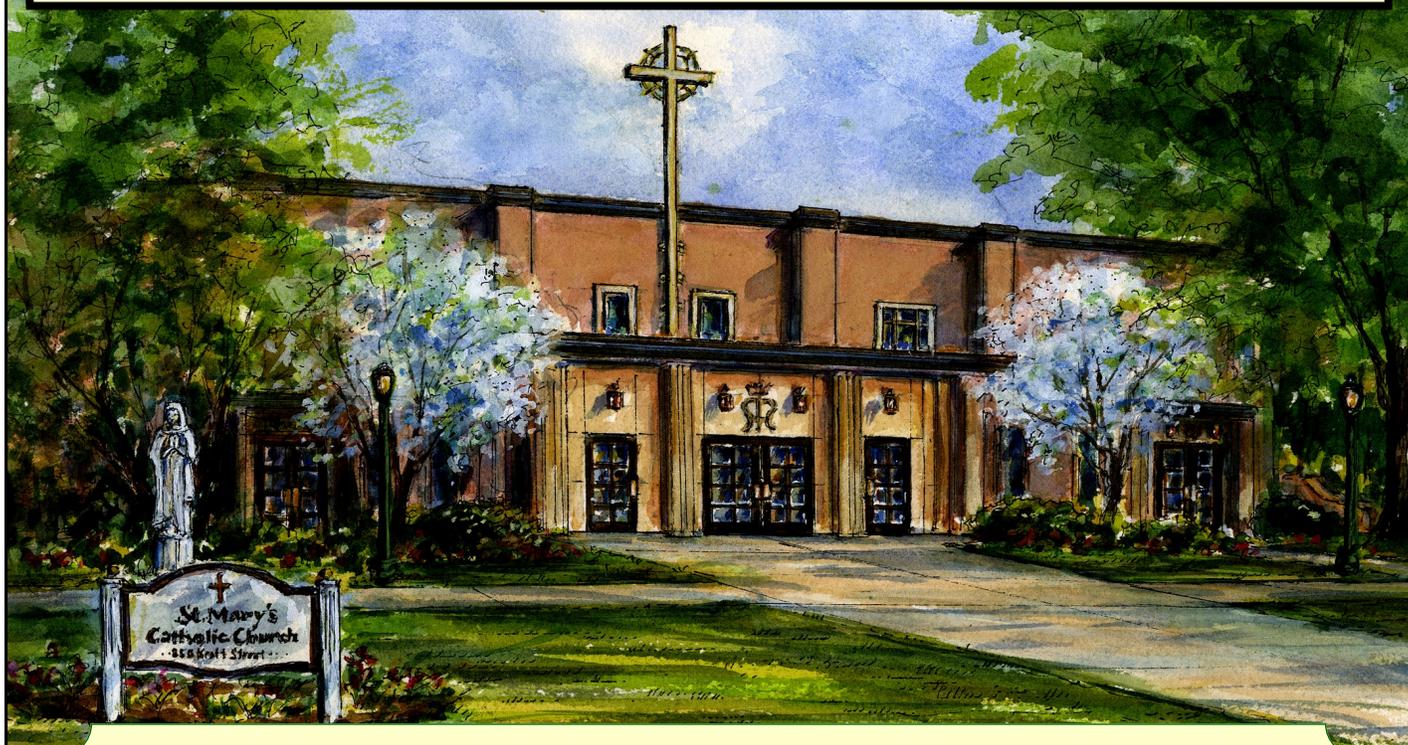


Saint Mary Parish

250 Kraft Street, Berea, Ohio 44017-1499

Rectory: 440-243-3877 · FAX: 440-891-9417 · Website: www.stmaryberea.org



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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to things that eternally endure.

