

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption



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August 11, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	5:30 PM	- Edgar Walters
SUN	8:00 AM	- Liv/dec'd of the Paul Bauerbach Family
	10:00 AM	- Karen Offenberger
	12:00 PM	- People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	- Souls in Purgatory
	12:05 PM	- James J. Schmidt
TUE	7:45 AM	- Earl Thieman
	12:05 PM	- Lani Pottmeyer
WED	7:45 AM	- Special Intention
	12:05 PM	- Richard Miller
		Feast of the Assumption
WED	6:00 PM	- Leo Antons
THU	7:45 AM	- Betty Russell
	12:05 PM	- Tarcella Hendershot
	6:00 PM	- Karen Offenberger
FRI	7:45 AM	- Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Veloso
	12:05 PM	- Paul & Mary Hornung
SAT	9:00 AM	- Mary Strahler, 6 th Anniversary
	5:30 PM	- Phil Schroeder, 25 th Anniversary
SUN	8:00 AM	- David Erb
	10:00 AM	- Alice Lang
	12:00 PM	- People of the Parish

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

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell (fatherjmike@gmail.com)
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Permanent Deacon - Rev. Mr. Lee Weisend
Music Director - Mr. John Ontko (740-350-4224, ontkob@suddenlink.net)
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Prayer Line - & Eucharistic Adoration, Mrs. Shelly Medley (740-525-6360)
Pregnancy Assistance - Women's Care Center (740-374-7123)
Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740-374-6768)
Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740-885-1181)
St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740-376-1334)

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

Thursday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM and Thursday at 7:45 AM and 12:05 and 6:00 PM.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please submit your bulletin announcements, 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.

PARISH PICNIC:

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be Sunday, August 18th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Williamstown Park Clubhouse. All members of the parish are welcome to attend. Sign-up sheets are located at all Basilica entrances. Weber's Market will be providing the delicious fried chicken and everyone is asked to bring a side dish for sharing.

THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL 1:00 PM EVERY MONDAY

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.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON	3:00 PM	- Daily Mass Servers Training in the Basilica. See Announcement.
	6:15 PM	- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See Announcement.
WED	8:15 AM	- 7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs. See announcement.
THU	7:00 PM	- Bingo in the Parish Center.
FRI	8:15 AM	- 7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
SAT	7:00 PM	- Bingo in the Parish Center.

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

Total collection last weekend: \$ 15,481.50

Second collection last weekend for
the maintenance of our Basilica: \$ 3,289.00

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.

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.

THIS WEEKEND'S FLOWERS

This weekend, the roses and flowers for the altar are in memory of Edgar Walters. If you would like to request flowers for a particular weekend, please call the parish office to reserve the date. You may contact the florist of your choice to arrange for delivery.

NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

If you have a new address or phone number please notify the parish office so we can update our parish information. Thank you.

SAINT MARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Back to School/Spruce up the Grounds clean up for St. Mary Catholic School is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th at 5:00 PM Thank you to Greenleaf Landscapes, a partner in education for the supplies needed to make our school grounds beautiful to welcome the students and staff back for the 2019-2020 year. Many hands will make light work ... we NEED volunteers! Please bring rakes and gloves. Water will be provided.

Back to School Open House

Monday, August 19th, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Let's get ready to kick off the new school year with a "Welcome Back" snoop and scoop! Come and see the classrooms, meet your teachers, bring in supplies and get excited about the new school year! An ice cream bar will be set up in the Parish Center as a summer treat!

Preschool 3 will have Open House at 5:00 PM in the Preschool classroom, **Preschool 4** at 6:00 PM, **PreKindergarten** will meet at 5:30 PM in the PreK classroom and **Kindergarten** at 5:30 PM in the K classroom. All other grades may come in as you please!

SCRIP CARD OPTIONS

Scrip gift cards are being sold after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses.

The School website: stmarys.k12.oh.us

The Church website: stmarysmarietta.org

Call the School: 740-374-8181

Email to: brendaburkey@stmaryscatholic.org

HOSPITALIZED OR HOUSE-BOUND?

