



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
founded 1866



St. John Bosco, Sardis
dedicated 1976



St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

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March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Ex 17:3–7

Rom 5:1–2, 5–8

Jn 4:5–42

“The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14).

There is a detail in today’s first reading that you shouldn’t miss. After hearing Moses and his people complain, God stands in front of Moses on the rock and asks Moses to strike toward him. God knows the Israelites’ anger directed at Moses is really meant for God himself. God takes the blow and responds with flowing water. He accepts violent rejection and grants us life in return. He exchanges evil for good. God had already guaranteed the Promised Land, but the Israelites feared to enter it. God had done many miracles for them already, yet they still didn’t trust him. In spite of it all, God understands they strike out of their own dissatisfaction, fear, and interior slavery. In the same way, Jesus knows we will strike out at him, yet he responds with love. Nowhere is this truer than on the cross. Christ allows the soldiers to strike, crown, and kill him, saying, “Father, forgive them...” He is whipped and made to carry a cross, yet he consoles the women of Jerusalem. When his side is pierced, living water flows. When we complain against God, he offers us mercy and salvation. Rather than blame, assault, or reject, let us do as the penitential act calls—strike our own breast and cry, “I have greatly sinned...Have mercy...” God will respond as he always does, by pouring forth the water of his Spirit which never runs dry into our hearts.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 18 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	5:00 pm
+ William C Heddleson by George & Phyllis Demchak	
Sunday	March 19 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+Patty Templeton by Francis & Edythe Schumacher	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	10:30am
+Roman Schumacher by Mike & Missy Knowlton	
St. John Bosco , Sardis	12:30pm
Living & Deceased of Monroe Catholic Parishes	
Monday	March 20 th
<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
Living & Deceased of Purgatorial Society	
Tuesday	March 21 th
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	9:00am
+ Roman Schumacher by Becky Baldwin	
Wednesday	March 22 nd
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Francis "Hank" Zwick by Joyce Fogle & Sons	
Thursday	March 23 rd
<i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	6:30pm
+ Esther Vensil by Tony & Cindy Schumacher	
Friday	March 24 th
<i>Blessed Oscar Romero</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Jim Scott by Mary & Family	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	6:30pm
+ Roman Schumacher by Bernie & Linda Dick	
Saturday	March 25 th
<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic	

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 25 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	5:00 pm
+Marie & James Kirkland by their daughters	
Sunday	March 26 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+Cyril T. Burkhart by his family	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	10:30 am
+Norbert Burkhart by Karl & Donna	
St. John Bosco Mission , Sardis	12:30 pm
+ Frank Farnsworth & Kathy Dobbins by Ada Morris Family	

Confirmation Session for Sunday, March 19th is cancelled. We will meet on Sunday, April 2nd at 4:00pm. as scheduled.

For Reflection: : *What are my usual complaints against God? What responses of mercy does God show me?*

Wanted! We are in search of someone to start a Boy Scout Troop and be the Scout Master. We have several cub scouts that are ready to transition to the Boy Scouts but no local scout troop exist at this time for them. If interested contact Melissa Perkins Smithberger (740-213-4037) she will connect the scout council with you . Thank you.

St. John the Baptist Spring raffle and dance will be Saturday, April 1st. Needed for the Kitchen: sloppy joes, hot dogs, buns, chips, brownies, cookies, and candy bars.

Visitation Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet Sunday, March 26th at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta. Prayer Service begins at 2:00pm with the meeting to follow. The meeting is open to unit officers as well as any other interested ladies.

College Seminary Live-in March 23 to 25 for men in high school or college. This is a great opportunity to participate in the daily seminarian schedule. Checkout: www.pcj.edu. Or register at by email to mgossett@diosteub.org.

Chrism Mass Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00pm at the *Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption* in Marietta. All are invited to attend.

A Lenten Day of Spirituality for all women of the diocese will be held on Saturday, April 1st at 10:00am at St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville. The program titled "*Lessons from Catholic Tradition and Neuroscience and The Grateful Life: Living in Awareness of God's daily Gifts*" will be presented by Anne Kertz of Wexford, Pa. She will explore lessons from our Catholic contemplative tradition, as well as the latest in neuroscience research that confirms how healthy it is to be grateful and attentive in our lives. To make reservations contact our CWC presidents. The fee of \$25.00 is payable upon making your reservation.

