

St. Mary's Church

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MAY 9, 2021
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MOTHER'S DAY

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Monday–Friday8:00 am–4:00 pm

Bulletin DeadlineMon. at 10:00 am

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**LORD'S DAY:** .....Saturday.....5:00 pm

Sunday ..... 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am

Radio Mass .10:30 am (WKBI AM 1400)

**WEEKDAYS** (Mon.–Sat.):..... 8:30 am

Holy Days ..... 6:30 pm Vigil

8:30 am and 5:30 pm day of

## DAILY ADORATION

Monday–Sunday .....8am–8pm

Except during Mass times

## DEVOTIONS

Prayer Hour(Tues.)..2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Rosary.....4:05 pm

## CONFESSION

Saturdays: 3:30–4:30PM, wear a mask please. And Thursday before 1st

Friday from 4:00–5:00PM.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO OUR  
MOST BLESSED MOTHER**

## THE SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM**

Baptism may continue to be celebrated. New water must be blessed for every individual baptism. Parents and God-parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the baptism.

**RECONCILIATION**

Father will hear individual confessions in the main body of the church honoring social distancing. Thursday before 1st Friday 4:00-5:00PM and every Saturday 3:30-4:30PM.

**MATRIMONY**

Marriages may continue to be celebrated, with some restrictions. With total number of those present including clergy, not to exceed 1/2 maximum capacity.

**SICK AND HOME BOUND**

Anointing of the Sick should continue as usual, based upon need. Non-emergency visits such as First Friday calls should be suspended.

**FUNERALS**

Funeral Masses continue to be celebrated with masks worn and social distancing with pews marked off.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

A person becomes a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism. Active membership in a particular parish is a requirement for the celebration of marriage, for eligibility for confirmation, for baptism of one's child, for First Communion for one's child. Children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old (or upon college graduation) at which time, it is their responsibility to attend church and to register as a member independent of their parent. There are certain minimum requirements for parish membership called the precepts of the Church. They include:

**ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.** The first precept of the Church requires the faithful to participate in weekly Mass on Sunday. Since the parish weekly Mass envelopes are the primary way we can determine if parishioners are regularly attending Mass, it's important to place your envelopes in the collection basket every Sunday regardless of whether one is able to make a financial contribution.

**SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH.** The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his/her abilities in a regular, identifiable and meaningful way. This support of the church also includes assisting with parish programs/activities in accordance with one's abilities/interests.

**HOW TO REGISTER**

Registering at St. Mary's Parish is easy. Simply stop by the parish office or go to [www.thesmchurch.com](http://www.thesmchurch.com) and complete an online registration form.

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**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION****BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES**

|               |            |       |          |
|---------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Thurs, May 20 | St. Mary's | 7-8PM | 781-1019 |
|---------------|------------|-------|----------|

|              |                  |       |          |
|--------------|------------------|-------|----------|
| Tues, June 8 | St. Leo, Ridgway | 7-8PM | 772-3135 |
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**PRE-CANA SESSIONS (Erie locations on request)**

Contact your pastor for information.

**UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS**

(There will be a separate 2nd Collection basket at the church entrance before each Mass.)

**May 16—International Needs**

-makes a difference in the lives of vulnerable people around the world.

**May 30—St. Vincent DePaul**

-donations are used in the parish for our parishioners in need.

**"31" DAY VOCATION CALENDAR**

- 5-10 Bonnie Pearson
- 5-11 Cash Gorlowski
- 5-12 Dick Wolfe
- 5-13 Kim Kerchinski
- 5-14 Peg Gorlowski
- 5-15 Rosemarie Gregory
- 5-16 Marilyn Keyes

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Candles will be burned this week for the following intention:



*L/D Mothers of St. Mary's Parish*

To schedule an intention or week, please call the Parish Office; the offering is \$10 per intention per week.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

For needed prayers, please call Charlene @ 335-5098; or Mary Lou @ 781-6953.  
**Or** drop your intention in the prayer box at the side entrance of the church to be prayed during the office staff Tuesday prayer hour from 2-3pm.

**HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED—**

we aren't taking Communion to the Homebound yet, but we want to be prepared once we are allowed to do so. We need 2 people willing to take the Eucharist every other week to 2 or 3 Homebound Parishioners who are unable to attend weekly Mass. Bonnie will train you.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

| DATE                              | MASS       | REQUESTED FOR                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>May 8</i>   | 5:00 PM    | <b>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>† <i>Georgia Long</i>                                                       |
|                                   | (6:30 AM)* | CONVENTUAL MASS <i>Private Intention</i>                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>May 9</i>     | 8:30 AM    | <i>L/D Mothers of St. Mary's Parish</i>                                                                    |
|                                   | 10:30 AM   | <i>L/D Mothers of St. Mary's Parish</i>                                                                    |
| <b>Monday</b><br><i>May 10</i>    | 8:30 AM    | <b>DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST</b><br>† <i>Robert C. Schaut</i>                                              |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>May 11</i>   | 8:30 AM    | <b>6TH WEEK OF EASTER</b><br><i>L/D Ed &amp; Emma Brennan Family</i>                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>May 12</i> | 8:30 AM    | <b>NEREUS &amp; ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS;<br/>PANCRA, MARTYR</b><br>† <i>Joseph, Rita &amp; Patrick Flanagan</i> |
| <b>HOLY DAY</b>                   |            | <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b><br><i>For the People of the Parish</i>                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>May 12</i> | 6:30 PM    |                                                                                                            |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><i>May 13</i>  | 8:30 AM    | † <i>Phyllis Gausman</i>                                                                                   |
|                                   | 5:30 PM    | † <i>Mary Lee &amp; Ray Gabor</i>                                                                          |
| <b>Friday</b><br><i>May 14</i>    | 8:30 AM    | <b>MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</b><br>† <i>Jim &amp; Snookie Auman</i>                                               |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>May 15</i>  | 8:30 AM    | <b>ISADORE</b><br><i>Michael &amp; Martha Fledderman</i><br>(50th Anniv.)                                  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>May 15</i>  | 5:00 PM    | <b>7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><i>L/D Mike &amp; Theresa Eberl Fam.</i>                                    |
|                                   | (6:30 AM)* | CONVENTUAL MASS <i>Private Intention</i>                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>May 16</i>    | 8:30 AM    | † <i>Lavern Kreckel, Jr.</i>                                                                               |
|                                   | 10:30 AM   | † <i>Tom "Feamer" Reuscher</i>                                                                             |

**THURSDAY, MAY 13TH IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.** DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE, ATTENDING MASS ISN'T AN OBLIGATION, BUT OUR MASS TIMES ARE Wed. evening at 6:30PM and Thurs. at 8:30am and 5:30pm. Facebook Live-Stream at the 8:30am Mass.







## THE LORD BE WITH YOU!

Dear people of St. Mary's,

The Gospel for this 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is the second part of Jesus' "vine and branches" lesson which we heard last Sunday. There we learned that remaining connected to JESUS and His "word" is necessary in order to do our part of transmitting JESUS' divine life to others. JESUS likens this transmission of His life as fruitfulness [John 15:8]. Fruitfulness is also the point of the Gospel today, which concludes with JESUS' command "*to go and bear fruit that will remain*" [John 15:16].

Today we are provided with the key to understanding the word of GOD in which we are to remain so that we can be pruned and fruitful. The word "*remain*" leads us to this key. Last week we were urged to "*remain*" in JESUS' word [15:3-4,7]. This week we are encouraged to "*remain*" in JESUS' love [15:9]. Immediately we are provided with instruction on how to do so: *by keeping JESUS' commandments* [15:10].

Then JESUS quickly simplifies all GOD's commandments into one: "*love one another as I love you*" [15:12]. The key to interpreting JESUS' words in the Gospel of St. John is what they show us about how to love as JESUS loves. And to sharpen this perspective for us, JESUS immediately clarifies His kind of love: "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends*" [15:13]. **THUS, "remaining in JESUS' Word" prunes us and nourishes others through us. This happens when JESUS' Word about self-giving love takes root in us.**

When we approach JESUS' Word from the perspective of the kind of love that JESUS talks about and lived, then, GOD's life flows through us so freely that "*whatever you ask the Father in My name*" the Father will give you [15:16].

Let us pray: **"Bring us to live the focused love that JESUS lived and remain in that love, so we will be fruitful, and at peace with You, ourselves, and one another!"**

*Fr. Peter Augustine, OSB*

If you have a happy or memorable story about the nuns or the St. Mary's Church, we would love to share it in our Parishioner Spotlight. Send in your story to the Parish Office at 325 Church St, or email us at [smchurch1@windstream.net](mailto:smchurch1@windstream.net). We're excited to share your memories with the rest of the congregation.