If you or a member of your family is in the hospital or shut-in and unable to attend Mass, please notify the rectory. Our priests will visit all of these parishioners if aware of the circumstances.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2019

Notes on the Gospel

With the images of the homeowner and the servants, Jesus addressed a core theme of his message: anticipate the end times. He said: "Let your hips be belted and your lamps burning. You are (to be) like men waiting for their master, when he might return from the wedding feast, so that, having come and having knocked, they may open (the door) for him right away. Blessed are those servants whom, having come, the master finds awake. Amen, I say to you, He will belt himself (like a servant), have them recline (at table), and, having come alongside, will serve them. If he might come in the second or third watch and find (them) so, blessed are those (servants). If the homeowner had known at what hour the thief would come, he would not let his house to be broken into. You do not know at what hour the Son of Man comes! Be prepared.

In this short version of the gospel from Luke, Jesus addressed the expectations of the Christian community about the end of the world. Be ready! Jesus began the discourse with two traditional images for action: girded loins and lamps light. Girded loins prepared one for running. Lamps light referred to movement at night. Taken together, the images painted quick, nighttime travel. In the context of Luke, the night referred to the trials (the dark times) before the Final Judgement. In other words, the Christian community were to be prepared for fast action, in spite of persecution.

Jesus then used two parables for anticipation: the waiting servants and the watchful homeowner. The parable of waiting servants had two additional images that referred to the heavenly feast. First, the servants waited for the master to return from the wedding banquet. Such a feast had overtones of the Kingdom, when God would dine with his people. Second, the master would return to serve the servants a great feast! The early Christian community expected His return at any moment as King and Great Judge. Then, He would reward the faithful. The heavenly wedding feast and the future feast of the Kingdom were glimpsed in the Eucharist, where the Lord is fully present and received by the faithful, but not as yet clearly seen. In this parable, Luke telegraphed the ideal attitude of those who gathered for fellowship on the Lord's Day: celebrate his presence (the heavenly banquet) and actively await for his coming (the Kingdom feast) by serving each other. Those who celebrated this way were truly blessed!

The watchful homeowner shifted the focus from the Lord to the community. No, they gazed upon the enemy, the marauding Evil One! Satan came to borough his way into the community and steal away as many souls as he could. Hence, the community needed to look after its own against the temptations of immoral and amoral behavior.

Christ calls us to anticipate his return. While we might not have the fervor that the early Christians had, we are to still look forward to his arrival. At the end of the world, Jesus will return to judge everyone according to their actions and their faith. Then, good will definitely triumph over evil. Until that time, we represent Christ to others by our actions and our faith. Our example, then becomes part of our anticipation.

Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

- August 18, - 10:00 am. Mass Bishop Monforton.
August 18, - Parish Picnic at Williamstown Park 4-6 pm.
September 18, - Child Protection Workshop 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
September 22, - Confirmation Mass 2:00 pm.
October 13, - Diocesan Youth Conference (School & Basilica) Bishop Monforton
October 25, - 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Diocese (Bishop Monforton)
November 3, - Celebration for the Women religious of the Diocese (Bishop -Noon Mass & Dinner)
November 24, - Diocesan Marriage Celebration (Noon Mass Bishop)
December 22, - Christmas Appreciation Dinner
January 8, - Bishop's January Dinner with priests – 5:00 pm. Basilica
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PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS ON MONDAY

Perpetual Help Devotions will be celebrated on Monday evening at 6:15 pm. 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 next Monday evening.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 12

- 7:45 am. - Mass
8:45 am. - Communion Call (1)
12:05 pm. - Mass
1:15 pm. - Communion Calls (3)
3:00 pm. - burial of Ashes.
6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday, August 13,

- 7:45 am. - Mass
12:05 pm. - Mass

Wednesday, August 14,

- 7:45 am. - Mass
8:20 am. - Adoration
9:15 am. - Communion Call (2)
12:05 pm. - Mass
6:00 pm. - School Advisory Meeting
6:00 pm. - Holy Day Mass

Thursday, August 15,

- 7:45 am. - Holy Day Mass
9:10 am - Communion Calls (6)

- 12:05 pm. - Holy Day Mass
6:00 pm. - Holy Day Mass
7:00 pm. - Holy Day Mass (St. Henry's)

Friday, August 16,

- 7:45 am. - Mass
8:20 am. - Adoration
10:00 am. - Communion Calls (3)
12:05 pm. - Mass
7:00 pm - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, August 17,

