



**St. Mary of the Snows
Catholic Church
1630 Ashland Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44905-1896**

**MARCH 1, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**We, the People of St Mary Our Lady of the Snows Parish
Community, are called by God to worship Him, teach His word and
reach out to all.**

PASTORAL SERVICES

Pastor	Rev. Nelson G. Beaver (419-884-0060)
Deacons	Deacon Al Kopp (419-589-9842) Deacon Thomas Dubois (419-884-1828)
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Mary Rennpage (419-589-5464) rennpage.mary@mansfieldstmarys.org
School Secretary	Mrs. Aimee Campbell
St. Mary School Principal	Mrs. Susan Sanders (419-589-2114)
CCD Coordinators	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing Mrs. Mary Mancha
RCIA Coordinator	Mrs. Judy Hess Pompei (419-589-3585)
Marriage Annulments	Mrs. Judy Hess Pompei (419-589-3585)
Director of Liturgical Music	Mrs. Kathy McMillen
Youth Director	Mrs. Wendy Kempf (419-589-8039)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Parish and School Offices	Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30p.m. Phone: St. Mary Church -419-589-5464 St. Mary School -419-589-2114 Fax -419-589-7085
St. Mary's Website	www.mansfieldstmarys.org
Resurrection Website	www.resurrectionlexington.org
Please submit articles for St Mary's bulletin by noon Wednesday	

There are printed Resurrection bulletins available in the vestibule.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Please see bulletin

Weekday Masses

Saturday – 3:00 – 3:30

Reconciliation

Call Parish Office

Baptism

Six-month advance notice

Marriage

Call Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick

Schedule and Scripture Readings for Daily & Weekend Masses

March	2	Monday	6:00 pm	Communion Service Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
March	3	Tuesday	1:30 pm	Mass at Mifflin Care Readings:Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12
March	4	Wednesday	8:30 am	Communion Service (Chapel) Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20: 17-28
March	5	Thursday	8:00 am 9:00 am	Holy Hour Communion Service (Chapel) Readings: Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31
March	6	Friday	9:00 am	School Mass (Rev Michael E Schelling) Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 PM Readings: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
March	7	Saturday	4:00 pm	Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent (Morris Fox) Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
March	8	Sunday	10:30 am	Third Sunday of Lent (For the Parish) Readings:Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25 (29)

Ministers Schedule for March 7 & 8

4:00 pm Lector D Rader Servers S & S Kempf Host: C Studer, M Peerenboom, M Maxey

Precious Blood: E Alamanteoff, S Sanders, P McClure, Need One

10:30 am Lector B Rall Servers A Rall, R Bishop Host: L McKenna, C Rall, W Rea

Precious Blood: K Adams, L Boggs, G Rea, D Kline

SUNDAY COLLECTION, Sunday, February 23, 2015

Received This Week:	88
Envelopes (Sunday)	\$3992.00
Loose	\$ 327.50
Green Envelopes	\$ 45.00
Total	\$4364.50

<i>Paul Zickes</i>	<i>Pray for the Sick</i>	<i>Lina Canlas</i>
<i>Virginia Andolino</i>	<i>Ken Kreiger</i>	<i>Robert Crouch</i>
<i>Rod Rickert</i>	<i>Larry Takacs</i>	<i>Tony Gerich</i>
<i>Pat Jones</i>	<i>Charlotte Peerenboom</i>	<i>Sarah Gibson</i>
<i>Tammy Hoover</i>	<i>Carol Cowen</i>	<i>Randy Yeager</i>
<i>Nancy Tschantz</i>	<i>Mary Lou Yeager</i>	<i>Thomas Burns</i>
<i>Theresa Moffett</i>	<i>Lynn Brown</i>	<i>Dorothy Lewis</i>
<i>Dorothy Noblet</i>	<i>Jason Shoup</i>	<i>Tammy Cook</i>
<i>Ruth Peters</i>	<i>Dalton Ison</i>	

Please be sure to keep names current. If the person has regained their health, please let us know and we will remove the name. Call the Parish Office at 419-589-2114.

