



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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June 11

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9

2 Cor 13:11–13

Jn 3:16–18

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16).

In the painting *The Trinity With the Dead Christ*, we see a meditation on the Trinity in a hidden moment. Rather than paint the moment when Mary takes her Son into her arms, Ludovico Carracci painted the moment when the heavenly Father receives the spoils of his Son’s battle for the salvation of humanity. The dark colors communicate the pathos and drama. The Father’s head turns away in grief even as he offers the Son. He reverently holds him yet almost fears to touch his pierced hands. See how much love God shows in allowing the Son to go to the cross, in sacrificing one beloved child to gain life for all his others.

Theology struggles to balance the truth of a loving, caring God the Father with the appreciation that he is unable to suffer as we do. Yet Carracci focuses on that popular intuition that the Father and the Spirit suffered the death of the Son. In this painting, we can reflect on what our salvation cost the Trinity and how much love they show in sending the Son to die. God suffers when you suffer and wishes to console and protect you, even if, as a good Father, he doesn’t remove the suffering. Faith teaches us that God willed his only begotten Son to suffer and die to save humanity. This divine decision manifests justice and mercy. It shows not only that God actually required satisfaction for our sins but also that no one but a God-man could offer a suitable sacrifice. Because he was God, Christ could offer an infinite satisfaction for our infinite offenses. Because he was man, he could offer a man’s satisfaction for humanity’s sin.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday June 10th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00pm
 + Gladys Kockis by George & Phyllis Demchak

Sunday June 11th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 am
 + Deloris Knowlton by Mike & Missy Knowlton

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30am
 Helen Burkhart by Linda Swallie

St. John Bosco, Sardis 12:30pm
 + Mary "Cuppie" Chaplin by Robyn Cecil

Monday June 12th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 +Rose Smith by George & Phyllis Demchak

Tuesday June 13th
St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church
St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00am
 + Luzelda Stephens by Connie Stephens

Wednesday June 14th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 +Freeda Paulus by Catherine Paulus

Thursday June 15th
St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00am
 + Mary Hinkler by Lois Stephen

Friday June 16th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 + Freeda Paulus by John Paulus Family

Saturday June 17th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30am
 Living & Deceased of Monroe County Catholic

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday June 17th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 pm
 + Marie & Jim Kirkland by their daughters

Sunday June 18th
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 am
 + Robert Wise by Anna & Sons

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 am
 + Hank Zwick by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman

St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis 12:30 pm
 + Freda & Chester Schafer by Connie & Larry Richter

St. John the Baptist Parish is seeking donation of Prizes for the Parish Raffle at our annual festival. Contact Eileen Ackerman.

DPSC 2017 Update as of June 9th.

St. Sylvester Parish goal is \$20,100.00 pledged to date \$18,565.00 Total paid to date \$16,735.00 FYI: of the 203 registered families of St. Sylvester Parish only 40 have made a pledge or donation to this years DPSC.

St. John the Baptist Parish goal is \$ 5,628.00; pledged to date \$ 11,205.00 Paid to date \$9,615.00 FYI: of the 103 registered families of St. John the Baptist Parish only 20 have pledged or donated to this years DPSC.

St. John Bosco Mission goal is \$ 2,010.00; pledged \$ 3,225.00 Total paid to date is \$1,900.00 FYI: of the 20 registered families of St. John Bosco Mission only 9 have pledged or made a donation to the DPSC.

Thank you for your faithful support of your parishes. If you have not as of yet pledged or contributed, you may still do so.

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 only a few open seats available.

FYI Diocesan Rosary Congress Oct 7-13 in Marietta. This Congress will be held in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. More information will be forth coming.

For Reflection: *Which person of the Trinity do I most easily relate to—the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit?*

A Word From Pope Francis: *"The Father creates all, he creates the world; Jesus saves us; and the Holy Spirit? He loves us! And this is Christian life: talking to the Father, talking to the Son, and talking to the Holy Spirit."* —Homily, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2013

Historical Event! The Re-consecration of the Diocese of Steubenville to *the Immaculate Heart of Mary*: June 24th in Marietta. Grand Marian Procession and consecration Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. The Grand procession will leave St. Mary's School (320 Marion Street in Marietta) at 10:30am and process down 4th Street to the Basilica, followed by Mass at 12:00pm (Noon). **The entire Diocese is invited!**

This Week

Sunday

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

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Your Sacrificial Offering June 4, 2017

