

# 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)**  
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November 3, 2019

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT 5:30 PM - Liv/dec'd of the Huck/Milsark Families  
 SUN 8:00 AM - Bob Schoeppner & Linda Schoeppner Marshall  
 10:00 AM - Alice Lang  
 11:00 AM - Mass at Saint Henry's  
 12:00 PM - People of the Parish  
 MON 7:45 AM - Liv/dec'd of the Frank & Virginia Offenberger Family  
 12:05 PM - Ray Roberts  
 TUE 7:45 AM - Louis & Anna Mae Strahler  
 12:05 PM - Evelyn Corra  
 WED 7:45 AM - For the Health of Michael Keegan  
 12:05 PM - Jared Hoff  
 6:00 PM - Liv/dec'd of the CWC  
 THU 7:45 AM - Special Intention of Ken Cooke  
 12:05 PM - Richard Miller  
 THU 7:45 AM - Marie & Charles Rose  
 12:05 PM - Yvonne Triebsch  
 SAT 9:00 AM - Ralph E. Stollar  
 5:30 PM - James & Frances Mike  
 SUN 8:00 AM - Liv/dec'd of the Robert & Jean Potter Family  
 10:00 AM - People of the Parish  
 12:00 PM - Dec'd Members of K. of C. Council #478

***God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.***

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38.

## REST IN PEACE:

**Larry Steinel** passed away last Tuesday. We will celebrate his entrance into eternal life at his Funeral Mass this Monday morning (November 4<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00 AM. We will keep Larry in our prayers and offer our deepest sympathy to his family, especially his wife, Janet, who will miss him most of all. God grant him eternal peace.

**Jean Hill**, mother of Karen Flaherty of this parish died October 16<sup>th</sup>. We extend our condolences to Karen and her family and pray that Mrs. Hill will be granted eternal happiness.

**Preston Huck**, son of Neil & Joyce Huck of this parish, died October 29<sup>th</sup>. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated here at the Basilica this coming Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM. We offer our sincere sympathy to the Huck family and will remember Preston in prayer. May he now enjoy eternal peace and happiness in heaven, his eternal home.

**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

TODAY	9:05 AM	-	9:50 AM – Grade School Religious Education in the Basilica Social Hall.
	12:00 PM	-	Mass, followed by a reception for the Women Religious of the Diocese.
MON	7:00 PM	-	<b>No RCIA Classes this week.</b> See announcement.
TUE	7:30 PM	-	K of C Meeting.
WED	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs. See announcement.
	6:30 PM	-	CWC Meeting following the 6:00 PM Mass.
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.

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

Total collection last weekend:	\$ 12,216.50
Amount needed each week to meet the Basilica budget:	\$ 14,225.00

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

### SECOND COLLECTION

On the first weekend of each month there is a second collection for the maintenance of our Basilica. This collection will be taken up all Masses this weekend.

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### 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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### RCIA CLASS NOTE

There will be no RCIA Class this Monday, November 4. Classes will resume on Monday, November 11 with the topic of the Mass.

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## SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

**Veterans Recognized:** Saint Mary School will recognize the Parish and School family members who are Veterans with an All School Mass on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 9:15 AM. Please join us in the new gym at the school for a special honor.

**Box Tops for Education** can be turned in to the offertory basket or dropped off to the School office. The Fall submission date is quickly approaching!

**Fall Festival Raffle Tickets and Tuition Raffle Tickets** can be turned in anytime between now and the CWC Chicken Dinner on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our generous sponsors for the raffle prizes!

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### PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED!

The RCIA is in need of prayer partners for this year's class. These are people who pray for those going through the classes and contemplating joining the church. If you would be willing to pray for one of these new people and send a card to them, please contact Cathy Rauch at 740-896-2901 or [cathyrauch@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:cathyrauch@stmaryscatholic.org).

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### HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Thanks to all who donated to the Outerwear Giveaway. The patrons will be warm this winter. **The Christmas Rada Cutlery orders** will be taken at the CWC Christmas Bazaar on December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Basilica Social Hall. For more information, please call Linda at 740-373-1418.



## THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

November 3, 2019

### Notes on the Gospel:

Jesus told a parable to those people who thought they were the only ones pleasing God and who hated everyone else. A Pharisee and a tax collector went up to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee stood out in front of everyone. "Thank you, God," the Pharisee prayed silently. "I'm not like other people who are liars, sinners, cheaters, or even like this tax collector. I usually fast twice a week. And I usually give money to charities from everything I earn."

But the tax collector stood alone and stared at the floor. He was sorry for what he did. "God, have mercy on me. I'm a sinner," he kept saying. I tell you the tax collector went home at peace with God, not the Pharisee. For, the proud will be humbled. But the humble will receive great honor.

Inside this parable, Jesus turned the notion of righteousness upside down. Against common wisdom, religious lifestyle, as important as it is, does not (and cannot) measure a relationship with God. We cannot make progress to someone, who by definition, is infinite. Only a heart that is open to God can grow close to him, because the open heart lets God come close. We can't grow close to God by ourselves. But God can come close to us. Because he is God.

"Swindlers, Law-breakers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector" Jesus deliberately painted the "the rest of men" as his own core audience, outcasts in need of God's mercy. In the prejudice of the Pharisee, Jesus divided the world into the self-righteous and everyone else who needed God's mercy. Jesus would use this logic against the Pharisee in his moral.

The Pharisee bragged of behavior that stood above and beyond the Law. The Pharisees were clearly concerned with a strict lifestyle as the norm for all Jews. Because their intricate knowledge of the Law, Pharisees functioned as civic and religious leaders within the Jewish community. People depended on them for rulings on civil law and for spiritual comfort. So, Pharisees had status and power in the eyes of the community. With status came power and the temptation to abuse that power. It was (and is) easy to use a position to satisfy one's own needs for possessions, or fame, and then criticize others for their lack. Jesus painted an unflattering image of the Pharisee as a foil for his teaching against this abuse of status.

Jesus ended the parable with a moral about true Christian spirituality. God loves those who are humble enough to ask for his love; God loves those who are humble enough to help others. How can God help those who are too proud to ask for help and too arrogant to help others? The parable simply used the image of a self-centered Pharisee to preach against the abuses of a "me-first" spirituality.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL.**



## PILGRIMAGES TO THE BASILICA

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption welcomes all visitors encouraging them to come, pray, and enjoy our beautiful church. If you are a member of a group who would like to tour our Basilica or make a spiritual pilgrimage, please let us know how we can be of assistance.

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### Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

- November 3, - Women Religious Celebration (Noon Mass – Bishop)
- November 4, - Mass & reception for significant DPSC Donors (Bishop)
- November 17, - School Fall Festival Chicken Dinner
- November 24, - Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass (Bishop - Noon)
- December 12 - Guadalupe Celebration Mass & Lunch (Bishop)
- December 20 - Annual Christmas dinner for St. Mary School teachers
- December 22, - Parish Appreciation Christmas Dinner Basilica & St. Henry
- January 8, - Bishop's Annual January Dinner with priests – 5:00 pm (Basilica)
- February 21, - PCHS 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Grade breakfast & Retreat



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### No Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday

We will not be able to have Perpetual Help Devotions this Monday evening at 6:15 pm., because of the Bishop's Mass and reception. The devotions will resume next Monday evening. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this beautiful ancient devotion to our Blessed Mother every Monday evening. Because our Basilica is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, it is fitting that we offer these devotions. If you have never been to this devotion, come and join us.

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### REVERENTIAL QUIET IN THE BASILICA

It is an ancient tradition in the Church to have a reverential quiet tone in a Catholic Church – especially in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. More and more, this tradition is being ignored in the Basilica. Sometimes, people are trying to pray before or after Mass – we need to respect them. Please observe a quiet tone when you are present in the Basilica.

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### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE BASILICA

#### THE CHAPEL OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS



The Eucharist is Jesus Christ Himself, and He invites us to a personal visit with Him in our chapel. In the Eucharist, Jesus fulfills His promise: "Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Eucharistic adoration is the most powerful means that we have, to transform our lives and the life of our parish. Adoration provides the opportunity to spend time in the presence of the very Son of God. Come and visit the Lord in Adoration this Wednesday or Friday.

