

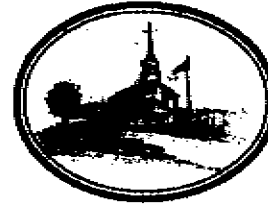
**OUR LADY OF MERCY
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"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF JAN 28, 2018

Saturday, Jan 27	4:30 PM	Special Intention by Anonymous
Saturday, Jan 27	6:30 PM	+Wendy Neice by Barb Neice (St. Mary)
Sunday, Jan 28	8:30 AM	+Cindy Mitchell by Jim & Ruth Birong
Sunday, Jan 28	11:00 AM	People of the Parish (St. Mary)
Tuesday, Jan 30	8:30 AM	No Intention
Wed, Jan 31	9:00 AM	+Wendy Neice by Janet Gwynn (St. Mary)
Thursday, Feb 1	8:30 AM	+Martha Holub by Catherine Morrow
Friday, Feb 2	8:30 AM	+Fr. Paul Metzger
Saturday, Feb 3	8:30 AM	Personal Intentions
Saturday, Feb 3	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Saturday, Feb 3	6:30 PM	+Regina & Kathie Norman by Dave Norman (St. Mary)
Sunday, Feb 4	8:30 AM	+Bill & Donna Abrahams by Fred LeJeune
Sunday, Feb 4	11:00 AM	+Alice Boron by the Family (St. Mary)

Confessions before Mass

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place Friday, Feb 2nd, 9AM - 8PM. All Are Welcome. Substitute Adorers; Janet Smith, Cynthia Bailey, and Brenda Miller (after 5 PM.)

CANDLE MASS~ The Mass on Friday will be Candle Mass and will include a blessing and procession with lighted candles before Mass. Blessing of Throats will take place at the Saturday morning Mass.

ST. MARY NEWS~ Shelbia Otte would like to thank everyone for their prayers and condolences during the illness and death of Richard. A special thank you to the women's club for the luncheon.

FOOD FOR THE POOR~ Please come and be a part of the weekend Masses at OLM and St. Mary Feb 3rd and 4th where Rev. James A. Schiffer will speak about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Schiffer will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. He served as Catholic Chaplain in the US Air Force for 22 years and pastored 11 years in the Dioceses of Albany before joining Food For The Poor.

SAVE THE DATE~ It's Saturday, Feb 10th. OLM is hosting a Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Seminar from 9AM to 1PM at the parish social hall. Dr. Petroc Willey, Director of the Catechetical Institute, and Carolyn Crabtree, Catechetical Consultant for the Diocese, will present lectures on Christian Anthropology and Christian Morality. Take this opportunity to grow in knowledge and enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord! Though catechists and teachers, past and present, are strongly encouraged to attend, this is a seminar for all parishioners! For more information and to RSVP, contact Carolyn Crabtree at ccrabtree@diosteub.org or call 740-282-3631, X-155. See the flyer titled "Mystery & Morality of Man Seminar" along with the schedule on the bulletin board.

SOUP'S ON AT OLM - SAVE THE DATE~ A soup and sandwich Mardi Gras luncheon is being planned for Sunday, Feb. 11th in the Parish Hall from 11AM—3PM. Your donations are needed for this project to be a success! Please check out the list on the table in the Narthex to see how you can help. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope labeled Soup Luncheon. Pick up a flyer or two in the Narthex and begin spreading the word. Call 330-476-6285 with any questions.

ST. JAMES OPEN HOUSE~ Families interested in learning more about education opportunities at St. James School in Waynesburg (pre-school thru 6th grade) are invited to an Open House Friday, February 2nd from 6PM to 8PM in the cafeteria. Visit www.sjswaynesburg.org for details or call 330-866-9556.

CELEBRATION FOR FAMILIES~ Saturday, Feb. 10, the Diocese will host a celebration of the Church's teachings on marriage and family. Join Bishop Monforton for Mass at 11AM followed by a potluck meal at St. Benedict Church (701 Gomber Ave, Cambridge). RSVP to jschmidt@diosteub.org or 740-373-3643.

CATHOLIC MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL~ Saturday March 3rd from 8AM to 4PM marks a Lenten retreat for the men of the Diocese of Steubenville in Caldwell. This year's theme is "Being a Cloud of Witnesses." See the poster on the bulletin board and future bulletins for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL~ The winter meeting of parish council is February 12 at 6:30 in the conference room.