-Preface II of Lent

Evangelizing through the Season

At the beginning of Lent, we received ashes, the ancient sign of sorrow and heard one of the two calls to repentance: **“Repent, and believe in the Gospel”** or **“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”** (*The Roman Missal, Distribution of Ashes*). This call to self-knowledge, repentance and belief is the axis around which Lent revolves. We prepare to celebrate the Lord’s Paschal Mystery by preparing to receive it as the entirely unearned gift that it is. Our preparation will not change the fact that we will **“return to dust.”** Nor will they [*the ashes*] let us earn a place in God’s Kingdom as something we deserve. The Christian life is a life of repentance.



And yet, precisely because of this, Lent is a season of joy. We are freed from the impossible task of saving ourselves. The English-speaking Church has a unique reason to notice this character of the season. In most other languages, the word for Lent means something like *“the time of fasting”* or simply *“the forty days.”* But the etymology of lent comes from a word related to *“lengthen.”* This is the season in which the days are lengthening and light is returning. In a word, spring. But it’s more than this. When we come to new honesty about ourselves and repent, we are freed to trust in God’s mercy. No longer having to justify ourselves, we are freed for the task of learning to live what God desires for us. In this sense,

Lent is the time for stretching out, pushing forward, striving to follow Christ.

And if this is our goal, then we can have nowhere better to look than the epistle to the Philippians. Paul tells that Church to **“have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus”** (*Philippians 2:5*). This attitude does not grasp for glory but empties itself for others. It stretches out to follow Christ in service and shines *“like lights in the world”* (*Philippians 2:15*). The Church’s work of evangelization lies precisely in this work. Not only each of the baptized, but parishes, diocese, and the whole Church need to do the hard work of coming to deeper honesty about themselves and their service of the Gospel. The honest, repentant Church is freed to live out Christ’s life because it has given up its own. And Christ’s life shines in the darkness, as a beacon of hope and freedom. It is this light that the nations are waiting for and that the Church prepares to receive anew at the Easter Vigil. (*Sourcebook For Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays, 2021*).



Jesus wanted better!

So do you remember your most embarrassing moment? The time you tripped on stage in front of EVERYONE, or threw up in biology class? You name it. Psychologists say that negative memory weighs heavily. Everyone can say nice things about you, but you still remember that one time when someone said something very critical about you. Negative memory weighs heavily.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gets very mad. Really mad! Turning over tables in the Temple was definitely NOT the norm! In fact **ALL four** Gospels have an account of Jesus driving out the money-changers and years later, when Jesus’ words were being recorded, the authors remember this moment of fury and every one of them wrote it down. That’s because Jesus wanted better. **“This is my Father’s House!” “Make it right!”**

In the same way when we see someone mistreating a child or being treated as an object, we get upset. Perhaps we even burn inside us. **We want better!** Moral theologians tell us that emotions carry no sin in and of themselves. What we do with our emotions – that is our moral responsibility. Injustice *must* move us to action. Just like Jesus who wanted better! So must we!

That's the Gospel lesson today!



REMEMBER: There is **NO** Fish Fry this Friday March 12th!

JOIN US again on Friday March 19th!

4:30 – 7:00pm



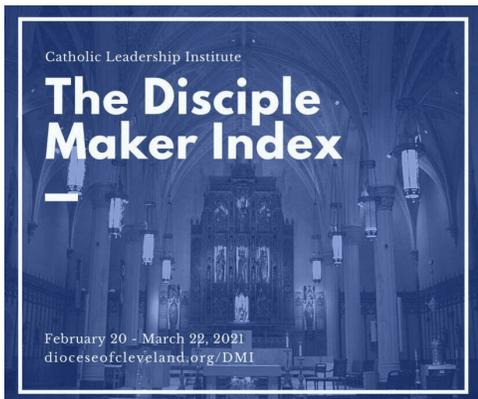
THANKS for all you are and do to support St. Mary. We are blessed by your charity!
Peace! **Fr. John**



Called For More: The Disciple Maker Index

A new interactive way of assessing the spiritual health of parish life will be rolled out across the Diocese of Cleveland this Lent. Developed by the Pennsylvania-based Catholic Leadership Institute, the Disciple Maker Index (**DMI**) is a survey tool created to:

- Allow parishioners to reflect upon their spiritual growth and discipleship;
- Identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth and look at opportunities to support that growth more in the future;
- Provide valuable input to help pastors and parish leaders make decisions and plan effectively;
- Help pastors and parish leaders have a sense of where to focus their evangelization efforts.



