# from Father John

### *Welcome Newly Baptized and Confirmed!!*

At the Great Easter Vigil a week ago, God blessed St. Mary with four new Catholics! Three were Baptized and a fourth, already a Baptized brother, was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by this statement of faith: *I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God.* All received Confirmation and First Holy Communion. What a joy it is to have them share their faith with us.

**Linda Boso** (*Saint Monica*) has been part of our St. Mary family for many years. She's at Mass regularly with her Catholic husband Bill. "*In the fullness of time*" Linda discerned the path of Baptism to become a Catholic.

**Bethany Grupenhof** (*Saint Anne*) and her husband Kyle moved to Groveport recently; their young son Kellan was Baptized here last July. She brought special enthusiasm as a catechumen. Taylor Angle, who entered the Church last year, was her sponsor.

**Melissa Shriner** (*Saint Bernadette Soubirous*) has been in our choir along with her good friend and sponsor, Paul Mattox. She's a wonderful example of strength by Grace and thanks God for many mercies in her life.

**Steve Young** (*Saint Lazarus of Bethany*) came from the Lutheran Church. His faith was rekindled through serious health experiences that led to his choice of Lazarus as patron. His wife and sponsor Becky and other Catholic family members rejoice by his entry into the Church.

Let's all welcome our new Catholics mindful of the great and abundant blessings we all share through the Divine Mercies.

## Daily Masses

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7**
*Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15*
8:30 p.m. **Rita & George Martini** by the Hinterschied Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8 – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**
*Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31*
8:30 a.m. **Doug Elzey** by Dick & Judi Matz
11:00 a.m. For the **Parish Family**

**MONDAY, APRIL 9 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**
*Is 7:10, 8-10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38*
12:00 p.m. **Leola "Lee" Brown** by Martha Terry

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10**
*Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15*
8:30 a.m. No Morning Mass
**7:00 p.m.** For the **Confirmandi**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 –**
**ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR**
*Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21*
12:00 p.m. **Maureen Jajczyk** by Rachel Weisser

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12**
*Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36*
8:30 a.m. **Betty Verbance** by the Verbance Family

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13 – ST. MARTIN, POPE & MARTYR**
*Acts 5:34-2/Jn 6:1-15*
12:00 p.m. **Walter & Hellen Bruns**
by the Jerry Jenkins Family

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14**
*Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21*
5:00 pm ~~8:30~~ p.m. **Maureen Jajczyk** by Terry & Randy Wirch

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48*
8:30 a.m. **Carrie Billiter** by Her Parents
11:00 a.m. For the **Parish Family**

## Weekly Offerings Report

**Parish Sunday Offerings**

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| March 25, 2018 | $4,746 |
| April 1, 2018 | $3,979 |
| Easter | $2,125 |
| Average Weekly Offering (July-March 2018) | $4,150 |
| Average Weekly Expenses | $4,600 |

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**Designated Offerings (to date)**

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| Catholic Relief Services | $ 487 |
| Holy Land | $ 607 |

*Please consider strong financial support of St. Mary Church. Thank you!*

**Jesus, I Trust in You! Today is Divine Mercy Sunday.** Parishes throughout the country are encouraged to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation. See the bulletin board in the entryway for the *Catholic Times* listings of local parishes hosting the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. today.

**Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe:** Scheduled for next Sunday, April 15, as an additional collection. Your assistance will provide vital resources to build faith, to educate children, and to help restore communities in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be generous!

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., prior to the Noon Mass and will be available each Wednesday going forward.

**Please note scheduling changes for Tuesday, April 10!** There will not be an 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend the Confirmation Mass in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Craft Club will not be meeting on that day.

# Announcements

**Sesquicentennial of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus:** The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell cordially invites you to join in the special Mass of Thanksgiving for the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Sunday, April 22, 2018, 5:15 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus.

**The opioid epidemic** in our area and across the nation is real! Find out more about this crisis and its impact on individuals, families, and our community by participating in our first community forum on Tuesday, April 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Groveport Madison High School Auditorium, 4475 S. Hamilton Road, Groveport.

**Online Giving**... a convenient service for contributions! It's very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the Internet. If you haven't already signed up, go to our parish website at www.groveportstmary.org and select Online Giving.

**Rice Bowls** donations can be placed in the basket located in the PSR office at the back of the church. Thank you for your participation and generosity.

**A Special Thank-You!** To all who served in every way throughout the Easter Triduum: Altar Servers, Bell Ringers, Choir, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and all who decorated the Church, and those who helped provide a beautiful Easter Vigil reception. May God Bless you for your charity!!

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Donate blood and have a chance to win $1000.00 gift card to Home Depot. Blood Drive sponsored by Altar Rosary Society, ***Monday, April 30th, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.*** Please go to www.redcrossblood.org to register.

**Flower bulbs needed for the Outdoor Stations of the Cross!** If you have left over Easter Flowers, please don't throw them away! Bring those forced pots of bulbs to the grass area near Station 14, just behind the church. When the conditions are right, they will be planted. Thank you!

**SVDP NEWS:**

- **April's Food Pantry** items are boxed dinners, e.g., Hamburger and Tuna Helper.
- SVdP monthly meeting is today, **Sunday, April 8 at noon**. in the Parish Hall.
- **Spring Cleaning:** Recycle your purged items by donating the weekend of April 28/29 when the *SVdP clothing/ household/furniture truck* returns to St. Mary parking lot. Volunteers will be available to help unload your gifts. Your items may be someone else's treasure.

**St. Mary Men's Group** monthly meeting is April 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. All men of the Parish are encouraged to join us.

♫♫ **Adult Choir:** For information, call Lisa Leonard, Choir Director, 64-738-9830 or email lisaleonard22@aol.com.

**Adult Faith Formation – Scripture Study *SIGN UP***

***The Bible and the Sacraments.*** Eleven part study of the Scriptural foundation for the Catholic Sacraments, based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book, *"Swear to God."* Excellent DVD presentations. Starts weekly: April 19/20 Possible a.m. and p.m. sessions if sufficient interest. Interested?? Sign-up sheet in the entryway or call 614-497-1324.

**SICK AND SHUT INS** – Please pray for these Parishioners in need: Mary Jane Boden, Shirley Jo Fraley, Joe Groom & Family, Ken Watters, Jim & Cathy Williams & Family.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| **April 8** | 12:00 p.m. | SVdP Regular Meeting |
| **April 10** | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation |
| **April 11** | 7:00 p.m. | Men's Group Monthly Meeting |
| **April 17** | 6:30 p.m. | ARS Prayer Service Followed by Meeting |

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

| | ALTAR SERVERS | LECTORS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | CANTORS |
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| **Saturday, April 14** 5:00 p.m. | Frank Trammer, Brian Ropchock | Sandy Trammer, Peggy Egbert | Sandy Hynes, Daniel Hynes, Phil Feldmeier, Judi Matz, Shawna Gentile | Debra Smith |
| **Sunday, April 15** 8:30 a.m. | Deven Winski, Jazlyn Winski, Jonathan Maier | Travis Winski, Colleene Weiser | Ken Koebel, Mary Slone, JoEllen Stebelton, Carolyn Veit, Rosemarie Watters | JoEllen, Stebelton |
| **Sunday, April 15** 11:00 a.m. | Todd Lutz, Jackson Lutz, Easter Valentine | Beth Lutz, Mayellen Fowler | Nancy Scholl, Carl Scholl, Chris Rubeck, Donna Lesko, Joellen Albanese | Susan Howell |