



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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Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

May 7, 2017

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

1 Pt 2:20b–25

Jn 10:1–10

“For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls” (1 Peter 2:25).

Saint Peter, the first pope, zealously preached the word of God, challenging the Romans and the Jews to believe. Astoundingly, on various occasions their hearts were moved and they asked, “What are we to do?” The answer from the apostles was often twofold: Be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. Both are necessary first steps.

The same is true today: We receive baptism and confirmation. We keep cultivating this gift of faith and life in the Holy Spirit, listening to Jesus and the Spirit’s promptings so they blossom and take over all of our life.

The Good Shepherd verses found in John 10 reveal that there are many messengers who promise fulfillment and happiness. Jesus warns that these others try to slip in the back door of our souls and trick us into following them. Initially their message is only slightly different than Jesus’ message, but once they lead us out of his fold, we can end up in very distant fields, and it is a long, hard path back home. How do we distinguish Jesus’ voice from the others? Compare their words with the words of Jesus and his Church. If they don’t align, beware. Another criterion is to see if there is an element of the cross and true peace. Jesus reminds us that the shepherd lays down his life for his sheep and leads them to pasture and rest. The cross, although not everything, is always a part of the shepherd’s path

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 6 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	5:00 pm
+ Hilda Paulus (birthday) by her family	
Sunday	May 7 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+ Matthew Singleton (Anniversary of death) by Sherri & Family	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	10:30 am
+ Joseph & Eunice Gallagher by Cathy & Ron Gallagher	
St. John Bosco Mission , Sardis	12:30 pm
+ Sheila Fisher by Oda Morris Family	
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Monday	May 8 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Monica Long by Bill & Family	
Deceased of the Hohman Family by Eugene & Christina	
Tuesday	May 9 th
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	9:00am
+ Bob Schumacher (Anniversary of Death) by Thelma Schumacher	
Wednesday	May 10 th
<i>St. Damien de Veuster</i>	
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Bob Wise by Anna & Sons	
Thursday	May 11 th
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	9:00pm
+ Hank Zwick by Rosemary Burkhart	
+ Monty Kuhn by Kenny & Kris	
Friday	May 12 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
+ Charles Cunningham by Catherine Paulus	
+ Francis Zwick by Whitney & Debbie Fogle	
Saturday	May 13 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30am
Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic	

Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Saturday	May 13 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	5:00pm
+ Freda Paulus by family	
Sunday	May 14 th
St. Sylvester , Woodsfield	8:30 am
+ Imelda D Scott by Eugene & Christine	
St. John the Baptist , Miltonsburg	10:30am
Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parishes	
St. John Bosco , Sardis	12:30pm
+ Mary "Cuppy" Chaplin	

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.

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.

For Reflection: *How often do I listen to the Good Shepherd over the other messages around me? How do I stay informed of what the pope and other shepherds of the Church are saying?*

A Word From Pope Francis: *"[The] people followed Jesus because he was the good shepherd. He wasn't a casuistic and moralistic Pharisee... nor a contemplative from a monastery. He was a shepherd. [He] spoke the language of his people, he made himself understood, he spoke the truth, the matters of God."*—Morning meditation, June 26, 2015

Seeking individuals who are willing to serve on parish council for each of our parishes.

The 2017 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. 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 2017 DPSC goal is \$ 2,010.00
St. John the Baptist 2017DPSC goal is \$ 5,628.00
St. Sylvester 2017 DPSC goal is \$ 20,100.00

Mother's Day Dinner, Sunday, May 14, 2017 11am to 2pm
 St. Henry's Catholic Church, SR 145 (Harriettsville) Lower Salem, Ohio. Adults \$9.00 and Children \$5.00. Menu: Chicken and Ham, mashed potatoes—gravy, Green Beans, Homemade Noodles, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert, and drink or coffee.

Recently the **MAP Surveys** were returned to the parishes. In the coming months they will be reviewed and plans will be implemented to incorporate (results and comments) into the future of our parish operations.

