

PRAYER

NEW GLORIA & SANCTUS

Our Choir has been working diligently on new versions of the Gloria and Sanctus (Holy Holy) for our Masses. These new versions – both from the Mass of St. Philip Neri by Composer Paul Jerberg – will begin this weekend Glory to God. Dr. Tafaro's hope is that these versions will be easier for our congregation to sing, and are rooted in a beautiful tradition.



You can listen to the Gloria by scanning this QR code here:



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MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM...

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Paul Gucwa, brother of Leonard Gucwa of our parish and Mary Daniels, great-aunt of Fr. Brett Garland, who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Your shared kindness with Leonard Gucwa and Fr. Garland during this time of grief will be deeply appreciated.

THOUGHTS FOR OUR PARISH CHILDREN

by "Jackie," Fr. Ferguson's Cat

Hi boys and girls! My name is "Jackie," and as you know, I am Father Ferguson's cat. These past two weekends have included very special days for our second-graders. They have been receiving their First Holy Communion! That's right! They are now old enough to know how amazing this sacrament is, so they get to welcome Jesus into

their own bodies when they receive the Holy Eucharist at Mass. As you know, the Holy Mass is when Jesus comes to us through the miracle of the bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Jesus in His Real Presence. The Mass is like being right there at the Last Supper 2,000 years ago! The Holy Eucharist is like a two-way "time machine." It allows us to go into the "past" to experience Jesus' sacrifice of love for us on the Cross. The Holy Eucharist also lets us go into the "future" to get a taste - right now - of the joys of Heaven with all the feasting of the Saints! Oooh! I wonder if tuna will be part of the Heavenly Banquet!

But, you know, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is a million times more special than even receiving tuna or kitty treats from Father. Please pray for our 2nd-graders, that they stay holy and strong in their faith as they grow up! Have a "purr"-fect week!



CONGRATS FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants! This weekend, we continue to celebrate this important sacrament with many of our second grade PSR and school students. Let us pray for our young sisters and brothers as they receive the Eucharist for the first time, that they may have a true and ongoing encounter with Christ!



DEACON DANIEL'S PRIESTLY ORDINATION - MAY 18

Hello faithful people of Delaware St. Mary! I can't believe it's already been two years I've spent with you. I'm excited to announce that I am being ordained to the Priesthood with my classmates on Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church (1899 McCoy Road in Columbus). Praise God and thank you for your prayers that have helped me get to this wonderful day! Public seating will be limited, but this Mass will be live streamed on the Columbus Catholic YouTube page. However, there will be plenty of room for everyone at the other events

that weekend. My post-ordination reception will be Saturday, May 18th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant (3230 Olentangy River Road in Columbus). Feel free to stop by and say "hi."

My First Mass will be Sunday, May 19th, at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (414 E. North Broadway in Columbus). Dinner reception to follow at parish hall. You can RSVP for the first Mass and reception with your number of guests by May 5th to danielcolbyordination@gmail.com.

I hope you can join us and celebrate this joyful occasion for the whole Church! In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Dcn. Daniel Colby



Saturday, April 20, 2024 9:00 a.m. The Scott Family 4:30 p.m. Bill Crohen +

Sunday, April 21, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Garth Aldrich +
9:00 a.m.	Nemat Sabbagh + and
	Roger & Samira Lassow +
11:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of CGS
	Children and Families
2:00 p.m.	Michel Guadalupe
1	Rosales Flores + (CH)

Monday, April 22, 2024

8:15 a.m. Mary Daniels +

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

10:00 a.m. Mass at Willow Brook Delaware Run 5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Lawler & Gresko Families +

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 8:15 a.m. Intentions of Benjamin Harris

Thursday, April 25, 2024 5:30 p.m. Ann Elizabeth Warden +

Friday, April 26, 2024 8:15 a.m. Andrea Burns +

Saturday, April 27, 2024

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9:00 a.m.	Virginia Gatton +
4:30 p.m.	Marge Matthews +

Sunday, April 28, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Diana Janselewitz
9:00 a.m.	For the Living and Deceased
	Members of St. Mary Parish
11:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sherri &
	George Petkus
2:00 p.m.	Jose & Stella Perez
	Commemorating their 50th
	Wedding Anniversary (CH)

We Are Here to Help While attending Mass, should you or a family member need assistance with receiving Communion or anything at all, please let the Ushers and Greeters know. In addition, if you are interested in taking up the gifts, please let us know!



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BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS – MAY 12

The Church always rejoices at the news of new life in the family and wants to share her joy and her concern for expectant Mothers from the very beginning of the pregnancy. She also stands by, ready to help those couples with prayers and support as needed. For this reason, twice a year, St. Mary's offers the opportunity for a special blessing for Couples who are expecting a child. At the same time, we also add a prayer of petition for those couples who wish to conceive but encounter difficulties of any kind; we do so through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus and our own Mother.