- 9:00 am. - Mass (Bishop Monforton)
3:30 pm. - Confessions
5:30 pm. - Mass

Sunday, August 18,

- 8:00 am. - Mass
10:00 am. - Mass (Bishop Monforton)
11:00 am. - Mass - (Saint Henry's)
12:00 pm. - Mass
4:00 pm. - Parish Picnic
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Deceased Priests of the Diocese

On Monday, we remember the 52nd anniversary of the death of Fr. John Priest, the 50th anniversary of the death of Fr. Anthony Nickel, and the 11th anniversary of the death of Fr. Francis McCarthy. On Friday, we remember the 65th anniversary of the death of Fr. Mieceslaus Dzikiwshi. These priests served our Diocese of Steubenville – giving their lives in the service of the Church in Steubenville. May they rest forever in peace.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Jesus Christ lives among us in our midst. He has dwelt in the tabernacles of our Catholic churches under the elements of simple bread and wine. He endures neglect, solitude, blasphemies, and our irreverence. Even in adoration chapels, there is a lack of reverence for the Real Presence. Jesus waits for us that he might forgive us, love us, and restore us to a deeper relation with Him.

Day and night, He waits for us. “Can you not visit Me for a few minutes in our Adoration Chapel on Wednesday and or Friday? What do we do for Him?”

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 12, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (Religious)

Jane was the mother of six children (two of whom died at child birth). As a widow, she founded the Visitation Sisters and some 85 monasteries before her death.

Tuesday, August 13, Saints Pontian (Pope) and Hippolytus (Priest)

Pontian was the Bishop of Rome banished to Sardinia where he was reconciled with Hippolytus. Before his death in 235, he abdicated his office to make way for his successor Saint Anterus. Hippolytus was a priest and stern rigorist. He is the source of the second Eucharistic Prayer.

Wednesday, August 14, Saint Maximilian Kolbe (Priest & Martyr)

Maximilian was a Polish priest who was murdered in Auschwitz in 1941. He offered his life in exchange for a father of a family.

Thursday, August 15, The Assumption of Mary

This Feast became to be celebrated as early as the fifth century in the East and in Rome.

Friday, August 16, Saint Stephen of Hungry

Stephen was the first Christian king of Hungry and received the “holy crown” from Pope Sylvester II in 1000. He was renowned for his charity to beggars.

Knights of Columbus donated over \$185 million to charity in 2018

The Knights of Columbus announced August 1 that it donated more than \$185 million to charity in 2018. The Knights of Columbus are generous, and their impact is immense. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal and charitable organization with over 1.9 million members and more than 16,000 councils worldwide.



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Dear Parishioners,

Very soon, our Basilica parish will begin another school year, making Catholic education available, affordable and accessible to all Catholic parents and children desirous of such an education. Our Catholic school is not only a place to develop one's faith, but also a place to mature and advance academically.

The Basilica parish provides over \$235,000 to our school, and our bingo also provides about \$135,000 to help keep tuition as low as possible. Both Catholics and non-Catholics alike benefit from Catholic education. Our growing School Foundation, ensures that a Catholic education is available to as many students as possible, especially those of our Basilica parish.

When parents choose a Catholic School for their children, it sets their children apart as a family so committed to their children's education that they are ready to make extraordinary sacrifices. Parents, by making the sacrifice necessary to send their children to Saint Mary's, show them education is a high priority. Our Catholic school provides a loving, loyal environment where the entire community of parents, teachers, students, and parish is committed to academic and personal success.

Our Catholic school seeks to prepare our children in mind and spirit during the most formative and vulnerable time of their lives so that they can live lives full of hope, joy, and peace, no matter what challenges they meet. Students explore their faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church, and morality. Saint Mary's School stresses the faith-centered values of self-discipline and commitment. Saint Mary School strives to create a strong sense of family/community among the students, the family, the school, and the Church.

Our administration and teachers are extraordinary. Because of smaller school size, highly motivated and involved teachers and close parental involvement, each student receives special attention so that their needs are met. If you're not part of school family, think about it!

Sincerely in the Risen Lord

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell
(Rector)

Priest Attacked at Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Szczecin, Poland



Late Sunday in the afternoon, before the Mass. Three perpetrators at the age of 30-40 entered the sacristy. They demanded chasubles and other religious goods, and said that they wanted to celebrate the Mass. The parish priest (68 years old) and the sacristan refused to give them chasubles. They were severely beaten. Both of the victims were taken to the hospital. The police detained the perpetrators.

