

# ST. MARY PARISH

401 North Street Chardon, Ohio 44024 Office 440-285-7051 • Fax 440-286-3886 **Administrator** 

Rev. Scott Goodfellow

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Stephen M. Spisak

**Pastoral Ministers** 

Deacon Lawrence A. Boehnlein Deacon Thomas J. Peshek

#### **MASS & ADORATION**

#### **Weekend Mass**

Saturday Vigil Mass – 4:30 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

#### **Weekday Mass**

Monday-Friday - 7:30 a.m. Rosary following Mass

#### **Holy Day Mass**

Please consult the bulletin.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday - 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Last Sunday of the month, following the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Masses

#### **Baptism for Infants**

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. or during weekend Masses. Please call the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements. Required Baptism Preparation classes are held every other month, with locations alternating between St. Mary and St. Gabriel.

#### **Baptism for Adults**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an ongoing inquiry program about the Catholic faith. Call the Parish Office for more information.

#### **Marriages**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Day is required.

#### **Homebound Parishioners**

Please call the Parish Office at 440-285-7051 if you would like a sacramental visit to hospital or home.

#### **WELCOME!**

If you are new to the area, please register at the Parish Office during the week. Notification of any change of address is appreciated.

We, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Mary Parish under the patronage of our Blessed Mother, will proclaim, celebrate, and live our faith in God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who sanctifies us in word and sacrament.



www.stmarychardon.org

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#### **OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED**

Mrs. Sherry Loxterman, Youth Minister.....ext. 106

Our Bereavement Ministry offers assistance during your time of grief following the death of a family member. Please call the Parish Office.

Catholic Social Services provides professional counseling for personal or family issues.

Geauga County: 440-285-3537 Lake County: 440-352-6191

The St. Vincent de Paul Society responds to the needs of the poor through direct aid and advocacy. Please contact the Parish Office.

Pregnant, scared, need help? Call 1-800-395-HELP for 24/7 consultation.

Call the Prayer Line at 440-286-1230 to entrust your prayer requests to fellow parishioners.

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parish Family,

Fr. Spisak and I are incredibly grateful for our time on retreat towards the end of October and for your prayers for us. Please know that we also prayed for you! A retreat is a time of deep connection and renewal with the Lord, a check-in with the deepest reality of God's order. On our retreats, our days are structured around hours of prayer, Mass, and spiritual direction. This rhythm of retreat offered me a wonderful experience of God's love for me, the gift of my priestly vocation, and a recentering of my life in Christ's embrace of love. I am truly grateful for the Lord's gifts to me and to Fr. Spisak on retreat. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, instead of asking us how our retreats went, why don't you tell us six months from now! The effects of grace will need this time to really begin to blossom.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

This weekend we celebrate Anointing of the Sick at our parish Masses. Those eligible to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick include those who are seriously ill in body, mind, or spirit; those preparing for surgery; those diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses or awaiting a diagnosis for one of these illnesses; and those who are experiencing the general frailty that comes with age. If you have only a minor illness that does not fit into one of the above categories, please know you are in our prayers as a Church even if you are not a candidate for Anointing of the Sick at this time. If you or your loved one is in need of anointing, please bring yourself and them to one of our Masses. If you are unable to attend Mass this weekend, please reach out to our parish office to schedule a time for Fr. Spisak or me to anoint you or your loved one.

On a related note, please know that Anointing of the Sick is one of the three Sacraments included in the "Last Rites" which includes Confession, Anointing, and Eucharist. If and when you or a loved one is in need of Last Rites, I cannot stress enough how important it is to contact a priest well ahead of time to celebrate these Rites with you and your loved ones. Planning ahead in this way will allow you to schedule a time with the priest to be present with you and your family and friends for these prayers, allow full participation of the sick person to receive these Sacraments, give the sick person time to receive the fullness of grace given through these Sacraments, and also avoid waiting until the last minute where it may be difficult or impossible for a priest to be available in a pinch. Last Rites do not need to be administered again if performed within a few weeks or months of the sick person's life.

