

# *Christmas 2019*

A LIGHT WILL SHINE  
ON US THIS DAY:  
THE LORD IS  
BORN FOR US.

PSALM 97



**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**December 22**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)

Responsorial: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

**MASSES OF THE WEEK****SATURDAY, December 21st,****The Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:30 p.m. † David P. Baker

**SUNDAY, December 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30 a.m. † Louis Barbee

9:30 a.m. † Anthony A. Yankus

11:30 a.m. † Peter, Katie &amp; Ryan Rhinebolt

5:30 p.m. St. Mary Parishioners

**MONDAY, December 23rd, Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

5:30 p.m. Communion Service

**TUESDAY, December 24th, Christmas Eve**

4:00 p.m. (CH) † Martin Brandner

4:30 p.m. (BC) St. Mary Parishioners

6:30 p.m. (CH) † Shaun Hull

8:30 p.m. (CH) † Mary &amp; Joseph Marinelli

**WEDNESDAY, December 25th, The Nativity of the Lord**

12:00 a.m. (CH) † Settima Mangini

9:30 a.m. (CH) † Carol Eichhorn Wurm

11:30 a.m. (CH) † Ed &amp; Lucille Reinhard

**THURSDAY, December 26th, Saint Stephen, The First**

8:15 a.m. † Charles Harris

**FRIDAY, December 27th, Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist**

8:15 a.m. † Amato &amp; Divona

**SATURDAY, December 28th, The Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

4:30 p.m. † Robert E. Diersing

**SUNDAY, December 29th****The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

7:30 a.m. † Ralph &amp; Beatrice Gannon

9:30 a.m. † Bob &amp; Boots Reed

11:30 a.m. † Jack Walker

1:00 p.m. St. Mary Parishioners

**Spanish Mass**

5:30 p.m. Intention of Imelda Vejas

If the weekend Mass intention is for a deceased loved one – relative or friend, please come to Mass a little early and inform the Ushers that you would like to carry forward the offertory gifts. This is a great help to them.

**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**

To request prayers, please call and leave a message or email Adrian Stevens at [740-363-4641](tel:740-363-4641), ext. 105 or [prayer@delawarestmary.org](mailto:prayer@delawarestmary.org). Confidentiality is assured.

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**The Pastor's Corner****Trusting God even when we don't understand**

My dear brothers and sisters, today is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. We are encouraged to welcome God's love with humility, charity, faith, and trust in God's goodness. We are invited to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kind, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. Christmas draws the heart of every child of God toward the furnace of divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby, we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lies hidden "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves, so that He would make us sharers in His divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid His divine nature so that He could cover us with it.

I want to share my admiration for Joseph and the lessons he has for our generation. He trusted God even when it didn't add up in our human reality. Given the tradition of the Jews at the time of Joseph, he had the right to divorce Mary after he discovered she was pregnant. Even before the Angel of God ministered to him in a dream, he already had made the decision not to divorce Mary publicly. He did not want to bring more shame to her. This is being compassionate in Justice. And when he received instruction in the dream, he trusted God even when it didn't add up. This is a great lesson for our generation. We need to learn how to be compassionate as we pass judgment on others. We need to be graceful in how and what we think of other people.

In a couple of days, we will be celebrating Christmas. On behalf of Deacon Todd, Deacon Felix, Deacon George and the entire St Mary's Staff, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. A Christmas filled with love and peace. As we gather with our families, may this be a moment of grace, a time of reconciliation, a time of loving and supporting each other. On another note, I will be away for three Sundays from December 30th until late January. I will be spending time with my mother, siblings, and my ten nephews and nieces in Nigeria. In my absence, I will still be in contact with the office and every aspect of the parish life will be covered by different priests. I will surely miss you all. I will also be praying for you.

Finally, as we come to the end of the year, I want to thank you all for your prayers and support. This first year for me has been both challenging and rewarding with many opportunities for growth. My absolute gratitude goes to God Almighty. "Not to us O Lord Not to us, but to your Name give the Glory." I am also dedicating the coming year, as we consecrate our families and parish, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary. May the Lord Jesus Reign in our Hearts, families and Parish both now and forever, Amen. Merry Christmas and God bless you,

Fr. Sylvester Onyeachonam

**Welcome to Delaware St. Mary Parish!**

We encourage new parishioners to register in person at the parish office located in the house east of the church (on the corner of Henry and William Streets). Please use the rear door off the parking lot.

