



APRIL 30, 2017 • 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Sunday, April 30 at 10:00am

*Mason Brandt
Miguel Mercado
Celia Mercado
Joshua Sclesky*

*May these children, Lord,
go forth as shining witnesses to your Light and Life!*



DECREE

Archbishop Allen Vigneron

On April 5, 2017, Archbishop Allen Vigneron issued a decree that will bring about the cessation of Saint Mel Parish territory into Saint Linus, Saint Thomas the Apostle and Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parishes. This means for us that we will have a larger parish territory. The decision takes effect on July 1, 2017. This also means that Saint Mel Church will permanently close on that day. For two weekends, that is until May 7, the aforementioned decree will be placed at the entrance of our parish church. A certified copy of the decree may be obtained from Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish office upon request. For additional information and assistance in understanding the details of this announcement, you may contact the Office of the Chancellor at chancellor@aod.org.

Confirmation

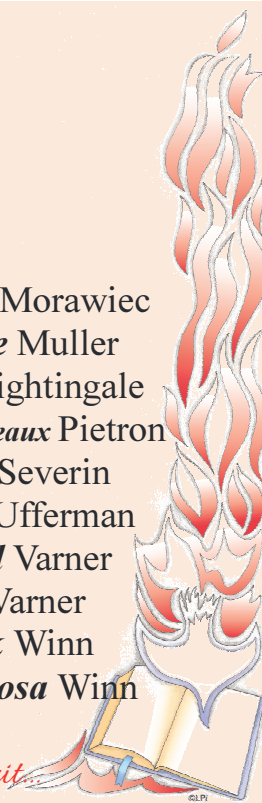
CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00pm

Bishop Arturo Cepeda

Colin Andrew Baringer	Jonathan Lawrence Morawiec
Joey Patrick Beahon	Marissa Lawrence Muller
Brian Sebastian Beaudoin	Ashlinn Rebecca Nightingale
Kelly Joan of Arc Engler	Caroline Therese of Liseaux Pietron
Julia Anne Gershon	Elaine Elizabeth Severin
Sydney Rose Gonzalez	Domenic Damian Ufferman
Alexander Francis Gray	Nicholas Michael Varner
Abbie Joan Haupt	Ryan Raphael Varner
Aidan Gabriel Haupt	Brandon Patrick Winn
Aaron Sebastian Mass	Brittney Mary DiRosa Winn

Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit



Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday:
8:00am–4:00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am 10:00am 12 Noon

Weekday: Monday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30am
Wednesday: 12 Noon

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office (425 4421)
during regular business hours to make arrangements
if you have a child to be baptized.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made by registered parishioner at least six
months in advance to allow sufficient time for instruction and
preparation.

Visitation to the Sick

The pastor, deacon & lay visitors are available to visit the
sick of the parish upon request.

RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Call the Parish Office



St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

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Questions? You can call the office and leave a message
OR Email: PPC@stmarycooj.org

Readings for Sunday, May 7

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Resp. Psalm: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want.**
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20B-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

Our Active Duty Service Members:

CMDR Theron R. Korsak, U.S. Navy; **CPT Joey Saunders**, U.S. Marines;
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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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Sally Koss	Sr. Thomas Marie
John Lardin	Gary Woodruff
Phyllis McCann	Tim Wycihowski

Eucharistic Exposition

FRIDAYS

9am to Noon in Church

Report Sexual Abuse for any child or adult: Call AOD victim assistance
1-866-343-8055 or Call the Michigan Department of Human Services
at: 855-444-3911 any time



Today we welcome four young children to the Lord's Table for the first time. How many of you remember your First Holy Communion? There were probably many children, in my grade that year there were about 100. Filled with a little bit of excitement and a little bit of nervousness – there was a party afterwards, but I didn't want to make any mistakes in front of "Father" or "Sister". How much did I understand about the day? Not too much. I just knew that it was special.

