Jesus said "Shalom" with a command and a gift. The command: Go into the world. As the Father send Jesus into the physical world, Jesus would now send his followers into the cultural world. With the command came the gift: the Holy Spirit. When Jesus breathed on his followers, he gave them his Spirit. When the followers took in the Spirit, they received his newly risen life. Now they could obey the missionary command to proclaim repentance and forgive sin. Jesus told his followers to forgive or retain sin like a knot loosening or tied closely together. If the followers forgive, however, they must loosen the sinner from the guilt now and in the future. Sin was never to be brought up again. [20:23]

## PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS ON MONDAY

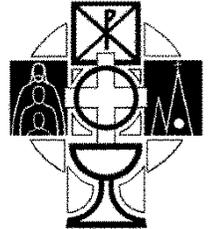
Perpetual Help Devotions will be celebrated on Monday evening. Since 1866 the Redemptorists have spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the icon and title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is fittingly the official devotion of our Basilica. This devotion is a blessing for our basilica. Come and join us on Monday evening.

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## Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

April 30, - Reception of the Relic of Blessed Solanus Casey  
May 5, - First Communion Mass  
June 26, - Great Day Tour of the Basilica  
June 28, - Priestly Ordination of Nicholas Ginnetti at the Basilica

September 22, - Confirmation Mass 2:00 pm.  
October 27, - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Diocese (Bishop Monforton)



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## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, April 29,

7:45 am. - Mass  
8:45 am. - Communion Call (1)  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
1:00 pm. - Communion Calls (2)  
6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help Devotions  
7:00 pm. - RCIA

12:05 pm. - Mass  
6:30 pm. - First Communion Practice

### Tuesday, April 30,

7:45 am. - Mass  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
1:00 pm. - Communion Calls (2)

### Friday, May 3,

7:45 am. - Mass  
9:15 am. - Mass (School)  
10:00 am. - Communion Calls (3)  
10:30 am. - Mass (Glenwood)  
12:05 pm. - Mass

### Wednesday, May 1,

7:45 am. - Mass  
9:30 am. - Communion Call (1)  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
6:00 pm. - Mass & CWC May Crowning

### Saturday, May 4,

9:00 am. - Mass  
3:30 pm. - Confessions  
5:30 pm. - Mass

### Thursday, May 2,

7:45 am. - Mass  
9:15 am. - Communion Calls (6)

### Sunday, May 5,

8:00 am. - Mass  
10:00 am. - Mass  
12:00 pm. - Mass  
2:00 pm. - First Communion Mass

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## Deceased Priests of the Diocese



On Friday, we remember the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Joseph Saraceno. On Saturday, we remember the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Ralph Wargo. These two priests served our Diocese to the best of their ability. May they rest forever in the peace of the Risen

Lord.



THE BASILICA OF  
**SAINT MARY**  
OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Second Sunday of Easter 2019

Dear Parishioners,

We do not know what Christ's risen body is like. On the one hand, the risen Jesus could be touched by his followers. His body still had the wounds of the passion. On the other hand, he entered locked rooms at will and appeared to his followers as he wished. His body was not limited by space and time. While his body possessed signs of his past, yet It was transformed into a glorious Risen Body.

The resurrection was at once a moment in history two millennium ago and a moment for all time. That which space and time bound was raised to the eternal. When we profess Christ is risen, we acknowledge our faith in a life beyond despite our present limitations.

Thomas has been called the "Doubter." Over and over, Thomas heard the witness of the followers. But, Thomas wanted more than proof positive. A week later, Jesus again appear with the greeting of "Shalom." Turning to Thomas, Jesus answered the challenge of cynicism with the challenge of faith. Thomas responded with two titles for Jesus: Lord and God. Thomas acknowledged the rightful place of Jesus as Lord; he also saw God working through the Risen Christ. Thomas finally received Christ's gift of Shalom.

In contrast to Thomas, Jesus blessed those who believed without seeing him raised from the dead. Here John used the word "believe" in two senses: to trust ("believe in") and to hold onto the truth ("believe (something) about..."). Blessed were those who placed their personal trust in Christ (believe in); they do not need proof of his resurrection, for they know He is alive. But, even blessed are those who hold onto the truths of faith (believe...about), for, with an open heart, they will soon experience the risen Christ.