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday, &amp; Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (unless otherwise noted)

**PLEASE NOTE: We request Baptismal Certificates for all children upon registering with the parish.**

**Christmas Liturgy Schedule 2019****December 24, 2019 Vigil of Christmas**

- 4:00 p.m. Church  
**\*4:30 p.m. Mass in Beitel Commons**  
 6:30 p.m. Church  
 8:30 p.m. Church  
 Midnight Church

**December 25, 2019 Nativity of the Lord**

- 9:30 a.m. Church  
 11:30 a.m. Church



**Please welcome our newest members of St. Mary's Parish who were baptized on: Sunday, December 15, 2019.**

- Oaklynn Kelley Schaefer, daughter of James & Mary-Kelley Schaefer
- Charles Vincent Shimp, son of William & Melissa Shimp
- Adrian Yadav, son of Anup Yadav & Jazmin Colon-Salas

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RESUMES**

**Thursday, January 9 immediately following the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.**

**Blessing for Expectant Mothers**

Twice a year, St. Mary's offers the opportunity for a **special blessing for Couples who are expecting a child**. At the same time, we also add a prayer of petition for those couples who wish to conceive but encounter difficulties of any kind; we do so through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus and our own Mother.

**This special blessing for Expectant Couples will be offered on Sunday, December 29, 2019, Feast of the Holy Family at 10:45, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** We ask that those participating in the Blessings of Expectant Mothers gather in the Sanctuary after the final hymn of the Mass. The next Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be on May 3, 2020, the first Sunday in May. For any questions, please contact Dcn. Felix at [dcn.azzola@delawarestmary.org](mailto:dcn.azzola@delawarestmary.org).

**Nativity Setup – December 23rd**

Join Knights of Columbus Council 1056 in transforming the church for our Christmas celebration. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 23. Pulling out the Nativity scene and assembling the manger, as well as the trees, flowers and lighting, are very time consuming projects, but the reward is worth the effort. Bring the whole family!

**Christmas Catholic Charities Collection**

This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

**THE PRINCIPAL'S POST**

**All Parents of St. Mary...**

**If you reside in Delaware County, Marion County, Franklin County or Union County  
Keep reading!**

The state of Ohio has updated their list of EdChoice Scholarship eligible schools and **all Delaware City School elementary buildings** (Smith, Carlisle, Conger, Woodward, and Schultz), **Olentangy** Hyatts Middle School, and **Libertry Tree Elementary, Big Walnut**, Harrison Street Elementary, Buckeye Valley East Elementary School, **Marion City and Pleasant local schools**, as well as **Dublin City Schools** (Indian Run, Olde Sawmille, Riverside Elementary Schools) are on the list.

If your child is currently not attending St. Mary School and attends one of the schools on this list, they can enroll and receive tuition from the state of Ohio. Other neighboring counties are also included. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please call the school office or go to the Ohio Department of Education website and search EdChoice Scholarships. The process is easy and the scholarship will cover your child's tuition even if those schools are removed from the list in the future. Please call the school office to schedule a tour at 740-362-8961 or attend our **Open House, Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. See the St. Mary Difference!**

**Wishing Everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at St. Mary School!**

Yours in Christ,  
Gina Stull, Principal St. Mary School and Preschool

**JOIN "20 FOR 20"**

Help fund scholarships for St. Mary students so they can continue their Catholic education. By committing to donate \$20.00 a month for 10 months, you can help fund scholarships for St. Mary Students. When 20 families commit to a \$200.00 donation a year to "20 for 20," a full scholarship will be awarded to a St. Mary Student (K through 8th grade) This donation can be donated in one lump sum or divided over 10 months by mail or by "online giving." Please call the principal, Gina Stull, at (740) 362-8961, to sign up.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT****Weekly Offering**

	<b>December 15</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Offering	\$ 27,303	\$ 567,474
Budget	\$ 26,925	\$ 646,200
Last Year Offering	\$ 28,184	\$ 556,241

**For your Stewardship: Please consider Online Giving**

<https://www.delawarestmary.org/online-giving/>

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE... PRESERVING OUR PAST PROGRAM**

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to set up your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.