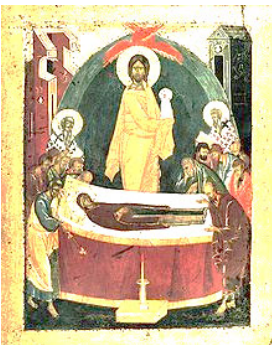
According to the Polish Press Agency, the perpetrators have a police record.

The spokesman of the Diocese told the Polish Press Agency that the attack probably had a religious background, and the priest will need surgery due to the severity of his wounds.. “We ask for prayer for the victims of this brutal beating as well as prayer for the conversion and repentance of the perpetrators,” appealed the spokesman of the Curia.

The Dormition Fast:

The Eastern Christian season leading to the Assumption

Each year the Eastern Catholic Churches participate in a fasting season Aug. 1-14 in preparation for the Aug. 15 feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God (which is celebrated as the Assumption in the Latin rite).



Traditionally, during the strict fourteen day fast, Eastern Catholics abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil on weekdays, with some relaxation on the weekends and on the feast of the Transfiguration.

For more than 40 years Santa Maria in Via Lata, a Roman basilica, has celebrated this “Little Lent of the Mother of God” with nightly sung prayers taken from both Byzantine and Latin rite texts. The basilica says that with this unique fusion of prayers, both the East and the West together, honor the Queen of Heaven. Prior to the construction of the current basilica, Byzantine monks are thought to have had a monastery on the site in the 8th century. Underneath the basilica is a crypt containing Eastern-style frescoes dating back to the 7th century. The crypt also has an excavation of a Roman house where tradition holds St. Luke once lived and St. Paul visited during the two years of his imprisonment in Rome, according to the basilica.

The dogma of the Assumption of Mary – called the “Dormition of Mary” in the Eastern Churches – has its roots in the early centuries of the Church. The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary ended her earthly life, God assumed her, body and soul, into heaven. According to St. John of Damascus, at the Council of Chalcedon in 451, Roman Emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, Mother of God. St. Juvenal, who was Bishop of Jerusalem, replied “that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven,” the saint recorded.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The feast of the Assumption of Mary

November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. Thus he solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady. After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about His mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep".

At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption. For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God. Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage.

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

In 1950, in an Apostolic Constitution, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

HOLY DAY MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AS INDICATED

Tuesday Basilica August 14..... 6:00 pm.
Wednesday Basilica August 15..... 7:45 am.
 Basilica.....12:05 pm.
 Basilica..... 6:00 pm.
 St. Henry..... 7:00 pm.

Eucharist Saved After Fire Destroys Historic Texas Church

A devastating fire destroyed a historic church about 40 miles outside of Waco, Texas. The Church caught fire Monday morning, destroying the 125-year-old church. Neighbors managed to save most of the Eucharist and the tabernacle, but the remainder of the historic church completely burned within 30 minutes. Estimated damages are between \$3 and \$4 million.

Pope Francis prays for victims of shootings in U.S.



Last Sunday, Pope Francis remembered the victims, and the families of the victims, of recent shootings in Texas, California, and Ohio, asking for prayers.

"I am spiritually close to the victims of the episodes of violence that these days have bloodied Texas, California and Ohio, in the United States, affecting defenseless people," the pope said Aug. 4, after the recitation of the Angelus. "I invite you to join in my prayer for those who have lost their lives, for the wounded and for their families," Francis said.

He then led those present in St. Peter's Square in praying a 'Hail Mary' for the victims.



The Catechism on the EUCHARIST

"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). "It is Christ himself, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant who, acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. And it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, Who is the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1410).

U.S. bishops: Mass shootings are an 'epidemic against life'

U.S. bishops are calling for prayer and action in the wake of two mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio last weekend. "We encourage all Catholics to increased prayer and sacrifice for healing and the end of these shootings," the bishops wrote in an Aug. 4 statement. "We encourage Catholics to pray and raise their voices for needed changes to our national policy and national culture as well. God's mercy and wisdom compel us to move toward preventative action." "The lives lost this weekend confront us with a terrible truth," bishops wrote. "We can never again believe that mass shootings are an isolated exception. They are an epidemic against life that we must, in justice, face."

"As people of faith, we continue to pray for all the victims, and for healing in all these stricken communities. But action is also needed to end these abhorrent acts. Things must change."