This special blessing for Expectant Couples will be offered on Sunday, May 12, 2024, Mother's Day, 10:15 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

We ask that those participating in the Blessing of Expectant Mothers gather at the Marian Grotto after the final hymn of the Mass. This invitation is extended to all Expectant Couples of the Parish. Other Married Couples from the Parish are also invited to be present in the role of intercessors for these couples.

The next Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be on the Feast of the Family, December 31, 2024. Please invite Expectant Couples who are your relatives, friends and acquaintances to this very ancient and yet new Blessing for Mothers who experience new life growing in their wombs and rejoice in this greatest of God's gifts.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATS, HONOR ROLL STUDENTS!

These St. Mary students attained honor and merit roll for the third quarter. Congratulations! We're so proud of their accomplishments and hard work, and pray together for their continued educational success.

Bishop Watterson High School Kristina Ailabouni Alexandra Coakley Mary Shimp Maximilian Haunn Elizabeth James Jessica Kurtz Natasha Shimp Sadie Thieken Sophia Ford Mary Gilsenan Anna Jones Lucy Ragiel Thomas Yonkura Gabriella Beuselinck

St. Charles Preparatory School

Anthony Marino Michael Majovsky Thomas Schmansky Nicholas Stewart Zachary Utt Jacob Funkhouser Zander Lamaze

St. Francis DeSales High School Campbell Heald Rachael Schroeder

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, April 20, 2024

7:00-8:30 a.m.	Men's Group (3rd FL)
8:00-8:45 a.m.	Reconciliation (CH)
9:30-11:00 a.m.	Well Read Mom (3rd FL)
3:00-4:10 p.m.	Reconciliation (CH)
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Dad's Playing Basketball (Gym)
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Hispanic Prayers (3rd FL)

Sunday, April 21, 2024 -

First Communion at 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Masses

10:15-11:15 a.m.	Baptism (CH)
4:00-8:00 p.m.	YM Jesus Movement (BC)
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Middle School/Confirmation Prep (BC)
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study
-	(OWU – Crider Lounge)

Monday, April 22, 2024

4:00-6:00 p.m.	CGS L1, L2, L3	
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack 249 (BC	:)

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 -

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1:00-3:00 p.m.	55+ Group (3rd FL)
3:00-6:00 p.m.	Foertmeyer Flower Pickup (Parking Lot)
4:00-6:00 p.m.	CGS L1, L2, L3
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Choir Practice (CH)
3:00-6:00 p.m. 4:00-6:00 p.m.	Foertmeyer Flower Pickup (Parking Lot CGS L1, L2, L3

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

1:30-2:00 p.m. Staff Cadence Mtg 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pastoral Potluck (BC & Gym)

Thursday, April 25, 2024

4:00-6:00 p.m. CGS L1, L2, L3

Adoration & Confessions (CH) 6:00-7:30 p.m. 6:00-7:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls (Gym & BC) 6:00-7:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls 7th & 8th (Gym & BC) St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Mtg (TL) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26, 2024

Adoration

8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 2024

7:00-8:30 a.m. Men's Group (3rd FL) Reconciliation (CH) 8:00-8:45 a.m. 3:00-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation (CH) 6:00-8:30 p.m. Father/Daughter Dance (BC) 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hispanic Prayers (3rd FL)

Sunday, April 28, 2024

7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 10:15-11:00 a.m.

KoC Mommies Matter Fundraiser -Der Dutchman (Commons Entrance) Baptism (CH) 4:00-8:00 p.m. YM Jesus Movement (BC) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study (OWU - Crider Lounge)

Please visit our calendar on our website: www.delawarestmary.org/calendar or scan the QR code. **BULLETIN & WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS –** Please submit your requests 10 days prior to the date of requested posting to bulletineditor@delawarestmary.org.



PARISH NEWS



CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION

William Heyer Architect, an expert in Catholic sacred architecture, studied our parish and her history in order to create a design proposal for her beautification. This proposed design was revealed at our recent Beautification Presentation, and it takes into account all the rules of sacred architecture while also restoring much of our church's

history! Learn more about this proposed design, the logistics of the beautification project, and how you can help by visiting our website: www.delawarestmary.org/ church-updates (or scan the QR code).





PASTORAL POTLUCK - APRIL 24 AT 6:30 P.M.

We welcome you to join us at our next Parish Pastoral Potluck on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Commons! We will be **talking more about Beautification** for our church, as well as ways that we can best prepare for this summer. This is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and to hear the latest '*State of the Parish*' address from Fr. Garland. Bring a dish to share! **Childcare is provided**.

GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY: THANK YOU!

Our Safe Haven Sunday was a big success! The Diocese of Columbus extends a tremendous "Thank You!" to all who made Safe Haven Sunday possible and to all parishioners for their support of the education and awareness on the issues of pornography at our Sunday celebration. Again, thanks to our parish community for your openness to the topics of internet safety and the dignity of the human person in light of the pornographic culture. Just because Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, it doesn't mean our efforts to make our homes safe

havens is over. Stay informed at columbuscatholic. org/safe-haven-sunday, and learn more about how to protect and guide your family and friends. You can also watch Bishop Fernandes' recent message on this topic by scanning this QR code.



