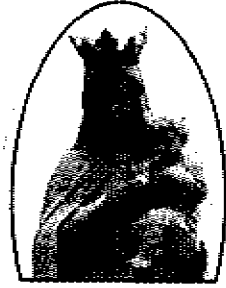


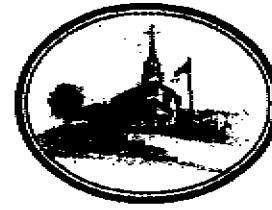
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"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF JAN 14, 2018

Saturday, Jan 13	4:30 PM	+Elizabeth Alazaus by Anonymous
Saturday, Jan 13	6:30 PM	+Buster Neice by Barb Neice (St. Mary)
Sunday, Jan 14	8:30 AM	Thanksgiving for Benefactors
Sunday, Jan 14	11:00 AM	People of the Parish (St. Mary)
Tuesday, Jan 16	8:30 AM	+Keith Batty by Dale Batty
Wed, Jan 17	9:00 AM	+Wendy Neice by Janet Gwynn (St. Mary)
Thursday, Jan 18	8:30 AM	+Fr. Norbert Connelly
Friday, Jan 19	8:30 AM	+Souls of the Aborted
Saturday, Jan 20	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Saturday, Jan 20	6:30 PM	+Frances Rich by Barb Neice (St. Mary)
Sunday, Jan 21	8:30 AM	+Bob & Maryamma Christopher by Jane Gyugo
Sunday, Jan 21	11:00 AM	+Jennifer Stewart by Dave & Barb Leyda (St. Mary)

Confessions before Mass

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized, please inform the parish office

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

Sun	14	PSR & Adult Ed 10:00 - 11:30
Mon	15	Ladies of Mercy 6:30 PM - church
Tue	16	
Wed	17	Bible Study 11:00 AM
Thurs	18	
Fri	19	
Sat	20	
Sun	21	PSR & Adult Ed 10:00 - 11:30

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
Stewardship Week of Jan 7, 2018**

Adult \$1515 Loose \$160 Candles \$29
Solemnity of Mary \$225 SVDP \$330
Building Fund \$1720
LOAN: Balance \$501,000; Interest Due 1/23 \$1422

ST. MARY

Stewardship Week of Jan 7, 2018

Adult \$787 Loose \$17 Helping Hands \$197
Cemetery \$2000

ST. MARY'S NEWS~ Members of St. Mary's men's and women's clubs: Please remember to pay your dues.

LADIES OF MERCY~ Note that the Ladies of Mercy did not meet on the 8th as planned and the meeting has been moved to the 15th at the church.

LOCAL MARCH FOR LIFE~ On Friday, Jan 19, to coincide with the March for Life in Washington, DC, the Knights will once again sponsor a local march right here in Carrollton. The doors of the OLM hall will open at 10:30 AM with the March starting at 11 AM. Afterwards, there will be light refreshments and a live feed of the events in D.C. Donations of cookies or pastries would be greatly appreciated. For more info, contact Dan Hitchcock.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE~ The US conference of Catholic bishops is sponsoring a nation-wide novena to pray for a greater respect for human life. The novena highlights a different intention each day. To learn more and sign up, visit www.9daysforlife.com..

PROJECT RACHEL- ENTERING CANAAN~ Saturday, January 27th marks a day of prayer and healing and a retreat in Steubenville for women suffering from a past abortion. There is no cost but pre-registration is required. To learn more call or text 740-275-7038, or email projectrachel@diosteub.org and see the bulletin board announcement.

FOOD FOR THE POOR~ On Feb 3rd & 4th, Fr. Schiffer representing Food for the Poor, Inc. will be having the Masses at OLM and St. Mary and will explain the impact this ministry is having. A special offering will be taken for Puerto Rico that weekend. If you want to receive correspondence from "Food for the Poor" in the future, make sure you give them your contact info on a brochure that will be made available.

VALENTINE'S CRAFT EXTRAVANGANZA~ Wintersville Catholic Parishes of Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes are holding their 9th Annual Craft Extravaganza for their St. Vincent DePaul Ministry on February 11th from 12:00 to 3:00 in the Blessed Sacrament social hall (852 Main Street, Wintersville)

ADDRESS NOTE~ Jane Gyugo is in a skilled nursing center in North Canton. If you would like to write to her, the address is: The Inn at Whitewood Village, 3146 Whitewood St, NW, Room 405, North Canton, OH 44720.

OLM YEAR END CONTRIBUTION SUMMARIES~ The year-end records of your 2017 contributions to OLM will be mailed the last week of January. Because of the recently enacted tax reform bill and its affect on itemizing deductions, all registered parishioners will receive a statement this year, whether there have been contributions or not. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns. (Fran)

Happy Birthday: (OLM): Mary Ann Pozderac 1/13, Laura Ball 1/13, Susan Haas 1/20, Richard Clemens 1/21.

(ST.MARY): Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those celebrating in January.

Happy Anniversary: (OLM): Bill & Margaret Soplata 1/20 (45 yrs)

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Lucille Fiddler, Brenda Sandefur,
Dave Leyda, Sandy Fiddler,

Rose Marie Shine, Marilyn Schaeffer, The Grossi Family,
Shaun Eichelberger, Richard Neice, Harold Wolbert
Allan Soaff, Florence and Rowene Dieble, Florence Elliott

Please pray for all serving in the military and thank them and all who have served our country.