## MUSIC NOTES

Mass Parts Can be Found on Cards in the Pews.

**December 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Gathering Song: O Come, Divine Messiah

†BB #50

Responsorial: Psalm 24 Let the Lord enter; He is King of Glory

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Presentation Of Gifts: Christ, Circle Round Us

†BB #55

Communion: Like a Child Rests

†BB #454

Waiting in Silence

†BB #41

Recessional: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

†BB #38 Verses 7 & 1

### GREAT AMEN

**Amen, Amen, Amen, Blessings and Glory;  
Wisdom, Thanksgiving and Honor; Power and Might,  
Belong to the Lord, Forever and Ever, Amen.**



## PRAYER LIFE & REFLECTION

### Liturgy 101 – The 12 “Catholic” days of Christmas

As we’re reminded every Advent, our Catholic Christmas customs are somewhat at odds with the secular “holiday season,” which starts before Thanksgiving and goes on until the last college bowl game (If you only watch 1 bowl game, I highly recommend to catch the Birmingham Bowl on Jan 2nd). But even though we Catholics wait a bit to get going, we have a similarly long season of celebration, of which the “12 days,” made famous by a certain 12-verse carol (the best of which is hands-down the Muppet version with John Denver).

The 12 days themselves are simply the time between the two major Christmas feasts: The Nativity of the Lord on December 25 and Epiphany on January 6. Since Christmas was the major “birth” feast in the ancient Western churches and Epiphany was the biggie for the Eastern churches, the days between them inevitably gained significance. On behalf of the Liturgy 101 team, we want to wish you all a blessed Christmas and God Bless us, every one! – Dcn. Todd



**ST. MARY IS  
HOSTING  
JASON EVERT**



Don't miss the opportunity to hear from renowned speaker Jason Evert, live in Delaware at PURIFIED (An event for the family ages 13+). Families are looking for answers. Purified is a family-based event that invites parents as well as teens to learn about God's plan for sexuality. It combines an expert presentation by renowned speaker Jason Evert, with a time of prayer, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the whole family. This format transforms the event into a mini-retreat for the family, allowing them to encounter healing, and the source of purity, Jesus Christ. St. Mary Catholic Church

82 East William Street, Delaware, OH 43015  
Thursday, February 20, 2020 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Register: [chastity.com/Purified](http://chastity.com/Purified) Tickets \$20.00

## YOUTH



**PARISH SCHOOL OF  
RELIGION**  
CAPTIVATING THE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Dear PSR Families,

PSR is on Winter Break until January 5th. Have a wonderful Christmas time with family and friends! Enjoy your time together as a family, and I will be praying for all of you. I have regular office hours the week of December 15th, but will then follow the office holiday schedule through January 1st. Please feel free to email or call and I will get back with you as soon as possible. See you Sunday, January 5th!

“Christ is born, glorify Him! Christ from heaven, go out to meet Him! Christ on earth, be exalted! Sing to the Lord all the while earth; and that I may join both in one word, let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad, for Him who is of heaven and then of earth. Christ in the flesh, rejoice with trembling and with joy; with trembling because of your sins, with joy because of your hope.” – St. Gregory of Nazianzen God Bless you!  
Emily Wu



**DELAWARE ST. MARY  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

### High School Retreat (formerly Spring Retreat)

8th-12th graders invited to the annual retreat. Cost \$100.00/person. Scholarships are available. Contact [meverhart@delawarestmary.org](mailto:meverhart@delawarestmary.org) for scholarship information. We will ask the Lord to Revive our hearts Friday night, Refresh our prayer life with deeper spirituality on Saturday, and send us home with a joyful, Renewed commitment to the Lord on Sunday.

This year's theme is: **Revive. Refresh. Renew.** With Mass and Adoration in the chapel in the woods, a Holy Hour with divine mercy chaplet, an epic Nerf battle in the field (hopefully snowy field), high adventure activities, all night Adoration, testimonies and talks about Jesus reviving hearts and sending His disciples out on mission, small group hammock competitions, lodge style camping.

