

# ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## A TALE TOLD BY AN IDIOT

Most of us who can vote have voted. Before the vote, I received videos of a Catholic priest preaching his decidedly partisan views. Now with the election almost over, I feel free to share my decidedly non-partisan opinion.

It is my opinion that who is elected President will make no difference. Politicians and bishops are attempting to protect their sand castles against the rising tide. In 25 years, the United States of America and the Catholic Church as we know them will be gone. By then I will be dead or 92, whichever comes first.

The cause of that demise is not in leaders but is embedded in the culture. The tide of secularization that began 60

years ago steadily has washed away the memories of American history and Christian history. The United States today is looked upon as a nation conceived upon slavery (*New York Times* 1691 Project), and Christianity (or any religion) has become a subject of study for anthropologists and historians, and an object of curiosity for many others (revealed in the Supreme Court nomination).

You won't find it nowadays, but in 1993 ABC broadcast the miniseries *Wild Palms* with Jim Belushi and Angie Dickinson. It depicted an America in 2007 where the government controlled the nation through the media. A resistance group, the Friends, held secret meetings in drained swimming pools connected by tunnels, like the catacombs were to Christians in the Roman Empire. In 1993 I watched all 5 nights, regarding it as a fantasy.

Not any more. Today we Christians worship in catacombs of livestreamed Masses under government control, until we are forced to broadcast from undisclosed locations. We will persevere, but not thanks to any political or religious leader.

Of course, I could be wrong, and what I've written could be what William Shakespeare called "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." *Father Paul Pluth*



## Sit, Kneel or Stand? What To Do at Mass

Here in the Pacific Northwest, everyone does their one thing during Holy Communion. Sit, kneel or stand? All three are happening at the same time!

To bring unity to our worship, Archbishop Etienne has legislated new laws for what to do at Holy Communion, based on the universal law, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)*.

### Effective Saturday, November 28, Archbishop Etienne requires

1. After the *Holy, Holy* we **kneel** until after the *Amen* of the Eucharistic Prayer.
2. After the *Lord's Prayer* and *Peace*, we **remain standing during the Lamb of God**.
3. After the *Lamb of God*, we **kneel** until we go forward for Holy Communion.
4. When we return to our places after Holy Communion, we **may kneel or sit**.

### EXCEPTIONS

At St Mary and in the Parish Hall at St Augustine, because we have no kneelers, you are **not required to kneel** (*GIRM* 43).

In these places, it is appropriate to stand from the *Holy, Holy* through receiving Holy Communion, after which you may sit.

If you prefer to **kneel** during the Eucharistic Prayer and again **after the Lamb of God**, that is your choice.

In any place, it is **improper to sit** during the Eucharistic Prayer, unless you are unable to sit or stand.



## WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

Photographs of deceased family members and friends will be displayed on the Wall of Remembrance during the month of November, to pray for them. Mass will be offered @ St Augustine for all the faithful departed on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2 at 9:00 am.

If you have photos of loved ones that you would like displayed, please bring them by. Not in on Monday, November 2nd.

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE at 360-678-6536 to be sure someone is there to receive your pictures.**

Photographs may be framed or unframed, but should be labeled on the back so they can be returned.

### St Mary Mass Intentions



To schedule a Mass intention for an 11:15 am Sunday Mass please call the receptionist at 360 - 678 - 6536, Mon. - Fri. 9:30 am - 12 noon (leave a message) or email at pmccormick@staugustineoh.org.



## ST. Augustine CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



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Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" cards after the 11:15 am Sunday Mass between November 1<sup>st</sup> - November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the base of the steps on 3rd street outside of St. Mary's church.

**Beat the rush,  
get your cards early!**

## Pastoral Council Corner Cookbook Ministry

You are each invited to send in at least one recipe for our St. Mary Parish Cookbook. Pick any type of recipe that is your favorite or are favorites of your family and friends.

If you have a short story to tell about your recipe, be sure to include it!

