

# The Parish Communities of Saint Agnes & Saint Mary



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



### St. Agnes Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 25 (Diedrick)

9:00 AM—at St. Mary  
4:30PM—Larry Miller

#### Sunday, January 26 (Hilinski)

*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
10:00AM— Ken Schaefer

#### Monday, January 27 (Ryba)

9:00AM — EC Class of 1961

#### Tuesday, January 28 (Diedrick)

9:00AM— William Gorman

#### Wednesday, January 29 (Diedrick)

9:00AM— People of the Parish

#### Thursday, January 30

9:00AM—at St. Mary

#### Friday, January 31

9:00AM—at St. Mary

#### Saturday, February 1 (Diedrick)

9:00 AM—at St. Mary  
4:30PM—Karen Pasenow, *Month's Mind*

#### Sunday, February 2 (Hilinski)

*The Presentation of the Lord*  
10:00AM— Carol Kerstetter

### Scripture Readings for the Week of January 27th

**Mon:** Heb 9:15, 24-28;  
Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-3

**Tue:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:  
2, 4, 7-8, 10-11; Mk 3:31-35

**Wed:** Heb 10:11-18;  
Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

**Thur:** Heb 10:19-25;  
Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

**Fri:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:  
3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:  
26-34

**Sat:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:  
69-75; Mk 4:35-41

**Sun:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10;  
Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Please read them prayerfully to  
prepare for the Liturgy of the  
Word.



### St. Mary Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 25 Conversion of Paul, apostle

9:00 AM— Robert H. Wacker  
4:30PM— Mike Plas

#### Sunday, January 26 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30AM— Jim Stang  
10:30AM— L/D of the Kovacs & Pawelski Families

#### Monday, January 27 Angela Merici, virgin

9:00AM— at St. Agnes

#### Tuesday, January 28 Thomas Aquinas, priest/dr of the Church

9:00AM— at St. Agnes

#### Wednesday, January 29

9:00AM— at St. Agnes

#### Thursday, January 30

9:00AM— Jennie Daly

#### Friday, January 31 John Bosco, priest

9:00AM— Catherine & Charles Cavagna

#### Saturday, February 1

9:00 AM— Daeun Young  
4:30PM— L/D Members of St. Mary Parish

#### Sunday, February 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:30AM— James and Albert Koviak  
10:30AM— Kenneth G. Koltas

Please note that due to our limited number of  
Masses – there is a limit of 4 weekend intentions



## Greetings to St. Agnes & St. Mary Parishes



My Friends,

This weekend we once again celebrate the gift of a Catholic education with Catholic Schools Week. We have a proud tradition here at St. Mary that goes back over 160 years! When I attended here in the early 60's there were 1,000 students taught by the Notre Dame Sisters. They would have 50 students in a classroom. Of course, if Sr. Mary Walburg was your teacher, you did not move a muscle! Now, we are down to 150 in the whole school! Thanks to our participation in EdChoice for tuition assistance, we have been able to keep the school doors open.

It is my hope that we will be able to continue our long tradition. The school is a blessing not only for our parish family but also for our local community. Many of the children attending now are not of our faith tradition, but join us as we talk about and pray to God in our classrooms. The Catholic school is a critical way of handing on our faith and spreading the good news of the Gospel to the next generation.

Thanks to our principal and staff, we can be proud of our grade school. In a special way, I want to thank Sharon (Urig) Waschek, our principal, for the incredible work she does in providing opportunities for the education of our children. The teachers are truly dedicated and care about their students. They sacrifice a lot to teach here at St. Mary School. It is truly a ministry. I want to also recognize Mary Poling, our school secretary and the support staff for their patience and hard work.

As we begin enrollment for the '24-'25 school year, I encourage you to consider sending your child(ren) here to St. Mary's. Thanks to state funding from EdChoice and the money made possible through your support of the diocesan Angel Scholarship Fund, the parents of our children in K-8 pay minimal tuition! I want to thank all who filed with the Angel Scholarship Fund to direct their Ohio tax money to our school. We received over \$20,000 from those who filed the paperwork with the diocese this past year. You can direct the tax money you pay to the State of Ohio specifically to St. Mary School. May more of our children take advantage of the 'affordable' Catholic education available to them here at St. Mary's school.