Pope writes to priests: "Thank you for your service"

Pope Francis has written to priests recalling the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, Patron Saint of parish priests around the world. It is a letter that expresses encouragement and closeness to "brother priests, who without making noise" leave everything to engage in the daily life of communities; those who work in the "trenches"; those who confront an endless variety of situations in your effort "to care for and accompany God's people." "I want to say a word to each of you, writes the Pope, who, often without fanfare and at personal cost, amid weariness, infirmity and sorrow, carry out your mission of service to God and to your people. Despite the hardships of the journey, you are writing the finest pages of the priestly life."

The papal letter opens with a look at the abuse scandal. But, Pope Francis explains, even without "denying or dismissing the harm caused by some of our brothers, it would be unfair not to express our gratitude to all those priests who faithfully and generously spend their lives in the service of others. Countless priests make of their lives a work of mercy in areas or situations that are often hostile, isolated or ignored, even at the risk of their lives." The Pope thanked them "for their courageous and constant example" and writes that "in these times of turbulence, shame and pain, you demonstrate that you have joyfully put your lives on the line for the sake of the Gospel ". He invites them not to be discouraged, because "The Lord is purifying his Bride and converting all of us to himself. He is letting us be put to the test in order to make us realize that without him we are simply dust." He says "thank you" for the daily celebration of the Eucharist and for the ministry of the sacrament of reconciliation, lived "without rigor or laxity", taking charge of people and "accompanying them on the path of conversion".

The Holy Father encouraged priests: "The mission to which we are called does not exempt us from suffering, pain and even misunderstanding. Rather, it requires us to face them squarely and to accept them, so that the Lord can transform them and conform us more closely to himself." A good test for knowing how to find the shepherd's heart," writes Pope Francis, "is to ask ourselves how we are dealing with pain. The Pope warned against "the most precious of the devil's potions", that is "the sadness that paralyzes the courage to continue in work, in prayer", which "makes sterile all attempts at transformation and conversion, spreading resentment and animosity. "During our lives," he said " we have been able to contemplate how joy is always reborn with Jesus Christ. It is in prayer - the Pope explains - that "we experience our blessed precariousness which reminds us of our being disciples in need of the Lord's help and frees us from the tendency to rely solely on their own strengths".

"We recognize our frailty, yes; but we allow Jesus to transform it and project us continuously towards the mission". The Pope asked priests to "be close to those who suffer, to be, without shame, close to human misery and, and indeed to make all these experiences our own, and to be "builders of relationships and communion, open, trusting and awaiting in hope the newness that the kingdom of God wishes to bring about even today."

The last word proposed in the letter is "praise". It is impossible to speak of gratitude and encouragement without contemplating Mary who "teaches us the praise capable of lifting our gaze to the future and restoring hope to the present ". "Let us look to Mary so that she can free our gaze of all the "clutter" that prevents us from being attentive and alert, and thus capable of seeing and celebrating Christ alive in the midst of his people. Brothers, may we be men whose lives bear witness to the compassion and mercy that Jesus alone can bestow on us."

Sabbath Switch-Off: “Reclaim Sunday From the Digital Domain”

According to a University of Southern California study, between 2000 and 2018, time spent online every week by the average American rose from 9.4 hours to 23.6 hours, with time spent online at home rising from 3.3 to 17.6 hours a week. During this same period the proportion of Americans accessing the internet from mobile devices rose from 23% in 2010 to 84%. U.S. smartphone email use jumped from 21% to 79%, with music streaming on phones soaring from 13% to 67%.

On the feast of Pentecost 1998, Pope St. John Paul II published the apostolic letter *Dies Domini*, on keeping the Lord’s Day holy. Twenty years on, it is more pertinent than ever — and never has its message been more urgent. *Dies Domini* views Sunday rest as the means to see life in proper perspective. And this means taking the time to “see the true face of the people with whom we live” — not “face time” on a screen but the human faces of those around us.

