



SAINT MARY AND SAINT JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCHES

December 3, 2023 • First Sunday of Advent

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian J. O'Connor
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St. Mary Groveport
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Parish Administrator
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Music Ministry

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PT Bookkeeper
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Parish Custodian/Maintenance
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Parish Maintenance

OFFICE HOURS

St. Mary Groveport

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Closed
Wednesday: 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am-10:30 am
1st Saturday of the month: 3:00-5:00 pm

St. John XXIII CW

Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 am-4:30 pm
Closed on Wednesdays 10:15 am-2:00 pm
Friday: 11:00 am-4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am-12:45 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday	4:00 pm	<i>St. Mary Groveport</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>St. Mary Groveport</i>
	9:45 am, 11:15 am	<i>SJXXIII CW</i>

Weekday Mass

Monday	8:30 am	<i>SJXXIII CW</i>
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>SJXXIII CW</i>
Wednesday	12:00 pm	<i>St. Mary Groveport</i>
Thursday	8:30 am	<i>SJXXIII CW</i>
Friday	8:30 am	<i>St. Mary Groveport</i>

*Holy Days of Obligation will be listed in the bulletin,
as they occur.*

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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614-497-1324

SAINT JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH

5170 Winchester Southern Road NW
Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110 | sjxxiiiiparish.org
614-920-1563

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 3 – *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Andy Pelham by Betty Pelham

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

9:45 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Joe Groom by Chris Foley

Mass at St. John XXIII

11:15 a.m. For the Intentions of the People of
Ss. Mary, Groveport & St. John XXIII Parishes

Mass at St. John XXIII

Monday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Claire Arnett
by Friends of Cathy Coburn

Mass at St. John XXIII

Tuesday, December 5

6:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Joe Groom
by Chuck & Lina Eckel

Mass at St. John XXIII

Wednesday, December 6

12:00 p.m. Intention of Eileen Feldman
by Paul & Barbara Ann Hajdin

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Thursday, December 7

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Rob Hartman
by Elaine Hartman

Mass at St. John XXIII

7:00 p.m. For the Intentions of the People of
Ss. Mary, Groveport & St. John XXIII Parishes –
Holy Day Vigil Mass

Mass at St. John XXIII

Friday, December 8 – *Feast of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation*

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Andrew Zag
by the Maier Family

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

7:00 p.m. For the Intentions of the People of
Ss. Mary, Groveport & St. John XXIII Parishes

Mass at St. John XXIII

Saturday, December 9

4:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of David Hetterscheidt
by Judy Hetterscheidt

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

Sunday, December 10 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of the People of
Ss. Mary, Groveport & St. John XXIII Parishes

Mass at St. Mary, Groveport

9:45 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
Gene & Judy Noble family by Sharon Davis

Mass at St. John XXIII

11:15 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Jeffrey Lang
by Bernie & Sharon Lang

Mass at St. John XXIII

PARISH INFORMATION

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St. John XXIII

Monday – Closed

Wednesday – *Restricted Hours*

Open 9:00-10:15 a.m. and

2:00-4:30 p.m.

Closed from 10:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday –

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday – 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday – 9:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

St. Mary, Groveport

Monday, Tuesday and

Thursday – Closed

Wednesday –

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Friday – 9:00-11:00 a.m.

First Saturday of the
Month – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday – Closed

RECONCILIATION

St. John XXIII – Tuesdays, 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays,
6:00-7:00 p.m. or by appointment.

St. Mary, Groveport – Saturday, 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS

Contact Fr. O'Connor

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY

Please call Father at 740-400-9170.



ONLINE GIVING AT ST. JOHN XXIII

You may go to our website to set up online giving; use the QR code to go to our website giving page.

If you would prefer to set up electronic fund transfer (EFT) by credit card or checking account, stop in the parish office for a form. Your contribution supports the work and

operations of St. John XXIII Parish, our music, hospitality, and education programs. Please be generous in your support of these important endeavors.

