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Joyful News

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Lenten Mission with **STEVE ANGRISANO** at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy **Beginning at 6:30pm each night**

Metanoia:

A journey toward
a change of Heart

Steve's unique blend of humor, song, story and interaction engage audiences of all ages. He has been featured at countless local diocesan and national events. Steve's easy, honest style of ministry is born from who he is; a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ.

Three nights of music and storytelling...

Sunday, March 11

"THAT MY JOY MIGHT BE IN YOU...."

"From God are you in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:30)

The reality of being "IN" Christ.

Monday, March 12

"....AND YOUR JOY MAY BE COMPLETE."

Experiencing Christ in our Everyday Life.

Tuesday, March 13

"SO GO, THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES...."

Living as missionary disciples.

FREE-WILL OFFERING

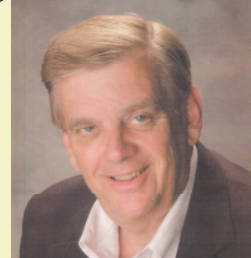
From the Pastor's Desk

I usually don't get very upset about things; I've learned to take things in stride. It's not that I don't care, I do. I try to interiorize things and keep myself from outward expressions (except for an occasional roll of the eyes). Last week, however, I was infuriated, and I still am. Watching the news of the 17 innocent people, 14 of them kids, killed senselessly once again in a school shooting. Not only the fact that they were killed, but then how the killings became politicized. Different people blaming various situations. Using religion as a shield. "We need to do this!" "No, we need to do that!" Innocent kids were killed and each of us should be mourning, not blaming. The lack of respect for these lives enrages me. We claim to be pro-life, and yet we are silent. A Jewish Rabbi summed up my thoughts very well.

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JOIN US AS WE SAY



Goodbye

And Thank You

DEACON JOHN BURKE

*You brought the message of
God's word alive in so many ways...
Through your inspiring homily's,
Your dedication to our parish,
And your desire to be an example
Of Jesus' love to others!
With our sincere appreciation
For your dedicated service!*

*Best wishes from our
parish family & staff*

Please join us in wishing Deacon
John well this weekend after the
10am Mass in the social hall.



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.



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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm

Friday: 8:00am-Noon

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI 8:30 am

WED 12:00 Noon

SAT 4:30 pm

SUN 8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 Noon

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

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

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor, deacon or lay ministers are available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Parish Registration

Please call the office at 734-425-4421 to register with our parish. Please notify our parish of any address or phone changes.

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

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Victoria Angelosanto	Alisa Gardner	Irene Melady	Grace Rysztak
Jim Bonin	Maria Gomez	MaryAnn Magon	Emma Scaramella
Boyington Family	Richard Gora	Alice Milliken	Tom Shafer
Randy & Kristy Bracket	Ray Grochowski	Kim Micallef	Nancy & Jack Shea
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Ron & Paul Dugas	John Lardin	MaryAnn Pryce	Gary Woodruff
Georgia Galeas	Jim Mata	Edward Rysztak	Nova Zboyan

If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling **734-425-4421**

READINGS for March 4

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Resp. Psalm: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CMDR Theron R. Korsak, U.S. Navy; **CPT Joey Saunders**, U.S. Marines;
Joseph David Onadia, U.S. Navy; **SMSGT Terence Zelek**, U.S. Air Force

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

From the Pastor's Desk (continued from front page)

Our God is a God of all people, of the rich and the poor. God of the teacher and God of the student.
 God of the families who wait in horror.
 God of the dispatcher who hears the screams of terror from under bloodied desks.
 God of the first responders who bravely creep through ravaged hallways.
 Our God is a God of the doctors who treat the wounded.
 God of the rabbi, imam, minister or priest who seeks words of comfort but comes up empty.
 God of the young boy who sees his classmates killed in front of him.
 God the of the weeping, raging, inconsolable mother who screams at the sight of her child's lifeless body.
 God of the shattered communities torn about by senseless violence.
 God of the legislators paralyzed by fear, partisanship, money and undue influence.
 Our God is the God of the right and God of the left.
 God of the liberal and God of the conservative.
 God who hears our prayers and seems not to answer.
 On this tragic day when we confront this tragic school shooting, I do not feel like praying.
 Our prayers have not stopped the bullets.
 Our prayers have changed nothing.
 Once again, someone has squeezed a trigger and taken out rage, anger, pain and frustration on innocents: pure souls. Students and teachers. Brothers and Sisters. Mothers and Fathers – cut down in an instant.
 We are guilty, O God. Guilty of inaction. We are guilty of complacency.
 We are guilty of allowing ourselves to be paralyzed by politics.
 The blood of our children cries out from the ground.
 The blood of police officers cut down in the line of duty flows through our streets.
 I do not appeal to you, O God, to change us. We can only do that ourselves.
 Our enemies do not come from faraway places.
 The monsters we fear live among us.
 May our government and the people who have the power to make a change find the courage to seek a pathway to sanity and hope.
 May we hold ourselves accountable.
 Only then will our prayers be worthy of an answer.