The survey can be completed online, on your phone or, if required, via hard copy. Each parish will receive a personalized link to the survey to share with parishioners. Individuals can also access the Catholic Leadership website, catholicleaders.org/clevelanddmi select our parish and begin the survey. The survey will be available for all parishioners across the Diocese to participate in from **February 20 – March 22**.

I am encouraging everyone to respond to the 10-15 minute survey **as soon as possible** – between **now and March 22**. Catholic Leadership wants to hear from as many people as possible.

A summary report of the total data will be received in my office.

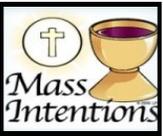
Called for More is a wonderful opportunity for parish renewal! Take your survey today!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Weekend of March 7		Third Sunday of Lent	
4:00pm	Kay Leonard	Family	
7:30am	For All St. Mary Parishioners		
9:30am	Tom Goebel	Special Intention	
11:30am	Rico Bianchi	Mary Ferrante	
Monday	March 8	Lenten Weekday	
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30 (237)			
9:00am	William Dear III	Greg & Linda Durica	
Tuesday	March 9	Lenten Weekday	
Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35 (238)			
9:00am	Mark Denison	Christopher Kleem	
Wednesday	March 10	Lenten Weekday	
Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19 (239)			
9:00am	Karen Kljun	Mastandrea Family	
Thursday	March 11	Lenten Weekday	
Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23 (240)			
9:00am	In Thanksgiving for Nick		Family
Friday	March 12	Lenten Weekday	
Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34 (241)			
9:00am	Lynne Simone	Special Intention	
7:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
Saturday	March 13	Lenten Weekday	
Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14 (242)			
4:00pm	Bernice Skvarch	Dennis & Sandi Ziegler	
Sunday	March 14	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21 (32)			
7:30am	Victor Anzalone	Special Intention	
9:30am	For All St. Mary Parishioners		
11:30am	James Svec	Linda Svec	



2021 MASS BOOK - OPEN
FOR SCHEDULING YOUR MASS
INTENTIONS.

WEEKEND & DAILY MASSES AVAILABLE IN MARCH

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 Victor Anzalone and Wanda Ramella Johnning.

May they rest in eternal peace.

THANK YOU!

Offertory Collection
 February 28th: \$9,387.00

Anniversary Wishes

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



Mother Teresa

Let us pray for peace, joy, and love. We are reminded that Jesus came to bring the good news: "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give you." He came not to give the peace of the world which is only that we do not harm each. He came to give the peace of heart which comes from loving—from doing good to others.



Excerpted from: *Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa* (Blue Sparrow 2020)

Bulletin Prayer List

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

Jackie Ball Michael Baran Patricia Beekman Christine Burrell Hilda Denk Kathleen Dorsey Sharon Fisher Nancy Grau Raymond Hritz Dorothy Hunter	Rose Marie Jocke Stefanie Krese Marcel Liberge Chet Talarczyk Donald Ziehn
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To add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Rectory Office: (440) 243-3877 or email: jabraham1@stmaryberea.org

Baptism Preparation Class

Our Next Class will be held in the Chapel on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00pm.**

A Baptism Preparation Class is required before the baptism of your child, if one has not been done so in the past five years. Call the Rectory Office to Register.

Family Perspective

In watching Jesus drive the money changers and the merchants from the temple. His disciples remember the verse from the book of Psalms: "Zeal for your house has consumed me." In John's gospel, Jesus's cleansing of the temple is at the beginning of the gospel instead of the end. In the gospel, Jesus purifies the temple. How does your family and faith community maintain a sacred worship space for the people of God to worship?

