

Saint Mary Parish

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Mission Statement

St. Mary is a faith community which worships together, follows the teachings of Jesus Christ in our everyday lives, evangelizes others by our lives and actions, gives generously of our time and resources in service to others, shows compassion and love towards one another, provides religious education and works for social justice for all.

Parish Pastoral Staff

Reverend John P. Singler, Pastor
Reverend Robert J. Cole, Retired, In Residence
Deacon Thomas A. Cully, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Angela Kovic, Music Director

Parish Support Staff

Mrs. Diana Lipfird, Homebound Coordinator
Mr. John Mastandrea, Adult Faith and Education Coordinator
Mrs. Johanna Garr, Religious Education Coordinator

Parish Office Staff

Mrs. Janel Abraham
Mrs. Lorri Masie

School Administrative Staff

Mr. Andrew Carner, Principal
Mrs. Sandi Ziegler, Program Coordinator
Mrs. Nancy Kaesgen, Director of Development

School Office Staff

Mrs. Mary Beth Hennessy
Mrs. Diana Zjaba

Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday: 9:00am Monday through Friday

Weekend: 4:00pm Saturday Vigil
7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am

Holy Day Consult Bulletin

Sacramental Ministries

Baptisms: On Sundays After 11:30am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-3:30pm
Seasonal Celebrations

Marriage: Contact Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office
Seasonal Celebration

Communion Calls: Contact Parish Office

Celebrating 167 years of Pastoral Service to the Catholic Community of Berea

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

As we journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, we encounter him teaching, preaching, praying and praising. In today's gospel, he seems to do all at once!

Today's passage opens with Jesus addressing God as "**Father, Lord of heaven and earth,**" beckoning the disciples into a relationship of Father and Son. It must have been shocking for them to hear Jesus refer to God as "**Father**" because this form of address was truly intimate, calling God "**papa,**" and for formal Jews, referring to God in that familial way was unusual and even unheard of. In using that term, Jesus emphasizes that God is not some faraway deity, disinterested and detached from creation. God is personal, loving and involved in our lives.

God is our Father, and the "*little ones*" are his children who are humble enough to see that God has revealed himself in Christ. Perhaps the "*wise and learned*" (Pharisees) were too proud and stubborn to have an open mind about the new things God was doing in Jesus. Or maybe God calls the humble so that there will be no question that it is the work of God, and not just the accomplishments of important people. Whatever the reason, true wisdom seems to come to those who are humble.

Jesus himself embodies both wisdom and humility, and for those who will follow his example, he promises rest. But this kind of rest does not mean inactivity; it means refreshment, peace of mind, and renewed energy. May it be for us this week!



Last Sunday **Deacon Tom** presided at Holy Hour Vespers Prayer for Unity and an End to Racism and Violence. His reflection was well crafted and with his permission, is included below. His **message** resonates with our Christian belief that all lives matter and that following Jesus we are a people who stand for peace and justice. Let us pray for an End to Racism and Violence.

Deacon Tom's Reflection:



Why do we come here in prayer? Because through prayer God can change hearts which is *truly* what is needed to **heal Racism and Violence**. Yes, we need **social reforms** and equal **educational** opportunities. We need **criminal justice** reforms; we need **equitable access** to health care and **an end to employment and housing** discrimination. All of that **begins** with our image of **God** and our image of **who we are: Who I am** and **who I believe YOU** are. May this prayer [tonight] **reflect** and **strengthen** the love we have for our **brothers and sisters**; but may it also be the source of **grace** that

inspires us to work for **unity**, justice, and **peace** among ALL the **children** of God – each made wonderfully, **yet uniquely** in God's likeness. Let the **Holy Spirit** be **our guide**.

But do we REALLY think prayer [*tonight's Vespers*] is going to make **any difference** [*to an end of racism and violence*]? I mean, **violence & racism** are **HUGE** issues. What makes **you** think this little drop in an ocean will make a difference? Have **you heard** that before? Yes, over & over since we **began planning** tonight's Vespers. Yet I **know** that those words are from **the enemy**; because Our God is **bigger** than that. Our God **loves us** – each of us much **MORE** than that and He says **come, pray & reflect**.

We **ARE** called to love: to love those in **our families** and **our communities** and to end this evil **wherever** it's found. We have to **ask** – Who **benefits** from racism? **THAT answer**, is **WHY** it is **so hard** to fight and so hard to **make an impact**.

The grace from these **recent events** has **ignited** an **awakening** for many people – I **included**. I'm probably.... Pretty **average**... which means not only have I **not heard** terms like **white privilege**, I never **really thought** about it. It's just **the way** things are... this **awakening** helps me **understand** – THAT's the point. And when we begin to **ask why** - and what impact the **status quo** has on all of us, we can see that **the playing field** isn't **level** and fixing that, working on that, has a **negative effect** on - me and people **like me**. That's **painful / uncomfortable** – **good**. That's how growth/ **change** will come, and that entails much work, for we **ARE** the Body of Christ.