BAPTISMS

Baptismal Preparation is needed if you are expecting or have had your first child. Also, if you need to schedule your child's Baptism, please call the Parish Office at 614-920-1563 or email the Parish Office at office@sjxxiiiparish.org for details. Baptisms can be scheduled following the 11:15 a.m. Mass for the second, third & fourth Sundays of the month.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:
EMILY LYNN ANDRACHIK**

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincerest sympathy to John and Jane Nease and Paul and Andrea Taylor and their families on the death of their mother and grandmother Mary Jane Durant. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Jane and for the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA – EVERY MONDAY

Every Monday, we will have the opportunity to gather and recite the Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Mass.

SUNDAY MISSALS ARE HERE!

Today, December 3rd is the beginning of the new Liturgical Church Year, Year B. If you ordered a St. Joseph Missal, and have not picked it up, they are in the Church Office. We have a few extras in case you forgot to order one, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

COLLECT [Meeting Christ]

Grant Your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet Your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming, so that, gathered at His right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS

WEEK of December 3, 2023	NOTE NEW MASS TIMES
Sunday, December 3, 2023 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 9:45 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 11:15 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 12:30 p.m. – ZEAL Pathways Welcome Session at SJXXIII Hospitality/Donut Sunday
Monday, December 4, 2023	8:30 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 9:00 a.m. – Miraculous Medal Novena 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
Tuesday, December 5, 2023	6:00 p.m. – Mass at SJXXIII
Wednesday, December 6, 2023	12:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 5:30 p.m. – Family Rosary 6:00 p.m. – Holy Hour and Confessions at SJXXIII
Thursday, December 7, 2023	8:30 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 11:00 a.m. – Women’s Ministry at SJXXIII 6:00 p.m. – ZEAL Pathways Welcome Session at SJXXIII 7:00 p.m. – Mass at SJXXIII – Holy Day Vigil Mass
Friday, December 8, 2023 <i>Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation</i>	8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 7:00 p.m. – Mass at SJXXIII for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, December 9, 2023	3:00 p.m. – Confessions at St. Mary, Groveport 3:00 p.m. – Platinum Club Christmas Gathering at SJXXIII 4:00 p.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport
Sunday, December 10, 2023 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary, Groveport 9:45 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 11:15 a.m. – Mass at SJXXIII 12:30 p.m. – Wonder Pathways Welcome Session at SJXXIII

THE GIVING TREE NEWS

The “Giving Tree” gifts and gift certificates are all due back on Sunday, December 10 before the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Volunteers will be appreciated after the December 10, 11:15 a.m. Mass to sort the presents. Any questions, please contact Molly Siefert at 614-778-8352 or email at dmsiefert@yahoo.com.



TOWN HALL Q&A

The Transition Team (TT) appreciates your taking the time to share your thoughts on the feedback form found in the bulletin. The TT encourages everyone to utilize the opportunity to give feedback. Please place your completed form in the collection basket or take to the Parish Office no later than **Sunday, December 10**. Thank you for your participation in this process.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEKLY HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration is offered every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for one hour at St. John XXIII. Fr. O’Connor is available for Confessions during this hour. Please know that you may come for the full hour or a brief period of time to pray before Our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome! Please join us as we continue to grow as a parish who prays together. Please come when you can and leave when you must. It is so wonderful to sit and pray, talking and listening to Jesus. Again, you can come for a few minutes or stay for the full hour. All are welcome! Please join us as we continue to grow as a parish who prays together.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. MARY

Every First Friday of the month, Eucharistic Adoration is offered following the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass at St. Mary, Groveport. Please know that you may come for the full hour or a brief period of time to pray before our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome! Please join us as we continue to grow as a parish who prays together. Please come when you can and leave when you must. It is so wonderful to sit and pray, talking and listening to Jesus. Again, you can come for a few minutes or stay for the full hour. All are welcome! Please join us as we continue to grow as a parish who prays together. **“The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man.”**
– St. Maria Goretti

THANK YOU FROM PDHC

Our *Bottles for Life* collection brought in \$644.38 as of November 1, 2023. This amount will increase due to more bottles that have come in since this time. We will update the total once it has been calculated. THANK YOU!! Your donations helped provide parenting education series and baby boutique shopping visits for 8 mothers throughout their pregnancy!