HOSPITAL VISIT Marlene Groff and Janey Studer will be visiting MedCentral on Friday, March 13th to take the Eucharist to the Catholic patients.

CATHOLIC UPDATE: Conscience/Morality will be presented by Louis & Mary Mancha on March 8th. Reading will be from John 2: 13-25, lead by Therese Litt. Meet in the school library 9-10:15 am.

PASTORAL COUNCIL is to meet in the school library this coming Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday (1) Confirmation class from 6-8 pm in school library

Monday (2) Prayer for Peace at Resurrection at 12:00 noon

Monday (2) Communion Service at 6:00 pm followed by Soup Supper

Tuesday (3) Choir practice at 1:00 pm

Tuesday (3) Mass at Mifflin Care at 1:30 pm

Tuesday (3) Pastoral Council meets at 7:00 pm in the school library

Friday (6) School Mass 9:00 am followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 noon

Friday (6) Stations of the Cross by St. Mary students at 1:00 pm

Friday (6) Fish Fry 5-7 pm.

Friday (7) Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm at St. Mary & Resurrection Parishes

Saturday (7) Venite Adoremus meets from 7-9 am at the Town Money Saver in Lucas

Sunday (8) St. Mary's School Open House after 10:30 am Mass

Sunday (8) St. Peter's High School Open House 2-4 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are to be prayed this coming Friday, March 6th, at 1:00 pm by St. Mary's School and at 7:00 pm at both St. Mary Parish and Resurrection Parishes.

SOUP & SUPPER PROGRAM: Come join us tomorrow evening (Monday) and enjoy a delicious meal of soup. We begin with a Communion service at 6:00 pm followed by soup in the cafeteria. Our program for the evening is a DVD titled "Priest, Prophet, King" By Fr. Robert Barron. The DVD is only 20 minutes in length and you will be on your way home by 8:00 pm. Bring the family and make the Mondays of Lent special.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: The February Confirmation class will meet from 6-8 pm this Sunday, March 1st, in the library. Students bring your workbook, folder, and service log. Please arrive 10 minutes early.

SCHOOL NEWS: Please join us in praying for a full week of school next week! We look forward to discussing student progress with parents this Tuesday and Thursday at Parent/Teacher conferences.

On Thursday, March 5, we will spend most of the day at St. Peter School across town for Mass with Bishop Thomas, lunch, and an exciting basketball game: Toledo Diocese Seminarians vs eighth grade boys.

All are invited to Friday Mass at 9:00 with Eucharist Adoration to follow and for 1:00 pm stations led by 5-8 grade. Our famous Fish Fry will begin with 5:00 pm and desserts may be brought to the school anytime on Friday. Thank you for your support.

Next Saturday, March 8, we will host our annual School Open House. Please stop by after 10:30 Mass to visit classrooms, meet the staff and pick-up registration materials. We hope you will help us spread the word to family and friends!

FISH FRY: Please join us Friday evenings during our Fabulous Famous Fish Fry beginning at 5:00 pm. The menu is: All you can eat breaded fish (adults), scalloped potatoes or macaroni and cheese, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert, soda, milk or bottled water. Adults \$9.00, Children 10-under are \$5.00. Please consider donating desserts to help defray costs to the Parish. Thank you.

OPERATION RICE BOWLS: This week, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Nicaragua. God created every plant, every mountaintop, every animal-everything. And God said that these things are good. We find God in these good things He made, and so we must take care of creation-both for ourselves and for all our human family. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people.

THE 2016 LITURGICAL MASS CALENDAR: The 2016 Mass calendar is now in the office. If you would like to schedule Masses for your deceased loved ones, please stop in the office.

NEW BULLETIN: Our first “new” bulletin will be on March 8th. To accommodate the time to submit the information and have the bulletin returned to us, it will be necessary to change the day that material needs to be submitted to the office. Information will need to be submitted by Tuesday at noon. If you have your meetings set on certain dates, you can forward that information on a monthly basis. A very grateful thank you to all those who generously agreed to place an ad in the bulletin to cover the cost of printing.