Fr. Ken

Fr. Marcelo Farias Dos Santos

At the beginning of March, Father Marcelo Farias Dos Santos will begin living here at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. Fr. Marcelo is a PIME Missionary priest, originally from Macapa, Brazil. He was ordained in 2010. He arrived in the States to learn English last October, and will stay with us until the end of June. Then he will leave for his mission in Japan. He will continue to go to English Language School while living here. Speak with him as much as you can! He will need to practice the English language. And please be patient with him. He will be helping out with various activities and ministries as his time allows. He is not officially assigned to the parish; rather it is an agreement that the PIME Missionaries and the Archdiocese of Detroit have.

WELCOME FR. MARCELO



Every Friday during Lent, we invite you to join us for a delicious Lenten Meal sponsored by our different groups within our parish. Stations of the Cross will follow in the Church. There is no cost for the meal.

Please join us!

Friday, March 2 at 6pm

Small Social Hall

Macaroni & Cheese

Knights of Columbus

Followed by

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at 7 pm in the Church



IN FORMATION

Sessions resume on Monday. Parents are reminded to return their Messenger Envelopes. Please enclose your soup supper response form.

After tomorrow we have just four sessions before Easter and four sessions after Easter. Each one counts.

God calling... God made us because he loves us. In his love, God made each of us special-different from each other. Because we are each unique, God has a different plan for each of us. God's plan is what we are called to do with our lives now--to love God and each other. What God calls us to as adults is our **Vocation**. When we answer this call, God will make sure we find the peace and happiness God has planned for us.

The Bottom Line Message on a leaflet: If you cannot read this, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons. Notice in a field: The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges. Spotted in a toilet in a London office: Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

If you attended the Holy Name Fraternity Pancake and French Toast breakfast on February 18, you were part of a history making event. For the first time in history more than 400 patrons came to our breakfast...411 to be exact! Thank you for being there! The next Holy Name Fraternity Pancake and French Toast breakfast will be Sunday, March 18. In the spirit of our joyful parish: Happy Lent!

Paul Markus

Forever Young Seniors... from the beach....

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 5th at 10:00am in the large Social Hall. We still need volunteer chefs for our March lunch. If you can do a simple, light meal, please call Katie Bohr (734) 718-5974 and let her know. We are still working on our program for the March meeting, so watch for updates in this article.

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Memory Lane Grand River Ave.

Wednesday, April 25th
8:15am – 5:30pm \$73
due by April 11th

Holland Tulip Time

Tues, May 8th 7:15am –
8:00pm \$89 **due by April 24th**

Rum Runners

Wed, June 27th
9:00am – 4:00pm \$99

Passport Required - call for Wait List,
for those already signed up,
please pay ASAP

The bus trips are open to everyone. **Please call Marie DiDomizio 734-522-4639 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 Marie DiDomizio at 34378 Fountain Blvd, Westland, MI 48185. Maryann Sligay

WHITE CLOTH



What did the white cloth you got at church today mean to you?
What does white symbolize?

Why do you think God the Father wanted the apostles and us to see Jesus this way?

Do you know you received a white cloth at your Baptism?



flocknote

Would you like to find out what is happening at the parish between weekly Bulletins? Sign up for **Flocknote**: an email/text service, which will allow us to send up to the minute information on things like funeral arrangements, building closings and meeting cancellations. It is free, and you decide what information you would like to receive.

Not sure how to sign up? Please call the office or see Paul in the Gathering Space after Mass.

You can sign up for **Flocknote** by going to:

<https://app.flocknote.com/StMaryCauseofOurJoy> or by text "COOJ" to 84576

JOYFUL WOMEN NEWS

Mark your calendars for the following

BUNCO Night!