### High School Youth Group

December 22nd – 6:30-8:30 p.m., Christmas Party. Ugly Sweater Contest

### Middle School and High School

EVERY Tuesday – Dead Theologians Society, 6:00-7:15 p.m.



The Confirmation class will be taking donations to create “Socks of Love” for a local church who help homeless men during the winter. In the back of the church, there will be collection boxes through **January 5th**. We are collecting men's long socks, deodorant, travel/small toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, band aids, men's winter hats, ChapStick, travel size mouthwash, lotion, tissues, shaving cream, shampoo and soap/body wash. All donations will be greatly appreciated.







# Christmas 2019

## Offering donations also received from the following:

(Mr. & Mrs. John Gerdes)  
 (Mr. & Mrs. Terrance Segrist)  
 (Mr. & Mrs. Steven Koenig)  
 (Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Moore)  
 (Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Baumann)  
 (Mr. Samuel Rezendes)  
 (Gary & Debra Zwolinski)  
 (Robert Resh)  
 (Steve & Diane Miller)  
 (Tina Hendricks)

In Memory of Tallie Arnold (Mr. & Mrs. Jay Arnold)  
 In Memory of Jerry Neighbor (Mrs. Marlena Neighbor)  
 In Memory of Patricia Klein (Mr. David Klein)  
 In Memory of Kelley Hamilton (Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hamilton)  
 In Memory of John D. Wolf – Wolf & Jones Families (Mrs. Joan Wolf)  
 In Memory of Carl Genet Seliskar – Atem Muteningsuwarno (Mr. & Mrs. James Seliskar)  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Decker – Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Decker – Mr. & Mrs. Victor Jones – Mr. & Mrs. John Thompson –  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fenwick (Ms. Mary Decker)  
 In Memory of Chuck Antinone (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrelle)  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kuhar – Arthur Munroe Jr. (Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kuhar)  
 In Memory of Pete & Rita Clifford Family (Mr. & Mrs. Peter D. Clifford)  
 In Memory of Brun & Bartkowiak Families (Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Brun)  
 In Memory of John W. Przebinda – Maria Zmarz – Jozef Zmarz (Ms. Beata & Barbara Przebinda)  
 In Memory of Bob & Lois Brinkman – Ivo & Marie Meinering (Tom & Carol Brinkman)  
 In Memory of Thomas Nelson Sr., Mary K. Nelson, & Family (Mr. Thomas Nelson)  
 In Memory of Reid, Schemine, & Doughty Families (Mrs. Christina Reid)  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Yoakam, Sr. – Kathy DeVictor – Bob Yoakam, Jr. – Charles Krumlauf Family – Charles Yoakam Family –  
 Jack & Dan Sowers (Dave & Joey Sowers)  
 In Memory of Wayne & Joyce Cantrell – Russell & Mary Schneider (Mr. & Mrs. Larry Schneider)  
 In Memory of Catherine M. Ayscue – D.T. Ayscue, Jr. – Charles & Mary Lou Riddick (Mr. & Mrs. David Ayscue III)  
 In Memory of Hepner & Jones Families (Miss Melinda Jones)  
 In Memory of Bob & Boots Reed – Ralph Bennett Sr. (Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Bennett)  
 In Memory of Jeff Charles Higley (Mrs. Anna Higley)  
 In Memory of Cooper & Cline Grandparents (Mrs. Beth Cline)  
 In Memory of Ann Leonard – Aileen Leonard – Peggy Leonard (Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ellison)  
 In Memory of Marcella & Clarence Beat (Pat & Doug Sullivan)  
 In Memory of Evelyn Drdek (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith)  
 In Memory of Mary Kovar – George Sprague (Mrs. Melanie Cox)  
 In Memory of Pete Leahy – Pete, Katie, & Ryan Rhinebolt (Mrs. Dolores Leahy)  
 In Memory of Richard W. Royer – Jacqueline E. Royer – Richard H. Belch M.D. – Martha Belch (Dr. & Mrs. Richard Belch)  
 In Memory of Lee Holt – Mr. & Mrs. Josef Hoffmann (Mrs. Gisela Holt)  
 In Memory of Berdette Parker – Don Parker – Walter & Romie Adamkosky – Dorothy Blatnik (Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Parker)  
 In Memory of Stephen & Anna Meduiz – Clarence & Ruby Schaub (Mr. & Mrs. Michael Schaub)  
 In Memory of George & Pauline Flahive (Miss Cheryl Flahive)  
 In Memory of Mrs. Naomi Zeller (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zeller)  
 In Memory of Gladys Marino (Mr. & Mrs. Frank Marino)  
 In Memory of Melko Family (Mr. & Mrs. Paul Melko)  
 In Memory of Wendell B. Feasel (Mrs. Rose Mary Feasel)  
 In Memory of Anna McNamara – Pat Foley (Mr. & Mrs. William McNamara)  
 In Memory of John Ed & Donna Kuhn (Ms. Sandy Kuhn)  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward McNamara – Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Gonda (Mr. & Mrs. Stephen McNamara)  
 In Memory of Jeff Beitel (Mrs. Diane Beitel & Family)  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John & Virginia Russell (Mr. Robert Russell)  
 In Memory of Gay & Bell Families (Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bell)  
 In Memory of Louis Barbee (Mrs. Patricia Barbee)  
 In Memory of Trigg & Reinhard Families (Mrs. Dorothy Patingale)  
 In Memory of Brittany Ann Motter (Mr. & Mrs. William Motter)