YOU'RE INVITED

MORTGAGE PAYOFF CELEBRATION

Join us for Mass with Bishop Fernandes commemorating our final mortgage payment. Join us also for a reception immediately following mass.

DECEMBER 17, 2023, 11:15 AM

MASS WITH BISHOP FERNANDES DECEMBER 17

Join us in celebrating our mortgage payoff! Bishop Earl Fernandes will celebrate the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 17 in recognition of this great accomplishment. There will be a reception following Mass in the lower-level Social Hall. Come and mingle, celebrate and have lunch with us! **If you would like to help with this reception, please see Heather in the Parish Office.**

WEDNESDAY FAMILY ROSARY

Next Family Rosary will be **Wednesday, December 6**. We gather to say a Rosary at 5:30 p.m. every other week. Families and all parishioners are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

PLATINUM CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Platinum Club, parishioners 55+, will host their annual Christmas Party & Gift Exchange on Saturday, December 9, in the Social Hall at St. John XXIII, at 3:00 p.m. We will provide ham, drinks, and table service. Please bring a side dish/dessert and a gift to exchange (please spend no more than \$25.00 on the gift). Also, please respond to Sheryl at sgerkin@gmail.com or call 740-215-8226. See you there!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The weekly Women's Ministry group will continue to meet on Thursdays at St. John XXIII at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of St. John XXIII Parish.

Please contact Karen Self at karensself@aol.com or 614-209-6299 if you would like more information. You may also come to a meeting any Thursday at 11:00 a.m. to find out if this is a study for you.

**EVERYONE HAS A DIVINE VOCATION**

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."

~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

CRAFT CLUB MEETING

All women of St. Mary and St. John are welcome! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church. Please bring a packed lunch and join us!

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (O.C.I.A.)

O.C.I.A. is an educational and spiritual program developed to engage and instruct non-Catholics who may want to join the Catholic Church AND Catholics who are interested in learning more about or returning to the Catholic faith. O.C.I.A. acts as the compass for individuals who would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more, call the Parish Office at 614-920-1563.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HELPING YOU FIND PEACE AFTER YOUR DIVORCE... The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster is providing a ministry that will bring hope and healing to men and women who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The 12-week *Surviving Divorce* program by Ascension Press is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. The program will be facilitated by Rebecca Hubert and Kristin Garrabrant. The cost of the program is \$20.00, which covers the cost of the *Surviving Divorce* Personal Guide. For an optimal program experience, there will be a minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 participants. The program will take place every Thursday, January 4-March 21, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Spirit Center. For inquiries and to register, email Kristin Garrabrant at kcgarrabrant@gmail.com. The registration deadline is December 28, 2023.

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUPS

There are now seven Melchizedek Project – Priestly Vocation Discernment Groups meeting in our diocese. There are two in our area: **St. Pius X Catholic Church in Reynoldsburg and St. Bernadette in Lancaster.**

St. Pius X Catholic Church

1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg

East Columbus Deanery

Third Thursday of Each Month; October-May; 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Led by Fr. Patrick Watikha and Fr. Milton Kiocha, this one is primarily for high schoolers. The group meets on the Third Thursday of each month. Dinner and discussion beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Blessed Mother Room of the Msgr. Funk Parish Family Center.

Please email Michelle Carey at MCarey@spxreynoldsburg.com for more information.

St. Bernadette Church

1343 Wheeling Road, Lancaster

Fairfield-Hocking Deanery – Vicariate 3 Muskingum/Perry Deanery

First Thursday of Each Month; September-April

Led by Fr. Ty Tomson, this one is for both high school and college-age men. The group meets the first Thursday of each month, following the St. Bernadette 6:00 p.m. Mass. The gathering includes supper and discussion until 8:30 p.m. Come to the church for Mass, then to the Mary Good Center office building behind the church. Please call 740-654-1893 or email fathertomson@me.com to RSVP or for more information.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Scandal, division, disease and doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that He is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew and unify the Church and the world. We NEED Jesus. *The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith – the Eucharist.* The National Eucharistic Revival seeks to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Visit eucharisticrevival.org.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

Give the gift of time to each other this year. Experience a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is February 9-11, 2024 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org or contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.