Without the Resurrection, Christianity would be nothing more than a school that taught the wisdom of a great teacher. With the Resurrection, however, Christianity became a road to intimacy with God. The Resurrection justifies the life, works, and teachings of Jesus. Through the lens of the Resurrection, we can see this life, these works and teachings in the context of Scripture and realize "Jesus is Lord." Faith in the Resurrection leads us to the conclusion Jesus is true God and true man.

Through the Resurrection, we receive the gift of a new eternal life, free from evil. We become one with our Savior who died and rose for us. And, as He rose, Christ assures us that we, too, will rise on the last day. The peace Christ give us heals the fear and cynicism of the world. His peace allows us to continue to believe and to hold on to his very life. Let us, then, offer each other the peace of Christ, the Shalom of his Spirit.

Sincerely in the Risen Lord,

Msgr. John M. Campbell

# **Trump calls Pope Francis after Notre-Dame fire**



President Donald Trump and Pope Francis spoke on the phone last Wednesday afternoon, with the president pledging to assist with the rebuilding of Notre-Dame de Paris.

“Today, President Donald J. Trump spoke with His Holiness Pope Francis. The President offered his condolences for the destruction of Notre Dame Cathedral, one of Europe’s most important religious structures,” said a readout of the call

from Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

Trump also commented on the Cathedral’s “amazing beauty and great symbolism.” The two leaders also spoke on matters related to the current crisis in Venezuela, and how to best assist the people of that country during the current political crisis.

Venezuela has suffered through political and social unrest for years, but the situation worsened in January with the disputed reelection of President Nicholas Maduro. A large and growing number of nations have refused to recognize the legitimacy of the result, and the Vatican has rebuffed invitation by the dictator to mediate in the dispute with his opponents.

Trump characterized the call with the pope as a “wonderful conversation” on Twitter, adding that he wished the pontiff a happy Easter. Alessandro Gisotti, interim director of the Holy See Press Office, confirmed the call on Twitter. He said that Trump “expressed to the pope his closeness, in the name of the American people.”

Since the roof of Notre-Dame de Paris was destroyed last Tuesday, over 700 million euro has been pledged to the rebuilding effort. Officials have proposed an architectural contest to design the cathedral’s new spire. Trump previously spoke to his French counterpart, Emmanuel Macron, on Tuesday, expressing condolences over the tragedy of the fire and offering American help.

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## **Miami archbishop warns flock against fake Fathers**

The Archdiocese of Miami is warning Catholics against a spate of fake priests who are scamming parishioners for money and gift cards, supposedly for good causes. The problem has cropped up in multiple parishes in the area, and even hear in Marietta.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski assured Catholics that “no Catholic clergyman will ask a parishioner for a gift card.” One parishioner has reportedly lost about \$1500 to the scams.

Parishes are warning Catholics at Mass and in their bulletins to ignore emails or texts from priests asking for money or gift cards and to report any fake messages to police. Such scams were part of the perils of technology. The phony priest problem seems to extend beyond Florida. Similar scams from fake priests asking for gift cards took place in the Dioceses of Scranton, Steubenville, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, asking each recipient to purchase \$500 in gift cards for cancer victims.

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**PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL!**

## Man arrested entering St. Patrick's cathedral with gasoline



A man is in custody after he attempted to bring containers of gasoline into St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City Wednesday night.

The man was identified by NYPD as a Ph.D. student at City University of New York. He has been arrested previously for criminal trespass and public drunkenness.

He was apprehended by cathedral security around 8 p.m. and taken into police custody by officers with the NYPD Critical Response Command. He attempted to start a fire using a lighter, and police said he had a car nearby to escape the scene. According to the NYPD, he had four gallons of gasoline, two cans of lighter fluid, and two lighters with him when he attempted to enter the cathedral. He was prevented from entering by cathedral security, but was able to spill some of the gasoline on the floor as he was leaving.

About 90 minutes before he attempted to enter the cathedral. He then wandered around for about an hour, before taking the gasoline, lighter fluid, and lighters out of his car. He tried to go into St. Patrick's around 8 p.m. and was apprehended shortly thereafter.