— Fr. Charlie

January 25/26, 2025

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## ST. AGNES

### Pastor/Administrator

Rev. Charles Diedrick

### Senior Priest Retired

Rev. Albert Veigas

**Deacon** Deacon Bruce Tennant

**Pastoral Minister** Mrs. Rita Bowen

**Secretary** Mrs. Jennifer Parobek

**Office Assistant** Mr. Jerry Toth

**Business Manager** Mr. Jeff Cole

**Religious Ed** Mrs. Debra Johnson

**Music Director** Mrs. Joan Dull

### PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Office: 440-322-5622

Fax: 440-322-0231

### Email:

office@saintagneselyria.net

### Website:

www.saintagneselyria.church

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:30AM to 2:00PM

Friday 9:30AM to 12:00Noon

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Items must be submitted by 5PM Monday.

**PRAYER LINE:** To ask for prayers for any intention contact Janet Toth at janetto129@gmail.com or call in prayer requests to the parish office.



*He taught in their  
Synagogues  
& WAS PRAISED BY ALL*

## General Announcements

### Table of Plenty Food Pantry Distribution Dates

January 25, February 22, March 22



**The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (formerly R.C.I.A.) is a journey process for those interested in the Catholic Faith. If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian community, or were baptized Catholic and have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, or know of someone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith please contact Cathy Schill at the St. Mary Parish Office: 440-323-5539.

## ST. MARY

### Pastor/Administrator

Rev. Charles Diedrick

### Permanent Deacon, Retired

Deacon Edward R. Dillon

Deacon Frank A. Humphrey, III

**Principal** Mrs. Sharon Waschek

**Director of Music Ministries**

Mr. Michael J. Moore

**Business Manager/Hall**

Mrs. Mary Jane Taylor

**Pastoral Minister** Mrs. Rita Bowen

### PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Office: 440-323-5539

Fax: 440-322-2329

**Email:** office@stmaryelyria.com

**Website:** www.stmaryelyria.org

**Parish School:** 440-322-2808

**Religious Ed.:** 440-322-3054

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM—4PM  
Friday 8:30AM—12PM

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays from 3:30PM—4:15PM

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please call the parish office for prayer requests to be included in the weekly bulletin.

**Theology on the Rocks** For Adults 40 & Over. Join us Monday, Feb. 10 from 7 – 8:30pm at the Westside Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Twp. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost : What you don't know about the Mass and so much more. We will journey through the evolution of the Mass today, the rite, prayers, traditions, graces & the never-changing Eucharist. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: [www.theologyontherockswest.com](http://www.theologyontherockswest.com).

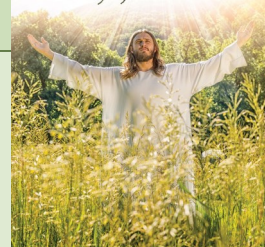
**COR** The Knights of Columbus has developed a men's spirituality group that is called **COR**. The purpose of **COR** is to transform men in their spirituality. We pray, eat a light meal, watch a video, engage in discussion, pray again and go on our way. We meet monthly at the K of C hall - 118 Kipling St., Elyria. It is open to all men. Our next **COR** meeting will be Thursday, February 20th at 6:15pm. Hope to see you there. Call John Jurco 440-371-7665 or Deacon Pat Humphrey 440-323-5539 for more information.



**Attention all Men!** You are cordially invited to attend the Diocese of Cleveland Annual Men's Conference on March 22, 2025, at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Road in Independence. Join other men from around the Cleveland Diocese and Northeast Ohio for a day of Faith, Food & Brotherhood. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. This year's speakers are Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J., Scripture Scholar and EWTN Television/Radio Host & Former NFL Quarterback and motivational speaker Elvis Grbac. Bishop Edward C. Malesic will celebrate Mass at the end of the day. For more information, please visit [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com).