Invite others to send in their recipes as well. Let's make this a joyful parish project. This is a safe way to connect and share good eats!

You can even take a photo of it with your cell and forward to Peggy. ☐

[pmccormick@staugustineoh.org](mailto:pmccormick@staugustineoh.org)

## Please Pray for Our Families & Friends

For those during this COVID-19 pandemic, those who are ill, those who are going to have or are recovering from surgery, those in Careage or other rehabilitation facilities. For our military both at home or deployed, and for those who may be away attending college.

John Moeller ~ Richard McCormick ~ Naomi Puhr  
PFC Zachary McCormick, US Army National Guard

For the repose of the soul of Diana Schmidt

~Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list.  
~To include a loved one's name, please call the Parish Office at 360-678-6536.

# Your Attention Please

Is your mail being returned or not reaching the right destination?  
 Because of the COVID-19 virus we want to keep our receptionist Peggy safe and contact free, so we are asking our St Mary parishioners to please be sure that you are sending St Mary mail to the correct Oak Harbor address.

**St Mary  
 PO BOX 1319  
 Oak Harbor, WA 98277**

Inaccurately addressed St Mary mail is going to a non-Catholic family in Oak Harbor, who are moving away, so PLEASE be sure to send it to the P.O. Box and City written above.



Thank you for your Stewardship of Treasure!

Weekly Expenses: \$3,188  
 October 25: \$7,540

Please write your envelope # on your check.



The Agape meal program is providing brown bag dinners from 4:30-5:30 pm on Mondays from the St Augustine vestibule

RCIA has begun, but you can still join.

RCIA is a process through which **non-baptized adults or baptized adults of a different Christian denomination** may enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

It is also for **baptized Catholics** who have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation

**The Christian Initiation process is not a program. The process is a journey of faith...**

- ...through the initial stages of asking and seeking
- ...through beginning involvement with Christian/Catholic people
- ...through hearing the Gospel proclaimed and by faithful reflection and **prayer on this Word of God**
- ...through study and discussion about Catholic experience
- ...through doubts and hesitations
- ...through discernment of God's call for them as individuals
- ...through the steps of commitment
- ...through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)

**This process is for those who:**

- Are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church;
- Have never celebrated baptism;
- Have celebrated Baptism in another faith and are interested in the Catholic Church;
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful.
- Or-are a Catholic who wants to further their understanding by taking a refresher course.

Call 360-675-2303 x 5 for more information.

## This Week of November 1-8 at St. Mary

<b>Sun</b> 11/1	9:30 am Mass Livestream (FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church) ALL SAINTS DAY 11:15 am Mass at St Mary (reservation only)
<b>Mon</b> 11/2	9:00 am Livestream <u>All Soul's Day</u> Mass (FB page: St Augustine Church) Peggy is not in please Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
<b>Tue</b> 11/3	9:30am-12 noon call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
<b>Wed</b> 11/4	9:30am-12 noon Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
<b>Thu</b> 11/5	9:30 - 12 noon Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org  11:00-12:30pm Private prayer - wear face mask or no entry, sanitize hands and observe social distancing
<b>Fri</b> 11/6	9:30 - 12 noon Call 360-678-6536 or email pmccormick@staugustineoh.org
<b>Sat</b> 11/7	No activity
<b>Sun</b> 11/8	9:30 am Mass Livestream (FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church) 11:15 am Mass at St Mary (reservation only) RIP - Joe & Liz Quinn++ 12:15pm "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas card sales



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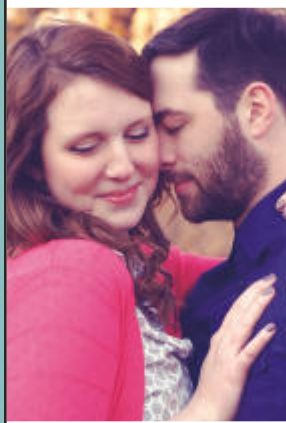
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