### Liturgical & Ministry Schedule for the Week:

Monday – November 4, -

7:45 am. - Mass  
8:35 am. - Communion Call (1)  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
1:15 pm. - Communion Calls (3)  
5:00 pm. - Bishop's Mass  
6:00 pm. - Bishop's Reception

Tuesday – November 5, -

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

Wednesday - November 6, -

7:45 am. - Mass  
8:15 am. - Adoration  
10:00 am - Mass at PCHS @ the new Bishop  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
6:00 pm. - CWC Mass

Thursday – November 7,

7:45 am. - Mass

9:15 am. - Communion Calls (6)

12:05 pm. - Mass

Friday – November 8, -

7:45 am. - Mass 8:20 am. - Adoration  
9:10 am. - School Mass  
10:30 am. - Mass at Glenwood  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
7:00 pm. - Reposition

Saturday - November 9, -

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

Sunday - November 10,

8:00 am. - Mass  
10:00 am. - Mass  
11:00 am. - Mass (St. Henry)  
12:00 pm. - Mass



DECEASED PRIESTS OF DIOCESE

On Monday, we remember the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Eugene McLaughlin. On Wednesday, we remember the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Anthony Pandolfo. These priests served the Diocese of Steubenville to the best of their ability. May they rest in peace.

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Sacred Steubenville-Nutcracker Village & Advent Market

The Diocese of Steubenville invites you to visit Steubenville as part of the Diocese's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. On December 6<sup>th</sup> travel by motor coach to The Franciscan Sisters TOR Monastery where Bishop Jeffery Monforton will celebrate Mass. After lunch at the Monastery, the featured stops include Franciscan University, St. Peter's Church, City of Murals, Nelson Woodcrafts and the Nutcracker Village and Advent Market. Pick-up locations will be the Basilica of St. Mary in Marietta and Christ our Light Church in Cambridge. For additional information contact Wendt touring 740-282-5790. Depart the Basilica of St. Mary at 7:30AM aboard a private motor coach for Steubenville.



CWC CHICKEN DINNER

On Sunday November 17, there will be a Chicken Dinner and Parish Raffle sponsored by the CWC and the Knights of Columbus to complete the annual School Fall Festival. The dinner will be held at the school from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. The main raffle prizes will be drawn. Come for a wonderful meal and support our parish and school

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo (Bishop)

Charles died at the age of 46, November 3, 1584. He was a cardinal and secretary of state for his uncle, Pope Pius IV. He was a model bishop, implementing the reforms of the Council of Trent in his Diocese of Milan. He founded a number of seminaries

Saturday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saint John Lateran is the cathedral church of Rome. It was dedicated by Pope St. Sylvester on November 9, 324. In 1730, Pope Clement had an inscription placed over the doors; "Mother and head of the churches of Rome and the world". Five Ecumenical Councils were held there, and beneath the altar rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, St. Peter celebrated Mass.

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### United Arab Emirates pledges to help rebuild Catholic churches in Mosul

The United Arab Emirates is partnering with UNESCO to rebuild two Catholic churches in Mosul that were destroyed in 2014 by the Islamic State. The initiative will help rebuild Al-Tahera Church and Al-Saa'a Church.

"Today's signing is a pioneering partnership that sends a message of light, in seemingly darker times," Noura Al Kaabi, UAE Minister for Culture and Knowledge Development, said. "By rebuilding a fraction of the past, Iraq can shape its future as an inclusive, tolerant and open society which has always found a tangible manifestation in Mosul's rich historical sites." The agreement is part of the UAE's "Year of Tolerance" initiative, to help rebuild historical landmarks in Mosul.

In the summer of 2014, the Islamic State made inroads into the Nineveh Plain region of Iraq – a home of Christianity since the first century – but over the course of 2016, areas in the region have been retaken from the organization's control by cooperation of various local and international actors.

In the two years of Islamic State control, over 3.3 million Iraqis were internally displaced. The Islamic State destroyed at least 28 sites of religious significance in the city after taking control of it in June 2014, including the Tomb of Jonah, Iraq's oldest monastery of the Assyrian Church of the East.

Muslims and Christians have been teaming up to rebuild parts of the city. In April, Syria Archbishop Youhanna Boutros Moshe of Mosul said: "there are very clear and concrete signs of progress" in the Mosul area, while adding that "no credit goes to the state: credit belongs to the faith-based and humanitarian organizations that rushed in to support us."

