

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 Thomas E. Stock, Parochial Vicar
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 168 years of Pastoral Service to the Catholic Community of Berea

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021

The Old Testament (Hebrew Scripture) readings for these first weeks of **Ordinary Time** present us with several challenges that face those who would live with and for God. Young Samuel, who we meet this week-end in the First Reading, discovers two things about God. The first is that God often calls us without our realizing or understanding the call. We have to learn, sometimes from others, to recognize the voice of the Lord in our lives. The second is that when we are slow to hear, as was Samuel, God patiently continues to call until finally we are able to respond.



In the weeks that follow Jonah learns that the mercy and forgiveness that God offers is also available for those we may consider beyond the reach of God's care. Moses points out the danger of presuming that we ourselves speak for God and poor Job reminds us that in times of suffering, even those closest to us can fail to understand what we are enduring, increasing

our sense of isolation, loneliness and the meaninglessness of life.

In the New Testament (Christian Scripture) readings St. Paul in his Letter to the Corinthians reminds them (and us) that being incorporated into the Body of Christ means we must radically examine and reorient our lives. In fact, now that Christ has come, the entire world is upside down (*get used to different*) and the old things, including the old ways are passing away. Those who have been baptized are different people now and are joined to the Lord as members of Christ!

The Gospel readings during these 5 weeks of Ordinary Time highlight the energy and zeal that evangelization can unleash among disciples and those whom God touches through them. This energy and zeal begins with Jesus himself, who begins his public ministry by gathering *students, disciples* so that the message of God's salvation can be spread as quickly and wisely as possible. In **The Chosen** series, Jesus comments to his *students*, "*I was counting on it,*" when asked *if* they could tell others about him! That urgency that Jesus proclaims is captured in Mark's Gospel use of the word "*immediately.*" Jesus moves quickly – healing, teaching, and casting out demons all with astonishing power and authority!



It's going to be an exciting Time for us as we move through these winter weeks. Soon enough Lent will be here and the call to ***Repent and Believe in the Good News!*** Let's hear and heed the call and take up the challenge the Word of God holds for us and be renewed in His Light!

It bears repeating again, that I am so very grateful for your **FINANCIAL GENEROSITY** during the Christmas Season AND in this unprecedented time of the Coronavirus pandemic. Your **CONTINUED** financial support has been **TERRIFIC** and **AMAZING**, even in the midst of the **MANY** of you who have endured hardship **BECAUSE** of the shut down! **WOW!** I am **TRULY GRATEFUL** and **HUMBLED** by your faith, hope and love commitment to **CONTINUE** the good work and to let it **FLOURISH** during these many, many months!



We received many, many of your Christmas Donations in the mail; but unfortunately not **ALL** of the **mailed in donations** were received either by Christmas or prior to December 31, 2020. I'm sure you saw the Plain Dealer front page article on Monday January 11th that only 28.8% of first class mailed was received on time ahead of Christmas.

28.8% of first-class mail delivered on time ahead of Christmas week

That being said; all of your **mailed in** donations that are **postmarked and received in January must be posted as a January donation**, even if it's noted for Christmas and this is per the IRS regulations. This also mean that though your donation was intended for Christmas 2020 or the end of the year and not received until January, it will not be reflected on your 2020 Donation Statement, but will be on your 2021 Donation Statement. That's the ill-timed impact that the delay in mail service has caused.

You will see included in the Bulletin this weekend, a **Pastoral Letter** from the Berea Association of Ministers. The **Letter** was crafted in light of the very unfortunate storming of the Capital on January 6th, 2021! The **Pastoral Letter** is our effort to offer hope and healing and on Sunday night, January 17th, at 7pm on the **Berea Area Churches Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/BereaAreaChurches) a special prayer service will be held for a peaceful transition of power. Join us as you are able!

Another **Thank you** for your presence and joy to me, to us, as a member of St. Mary Parish! Fr. Max Cole was here this past weekend and commented how he missed US! We certainly do have an impact! And while I was giving the weekend Retreat to the Permanent Deacons in Formation, I asked them to include you, us in their prayers! So, continue to **do good and avoid evil!** Blessings TODAY and EVERYDAY!

Fr. John

Pope Francis Proclaims "Year of St. Joseph"



Saint Jose' Manyanet, a priest in the 19th century Spain fervently promoted devotion to Saint Joseph and the Holy Family. He prophesied that a "time of Saint Joseph" would soon arrive in the life of the church.