Real Presence, Real Future Transition Team Update – November 2023

In July 2023 the Transition Team (“TT”) held two town hall meetings to share with both St. Mary, Groveport, and St. John XXIII parishioners the final recommendations of Bishop Fernandes. The Bishop agreed with the findings of the *Real Presence, Real Future* study recommending the closure of St. Mary, Groveport and a merger with the parish of St. John XXIII at an undetermined point in the future. This update is to communicate how our efforts to facilitate a merger have progressed. In addition, this update explains what the timeline for the merger looks like at this point.

The following decisions were made, and events occurred relating to the merger:

On July 11, 2023, Father O’Connor became the Administrator of St. Mary, Groveport Parish in addition to remaining the Pastor of St. John XXIII Parish. With this new role, Father O’Connor had intended to move into the rectory at St. Mary, Groveport, but quickly realized the property was not in as good of condition as he had first believed. Therefore, he decided to not to move into the rectory of St. Mary, but to stay at the rectory for St. John XXIII.

Mass schedules were created by the TT and implemented in July. Holy Days of Obligation Mass schedules will be released as they are decided.

In early August, all properties of both campuses, including both rectories, were inspected. We are still awaiting the reports of these inspections. The reason for the inspections is for our TT to know the condition of each building and property to better make informed decisions in the merging process.

Two picnics were held to encourage both parishes to intermingle and get to know one another. In June, for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist at St. John XXIII and in September for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary, Groveport. Both events were well attended by members of both parishes.

The choirs have been an excellent example of how we can merge into one parish. Both Cindi Goldhaber and Lisa Leonard are to be commended for their excellent work in this process. Along with the choirs, we have been successful in merging the ministries and staff. Andrea Maier is now the full-time Director of Faith Formation for both parishes. She can now concentrate on her role as faith formation and Heather Messmer-Frame has become the parish administrator of business for St. Mary in addition to St. John XXIII. Teresa Iannaggi is the part-time bookkeeper for both parishes since early July. We have been blessed with a great team willing to work together through this process!

Outreach ministries from both parishes have been working together to combine efforts with volunteers, events and other outreach items. For example, the Men’s Group at St. Mary and the Knights of Columbus of St. John XXIII have assisted one another with events. The Altar Rosary Society of St. Mary has accepted new members from St. John XXIII. We will continue to work to combine the outreach ministries into one. Together we can serve more and provide better resources than one of us alone.

Since the town hall meetings, both parishes have been answering frequently asked questions from both town hall meetings in the weekly bulletins. We will continue to provide updates and answer questions.

Suppression

- This is a decree issued by the bishop that ceases a parish's existence. "It is only for the diocesan bishop to erect, suppress, or alter parishes. He is neither to erect, suppress, nor alter notably parishes, unless he has heard the Presbyteral Council (C. 515 §2)."
- The Presbyteral Council must be consulted and heard regarding each individual administrative act by which a parish may be erected, suppressed, or notably altered. If one parish or possibly more than one parish is suppressed, then another parish is notably altered. A new parish may be erected in the process of merging parishes. It is necessary for a detailed plan to be presented to the Presbyteral Council which describes how each parish is affected by the proposed actions and for the bishop to hear the Presbyteral Council's advice regarding each affected parish.
- The Presbyteral Council members must have the opportunity to voice their opinion, and the bishop must be present to hear them. The council may vote on the issue. The bishop is not bound by the advice of the council, but he must hear that advice.
- It is vitally important that the bishop and those working with him leading up to a parish suppression proceed carefully and in accordance with Church law regarding the work of preparing for the suppression and issuing of the decree. This is most effectively accomplished under the guidance of proper canonical counsel.
- The bishop may wish to celebrate a "Closing Mass" at the parish shortly before its suppression.
- At this juncture, parishioners or someone who has standing to do so may take administrative recourse against the decree of suppression. The petition for revocation must be made within 10 days of promulgation of the decree (C.

