

St. Mary's

Polish National Catholic Church

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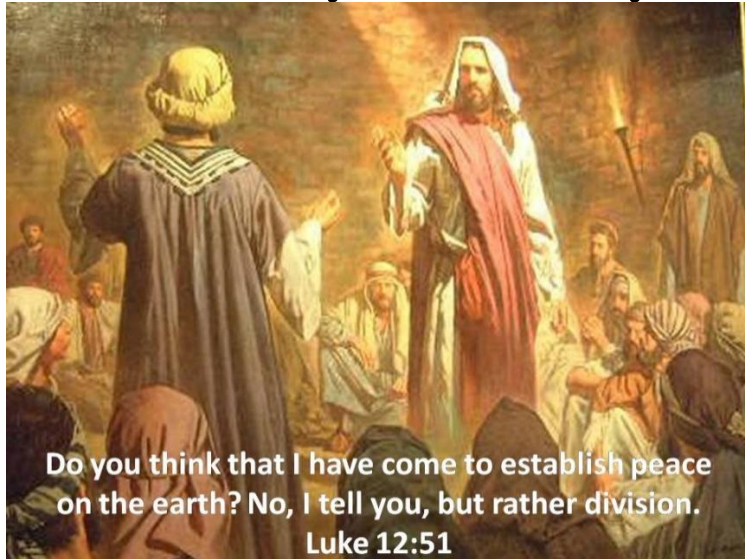
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The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Do you think that I have come to establish peace
on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.
Luke 12:51

August 17th, 2025

9am: *Carl Bogzevitz (113th Birthday in Heaven) of. by son Bruce Bogzevitz*

Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Lector – Carole D'Arcy

Greeter – Cathy Avondet

Collectors – Mark Avondet & Gene Stepanik

- Coffee Hour takes place after 9am Mass

Welcome

Welcome to all parishioners and visitors this day. Please enjoy Holy Mass and consider coming downstairs for coffee hour afterward.

Sacraments

The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) acknowledges 7 Sacraments, available to the faithful. Communion is distributed by intinction, that is, the Body of Christ is dipped into the Blood of Christ and placed directly on the communicant's tongue. Penance is imparted generally at the beginning of each Mass; the Word of God is experienced as well. Should you desire private confession, please see a priest.

Discuss Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony with Fr. Jason.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, August 18th

9am – Holy Mass of the Day – *Florus & Laurus, M.*

TUESDAY, August 19th

WEDNESDAY, August 20th

6pm – Bible Study takes place in the Fellowship Hall

4pm – Weekly Food Ministry provided

THURSDAY, August 21st

10am- Holy Mass of the Day – *Fr. P.*

6-8pm: Women's AA

FRIDAY, August 22nd

9am – Holy Mass of the Day – *Andrew the Scot, Dc. C.*

SATURDAY, August 23rd

8pm - AA meets

SUNDAY, August 24th – The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am: *Judith Ann Yokaitis-Skutnik of. by husband John Skutnik*

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

Lector – Marzena Krulik

Greeter – Katie Repede

Collectors – Bob Samelson & John Kasperczyk

- Coffee Hour takes place after 9am Mass

- Parish Committee Meets after Coffee Hour

Announcements

TODAY, and for all of August, we use the 1st Eucharistic Prayer, based on the "Traditional Canon" on p. 77.

IMPORTANT PARISH NEWS – The parish, and all who voted in absentia, has elected to seek options on the sale/lease of the grass lot across Marietta Ave. from the church. This lot has not been used for a half-decade and we will continue on a motion made and passed to seek all options on this lot as well as seeking options on the adjoining lot. Bulletin updates will occur as we seek a real estate agent to help along.

VISITORS TO ST. MARYS- Welcome! It is wonderful to have you, be it the first or fifth or fifteenth time worshipping with us. If you have not done so quite yet, we would love to get to know you better- Please fill out the yellow cards found at each pew and drop in the collection basket –thank you for being with us!

THANK YOU! – So much appreciation for all of the volunteers at our first off-site event in quite some time, our “1st Annual Polka Party.” The music was light, the food was delicious (selling out of most of it), the drinks were cold, the pavilion (although hot outside) stayed temperate and the people all were thrilled. Thank you as well to those who patronized this event.