YEAR END STATEMENTS~ Your 2017 contribution statements are in the mail. Please note that due to an oversight, your DPSC giving was not included. If you need this amount or have any questions or concerns, please call the office.

Happy Birthday: (OLM): Mia Faye Moore 1/30, Bob Bishel 1/31, Barb Albrecht 2/2.

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

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, Tina Lewis, Robert Jones, Theresa Marchione, Louise Furbee, Gary Shears, Merle Albrecht, Rose Rombough, Jim Haas, Martha Lejeune, Helen Cooms, Bob Rhodes, Toni Peters, Cam Lanka

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

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

Sun	28	NO PSR Adult Ed - at the church this Sunday
Mon	29	
Tue	30	
Wed	31	Bible Study 11:00 AM at the church
Thurs	1	
Fri	2	Adoration & Candle Mass
Sat	3	1st Saturday Mass & Throat Blessing
Sun	4	PSR & Adult Ed 10:00 - 11:30

OUR LADY OF MERCY

Stewardship Week of Jan 21, 2018

Adult \$1588 Loose \$191 Candles \$33
Building Fund \$930
Hall Rental \$50 LOAN: Balance \$498,000

ST. MARY

Stewardship Week of Jan 21, 2018

Adult \$1026 Loose \$43

Calendar

Monday

January 29

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;

16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

January 30

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,

24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

January 31

St. John Bosco,

Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

February 1

Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

February 2

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday

February 3

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

February 4

Fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

Dear Padre,

Every year, someone with a cold wants to shake my hand at the sign of peace, and sick people drink from the Communion cup. Can't parishes ban the cup and the sign of peace during flu season?

Many people share your concern. As a priest, I am hugged by an entire congregation throughout flu season. If I'm sick, I warn people as they approach, but some people want a hug anyway. For many, community fellowship wins out over prudence.

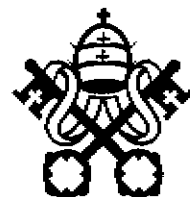
Of course it would be best if those who are sick don't drink from the cup containing the precious Blood. But even if they do, receiving the precious Blood is more important to me than the slight risk of illness.



However, if it bothers you that much, there's nothing wrong with electing not to receive the precious Blood. And instead of shaking hands and hugging at the sign of peace, try nodding and waving. If people don't understand and push for more, simply say, "Don't want to pass on the flu." That should stop them.

In today's society, far too many things keep us physically apart. I refuse to casually surrender anything that brings us together in love and fellowship except in dire circumstances, and for me, a normal flu season doesn't qualify.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

What an illusion it is when people today shut their eyes in the face of sickness and disability! They fail to understand the real meaning of life....The world does not become better because only apparently "perfect" people live there...but when human solidarity, mutual acceptance, and respect increase.

—Jubilee for the Sick and Persons With Disabilities, June 12, 2016

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

Progress Isn't Always Easy

Jesus' miracles and preaching were part of what convinced people that he was the Son of God. He spoke like no other and then backed up his words with amazing and wonderful actions. For example, he confronted evil spirits and cast them out. The people were amazed and saw this as evidence of his divinity, because no one had absolute power over evil—except God himself. This is a power the Church continues to practice today through the ministry of healing and exorcism.

Jesus did not want to see people suffer under the power of Satan but rather wanted them to live full and happy lives. "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly," Jesus said in John 10:10. This strong desire of Jesus to heal and save drove him to tirelessly preach and do good. And because of this combination of goodness and power in his person, his fame spread. Yet the message he preached was challenging and demanding. Eventually many preferred to silence that good, powerful, but demanding voice.

Today, like Jesus, the Church still longs for nothing less than humanity's complete health and happiness. Yet, at times, the path to that human progress is not the easiest. Like temperamental children are chided by loving parents to eat healthy food rather than just what they like, so the good and powerful voice and

Piece: *The Last Judgment*, circa 1535-1541

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

actions of the Church are challenged.

We find our full flourishing as human beings and as Catholics by embracing Jesus' words and desires for us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I letting myself be tricked into eating any moral junk food that isn't healthy for my long-term spiritual and moral flourishing?

Jesus...said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.

(Mark 1:25, 27)



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