



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

The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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April 16, 2017
Easter



Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 Jn 20:1–9

“This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible... to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead” (Acts 10:40–41).

Today we celebrate the most important mystery of our faith, the greatest event in the Bible and all of history. Nothing before the events of Easter morning contains their full meaning, and nothing after makes sense without them. Jesus’ conquering of death validated all of his preaching, teaching, and miracles. Now his doctrine of love, forgiveness, faith, and baptism is confirmed, as is God’s definitive revelation for man’s salvation. In short, the resurrection proves that Jesus wasn’t simply a good man, a wise teacher, or a revolutionary. He was all those things and more—he was the Son of God.

Without Jesus’ rising from the dead, you cannot explain his appearing to the women, apostles, disciples, and crowds before his ascension. You cannot explain the transformation of the timid and baffled apostles into powerful preachers or the conversion of St. Paul from a murdering Pharisee to a persecuted Christian. Without the truth of the resurrection, you cannot explain the courage of any of the martyrs.

Indeed, the Romans and Jews took these martyrs seriously. And if either group could have produced a body of evidence or a convincing explanation to debunk the story, they would have. So today, set aside your Lenten focus on the mocked, beaten, and buried Jesus. Celebrate the resurrection. Christ the Lord—and Christianity—is a reality and a force. Rejoice! Reflect on the truth and power of this day, and allow God’s Son to open the tombs of your heart and life.

Easter Sunday

Saturday April 15th
Easter Vigil
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 pm
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Easter Sunday April 16nd
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 am
 + Ed Roth by H. C. Zima

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30am
 +Roman Schumacher by Meredith & Linda Kahrig

St. John Bosco, Sardis 12:30pm
 + Everett Burkhardt by Family

Monday April 17th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 + Rita Yontz by Mary V. Crum

Tuesday April 18th
St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:30am
 + Francis "Hank" Zwick by Clyde & Terry Rubel

Wednesday April 19th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 Living & Deceased Benefactors of St. Sylvester Central School
 + Betty Hamm by Fr. David

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield, 6:30pm
 Vocations to priesthood & religious life

Thursday April 20th
No Mass

Friday April 21st
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 + Joe Fetty by Mary & Richard Bland

Saturday April 22nd
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday April 22th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 pm
 + Marie & James Kirkland by their daughters

Sunday April 23th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 am
 + Monica Long by Joseph

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
 + Cyril T Burkhardt by Cathy & Ron Gallagher

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
 + Larry Carver by Oda Morris Family

On Wednesday, April 19th, Bishop Jeffrey M Monforton Bishop of the Diocese of Steubenville, will be celebrant for the 8:30am Mass with the Students of St. Sylvester Central. Following Mass the Bishop will visit the students in their classrooms.

Pilgrimage/Historical Trip to Philadelphia, Pa.
 September 19-22, 2017; September 19th Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, Pa. Sept. 20th visit the shrine of St. John Neumann and St. Katherine Drexel with a tour of Independence Hall with a vie of the Liberty Bell and other historical sites. Sept. 21, the Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa. and travel to Lancaster, Pa. to experience JONAH at the Sights and Sound Theatre. And Sept. 22 a visit to the National Clock Museum, Wilbur's Chocolate Co. & other unique shops before heading home. There are currently only ten spots available.

High School Students interested in helping with the care of the St. Sylvester Cemetery & grounds (aka mowing) are asked to contact Kiven Smithberger at 740-213-1974.

Marriage Encounter Weekend — May 5th-7th at the Clarion Inn in Hudson, Ohio. Applications and further information on line: GreatMarriagesOhio.org or call 330-305-9963.

For Reflection: *The resurrection changes everything. How does it change my life? If you recorded your whole day, would there be enough evidence that you believe in the resurrection?*

A Word From Pope Francis: *"I would like it to enter every heart, for it is there that God wants to sow this Good News: Jesus is risen, there is hope for you, you are no longer in the power of sin, of evil! Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious! The mercy of God always triumphs!" —Urbi et Orbi, March 31, 2013*

Thank you! Thank you!

A special thank you to the K of C for the hospitality for the Vocation Tour 2017. A heartfelt thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies so special.

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. 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 goal	refund to parish
In 2016	\$ 1,984.00	\$ 741.00
In 2017	\$ 2,010.00	

St. John the Baptist		
	DPSC goal	refund to parish
In 2016	\$ 2,728.00	\$ 6,382.00
In 2017	\$ 5,628.00	

St. Sylvester		
	DPSC goal	refund to Parish
In 2016	\$ 15,748.00	\$ _____
In 2017	\$ 20,100.00	

Thank you!