NYPD said that his story was "not consistent" and suspicious, though they have not yet determined any sort of motive. He claimed he cut through the cathedral as a shortcut, as his van had run out of gas. The minivan had in fact not run out of gas, which led to police taking him into custody. NYPD have confirmed that he had recently purchased a one-way airplane ticket to Rome, scheduled to depart Thursday evening. Police described him as "emotionally disturbed." He was recently arrested for refusing to leave a church in Newark as it was closing. He was charged with criminal trespassing and resisting arrest in that incident.

Last Tuesday, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York City expressed concern for the safety of St. Patrick's Cathedral, which, like Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris, also has a wooden roof. St. Patrick's Cathedral recently underwent a \$177 million restoration project, which included new fire safety features. "Thank God the FDNY has been extraordinarily vigilant and helpful, because we've got a wooden roof too," said Dolan.



### Thoughts for the week

"It is only when we look to the Eucharist, to the cross, to the death and Resurrection of Jesus, that sin is revealed to us. Perhaps this explains why Christianity speaks so much about sin: it is in fact only through Christ that sin is truly revealed."

- Christoph Cardinal Schönborn

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Pope Francis - Tweets "Look at the open arms of Christ crucified, and let Him save you. Contemplate His blood shed out of love and let yourself be purified by it. In this way you can be reborn."  
#Good Friday

## Pope Francis: Christ's glory is found in suffering for love



Jesus' glory is not found in the acclaim or applause of the world, but in the act of suffering and dying out of love – the same love demanded of everyone, Pope Francis said. "True glory is the glory of love, because it is the only one that gives life to the world," the pope said. "Certainly, this glory is the opposite of worldly glory, which comes when one is admired, praised, acclaimed," he continued. "The glory of God, on the other hand, is paradoxical: no applause, no audience."

The way to give God glory is to "live all that we do with love," Francis said, "do everything with the heart, as for Him." He explained that Jesus is the perfect example of how to live all things with love for God the Father, pointing to his prayer at the Last Supper. As recounted in the Gospel of John, Jesus, "raised his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you.'"

"Raised up on the cross, He is glorified. There God finally reveals his glory: he takes away the last veil and astonishes us as never before. In fact, we discover that the glory of God is all love: pure love, crazy and unthinkable, beyond all limits and measure."

He went on to note that sometimes it is difficult to see God as a loving Father, falling into seeing him as a severe judge instead of a merciful Savior. "But God at Easter clears the distance, showing himself in the humility of a love that demands our love," he stated. He urged people experiencing suffering, like their own Garden of Gethsemane, to remember to pray like Jesus, saying, "Father."

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## Holy Week terrorism suspect arrested



Seville, Spain, Apr 18, 2019 / 07:00 pm ([CNA](#)).- Authorities from Spain and Morocco have arrested a 23 year old man in Rabat, Morocco, who is suspected of planning an attack during Holy Week celebrations in the Spanish city of Seville.

According to Spanish federal police, Spain's National Intelligence Center and the Moroccan secret service, a 23-year-old Zouhair el Bouhdidi was planning to detonate explosives during Holy Week processions in Seville, the city in which he lived. The arrest took place after the Spanish authorities informed the Moroccans that el Bouhdidi had traveled to Morocco, allegedly in preparation for the attack, according to a Spanish newspaper.

The Islamic State had called for attacks during Holy Week in Spain in a video broadcast on propaganda channels. The video encouraged ISIS followers to act in the name of "holy war," and showed images of processions on the streets of Valencia and Malaga alongside scenes in which pedestrians are mowed down by vehicles. Seville's Holy Week processions have widely recognized for their beauty, and they annually attract throngs of tourists.

# Holy Week and the Notre Dame fire



The cathedral towering above the island on the Seine that was the cradle of the city is more than a venerable medieval building, more than an exceptionally beautiful architectural masterpiece. It has been for centuries the heart not only of Paris, but of the whole nation, the place where even presidents and ministers came to pray because they could not think of anything else to do when France was victorious (in 1918), defeated (in 1940) or liberated (in 1944). It was desecrated during the French Revolution and turned into a temple of the goddess Reason, but Napoleon realized he had to give it back to the Church and be crowned there if he was actually to become an Emperor.