NEW ENVELOPES: Starting with the April packet of envelopes, there will be a slight change on the front of the envelope. There will be a line for “MY PARISH GIFT” and a line for “MY SCHOOL GIFT”. If you would like your donation to go to one or the other, you can mark the line with a checkmark. If you would like to split the donation between the two, you can mark ½ on each line, or simply check both lines. Any envelopes that are not marked specifically will automatically be split between the school and church. This will eliminate the 3 envelopes that are marked for St. Mary’s School. If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of the finance committee.

VENITE ADOREMUS: Venite Adoremus Mission Statement “We are the Catholic Men’s Fellowship of St. Mary, our Lady of the Snows. Our focus is the Blessed Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. We welcome all men in search of a deeper love of Christ and desire to become better husbands, fathers, or men of faith”. We will meet this Saturday, 7-9 am, March 7th at the Town Money Saver in downtown Lucas. We will be using the Crossing the Goal (CTG) series. All men are invited for fellowship, small group discussions and refreshments. For more information please contact Kevin Thomas at 419-631-1295.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER RETREAT: There will be a one day Eucharistic Minister Retreat on Sunday, April 19th after the 10:30 am Mass. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please notify Wendy Kempf of your interest and plan on attending this mandatory retreat. If you are presently a Eucharistic Minister and are unable to attend, please contact Wendy. The retreat will last 2 to 2 ½ hours and will include a light lunch. Deacon Al Kopp will be the leader for this retreat.

VBS-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming soon. This year’s theme is “SON SPARK LABS”. The date will be June. More information will follow.

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.

A REMINDER OF THE UPCOMING CHANGE IN THE WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE AT RESURRECTION AND ST. MARY PARISHES: Starting the weekend of July 4-5, 2015, the weekend Mass schedule for Resurrection Parish and St. Mary Parish is to be as follows: on Saturdays, Mass is to be celebrated at 4:00 pm at Resurrection Parish and at 6:00 pm at St. Mary Parish. On Sundays, Mass is to be celebrated at 8:30 am at St. Mary Parish and at 10:30 am at Resurrection Parish. This schedule will be in effect until June 30, 2016. Hopefully, this reminder will helpful to parish groups and ministries as they plan weekend events and activities around the weekend Mass schedule for the coming 2015-2016 year.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROM: You are invited to attend the Senior Citizen Prom on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at 2:30 pm, hosted at Shelby St. Mary’s. The Prom takes place in the Activity Center/Gym/School, 26 West Street, Shelby, OH. The cost is FREE, dress is CASUAL. Anyone over age 60 & a guest is welcome. (If your son or daughter is driving you, they are welcome to stay.) 2:30-3:00 Dancing 3:15-4:30 Entertainment 4:30 Supper Served—Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Roll, Etc 5:30-6:00 Departure. For more information please contact Sheila Hershiser, 419-935-1149, cre@willard-oh.com

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, JOAN OF ARC CIRCLE #380 will meet on Tuesday, March 10th, at 6:30 pm in the Assisi Hall at St. Peter’s.

St Peter's High School "Open House & Registration" will be Sunday, March 8, from 2-4 pm. An important information meeting will be held at 3:00 pm in the high school auditorium. This is a day specifically designed for prospective students and parents to meet administration, teachers, coaches and current families, tour the building, and receive information on the curriculum, extracurriculars, tuition assistance and State of Ohio School Choice scholarships. St. Peter's School stresses family spirit among its students, faculty, parents, and alumni, who by their example, instruction, and concern, mutually support and assist one another to develop Christian values of love of God, love of self, and love of others. For more information, please call the high school office 419-524-0979 or visit St. Peter's website at www.mansfieldstpeters.org

Volunteers Needed – Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers for various work areas: volunteer guardians, H.O.P.E. Food pantry, clerical/office/reception. If you are available for a couple of hours a week your help is greatly appreciated! In 2013, we had over 12,000 hrs of volunteer time – that equals approximately \$260,000. Without our volunteers, we would not be able to serve the many needs of the community. We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give and we thank you for your support. Please contact Cheryl Dix at 419-524-0733 x224 or cdix@toledodiocese.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ASSISTANCE: Catholic Charities can offer assistance to any Richland County resident for medical bill assistance and prescription assistance. There are no income eligibility requirements. Please call Laurie Hamrick at 419-524-0733 ext 226, for more information.