Condolences and prayers are extended to the family of *Amy (Schumacher) Biedenbach* who died this past week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

This Week

Easter Sunday

Monday

Cub Scouts

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:30am School Mass
 w/ Bishop

Thursday

7:00pm K of C Meeting

Sunday

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

Your Sacrificial Offering
 April 9, 2017

St. John Bosco Mission	
Adult Collection	\$ 124.00
Loose Collection	\$ 61.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 10.00

St. John the Baptist	
Adult Collection	\$ 891.00
Loose	\$ 82.00
School Collection	\$ 129.00
Rise Bowl	\$ 20.00
Holy Land	\$ 40.00
Bequest	\$ 1,154.88

St. Sylvester	
Adult Collection	\$ 2,552.00
Loose Collection	\$ 216.50
School Collection	\$ 291.30
Easter flowers	\$ 13.00
Cemetery Care	\$ 105.00
Bequest	\$ 1,154.90

Thank you for your generosity.



God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will give new life to our own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in us.

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.

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

Basilica of St. Mary, Marietta is having an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, April 28th from 4pm to 7pm Dinners include salad, roll drink & dessert. There also will be a raffle drawing, pie auction, and 50/50 drawing. Adults \$9.00; children 12 and under \$5.00. Please bring the entire family.

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 basics.

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.

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

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
April 16
Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or
Mt 28:1-10

Monday
April 17

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday
April 18

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday
April 19

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday
April 20

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday
April 21

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday
April 22

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday
April 23

Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:42-47
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

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**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

Why do Catholics teach Christ rose on the third day? Given a Friday crucifixion and Sunday's resurrection, I barely count two days.

There are a couple of issues to consider here. To begin with, Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an event that happened both *in* and *out* of time. Theologians say it was a transcendental event with historical consequences. Because Jesus' resurrection is not like anything we have ever seen before and bears little or no resemblance to any other historical event, our concepts of time falter when trying to express exactly what happened. To put it another way, the length of time that Jesus spent in the tomb is much less important than what he did there. What really matters is that he conquered death, vacated the tomb, and entered into his risen and glorified state. We must also remember that the Jews of Jesus' day were not as precise in their measurement of time as we are today. We tend to measure time in terms of hours, minutes, and seconds. They thought in terms of sunrises and sunsets. When seen in this light, the typical explanation given to the three-day time frame of Jesus' death and resurrection is that it took place in the course of three separate days: Good Friday (when Jesus was condemned to death and crucified), Holy Saturday (when Jesus lay in the tomb), and Easter (Sunday, when Jesus rose from the dead).

Dennis J. Billy, CSsR

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Next Fourth Degree Exemplification is June 3rd 2017

St. Sylvester Central School News

School Website: www.monroecountycatholic.org then click on the school tab.

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.

Easter Break: Wednesday April 12th through Monday April 17th. School will resume on Tuesday April 18th.

Students of the Month for March are: Kindergarten—Kimber Morris; First Grade—Makyala Parden; Second Grade — Remy Peters; Third/Fourth grade — Parker Sefert; Fifth Grade — Landen Lydick; six Grade — Carson Kuhn; Seventh/Eighth — Carlie Lee. Well Done!

Clear 2-liter bottles—Mrs. Burkhart is planning an art project and is asking for clear 2-liter bottles.

In honor of **Earth Day** we will host a "Trash to Treasure" Art contest. Students can bring any recycled materials in and complete their projects at school. Judging will be Friday, April 21st. All projects must be turned in to Miss Winland by Thursday, April 20th.



Tuesday Bingo

April 18
Monica Habig
Ana Lang
lance LaFollette
Jeff or Lisa Marley
Melissa Miller
Justin or Abby Friday
Dani Wheeler

April 25
Monica Habig
Dara Butler
Chad or Dawn Kuhn
Ed or Mary McLaughlin
Gary or Keisha West
Tom or Lydia Brodegard

May 2
Monica Habig
Richard Schenk
Brook Yontz
Jenny Thornton
Amanda Blaney
Robyn Guiler
Laura Winland

Sunday Bingo

April 23
Amanda Schumacher
Randall Sefert
Michaela Murdy
Anthony & Monica Lee
Jessica Amos
Dustin & April Parden

May 7
Amanda Schumacher
Sam Schumacher
Stacey Schumacher
Christy Ferguson
Juli Harper
Andrew Harper

May 14
Monica Habig
Adan Dick
Jonathan or Nicole
Wilson
Tim of Staci Isaly
Ted Babcock
Chad or Marissa Cole

BINGO KITCHEN

April 18
St. John CWC

April 23
Tammy Jones
Penny Elliott

April 25
Becky Baldwin
Louise Kress

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Joseph & Eunice Gallagher and Cyril T. Burkhart by Ron and Cathy Gallagher

Vernon & Brandon Butler by Cinderella Butler

Glenn & Lorena Mayberry and Otto & Murl Burkhart Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Otto Burkhart Jr.