Jesus loved children. Remember the passage where people were stopping them from coming to Jesus, since he was tired. Jesus reprimanded them, telling them that no one should EVER stop children from coming to him. "To such as these children belong the kingdom of God." It is unfortunate when I hear people complaining about children "disrupting" Mass. There is nothing so beautiful as the voice of a child. A few weeks ago, a three year old girl was with her family visiting the Vatican. She reached up and took the biretta (small beanie cap) off of the head of Pope Francis. Do you think he was upset? Was his day "disrupted"? Of course not! He laughed, smiled and patted the girl on her head. We have to always be open to children in our church during Mass. Imagine the great effort that these parents go through – getting their children ready in the morning, dressing and feeding them (as well as themselves). God is certainly aware of this and is greatly pleased that these children are there. We should be as well. They are the future of our Church, and they should become accustomed to coming to Mass. They may not be totally aware of what is going on around them, nor may they understand. However they know that they are someplace special. And hopefully, that the people around them welcome them without any judgment or hindrance.

During the ceremony of the Baptism of children, I always ask the congregation "Are you willing to assist the parents/family of this child in raising them to be good Christian children." It's great to hear all of you respond with a resounding "YES". Let's remember that the next time we see children in church. A smile and kind word goes a lot farther than a scowl or an unkind word. Children are a gift from God and we must remember to treat them as such.

Fr. Ken



IN FORMATION

First Communion

Four children celebrate their First Holy Communion today. We welcome to the table of the Lord: Celia Mercado, Miguel Mercado, Joshua Sclesky, and Mason Brandt. Two others will celebrate at a later date.

We are very grateful to their parents who helped prepare them. We also thank their Catechists who worked so hard with them: Carol Janowski and Mary Lou Davis. We are so happy that they can receive Communion every Sunday with us. It is just a beginning of many blessed encounters with our Risen Lord. Praise God!

Confirmation

As Fr. Ken mentioned last week in his article Bishop Cepeda will confirm twenty young parishioners on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm. You may be interested to learn the names they took for Confirmation. Look elsewhere in this bulletin. We are expecting great things from them. We are grateful to their parents, sponsors, Carol Nelius, and to their Catechists: Jeff Burden, Lisa Kliza, and Nicole Macko.

Program Conclusion

Tomorrow we will review the year's lessons and prepare to share with each other what we learned this year and how we have grown. Parents are reminded to hand in their paper work, any outstanding fees, and to let us know about next year. On May 8 we will celebrate the conclusion of a wonderful year of Faith Formation by praying together, offering short presentations of things studied, and enjoy pizza.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for the week of July 17-21 when we hold VBS here from 6-8:30 pm. Watch for details.

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF

This week we welcome Bishop Arturo Cepeda, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on twenty of our young men and women. Welcome Bishop Cepeda! This is the chance that they have to say "yes" to their Baptism



**LIVING ROSARY
MONDAY,
MAY 22 at 7:00pm**



We are looking for 60 people to volunteer as beads.

Please call the office at 734-425-4421 to reserve a spot.



We welcome this child baptized into the family of God.

Amia Katerina Morschii

May God bless your family as we welcome your newly baptized child into our parish family.

Coffee Sunday



Meet and get to know more of your parish family members in the Social Hall after 10am Mass.

Next Sunday, May 7

If you would like to donate home-made cupcakes, cookies or other goodies for the above date, please contact:

*Don & Kathy Yokley at:
734-335-6670*

Forever Young Seniors...

Our next meeting will be **tomorrow, May 1st at 10am**. This will be our **Celebrate Spring** catered luncheon. Please bring your ticket for the lunch. We will also have the **Forever Young Seniors Derby** and a Kentucky Derby **Hat Parade & Contest**. So, bring your dollar bills for the horse races and pick out your favorite Easter bonnet, Derby cap or any hat for the contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best chapeau.

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers especially Betty Martin & Rita Kraft.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Turkeyville "Life Could Be a Dream"

Thurs, June 22nd 9:15am – 7pm

\$73 due by May 9th

Greektown Casino

Wed, July 26th 9:30am – 3:30pm

\$24 due by July 12th

Remember When...