OFFICE SPACE: Catholic Charities has office spaces of various sizes available for rent at its Mansfield location. Located minutes from downtown, lots of parking, flat monthly lease rate inclusive of utilities/lawn/snow removal. Conference room and meeting room available for your use. Please contact Cheryl Dix at 419-524-0733 ext 224 or cdix@toledodiocese.org to take a look at this great space!

SQUARE DANCE: Sacred Heart Church, Bethlehem, will have a Square Dance on March 14, 2015, from 8:00-11:00 pm. Donations will be accepted at the door. Music provided by Crossfire (Luke Rietschlin, Kevin and Becky Rall). Snacks provided and Spirits for sale. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. Any questions, please call Laura Gosser, 419-565-0909.

FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST: An all you can eat Breakfast and Bake Sale will be held March 1st, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier School in Willard Ohio. The menu includes: Bacon/sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage gravy & biscuits, cereal and beverages. Adults are \$6.00, children age 3-12 are \$3.00 and under age 3 is free. Carry outs are available. All proceeds will benefit St. Francis Xavier School. Call 419-935-0856 for further information.

SEMINARY LIVE-IN: On March 12-14, 2015, the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and the Office of Vocations, will host a College Live-In for young men who are juniors and seniors in high school, or college students, who are interested in knowing more about seminary life. The Live-In schedule will include a tour of the campus, discussions, meals and prayer with the college seminarians, attendance at classes, and time for recreation. There is no charge for the weekend. For further information, please call Msgr. Charles Singler at the diocesan Office of Vocations (419) 244-6711 ext 322, or any of the following individuals at the Josephinum: Fr. John Rozembajgier, Assistance Vice Rector for the College at (614) 985-2244; or Mrs. Arminda Crawford, Administrative Assistance, at (614) 985-2241.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Going on a Marriage Encounter Weekend doesn't mean you're saying, "My marriage needs help". You are saying, "I care about my marriage *and* it's my priority. I'm setting a whole weekend aside to refocus on my spouse and my marriage". To register for April 10-12, 2015, at the Howard Johnson in Lima Ohio, go to www.wwme.org or contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-523-7210 or bcschroeder@bright.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday, March 6th following the 9:00 am school Mass until 12:00 noon. There will not be First Friday Adoration in April since that will be Good Friday.

EASTSIDE LENTEN SERVICES 2015 On Wednesday, March 4th, Mayflower Church will host the Eastside Lenten Service. Fr. Nelson Beaver will be the speaker. Lunch is served at 11:30 am with Worship at 12:30 pm. Mayflower Congregational Church is located at 548 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield, OH, 419-589-6612.

A POSSIBLE ECUMENICAL EXERCISE

Preparing couples for marriage is a key responsibility that falls to the various Christian traditions. An interesting and informative activity that churches of various backgrounds might undertake when they gather is to share what they require of couples who request to get married. Indeed, the marriage preparation process of the Catholic Church calls for a lot from those couples who want their marriage to be recognized by the Catholic Church.

First, it needs to be stressed that all baptized Catholics who intend to marry need to participate in the Catholic Church's marriage preparation process if their marriage is to be recognized by the Catholic Church.