During the Islamic State occupation, thousands were killed and nearly 1 million residents fled the city. The Islamist group imposed rigid laws in its territory, but its rule also featured arbitrary violence, including killing and mass enslavement. A 2016 U.N. report said that 800 to 900 children in Mosul were abducted and put through Islamic State religious and military training.

The most important challenge now is the effort for the reconstruction and the stability of the city. The Islamic State led to the displacement of more than 125,000 Christians from historical homelands, he told CNA in August, and to date about 40,000 Christians have returned; many have emigrated.



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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November 3, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

This paragraph from the Catechism places the moral of the parable in relief. In spite of our Catholic experience, we often do not know how to approach God. Because we are creatures, we should not be able to approach the Unknowable; to presume otherwise is to place ourselves on God's level, which is clearly absurd. Yet, because of faith, we dare to approach and ask; because of humility, we are open to receive prayer as a gift.

God gives all good things to us, even prayer. This might be a good time to look upon our prayer lives and reflect on God's goodness to us. How have our prayers, our prayer habits, our insights from prayer, even our urges to pray gifts from God? How has prayer and the need for prayer humbled us? How has prayer brought us closer to God?

Who's in charge of the heart? This question cuts to the heart of spirituality. That which stands at the very core of the person becomes the battleground. Are we in charge? Or is God? If we believe God is in charge, how do we know God is close? We cannot know (or brag) through our own efforts. We can only know when we allow God in. When we open our hearts to him. And his love.

Opening the heart is a life-long process. We progress one moment and one issue at a time. We can take a quick measure by looking at our focus. Is it one focused on God and others? Or, is it focused on the self?

This is not an "either-or" proposition, but a continuum. We focus on ourselves in some issues. But we focus outside the self in others. This week, take an issue that you might find a self-oriented. Place the issue before God. And, see what happens.

Glory to Jesus Christ,

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell  
(Rector)

## Pompeo highlights religious freedom, pro-life goals as among US priorities

The U.S. Secretary of State listed promoting international religious freedom and fighting abortion as among U.S. foreign policy priorities in a Tuesday speech on diplomacy.

Secretary Pompeo addressed the conservative Heritage Foundation's President's Club meeting. The U.S. has a "selfish interest" in promoting religious freedom around the world, he said, because "nations that have more religious liberty tend to view the world much closer to the way the United States views the world."

Pompeo said that his goal is to ensure U.S. ambassadors and embassy staff are trained to promote freedom of religion, saying that "if you travel to visit a U.S. embassy and meet someone on our team, an ambassador or whomever, I would have failed as a leader if they don't understand that this is a real priority for this administration."

The aim of the Commission on Unalienable Rights, he said, is to "lay down with clarity not only what these human rights are, these fundamental rights are, but from what it is they are derived, how we got there." The commission will examine human rights in light of the Declaration of Independence and the UN's 1948 Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

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## Polish bishops call for John Paul II to be named a doctor of the Church



The Polish Bishops' Conference has asked Pope Francis to name St. John Paul II a patron of Europe and doctor of the Church. Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki of Poznan, president of the Polish Bishops' Conference, sent the request to the pope on Oct. 22 - the feast day of John Paul II.

"The pontificate of the Pope from Poland was filled with groundbreaking decisions and significant events that changed the face of the papacy and influenced the course of European and world history," he said. Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, former archbishop of Krakow and a close friend of John Paul II, supported the request during a conference held by the "Europa Christi" movement, which took place at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw from Oct. 19-23.

"Pope Wojtyla's legacy is a rich, versatile and creative synthesis of multiple paths of human thinking. There is no doubt that it still remains, and will for a long time remain, an important and comprehensive cultural renewal project on a global scale," Dziwisz said.

Gadecki said the pontificate of John Paul II was heavily influenced by his rich personality, which possessed a strong love for poetics, philosophy, theology, and mysticism. He added that John Paul II was an example of holiness and leadership, similar to other patron saints of Europe, like Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Dziwisz described the former pope as both modern and classical. "The Saint brought a huge breath of fresh air to the life of the Church, and through it to the wider universal spaces of broadly understood culture, politics, and science." In this regard, the Holy Pope was a teacher and Doctor of the Church and an important guardian of European values." Dziwisz said that John Paul II contributed to not only Christians but non-believers as well.

## Relics of Canadian saints stolen from Quebec City's Cathedral

The Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame de Quebec in Quebec City is working to replace relics of Canadian saints that were stolen after a break-in last month.

