



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 2, 2017**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)*

Ez 37:12–14

Rom 8:8–11

Jn 11:1–45

“If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you” (Romans 8:11).

The raising of Lazarus is a decisive miracle in Christ’s public ministry. It leads to increased hostility and gives the Jewish leaders both an excuse and a motivation to actively seek the death of Jesus. This Gospel episode is so important that John dedicates an entire chapter to the story.

What is the most important message of this miracle? Without faith in Jesus, there is no resurrection. A fitting message for an artist painting in Europe right after World War II. Looking at the painting of Annigoni, Mary is at the feet of Jesus while Martha is on her feet pouring out her heart. The artist evokes a landscape of death and destruction, one too often observed in postwar Europe. Colors of decay abound. Stones are piled up like rubble. The trees are burnt, scrawny, and twisted as if after an air raid. It is ugly, rugged, barren, and dry. A small group of people have gathered to weep at the tomb. Jesus is the only source of color and life. After Martha affirms her faith in Jesus and the resurrection, he lifts up his hand and calls out. The onlookers peer inside, perhaps having heard the sounds of rustling coming from the cave.

The message of this artwork is clear to anyone struggling with the bondage of a destructive past. Jesus wants to speak words of life and raise us from the grips of death, war, and despair. Believe in Jesus and he will raise you up!

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

<b>Saturday</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	5:00 pm
+ Clint Stephen by Shelly & Cathy Cline	
<b>Sunday</b>	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+ Eunice Gallagher by Ron & Cathy Gallagher	
<b>St. John the Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg	10:30am
+ Agnes Burkhart by Karl & Donna Robinson	
<b>St. John Bosco</b> , Sardis	12:30pm
+ Matt Singleton by Catherine Paulus	
<b>Monday</b>	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:00am
+ Roman Schumacher by Sam & Jill Schumacher	
<b>Tuesday</b>	April 4 <sup>th</sup>
<i>St. Isidore</i>	
<b>St. John the Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg	9:00am
+ Audrey Burkhart by family	
<b>Wednesday</b>	April 5 <sup>th</sup>
<i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i>	
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Elijah & Rose Smith by George & Phyllis Demchak	
<b>Thursday</b>	April 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. John the Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg	9:00am
Deceased of the Hossman & Krone families by Phyllis Krone	
<b>Friday</b>	April 7 <sup>th</sup>
<i>St. John the Baptist de la Salle</i>	
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Hank Zwick by Deloris Schell	
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	6:30pm
+ Patty Templeton by Francis & Edie Schumacher	
<b>Saturday</b>	April 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:30am
Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic	

## Palm Sunday

<b>Saturday</b>	April 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	5:00 pm
+ Hank Zwick by Joe & Eileen Nauer	
<b>Sunday</b>	April 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>St. Sylvester</b> , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+ Imelda Scott by Eugene & Christine Scott	
<b>St. John the Baptist</b> , Miltonsburg	10:30 am
+ Vernon Butler by Cinderella Butler	
<b>St. John Bosco Mission</b> , Sardis	12:30 pm
+ Mamie Morris by Ada Morris Family	

**St. John the Baptist Spring raffle and dance** will be Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00pm to 11:00pm in our social hall.

**St. Sylvester CWC** will meet April 5<sup>th</sup> in the Brown Center at 7pm Ladies are asked to bring a package of Hot dogs to donate for the Bingo kitchen.

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

**Fasting and Abstinence Regulations** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. Ash Wednesday (March 1<sup>st</sup>) and Good Friday (April 14<sup>th</sup>) 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 59<sup>th</sup> birthday (Canons 97 and 1252).

### Lenten Penance Services

*Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>* 9:00am School Confessions and 7:00pm Parish Penance Service at St. Sylvester, Woodsfield

*Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>* Noble County penance service at 7:00pm at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell.

*Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>* Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption Marietta at 7:00pm

*Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>* Assumption Parish Barnesville at 7:00pm

### 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 view 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.

**Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 15th at 11:00am St. Sylvester Central Playground weather permitting. Children ages 0 to & including 4th grade are invited to participate.

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** Bishop Monfortin and Fr. Michael Gossett, et al. will be at St. Sylvester Church Basement at 6:00pm for a Vocation Tour & Presentation all are invited to attend. Hospitality provided by the K of C Council 5009.

## This Week

### Sunday

4:00pm Conformation session

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

### Monday

9:00a School Confessions  
6:30p Cub Scouts  
7:00p Parish Penance Service

### 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  
6:00pm Vocation Tour at St. Sylvester's  
7:00pm SS CWC meeting

### Thursday

6:30pm Stations of the Cross at Miltonsburg  
7:00p Penance service at Barnesville

### Friday

8:30a School Mass  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross following Mass in Woodsfield

### Sunday

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

## Your Sacrificial Offering

March 29, 2017

### St. John Bosco Mission

Adult Collection \$ 67.00  
Loose Collection \$ 54.00

### St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection \$ 941.00  
Loose \$ 81.00  
School Collection \$ 69.00  
Cemetery Care \$ 161.00  
Easter Flowers \$ 50.00  
Rise Bowl \$ 52.00

### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection \$ 1,753.00  
Loose Collection \$ 89.00  
School Collection \$ 147.00  
Rice Bowl \$ 20.00  
Easter flowers \$ 75.00  
Cemetery care \$ 200.00  
Chapel Hill \$ 20.00

*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 &**

**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](http://www.stjohncentralhs.org)

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

### **Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday**  
April 2

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
Ez 37:12-14  
Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45

