

# Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish, A Member of the St. Juan Diego Deanery

My Dear Parishioners:

Today we begin the hard work of Holy Week. Of course we have been hard at work on our relationship with Christ all during Lent, but now come the "final push". An old friend of mine, and former boss, Fr. Tom McNamara OSFS, took me under his wing my first year as a priest. I was the school chaplain at a Catholic school in Salt Lake City and he was the school's Principal/President. He always gave me good advice and gently helped me mature as a priest. One day he and I were discussing Holy Week at home during supper. I said, "Wouldn't it be great if everyone spent the entirety of Holy Week in prayer and not practicing sports?" He took this suggestion to heart and a few days later, right before Holy Week, he announced that all sports teams could not play or practice for the entire week. This had not happened since the 1960's. Coaches were outraged! All Fr. Mac did was smile. He reminded me of one of the prophets from of old. The next year Fr. Mac made the same announcement about Holy Week. No-one grumbled. Hopefully, they had seen their poor choice of priorities of the previous year and reformed. Eventually, I was transferred to Toledo and brought up the same idea about Holy Week at St. Francis. That priest/principal compromised and just canceled sports for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. He reminded me that these weren't the 'good old days'. My only response was, "Why not?"

Some traditions are worth keeping while others obviously need to be let go, but I believe that a Holy Week needs to be HOLY for all Christians. I realize that many adults cannot stop going to work, but let's at least try this week to pray more and quietly listen for the Word of God to be spoken within our hearts. We should never compromise with an opportunity to grow in holiness.

I also want to compliment everyone who has worked hard at making this season holy: the retreat team for the MPMH Parish retreat last Saturday, everyone who attended our Reconciliation Service last Sunday, the people who worked the St. Joseph Spaghetti Dinner, the teens who ran the "Senior Prom" last Sunday for the older members of our deanery, and of course, all of you who attended Stations of the Cross every Friday.

Keep praying!

– Fr. Jim

**ACA UPDATE:** As of Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>, our parishioners have pledged \$11,745.00 to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge or gift. We are at 51% of our parish goal of \$23,000 with 102 pledges out of our 785 families. You can still make a gift to the ACA and have it count toward our parish goal. If you do not have the pledge form that was mailed to you, they are available at the parish office. You may also mail your gift to Annual Catholic Appeal, PO Box 917, Toledo, OH 43697; or use the convenient online giving option at [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org).

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE:** Altar & Rosary Palm Sunday Bake Sale is going on now! Stop by McFadden Hall after Mass and purchase some goodies for your Easter dinner and enter to win a raffle prize.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Lower Level Meet. Room  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study—Lower Level Meet. Room

### Tuesday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion

### Wednesday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Jeanne Martin  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir—Church

### Holy Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Plymouth)

### Good Friday, April 3

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service—Church  
1:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Plymouth)  
7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Shelby)

### Holy Saturday, April 4

8:00 p.m. Mass of the Easter Vigil (Shelby)

### Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Easter Morning Mass (Plymouth)  
10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Mass—Prayers for Living and Deceased Members of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish

## Daily Scripture Readings

Monday: Is.42:1-7; Ps.27:1-3,13-14; Jn.12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is.49:1-6; Ps.71:1-6,15,17; Jn.13:21-33,36-38  
Wednesday: Is.50:4-9a; Ps.69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34; Mt.26:14-25  
Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Ex.12:1-8,11-14; Ps.116:12-13,15-18; 1Cor.11:23-26; Jn.13:1-15  
Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
Is.52:13-53:12; Ps.31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25; Heb.4:14-16,5:7-9; Jn.18:1-19:42  
Saturday: Easter Vigil  
Gn.1:1-2:2; Ps.104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35; Gn.22:1-18; Ps.16:5,8-11; Ex.14:15-15:1; Ex.15:1-6,17-18; Is.54:5-14; Ps.30:2,4-6,11-13; Is.55:1-11; Is.12:2-6; Bar.3:9-15,32c4:4; Ps.19:8-11; Ez.36:16-28; Ps.42:3,5,43:3-4; Rom.6:3-11; Ps.118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Mk.16:1-7  
Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord  
Acts 10:34a,37-43; Ps.118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col.3:1-4; Jn.20:1-9

*Hosanna in the Highest*

# Holy Week Masses & Services



**HOLY THURSDAY**  
7:00 p.m. @ Plymouth



**GOOD FRIDAY**

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service @ Shelby  
1:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ Plymouth  
7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ Shelby

**HOLY SATURDAY — EASTER VIGIL MASS**

8:00 p.m. @ Shelby

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

8:30 a.m. @ Plymouth  
10:30 a.m. @ Shelby

*All liturgical ministries for these Masses and services have been contacted. Thank you to all who have agreed to help out with these most holy celebrations.*

**FISH COLLECTION:** Next weekend is our FISH collection. Please bring in any donations of non-perishable items and place them in the boxes. Please be careful to only donate foods that are not outdated on the labels. HelpLine cannot put outdated items in food boxes that are provided for those in need. Thank you for your cooperation.