Monsignor Denis Bélanger (Rector of the Cathedral) explained that on the night of Sept. 11, someone broke into the cathedral by breaking a window. The money had already been collected for the day from the church's donation boxes, so the still-unknown person stole a large reliquary containing relics of Canadian saints as well as some items from the church's gift shop. "A guard was making his rounds and then he saw that something was forcing the door, so he tried to intervene, but that the person fled," Bélanger said.

Bélanger added that while normally the Cathedral has security cameras, staff realized after the incident that a disc was broken in the hard drives of the camera system, and so no footage of the reported theft was recorded.

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## CELEBRATING MASS

Each time we celebrate Mass, we turn to Jesus and asks Him for mercy. We begin our solemn worship by gathering together and coming before the Lord to acknowledge that we are sinners.

When we strike our breast (during the Confiteor), we imitate the prayer of the tax collector. Commenting on the gesture, St. Augustine of Hippo says, "What does this mean except that you wish to bring to light what is concealed in the breast, and by this act to cleanse your hidden sins?" Everything that lurks in the depths of our hearts must be given over to the Lord and purified by His saving grace. Nothing brought out from our innermost selves will surprise Christ; He knows us better than we know ourselves. But we cannot keep even the smallest things for ourselves. They must be handed over to him. With confidence in Christ's merciful love, we bring everything that we harbor in our hearts to His extraordinary and purifying grace.

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## Biden denied communion at SC parish over abortion stance



A South Carolina Catholic priest denied Holy Communion to presidential candidate Joe Biden on Sunday, because of the candidate's support for legal abortion.

"Sadly, this past Sunday, I had to refuse Holy Communion to former Vice President Joe Biden," Morey said in a statement. Holy Communion signifies we are one with God, each other and the Church. Our actions should reflect that. Any public figure who advocates for abortion places himself or herself outside of Church teaching," the priest added.

According to the Florence Morning News, Morey was a lawyer for 14 years before becoming a priest, practicing law in North Carolina and working for seven years for the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. At a Planned Parenthood event this summer, Biden promised to "eliminate all of the changes that this President made" to family planning programs. and said he would increase funding of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.

## Decline in Hispanic Catholics a 'direct challenge' to the Church in the US

Last week, the Pew Research Forum on Religion and Public Life published the results of surveys of American adults conducted in 2018 and 2019.

The report revealed that Catholics are no longer a majority among U.S. Hispanics—a stark challenge to the Church in the U.S. to evangelize. “What we’re not doing well as a Church is that we’re not building a culture in the parish where the family is truly welcome, and for Hispanics, that really is unforgivable,” said Carlos Taja, associate director to the Secretariat on Evangelization and Catechesis at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Overall, the percentage of Americans identifying as Christian has fallen by 12% in the last decade to 65% of the population. Meanwhile, the percentage of Americans not identifying with any religion at all has risen by 9% to 26% of the American populace.

Protestantism saw a large decline from 51% of the population to 43% in the last decade, while Catholicism fell from 23% to 20% of the population.

This decline appeared within the Hispanic demographic as well. Hispanics identifying as Catholic fell by 10% over the last decade from 57% to 47%; those “unaffiliated” with a religion grew from 15% to 23% in that time span.

This drop in the percentage of Hispanic Catholics should not come as a surprise because many Catholics in the United States do not fully understand the reality of the Hispanic experience, and who Hispanics are, and what Hispanics bring to the Church.”

More Hispanic families either live in cities or the children move to cities once they leave their family home; cities are generally more secular than rural communities, and there the youth may discover that they can live without their family’s faith. The decline in the parish community and a failure to accompany new Hispanic families has led to alienation of Hispanic Catholics on a mass scale. “Most of the time, it is the reality that there is a sense that they’re just not wanted.

Many parishes have failed to actively seek out those who might come to Church but haven’t yet walked through the doors. The identity of the Church is to proclaim and live the ministry of Jesus Christ. When the Church does not do this, when she becomes self-referential, she becomes sterile.

What must be done? Every diocese, every bishop in the United States of America must engage in synods, or assemblies that bring the Hispanic Catholic experience and the needs of the Hispanic Catholic community forward as a priority. We cannot keep treating Latinos, Hispanic Catholics, as second citizens in our Church.