First Communion for this will be a little different. At St Sylvester's, First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 13th at the 5:00pm Mass.
 At St. John the Baptist, Sunday May 7th at the 10:30am Mass. These changes were requested by the families of those making their First Holy Communion.

NFP class will be offered on Saturday May 27th at St. Peter's Church in Steubenville.

This Week

Sunday

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

Monday

Cub Scouts

Tuesday

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

Sunday

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Your Sacrificial
 Offering
 April 23, 2017

St. John Bosco Mission
 Adult \$ 135.00
 Loose \$ 54.00
 Cath Home Mission \$ 45.00
 Holy Land \$ 25.00

St. John Baptist
 Adult \$ 971.00
 Loose \$ 50.00
 School Collection \$ 83.00
 Cath Home Mission \$ 125.00
 Rice Bowl \$ 9.00

St. Sylvester
 Adult \$ 2419.00
 Loose \$ 118.75
 Cath Home Mission \$ 250.00
 School Collection \$ 238.60
 Rice Bowl \$ 40.00

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St. John Bosco Mission
 Adult Collection \$ 97.00
 Loose Collection \$ 39.94

St. John the Baptist
 Adult Collection \$ 831.00
 Loose \$ 34.00
 School Collection \$ 127.00

St. Sylvester
 Adult Collection \$ 2,028.00
 Loose Collection \$ 193.00
 School Collection \$ 436.00
 Capital Fund \$ 30.00
 Good Friday \$ 29.00

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

Diocesan Vocation Director Fr. Michael Gossett mgossett@diosteub.org

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

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 30

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

Monday
May 8

Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday
May 9

Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday
May 10

Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday
May 11

Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

Friday
May 12

Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday
May 13

Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday
May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12



Knights of Columbus Council 5009

Meets the First Wednesday of each month after Mass in the basement of St. Sylvester Church.

Accepting Applications for the Scholarship.

**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

If I still attend Mass, may I work or shop on Sundays?

When I lived in Brazil, everything was closed on Sunday except a few restaurants. As a result, it was a day families could spend together. Even in our own country, some places have shortened hours on Sundays or are closed altogether, like banks and car dealerships. For many of us, shopping is a way of resting. We go to the store and browse, stop at the mall, or see a movie. The *Catechism* doesn't go so far as to say we can't shop on Sundays. It tells us, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185).

However, many people have to work on Sundays. Even if we are resting by shopping or going out on Sundays, we are forcing other people to work. If we all made the choice to not shop or go out on Sundays, with the exception of emergency needs, Sundays could truly become a day of rest for all people, as it is intended to be. So yes, you may shop on a Sunday, but I would encourage you to spend the day doing things that keep the whole day holy, not just the hour you're at Mass.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

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St. Sylvester Central School News

A project to raise funds to add A/C the classrooms of K through 4th grade is under way. In the past, the doors of the school were kept open to create air flow. However times have changed and for safety reasons, it is no longer feasible to keep the main doors open which cuts air circulations. Donations are being accepted.

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.

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.

Spring Carnival—Thank you to all helped and donated to make the carnival a success; Congratulations to the following winners: Picnic Table— Deb Stephens; \$200.00 - Nancy Hamilton; \$250.00 - Howard Thomas; and Barbecue Grill - Ken Baker.

Home and School is hosting a t-shirt fundraiser with proceeds going to the air-conditioning project at the school.

Tuesday Bingo

May 9
 Monica Habig
 Adam Dick
 Desiree Peters
 Josh or Tiffanee Morris
 Ken Stewart
 Lacey Burkhart

May 16
 Monica Habig
 Lance LaFollette
 Anna Long
 Misty or Jeff Yontz
 Vaughn or Pam Christy
 Kiven or Melissa Smithberger
 Joshua or Tasha Beckett

May 23
 Monica Habig
 Dara Butler
 Deborah Blackstone
 Kathleen Thomas
 Jeff Dean
 Tiffany Zeakes

Sunday Bingo

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

May 21
 Missy Knowlton
 Tony Schumacher
 Joe Block
 Angie Hooper
 Katherine Paulus
 Cathy Cline

BINGO KITCHEN