**Monday**  
April 3

*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,  
19-30, 33-62  
Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday**  
April 4

*Lenten Weekday*  
Nm 21:4-9  
Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday**  
April 5

*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday**  
April 6

*Lenten Weekday*  
Gn 17:3-9  
Jn 8:51-59

**Friday**  
April 7

*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 20:10-13  
Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday**  
April 8

*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 37:21-28  
Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday**  
April 9

*Palm Sunday*  
Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mt 26:14-27:66

**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

## What happened to “hellfire and brimstone” preaching, like I remember from parish missions in my younger years?

Hellfire and brimstone recalls Genesis 19:24: “The Lord rained down sulfur upon Sodom and Gomorrah, fire from the Lord out of heaven.” It refers to a harsh preaching style and “doom and gloom” content focused on God’s wrath, punishment, and hell. Puritans—those English Calvinists who colonized Massachusetts in the 1600s—adhered strongly to their belief in eternal damnation, innate sin, and diabolical power. Likewise, American Baptists were known to “out-Calvin Calvin” in their preaching. While Catholics also adhere strongly to our belief in the possibility of eternal damnation, innate sin, and evil forces, we believe in the grace of baptism to remove original sin, the outpouring of God’s grace to strengthen our weakness due to original sin, and in the extraordinary power of conversion to prevent everlasting damnation. To that end, parish missions and revivals strengthen the spiritual life of the faithful and welcome lapsed Catholics. Preaching orders have been conducting missions since their earliest days in America. Saint Alphonsus encouraged his Redemptorist missionaries to be lions in the pulpit and lambs in the confessional. One preacher in the 1850s described the fires of hell with such intensity that the nearby fire engine crew was mistakenly dispatched to the church to extinguish the conflagration. Yet the fire most desirable during a mission is the one in people’s hearts for God. “Fear of God” means a dread for God’s judgment, but it can also mean a reverential marvel for God. Many preachers today prefer to instill that awe for God’s inviting mercy instead of a paralyzing fear of God’s anger.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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**March Spring Fling Winners:**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Lane Demchak by Lane Demchak.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Judy Howell by Carver Bolon.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bill Piatt by Bentley Blackstone.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Keisha West by Christopher West.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Rayland Schumacher by Brodegard kids.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Jess Knowlton by Garrett Knowlton.

Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser.



### Knights of Columbus Council 5009

Next **Fourth Degree Exemplification** is June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

The meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> will be suspended so that the council might host the 2017 VOCATION TOUR in Woodsfield. Bishop Monforton will be present.

Thanks to all who supported our Fish Fry. We appreciate your support.

## St. Sylvester Central School News

April 5<sup>th</sup> **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. The last “scrip” order before Easter will be placed on Monday April 3rd.

**2017 SSC Spring Carnival** is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars.

**Kindergarten Screening** is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be no class for current kindergarten students that day.

**Enrollment update:** We are happy to report that at this time it looks like our enrollment may be slightly higher than last year with new registrations still coming in. Our school remains strong and we are excited about the future,

The Diocese of Steubenville has decreed that each school within the Diocese will have an Finance council which will be independently of parish finance councils. To approve annual operating budget for the school, review and advise in the implementation of that budget, give complete financial reports to the Pastoral Administrator at least quarterly, review all expenses exceeding \$500.00 and all contracts over \$5,000.00 between the school and outside parties. More information will follow,

**Tuesday Bingo**  
April 4

Monica Habig  
Richard Schenk  
Brooke Yontz  
Chuch Dye & Heather Smith  
Jill Schumacher  
Alicia McSword  
Jason Baldwin

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

**Sunday Bingo**

**April 2**

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

**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

**BINGO  
KITCHEN**

April 2  
Rose Mary Dick  
Diane Burkhart

April 4  
Kay Brooks  
Joan Kirkland

April 18  
St. John CWC

April 23  
Tammy Jones  
Penny Elliott

April 25  
Becky Baldwin  
Louise Kress

## DPSC 2017

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima.** It is fitting that we commemorate this anniversary in the Diocese of Steubenville. We will have the rosary Congress within the Diocese to be held simultaneously at;

- Steubenville (Triumph of the Cross Parish)
- Marietta (Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption)
- Ironton (St. Joseph Parish)

They will begin with the Vigil Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>) and culminate on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Lady 's final appearance at Fatima, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

I ask that the Diocese unite in a particular way through this Rosary Congress to request of Almighty God that devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary be established in the world to deepen our consecration and beg for her intercession for her divine Son's grace, love, and mercy upon our beloved diocese.

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton  
Bishop of Steubenville

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** May 5th-7th at the Clarion Inn in Hudson, Ohio. Applications and further information on line: [GreatMarriagesOhio.org](http://GreatMarriagesOhio.org) or call 330-305-9963.

**For Reflection:** *How is your Lenten journey bringing you deeper in faith and closer to new life in Jesus? Has Jesus raised you from destruction or despair? How?*

**A Word From Pope Francis:** *"Whoever experiences [the joy of the Resurrection] becomes a witness of the Resurrection....He or she is then capable of carrying a 'ray' of light of the Risen One into various situations,...bringing serenity and hope."*—Regina Caeli, St. Peter's Square, April 21, 2014

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 refunds 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 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	

It is my fervent hope that our parishes can reach and exceed our goals. This weekend I ask that you prayerfully make a gift to the annual appeal. Thank you!

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