Pope Francis has provided a blueprint for evangelization. He says: “Catholics must be ‘active’ and ‘go out and look for these people’ who aren’t coming to Church “and engage them.” Latinos make up a sizable portion of Catholics in the U.S., particularly among young people, and they need to be put in more positions of leadership in the Church.

# Why the Real Presence Is Real

## THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST:

The Catholic faith draws on the word of God. We know God and his truth in the light of his Holy Spirit. He has communicated it to us so that in Christ, the Word of God made flesh, we may recognize the authority of God by placing all our trust in God alone. In view of the mystery of the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus Christ, we do not ask how it might be possible that we eat his flesh and drink his blood. As true disciples of Christ, we fully believe that He is really and truly present under the species of bread and wine.

The Real Presence is real because God wants it, regardless of whether we accept or reject it. In the Upper Room Jesus took bread and wine into his hand, speaking over these and to them the words: "This is my body," and "This chalice which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood". Whenever the Church celebrates the sacramental mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, everyone who eats and drinks this Eucharistic Bread and Wine has communion and participation in the Body and Blood of Christ.

The IV Lateran Council (1215), used the term transubstantiation in terms of the Eucharist, and since then has held fast to it unswervingly. All the substance of the bread and all the substance of the wine placed on the altar for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice becomes sacramental — rendered a real and effective mystery through the words of consecration, but only truly *real* through Christ himself in the Holy Spirit — transformed into the substance of the Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ. But it is not the historical presence of Jesus in his natural body in which he was in Palestine among his disciples. Christ is truly present with his transfigured body in the sacramental Presence. It is not, as some Lutherans thought, that he is present on the altar because God as Creator is present everywhere or because he perhaps — as others asserted — returns to the altar spatially (though disguised) after his ascension. It is a presence in mystery, yet it is real: it is a sign of his salvific power, and a personal, current and essential form of the presence.

Bread and wine are both gifts of nature and food prepared by men, which God gives. Since the sacrifice of Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18), they have been predestined for the sacrifice of the New and Eternal Covenant in the mystery of Christ. Bread and wine are thus in their substance gifts of God, through which the bodily life is nourished. That is why the Eucharist is food for eternal life, because communion with Christ conveys divine life and transforms us, who hunger for eternal life, fed and strengthened by the sacred food, go from faith to seeing God in eternity through a pilgrimage in time. Thus we consume the Eucharistic food not only as the natural nourishment of daily bread, but for the physical preservation of body and soul.

By eating and drinking the Eucharistic species, we receive Christ himself as spiritual food and drink, and we live through him, in him and with him. Jesus said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. The belief in the "true, real and essential" presence of Christ in the Mass due to the transformation of the substance) of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ opens up to us the firm belief in God's truth and truthfulness.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF November 9 and 10**  
 (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> <b>5:30</b>	Amy Brockett (CAPT) Tony Huffman (HOST) Joyce Huck (HOST) Mary Weddle (CHALICE) Cathy Harper (CHALICE)	Don Murray	Parker Crum Claire Schenkel Aiden Wilkinson
<b>Sun:</b> <b>8:00</b>	Patti Finkel (CAPT) Barbara Binegar (HOST) Jean Tornes (HOST) Cory Marshall (CHALICE) Blenda Rech (CHALICE)	Tom Binegar	Eva Tornes John Barry Wharff Saylor Wharff
<b>10:00</b>	Stan Vanlandingham (CAPT) Deacon Lee Weisend Kaelly Erb (HOST) John Towner (CHALICE) Pat Dickinson (CHALICE)	Jamie Spencer	Addie Betz Nicholas Earley Sam Gottfried Elora Vanaman
<b>12:00</b>	Gerald Cooke (CAPT) Jeanette Flowers (HOST) Deborah Rowinski (HOST) Dennis Nau (CHALICE) Karen Schramm (CHALICE)	Sherry Hill	Elizabeth Haller Ben Pfeiffer Jonathan Schmidt

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

<b>Week of November 4</b>	Max Frye Tyler Frye	<b>Saturday, November 9</b>	Valentina Marasco William Perry
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**BINGO WORKERS**

**Thursday – November 7 – Team 3:**

Ken & Bonnie Offenberger, Jerry & Theresa Huck, Tom Zakowski, Vickey Boley, Becky Cox, Jim & Barb Tornes, Greg Antill, Matt Erb, Dwight Lang, Dennis & Cheryl Nau, Terry Pettit,

**Saturday – November 9 - Team 8:**

Peter & Sarah Allen, Jodey Altier, Ashley & Jenna Carr, Matthew & Erin Combs, Michael & Nicole Huffman, Ralph & Noelle Long, Kevin & Brianne Moore, Bryan & Andrea Nichols, Chris & Tracee Pfeiffer, Scott & Alyson Tornes, Kerry Westermeyer.