Fasting and Abstinence Regulations Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. Ash Wednesday (March 1st) and Good Friday (April 14th) are days of complete abstinence from meat as well as days of fast. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (Canons 97 and 1252).

This Week

Sunday

St. Sylvester Central Bingo
at Brown Community Center
Doors open at 5:00pm
Bingo begins at 6:30pm

Monday

6:30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

St. Sylvester Central Bingo
at Brown Community Center
Doors open at 5:00pm
Bingo begins at 6:30pm

Wednesday

9 to Noon Eucharistic
Adoration at St. Sylvester

Thursday

6:30pm Stations of the Cross
following Mass at Miltonsburg

Friday

6:30pm Stations of the Cross
following Mass in Woodsfield

Saturday

K of C Movie Night following
Mass at St. Sylvester's

Sunday

St. Sylvester Central Bingo
at Brown Community Center
Doors open at 5:00pm
Bingo begins at 6:30pm

Your Sacrificial Offering

March 12 2017

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult Collection	\$ 102.00
Loose Collection	\$ 62.40
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 84.00
Cath Relief Services	\$ 75.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,016.00
Loose	\$ 17.00
School Collection	\$ 157.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 116.00
Cemetery Care	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 115.00
Cath Relief Services	\$ 162.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,909.00
Loose Collection	\$ 41.20
School Collection	\$ 329.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 224.00
Easter flowers	\$ 255.00
Cath Relief Services	\$ 259.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Purgatorial Society:

An organization founded in the 1890's, to pray for each other and the repose of the souls in Purgatory. Contact Fr. David 740-472-0187

St. Sylvester's **Cub Scout Pack 17**, Woodsfield, meet Monday at 6:00pm September through May. Pack Leader is Melissa Smithberger

Catholic Woman's Club: CWC is an organization of all the Catholic women in a parish and is devoted to fostering spiritual, social and moral values within its members and their parish. St. Sylvester: Mrs. Diane Burkhardt St. John the Baptist: Mrs. Eileen Ackerman and or Mrs. Eileen Miller.

Pastoral Mission Statement for the Catholic Parishes serving greater Monroe County, Ohio

They remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the community, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts. 2;42ff)

In the sacred tradition, as parishes of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Steubenville, we the Catholic Communities of Monroe County remain dedicated to our patron saints, united under our diocesan bishop and committed to:

Worship— Celebrating the Eucharist, the other sacraments and sacred rites with noble simplicity, as the summit and source of our faith, always keeping with the norms of the Church, and promoting appropriate prayer and Catholic devotions, retreats and times of recollection and spiritual growth.

Christian Formation—Fully supporting St. Sylvester Central Elementary and all parish religious education programs for youth and adults, we are on the journey of discovery, deepening and living our faith.

Pastoral Care—Ministering to the sick, the home-bound, the bereaved, those who feel alienated, excluded, wounded or unworthy of the active practice of their religion, the poor and all who have special need of the Church's care and attention.

Outreach / Evangelization—inviting those who have no other church home to join our church communities; cooperating with other churches in community endeavors, such as the SOMA thrift store and the SOMA food pantry, and joining with them for times of community prayer and service.

Catholic Cemetery Contacts:

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield:
Donald & Rita Biedenbach 740-472-1849
St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg & **Immaculate Conception**, Ozark:
Tony Schumacher 740-827-3626
St. Joseph, & **Chapel Hill**, Burkhardt Station:
Russell Betts 740-567-3286
St. Patrick's, New Matamoras:
St. Sylvester Parish office: 740-472-0187

Parish School of Religion (PSR): [aka. CCD] The Parish Religion Classes for children (not enrolled in a Catholic School) in grades 1 through 8.
St. Sylvester: Jill Schumacher 740-472-5483
St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman 740-757-2481
Call to register your children.

Parish Membership: *New Parishioners* are always welcome. Please contact the parish office (740-472-0187) to register.

Infant Baptism: contact the parish office (740-472-0187) to schedule.

Weddings: No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest to fill out proper paperwork. A **pre-Cana program is required** as mandated by Diocesan Policy.