On this table is a large bowl of a variety of grapes. Grapes, on the **outside** some are green, or **red** or **purple**. And those colors **attract us** and are **pleasing** to our eyes. And in a like manner, we should **celebrate** BOTH the **diversity** and the **unity of each other, one another, every other** – rather than **elevating one** and **despising** the other. Most **importantly** - what is the **essence** of this entire bowl in front of us? They're **grapes**. They are **ALL** grapes, **every one** of them. And who **made them**? God did. **Just like EACH** of us... the **real essence** of **US**, our **body and blood**, soul and **humanity** is equally **cherished** by God. And God **calls** us to do [and be] **the same**. This is a **dignity of life** issue, as Dorothy Day said, **"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least."**

Sometimes racism is **subtle** and the **Prince of Lies** loves subtle ways to **lead us away** from each other, inch by inch, **step by step**, until ALL we can see is **difference**, when we should see that we are **more alike than we are different**. Yet must **admit that** our daily, personal experience **hasn't been**, isn't **the same** and when we try to **maintain** power and **control**, we lose **our ability** to see **as Jesus sees**.

We've also forgotten how to have a **discussion**. We have forgotten **empathy** and **compassion**. Sometimes we turn to **Violence** – and that is **NEVER the answer**. The enemy is **NOT** the other **political party**; **NOT** the other **race** or **NOT** the other **gender**. The enemy is **Satan** and his tricks are **division** and **fear** – whatever he can do to **make us** point fingers and **forget** the God who **made us**. This doesn't **remove** our **personal responsibility** but reminds us of the **warfare** & how God can change our heart.

So our prayer is that we **wake up**, stand up and **speak up** and the first **crucial step** is our **personal conversion** which begins with a **true** examination of **our heart** and our **worldview**. To **Jesus** we bring these questions and & ask:

- **Have I** done enough to **inform myself** about the sin of racism, its roots, and its **historical** and **current** examples?
- Have I **opened my heart** to see how **unequal access** to economic opportunity, **jobs**, housing, and **education** on the **basis** of skin color, **race** or ethnicity, denies the **equal dignity** of others?
- **Is there** a root - racism **within me** that **blurs** my vision of who **my neighbor** is?
- **Have I** ever witnessed someone who "fell victim" to **personal**, institutional, **systematic** or social racism and I did or **said nothing**, leaving the victim to **deal with** their pain alone?

[*These questions*] are important questions, that the **grace** of God, through **the Holy Spirit**, will

help us to **answer** and **lead us to a renewal of life and repentance**. Jesus **invites** us to bring all our **fears** and our **tears**, bring our **needs** and our **frustrations**, bring our **body and blood**, soul and humanity **to Him** – he's **right here**. This Jesus who was **abandoned** by his **closest friends** comes to **unite us**. This Jesus who was **bruised** and **broken** longs to **heal us**.

Tonight come **close** to the Lord, his Real Presence on the Altar of Sacrifice and pray for an End to Racism and Violence and the beginning of our changed mind, heart and spirit to inspire us to work for unity, justice and peace among ALL the children of God and he will **help us** to truly love one another as God loves us. **LOVE ALWAYS WINS!**

I know I promised a Pastor's Letter at the end of our **Fiscal Year** – so here it is. It has also been emailed to our households. It is a personal letter of **THANKS** for your financial support, prayers and sacrifices over these past months. I know we are nowhere near or over the Covid-19 pandemic, so let us continue to pray for an end and for the health and safety of all.



July 5, 2020

Dear Parishioner and Friend:

This is indeed an important moment in our history as a faith family. On the weekend of May 31st, we re-opened our church doors to publicly celebrate Mass for the first time in over two months. Complying with the guidelines offered to minimize the risk of Covid-19, we welcomed on average 80 parishioners at each Mass and the number returning will only increase, as we understand and adopt this new environment.

I recognize that many of you still need more time to return in person and that is okay, because the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Though you may not be ready to join us just yet, you are still a part of our faith family. We miss you and we love you and please, continue to join us virtually through our livestreaming efforts on the parish website, Facebook and YouTube.

As we have begun the new fiscal year, July 1st, 2020, I would like to report on where our parish stands financially. This has been and will continue to be a challenging time for all and St. Mary is no exception. During the height of this crisis our offertory declined slightly, and your ability to continue to support us financially is a true testament to your faith as well as your continued spiritual and financial support as we move ahead.