We need the spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph to help us protect marriage and the family. Marriage and the family have always been under attack, but in modern times, the threat have reached extraordinary heights.

The servant of God Sister Lucia, the longest-lived visionary of the Fatima Apparitions, knew the seriousness of the times and made a powerful statement about this issue. She wrote:

"The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about marriage and the family."

To combat and overcome Satan's deceptions, the church needs St. Joseph. His example and protection are the only way out of the confusing mess we are in. Who else can we turn to who can help us understand what marriage and the family are all about if not to the Head of the Holy Family and Terror of Demons?

[Excerpts from: "Consecration to Saint Joseph", Father Donald Calloway, MIC](#)

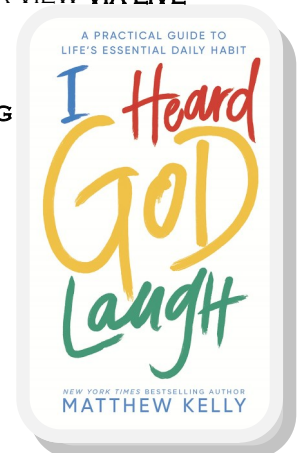
MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**AN EVENING OF REFLECTION
JANUARY 28, 2021
7:00PM - CHURCH**

HOPE YOU HAD THE CHANCE TO START READING THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS GIFT: "I HEARD GOD LAUGH" BY MATTHEW KELLY.

JOIN US IN THE CHURCH FOR AN EVENING OF REFLECTION OR VIEW **VIA LIVE STREAM ON OUR WEBSITE.**

[STMARYBERA.ORG](https://stmarybera.org)



A Pastoral Letter from the Berea Association of Ministers

January 12, 2021

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Alongside many of you, we still are processing the acts of insurrection that took place at and in the United States Capitol Building this past Wednesday, January 6. We pray for God's comfort to accompany the family members and friends of those who died. We lament the glaring inequality in the response of law enforcement to these recent protests at the Capitol in contrast to this past summer's protests for racial justice. And we yearn for God's peace to prevail among all of us during this ongoing season of anger, distrust, and deep divisions.

What we witnessed this past week was a violent reaction born out of violent words: a response to a growing culture of disinformation, harmful rhetoric, and fear. Our scriptures remind us that "the tongue has the power of life and death" (Proverbs 18.21, NIV), that our words carry great power either to hurt or to help, and that each of us has the responsibility to do what we can to ensure that our words are blessings to others and to the world (cf. James 3.2-12).

Truth matters and part of that truth is that all the forces of hatred, violence, and division will never have the final word. Having just come through the great celebration of Christmas, we re-affirm that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it" (John 1.5, NRSV). Christ is that light and the hope of the world who still shines brightly, even amid all darkness and fear.

As Christ's body, the church, we are called to be that light—to share that light—in our relationships with all our neighbors, of every political and theological persuasion. By God's grace, may we bear Christ's light boldly in the days and weeks to come. May we **"speak the truth in love"** (Ephesians 4.15, NRSV), practicing honesty in all our conversations. May we participate in Christ-like resistance to evil, injustice, and oppression, growing our ministry especially with those who are marginalized and too often silenced or ignored. May we **"act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God"** (Micah 6.8, NIV), even when doing so does not prioritize our personal desires, preferences, or privileges. May we tear down walls of hostility, build bridges of unity, and live as agents of reconciliation, hope, and peace. And in all times and ways, may we love our neighbors well.

Finally, and in this spirit of hope and healing, we invite you to join us in praying for a peaceful transition of power on the eve of the national observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and just a few days before the presidential inauguration: **Sunday, January 17 at 7 pm on the Berea Area Churches Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BereaAreaChurches)**. Together, may we pray without ceasing, listen and speak without fear, and love one another without condition.