Wed, August 16th 9:45am – 6:15pm

\$73 due by Aug 2nd

The bus trips are open to everyone. **Please call me 734-525-3737 for reservations** and more details. Copies of the flyers can also be obtained at the Parish Office during regular business hours. **Make checks payable to Bianco and mail to me at 8843 Linville, Livonia, MI 48150.**

Maryann Sligay

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Mass Cards

Will be available this weekend and next (May 6/7) for a donation of \$2 per name. Members from our Youth Group will be in our Gathering Space with the Spiritual Bouquet Mass cards. You may also purchase them from our Parish Office during regular business hours through **Monday, May 8th**. All names of Mothers, Living or Deceased, will be printed on a special insert in our Bulletin Mother's Day weekend, May 14th

ALL MEN WELCOME

Manresa Jesuit Retreat is **May 5 to May 7, 2017**. Come and enjoy a wonderful weekend at Manresa, a beautiful mansion in Bloomfield Hills. For more information, call John Meconi 734-293-5255.

Joyful Women News...

Last week at our April 19th Meeting our guest speaker was Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP. Sr. Janet's talk on **CHOCOLATE** utilized it to show our love and craving for our Lord! She also read a brief response to a story on a poster that appeared on a gym window in France that said "*This Summer, do you want to be a mermaid or a whale?*" In this age of media that puts in our heads the idea that only skinny people are beautiful, the author's response to the poster was entertaining as well as true! Stop by our Parish Office to obtain a copy.

Also that evening we held our Christ Child *Baby Shower* with all donated unwrapped baby items to go to the Council of Catholic Women **Layette Program**.

Thank you to Clare Masak and the members of her Circle, **St. Monica**, for the wonderful table decorations (child's reading book with stuffed animals) which also were donated to the CCW Layette program. Your refreshments of cupcakes decorated with baby booties and rattles were adorable and delicious!

Our newly elected Executive Board to be installed at our May 15th Dinner are

Katie Bohr, Chairperson

Deanna Adams-Stachow, Co-Chairperson

Mary Ellen Kreuger, Recording Secretary

Fran Niemiec, Corresponding Secretary

Diane Robinson, Treasurer

Congratulations to Diane Robinson and Jim Fredrickson who were joined together in Marriage at our Parish yesterday, April 29th! Best Wishes to you both from all our Members.

Tickets for the May 15th catered Dinner by *Nicole's Catering*, can be obtained from your Circle Chairlady. The cost is \$10.

Have a **JOY-filled Week!**

Mary



Heavenly Father, welcome home those whom you have called from this world especially

**Janet Short
George Parrish**

and all the souls of our faithful departed. May they rest in peace. Amen

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

News and events from the fraternity!

- Memorial Day golf outing, May 29, at Gateway Golf Club, for men golfers. \$50 to participate. May 17 deadline to register. Call Ken Pryce (734-634-4898) or Dave Gluth (734-560-4688) for info or registration.
- Contact Bob Sheppard (734-455-1561 or bobsheppard44@ymail (not gmail) for info or registration regarding the bus trip to the Pirates/Tigers ball game at Comerica Park on Thursday, August 10. \$62 for the package.
- If you prefer baseball without the travel, come out to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy field on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday for the next several weeks, and watch teams from the Northwest Catholic Softball League.
- At our meeting of 4/18, the following were selected to participate in the Angela Hospice golf outing on 6/12: Tim O'Keefe; Paul Lukasik; Ernie Lenard; Ken Pryce.
- We are happy for the return of Dan Kavetsky from his winter in Arizona. Dan will be participating in the 300 mile bike ride for funds for Make a Wish Foundation.
- And we pray for the happy repose of the soul of our faithful member, Lee Kubiak. May he rest in peace!

Paul Markus



**Wearing the new shirts for the
Holy Name Fraternity are
Chad Cacicedo and Michael Gluth**

Both young men proudly wore their new shirts at our April 23rd Pancake Breakfast. Mark your calendars to join us at our next Breakfast on May 21st!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

What you do for the least of my brothers you do unto Me!