Clarence & Luzelda Stephen and Lonnie T. Stephen by Connie Stephen

Clara Rush, Clementine & Joseph Ankrom, Mary Rush, Darrell Cline by Shelby & Cathy Cline

Nelson & Ella Smithberger and Shirley Perkins by Kiven & Melissa Smithberger

Jerry & Goldie Weiss and Don & Bessie Freeman by Dan & Joyce Weiss

David Baker, Lowell Baker, William H. Bolon, Lawrence & Clara Miller, Bob, Tom, Vernon, & George Miller by Mary Bolon

Michael Demchak, George Sr, & Gladys Demchak, Rose & EE Smith, by George & Phyllis Demchak

Deloris Knowlton, Roman & Clara Schumacher, Rick Schumacher and Susan Thomas by Mike & Missy Knowlton

The Family of Mable Dembow

Garrett family, Brooks Family, Paul Hinderlong, & Monica Long by Ann Hinderlong

Joseph Fetty Sr, & the deceased of the Fleischer and Bland Families by Richard and Mary Bland

John & Thomas Dierkes, John & Dorothy Stungis, Frank & Neta Dierkes by Glenn & Dorothy Dierkes

Edwin Nelson, Joseph & Viola Savarino, Louis & Mary Dalessio by Ida & Vincent Delassio

Francis & Edith Block and Virgil Block by Joseph & Debbie Block

Arthur & Ruth Miller and David Miller by Meredith and Linda Kahrig

Hilda Burkhart and Madeline Mellinger by Don and Marlene Burkhart

James Scott by Mary Scott & Children

Clarence & Dorothy Howell, Ruth Ellen Howell, Ray & Rita Yontz, Mary Yontz and Joseph Yontz by John & Maryann Yontz

Leighton and Thelma Weber by Paul & Marie Ring

Gene Krone, Helen Krone, Wess & Clara Hossman, Ogell & Elsie Legg, Maude Ditmar by Phyllis Krone

Francis & Edith Block by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman

Gene & Mary Louise Wells and Vernon Butler by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Wells

Cyril T Burkhart by Rosemary Burkhart

George Kress, Fred Kress, Floyd Griffin, Helen & Clarence Hoff by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hoff

Ray Baldwin, Ralph & Alice Buckalew by Becky Baldwin

Roger Schumacher, Stella & Herb Schumacher, Lucille & Tip Yost by Barbara Schumacher

Anthony & Ellen Biedenbach, Joseph & Catherine Dick by Bernie & Linda Dick

Michael Minarik, Ed & Nell Roth, Longie Zima, Delores McHattie and Mary Cook by Helen Zima

Paul & Barbara Conner by Steve & Diane Burkhart

Francis & Freeda Paulus, Mary & Hilda Paulus, David Rodgers, Charles & Wilma Paulus, and Mildred Schumacher by Catherine Paulus

William Frank Sr., Robert H. Wilson, Richard & Blanche Frank, Robert & Margaret Wilson, Diane Frank by William Frank Jr.

Clarence & Dorothy Howell, Ralph & Ella Richter, Ruth Ellen Howell, Clarence Smith, Chester & Freda Schafer by Larry & Connie Richter

John & "Cuppy" Chaplin, Johnny Chaplin, and Bob Cecil by Robyn Cecil

Lucille & Gene Tracey, Gene & Friend Daugherty, Clara Helen Wiley, Burl & Mary Delaney, Freda & Lauren Neal by Bill & Bobbie Dent

Wes & Clara Hossman, Cindy Miller Stevens, Marvin & Charles Hossman, Ed Burkhart, Casper, Mary, Sonny Biedenbach, George & Gene Miller Jr., Warren Ralph Mariea Pay Miller by Don & Eileen Miller.

Michael Garten, Robert Miller, Park & Elsie Wood, David Baker, Bud Baker by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miller Jr.

Robert M Miller Sr., Vernon Miller, Tom & George Miller, Delmas & Gary Finnicum, Carolyn Miller, Billy Finnicum by Carolyn Miller

Deloris Knowlton, Roman Schumacher by Beth & Tyler Knowlton

Ed & Stella Biedenbach, Walter & Madeline Schumacher by Donald & Rita Biedenbach

Bill, Ada & Norbert Schumacher by Thomas & Cindy Schumacher

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Williams and Richard and Arlene Chambers by Mike & Lisa Chambers

Francis Cheplic, Joseph Cheplic & Joseph S Cheplic by Mr. & Mrs. Larry McDougale

Elsie & Elmer Tamasovich, Eleanor & Hank Schwartz by Ted & Judy Tamasovich

Francis & Freeda Paulus, Victor & Dorothy Davidson by John Paulus Family

Andrew & Elizabeth Karpacs, Mary Georsky by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Smittle

Elbert & Zelda Betts, Leander & Genevieve Kuhn, Danny Betts, Martha Kuhn, Gary Betts, Tom Dierkes, Chancy & Ida Coss, Denny Biedenbach, Kollin Coss, Phillip Coss, by Keith & Cindy Coss

Mark & Shirley Kuhn by Kenneth Kuhn

Leander & Genevieve Kuhn, Elbert & Zelda Betts, Danny Betts, Martha, Shirley, & Mark Kuhn, Tom Dierkes, Chuck Pro, Barbara Day, Gary Betts by Lucy & Delmas Betts

In Honor of: Delmas & Lucy Betts, Derek, Brittani, Jolie and Harrison Christman by Keith & Cindy Coss.

Donation By

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ogas
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dick
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