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## WELCOME

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## MASS

### SATURDAY (VIGIL)

4:30 PM

### SUNDAY

7:30, 9:00, and 11:30 AM

### MONDAY & TUESDAY

5:15 PM

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY

12:15 PM

### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm  
Every 1st Saturday 9:00 - 10:00am



*The Catholic community at St. Mary Parish in Oxford, Ohio welcomes you! Our parish has been gathering in faith since its founding in 1853. Our current church building was dedicated in 1921 and is in the first block of High Street west of the Miami University campus. Join us for prayer and living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

## READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, September 20, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

**5:15pm** Barbara Serraino (Clarence & Jeanette Buller)

### Tuesday, September 21, Saint Matthew Apostle & Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

**5:15pm** Bernard Sens (family)

### Wednesday, September 22, Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

**7:00am** Omer & Betty Schwegman (family)

### Thursday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

**12:15pm** Sue Morris (Jerry & Kathy Morris)

### Friday, September 24, Weekday

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

**12:15pm** Rita and John Buchholz Sr. & Hong Nguyen (family)

### Saturday, September 25, Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

**4:30pm** Phil Poppel (family)

### Sunday, September 26, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**7:30am** The Weubker Family (Len Vonderhaar Family)

**9:00am** The People of St Mary

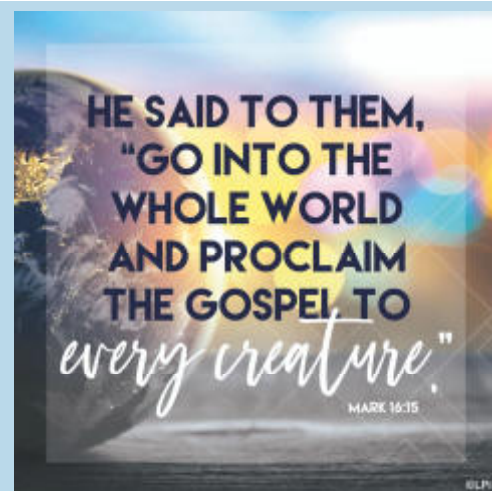
**11:30am** Marilyn Serraino (friends)

## PRAYER LIST PARISHIONERS:

Sandra Aranyos	Bonnie Raisch
Donna Kuhn Boehmle	Bob & Emilie Ratterman
Patty Dale	Bill Rauckhorst
Jackie Engelhard	Chris Reisenberg
Marty Hickey	Theresa Schindler
Mike Johnson	Peter Schuller
Frank Keeler	Mary Ann Surface
Michael Kilday	James Teed
Rosemary Kilday	Evelyn Vereker
Betty Macke	Len Vonderhaar
Chris Moore	Harold & Delores Weltzer
Mary Moore	Phyllis Wiwi
Lorraine Owens	Helen Wright
Michael Puglielli	Pat Wycislo

## FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Chris Arndt	Linda Marchbanks
Karen Byrd-Gibson	Jim Meier
Martha Casteneda	Kenneth Meister
Norma Clawson	Kathy Morris
Martin Ely	Tara McCreary
Robert & Bev Engel	Richard Raisch
Davis Family	Ed Ratterman
Mildred Fangman	Roy & Donna Rauen
Lee Fitch	Kurt Rose
Nancy Gabalac	Julie Rowe
Sean Gabalac	Dennis Sullivan
Mary Sue Kamphaus	Karen Taylor
Lillie Ruth Knight	Yoshi Tomoyasu
Ruth Kramer	Lily Wissler
Michael Loeffelman	Elizabeth Wright



## Stewardship

### Collection:

\$ 3,188.00

Behind for the week:

\$ 3,907.00

Behind for the year:

\$ 9,846.00

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# *This year's co-operative mission:*

## **THE DIOCESE OF MANDEVILLE**

*When we think of Jamaica, the thoughts of Ocho Rios, beautiful beaches and wonderful scenery come to mind—all of which are part of the island. A year before becoming a priest of the Diocese of Mandeville, I spent 5 days with our founding bishop touring the diocese—and, I saw a very different side of Jamaica!*