Do you enjoy being outdoors in the springtime? Do you love helping others? Are you handy in doing yard work? **Have we got the ideal volunteer opportunity for you!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with **light yard work, cutting grass, washing outside windows and overall outdoor chores for persons in our community who are unable to perform these tasks due to age or health reasons.**

This would make a great family project helping someone in our community and showing your children that we must also remember to help others. **This could be a one time gift of service from you and/or your family.**

If you would like to volunteer your time and talent to help someone in need **at your convenience** in our community, please call our Parish Office (734 425 4421) and leave your name and phone number (email address is optional). We will get back to you to find out the days and times that work best for you.

Christian Service Commission

WELCOME

Orlando and Marisa Spalvieri

And to all our newly registered members! If you have any questions about any of the Committees or Groups at our Parish, please call the Parish Office at **425-4421**



LIFESPAN's "Health Care Centers"

Federally-qualified health clinics outnumber Planned Parenthood (PP) "Clinics" 20 to 1 in Michigan. Those numbers destroy PP's claim that women wouldn't have access to low-cost healthcare without their abortion clinics. On the contrary, low income healthcare clinics would be able to provide even more services, if they were to receive the money currently allocated to PP. Defund Planned Parenthood! Let's provide real, quality healthcare to women and their babies. **LIFESPAN 734.422.6230**
www.miLIFESPAN.org

May 16th: Join us at LIFESPAN's Annual Dinner-Guest Speaker: Kristan Hawkins. May 18-20 LIFESPAN Garage Sale! Come and find some amazing treasures!

High School Youth Ministry News

On Sunday, April 9, our Junior High and High School Youth Ministry hosted our first Easter Egg Hunt, Craft, Game, and Snack Afternoon. 84 Children attended and a great time was had by everyone!

Thank special you to the Holy Name Fraternity, Joyful Women, Forever Young Seniors, and the Cards & Coffee groups for donating a total of \$300 towards purchasing what was needed to host the event.

From left to Right:

Alex Cook, Jacob Mass, Elizabeth Guldner, Colin Arban, Kristen Mason (young adult lead), Adrianna Ufferman, Brent King, Easter Bunny, Gillian Frazier, Jacob Slevin, Jose Perez, Marcella Lecourt, Carol Nelius, Jean Michael Lecourt, and Jacob Burton.



On Good Friday, April 14, the High school youth group hosted the living stations of the cross. The teens portrayed the living stations with reverence and respect.

Front Row: Anya Hassen, Gillian Frazier, Gwen Doumont, and Andriana Ufferman

Middle Row: Gabe Quigley, Jose Perez, Michael Brenton, Justin King, and Sarah Knapp (Young Adult Narrator)

Back Row: Jacob Slevin, Jacob Mass, Kyle Proffitt, and Joe Calvird

Thank special thank you to Dawn Andrus that helped behind the scenes at practices and on Good Friday



All High School teens in Grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for a weekend retreat at St. Benedict Subiaco Retreat Center located at 2711 EAST DRAHNER Road Oxford, MI 48370. Retreat begins Friday, May 5 at 8:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. Retreat cost is \$110.00 per teen which includes retreat lodging, retreat facilitators, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday). Financial assistance is also available as well as fundraising opportunities.

This retreat center is a favorite place of teenagers. It was built with that vision in mind. Resting on the highest natural point in Oakland County, Subiaco is a haven for young people to gather and reconnect with their faith in God, themselves, and each other. For over 30 years Subiaco Retreat House located on the grounds of St. Benedict Monastery in Oxford, Michigan has been serving the youth of the greater Detroit metropolitan area.

Please contact Carol Nelius at youthministry@stmarycooj.org or 734 765 5525 to reserve you space to attend this retreat or if you have any questions

Save the Date!