## SLAM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

There will be NO SLAM events this Sunday evening, March 29<sup>th</sup> so you can enjoy your spring break!

There will not be a meeting for Deeper this Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will resume April 8<sup>th</sup>.

There will be NO SLAM events next Sunday so you can celebrate Easter with your families!

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS:

"The Catholic Women's Club is offering a \$500.00 Scholarship to a high school senior girl who is planning to attend college. You do not have to be attending a catholic high school or plan to attend a catholic college to apply. See your Youth Director or Pastor for more information."

### WANTED—ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

Most Pure Heart of Mary is looking for a volunteer to be the parish Athletic Director. This volunteer position reports to the Father Jim and the Athletic Committee and is responsible for organizing all parish sports. Interested candidates can call the parish office at 419-347-2381.

### ATTENTION DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA:

Please remember to get baby items for the baby shower that will be taken to the State Convention. Please get these baby items to Nancy Metzger by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Also raffle tickets are still available as well. Thanks.

## COME SAIL AWAY

You are invited to St. Mary's Spring Fling  
Friday, April 24

A Great Evening of Dinner, Live Auction, Silent Auctions, Dancing. Come enjoy the evening and support our school.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – MAR. 21 & 22, 2015

**Sunday Collections:**

Offertory	\$	6,171.00
Children's	\$	11.35
Religious Education	\$	20.00
Youth Ministry	\$	25.00

**Holy Day Collections:**

Easter	\$	50.00
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**TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 6,277.35 down \$921.00 from 2013/2014**

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 368,296.24 down \$13,427.00 from 2013/2014

**Diocesan Collections:**

Catholic Relief Services	\$	220.00
Holy Land & Good Friday	\$	16.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$	10.00

**Other Parish Collections:**

Capital Improvement	\$	285.00
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## Greetings from St. Mary's School

*A ministry of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church*

I had the refreshing opportunity to participate in the parish retreat last weekend. Our speaker was Deacon Tom from Resurrection Parish in Lexington. Our discussion focused on Holy Week leading up to Easter, celebrating of the resurrection of Christ. We discussed the many facets of the holy sacraments and took a field trip to the church to share in the experience of the Stations of the Cross. It really is a wonderful experience to be able to learn, reflect, and share in our faith. We can be quickly humbled and yet powerfully enriched by taking a break from the business life creates to seek the fellowship and spiritual growth that takes place during a retreat.

The weekend following Easter, our school is hosting a Fun Walk to benefit Catholic Charities. We invite you to join us in the non-competitive event taking place at reservoir 3 on London Rd., just at the edge of town. We gather for registration at 8:30 a.m., and begin the walk promptly at 9:00 a.m. T-shirts are available for only \$10; these shirts were designed by our students. The registration fee is \$10. Last year we were able to raise over \$300. We hope to be able to exceed that this year.

Looking toward next year, we have a few staffing updates. Mr. Parrish will be retiring at the end of the school year, leaving a faculty vacancy in our 5/6 homeroom and Mrs. Baker will be relocating over the summer, leaving a faculty vacancy in the specialization area of intervention for 2015-16. We have been blessed to have Mr. Parrish and Mrs. Baker as part of St. Mary's team and they will be dearly missed. We wish them both well on their next adventures! Resumes are currently being accepted for the 2015-16 school year.

Thank you for keeping St. Mary's School in your prayers. We are blessed to be a part of our parish community serving our parish and our community for over 135 years!

***We are truly blessed,***  
Lisa M. Rhodes, Principal

### EXCEL BEYOND THE BASICS SCHOOL FUND DRIVE Our Goal \$47,000.00

Collected Mar. 21 & 22, 2015	\$ 35.00
<b>Total Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$ 53,341.00</b>

**SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS:** Family Camp Weekend Retreat is looking for volunteers over age 15 to be buddies to children and adults with developmental disabilities. The weekend is filled with summer camp activities in a faith-filled environment. YOUR participation will make Family Camp a meaningful experience for a person with a disability, their family, and you! If you are available July 31- August 2 and want to learn more, please contact Marsha Rivas, Equal Access Ministries, 419-244-6711 or [mrivas@toledodiocese.org](mailto:mrivas@toledodiocese.org).



**CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB:** The next luncheon will be Wednesday, April 8, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, 29 West Street, Shelby. We will have a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. Catholic women from any parish in our Deanery are invited to attend. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in our area. All reservations must be in by Friday before the meeting. You may call Betty Connolly at **419-529-4729** or JoAnn Jerger at **567-274-7954** for reservations.