Confessions: at St. Sylvester's: Saturday 4:15pm to 4:45pm & Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am or upon request.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA): RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the parish office at 740-472-0187.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm: If you or someone you love wishes to receive the Eucharist or have a priest visit, call 740-472-0187. Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

Parish Prayer Chain: to add or remove a name from the prayer network please call: Jackie Kirkland 740-472-0338

Praying the Rosary: Witness to Faith. At St. Sylvester and St. John the Baptist Parishes, we recite the rosary before each of the weekend Masses praying together through the intercession of the Blessed Mother for our church, our county, and the world.

Mass Intentions. To remember a loved one (Catholic or not) or a special occasion with a Mass intention. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass. Dates are scheduled on a first come basis.

St. Joseph of Monroe County, Council 5009 meets the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the basement of St. Sylvester Church.

Retrouvaille (help for troubled marriages), 740-749-3335

Diocese of Steubenville Office of Family and Social Concerns & Referral (i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

Diocesan Child Protection and Reporting: Msgr. Kurt Kemo V.G., 1-740-282-3631

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Sylvester Central Elementary: (PK-8)
119 Wayne Street,
Woodsfield, Ohio.
Mrs. Robyn Guiler,
principal.
740-472-0321

St. John Central High School.
3625 Guernsey Street,
Bellaire, Ohio.
740-676-4932

Mrs. Kim Leonard, principal
www.stjohncentralhs.org

Monroe County Suicide prevention hotline
1-800-354-4357

St. John Central High School, Bellaire, is accepting students for the 2017-18 school year. Call 740-676-4932.

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
March 19

Third Sunday of Lent Ex
17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Monday
March 20

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday
March 21

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34-43
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday
March 22

Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday
March 23

Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

Friday
March 24

Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday
March 25

Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday
March 26

Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

A Word From Pope Francis: *"To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different....[God] is always ready to listen....All one needs to do is accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice."* —*Misericordiae Vultus*

**In Loving
Memory of:**

Emma Schumacher
Sr. Joanna Burkhart
Sr. Evelyn Ann
Schumacher
Msgr. Joseph G Mehler
Fr. Joseph Finan
Imelda D Scott
Walter & Alma Heinz
Vernon Butler
Brandon Butler
Francis & Freda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Hilda & Herman
Burkhart
Michael & Bertha
Burkhart
Paul & Barbara Conner
James Scott
Paul & Katy Madison
The Ulrich Family
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William H. Bolon
Meri Welsh
Joseph Fetty
Robert M. Miller Sr.
Cyril T. Burkhart
Joe & Eunice Gallagher
Monica Long

**Sometimes a priest at Mass skips (or forgets) the blessing after the
Confiteor: “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and
bring us to everlasting life.” I learned this prayer is important because it
prepares us to receive the Eucharist. Is that correct?**

The penitential act at Mass concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance” (*GIRM* 51). In *The Tridentine Missal*, the *Confiteor* was followed by a version of the formula in use today and a second formula: “May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins.” This second, quasi-absolution is omitted in the current rite, along with the sign of the cross that accompanied it.

Jesus told Simon and his companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). Often, when entering God’s presence, we are so filled with awe that we become aware of our own sinfulness. Yet our primary purpose in gathering for worship is not to acknowledge our sins but to acknowledge God’s mercy. Thus, the penitential act exists to unite the faithful as a community and to prepare them to listen to God’s word and to celebrate the Eucharist (*GIRM* 46).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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St. Sylvester Central Spring Fling winners: 1st Bill Arnold by Westin Swallow; 2nd Kerri Knaus by Zachary Babcock; 3rd Roger Leasure Jr. by Sydney Leasure; 4th Tim Taylor by Anna Lang; 5th Stacey Piatt by Tristan Piatt; 6th Jessica Hoff by Paden girls; 7th Krista Harris by Victoria Calder; 8th Dalton Hogue by Garrett Knowlton; 9th Marisa Cole by Ealey & Lisbyn Cole; 10th John Miller by Sydney Lang; 11th Ashlie Vaness by Carver Bolon; 12th Lorraine Lewis by Kyle Robbins; 13th Kristy LeMasters by Cade & Emma McLaughlin; 14th Bob Welsh by Avery Fortin; 15th Jeff Schnegg by Brayden Baker; 16th Rod Baker by Aaron McDaniel; 17th Brayden Baker by Brayden Baker; 18th Westin Swallow (Free); 19th Kynlie & Chloe Cine by Judy Tomasovich. Congrats to all the winners! Thanks for supporting our school.



