



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." —Jn 20:27

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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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 is available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
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If there are any names that can be <u>removed</u> from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421

READINGS for the week of April 20

 Monday:
 Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

 Tuesday:
 Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

 Wednesday:
 Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

 Thursday:
 Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

 Friday:
 Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

READINGS for April 26

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33 **2nd Reading:** 1 PT 1:17-21 **Resp. Psalm**: Lord, you will show us the **Gospel**: LK 24:13-35 path of life.

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Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Easter season Greetings and Salutations,

This week my article is being dedicated to the many helping hands that have helped me make Faith Formation events possible. It truly takes a Village and I am Very, Very grateful!

would like to thank our Ţ Team WONDERFUL DEDICATED Catechist's and Hall Monitor's; Tori White, Cheri Filipiak, Vernon, Jose' Hernandez, Carol Dawn Janowski, Rose Gora, Geri Bragiel, Mary Lou Davis, Jeff Vernon, Joy Moss, Lisa Marcolina, Deborah White, Jeff Burden, John Filipiak, Lisa Kliza, Barb Guldner, Pat Slusarz, Glenn White, and our very kind Pastor, Fr. Shafique. Special thank you to A very Dottie Raczkowski, for the hilarious new joke books. I will never run out of jokes! Thank you so much! May God Bless you all for all you do for His flock.

Have a great week everyone and enjoy the SONshine!

Blessings, Sabrina Queen

What do computers like to eat? Microchips. Police were called to a daycare where a 3-year-old was Resisting a Rest...Ahhhhh hahaha!!!

Junior High Youth Ministry News

It has been a crazy few weeks. There's a lot up in the air, and we're not sure when we'll start gathering at the church again – but that doesn't mean youth nights have to stop...

Thousands of teenagers from across the country are gathering on Sunday nights for the BIG-GEST YOUTH NIGHT EVER. It's called ProjectYM Live and each week it'll feature some of the biggest speakers and worship leaders in the Catholic youth ministry world – last week they had OVER TEN THOUSAND students participate. This started off as only for high school teens but now it is open to junior high teens as well.

Our parish is signed up to participate – all your teenager has to do is head to **PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH** this Sunday at 8pm Eastern. The live stream is a 1 hour event.

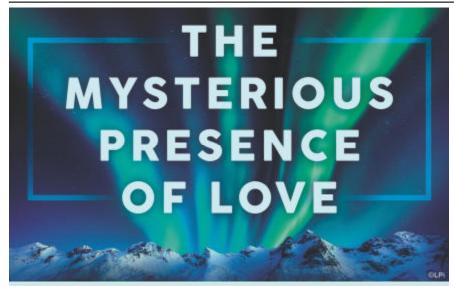
Two quick notes:

- 1. The broadcast starts at 8 p.m. Eastern, but plan to have your teen log in a few minutes early to make sure they're on when it starts
- 2. You can access the event on any device with a web browser but the faster the connection, the better.

P.S. Though this event is geared at teenagers, parents are invited to watch along with your teen!

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Carol Nelius, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at youthministry@stmarycooj.org or text or call 734 765 5525





April 19, 2020 Second Sunday of Easter

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.



We appreciate everyone's patience and support during these challenging times, and when information can change at a moments notice. Amid all of the concerns that surround this current global situation, and in light of the Archbishop suspending all public Masses, just like many individuals our expenses will continue during this difficult time, and now more than ever we will need your support. Therefore, please consider registering for Online Giving to make your contributions to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. Online Giving makes use of current technology and security standards, and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables us to be efficient and reduce overhead We also welcome expenses. contributions by dropping off at the parish mailbox or mailing. Thank you for your continued support!

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GIVE YOURSELF COMPLETELY

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the coposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They are and prayed logelher, and many woncers and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made

all this possible in the face of threatening. Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoir. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward self shly.

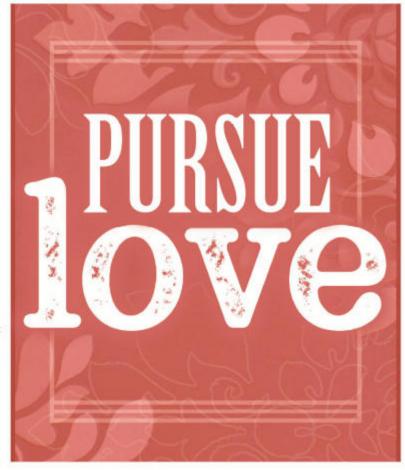
Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DISCERN A VOCATION?

The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, meaning "to call." A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God's grace and witness to God's love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God's guidance. We listen for God's message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.



Parish Updates

ALL PARISH AND EVENTS INCLUDING PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please check stmarycooj.org for the most current information and/or sign up to receive important messages, at Flocknote. See how to sign up below.

Mass: Livestreamed through the Archdiocese at: https://www.aod.org/livemasses

Parish and Church Office Hours:

• The office is closed at this time during the "stay at home" order from our governor. We are checking messages daily and will return calls as necessary.

Resources during these challenging times:

- Daily meditations from The Word Among Us: https://wau.org/meditations.
- Magnificat has offered free access to their online version: https:// us.magnificat.net/free.
- Unleashthegospel.org/2020
- Visit <u>52Sundays.com</u> simple and insightful ways for your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith
- Spiritualcloseness.org
- Visit www.formed.org and click "sign up"
- 1. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
- 2. Type "Faith at Home Detroit" in the box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click "Next."
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M	Ion. April 20	Leonard Lewandowski by Don O'Hagan T. Barkley by T & J Mazur	
W	ed. April 22	Lee Borycz Members of St. Joseph Anne Circle	
T	hurs. April 23	Wyatt John Egan on his birthday by family	
Sa	at. April 25	Michael Macari by Rosa Donato Bruno Linda Janus by family Theo Lenart by Jane Lenart & family Ronald Kendra by family	
Si	un. April 26	Kevin Freeman by family Lawrence Zbizek by Thomas & Sharon Zbizek Ann Walton by Joyce Urouhart For our parish family Joe Scanga by his mother, Sara	



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MEMORARE

Remember,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help
or sought thy intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
we fly unto thee
O Virgin of virgins, our Mother.
To thee do we come.
Before thee we stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not our petitions,
but in your mercy hear and answer us.
Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

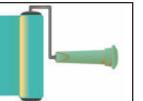
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

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