The bottom line is that God is so good and merciful to us in our weakness, and we should strive to share in the richness of His grace as soon as we possibly can rather than waiting until the last minute to bring Him in sacramentally.

#### **Synod on Synodality**

You may or may not have heard about the Synod happening in our universal Church. A "Synod" is a gathering of people who are open to sharing and listening. Think of our parish "Listening Sessions" that will be happening this month as a type of Synod (shameless plug: if you haven't registered for a Listening Session, you can and should do so at https://calendly.com/fatherscott/listening-sessions). People gather at a synod in order to share, listen, and come to a deeper understanding of the topics discussed. More than listening to one another, the Church understands a synod as a generous openness to listening to the Holy Spirit. The relevant topics of this synod will be *communion*, *participation*, and mission.

Before we can really appreciate the topics that this synod hopes to address, I think it's crucial to note that this particular Synod in our Church is on *Synodality* itself. In his October 17th homily at the opening liturgy for our diocesan synod, Bishop Malesic said, "Synodality is a word we don't use often, but it is a concept we understand. Synodality expresses the idea that we must walk together. After all, we go together on the journey of faith. We are a pilgrim people – not just individuals walking alone. Synodality, a call to move together toward the goal of salvation, is in the nature of the Church."

Did you catch that? Synodality is integral to the meaning of belonging to the Catholic Church! Our universal Church needs a Synod on Synodality at this time precisely to rekindle what it means to be Catholic, to learn once more how to listen generously and generatively to the Holy Spirit as the first disciples once learned! I will provide more information on how we will participate as a parish community in this Synod in the months to come. Until then, I encourage you to welcome the opportunity this Synod will bring in welcoming the Holy Spirit into every nook and cranny of our Church life. The purpose is not to change teaching or tradition, but rather to rediscover how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take these gifts of Christ's truth and life to a world most in need of Him.

You can learn more about the Synod in our diocese at https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/synod, and pray the synodal prayer below.

I am yours in Christ, Fr. Scott Goodfellow We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.



Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

 Prayer from Adsumus Sancte Spiritus, the prayer for the synod

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**NOVEMBER 6-14** 

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 6, 2021

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Kotlarsic & Leonti Families – *Andy & Lucy Kotlarsic* 

### Sunday, November 7, 2021

8:00 a.m. Francis Romano – *Lillian Eiermann* 10:00 a.m. David Paul Peltier – *Dick & Francis Weaver* 

12:00 p.m. Barbara Ann Cech – Jerry Cech

#### Monday, November 8, 2021

7:30 a.m. The Intentions of all St. Mary Parishioners

#### Tuesday, November 9, 2021

7:30 a.m. Kenneth Kampman – Kim Shute

#### Wednesday, November 10, 2021

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Deimling & Kessler Families – *Gary & Laura Deimling* 

#### Thursday, November 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. Thomas Zarzour - Mary Scicolone

#### Friday, November 12, 2021

7:30 a.m. Harry Rayl – Dan Kukura

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 13, 2021

4:30 p.m. Ross Verrocchi - Connie Wills

#### Sunday, November 14, 2021

8:00 a.m. Anne Dancik – *Sam & Anne Morgan* 10:00 a.m. Danny Lee – *Carol Lee & Family* 12:00 p.m. Sylvia Novotney – *Betty Bubonic* 

#### **PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Laurie Bertke-Manahan Kelly Queen

John Bowyer Harriet Ratkowski

Robert Choate Fran Reynolds
Nathan Cole Nora Rodriguez
Sr. Mary Cora Christine Sabel
Charles Deck Tom Santek

Grace DiDomenico Marty Seufer
Connie Fox Mark Shoag
Marilyn Friedel Bill Skoch

Beverly Gellings Samantha Tidy John Greaves Gregory Thomas

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Jimmy Kankula Chantel Vargo
Tom Kemmery Crystol Vecchio
Mike Kobetitsch Joyce Vieland
Gary LeBlanc Denise Walker

Sr. Josetta Marie Livignano Henry Wallenhorst

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Gail Moriarty Charlette Whiting

Jennifer Phipps Emily Wolf

Josh Phipps

Additions or Deletions -

Please contact the Parish Office at 440-285-7051.