If you have continued giving during this time, **thank you**. If you are unable to give due to financial hardship: **we are with you**. For those in our parish who are able, as we begin this new fiscal year, I ask you to consider a gift above and beyond your regular weekly giving to help minimize the decline we experienced these months. Any amount is a tremendous gift and **I thank you from the bottom of my heart**. **PLEASE** continue to give in Church, [the baskets in the sanctuary], by mailing in your weekly donation, dropping your envelope off at the Parish Office or by our eGiving Program.

As we move ahead, please know that I pray for your safety daily and that of your loved ones. Thanks be to God for the promise of God with us – through our every trial and joy! Please be assured that the parish staff, my brother priests and I are here to support you however we can.

Peace,
Fr. John Singler

And NOW some REALLY GREAT NEWS:

I received a call from the Secretary for Clergy and Religious and have been informed that St. Mary will welcome

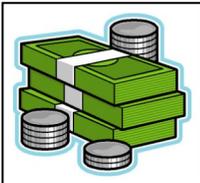
Fr. Thomas E. Stock

as Parochial Vicar, beginning August 4th! Fr. Stock grew up in Barberton and from St. Frances de Sales Parish. He was ordained on May 30, 1998 and served the Church of Cleveland at a number of parishes as a Parochial Vicar: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wickliffe; St. Leo's, Cleveland, St. Albert the Great, North Royalton, St. Francis Xavier, Medina and most recently as Pastor of St. Stephen's, West Salem.



We will formally welcome Fr. Stock on the weekend of August 9th after all the Masses!

WELCOME Fr. Stock!



More **THANKS** for your generosity and financial support, especially during these pandemic days! Your generosity is truly appreciated and as we look forward to the next fiscal year, may we stay strong and faithful in our commitment to time, talent and treasure!



Please Remember Our Military In Prayer & With Gratitude

SSgt. Jeffrey R. Anzalone—USAF, Hurlburt Field, FL
Private 1st Class Nicholas Cozzarin—US Army, Ft. Hood, TX ; Iraq
Sergeant Justin P. Gertsma—USMC, Afghanistan
Specialist Stefan C. Golier—Army, Fort Stewart, GA
SPC Carl Heitz, Army Reserves, Kuwait
1 Lt David J Laubert - US Army 101 ABN Divarty (USA)
Major Theresa M. (Ponstingle) Livingston—Dobbins Air Force Base
Major Leonard J. Livingston, Dobbins Air Force Base
Master Sergeant Zachary McLeish, USAF 76 APS Youngstown Ohio
Captain Frank P. Mercurio, Jr.—Ellsworth AFB, SD
Staff Sergeant Stfen Neuwar—Ft. Belvoir, VA
Sr. Airman Anthony J. Phillipp—USAF, Davis Monthan AFB, AZ
Master Sergeant, Joshua Stark, OSAN Airbase, South Korea
MA2 Gary L. Stephen—US Navy
LCDR Thomas A. Stephen—US Navy
Airman Todd Vlk - Avionics Technician, Special Projects Patrol Squadron 2
Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH)
Sergeant Sean M. Walters—US Army Green Berets
Staff Sergeant Elaine Wisnieski—U.S. Air Force
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Cpl. Brad D. Squires—KIA in Iraq, June 9, 2005

May God bless and keep these brave men and women safely in His care!



The Parish Office will have New Summer Hours starting June 19, 2020:

DAILY:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

CLOSED:

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



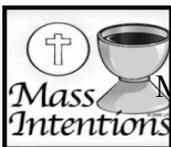
Weekend of July 5		Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:00pm	Leonard Stitt	Special Intention	
7:30am	For All Parishioners		
9:30am	Terry Kovacs	St. Mary Choir	
11:30am	John Wetzel	Gail Wetzel	
Monday	July 6	Weekday	
<i>Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 / Mt 9:18-26 (383)</i>			
9:00am	In Thanksgiving to St. Maria Goretti		Mary Ferrante
Tuesday	July 7	Weekday	
<i>Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:32-38 (384)</i>			
9:00am	Agnes Cashmir	Laurie Brenner	
Wednesday	July 8	Weekday	
<i>Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / Mt 10:1-7 (385)</i>			
9:00am			
Thursday	July 9	Weekday	
<i>Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 / Mt 10:7-15 (386)</i>			
9:00am	Deceased Members of The Hultquist Family		Peggy Hultquist
Friday	July 10	Weekday	
<i>Hos 14:2-10 / Mt 10:16-23 (387)</i>			
9:00am	Richard M. Cawley	Family	
Saturday	July 11	Saint Benedict, Abbot	
<i>Is 6:1-8 / Mt 10:24-33 (388)</i>			
4:00pm	Ann, Marge, Gladys & Joseph Dragan		Daughter & Granddaughter
Sunday	July 12	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
<i>Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 (103)</i>			
7:30am	Florence Leopold	Nieces & Nephews	

In Your Charity



*In your charity, please remember those who have served and lost their life for our Freedom this July 4th.
May they rest in eternal peace.*





The Mass Book for 2020 is open for scheduling your Mass Intentions.