Conscious, even in 1998, that the notion of “free time” in the Western world could degenerate “into emptiness or boredom,” Pope John Paul II reminds us that it is essential that free time, especially on Sundays, should “offer spiritual enrichment, greater freedom, opportunities for contemplation and fraternal communion.” Interestingly, the means he suggests to achieve this is shared forms of culture and entertainment. It is imperative, the apostolic letter claims, that these cultural entertainments “must be in keeping with a life lived in obedience to the precepts of the Gospel. Sunday rest then becomes prophetic, affirming not only the absolute primacy of God, but also the primacy and dignity of the person.” It is in and through this recreation that Christians anticipate “the ‘new heavens’ and the ‘new earth,’ in which liberation from slavery will be final and complete.” By so living, Sunday becomes not just the Christian “day of the Lord” but, in the truest sense, “the day of man as well.”

Sunday is more than just a Sabbath day of rest, though. For Christians it is “the weekly Easter” (*Dies Domini*). Pope John Paul maintains that Sunday “reveals the meaning of time” and, with it, the hope to which we look forward at the end of time itself. In keeping Sunday holy, therefore, the Christian witnesses to this reality “so that every stage of human history will be upheld by hope.”

Perhaps this is not so surprising, especially if we no longer keep the day of the Lord of Virtue, but, instead, opt for yet more digital enslavement offered to a virtual idol. When we “digitally disconnect” on Sunday, we begin to notice that Saturday night started to take on an unexpected excitement, as we look forward to a digital-free day.

On the natural level, Sunday will be transformed, becoming by far the most relaxing and enjoyable day of the week. On a supernatural level, this quiet stillness will bring us back to pondering the Sabbath. Our Sundays will become a day of prayer — a day resting in the Risen Lord.

raq's Christians 'close to extinction'



extinction.”

Christianity in Iraq could now be on the brink of completely disappearing, according to one of the country's most respected Church leaders. In an interview with Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need coinciding with the anniversary of ISIS's 2014 seizure of Iraq's Nineveh Plains, Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil said: "Christianity in Iraq, one of the oldest Churches, is perilously close to

Archbishop Warda oversaw the care of internally displaced persons fleeing Isis, told the charity that Iraq's Christian presence has been decimated over the past two decades. "In the years prior to 2003, we numbered as many as one-and-a-half million – six per cent of Iraq's population," he said. "Today, there are perhaps as few as 250,000 of us left. Maybe less. Those of us who remain must be ready to face martyrdom."

Archbishop Warda said that, although Isis has been driven out of northern Iraq, the radical ideology which spawned it is still present. "The defeat of (Isis) has not seen the defeat of the idea of the re-establishment of the Caliphate. "And with this idea of the Caliphate there comes all the formal historical structures of intentional inequality and discrimination against non-Muslims. "I speak here not only of Iraq. We see leaders in other countries in the Middle East who are clearly acting in a way consistent with the re-establishment of the Caliphate."

Speaking about the Isis invasion that led to the displacement of more than 125,000 Christians and the loss of their homes and businesses, he said: "Our tormentors confiscated our present while seeking to wipe out our history and destroy our future. "This was an exceptional situation, but not an isolated one. It was part of the recurring cycle of violence in the Middle East over 1,400 years." Adding: "With each successive cycle, the number of Christians falls away, till today we are at the point of extinction."

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF August 17 & 18
 (For the complete schedule and other resources go to www.stmarysdre.info)

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat 5:30	Mary Weddle (CAPT) Debbie Lazorik (HOST) Corry Marshall (HOST) Stan Vanlandingham (CHALICE) Dennis Nau (CHALICE)	Janet Welch	Abby Anderson Ben Pfeiffer Aiden Wilkinson
Sun: 8:00	Patti Finkel (CAPT) Jean Tornes (HOST) Barbara Binegar (HOST) Ron Arnold (CHALICE) Beckie Arnold (CHALICE)	Eric Fitch	David Baker Joe Flaherty Jerry Huck Ron Wesel
10:00	Gary Pitt (CAPT) Joel Erb (HOST) Carol O'Grady (HOST) Tom Paguirigan (CHALICE) Jennifer Schenkel (CHALICE)	Tom Hushion	Nicholas Earley Ella Keffer Claire Schenkel Gabrielle Wojcik Grace Wojcik
12:00	Joyce Huck (CAPT) Nancy Funk (HOST) John Jack (HOST) Mary LaBarre(CHALICE) Betsy Lang (CHALICE)	Dave Cech	Logan Ayers Riley Holschuh Anna Holschuh

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

Week of August 12	Grace Spencer Kingston McMahan
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BINGO WORKERS

Thursday – August 15– Team 3:

Ken & Bonnie Offenberger, Jerry & Theresa Huck, Tom Zakowski, Vicky Boley, Becky Cox, Barb & Jim Tornes, Greg Antill, Matt Erb, Dwight Lang, Dennis & Cheryl Nau, Terry Petit, Tim Stehley.