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Women's Lenten Reflection

Wednesday March 21, 2018

Who: All women of our Parish

Where: St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Time: 6-9pm (including light meal)

Featured speaker: Fr. Stanley Obloj

Theme: "The Blessed Mother's Discernment and Our Self Discovery"

Cost: No charge however please RSVP to Clare Masak at 734-525-2682 or Rose Rodriguez 734-525-5249. All attendees are encouraged to donate a non-food item to the St. Thomas the Apostle pantry.

Lenten Days of Reflection

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

23333 Schoolcraft (Eastbound I-96 Service Drive) between Telegraph & Outer Drive

Wednesday, March 7 at 9am to 3pm

Take a few hours out of your busy week to spend some time in a quiet place with the Lord. The day is led by our Passionist priests and includes a conference, personal time for quiet reflection, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and a full hot lunch. Cost: \$30 per person. Space is available for parish groups or individuals. Please call our parishioner: **Marie DiDomizio at 734 522 4639** or Lynnette Marshall at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center (313 286 2800 to reserve your spot.

*With individual confession
and absolution*



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 AT
7:00pm in Church**

2nd Sunday
OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting
a shadow over them; from
the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

HOMEPLATE 2018**Saturday, May 12**

Program, Food Coupon, and Baseball Game Saturday, May 12, Comerica Park Each \$34 ticket provides you with a \$5 food coupon, pre-game program at 12:30PM and followed by the 4:10PM game between the Detroit Tigers and the Seattle Mariners.

Tickets for this event are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are only 7,500 tickets available for this event and it sells out every year. To Make Reservations for the HOME PLATE 2018 program, \$5 food coupon, and baseball game, please provide a check made payable to St. Mary, Cause of our Joy for \$34.00 per person or cash to the attention of Carol Nelius via the parish office or you can drop off during weekends after Mass. This event is open to all ages. Ticket deadline is **Monday, February 26** (NEW EXTENDED DATE)

Tickets will be distributed 2 weeks prior to the game date along with final details for the day of the event.

If you require handicap seating, please note this along with your payment.

For more information about this event, please contact Carol Nelius, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at youthministry@stmarycooj.org or call/text 734 765 5525 or 734 425 4421 ext. 215

**Easter Egg Hunt****Sunday, March 25****St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy****1:30pm-3:00pm Toddlers-Grade 6**

You are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny, Crafts, Games, and Snacks.

This event is hosted by St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
High School Youth Group Teens

No charge for this event.

Pre-Registration is required. Forms are available in the gathering space and parish office.

Deadline for registration is Monday, March 19. Drop off forms to the parish office. Any questions please call Carol Nelius, 734-765-5525 or email youthministry@stmarycooj.org

Welcome

John & Lisa Marie Bailey Family

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 734-425-4421

Eucharistic Exposition**FRIDAYS****9am to Noon in Church***Coffee Sunday*

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

Sunday, March 11

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

Don & Kathy Yokley at: 734-335-6670

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS**DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT**

If you are feeling called to serve the Lord and His Church, join The Office for Clergy and Consecrated Life and the Permanent Diaconate Formation Team on February 28 to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate and the threefold ministry of deacons: the ministry of the Word, ministry of the liturgy, and ministry of charity and justice. If you are married, your wife is strongly encouraged to join you at this event.

Location: Sacred Heart Major Seminary
2701 Chicago Blvd, Detroit, MI 48206

Love Unleashed -**A Holy Week Like No Other**

Palm Sunday, March 25 at 4 pm at
Resurrection Parish, Canton

48755 Warren Rd, Canton (734) 451-0444

Come enjoy an energizing me of reflection and prayer to help you enter into the most Holy Week of the year with dynamic speaker Fr. Patrick Gonyeau. We will be reflecting upon Holy Week, Unleash the Gospel, and the mighty love of God that is stirring in the Church of Detroit that God is inviting us all to get in on! All are welcome!

RETROUVAILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

What is Retrouvaille? The word Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offer tools needed to rediscover a long marriage relationship.

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of twelve follow up sessions over the course of three months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

