



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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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (A)

Is 50:4 –7

Phil 2:6 –11

Mt 26:14 — 27:66

“They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road” (Matthew 21:7–8).

Palm (or Passion) Sunday prepares us to leave behind Jesus’ public ministry and to enter into his suffering and death. From miracles, crowds, and praise we move to pain, silence, and humility. Only the strong and true lovers of Jesus will make it to the foot of the cross. This small panel painting is dedicated to Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. Jesus sits nobly in the center. The prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 makes up the background: “Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” By riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus embraces the path of the Messiah that God had mapped out through the prophets. He comes as a king, yet in peace and obedience. Jesus wins with meekness and love. Returning to the painting, we see little children laying down their coats before Jesus. These simple souls recognize his divine humility and honor him with their gestures while the crowd acclaims his kingship. The reign of Jesus incites praise, fidelity, and allegiance. They wave olive branches and throw them on the ground before him.

Counting the followers in the painting, eleven process with golden halos around their heads. These symbols of holiness highlight the fact that to love Jesus is to follow him to the end. One follower, however, is surrounded in shadow. Unlike the others, he looks away. His heart is set on another plan.

Palm Sunday

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

Monday April 10th
NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday April 11th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+ Patty Templeton by Ron & Cathy Gallagher

Wednesday April 12th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
+ Francis "Hank" Zwick by Stella Crum

Thursday April 13th
Holy Thursday
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00pm
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Friday April 14st
Good Friday
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00pm
The Passion of the Lord Jesus

EASTER Sunday

Saturday April 15st
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

Chrism Mass Tuesday, April 11th 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. Good Friday (April 14th) is a day of complete abstinence from meat as well as a day 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).

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.

St. John the Baptist Spring Raffle Winners:

1st prize — Aurora Block, 2nd — Kathy McDougale, 3rd — Rosemary Burkhardt, 4th — Malaga Greenhouse, 5th — Dianne Lewis, 6th — Tom Wood, & 7th — Brad Brown. Thank to all who supported our Spring Dance & Raffle.

The verdict is in; the cost of repairing the boiler at St. Sylvester Church for labor and parts, etc. was \$8,967.00. We are currently getting bids on A/C for the church.

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: *How do I respond to Jesus' invitation to join him in his passion? How do my actions indicate where my heart really is? Would I be shrouded in shadow or surrounded by Jesus' glory?*

A Word From Pope Francis: *"Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter [to] the world. He understands human sufferings, and he has bent down to heal body and soul."* —Homily, St. Peter's Square, March 24, 2013

This Week

Tuesday
8:30am School Mass
7:00pm Chrism Mass Marietta

Thursday
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by adoration till 10:00pm

Friday
Noon Community Passion Walk
3:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday
11:00am Easter Egg Hunt
8:30pm Easter Vigil

Your Sacrificial Offering
April 2, 2017

St. John Bosco Mission
Adult Collection \$ 90.00
Loose Collection \$ 87.00
Easter Flowers \$ 8.00

St. John the Baptist
Adult Collection \$ 1,721.00
Loose \$ 23.00
School Collection \$ 230.00
Cemetery Care \$ 40.00
Easter Flowers \$ 5.00
Rise Bowl \$ 3.00

St. Sylvester
Adult Collection \$ 2,500.00
Loose Collection \$ 65.00
Votive Candles \$ 73.65
School Collection \$ 260.00
Rice Bowl \$ 120.00
Easter flowers \$ 45.00

Thank you for your generosity.



Condolences are extended to Fr. Thomas Hamm (former assistant in Monroe County) on the death of his mother, Betty Hamm. Visitation on Sunday, April 9th from 2pm to 4pm and 6-8pm at Keller Funeral Home, Martins Ferry with the funeral at St. Mary's Church Martins Ferry, April 10th at 10:00am. Please keep Fr. Hamm in your prayers. May the faithful departed rest in peace.

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.

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 Burkhart 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**, Burkhart 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.

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

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
April 9
Palm Sunday
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday
April 10
Holy Week
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday
April 11
Holy Week
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday
April 12
Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

April 13
Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

April 14
Good Friday
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

April 15
Holy Saturday
Gn 1:1-2:2
Gn 22:1-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Mt 28:1-10

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

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.

**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 don't Catholics study and prepare for the end times or rapture?

Quite simply, we don't prepare for the rapture because as Catholics we don't believe in the rapture. We do believe that there is a time when the world will end, but we have no idea when that day will come. Fundamentalist Christians believe that the world will end with a rapture where the good will be taken and the evil left.

It is based on a misreading of Revelation 20 that speaks of an angel in the pit who will ravage the earth for 1,000 years. This is called a millennialism, and the Church has condemned this belief (CCC 676).

The whole "left behind" series comes from this misreading. Rather than being afraid of the end of the world, the Catholic Church teaches that the best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is by living the sacramental life of the Church: being baptized, celebrating the Eucharist and reconciliation consistently, being married or professing holy orders in the Church, and partaking in the anointing of the sick. By doing these things we are participating in the fullness of the Church and life with Christ. This is the best way to prepare for Christ's return. While we as Catholics do believe there will be a day when we will be gathered to Christ, we look forward to this day with anticipation and joy, not fear and anguish.

Patrick Keyes, 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.

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,

Earth Day — In honor of Earth Day, St. Sylvester Central will be holding a "Trash to treasure" Art Contest. Judging will be April 21st.

New Dismissal procedure went into effect this week to keep our students even safer. Please be patient as we transition to this new procedure.

We are grateful for the success of our Spring Fling fundraiser and thank all who participated.

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 Woodfield/Monroe Central alumni weekend in June.

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 or 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

100th 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. 7th) and culminate on the 100th anniversary of our Lady 's final appearance at Fatima, October 13th, 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

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 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	

Thank you!