*Bishop Paul Boyle said to me: "We have dire poverty. It's something the tourists don't see, nor do the television ads feature. Our people are poor. Jamaica is one of the poorest nations in the hemisphere after Haiti, and our diocese is the poorest part of Jamaica."*

*In the Diocese of Mandeville, there are about six hundred thousand people. Sixty eight percent have no running water; only, outside latrines. Families are using "primitive methods" of disposing human waste—they go into the bushes. People need basic necessities of life: food, clothing, shoes to wear, mattresses—many need a home. The average annual income in Jamaica is US\$1,500.00—a little less than \$29.00 per week. Many workers don't receive even this wage. Among people aged 15 to 19, 25% are "functionally illiterate." Many of those who are functionally literate have severe reading problems. Seventy-five percent of students who take standardized testing cannot pass even one subject. There is an alarming number of destitute elderly and abandoned/neglected/abused children and adolescents. People are dying every day from diseases, which no longer exist in the United States because we have adequate medical care. BOTTOM LINE: the Diocese of Mandeville is very, very poor!*

*Bishop Boyle shared with me SOME of his needs so he can serve his beloved people:*

- 1) Housing for the Poor—since some people are completely homeless and many live in shacks of zinc with dirt floors, the bishop tries to build houses for the poor. The houses are 14X20 feet, without electricity or running water; but each home is a "castle" to a family used to sleeping on the ground. The cost of each house is \$3,000.00.*
- 2) Care for the Elderly and Abandoned—many elderly are destitute and abandoned. The Diocese of Mandeville has a home for 75 elderly who are cared for by Mother Teresa's Sister. More homes are needed. The diocese cares for over 100 dependent, neglected and abused youth in our orphanage. More homes are needed for the kids also.*
- 3) Education—Sixteen basic schools have been established, most for young children; there are also 2 high schools—one of which opened 2 years ago! The church has always believed in the power of education to break the cycle of poverty. A small catholic college, The College of Mandeville provides a college education.*

- 4) *Food*—Many families are hungry, or even starving. The parishes provide as much food as possible for the hungry.
- 5) *Parish Ministries*—In most cases, monthly parish collections represent less than 10% of the monthly parish operating expense. One priest I met slept on the floor in the sacristy! Some parishes don't have phone. People walk for miles to go to church. We beg for 90% of the operating costs of parishes and parish ministries to Evangelize and catechize our people.
- 6) *We are blessed to be able to provide clinics in areas of the diocese where people can't get medical attention—something developed nations take for granted.*

All too often, the tropical weather and storms in the Caribbean wreak havoc in the lives of our poor and to our ministries. The cost is enormous to recover from these storms and replace roofs, restore classrooms, clean up from water damage in our buildings, and, replace vestments and liturgical books that were ruined. Also, we work to help families rebuild hundreds of humble homes lost in the storms.

*Obviously, we need enormous support for our local church.* Please help us as we bring the Gospel, in our Catholic tradition, to our beloved people and help them to experience dignity as children of God. Thank you for welcoming the Diocese of Mandeville for your annual mission appeal.

For more information, please contact in the U.S.:

Fr. Gary Wiesmann  
Diocese of Mandeville  
P. O. Box 11062  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33339-1062

954-771-8363

Each year the parishes of the archdiocese participate in a co-operative mission appeal for a specific mission program. This year St. Mary is working with the Jamaican Diocese of Mandeville. Representing the Diocese of Mandeville is Fr. Gary Wiesmann. There will be a second collection this weekend for the needs of the Church of Mandeville. Please be as generous as you means permit.

If you wish to contribute next weekend or online please mark your contributions as "MISSION" and we will see that it is transferred. Make checks payable to "St. Mary" and put "mission" in the memo line. Thank you!