In Memory of Terry Beerman – Ouida Parks (Ms. Jo Beerman)  
 In Memory of Thomas Dehn – Dehn & Kezmarsky Families (Mrs. Judith Dehn)  
 In Memory of Hursey & Frentsos Families (Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Frentsos)  
 In Memory of Frances Christensen – John Christensen (Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Terry)  
 In Memory of John Rinko – Helen Rinko – George Hall – Ruth Hall (Mr. & Mrs. Gary Shadley II)  
 In Memory of Edward & Rhea Roche – Howard & Camelita Bavman (Mr. & Mrs. Peter Roche)  
 In Memory of Mary Kay Szabo (Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Delaney)  
 In Memory of Myriam & AJ Place – Carmel, Maryalice, & John Amato (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Amato)  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Rehark (Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Johnson)  
 In Memory of Natalie (Nauman) Lipps – Ceena (Meyers) Nauman (The Lipps Family)  
 In Memory of Buchard & Nelson Families – Azzola & Krichbaum Families (Mr. & Mrs. Paul Azzola)  
 In Memory of Major Klinker (Kenneth & Annette Schwartz)  
 In Memory of Mary Cornwell – Arthur Cornwell – Virginia Stack (Robert Cornwell)  
 In Memory of Rosemary Warner (Mr. William Warner)  
 In Memory of Stack & Flavin Families (Moose Hartley)  
 In Memory of Dickman, Todd, Kamphaus, & Haehn Families (Stella Dickman)  
 In Memory of Betty Lou & Richard Stull – Jean & Gene Rogers (Gina & Kurt Stull)  
 In Memory of Carter, Reed, & Sellers Families (Dave & Pam Sellers)  
 In Memory of Rudolph & Gladys Geshel (John & Barbara Quail)  
 In Memory of John L. Miller (Betsy Miller & Family)  
 In Memory of Karen Sue Piper (Bill & Carole Piper & Family)  
 In Memory of Richard Poorman – Uhl Family (David & Debra Keller)  
 In Memory of Kosmal & Lopett Families (Tom, Shirll, & Amy Kosmal)  
 In Memory of Jack O'Keefe – Neal Lafferty (Wanda O'Keefe & Family)  
 In Memory of Hanna & Johns Families (Larry & Kathy Hanna)  
 In Memory of Jeanmarie Payne Abate (Hardiman & Payne Families)  
 In Memory of Don & Mary Gardner (Joan M. Gardner)  
 In Memory of Casey & Eileen Jones – Salle VanCooney – Howard & Lois Lea (Pete & Karen Jones)  
 In Memory of Pearl Lanning (Jo Ellen Lanning)  
 In Memory of Ruth Ann Hall – John R. Hall (Thomas Hall)  
 In Memory of Richard & Connie Wanner – Joseph & Wilma O'Rourke – Christopher Wanner (Craig & Kathleen Wanner)  
 In Memory of Joseph J. Flesch, Jr. (Vicky Flesch)  
 In Memory of Padovano & Tipple Families (Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Tipple)  
 In Memory of Daniel Janselewitz – Boeke & Janselewitz Families (Rosemary Janselewitz)  
 In Memory of Woytow & Bimler Families (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bimler)  
 In Memory of Edward Bermudez – Isabel Flynn (Pedro & Cristina Bermudez)  
 In Memory of Brendan & Peggy O'Sullivan – Patricia & John Reardon – Barry O'Sullivan – Constance Loretta Fergus (Sheila O'Sullivan)  
 In Memory of Leisek, Okamoto, Sferrella, & DeLuca Families (Mark & Yasmin Sferrella)  
 In Memory of Grimm, Crohen, Kobelt, & Payne Families (Mr. & Mrs. William Crohen)  
 In Memory of Caroll Hemmerle (JR & Terri Roden)  
 In Memory of Larry & Patricia "Patty" Decker – Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Decker & Family – Mr. & Mrs. Victor Jones – Mr. & Mrs. John Thompson (Cynthia & Nathaniel Decker)  
 In Memory of Baumeister & Crecelius Families (Mr. & Mrs. David Crecelius)  
 In Memory of John Segbers (Rita Segbers)  
 In Memory of Bill & Rachel Farrell (Dan & Cathy Farrell)  
 In Memory of Paul & Faye Mullen – Richard & Patricia Conroy (Mullen & Conroy Families)  
 In Memory of Azzola and Krichbaum Families (Dcn Felix & Melanie Azzola)  
 In Memory of Pete Sobas, Deni Walker, & Jack Walker (Brandon & Jackie Walker)  
 In Memory of Paul & Ruby Umberger – Mike & Mary Dinovo – Paul Umberger III (Richard & Paula Dinovo)  
 In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel A. Dinovo – William & Anne Rowlands – Mary Catherine Bauder (Sam Dinovo)  
 In Memory of Anthony & Mary Dinovo – Charles & Margaret (Lowler) Cooke – Candi Osborne (Ceena Dinovo Baker)  
 In Memory of VanDyck Family (Joe VanDyck)  
 In Memory of Carlton Marsch & Robert Reed Families (Mr. & Mrs. Roger Marsch)