**Invitation to Pray** Pray with us for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life on Saturday, February 1, 2025 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 418 W. 15th St., Lorain, Ohio 44052 [nativitybvmlorain.org](http://nativitybvmlorain.org). Sponsored by the Lorain County Serra Club.

*He has sent me  
to proclaim liberty  
to captives and  
recovery of sight  
to the blind,  
to let the oppressed  
go free...*





# Saint Agnes



**Prayers and Sympathy** to the family and friends of Mary Shoemaker, who passed away last week. May Mary experience the peace and joy of the Risen Christ.

**Our Condolences** to Terry Howell and Karen Mittler-Howell and their entire family on the loss of Terry's father, Robert (Bob) Semrau. May perpetual light shine upon him.

**Prayers and Sympathy** to the family and friends of Selma Fritz, who passed away peacefully this week and was buried from our parish. May Selma experience the peace and joy of the Risen Christ!

**2024 Contribution Statements** can now be requested from the office via collection basket note, phone call, or email.

**Prayer Line** If you are in need of or know someone who is in need of prayer please contact the office at [office@saintagneselyria.net](mailto:office@saintagneselyria.net) or 440-322-5622. You may also talk with Janet Toth to learn more about it. [janetto129@gmail.com](mailto:janetto129@gmail.com).

**Mass Intentions for 2025** are available. Please put Mass requests in the collection basket or call/email the office. Diocesan policy is a \$10 donation for each Mass Intention. Please limit weekend requests to 4 per year and one a month per intention.



**Latin America/El Salvador Collection** next weekend is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission office. Please be generous!

**Los Angeles Wildfires** A special second collection will be taken up on Feb. 2. Please see the Diocesan letter in this bulletin for details.

**Service to St. Agnes** Congratulations to Jim Smith and Madeline Parobek, both of whom did an excellent job as an altar server for the first time at St. Agnes last weekend. Thank you for serving our parish!



## Activities for the Week

### Saturday, January 25

10AM—12PM Table of Plenty Food Pantry Distribution  
4:00 PM Rosary  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass

### Sunday, January 26

9:30 AM Rosary  
10:00 AM Mass followed by Coffee & Donuts

### Monday, January 27

8:30 AM Rosary  
9:00 AM Mass

### Tuesday, January 28

8:30 AM Rosary  
9:00 AM Mass  
9:30 AM—10:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

### Wednesday, January 29

9:00 AM Mass

### Thursday, January 30

9:00AM Mass at St. Mary followed by Eucharistic Adoration

### Friday, January 31

9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary

### Saturday, February 1

4:00 PM Rosary  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass

### Sunday, February 2

9:30 AM Rosary  
10:00 AM Mass

\*Sunday Virtual Mass: St. Mary's 8:30am live-streamed on the St. Mary Facebook page.

\*Live from the Cathedral on WUAB 43 at 10AM and on demand on the Diocesan website for playback.

|                            | January 18/19    |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Regular                    | \$ 2,565         |
| Building & Property        | \$ 220           |
| Fuel                       | \$ 573           |
| Food Pantry                | \$ 275           |
| Catholic University        | \$ 293           |
| <b>Total Online Giving</b> | <b>\$ 234.48</b> |

To easily set up regular or special donations using online giving visit: <https://saintagneselyria.churchgiving.com/>

This weekend's second collection is: *El Salvador/Latin America*

## Upcoming Special Collections:

January 26—El Salvador/  
Latin America

February 2—Los Angeles Wildfire  
Relief

February 9—Operation Support

**BEHOLD,  
THIS CHILD  
IS DESTINED  
FOR THE FALL  
AND RISE OF  
MANY IN ISRAEL.**

*Luke 2:34-35*

Collection Counters for this week are Crew 1.  
Collection Counters for next weekend are Crew 2.