1734). The process for administrative recourse is outlined in C. 1732-1739. This may delay the final effect of the decree until the recourse is resolved, especially if it goes to Rome. However, if the process was followed correctly, then the suppression will be upheld.

- Meanwhile, the church building remains a consecrated or at least dedicated sacred place reserved for divine worship and celebration of the sacraments, the name or title of the Church cannot be changed. Even if it is closed and not in use, it must still be cared for. If the property of the suppressed parish is to be alienated (sold, liquidated, or transferred) all the canonical procedures for alienation must be followed (Cf. C. 1290-1298). The property or its proceeds belong to the successor juridic person, along with the liabilities. Thus, the burden of care for the suppressed church or the proceeds of the sale revert to the successor parish, or "follows the people;" It does not automatically go to the Diocese (Cf. C. 121-123). It is vital to note during the process of parish suppression that the parish and the church building are handled as separate processes, thus the need to continue caring for the church after the parish is closed.

We are considering the suppression of both St. Mary and St. John XXIII, we will establish one parish with a new name. The transition team would appreciate feedback from the parishioners of both locations during this process. Please provide your feedback on the sheet included and titled *Feedback Request*.

FEEDBACK REQUEST

PROPOSED NEW PARISH NAME

The transition team (TT) of St. Mary and St. John XXIII have been working together for many months. We appreciate all the feedback we have received during these past several months. We believe the merge of the ministries, choir and staff is progressing well. It is time for us to progress to the next step in the process, which is suppression. We are considering suppressing both parishes and establishing a new parish name as we merge into one parish. To learn more about suppression, please refer to the opposite of this page.

The TT would like to provide everyone the opportunity to share feedback, if you desire, of the potential new names. The three titles to Our Lady were chosen to give deference to St. Mary, the much older and mother parish of St. John XXIII. Please note, the names of the current buildings at both locations will not be changed through this process. Only the name of the parish as we merge into one canonical parish.

Directions: Complete the following feedback sheet to help us in our next step in the transition process. Our next step will be “Suppression”. See insert explaining suppression.

Below are the parish names we have selected with the information about the feast day of each name selection. PLEASE SHARE BELOW FEEDBACK OF THESE POTENTIAL NAMES.

IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast day is the Saturday following the Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Saturday following the Second Sunday after Pentecost*

This feast was first referred to as Mary’s “Admirable Heart” or “Most Pure Heart.” Yet all the titles reflect the same truth; just like the love of Jesus’s Sacred Heart, Mary’s love for Christ and us is a tangible, human love. The Queen and King of Hearts are united in their love of all that is worth loving.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary signifies, first of all, the great purity and love of the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary for God. This purity is manifested in her “Yes” to the Father at the Incarnation, Her love for, and cooperation with, the Incarnate Son in His redemptive mission, and her docility to the Holy Spirit, enabling her to remain free of the stain of personal sin throughout her life. Mary’s Immaculate Heart, therefore, points us to her profound interior life, where she experienced both joys and sorrows, yet remained faithful, as we, too, are called to do.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Feast day is October 7th .

Today, this feast is celebrated under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary as a mandatory memorial on the Roman Calendar. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a feast named Our Lady of Victory.

In the late sixteenth century, the muslims of the Ottoman Empire were expanding into southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean region. In 1571, Pope Pius V, who was a Dominican, formed an alliance between the Papal States, Spain, Venice, and several other smaller Christian states, called the Holy League, in order to stop Ottoman aggression. On

October 7 of that year, the Holy League confronted the Ottoman navy in the Mediterranean, and the pope called upon all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. Victory was achieved.

Pope St. Pius V knew that Our Lady had interceded for the Holy League, ensuring their victory. In fact, the day of the Battle of Lepanto, October 7, 1571, he saw the Blessed Mother in a vision, and she revealed the victory to him.