In Honor of Carlton Marsch & Robert Reed Families (Mr. & Mrs. Roger Marsch)  
 In Honor of Sferrella children & godchildren (Mark & Yasmin Sferrella)  
 In Honor of Samuel V. Dinovo (Ceena Dinovo Baker)  
 In Honor of Shannon Pleiman (Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Delaney)

## WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**

3:15-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)  
4:30-5:30 p.m. Mass (CH)

**Sunday, December 22, 2019, 4th Sunday of Advent**

St. Mary School, Christmas Break

7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass (CH)  
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SUNDAY OFFICE CLOSED  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RCIA (3rd FL)  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Mass (CH)  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mass (CH)  
4:00-5:00 p.m. HS & MS YG: Christmas Caroling  
4:30-5:30 p.m. Youth Choir Practice (CH)  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Mass (CH)  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)  
6:30-8:00 p.m. HS YG Christmas Party (23 Union)

**Monday, December 23, 2019**

St. Mary School, Christmas Break

8:00-9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Cleaners (CH)  
9:00-11:00 a.m. Nativity & Church setup  
5:10-5:20 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours (CH)  
5:30-6:00 p.m. Communion Service (CH)  
6:00-6:30 p.m. Rosary (CH)

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

Offices Close at Noon – Christmas Eve

St. Mary School, Christmas Break

4:00-5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (CH)  
4:30-5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (BC)  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (CH)  
8:30-9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (CH)  
11:55 p.m.-1:00 a.m. December 25, Midnight Mass (CH)

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

Offices Closed – Nativity of Our Lord

St. Mary School, Christmas Break

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – Continue**

9:30-10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (CH)  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Christmas Day Mass (CH)