### DIocese WILL RECOGNIZE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

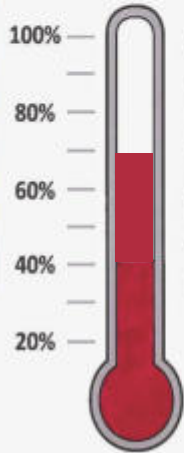
The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration liturgies for **couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage** will be held at two locations in the diocese: **Aug. 1 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion, and Aug. 8 at St. Jude Parish in Erie.** For more information and to register, go to [www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html](http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html). Electronic registrations are highly encouraged, but a hard copy registration form is available at the church entrance. Further questions may be directed to the parish office, 781-1019.

**For everyone's safety, the Former Convent Property is CLOSED to ALL foot and vehicle traffic. If you would like to watch, you MUST stay outside the perimeter fencing. It is an official construction site!**



# FORWARD TOGETHER

2021 Catholic Services Appeal



PARISH NAME:

St. Mary's

DIOCESAN GOAL:

\$ 100,569

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TOTAL PARISH GOAL:

\$ 140,569

Total Pledged to Date

\$74,110

From 226 Families



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## SACRED HEART "May" BREAD SALE

Pick up **Thursday, May 20th, 3-5:30pm**. Please order by 3:30PM Monday, May 17th. Call 834-7861 #1.



## FRAUD WARNING

In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information — including a request for gift cards of any type — exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

QW ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will be **praying the Rosary** in Church during the month of **May, Monday thru Thursday at 6PM**. On Thursdays, there will be Adoration Evening Prayer and Benediction afterwards. (No Rosary will be said on May 5th or May 31st.) Please remember to wear your mask.

## IT'S BACK~ WALKING FOR SOULS~

Walking at the St. Marys Catholic Cemetery for the Poor Souls will begin on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 with a **NEW TIME 6:00 p.m.** Meet at the Chapel to begin the Rosary. Can't walk, remember you can sit, just bring your lawn chair. **\*PLEASE** remember **NO** pets permitted in the Cemetery. For questions, call Bonnie at 814-834-3214, or Kathy at 814-781-1109.



## A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE - "THE GIFT"

Sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center, this powerful seminar consists of 6 talks, small group discussions, live worship, and culminating in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

Fri, May 21st from 6-9PM

and Sat, May 22nd from 8:30AM-3:30PM

Holy Redeemer Parish, 11 Russell St., Warren, PA

## PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021—MAY 2ND

We had 11 First Communicants this year. This is them looking so “angelic” in the back of the church before the Mass.



The First Communion Mass was Concelebrated by a special guest priest, Fr. Eric Vogt, O.S.B. Fr. Eric was in town for a wedding and wanted to be present at his great-nephew, Jackson's, First Communion.



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**High School .....Nick Heise**  
**"Rooted" Youth Ministry Program**

**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS**

After much salvage work has been completed, deconstruction has begun on the Former Convent Building. Youth Ministry will hold a fundraiser selling commemorative bricks. Watch for more information.


**ADULT FAITH  
 FORMATION**
**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING****RCIA**

If you want to become a Catholic or you are a Catholic who wants to know more about your Faith, Call Sandy Reider, 781-1216. Usual sessions are on Sundays at 1:30PM in the Cafeteria.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

The Middle School Youth Group will meet on the 1st and last Wednesday of the month. **Wednesday, May 26** at the iCafe/CYMA building from 5:30 -7:30PM. Come over and see what a youth group is all about.

**WELCOME, GENNAVIEVE XENAKIS, OUR NEWEST PARISHIONER**

Genna just received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation through the RCIA program this past Sunday at the 8:30AM Mass. Genna is 25 years old and from New Jersey. She met her fiancé, Andrew Smith, at La Salle University. Andrew is the son of parishioners Pam and Tim Smith. The 2 are planning a wedding on May 22nd here at St. Mary's Church.

Genna joined the Catholic Church to start this next chapter in her life here in St. Marys surrounded by support and a faithful family. We're so happy to welcome her!

**CONFIRMATION****BAPTISM**



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