St. John Bosco Mission

Adult Collection	\$ 90.00
Loose Collection	\$ 54.00
Ascension	\$ 15.00
Capital Fund	\$ 20.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 790.00
Loose	\$ 49.00
School Collection	\$ 118.00
C Communication	\$ 5.00
Capital Fund	\$ 130.00
Ascension	\$ 5.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 50.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,386.00
Loose Collection	\$ 65.61
Votive Candles	\$ 96.00
School Collection	\$ 239.50
Ascension	\$ 25.00
Cemetery Care	\$ 10.00

*Thank you
for your generosity.*

We are in need of Acolytes (servers at Mass), lector, Eucharistic Ministers in Church and to our sick & shut-ins and musicians in all of our parishes. If you are interested in giving of your time or talents, please contact Fr. David.

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.

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

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

St. Bernard's Catholic Church Parish Social and Chicken or Ham Dinner, Wednesday, June 28th at St. Bernard Church, 7th Street, Beverly, Ohio. Serving from 4p to 7p; Adult meals are \$10.00 children ages 5 to 12 are \$5.00. Take-outs available. Meals include: mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, noodles, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dinner roll, dessert and beverage. There will also be a raffle, children games, bingo, country store and more. All are welcome.

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
Mr. Jarrett T. Kuhns
www.stjohncentralhs.org

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

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
June 11
The Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
2Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18

Monday
June 12

Weekday
2 Cor 1:1-7
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday
June 13
*St. Anthony of Padua,
Priest and Doctor of
the Church*
2 Cor 1:18-22
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday
June 14
Weekday
2 Cor 3:4-11
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday
June 15
Weekday
2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6
Mt 5:20-26

Friday
June 16
Weekday
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday
June 17
Weekday
2 Cor 5:14-21
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday
June 18
*The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ*
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a
1 Cor 10:16-17
Jn 6:51-58

**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 is the proper way to recite the Our Father at Mass? Should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or pray to ourselves?

Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one’s hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father. The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. When there are concelebrating priests, the rubrics ask them to also extend their hands in prayer during the Our Father. But the invitation to hold one’s hands up in prayer stops there. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation. Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed. The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. When people become distracted or judgmental of others because of the various postures, it becomes a problem. Our focus should be on the prayer, not on how my neighbor is standing. As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the “Order of the Mass” written by the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy in 2003: “The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships ‘with one heart and soul’ (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture ‘both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants’” (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ. That should be our main concern.

Rev. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR

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Knights of Columbus Council 5009

Meets the First Wednesday of each month after the 7:30pm Mass in the basement of St. Sylvester Church.
 Double change winner for June are Don Biedenbach and Tony Yonak

St. Sylvester Club of Catholic Women will meet on the first Wednesday of each month following the 7:30pm Mass at St Sylvester Church at the Brown Community Center.

St. Sylvester Central School News

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.

Home & School Purse Bingo Sunday, June 25th to raise money for air conditioning in the school. The designer purses are authentic. If you are interested in a pre-sale ticket contact 740-213-0775 or 740-953-0781.

Tuesday Bingo

6/13
 Monica Habig
 Adam Dick
 Melissa Miller
 Desiree Peters
 Jon or Pam Knowlton
 Denny or Jessica
 Knowlton

6/20
 Monica Habig
 Lance LaFollette
 Anna Lang
 Ed or Mary McLaughlin
 David or Brandee
 Schnegg
 Amy Lewis
 Sara Yonak

6/27
 Monica Habig
 Dara Butler
 Jeff Dean
 Terry or Ruthie
 Valkovic
 Kathleen Thomas
 Shelley Yong

Sunday Bingo

6/11
 Monica Habig
 Adam Dick
 Tom Stephen
 Bill or Becky Bolon
 Ted Babcock
 Audrey Lydick

6/18
 Missy Knowlton
 Tony Schumacher
 Stacey Schumacher
 Chrissy Ferguson
 Andrew Harper
 Juli Harper

6/25
 Amanda Schumacher
 Dave McMillan
 Melanie Kemp
 Matt or Nicole
 McGuire
 Sandy Barnes
 Kim Palmer

BINGO KITCHEN

June 11
 Catherine Paulus
 Mary Rose Robison

June 13
 Lucy Betts
 Beth Betts

June 18
 Valerie Paulus
 Diane Burkhart

June 20
 St. John CWC

June 25
 Mary Ann Yontz
 Mandy Yontz

June 27
 Sussie Yonak
 Kay Brooks