Next Week: 2/1—2/2

4:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass

EMHC: Priest

Sacristan: Pat Plas

Lector: Maryanne Schaefer

Altar Server: Ron Rybarcyk, Kathy Cole

10AM Sunday Mass

EMHC: plate — Deacon Bruce

Sacristan: Ted Sas

Lectors: Karen & Terry Howell

Altar Servers: Kathy Francis, Michael Baran, Mary Parobek

# Saint Mary



## This Week in our Parish

### Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>

After 8:30 Mass Coffee & Donuts - Weigand Room  
10:30 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

### Monday January 27<sup>th</sup>

4:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Prep. - Weigand Room  
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings  
6:30 p.m. Lector Gathering - Church

### Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Hot Meals - take-out meals will be available

### Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. O.C.I.A. - Conference Room

### Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>

9:30am - 2pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church  
10am-Noon Catechetical Leaders Meeting - Weigand Room

### Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>

9-Noon Social Concerns Meeting - Weigand Room

### Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

After 8:30 Mass Coffee & Donuts - Weigand Room  
10:30 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

### *In your prayers...*



This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, *Alex, AnnLou, Anthony, Barb, Becca, Bev, Bill, Chrissy, Colette, Craig, Dan, Dan, Eddie, Ellen, Erica, Erin, Hayden, Jackie, Janet, Jerry, Jim, Joe,*

*Laurie, Lexi, Mary, Maryann, Mason, Maureen, Pac, Perlina, Selma, Sherry Ann, Theresa, Tom, Vicky, Vicky, Wally* and all who have asked for our prayers.



Candlemas

*St. Mary Altar & Rosary Society* will have blessed home candles available after all Masses next weekend, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> at the Church entrances. Donations will be accepted.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Faith Direct 01/04/25          | \$8,583.00 |
| Sunday Collection 01/19/25     | \$6,613.00 |
| Catholic University of America | \$518.00   |
| Envelopes                      | 155        |

***Thank you for your continued generosity!***

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection January 26<sup>th</sup> – Church in Latin America]

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Helping Hands Ministry]



### It's CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

St. Mary School enrolls children in grades kindergarten through grade 8. We also have a preschool for three & four year olds. We invite anyone considering a Catholic education for their children, to come meet our teachers, tour our buildings, and learn about our challenging curriculum in a Christ-centered environment. To schedule a tour or if you have any questions, please call the school office at 440-322-2808.

**Pre-Baptism Class** will be held **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30-8:30pm** in the Weigand Room. Babies & Godparents are welcome. To register, please call the Parish Office at 323-5539. Our next class will be May 14<sup>th</sup> 2025.

### *...and Jesus said...FEED THE HUNGRY*

We will be providing dinner to the St. Elizabeth Center in Lorain on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can supply a pasta with meat dish, dessert, rolls or salad please call Maryann 440-822-7925 by Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and thank you!



### SNOWFALL OF CASH



|                          |       |                         |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| January 15 <sup>th</sup> | \$200 | Ebony Wright            |
| January 16 <sup>th</sup> | \$100 | Susan Mack              |
| January 17 <sup>th</sup> | \$100 | Heather Crawford        |
| January 18 <sup>th</sup> | \$100 | Matthew & Baillie Resar |
| January 19 <sup>th</sup> | \$125 | Neale Horwedel          |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup> | \$100 | Maria Newman            |
| January 21 <sup>st</sup> | \$100 | Christine Taucher       |

*All winners are notified by phone & will be posted on the board outside the Weigand Room.*

Stubs can still be turned in for a chance to win a cash prize for days remaining in January.

Additional Calendars are still available in the Parish Office.



***Thank you to all who sold and/or purchased Snowfall of Cash Calendars!***



### SAVE THE DATE:

#### Lenten “Come and See” Retreat

**Saturday ~ March 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-5:30pm** [includes Mass]

The Planning Team will begin preparing for this retreat on Tuesday evenings starting Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8pm) in the St. Agnes Catechetical Center [behind the Church - 611 Lake Ave.] If you have previous experience with renewal retreats of any kind, please join us. Questions? call 440-759-7459 or 440-323-5539.

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### VIRTUS Training:

St. Peter Parish, Lorain is offering a Virtus class on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Please register online @ [Virtusonline.org](http://Virtusonline.org).