Ministry Schedules

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 14th

Mass	Lector	Cantor	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
4:00pm	K Zanotti	M Reid	(H) M E Nichols, M Olsen, R Heitz	
7:30am	M Dole	K Zanotti	(H) N Picard, C Petitto, F Sliwa	
9:30am	Deacon Tom / M Mucic	K Zanotti	(H) Deacon Tom, G Irvin, J Irvin	
11:30am	Deacon Tom / M Mucic	P Hickey	(H) Deacon Tom, J Savinsky, M McGinty	



Music Ministry & Liturgy Notes

By Angela Kovic, Director of Music and Liturgy

HOPE AND LOVE

I don't want to get my hopes up, but the nice weather that we have had lately surely is a sign that things will be getting better soon. I'm sure that there will probably be one more snow storm, and the looming dread of general loneliness can be overwhelming, but it's our ability to believe that things will get better that will help us through! With the COVID-19 vaccines being rolled out throughout our country and researchers learning more and more about the virus, soon we will once again be able to safely see our loved ones that we have been distanced from. This hope is something that we can use during our journey through Lent, as well!

The Lenten season is a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus' greatest sacrifice, which only had to happen because of humanity's Original Sin. If we were not flawed as a people, if we did not have arrogance, pride, and greed, maybe things could have been different, but nevertheless Jesus loves us fully, sins and all, so much that he was willing to die for us. That's so powerful. How many of us can look at another, and truly, fully think, 'even with your flaws and mistakes, I love you completely for who you are.' And it's even more difficult to do this for people that we aren't close with, or those across the globe! This is why we are hopeful for Jesus' second coming, so that we can be ultimately leave this earth to live in paradise with God. Let our celebration of Jesus' life-offering be a sign of what will come again soon!

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



SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. Also What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

DID YOU KNOW???

In 1964, the Diocese of Cleveland answered the call of Pope John XXIII to help spread the kingdom of Christ to the poor in El Salvador. Since that date the diocese has maintained a presence in the area, even through years of Civil War and the martyrdom of two of its missionaries in 1980: Sister Dorothy Kazel, OSU, and Miss Jean Donovan. Currently, Father Paul Schindler serves in La Libertad and Father John Ostrowski serves in Teotepeque.

Cleveland is also the home of the COAR (Community Oscar Arnulfo Romero) Peace Mission. It is a Catholic Church Charity established in the U.S. to facilitate outreach, fundraising, funds transfers and other business for the COAR Children's Village. COAR was founded in 1980 during El Salvador's civil war. It continues its mission to serve vulnerable children and the community: foster caring for 50-100 children, schooling for a 1,000 children and a clinic, pharmacy and other services for the entire community.



St. Mary Catholic School News Corner

Educating the Mind, Nurturing the Soul



ATTENTION all SMS NEW & Current families residing in Berea for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year...we have been asked by Berea City School Transportation Department to let you know you **MUST** complete the Student Transportation Registration Form located on their website under the Department and Services (Transportation) tab and return Berea by May 31th, 2021. After the May 31st deadline the form will be turned off. This form needs to be filled out every year, so Berea can provide the students transportation.



The 7th & 8th graders have been working on learning the Scientific Method through experimentation. They have been working on this since October. In a

“normal” year we would have a traditional Science Fair competition; however, COVID did not allow us to do that. Instead, students are sharing their experiments with their classmates. Mrs. Smith is also videotaping each student’s presentation to be shared with the students’ parents so they can see the culmination of their kids’ hard work. It is also fun to see all the students present their experiments to their peers, something that isn’t normally done.