St. Mary, Cause of our Joy

Vacation Bible School

July 17-21

6:00-8:30pm

Pre-K (age 3 & 4) -6th grade

**Son World
Adventure Park**

Come enter SonWorld Adventure Park, where kids will discover that choosing Jesus is the ticket to the best ride of their lives. Based on Joshua 24:15. Choose this day whom you will serve.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. May 1	8:30am	Tessie Parsons by Robert & Geraldine Anders Leonard Janus by his wife, Vi, & Family Deceased Members of Mona and Bill Abbey Families Prayers for the members of <i>Forever Young Seniors</i>
Wed. May 3	12 Noon	Loraine Tople by her brother-in-law, Marvin Bobby Gaines, Tom Kollar and Lou Miriani by Mary
Thurs. May 4	8:30am	Deloris O'Hagan by her husband Don Ruth Gribble, Tom Bonino and Vince Collins
Fri. May 5	8:30am	Tom Dunn by John & Julie Barile John Kieshauer by John & Julie Larry & Jerome O'Hagan by their brother, Don
Sat. May 6	4:30pm	Nancy Espinoza by her husband, Peter Matthew Bernas by his wife, Rita Robert Thurner (1st Anniv) by Judy Sam Scianna by his Family & Friends Maryanne McKenna-Hood by Marie Pierson
Sun. May 7	8:00am	Sue Weaver by her husband, Tom John & Jane Drewniak by their Family Anna Quigley by Deacon Jim & Sue Hensel Kathleen Rodgers by Jim & Mary Murphy
	10:00am	Richard Houser by John & Barb Lister Stella Snyder by her Family Prayers for our Parish Family
	12 Noon	Susan Aho by her Family Marion Pongonis by her daughter, Patricia Joseph Salata by Family & Friends For Marilyn Kashat on her 80th Birthday by her husband, Amir, & Family

UPCOMING EVENTS**May 1-May 7**

MON. May 1	8:30am	Mass
	10:00am	<i>Forever Young Seniors</i>
	6-7:15pm	Faith Formation Classes
	7-9:00pm	High School Youth Group
	7:15pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
TUE. May 2	6:00pm	Confirmation Rehearsal
WED. May 3	10:30am	Doors open for cards & coffee
	11:00am	Cards & Coffee in social hall
	12 Noon	Mass with friendship Wednesday in gathering space
	7:00pm	CONFIRMATION with reception following in social hall
THURS. May 4	8:30am	Mass
	7-9:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
FRI. May 5	8:30am	Mass
	9am-Noon	Eucharistic Exposition in Church
SAT. May 6	3:30pm	Reconciliation
	4:30pm	Mass and May Crowning
SUN. May 7	8:00am	Mass
	10:00am	Mass
	11:00am	Coffee & Goodies in social hall
	Noon	Mass and May Crowning

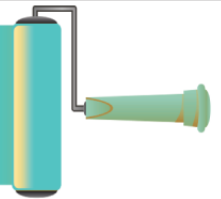
SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
4/24/2017	385	\$ 12,001	\$ 10,640	\$ 1,361
4/16/2017	546	\$ 18,656	\$ 10,640	\$ 8,016
4/9/2017	484	\$ 13,724	\$ 10,640	\$ 3,084
4/2/2017	453	\$ 12,200	\$ 10,640	\$ 1,560
Good Friday Holy Land collection totaled \$2,505				
weekly actual includes online giving of \$2,423				
		<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
FY 2016-17	\$ 542,590	\$ 425,600	\$ 116,990	

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE May 6/7

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:00am	SUNDAY 10:00am	SUNDAY 12 NOON
Celebrant	Fr. Ken	Fr. Joe	Fr. Ken	Fr. Ken
Lector Comm.	Jan Lauster Kate Mercado	Katie Bohr Karen Bulmanski	Bethany Garfinkel Nancy Hahn	Rose Rodriguez Evelyn Bledsoe
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Sacristan	Fran Gleason	Frank Criscenti Jason Cullen	Vinny Konstal Andy Konstal	Annmarie Konrad Ken Konrad Scott Ozga Joanne Harshman
Ushers	Tony Collins Denis Rowland Peter Kowalski Paul Markus Emery Price	Don Koszegi Ernie Lenard Bill Lezotte	Chris Gieske Jim Janson Barbara Burke John Burke	Clare Masak Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Greeters	John Flynn Connie Flynn	Eunice Austin Rose Abela	JB Bearden Deanna Adams	Luis Gonzalez Ken Konrad Annmarie Konrad Robert Dropp
Homebound			Marie DiDomizio Doug Cyr	Florence Chance Geraldyn Pawlaczyk
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