Peace,

Rev. Carrie Antczak
The United Methodist Church of Berea

Rev. David R. Radzik
St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Rev. CJ Harkness
People's Community Church

Rev. John Singler
St. Mary Church

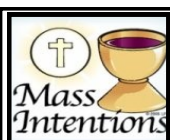
Rev. Nathan Howe
The United Methodist Church of Berea

Pastor Donald T. Warren
Mount Zion Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Patrick F. Hunt
Heritage Congregational Church

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 17		Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:00pm	John Goetz		Judy Stull
7:30am	For All St. Mary Parishioners		
9:30am	Robert Buck	Family	
11:30am	Daniel DeCaria	Patty McLaughlin	
Monday January 18 Weekday			
<i>Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22 (311)</i>			
9:00am	Granville Hickey	Tom & Paulette Flandera	
Tuesday January 19 Weekday			
<i>Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28 (312)</i>			
9:00am	Mary Brinda Kekic	Redella Family	
Wednesday January 20 Weekday			
<i>Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Mk 3:1-6 (313)</i>			
9:00am	Rudolph Schleif	Tom & Paulette Flandera	
Thursday January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr			
<i>Heb 7:25- 8:6 / Mk 3:7-12 (314)</i>			
9:00am	In Thanksgiving for Jessica	Family	
Friday January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children			
<i>Lectionary for Ritual Masses, Vol IV</i>			
9:00am	Walter Rippin	Family	
Saturday January 23 Weekday			
<i>Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 / Mk 3:20-21 (316)</i>			
4:00pm	Marie Stec	Cheryl & John Pesarchick & Family	
Sunday January 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
<i>Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20 (68)</i>			
7:30am	Leonard Drager	Family	
9:30am	Lenere Shrieves	Family	
11:30am	Christopher Jackman	Family	



2021 MASS BOOK - 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.



In Your Charity



In your charity, please remember the repose of the souls of Linda Kurt Fitos, Michael Tracy and Carol Waldron.

May they rest in eternal peace.

Anniversary Wishes

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

Mother Teresa

"Christ Chooses Us"

"You have not chosen Me; I have chosen you" (Jn 15:16). It is Christ's choice for us that makes us what we are ... He will work out His plan in us and through us in spite of any failure we may meet.



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:

Michael Baran
 Patricia Beekman
 Christine Burrell
 Hilda Denk
 Kathleen Dorsey
 Nancy Grau
 Raymond Hritz
 Dorothy Hunter

Rose Marie Jocke
 Marcel Liberge
 Chet Talarczyk
 Donald Ziehn
To add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Rectory Office: (440) 243-3877 or email:
jabraham1@stmaryberea.org

THANK YOU!

Offertory Collection

January 3rd: \$4,032.00

January 10th: \$10,496.00

Request for 2020 Contribution Statement

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

If you would like a 2020 Contribution Statement, please complete the information below & return in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office: 250 Kraft Street, Berea, 44017 Attn: Janel
 Statements will be ready for pick-up/emailed in the Parish Office starting Tuesday, January 19th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Ministry Schedules

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 24th

Mass	Lector	Cantor	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
4:00pm	D Canepari	M Schuetz	(H) R Heitz, J Gilmore, M Gilmore	
7:30am	K Zanotti		(H) F Sliwa, D Grospitch, B Draves	
9:30am	C Garr	M Reid	(H) R Laneve, K Laneve, C Rose	
11:30am	J Pae	P Hickey	(H) D Bajc, J Bajc, T Morgan	

Music Ministry & Liturgy Notes

By Angela Kovic, Director of Music and Liturgy

GOD'S HANDS

I found out that last week, alternate readings were used for mass instead of the usual readings of the day! This isn't a problem, but if you looked up that song that I mentioned last week, you might have not seen the connection that I made! The song 'Table of Life,' by Steve Angrisano, is based on the readings from Isaiah 55:1-11, just in case you were wondering what I was talking about! I'm glad that this is the only surprise I've had in the past week! Also, in other news, I have planned the music for my next mini-concert, so let's look for that being posted before the end of the month.

The readings for this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time are all about discipleship, and answering the call of Christ! In the Gospel, we hear of Jesus being followed by his soon-to-be disciples; these men saw and heard of Jesus, and chose to stay with him! Samuel had his father to guide him in the First reading, and Jesus was around during his time to help gather followers. In the present time, we Catholics are the mentors to helping other people join our faith. In the well-known song, 'Here I Am, Lord,' the text has God saying of all of the gifts and help he will give to his children, but he needs someone to be his loving hands on earth. It's our job to answer this call and give his love to the rest of the world! Make sure that you are listening, so that when it's your turn, you can respond with zeal!