CACLC | Refugee Resource Center

Our next Laundry Soap Collection is February 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>.



# Memorandum

*Cathedral Square Plaza*

OFFICE OF THE MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

To: Pastors

From: Fr. Donald Oleksiak, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Date: 17 January 2025

Re: Special Collection for California Fire Victims

With the devastation of the Los Angeles County fires over the past weeks, the diocese has received many inquiries about how to help the victims of this terrible tragedy, as we expect you have. The USCCB's Office of National Collections has notified us that Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is assisting with humanitarian relief through the local agencies on the ground and will continue to help during the extensive recovery period to come.

We ask that you and your parishioners continue to pray for the victims of the fires, and encourage you to take up a special Los Angeles fires collection. All donations should be remitted directly to CCUSA, which will ensure that funds are quickly available for critical relief efforts, including shelter, food and other humanitarian aid for those most in need.

The mailing address is:

Catholic Charities USA • 2050 Ballenger Ave., #400 • Alexandria, VA 22314

You can also promote giving online to CCUSA's fire relief fund [here](#), or use this QR code:



In addition, the USCCB's Office of National Collections is reaching out to the impacted dioceses to offer support for Church needs through the existing Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund.

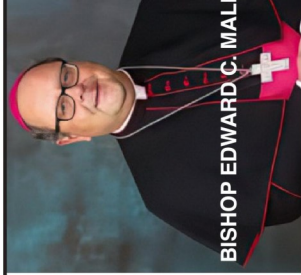
Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in the Los Angeles area who are in such great need of our prayers and support.



# "CALLED TO LEAD"

Diocese of Cleveland  
Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference  
Saturday, March 22, 2025

Bishop Edward C. Malesic  
Speaking at 3:00 PM  
Celebrating Mass at 4:00 PM



## FEATURED SPEAKERS:



**Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J.**  
Scripture Scholar, World Renowned  
Lecturer, EWTN Television & Radio Host.



**Elvis Grbac**  
Retired NFL quarterback and  
motivational speaker.

**OUTSTANDING MUSIC • SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION • MASS**  
Continental Breakfast and Lunch

**HOLIDAY INN ROCKSIDE**  
6001 Rockside Road,  
Independence, OH

DIRECTIONS: Northeast corner of the  
intersection of Rt. 77 & Rockside Road  
at the Rt. 480 Interchange.

**NEW IN 2025....50/50 Raffle**  
**Help to defray ever-increasing costs**  
**BRING CASH!**

**Registration: 8:00 am**  
**Mass: 4:00 pm**  
**Adjourn: 5:00 pm**

For info or to register, go to [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com)  
Need help? Call 216-633-3502



The Diocesan Social Action Office for Lorain County  
In Partnership with St. Mary Parish in Elyria



*"Disarming hearts is a job for everyone, great and small, rich and poor alike."*  
*Pope Francis New Year Message for 2025*

## "Depolarizing Within" During the Year of Hope

Learn How We Can Prepare Ourselves to Be "Pilgrims of Hope"

**Saturday, February 1 > 9 - Noon**  
**St. Mary Parish in Elyria > Weigand Room**  
**320 Middle Avenue in Elyria, Ohio**  
**In-Person Workshop is Free of Charge, But Registration is Required**  
Light Refreshments Will Be Provided

### Who Should Attend:

Anyone interested in learning about key sources of polarization, recognizing its impact, and wanting to understand what tools are available to assist with bridging this divide.

### We will Explore and Discuss:

- Nine key sources of polarization.
- The complexity of polarization.
- How polarization is impacting our families and wider community.
- Skills and methods that help bridge the divisions.

**Workshop Will Be Led by Trained Facilitators from Braver Angels**

For Info & Registration By January 29

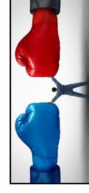
Shawn Witmer ==> [shawn.witmer@ccdacle.org](mailto:shawn.witmer@ccdacle.org)

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RSVP requested by Jan. 29



 **Braver Angels**