YOUTH MINISTRY SURVEY

We are making plans at St. Mary's for our middle and high schoolers – with your assistance! With input from your child (we hope you'll

take this survey with them), we hope to find the best solution for youth events and ministry at our parish in 2024-2025. You can find the survey at https:// forms.gle/2WmSfK8tLr2yWWtu7 or by scanning the QR code.



PSR REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Registration for 2024-2025 is open for children age 3 through 8th Grade! Registration for nonregistered parishioners opens June 1, 2024. Go to www.osvhub.com/ delawarestmary/forms/faith-formation-24-25.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – APRIL 21 High Schoolers, join us on Sunday evening for the second to last Jesus Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Gym, dinner provided! It's never too late to bring a friend! 8th graders have Confirmation class as well.

ST. MARY CLUB 55+

Club 55+, which meets Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the 3rd Floor of the church office, has an exciting schedule of upcoming activities. Please join us Tuesdays for our enriching activities and make new friends. We will meet on the 3rd Floor at 1:00 before we leave for any offsite activities. Last week's bulletin had the wrong information published! Here is the correct upcoming schedule:

April 23: Mac Worthington Art Gallery and Lunch

April 30: Blue Limestone Park in Delaware

Questions? Contact Deb at 440-315-1644 or phleb2000@aol.com.

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7:30 A.M. SACRISTAN NEEDED

Are you an early riser that often attends the 7:30 a.m. Mass? Have you been considering getting involved but just aren't sure where you might be needed? St. Mary is looking for individuals who are willing to join the rotation of sacristans for the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. All it takes is a few extra minutes to help set up and clean up the sacred vessels before and after Mass. Please email Wendy Piper, Liturgy Coordinator for more details at wpiper@delawarestmary.org.

STEWARDSHIP

	March 31	April 7	April 14
Online Giving	\$11,907.75	\$20,261.75	\$7,668.25
Envelope	\$15,096.82	\$17,454.05	\$13,636.27
Total	\$27,004.57	\$37,715.80	\$21,304.52
2023-2024 FYTD Total			\$1,037,087.75
Last Year FYTD Total			\$1,123,941.14



SPO SPRING FLOWER SALE PICKUP – APRIL 23 Thanks to all of you, the SPO Spring

Flower Sale was a huge success! Mark your calendars for flower pickup April 23 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

GIRL SCOUT RECYCLING DRIVE

In conjunction with Earth Day, our Girl Scout Troop is recycling school supplies to help the environment. Instead of throwing dried out markers and other school supplies in the trash, they can be recycled and reused. You can drop them off outside of the school office and in the church vestibule.

We are accepting:

Highlighters, markers, pens, pen caps, marker caps, permanent markers, permanent marker caps, mechanical pencils

NOT Accepting:

Wooden pencils, paint brushes, trash



ONLINE GIVING

St. Mary offers Online Giving as a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and Offering Envelopes for contributions to the parish. Please visit our website at www.delawarestmary. org/offertory to set up your account. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 740-363-4641 or stmary@delawarestmary.org.



FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor support is critical to the Festival's success! We ask that you consider becoming a sponsor as an individual or in your company name. This year any proceeds from the Festival will be going toward beautifying our historic church! If interested, please go to www. osvhub.com/delawarestmary/forms/festival-sponsor-registration or email us at festival@ delawarestmary.org.

FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

Your support is vital in creating a successful Silent Auction for the St. Mary Festival! We're

on the lookout for a diverse array of items to tantalize our bidders this year. If you have an item or service you'd like to donate, please take a moment to complete our form or email festival@delawarestmary.org. Your generosity will help make this year's St. Mary Festival an unforgettable event. Thank you for your support! Scan the QR code or go to https://forms.gle/EnKjLTM14zMsfoYm8 to complete our form.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CLOTHING DRIVE - JULY 13

Spring is upon us – Keep us in mind while cleaning out those closets. Once again, St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting their annual clothing drive. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, July 13th.

Thank you to those parish donors who supplied clothing, food, linens, housewares, and small appliances last year, which was our second largest collection ever. *Let's make 2024 the biggest collection yet!*

The clothing drive will be a drive-through drop-off collection on **Saturday**, **July 13**, **2024**, **from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Kavanagh Hall Parking Lot**. Hopefully, the timing of this announcement will allow you to identify both warm and cold weather clothing for donation, as you make your seasonal changeover.

In addition to clothing, we will accept nonperishable food, linens, and smaller houseware items. We are unable to accept donations of furniture, books, lamps, or home décor items at this drive. More details will be released in the bulletin beginning in mid-June.

The SVdP Society thanks you in advance for planning your support!