PSALM COMMENTARY – Today’s psalm, 40, has a response that is stark: “Lord, come to my aid!” David experienced danger many times in his life, often as threats from men who marked him out, specifically, for death. In those moments, he prayed to God and was rescued. In some moments, the danger seemed so dire that David saw no way out—like a person trapped in a deep, slimy hole with no escape (Like Jeremiah today!). Poetically, David describes God saving him from that fate, resulting both in praise and an example from which others can learn.

BANNS – The first banns are announced for Halina Eleanor Dreger, daughter of Jeff & Amy Dreger and John (Jay) Tamilio, son of John Tamilio & Sue Greenland, who will be married in our parish Saturday September 6, 2025.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – 7 Golfers from St. Mary’s participated in the Golf Tournament in the Buffalo area yesterday, hosted by Holy Mother of the Rosary PNC Cathedral. Ask for results!

TSHIRTS – Thanks for all of your orders! Parish Chair Susan has collected all orders and will need payment to receive your shirt(s).

JOSEPHINE – For those interested in contacting Josephine: (234) 213-3310 or a card as she is now in a facility that can provide better care: Avenue at Aurora, 425 South Chillicothe Rd. Aurora, OH 44202.

CONVENTION – The United YMSofR will be holding its biennial Convention at St. Mary’s on the weekend of October 24-26. Men of the parish (and Y members): please clear out your schedule a bit to attend a portion of the meeting and/or social time. More info to come.

SAVE THE DATE - Men's Spiritual Retreat 2026: June 17-20

WHY IS Adam considered the fastest person in the Bible? He was first

UPCOMING

Aug 24- Parish Com. Meets
Sep 2-5- Liturgy Mtgs.
Sep 6- Dreger-Tamilio Matr.
Sep 7 – Sodality Meets
Sep 27 – Seniorate Mtg.
Oct 11 – PLAV Convention
Oct 13-15 – Clergy Conf.
Oct 24-25- YMSofR Conv.
Oct 26–Trunk ‘n’ Treat & 110th Anniv. celebration

in the human race. Why did the hawk sit on the church steeple? It was a bird of pray. What is a dentist's favorite hymn? "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

PARISH NOTE - Work has taken place on our parish parking lot and will continue this Tuesday, August 19th. The parking lot will be closed this day- if anyone *needs* to come to the church, please park in our lot across Marietta and walk the Broadview Rd. sidewalk and cross the grass to the glass doors.

LANTERN – St. Mary’s is the recipient to the “traveling lantern” of the Western Diocese. It represents the youth of our diocese and is also a memorial to lost loved ones, originally used with the loss of Bishop Jerry Rafalko 2 years ago. We will house it here the next few weeks.

Prayer List

Please pray for these St. Mary’s parishioners, family and friends:

Helen Cummings	Shannon Alberino	Tom Pietka
Bill Kastak	Marty Bengela	Jay Jurczyk
Johanna Markiewicz	Sage McLane	Jim Lukas
Bill & Pat Glatzer	Wanda Clark	Shyanna Tiller
Dave Tuma	Jim Giles	Marilyn Girard
Lew & Margaret Heifner	Ron Ference	Jo Orlowski
Andy Cannizzaro	Millie Dominik	Kim Kolens
Jack Spilka & John Spilka	Nicole McGivern	Elaine Repede
Steve & Astrid Wisniewski	Jane Walo	Robin Wankowski
Matthew & Sue Penney	Beth Chihill	Bob Kaczmarek
Michelle Ostrowski	Jane Hunter	Joe Litto
Jay Grabowsky	George Bennett	Kenny Mach
Patrick & Jennifer Kmitt	Gail Perz	Bill Zychowski
Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak	Amanda Monyak	Paulette Lilli
Cherise Pacanovsky	Loretta Baldwin	Cecelia Hall
George Makovicka	Judy Alexin	Louise Moritz
Bob Giczowski	Cathy Pieciak	Dee Mora
George & Rose Ann Ziefle	Sheri Sefcik	Josephine Ference
Rich Dombrowski	Shauna Smullen	Diane Black
Wojciech Federowicz	Stephanie Milla	Mike Paulus
Kathleen Sobocinski	Caroline O’Connor	Linda Marks
Linda & Rick Duffy	Kim Penney	Greg Banaszak
James & Bobbi Moss	Bryson Dzuroff	Esther Stepanik

AND ALL OTHERS!

Bless them, O Lord.

Pobłogosław im, O Boże