**MERCY AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION:** "Learning how to forgive myself was the most difficult part. Believing that I was still lovable was nothing short of miraculous." – Carole. Do you fear God could never forgive you after an abortion? You don't need to suffer in silence alone. Project Rachel offers help and hope through a monthly support group, retreats and counseling referrals. A "Come to the Waters of Healing" retreat will be offered on Saturday, April 25. For more information, please contact the local Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or [projectrachel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@toledodiocese.org).

### Sponsor of the Week

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## DEACON'S CORNER



The Paschal Triduum! Meriam Webster defines it as a period of three days of prayer usually preceding a Roman Catholic feast. Most Catholics define the Triduum as Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The Roman Missal defines the Sacred Triduum as when the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebration the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and raised. While I'm paraphrasing various sources bringing together a sense of consolidation to find answers, the Order of Prayer known as the ORDO which specifies what liturgies our church is to use including readings for Liturgy of the Hours, and the Mass, states: Most of us believe or assume that Jesus commemorates the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. Friday commemorates the day he was executed on the cross; and the vigil commemorates his emergence from the tomb. We assume further, that the liturgies of these days are dramatic "reenactments" of events—by touching, tragic, and triumphant—which happened during Jesus' last days and culminated in his victory over death. We assume, in other words, that the paschal triduum is simply springtime's parallel to winter's Christmas. As the faithful gather on these days it is liturgical assembly is often thought to be engaged in acts of historical "reconstruction" that recreates scenes in the "upper room" on Calvary, and at the tomb. People are encouraged to imagine they are "actually present" at these events—comforting Jesus during his fearful watch at Gethsemane, walking with him along the via crucis and witnessing his miraculous "return to life" on Easter morning.

Because these faith-anchoring events are historical, they cannot be repeated or "reenacted." The church's long tradition insists that what happened once in history passes over into the mystery of the assembly's liturgical/sacramental celebrations. The paschal triduum actually celebrates mystery, not history. The liturgies do not take us back to the upper room or the path to Calvary. Their ultimate purpose is not to retrace or relive the last hours of Jesus life—nor to catch sight of him emerging from the tomb at Easter's dawning. They celebrate not what once happened to Jesus but what is happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. They celebrate God's taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world's life—community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in search for justice and peace. ("The Three Days of Pascha")

The Triduum begins with the Feast of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening where the newly

blessed oils from the Cathedral of the diocese are brought for use throughout the year. The Liturgy continues without end through the Easter Vigil Mass at dusk Holy Saturday continuing through until Vespers Easter evening. The whole Triduum is the high point of the Liturgical year exceeding even the birth of Christ. It is at this Mass the elect of the parish and those wishing to join the Church in full communion are initiated and accepted into the Church. The Mass begun on Holy Thursday does not close and is carried through to the Passion on Good Friday. From there the liturgy continues as we open the Easter Vigil with the lighting of new fire, blessing of the Paschal Candle, and blessing of new waters. Full of symbolism and tradition, the ritual warrants tearing apart to gain the full significance of seemingly every movement. Starting in the darkness of night, the ceremony moves to new light, the Light of Christ, the resurrected Christ. The Triduum so rich, once it is understood by those who celebrate it, the ritual will become a tradition within your lives that you will not want to miss annually. For me and my wife Sherry, it has taken special meaning, as this was the date of her coming into the church over thirty years ago. The faith she aspired too has grown and abounded from within, changing her and myself into a full disciple of Christ.

Take the time this Triduum to make a commitment to attend as much if not all the ceremonies of this Easter Season. Delve into the symbolism! Your Easters will never be the same! You will be glad you did!

### SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF MARY IMMACULATE CELEBRATION:

The Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate are celebrating 150 years since their founding by Mother Alfred Moes. These Sisters have served, ministered and been present to this parish since 1932, 83 years. The highest school enrollment at St. Mary's under these Sisters was 407 in 1960 with grades 1-8 and in 3 buildings. Please remember in your prayers all the 102 Sisters who have served here and the 20 Sisters who are still living. Please also pray for those dedicated lay people who presently minister so devotedly and successfully to our school children. There will be a celebration at St. Peter's in Mansfield on April 19 with an 11:30 Mass. All are invited to join and meet the Sisters.

### Attention, single Catholic men 18-30:

The Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a community of consecrated brothers dedicated to fostering reverent devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord, invite you to discern your vocation at their House of Formation, located at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Learn more: [knights.org](http://knights.org).

Also, the Knights (who have members from around the country) offer hospitality to priests. Any priest who would like to make a private retreat at the Shrine (totally without charge) can visit [priestretreat.com](http://priestretreat.com) for more information or to make reservations.