Our Lady of Mercy

Clarence Halter, Jane Gyugo, Naomi Kowal, Erna Graham, Betty Shurtz, Mitchell Lanka, Denny Amelung, Vicky Oboy, Sister Cabrini, Jim Ferda, Tina Lewis, Robert Jones, Theresa Marchione, Louise Furbee, Gary Shears, Merle Albrecht, Rose Rombough, Jim Haas, Martha Lejeune, Helen Cooms
Bob Rhodes, Toni Peters

If you know of someone who is need of prayer, please call Cam Lanka 330-806-5946.

Calendar

Monday

January 15
Weekday
1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

January 16
Weekday
1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

January 17
St. Anthony,
Abbot
1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,
40–51
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

January 18
Weekday
1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

January 19
Weekday
1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

January 20
Weekday
2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,
19, 23–27
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

January 21
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1–5, 10
1 Cor 7:29–31
Mk 1:14–20

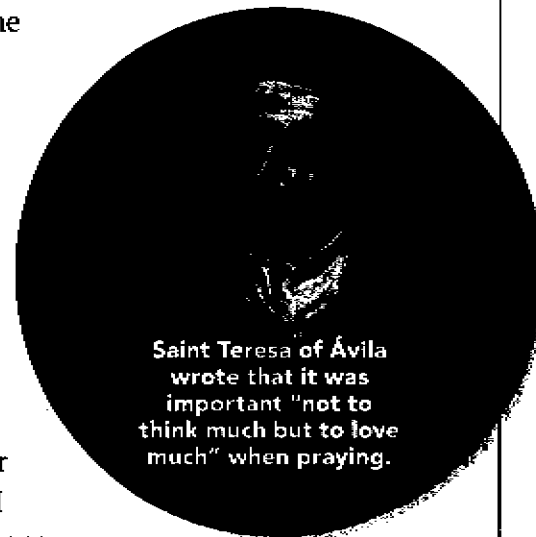
Dear Padre,

What's wrong with memorized traditional prayers?

Archbishop Fulton Sheen encountered a woman who declared that she'd never become Catholic because they pray the same words in the rosary over and over, and she and God doubt the sincerity of anyone who repeats the same words. Sheen asked her if she was sure that her fiancé loved her. "Certainly he does." "But how do you know?" "He told me." Then she affirmed that her fiancé had told her so within the hour. When Sheen asked, "Did he tell you before?" she replied that he told her "I love you" every night. Sheen advised her not to believe him: "He is repeating; he is not sincere."

As Sheen cleverly demonstrates, the words "I love you" don't lose meaning with repetition. Likewise, prayer—whether rote or spontaneous—is a way of saying, "I love you" to God. It places us in God's presence, celebrating our loving relationship with him. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a doctor of prayer, wrote in *Interior Castle of the Soul* that it was important "not to think much but to love much" when praying. She even considered it a blessing when her mind wandered in prayer because it forced her to concentrate on loving God rather than merely thinking about him!

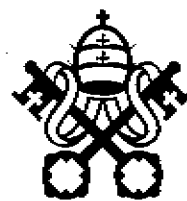
The right form of personal prayer, then, is the one that best expresses our love for God in a spirit of humility, confidence, and perseverance—three requirements needed for true prayer, according to another doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus Liguori.



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SAINT TERESA OF AVILA, THE HOLY PAUL REVEREND BROTHERS COMMONS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

This is a lesson for each one of us....If we let ourselves be led by the Holy Spirit, if we are able to mortify our selfishness to make room for the Lord's love and for his will, we will find peace, we will be builders of peace and will spread peace around us.

—Address to pilgrims in Bergamo, Italy, June 3, 2013

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20

Jn 1:35–42

What's in a Name?

In this painting the upper scene shows Peter and Andrew walking toward Jesus. The lower central scene depicts Peter in the center, with Andrew behind him, and Jesus enthroned on a rock pointing toward him.

The scene is simple for a reason. Jesus' call is simple: Follow me. Our response should be simple, too. We often complicate the call with questions, fears, or doubts, wanting clarifications and assurances. But it is a simple imperative that requires a one-word answer: yes or no. Or as Samuel responded, "Speak, LORD for your servant is listening."

Once accepted, the call implies a new identity born of a new, deeper relationship. When Jesus calls Simon, he changes his name. In the Bible, a name change indicates a new mission or purpose. Abram was renamed Abraham to father the Old Testament people in faith.

Simon is now Cephas, or rock. His mission is to father the New Testament people in faith. He is to be a solid, unbreakable foundation for his brothers—and eventually the whole Church. His strength comes not from perfection, for we know Peter was weak, but from his acceptance of Jesus' love and call no matter his own weakness.

Similarly, in baptism and confirmation we take new names that come with our new, deeper calls. It is a meaningful Catholic tradition that parents name their children after a saint who becomes a model for their lives. Like Peter, we are called to greatness by Jesus, who looks at us, names us, and says, "Come follow me." Let's live up to that beautiful, simple invitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Calling of St. Peter and St. Andrew*, 1500s
Artist: Giorgio Vasari and assistants
Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Are you named after a saint or someone in particular? If so, how does that saint or person inspire you?

[Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas which is translated Peter."

(John 1:42)