Upcoming Program March 16-18 This could be the best gift you ever give yourself, your children, your family, and your friends!! There is an alternative to divorce. For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HelpOurMarriage.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Feb. 26	8:30am	Paul Vella by his family
Wed. Feb. 28	12 Noon	Rachelle Hund by Barbara Darel Harriette Skotnicki by Barbara Darel Fernando Reyes by the Reyes Family
Fri. Mar. 2	8:30am	Charles Swaney by his family Barbara Scott (3rd Anniv.) by husband, Eugene Connie Kosek by Joseph Kosek Prayers for Amye Gnacke on her 22nd birthday by family
Sat. Mar. 3	4:30pm	Terri Stevens by Ron, Linda and family Ron Aneiros by Arlene Olson Joyce Miriani by Theo & Jane Lenart Jim Kubaney by Ramond Kobylarz
Sun. Mar. 4	8:00am	Antonio Gismondi by Antonia Casamatta Teresa Gismondi by Antonia Casamatta Rita Zarnowski by Debbie DeVitis & family
	10:00am	Brian Kennedy by the Kennedy Family Robert Sultana by the Kennedy Family Sharon O'Connor by the Kennedy Family
	12 Noon	Prayers for the family of Betty Schroeder by Helene Lusa Prayers for Autumn Bar on her 21st birthday by family For our parish family

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>Sunday</u> <u>Offertory</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Env</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Variance</u>
2/18/18	407	\$ 12,236	\$ 10,971	\$ 1,265
2/11/18	239	\$ 9,614	\$ 10,971	\$ (1,357)
2/4/18	375	\$ 20,293	\$ 10,971	\$ 9,323
1/28/18	363	\$ 10,362	\$ 10,971	\$ (609)
weekly actual includes online giving of \$318				
February Building fund: \$3,206.00				
Church in Central/Eastern Europe: \$1,306				
	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Variance</u>	
FY 2017-18	\$ 392,219	\$ 373,006	\$ 19,213	

Thank you for your
past and future
support of our
Parish Community.
Please remember
our parish
in your
Estate Planning

UPCOMING EVENTS Feb. 26-March 5

MON. Feb. 26	8:30am 6:00pm 7-9:00pm 7:15-8pm	Mass Faith Formation Youth Group Children's choir
TUE. Feb. 27	7:00-9pm	Bible Study-History of the Catholic Church in room 107 in the parish center
WED. Feb. 28	10:30am 11:00am 12 Noon 7:00pm	Doors open for cards & coffee Cards & Coffee in social hall Mass Rosary in Church
THURS. Mar. 1	8:30am 9:00am 6:00pm 7:00-9pm	Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions & Rosary Relay for Life Meeting Choir Rehearsal
FRI. Mar. 2	8:30am 9am-Noon 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Eucharistic Exposition Lenten Meal—small social hall Stations of the Cross in Church
SAT. Mar. 3	1-8:00pm 3:30pm 4:30pm	Confirmation Retreat Reconciliation Mass
SUN. Mar. 4	8:00am 10:00am 12 Noon	Mass Mass Mass
		/Liturgy of the Word with Children

THE HISTORY OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 27; MARCH 6 & 20

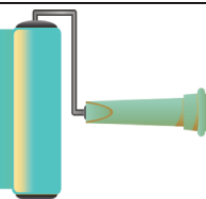
7:00-9:00pm

Room 106-107 in the Parish Center Building
at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
Questions? Call the office at 734-425-4421

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE March 3/4

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:00am	SUNDAY 10:00am	SUNDAY 12 Noon
Celebrant	Fr. Ken	Fr. Ken	Fr. Joe	Fr. Ken
Lector Comm.	Maryann Sligay Ralph Costyn	Paul Kinnell Pat Russo	Jeanne Sullivan Nancy Smith	Rose Rodriguez Nancy Smith
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	MaryLou Davis Maryann Sligay Fran Niemiec Loretta Wood	Marge Holten Kathy Andrus Mary McKelvey	Katie Bohr Carol Janowski Larry Janowski Olimpia DeToma	Josie Klocke Cheryl Paputa Janet Carrier
Altar Server	Jason Alava	Frank Criscenti Emmanuel Nwizu	Duane Harbowy Diane Pietras Cathi Macko Nicole Macko	John Lister Geraldyn Pawlaczyk Bernice Reed
Sacristan	Tori White	Alice André	Jeff Vernon	Joy Moss
Ushers	Tony Collins Peter Kowalski Paul Markus Tony Micallef Don Niemiec	Steve Noonan Frank Pelton Emery Price Jean Schmuck Jack Rourke	Jim DeVitis Jim Fredrickson Don Koszegi Ernie Lenard	Bill Lezotte Paul Lukasik Dan Stachow
Greeters	Connie Flynn John Flynn	Julie Callahan Pat Slusarz	Marlene & Roman Kotrys Deanna Admas	Marie DiDomizio Don & Kathy Yokley
Homebound			Duane Harbowy Jeanne Sullivan	
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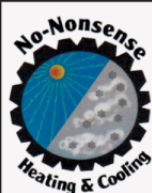
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