In its marriage preparation process, the Catholic Church clearly sets forth its understanding of the goal and purposes of marriage. The ultimate goal of marriage is the eternal salvation of both persons in a given marriage. We are not saved in a vacuum. We experience powerful ways something of the Lord's redeeming love in our relationships with one another. Of all human relationships, that of marriage is most personal and intense. A husband and wife have a profound influence over each other. The Church wants to do all that it can to promote marriage relationships that lead the persons in them closer to the Lord. In regard to our relationship with the Lord, there is nothing neutral about marriage. Each given marriage will either lead the persons in that marriage closer to the Lord or farther away from the Lord.

For our lives in this world, marriage has been designed and instituted by the Lord as that unique relationship in which a man and a woman make a total, faithful and permanent commitment to each other. It is essential that this commitment be open to having children where this is possible. For this reason, the possibility for the Church to recognize same-sex intimate relationships as sacramental marriage is out of the question. Same sex intimate relationships simply cannot bring forth children, an essential possibility that has been designed only for the intimate relationship between a man and a woman.

The Church insists that persons whose marriages it is to recognize be free to marry. Before individuals who have experienced the trauma of divorce can enter into a marriage that would be recognized by the Catholic Church, they need to explore the possibility of having the consent that they expressed at the time of their former weddings declared null and void by a marriage Tribunal of the Catholic Church. Only with this declaration of nullity can a person who has gone through a prior marriage ceremony be free to marry in the Catholic Church.

As goes the quality of marriages, so goes the quality of life in the Church and in the world. Marriage is the Lord-instituted setting for raising a family. By the Lord's design, family life is meant to be an expression of the Church in miniature. In this setting, the love of husband and wife mirrors and reflects the love between Christ and His Church. Through the example of the love that they have for each other and by practicing the Faith of the Church in a proactive manner, parents equip the children who are entrusted to them to want to find the Lord's rightful place for themselves in this world as adults.

It is because of this awesome role of marriage in the Lord's plan for the development of the Church and that of the larger human community that the Catholic Church has developed the challenging but rewarding marriage preparation process that it sets forth.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Father Nelson Beaver, Pastor

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Lenten Mission: “Imagine...The floor under your feet is dirt, the only light is coming from candles, we’re in the catacombs underneath Rome...” So begins a spellbinding performance by Frank Runyeon of St. Mark’s Gospel on Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph-Crestline, and on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart-Shelby. He will bring to life the story of the Sermon of the Mount which includes the Lord’s Prayer and the Golden Rule, followed by a talk on the struggle to live as a Christian in the age of media values. We hope you can join us and that this mission helps deepen your encounter with the Gospel and enhances your Lenten journey. For more details on the performances, you may access www.runyeonproductions.com

LEVEL 3 SNOW EMERGENCIES: Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a *Level 3 Snow Emergency*, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled. *The Reverend Monte J Hoyles, JCL, Office of the Bishop*

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas as he leads the Diocese of Toledo on a Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September 2015! The theme “**Love Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive**”, emphasizes the impact of the love and life of families on our society. Partial scholarship are available. To learn more about this pilgrimage contact Monica Martinez mmartinez@toledodiocese.org or 419-244-6711 ext 715 or visit www.toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family.

PRAYER FOR PEACE: There will be a Prayer for Peace service to pray for the leaders of our country and our church at Resurrection Parish every Monday at 12:00. We will pray the Patriotic Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Litany to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Please come as your schedule permits. All are welcome. In case of bad weather, this will be canceled.

Marriage & Family Synod Survey/Questionnaire: Pope Francis will be meeting with all the Catholic Bishops in Rome at a Synod that will focus on “The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World”. Pope Francis would like your consultation on the identified topics that will be discussed at the upcoming Synod. If you are interested in providing input that will be sent on behalf of the Diocese of Toledo, please provide your insights at our online questionnaire titled “Consultation of the Clergy & Faithful for the 2015 Synod of Bishops in Rome” <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/synodsurveytoledodiocese>. Deadline to submit this Questionnaire is Friday, March 6, 2015. Contact Monica Martinez with questions: mmartinez@toledodiocese.org or 419-244-6711 ext 715.