**Thursday, December 26, 2019**

Offices Closed

St. Mary School, Christmas Break

8:15-8:45 a.m. Mass (CH)  
8:45-9:15 a.m. Rosary (CH)

**Friday, December 27, 2019**

Offices Closed

St. Mary School, Christmas Break

7:55-8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours  
8:15-8:45 a.m. Mass (CH)  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Non Mandatory Practices (Gym)  
8:45-9:15 a.m. Rosary (CH)

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

St. Mary School, Christmas Break

8:30-11:30 a.m. SVDP Needs Mtg. (PO-1st Floor)  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Church Cleaning – Scouts (CH)  
3:15-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)  
4:30-5:30 p.m. Mass (CH)

**Sunday, Dec 29, 2019**

St. Mary School, Christmas Break

7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass (CH)  
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SUNDAY OFFICE CLOSED  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RCIA (3rd FL)  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Mass (CH)  
10:45-11:15 a.m. Blessing of Expectant Mothers (CH)  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mass (CH)  
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish (CH)  
4:30-5:30 p.m. Youth Choir Practice (CH)  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Mass (CH)  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

## Facility Key and Usage:

Key	Location	Key	Location	Key	Location	Key	Location
CH	Church	SCH Kt	School Kitchen	TL	Teacher's Lounge	KHKt	Kavanagh Hall Kitchen
CH-Loft	Church Loft (Room Limit of 10)	STG	Stage		(Limit of 20 people)	KH UR	Kavanagh Hall Upper Room
PL	Parking Lot	PO-UR	Parish Office Upper Room	Lib	Library	Gym	Gym
BC	Beitel Commons	FFB Porch	Porch at 23 S. Union Street	KHLR	Kavanagh Hall Living Room	FFB DR	Dining Room at 23 S. Union Street
SCH	School	FFB Patio	Patio at 23 S. Union Street	KHDR	Kavanagh Hall Dining Room	FFB Kt	Kitchen at 23 S. Union Street
Crt Yd	Front Courtyard	SCH Lib	School Library	FFB UR	Upper Conference Room at 23 S. Union St.		

*With humble thanks to the St. Mary Parish Family From the SVdP Society...*

The St. Vincent de Paul Society recently submitted our annual report to our national offices. In view of the incredible support extended to our mission by the St. Mary community, we felt it appropriate to share some of the highlights of that report with you.



For the 2018-2019 SVdP fiscal year, our records revealed the following:

- An **increase** in active memberships from **29 to 35 members**.
- **3,136 hours** of time and **7,404 miles driven** in performing the Vincentian mission.
- **323 person-to-person contacts**, leading to **1,677 persons assisted** by St. Mary/SVdP.
- The distribution of **\$31,700.00 worth of life-sustaining goods** to those in need, facilitated by parishioner support of the SVdP / PIN cabinet donations and our semi-annual clothing drives.
- **\$109,403.00 of direct donations** from our parishioners and supporters.
- The **distribution of \$108,335.00 in direct financial aid** to ease the distress of those in critical need of life's essentials.

Comparing to the previous year, these last two figures represent an increase of an astonishing 17% in donations and 23% financial assistance to needy members of our parish and community at large! During the holiday season, it is common to see an upsurge in giving to outreach efforts supporting those burdened with financial, social, and medical hardships. Your year-round support of the SVdP mission is a lasting credit to our parish family, showing that you recognize that true hardship is not a seasonal event. On behalf of those many people whose lives have been touched by your generosity, the members of the SVdP Society extend our deepest gratitude. We pray that God will continue to bless you for your selfless compassion.



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** is able to provide assistance to the needy in our community. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact the NEEDS LINE at 740-417-3410.



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### All Adults are INVITED to 2020 FAITH & FELLOWSHIP Potluck Lunch & Discussion

Sundays: \*January 12th \* January 19th \* February 9th from: 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the School (Beitel Commons)

Bring a Friend & Dish to Share!