As an offering of thanksgiving, the Pope declared this day as the feast day of Our Lady of Victory, later known as Our Lady of the Rosary.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast day is September 8th .

The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, just as Christmas is celebrated nine months after the Church remembers the Incarnation of the Son of God on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of three liturgical feasts in which we celebrate a birth: Christmas, the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, and the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Only the three most consequential figures in the Bible receive the honor of a liturgical celebration to commemorate their births.

The birth of Mary is ordained in particular toward her mission as Mother of the Savior. Her existence is indissolubly connected with that of Christ: it partakes of a unique plan of predestination and grace. God's mysterious plan regarding the Incarnation of the Word embraces also the Virgin who is His Mother. In this way, the Birth of Mary, as that her Divine Child, is inserted at the very heart of the History of Salvation.

Please share your feedback for the name change in the area provided below:

Please share your feedback then return your completed form in the collection basket or to the parish office no later than Sunday, December 10th. Thank you for your participation in this process.

RETURNING LOVE FOR LOVE PILGRIMAGE

Please consider joining Bishop Earl K. Fernandes for a pilgrimage to France in honor of the 350th Anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary. Dates: May 31-June 9. This trip will include traveling to Lisieux, Paris, Paray-Le-Monial, Nevers, Ars, Annecy, Lyons and Normandy.

*Returning Love for Love:
A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus*

MAY 31 – JUNE 9, 2024

SACRE COEUR

To commemorate the 350th anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Paray-le-Monial, a Jubilee Year has been declared, beginning on 27 December 2023 and continuing through 27 June 2025, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Please consider joining the Diocese of Columbus and Bishop Fernandes on this extraordinary pilgrimage to France during the Jubilee Year.

<https://www.ctscentral.net/trips/france/celebrate-the-350th-anniversary-of-the-revelation-of-the-sacred-heart-in-france/>

ESL TUTORS NEEDED

Change a life, inspire your own...Become a tutor!

Volunteer tutors are greatly needed for adult ESL, GED, and Basic Education Learners. Please contact Annette Cohn at 614-444-7330, ext. 2 or Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org for more information on this rewarding opportunity. <https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer/>.

Requirements: 18 or older, High School Diploma or GED, attend our free training session.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DRIVE

Hello! My name is Sarah Wagner, and I am a SJXXIII parishioner and a first-year teacher at All Saints Academy. In the spring, we are starting a band program! If you have any unused instruments that are sitting around collecting dust, we would love to put these instruments to use by giving the gift of music to one of our students. Instruments will then be kept in school inventory for years to come. When collected, instruments will be tested and sent for repairs if needed. If you have any instruments to contribute, please contact Ms. Sarah Wagner at 614-721-5741 or email at swagner@cdeducation.org to schedule a time to drop off your donations.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MONTHLY EXPENSE/OFFERTORY REPORT

Monthly Expenses for October for St. Mary	\$ 16,259.65
Monthly Expenses for October for St. John XXIII	\$ 26,888.25
Monthly Offertory in October for St. Mary	\$ 15,623.00
Monthly Offertory in October for St. John XXIII	\$ 48,017.37

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Mortgage Balance	\$ 26,910.11
Monthly Expense for October	\$ 13,353.59
Monthly Receipts in October	\$ 7,832.76

MASS ATTENDANCE

Total for Month of October at St. Mary	1,490
Total for the Month of October at St. John XXIII	2,278

ODU RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION TO STRENGTHEN CAMPUS MINISTRIES PROGRAMMING

Ohio Dominican University has received a \$6,800.00 grant award from The Catholic Foundation to support and strengthen programming provided by the university's Office of Campus Ministries. The funding received will be applied to the 2024-25 academic year to develop incremental, campuswide programming that seeks to educate, inspire, deepen, celebrate and fulfill the religious imagination, personal growth and spiritual needs of ODU's diverse campus community. More information about the grant is available at ohiodominican.edu.

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