#### **WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

10/31/21 Deposit Amounts

 RSC (289 Donors)
 \$13,660.00

 Budget
 \$17,800.00

 SVDP
 \$ 321.00

 Adopt-A-Student
 \$ 0

 Weekly Automatic contributions (58 Donors)
 \$ 1,702.00

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### LEGACY GIVING

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled St. Mary Parish to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community by making a bequest in your Will to our Parish.

#### **PARISH NEWS**



#### **NOVEMBER LISTENING SESSION INVITATION**

Fr. Scott cordially invites you to attend one of four Listening Sessions taking place in the Banquet Room this November. The Listening Sessions will provide an opportunity for Fr. Scott to get to know you and your insights about St. Mary Parish. At the session, participants will receive questions to think through and share insights at their table. Table leaders will summarize and share table answers with Fr. Scott and the whole group. Collective feedback from all Listening Sessions will be presented in future parish bulletins and utilized by our Parish Staff, Parish Council, and Finance Council to help direct our parish vision going forward. The dates and times of the Listening Sessions are:

- 1. Monday, November 8 at 1:00 p.m.
- 2. Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3. Tuesday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- 4. Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required, and table preferences are available during registration for focused groups (Senior Adults, Parents of Children 18 and Under, and Youth Ages 13-18). Light refreshments will be provided.

You can register in one of the following ways: 1. Visit

or call the parish office during office hours (440-285-7051) 2. Visit our parish website or https://calendly.com/fatherscott/listening-sessions 3. Scan the QR Code with your cell phone camera to take you to the online registration page.





#### **GIVING "TREE" IN NOVEMBER**

Our usual hat, glove, mitten and scarf donation tree, is changing in 2 ways this year. We have been asked by our local Birthright to help with items that food stamps can't buy, such as: Laundry Soap, Baby Wipes, Diapers sizes 4 to 6, Pull-ups,

Sippy Cups. ALSO, the "tree" will look more like a playpen and will be in the Gathering Space in church during November so that the items can be delivered well before Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING – NOVEMBER 9

There is a First Reconciliation Meeting for parents of all second graders on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room. If you have any questions please call the PSR office 286-6531, ext. 109.



### 50+ CLUB SOCIAL – NOVEMBER 9

Next meeting (SOCIAL) will be TUESDAY November 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the ABC ROOM. Raffle prizes are needed as well as pastry. For questions you may call

Dolores Hissom at 440 286-9836. Hope to see you there! P.S. Save the DEC. 7TH date for our Christmas luncheon. This year's cost is \$11.00.



# SVDP THANKSGIVING FORMS BY NOVEMBER 22

Thanksgiving is coming and St. Vincent DePaul is here to give a hand to you, our parishioners and our fellow community members who find themselves in need of assistance with a Thanksgiving meal. In our effort to

prepare, please complete and sign an information form at the St. Mary Parish Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday November 22nd. Details regarding pick-up times and places will be given to you at that time. Take Action Now.



## FATHER REDMOND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

With this announcement, we are completing our first week of fundraising for the Father Daniel P. Redmond Memorial Scholarship Fund. We are asking that every parish household consider supporting this effort to create a lasting memorial to our late pastor, who was called to his heavenly home at an early age.

As previously stated, the three primary objectives of this Fund are as follows:

- 1. To provide a lasting memorial for Father Redmond, who served this parish as pastor for nearly ten years.
- 2. To recognize the importance of Catholic education, including support at the secondary level, in the growth, development and foundational learning of our children.
- 3. To recognize graduates of Saint Mary School who have committed to continue their education at a Catholic high school and to assist their parents in financing this learning environment.