FALL SERVICE DAY  
Sunday Oct. 3rd 11:30  
Saturday Oct. 23rd 10:30

Need Help with Fall yard chores ?  
The leaves will soon be changing and that means its time to clean up our yards and outdoor areas again! so be sure to save the date for the New-man Centers yearly fall service day. We understand that some of our parishioners may be a little leery to have help this year due to covid but we believe the students will use caution , common sense and care towards our elderly and we hope that if you do need some extra help you will call and schedule with Pam Burk in due time! You may also call Pam for any questions or concerns you may have.

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## This Week at St. Mary

### MONDAY:

**2:30:00pm** Holy Hour with Adoration, Confessions, Rosary, Divine Mercy and quiet prayer time.

**5:15pm-7:30pm** Mass, followed by Adoration with quiet prayer. Confessions available.

### TUESDAY:

**1:30-2:00pm** Backpack truck unloading. Volunteers welcome! Meet in ally behind church.

### WEDNESDAY:

**7:00am** Mass

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY:

**12:15pm** Mass



## BEACONS OF LIGHT: OPEN COMMENT

### PERIOD OCTOBER 1-20

As you know, the Beacons of Light draft "Families of Parishes" will be shared with the faithful for their review and feedback Oct. 1-20 The draft will be posted on:

[www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org)

along with an online comment box.

If you have questions & concerns or simply want your voice to be heard.

Thank you!

## Oxford Presbyterian Church

### Food Packaging Event

**Sunday, October 17th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Set up begins at 12:30 p.m.**

**(clean-up to follow)**

**Oxford Presbyterian Church – Seminary Community Room - 104 E. Church St., Oxford, OH 45056, USA**

### All are Welcome to join us!

Be part of our diverse mission efforts to Eradicate Systemic Poverty in the Oxford community and around the world. 15,000 meals will be packed and a third of the meals will be used for local food insecurity.







## ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Office of the Archbishop

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513.263.9611

September 17, 2021

*Memorial of Saint Robert Bellarmine,  
patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The mission of the Catholic Church, *our mission*, entrusted to the apostles by Jesus, is to proclaim the Good News of salvation and “make disciples of **all nations** baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt. 28:19-20). In short, to radiate Christ.

We have a responsibility to make the best use of all the means which God has provided us to pursue this sacred mission. It is therefore appropriate to ask, are all our resources – human, physical and financial – properly ordered to missionary discipleship? Are they working in concert to continuously draw parishioners and attract new members into a more intimate relationship with Jesus? Or are they consumed by efforts to maintain the status quo and spread too thin to be truly effective?

These are the concerns that **Beacons of Light**, the multi-year process of comprehensive pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, has been addressing. After months of study and analysis, we cannot escape the conclusion that in many cases our church buildings are grossly underutilized, our priests and parish staff members are stretched to the limit, and our parishes are simply not the vibrant, evangelizing communities Catholics want and need them to be.

To help remedy this situation and be better stewards of the resources God has made available to us, parishes in the archdiocese will be grouped into “Families of Parishes” under the leadership of one pastor. After that, each Family will collaborate internally to determine the best and highest use of their shared resources to radiate the love of Christ and form a strong, vital community of evangelization and service centered on the Eucharist.

Your thoughtful feedback at this stage of the planning process would be most valuable. **A draft of the Families of Parishes will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org)**, the website of the Beacons of Light initiative. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the information on the website, then prayerfully provide your input on this important step which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

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### RADIATE CHRIST

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As we continue this challenging but necessary endeavor, it is critically important that we earnestly seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that we might together discern the best path forward with humility and courage. Please join me in asking for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, to whose care we have entrusted our archdiocese, that God continue to bless us with His presence and His love, as we pray.

*Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother,  
present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son.  
Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples  
who follow Him with enthusiasm and joy.  
May our witness to the love of God bear fruit  
in our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts.  
Teach us to be God's joyful witnesses,  
to radiate Christ in all we do,  
so that all people might know, love and follow your Son  
through this life and into the next.  
Amen.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr  
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