Contact the Office to schedule or submit your request in writing - please include a phone number in case we need to contact you. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Anniversary Wishes

If you will be having a wedding anniversary in the month of **JULY** and would like your names listed in the bulletin, please call the parish office (440) 243-3877 or email jabraham1@stmarybera.org

Tom & Joyce Kurilec
July 29th - 45 years



happy anniversary

Mother Teresa

“Seek God Everywhere”

Seek always the beauty and goodness of God everywhere.



Excerpted from: *Love: A Fruit Always in Season Daily Meditations* by Mother Teresa (Ignatius Press 1987)

Bulletin Prayer List

Please remember in prayer all who are ill or homebound, especially the following:

<p>Lisa Bartone Sandra Conroy Candy Corbett Katie D'Angelo Lindsay Dains Kathleen Dorsey Charles Doss Susan Gilbert Stefan Golier Nancy Grau Gerri Irvin David Irwin Catherine Jackson</p>	<p>James Kendro Louise Knapik Mary Kosko Betty Kross Bill Krukemeyer Kay Leonard Patricia Livengood Tom Medvin Alicia Oblander Vlad Salva Marcella Schweter Jim Sperk Guy Sperk Josephine Stapleton Chet Talarczyk Mary Tosca Sarah Williams</p>
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Welcome - Newly Baptized

Welcome the newly baptized -

Jaxson Myron Tichy

Ministry Schedules

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 12th

Mass	Lector	Cantor	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
4:00pm	Deacon Tom	A & D Kovic	(H) R Sillasen, Deacon Tom, B Sillasen	
7:30am	Deacon Tom		(H) F Sliwa, Deacon Tom, C Petitto	
9:30am	D Vlk	A & D Kovic	(H) M Dole, R Straub, C Scanlon	
11:30am	K Zanotti	A & D Kovic	(H) J Abraham, D Hickey, J Savinsky	

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE SUSPENDING THE OFFERING OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD &

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Formation Sessions - 2020 Now Open

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - you must *1st attend* a Formation Session offered by the Diocese of Cleveland. Formation Sessions have previously been held in person at area churches, however in light of the pandemic some adjustments have been made on how the sessions will be conducted. Formation session will be shifting to an on-line format - Contact the Parish Office to register for one of the 2020 Sessions.

Music Ministry & Liturgy Notes

By Angela Kovic, Director of Music and Liturgy

GUILLAUME DE MACHAUT

Just as our faith comes from the texts and wisdom of those before us, sacred music in the Catholic Church has also been inspired by musicians from older time as well! Guillaume de Machaut was born in France in around 1300, and is considered to be the most important composer of the 14th century. He was the secretary of the king of Bohemia, and also a member of several musical chapters in France. Machaut's work as a poet and composer helped him to develop more concrete musical forms that built up the musical movement called the ars nova. This was when musicians finally ascended from only composing polyphonic chants with simple harmonies.

Along with his abundance of secular works, Machaut also was the first to compose an entire musical setting of the Ordinary of the Mass before 1365, which was titled the Messe de Nostre Dame. Because of him, there are now countless arrangements of the Mass Setting that can be used during our mass, and spans all time periods, including Mozart and Marty Haugen (who you can read about next week!) Now since we have entered into the 'regular' days of Ordinary Time, I decided to switch the mass setting that I play under our prayers such as the Gloria and Holy. Currently, I am using A Community Mass by Richard Proulx, though I may filter in some lesser known mass settings, if we are still under pandemic safety measures.

Contact me via phone (440.243.3877 ext. 27) or email (musicministry1@stmaryberea.org) for anything involving our Music Ministry!

New Parishioners

Welcome
to Our New Parishioners ...

Russel & Jennifer Gulliford & Family
Thom & Sara Julian & Family

Welcome to St. Mary Parish



ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Mary Church now provides Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving allows our parishioners to give easily and is a safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - Visit our website:

www.stmaryberea.org

Click on the VANCO Link to get started!

THE PARISH STAFF IS HERE TO HELP

Contact the Office if needed.

We are Invited to attend Mass at
St. Aloysius Parish
10932 St. Clair Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44108



Join Deacon Tom and
our fellow parishioners
at the 10:00am Mass on
Sunday, July 5, 2020

"We gather with joy and gratitude for our past, and for the many people who have called St. Aloysius home over the years. We welcome all our guests this weekend, and we embrace you as family."

- Fr. Mark Hobson, Pastor of St. Aloysius Church

[For any questions, please contact Deacon Tom at dtom@stmaryberea.org](mailto:dtom@stmaryberea.org)