Since last week's article, a few questions have arisen, to which responses are now provided:

- 1. How can a contribution to this fund be made? Contributions may be placed in the weekend collection basket, delivered to the parish office during the work week, or mailed to the parish.
- 2. How is the contribution to be designated? The contribution should be accompanied by some form of written indication of its purpose, such as a memo entry on the check or a note with a cash payment stating that it is intended for this Fund.
- 3. It was stated that contributors of \$200 or more would receive the two-volume set of Father Redmond's writing. Does this group of contributors also receive a copy of the booklet containing the milestones of Father Redmond's pastorate? Yes, these contributors will also receive the milestones booklet as well as the writings.
- 4. Why should a contribution be made at this time? The sooner funds are gathered, the sooner these funds can be invested in a manner so as to produce earnings on the principal amount of the Fund. The hope is that sufficient earnings on the principal can be obtained so that the principal is not depleted. This will result in the ability to continue to award scholarships for years to come.
- 5. Are there any other current effects to honor Father Redmond's service and well-lived life? No other formal efforts are known at this time.

Every fundraising effort needs to begin with strong initial support in order that more individuals will be induced to participate. Please consider making your contribution early in order that your example might prompt others to join in this project to honor Father Redmond. Our initial goal is to raise \$25,000. With this amount, we expect that one scholarship may be awarded each school year. With multiples of this amount, the funding may allow the awarding of additional annual scholarships. Please take a moment to say a prayer for the soul of Father Redmond as you reflect on whether to donate. May God bless your support and generosity!

## THE ST. MARY WOMEN OF THE WELL PRAYER GROUP NEWS

WOW meets next on Saturday, **November 13th** at 9:15 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. We hope that you will join us.



# WOW ADVENT RETREAT – DECEMBER 14

Please come to the 9th annual women's Advent retreat, Shining in the Midst of Darkness, on **Saturday, December 4th.** We will begin with registrations in the Gathering Space at 8:15 a.m. We will enjoy adoration, confessions,

Mass, a light brunch, the Rosary, and more. We will conclude around 12:15 p.m. Registrations are due by **November 21**, so please be sure to sign up soon. Forms will be in the Gathering Space and on the parish website soon. We are praying for you!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 32ND ANNUAL SHARING TREE

This year's Sharing Tree will be no different than in years past. Thank you in advance for your incredible generosity as over 600 gifts have been provided to those in need in our community in each of the past several years. Some key dates are:

- Gift Requests shall be turned in to the Parish Office no later than Monday November 15th
- Ornaments will be hanging on the Sharing Tree in the Church Gathering Space the weekends of November 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th. If there are still ornaments left over, we will extend the dates to Dec 4th and 5th.
- Please purchase and wrap or place in a gift bag all gifts and bring to the rear of the church no later than Saturday December 11th after the 4:30 Mass.
- Recipients of the sharing tree gifts will pick them up from the gathering space on Monday December 13th between 3 and 6:00 p.m.

The heartfelt warmth and kindness of this parish is felt all over the St. Mary Parish area.

The Knights of Columbus thank you for all you do to make this Christmas Season Special!

#### ST. MARY PSR FOOD COLLECTION

St. Mary PSR is collecting non-perishable food items for St. Vincent de Paul to assist our local families in need for the Holidays. Suggested Donations:

Canned vegetables

Box potatoes

Cranberry sauce

Brownie/

cake mix/frosting

Macaroni & cheese

Jelly

Canned fruit

Turkey gravy

Stuffing

Pumpkin

Cereal

Peanut butter

Snack bars

Napkins Paper/plastic plates

Paper towels

\*Monetary donations and gift cards also accepted

Please bring all food items to the PSR Office or your child's classroom by *Monday, November 15.* 

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



#### PRO LIFE REFLECTION

The month of November is dedicated in a particular way to praying for the dead. This includes children who died before birth. These children did not have the opportunity

These children did not have the opportunity to be baptized; the Church teaches, however, that we can entrust them with confidence to the mercy of God.