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



St. Mary Catholic School News Corner

Educating the Mind, Nurturing the Soul

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a blessed and restful Christmas and I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2021. Since the world is still trying to wrap our heads around COVID-19, like everything else from 2020, the annual SMS Open House will be much different this year. Since we must limit the access of people entering the school, we have a *virtual tour* on our website. You will be able to get a tour of the entire school, as well as going into each classroom, from the convenience of your own home. We are currently accepting re-registrations as well as new registrations for the 2021-2022 academic year. You will find our registration packet on the school website (smsberea.org). If you have any questions, please call the school office (440-243-4555 ext. 10) and our knowledgeable and courteous staff will be happy to answer your questions.

Attention all 6th, 7th & 8th grade boys. St. Ignatius High School will once again be offering a Latin and French program at the high school. The Latin program begins Saturday, 2/13 and runs through Saturday, 3/6, from 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. The French program begins Saturday, 2/13 and also runs through 3/6, from 12:00noon until 1:00p.m. Appropriate COVID guidelines which includes wearing masks and social distancing will be in place to ensure a safe learning environment. Please direct any inquiries to the Department of Languages at 216-651-0222, ext. 253, or email Mr. Zebrak of St. Ignatius High School at zebrak@ignatius.edu.

Important Dates:

01/18/21 - MLK Day – NO School / DayCare Closed
 01/19/21 - MAP Testing continues
 01/20/21 - Ripcho Studios – Candid Picture Day
 “ “ “ End of 2nd Quarter

Religious Education News

In-Person Class Resumed - on Monday January 11, 2021—Welcome Back! The Next **Sacramental Session** is scheduled for Sunday February 21, 2021 - for First Sacraments and Confirmation.

Question regarding PSR and Sacramental Preparation:

Contact: Johanna Garr
reoinformation@stmaryberea.org



St. Mary Church
Year of Service 2021

EXPLORING THE ACTS of THE APOSTLES

YOU'RE INVITED to join an
ADVENTURE INTO DISCOVERING THE BIBLE!
This is a **2 part series** – come to ONE, come to them ALL!

Mondays at 7:00pm with Deacon Tom Cully

Wednesdays at 9:30am with Linda Richter

Part I

Session 1 – Overview and Chapter 1–

Who Wrote This Book and Why?

Monday 1/25 at 7:00 pm and Wednesday 31/27 - after 9:00 am Mass

Session 2 – Chapter 2 –

Pentecost and What's the Big Deal?

Monday 2/1 at 7:00 pm and Wednesday 2/3 - after 9:00 am Mass

Session 3 – Chapters 13-5 –

“Just Like Jesus”

Monday 2/15 at 7:00 pm and Wednesday 2/17 - after 9:00 am Mass

Session 4 – Chapters 6-7–

What St. Stephen (*the Deacon*) Has to Tell Us

Monday 2/22 at 7:00 pm and Wednesday 2/24 - after 9:00 am Mass

Session 5 – Chapters 8-9 –

The Conversion of Paul

Monday 3/8 at 7:00 pm and Wednesday 3/10 - after 9:00 am Mass

Session 6 – Chapters 10-12 –

Inviting the Gentiles—No Longer Outsiders

Monday 3/15 at 7:00 pm and Wednesday 3/17 - after 9:00 am Mass

ALL Sessions at the Fr. John Garrity Center GYM

(to allow for plenty of social distancing options)

COST IS \$10.00 - Contact the parish office or dtom@stmaryberea.org to
obtain the Study Guide Resources

Come and See! Come and Explore! Come and Learn!



"Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or lacking clothes, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?"

Matthew 25:44

Social Justice Ministry January 2021 – Homelessness

On the weekends of **January 16th-17th** and **January 23rd-24th** we will be collecting the items below and monetary donations for the **Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless** Program. Drop off at all Masses in the Mother Theresa Vestibule—**OR** outside under the Portico for a **CONTACTLESS** drop off before, during and 30 minutes after each Mass on those weekends. Please consider bringing in the following items:

Men's pants/jeans (can be gently used; any sizes)

Winter boots (can be gently used; sizes 8-14)

Socks (heavy/warmer) Sleeping bags

Winter gloves Winter hats

Hand/foot warmers Backpacks

Hoodies (can be gently used) Belts

Tents (4 person tents) Toothpaste*

Toothbrush Deodorant

Soap Hand lotion*

Tissues* Wet wipes*

Wash cloths * Travel sizes only please

Monetary donations including gift cards (e.g. Visa/Mastercard) are welcomed and will be used for emergency housing assistance. Checks will be also be accepted, please make them out to **Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless**. Please designate the donation for the ***Housing Assistance Program***.