In this New Year 2020, be renewed and grow the "new you" by joining us as we explore & unpack the 25 Questions that Will Change Your Life! Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in? Are you satisfied with your life? These questions are always before us, within us, around us. They are part of our spiritual quest and part of our human quest. We are capable of so much more than we think. You have no idea what you are capable of. None of us do. God is constantly trying to open our eyes to the amazing possibilities that He has enfolded in our being. Take the time to join us for fun, fellowship and discussion. For more information or to assist, please contact Julie Lutz at [jlutz@delawarestmary.org](mailto:jlutz@delawarestmary.org).

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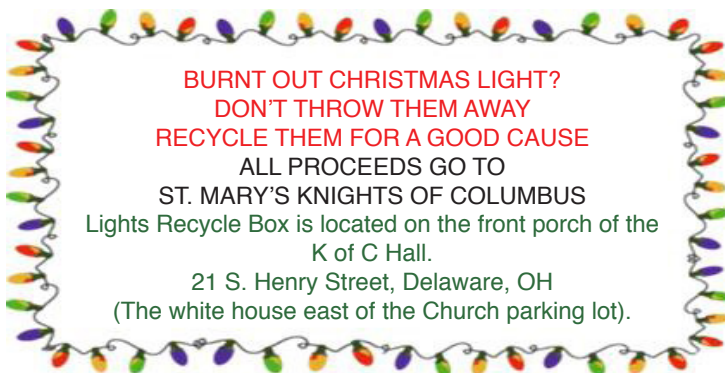
**Columbus Catholic Women's Conference** "AMAZING GRACE" will be taking place,  
Saturday, February 15th, 2020 from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Visit <https://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>.  
Parish transportation, bus seat reservation information and sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/uvnsl5c>.

**Columbus Catholic Men's Conference** "BUILDING VIRTUE" will be taking place,  
Saturday, February 20, 2020 from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Visit <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmmcon20>.  
Parish carpooling contacts and info. TBA as date approaches.



Early Bird prices and more details are available now on their respective websites through Mid-January Or email [jlutz@delawarestmary.org](mailto:jlutz@delawarestmary.org) for the links to be sent to you or if you feel called to serve in any extra capacity for the parish with these upcoming events.

**Save the Date, Save the Date, Save the Date**



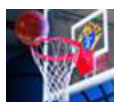
**Newly Engaged?** Our parish is offering its annual marriage preparation course on Saturday, February 1st and 8th in the Parish Office. Please contact Matthew or Mary Paulus at [marykpaulus@gmail.com](mailto:marykpaulus@gmail.com) with questions and to sign up.

"Seasons of Hope" is a Christ-centered support group for the bereaved. If you are:

- Looking for friends in Christ to share your journey of sorrow.
- You've been trying to figure out the meaning of your grief.
- You want to get on with life but have not been able to do so.
- You find comfort in the teachings of Christ.
- You are open to new ways of coping with your grief.
- You don't want to feel alone anymore.



Come join us for six Wednesday evenings. Any parishioner who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend. Please join us at the Teachers' Lounge in St. Mary School  
Dates: January 8, 15, 22 and February 5, 12 and 19th.  
Sign in, 6:15, Meeting, 6:30-8:15. Please bring a Bible. For more information and to register by January 2, contact Diane Beitel at [740-803-3111](tel:740-803-3111) OR [dibeitel@gmail.com](mailto:dibeitel@gmail.com).



### Free throw shooting contest for girls and boys ages 9-14!



Where: St. Mary School Gym

When: Sunday, January 5th

from 1:00-1:45 p.m. registration (shooting to begin at 1:45)  
Registration forms will be in school office or church vestibule. Forms may also be obtained by email at [gsteffan@columbus.rr.com](mailto:gsteffan@columbus.rr.com). Please bring completed form to event. (Birth Certificate required).

Basketballs will be provided at event (no personal basketballs permitted). Questions about the event, call Greg Steffan at 740-417-4094 or email at [gsteffan@columbus.rr.com](mailto:gsteffan@columbus.rr.com). Rules and regulations can be obtained by googling kofc free throw contest rules. Winners will advance to District Shoot-off scheduled for Sunday, February 9th. (1:00-1:45 p.m. registration) shooting at 1:45 (Winners to advance to Regional shoot-off). This event is free of charge and is sponsored by Delaware Knights of Columbus Council 1056.

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