It is also a vibrant reminder of the faith of our ancestors, which shaped the monument and inspired every detail as a facet of God's revelation and gifts as well as the overall design. It was meant and has survived as a representation of heaven. The Paris cathedral is the symbol not just of the Catholic faith, but of the fact that all humans have souls.

Notre Dame on fire and perhaps unusable for years is undoubtedly a trial. But faith does not allow to see this as a punishment or the confirmation of a decline and fall. There is some comfort to be found in the massive sense of affliction and solidarity of non-believers, since it proves that for them, however irreligious they are, the visible Church is not a mere remnant of the past, but a vital part of the scenery, without which they themselves miss something.

What is decisive is the knowledge that Jesus Christ will never abandon his bride the Church – which does *not* mean that her faithfulness will never be tested. St. Peter's in Rome was plundered several times. The crusaders lost Jerusalem. What ultimately matters is not the signifier (the cathedral), but the signified (God's glory) which remains forever rich and will forever inspire those who long for it.

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## Pope Francis: Like holy oil, priests must pour themselves out for others



The holy oil blessed at the Chrism Mass is a reminder of the priest's call to be close to the People of God, pouring himself out in service to them, Pope Francis said last Thursday. "I would say this: We [priests] are not distributors of bottled oil," the pope said. "We anoint by distributing ourselves, distributing our vocation and our heart."

Priests not only anoint with sacramental oil, they "anoint by dirtying our hands in touching the wounds, the sins and the worries of the people. We anoint by perfuming our hands in touching their faith, their hopes, their fidelity and the unconditional generosity of their self-giving," he said.

The pope, as the bishop of Rome, blessed the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Chrism Oil, which will be used throughout the diocese over the coming year. "When we anoint others" with this holy oil, he said, "we ourselves are anointed anew by the faith and the affection of our people."

Pope Francis recalled the many times the Gospel speaks of Jesus being surrounded by crowds. "The Lord never lost that direct contact with people," he said. "Amid those crowds, he always kept the grace of closeness with the people as a whole, and with each individual."

This is what the Lord's priests are called to do, he said.

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## 'Nones' rise amid declining church attendance, survey shows

Church membership in the United States has dropped considerably in the last two decades, and the number of people who say they have no religion has increased, a new report from Gallup shows. The decline in "membership" of a specific church or parish community appears especially pronounced among Catholics and young people. Nearly one out of three millennials, defined as people born between 1980 and 2000, describe themselves as having no religion. Of the 68% who said they do have a religious faith, only 57% said they belong to a church.

Twenty years ago, when members of "Generation X" were the same age as millennials, 62% --nearly two out of three--were members of a church. Today, 54% of Generation X members belong to a church, and 79% said they have a religious belief of some sort. Those born in 1945 or earlier were the most religious age group surveyed. Only nine percent said they did not have a religion, and nearly three out of four believers consider themselves to "belong" to a church.

Since 1998-2000, the percentage of Catholics who say they belong to a church has dropped by 13 points. In 1998-2000, 76% of Catholics said they were members of a church. By 2016-2018, this figure had dropped to 63%. Church "membership" is difficult to tabulate among Catholics. Parish membership is primarily defined in canon law according to residence in the territory of a parish.

According to the data, American Catholics still appear belong to churches at higher rates than nondenominational Protestants. Only 57 percent of themselves nondenominational Americans who call are members of a church. All demographic categories now say they belong to churches at a lower rate than they did 20 years ago.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF June 15 & 16**  
(For the complete schedule and other resources go to [www.stmarysdre.info](http://www.stmarysdre.info))

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
<b>Sat</b>	Deacon Lee Weisend*		
<b>5:30</b>	Missy Deskins (CAPT) Jean Tornes (HOST) Mary Weddle (CHALICE) Cheyenne Greenwood (CHALICE)	Don Murray	Parker Crum Caroline Stollar Natalie Tomasch
<b>Sun:</b>	Theresa Huck (CAPT)	Georgene Johnson	Joyce Iaderosa Mike Iaderosa Charles Kremer Ron Wesel
<b>8:00</b>	Nancy Funk (HOST) Marcia McCabe (HOST) Sheri Black (CHALICE) Gregg Black (CHALICE)		
<b>10:00</b>	Patti Finkel (CAPT) Jennifer Schenkel (HOST) Joel Erb (HOST) Ken Masselli (CHALICE) Karen Schramm (CHALICE)	Janet Welch	Nathan Bennett Victoria Humphrey Claire Schenkel Cassidy Wilson
<b>12:00</b>	Gerald Cooke (CAPT) Betsy Lang (HOST) Laura Riley (HOST) Jim Hartlage (CHALICE) Blenda Rech (CHALICE)	Stan Vanlandingham	Logan Ayers Bryce Ayers Nicholas Earley