In Mr. Blum’s 5th grade class, students have been presenting a Google slides presentation of their imaginary trip through South America. They chose a classmate, a pet, or they went solo on a trip that required them to visit all the countries in South America. They were to visit one city and one landmark in each country and present interesting facts to the classmates. The students picked their own vehicle and had an unlimited budget for this trip. The vehicles chosen were very creative. Jeeps, RV’s, and even a five-billion-dollar yacht were selected. This was a fun learning activity for the entire class!



Registration Information

THANK YOU to all current SMS families that have submitted their Re-Registration for the '21-'22 academic year. Receiving

the Re-Registration packets in a timely fashion is critical to help us plan for the upcoming school year. We were very pleased that with Fr. John’s help we were able to provide all current families with the Re-Registration information prior to our Christmas Break. Please be advised that as stated on the Re-Registration forms, **ANY Re-Registrations received after 10AM on March 1st, is now subject to an additional \$100.00 Re-Registration fee charge.** If you have any questions, please call the school office (440-243-4555 ext. 10) our staff will be happy to answer your questions.

School News Corner - Cont.

Important Dates:

03/15/21 - No School / No Ext. Care

03/17/21 - Happy St. Patrick’s Day /

(All students are permitted to wear a green shirt/hoodie Over their uniform top - - must be appropriate for Catholic school)

03/18/21 - Kindergarten Screening

03/19/21 – Parish Lenten Fish Fry (curbside pick-up only)

Religious Education News

The Next **Sacramental Session** is scheduled for Sunday March 21, 2021 - for First Sacraments and Confirmation.

Question regarding PSR and Sacramental Preparation:

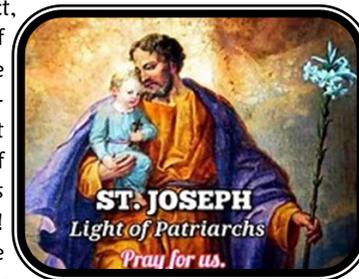
Contact: Johanna Garr

reinformation@stmaryberea.org

Pope Francis Proclaims “Year of St. Joseph”

The word “patriarch” means father. What all the patriarchs of the Old Testament foreshadowed, and all Christian fathers are called to reflect,

is the paternal light of God shining through the fatherhood of Saint Joseph. After Christ, Saint Joseph is the greatest of all the patriarchs; he is the greatest of all fathers! Saint Joseph is more faithful than Abraham,



more obedient than Isaac, more generous than David, and wiser than Solomon. In the beginning, God created the great luminaries in the heavens: the sun, the moon, and the stars. In the New Testament, the Father establishes a new creation in Christ. Through Christ, the Father places his divine life, love, and light within our hearts. Saint Joseph and his fatherhood play a very important role in God’s plan. Saint Joseph is the perfect reflection of the Father of Lights, and he helps us to receive the light of Christ. Saint Joseph is the bearer of light. He brings Jesus, the true Light of the World, to us.

You are a child of the light. In the Litany of Saint Joseph, he is given the title “Light of Patriarchs”. The devil hates Saint Joseph and his light. Satan’s other name is Lucifer, which means “light bearer”. Lucifer lost the light because of his pride and disobedience to God. Satan lives in perpetual darkness and abhors the light. Satan fears Saint Joseph, who is a true and everlasting light bearer. Stay close to Saint Joseph and walk in the light.

Excerpts from: “Consecration to Saint Joseph”, Father Donald Calloway, MIC

FRY-DAY NIGHT
Lenten



Lent 2021

Fish Fry
Baked Fish
Dinners



**FISH FRY'S WILL
RETURN**



March 19th & 26th
4:30pm—7:00pm

Curb-side Order & Pick-up Only

View Menu at: stmarybera.org

Dinners: Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Shrimp
with: coleslaw, roll & dessert
And choice of two sides

\$10 adults; \$5 children

Sides: Fries, Mac n' Cheese, Cabbage & Noodles, Pierogis

Also Available: Pierogi Dinner & A la Cart Items

St. Mary Church - Fr. Garrity Center

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