

## HOPED-FOR FRUITS OF OUR PARISH MINISTRY FAIRS –

As individuals, we belong to the Lord as members of that faith community which we call the Church. Hopefully, on a regular basis, we experience Church as members of a specific faith community, called a parish. While from time to time and for good reasons we attend Mass and help out with activities in a neighboring parish, the Diocese directs us to register in a specific parish community.

We can appreciate what the Diocese expects of us as we look at our civic lives. While many of us are American citizens, we reside primarily in one State, or at least consider one state to be our home. This offers us the opportunity to take a sense of ownership in the state that we call our home. Citizenship in a particular state offers both benefits and responsibilities.

This experience is applicable to our lives as Catholic Christians. Benefits of identifying ourselves with a specific parish community include the following: a sense of being spiritually at home, preparation and formation to celebrate the Sacraments, specific opportunities to learn how the Catholic Faith relates to daily living and distinctive opportunities to serve others both within and beyond our parish.

Our more recent Ministry Fairs offered an excellent opportunity for each Parish to express in unique ways who we are as a parish and what the Lord wants us to be about. Hopefully, a perception that was left with persons who attended our Ministry Fairs is that both St. Mary and Resurrection Parishes exist to meet specific needs of persons in the light of our Faith. Perhaps even long-time members of each Parish became aware of the wide variety of ministries and groups from which one might benefit and through which one might serve others. As individuals, we can strengthen a sense of ownership in a given parish by becoming involved in at least one ministry or group. Opportunities were offered for persons to sign up for specific groups or ministries.

Additional hoped-for effects of the Ministry Fairs are the following: 1) Seeds were sown in the lives of persons who attended. Perhaps, even though a number of us may not have signed up for a specific ministry or group, an awareness and perhaps a desire was formed to learn more about a given group or ministry. The names of contact persons for the various groups and ministries can be obtained by calling the parish office. 2) In addition to making people aware of what each parish presently has to offer, persons, particularly those who have lived in other parishes, became aware of what each of our Parishes does not presently offer. This awareness can serve as the basis for developing new ministries or groups in our parishes.

Perhaps, as some have expressed, a Ministry Fair might become an annual event in the life of one or of both parishes. This possibility challenges each ministry/group to continue to reflect upon who they are and what the Lord wants them to be about.

Reviewing our Ministry Fairs offers a meaningful setting for considering a vital aspect of our response to the Lord for His generosity and goodness to us, namely that of financial sacrificial giving. Hopefully, our financial giving to our Parish expresses our love for the Lord and for the support and strength that He would offer us in and through our Parishes to live and to witness in a proactive way to our Faith in our community and in the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Nelson Beaver – Pastor

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS  
MASS CELEBRATION**

Saturday. . . . . 4:00 pm  
Sunday. . . . . 11:00 am

**BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION**  
Contact the parish office for preparation information

**MARRIAGE**

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance  
to begin preparations.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please make arrangements as needed  
by contacting the parish office.

Submit articles for St. Mary's bulletin by noon Tuesday  
*Printed Resurrection bulletins are available in the vestibule*

**PASTORAL SERVICES**

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**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.**

## APRIL & MAY SINGING SCHEDULE

FOLK GROUP	CONTEMPORARY GROUP	CHOIR
Sun, April 29		Sat, April 28
Sat, May 5	Sun, May 6	Sat, May 12
Sun, May 13		Sat, May 19
Sun, May 20		Sat, May 26
	Sun, May 27	

**CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB:** The next luncheon will be Wednesday, May 9, 2018. The meeting will start with Mass at St. Peter's Church at 11:00 am. Luncheon will be at Brown Derby Road House in Ontario. Luncheon will start at 12:30 pm. All Catholic women in the St. Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please call Carol Sgambellone at 419-529-2758 or 419-632-5839 or call Jo Ann Barlow at 419-774-0952. Reservations must be made by May 4, 2018, before 12 noon. We are looking forward to meeting new members.

**The Sorrowful Mother Shrine Gift Shop, 4106 SR 269, Bellevue, OH 44811, 419-483-3435 ext 6.** The gift shop at the Shrine has Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Wedding needs; a large assortment of Bibles. New inventory arrives daily. Winter hours, closed Mondays, open Tuesday-Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

**On Sunday, April 22, 2018,** the Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates the **World Day of Prayer** for Vocations. The purpose of this special day of prayer is to fulfill publically the instruction of Jesus who said: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38) Please pray in a special way on this day for a renewed spirit of generosity in our community, so that we may all follow in the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who dedicated his life to serving others.

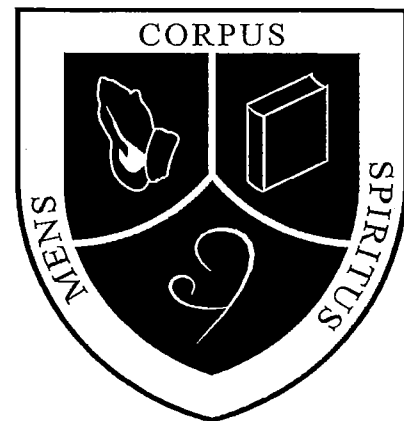
**The Diocese of Toledo is GOING TO IRELAND! World Meeting of Families 2018: Dublin, Ireland August 16 - 27, 2018** *We need 28 confirmed registrants by May 1st or the trip will be cancelled! Don't delay!! Invite your friends!* Join the Diocese of Toledo and spiritual director Fr. Joseph Poggemeyer on pilgrimage to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Includes visits to the site of Our Lady's Apparition in Knock, Bunratty Castle, Cliffs of Moher, beautiful sites in County Clare and County Galway, Kylemore Abbey, Silverstream Priory, and, of course, the World Meeting of Families in Dublin! The theme is "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World." Families from around the world will come together for prayer, speakers, celebrations, and activities for all ages. All are welcome! Cost starts at \$4439 per person including roundtrip airfare from Detroit. If you have questions about traveling or would like to register contact Maggie McDaniel at 419-290-8782 or visit [ireland2018.org](http://ireland2018.org). If you have questions for the Diocese Marriage and Family Coordinator (or if you would be interested in sponsoring a pilgrim or family trip) contact Nick De La Torre at 419-214-4918. Opening hours are Monday through Friday 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday & Sunday 10-4.

### SENIOR SPRING SPECTACULAR: May is Older Americans Month.

The celebration will be held at the Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield. Admission is \$3.00. Enjoy entertainment, snack & door prizes. Vocal Impressionist Randy Velez will be this year's entertainer. Randy performs a variety of music from oldies, sock hop, Motown, 1960s and of course Roy Orbison and Elvis! The date is Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 12 noon. Doors will open at 11:00 am. See the flyer on the bulletin board for further information.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT LUNCH ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE VENDOR & CRAFT EXTRAGVAGANZA SHOW ON APRIL 28, 2018.**

# St. Mary School Vendor & Craft Extravaganza



Saturday April 28, 2018  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
at St. Mary School  
1630 Ashland Road  
Mansfield, OH 44905

We will have over 50  
local Vendors & Crafters  
in attendance, we hope to  
see you there as well!

Here's a small sample of what's going to be here:

UsBorne Books

Jewelry

Wooden Signs

Fabric Purses

Color Street

Handmade Soaps

Wreaths

Floral Arrangements

Kitchen Towels

Scentsy

Crocheted Items

Thirty One

Rodan & Fields

Jams and Jellies

LuLa Roe

Essential Oils

Paper Marbling

Watkins