Knights of Columbus Council 5009

Lenten Fish Fry at St. Sylvester Central School: Friday March 31st. 4pm to 7pm or until sold out.

Family Movie night following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, March 25th. Showing the *13th Day* the Story of Fatima. Snacks provided. All welcomed!

Next **Fourth Degree Exemplification** is June 3rd 2017

April 5th **Vocation Tour 2017** will be at St. Sylvester Church at 6:00pm Bishop Monforton will be present. All are invited.

St. Sylvester Central Script Program is an excellent way to support Catholic Education and St. Sylvester Central without costing you money out of your pocket.

2017 SSC Spring Carnival is scheduled for April 30th. Mark your calendars.

SSC Night at the Races was a great success. Thanks to Brandee Schnegg who headed this fundraiser.

2017-18 Enrollment—registration fee is \$100.00 (one registration fee per family) there are a few spaces available.

Trojan Alumni—SSC Home & School Subcommittee is collecting names, year of graduation & current contact information of former students. We are also looking for class representative for the various years to help with this project. You are invited to join the St. Sylvester Central School Alumni Facebook page and submit information. It is our hope to host a gathering during the Woodsfield/Monroe Central alumni weekend in June

Tuesday Bingo

March 21
Monica Habig
Lance LaFollette
Anna Lang
Nicholas or Michaela
Murdy
Deborah Blackstone
Joshua or Tasha Beckett
Chad or Dawn Kuhn

March 28

Monica Habig
Dara Butler
Randall or Michelle
Christman
Lucas or Crystal
Cunningham
Jessica or Denny
Knowlton
Stephen or Cyndee
Habig

Sunday Bingo

March 19
Missy Knowlton
Tony Schumacher
Cathy Cline
Sandy Barnes
Eric Kilburn
Melanie Kemp

March 26

Amanda Schumacher
David McMillan
Amy English
Anthony or Monica Lee
Nicole Eastham
Matthew or Nicole
McGuire

April 2

Amanda Schumacher
Sam Schumacher
Ryan or Cecile Watters
Jr. or Barb Burkhart
Adam Chambers
Kim Palmer

**BINGO
KITCHEN**

March 19
Mary McLaughlin
Michelle Speelman

March 21
St. John’s

March 26
Rita Biedenbach
Sally LaFollette

March 28
Mary Robison
Cathy Paulus

Don't give up Chocolate, or Pizza either, for lent.

Join Dynamic Catholic for the Best Lent ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent.

Free Sign up at BestLentEver.com.

The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. invite you to be immersed in the Holy Spirit at our Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 25th, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The retreat includes Mass, Adoration, lunch, talks, testimonies, and more. The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery in Toronto, Ohio. Registration (740-544-5542 x112) is required by Monday March 13th. Suggested donation is \$25.00.

DPSC 2017

As we embark on the 2017 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign, we begin with a *sense of hope*. In the past our parishioners have responded with generosity and for this I am extremely grateful and thankful. As you can see below, in the recent past we have risen to the task not only of achieving the goal but exceeding it; to have a refund to be used to operate our parish and school. These refunds are not subjected to diocesan assessment and provide an excellent funding source for projects and efforts beyond the scope of our annual parish budgets. I hope that each family in our parish will consider making and fulfilling a pledge or donation to the 2017 DPSC.

St. John Bosco Mission

	DPSC goals	refund to parish
In 2014	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 2,275.00
In 2015	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 3,675.00
In 2016	\$ 1,984.00	\$ 741.00
In 2017	\$ 2,010.00	

St. John the Baptist

	DPSC goals	refund to parish
In 2014	\$ 4,563.00	\$ 3,707.00
In 2015	\$ 5,332.00	\$ 2,623.00
In 2016	\$ 2,728.00	\$ 6,382.00
In 2017	\$ 5,628.00	

St. Sylvester

	DPSC goals	refund to Parish
In 2014	\$ 12,168.00	\$ 7,172.00
In 2015	\$ 14,888.00	\$ 2,979.00
In 2016	\$ 15,748.00	\$ ——
In 2017	\$ 20,100.00	