Saturday – August 17th – Team 5:

Brandon & Tori Bunrworth, Joseph Bush, Susan Juan, Wade & Brittany Landers, Nicholas & Jacqueline Lather, Allen & Elizabeth Ruth, Adam & Rebecca Soffian, Lindsay Stehley, Gary & Jonquil Tucker, Mike & Cathy Wells, George & Sara Wescott.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All parish organizations and committees must check with the Basilica office before scheduling a meeting in the conference room, social hall or using the Basilica kitchen. If you change the time or date of a previously scheduled meeting, please be sure the new time is available. All meetings and events **MUST** be put in the Master Book in the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE

November 17th – School/Parish Carnival

This event will be held from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. The carnival will feature a baked chicken dinner along with a quilt raffle, 50/50 drawing, pie and cake auction, games for the children and a country store.

4 quilts on the banisters by the side doors are for the quilt auction during the school/parish carnival. Tickets can be purchased at the gift shop. More information to come.

HEALTH MINISTRY

The “School Supply Giveaway” will be Wednesday, August 14th during the Daily Bread Kitchen at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Donations will be taken at 9:00 AM the day of the event. More activities will be forthcoming.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPICE

We are looking for anyone that would be willing to volunteer in one of our many volunteer roles. Some examples are Patient Companionship, making blankets, tuck in calls, etc. If interested call Tina Schwaigert, Volunteer Coordinator, 740-374-9100.

BASILICA GIFT SHOP OPENS NEW ONLINE STORE

You are now able to shop online at <http://www.stmarysmarietta.org/shop>. Browse a large selection of religious and spiritual items: including crucifixes, medals, statues, rosaries, and our new line of garden statues and accents. Plus we have our popular olive wood items from Bethlehem, with a relic that touched the Tomb of Jesus.

The Divine Mercy Gift Shop, located in the social hall, will still be open after all weekend Masses and by appointment. We are also open for all tour groups with advance arrangements.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN SEEKS DONATIONS

Daily Bread Kitchen is holding a fund raising drive to keep the doors open. The soup kitchen served over 10,000 meals in the last year, and over 90,000 meals since its inception. The numbers are staggering; the hunger in America is astounding. Washington County is not immune to that hunger.

We find ourselves in financial need, with a monthly expense of \$1,500.00. We ask you to please make a commitment to change the life of a hungry family right here in our local community. Any amount, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

Please put your donation in an envelope marked DBK, and place it anytime in the weekly collection basket.

CHRISTLIFE

Sign-Up Sunday – Next Week

There will be ChristLife team members at the entrances before and after all Masses next weekend, August 17 & 18. This program will definitely help in your journey with the Lord. Come join us!

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN

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

INQUIRY SESSION

An inquiry session will be held on August 21st for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and the RCIA Program. The session will be held at 7:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall. If you are a member of our parish and know of someone who is curious about our church, please invite them and bring them to this session. Everyone is welcome!

DAILY MASS SERVER TRAINING

Daily Mass server training will be taking place on Monday, August 12th at 3:00 PM. This training is open to all students going into 3rd and 4th grade who have made their first communion and whose families are registered parishioners of St. Mary's. We will be meeting in the Basilica in front of the Sanctuary. Please contact Cecilia at ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org with any questions.

REGISTRATION FOR CCD

Registration for CCD is open. Please stop into the office or contact Cecilia at ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org to receive registration forms. CCD is for all students in 1st – 8th grade who are not enrolled in a catholic school. Please contact Cecilia with any questions.

Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers for the Feast of the Assumption

We are still looking for altar servers and Eucharistic Ministers for our Feast of the Assumption liturgies. If you are able to serve for one of these Masses, please contact Cecilia at ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org.

PARISH LIBRARY

Few people are aware that the Basilica maintains a religious library for our parishioners. We have a wide variety of books and videos. The parish library is a wonderful resource to learn more about the Catholic faith, or to be inspired by the lives of the heroes of the faith, or to feed your soul with prayers, reflections and devotions. Our parish library is accessible from the Basilica Social Hall. It is always open and ready for use – and it's all FREE!