**Prayer.** LORD, You love aborted children even more than we do. We entrust them to Your mercy.

#### **CCA CEMETERY SUNDAY MASS – NOVEMBER 7**

Join us, the Catholic Cemetery Association, in the celebration of Mass. Cemetery Sunday Mass is scheduled for November 7, 2021 at 3 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon. For more information please email Rhonda Abrams at rabrams@clecem.org or call 216-930-4866

#### JESUIT RETREAT CENTER PROGRAMS

#### **NOVEMBER 15 MORNING PRAYER FOR WOMEN**

Monday, November 15 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Jesuit Retreat Center. Presented by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, SC. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome! Cost: \$10 The Jesuit Retreat Center is located at 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. You can contact us at: https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org.

## **Advent Wreath Making Event**

All parish families are invited to attend our Annual Advent Wreath Making Event sponsored by the Parish School of Religion and Evangelization Team. Each family will have the opportunity to make one fresh cut evergreen Advent Wreath. All materials to make this wreath will be supplied. A light lunch of salad and pizza will be served and a good will offering will be taken to help offset expenses. After the wreaths are completed, we will gather in the church for prayer and blessing of the wreaths. All are welcome to participate in this beautiful Advent tradition.

Date: Sunday, November 28th

**Time:** 1:00 pm (Following the 12:00 Noon Mass) **Where:** St. Mary Banquet Room and Cafeteria

### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

Please complete the reservation form below and return it to the Parish Office, PSR Office, or School Office by Sunday, Nov. 21st to ensure we have the needed materials. The form may also be mailed to: St. Mary Parish, 401 North Street, Chardon, OH 44024 or scanned and emailed to psroffice@stmarychardon.org. Please contact the PSR Office at 440-286-6531 if you have any questions.

# ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER FARLY TO ENSURE A SPOT FOR YOUR FAMILY.

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Family Name:		
Number attending:	Adults	Children
	Ages of Children:	
Phone number:		·
E-mail:		



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

Sunday, November 7

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

#### Monday, November 8

Weekday Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 Lk 17:1-6

#### Tuesday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

#### Wednesday, November 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19

#### Thursday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 Lk 17:20-25

#### Friday, November 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab Lk 17:26-37

#### Saturday, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Lk 18:1-8

Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

### **SMALL GESTURE, BIG DIFFERENCE**

Reflection on Mark 12:38-44

Sometimes, it may seem that what we are doing with our lives is not all that important. We may look at others who appear to be, well, important people – well-dressed, intelligent folk who are making great contributions to the world – and then look at our own lives and be tempted to think of them as rather insignificant.

The widow in this Gospel passage did not give very much, but Jesus praised her. Her small gesture of generosity came, not from her surplus, but from her substance. Small gestures, when done from the core of who we are, can make a decided difference in the larger scheme of things.

In Mark's Gospel, this passage is sandwiched between Jesus giving the Great Commandment (love God/love neighbor) and Jesus speaking about the end of times when each of us will have to give an accounting of our lives. Perhaps the account we should strive for is embodied best in this widow's gesture: making concrete the command of love by giving of all we are, all we have – our very substance, our very selves.

# SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Feast Day: November 13 • Patron Saint of Hospital Administrators and Immigrants

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ.

Refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher, she began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit.



At the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances went west. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there.

She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did.

In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes.

The compassion and dedication of Mother Cabrini is still seen in hundreds of thousands of her fellow citizens who care for the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, and state institutions. We complain of increased medical costs in an affluent society, but the daily news shows us millions who have little or no medical care, and who are calling for new Mother Cabrinis to become citizen-servants of their land.

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