**K OF C MASS**

The Noon Mass on November 10 will be offered for those members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 478, who passed away within the last year. All members and their families are invited to attend.

**ADVENT CANDLES**

Advent candles are now available in the Divine Mercy Gift Shop, located in the lower level of the Basilica. It is open after all weekend Masses.

**BOX OF JOY**

There are just a few days left to return your Box of Joy. If you have not had a chance to fill a box, they are available at all entrances of the Basilica. Somewhere in the world a child longs to receive even a single present for Christmas. We will include The Story of Jesus, plus a rosary in your box. Please help us to reach that goal of 500.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY CRAFT SHOW**

Our Lady of Mercy Craft Show will be November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. They will be serving their famous chicken pie, homemade noodles and dessert pies. Many local vendors will be displaying unique crafts. Please preorder whole chicken pies and noodles by November 4<sup>th</sup> by contacting Marilyn Peters, 740-350-1751 or Heather Peters, 740-350-6972.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## PARISH & SCHOOL FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

A **Chicken Dinner** with all the trimmings, will be served from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Saint Mary School. Cost is \$10 for Adults; \$9 for Seniors (65+). Children under 12, \$5 and children under 2 – free.

### **Bring the whole family for a night of fun –**

Raffle drawings, over \$1,000 in prizes, country store, silent auction, pie and cake auction, 4 quilts given away, and games for the kids.

**HUGE 4 QUILT RAFFLE** - Opportunities to win one of these lovely handmade quilts are still available. Quilts are displayed at the side entrances. Put your entries in an envelope marked “quilt” and place in the collection basket, or bring them to the dinner. Any one of the quilts would make a great gift, or you might enjoy snuggling under it on your own bed.

**Pie & Cake Auction** – If you volunteered to make items for the Pie & Cake Auction, Country Store, or Silent Auction, please drop them off at the school before 10:00 AM on the 17<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Festival.

**Donations of Cakes and pies** are needed for the festival dinner. Parishioners are always so generous in providing a great selection of desserts. Please bring your donations to the Parish Center the morning of Sunday, November 17. **Thank you!**

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## ST. SYLVESTER, WOODSFIELD

### Annual Christmas Bazaar

The St. Sylvester Bazaar will be held next Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a dinner of Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Homemade Noodles, Beans, Roll, Dessert and Beverage. The Bazaar will also feature a Country Store and Local Vendor Tables. This would be a great time to start your Christmas Shopping.

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## CATHOLIC WOMAN’S CLUB MEETING

The Catholic Woman’s Club will meet Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> following the 6:00 PM Mass. We will be discussing the School/Parish Festival. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

## ATTENTION!!

### Bakers – Cookie and Candy Makers – Crafters

Our Catholic Woman’s Club is sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall. We need lots of goodies, crafts, COOKIES, and gifts suitable for Christmas giving. **Mark your calendars now!**

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### JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

This celebration of our diocese will take place in our parish on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Noon Mass. An informal reception will follow in the Basilica Social Hall. This celebration is ONLY for Catholic couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 60+. You may call the parish office to register for this celebration.

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### CEMETERY COLLECTION

Each year, during the months of May and November, there is a collection for the upkeep of our two parish cemeteries. Envelopes were provided with your packet and may be put in the collection or mailed to the parish office any time this month.

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### 2019 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

A beautiful quality crafted glass ornament in royal velvet, features the “Holy Family of Nazareth” with photo from the large Basilica Holy Family Statue. The ornament is 3 ¼ diameter, with photo on one side, and a beautiful prayer on the second side.

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## **ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Ornaments @ \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total money enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Divine Mercy Gift Shop. Credit and debit cards accepted in the gift shop. Please put your order in an envelope marked ornament, and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the gift shop.