*\*Deacons are actually Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. He is listed with the Extraordinary Ministers for simplicity of scheduling.*

<b>Week of June 10, 7:45 AM</b>	Katelyn Forshey Emilia Weltner	<b>Saturday, June 15, 9:00 AM</b>	Teddy Bauer Jonathan Schmidt
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**BINGO WORKERS**

**Thursday – June 13- Team 7:** Larry & Maxine Best, Debbie Lazorik, Barb Brooker, Barb Chalfant, Tricia Becker, Jamey Brooks, Cindy Davis, Missy Deskins, Debra Martin, Shelly Medley, Tom Paguirigan, Terri Pfeffer, Dan Rose, Jenny Strahler.

**Saturday – June 15 - Team 4:** Dustin & Kristin Becker, Joel & Kaelly Erb, Bob & Eva Erdelyi, Paul & Ashley Foley, Aaron & Morgan Heiss, John & Malysa Jack, Aaron Lang, Toni Lang, Ken & Pamela Masselli.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Please pray for all of the young men and women who are serving our country in the military. We especially remember friends and relatives of our parishioners. May God keep them safe.

**HOSPITALIZED OR SHUT-IN?**

If you or a member of your family is in the hospital, please let us know. Also, if you would like a home visit from one of the priests, please call the parish office, 740-33373-3643.

**CALL TO CONVENTION**

All women of the Diocese of Steubenville are invited and encouraged to attend the CWC Annual Convention. It is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th, 2019 at Holy Family Church, 2608 Alexander Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio. Registration will be at 8:15 AM. This year's theme is "Love Saves Lives."

There is a car pool leaving from the Basilica on Wednesday only. If you wish to join us, please fill out a registration form that's available at the door entrances. Contact Karen Schramm, President at 740-525-1754 for more information.

**NEW ADDRESSES OR PHONE NUMBERS?**

If you have recently moved, please notify the parish office. Also, many families are doing away with their land line and just using their cell phone. Please let us know so we can update our parish census. Thank you for your cooperation.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please submit your bulletin request, in writing, to the parish office by 1:00 PM on Wednesday. This will insure that your announcement will be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

You can order gift cards directly from the school website?

You can go to the Rectory to pick up your order?

Sears gift cards can be used at K-Mart?

Kohl's gift cards can be used to pay your Kohl's credit card bill?

Payless Shoes is going out of business and our school needs to sell the gift cards we have already purchased so we don't take a loss. We are selling \$20 gift card for \$15 each. They will be worth \$20 when you shop at Payless.

Buy your cards after Mass, call your order in to the school, 740-374-8181, order online from the school website: [stmarys.k12.oh.us](http://stmarys.k12.oh.us) or email your order to [brendaburkey@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:brendaburkey@stmaryscatholic.org).

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If you have recently moved, please notify the parish of your new address. Also, many families are doing away with their land line and are just using their cell phone. Please let us know so we can update our parish information. Thank you for your cooperation.

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### **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media.

Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Steubenville to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc). Envelopes were provided with your monthly packet and should be put in the regular collection.

### **DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have so generously given to the 2019 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign thus far. The most recent report from the Diocese shows that we have reached 99% of our goal. Please remember that it is not too late to make a pledge to the D/PSC. Your support is crucial to our parish and our diocese.

Money received over and above our goal will be returned to our parish and may be used for parish expenses. Pledge cards are available at the parish office and at the entrances of the Basilica. They should be mailed directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided.

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### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers:**

The current ministry schedule ran out the end of May. We hope to create a new schedule in the near future. In the meantime we will put a schedule in the bulletin each week for the following weekend. If you are not able to serve on your assigned weekend, please get a substitute. We are sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and cooperation. God bless you for all that you do.