

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
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**ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE  
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**"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF AUG 13, 2017**

Saturday, Aug 12	4:30 PM	+George Bair by The Family
Saturday, Aug 12	6:30 PM	+Meiser & Kramer Family by Lowell & Cecilia Kramer (St. Mary)
Sunday, Aug 13	8:30 AM	+Patricia Dabbelt by Dale Batty
Sunday, Aug 13	11:00 AM	People of the Parish (St. Mary)
Monday, Aug 14	7:00 PM	People of the Parish - Assumption of BVM Vigil Mass
Tuesday, Aug 15	8:30 AM	+Frank & Sophie Batty by Dale Batty
Tuesday, Aug 15	6:30 PM	+Wendy Neice by Kathleen Green & Family
Wed, Aug 16	9:00 AM	+Dee Weber by Tom Weber (St. Mary)
Thursday, Aug 17	8:30 AM	+Poor Souls
Friday, Aug 18	8:30 AM	+George Bair by Paul Snopel
Saturday, Aug 19	4:30 PM	+Josephine & Tony Bishel by Bob Bishel
Saturday, Aug 19	6:30 PM	+Catherine Neice by Barb Neice (St. Mary)
Sunday, Aug 20	8:30 AM	+Dave Lorentz by Jacquelyn Lorentz & Family
Sunday, Aug 20	11:00 AM	+Jennifer Stewart by Dave & Barb Leyda (St. Mary)

\*\*\*Confessions before Mass\*\*\*

*If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized, please inform the parish office*

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

Sun	13	
Mon	14	
Tue	15	
Wed	16	Bible Study 11:00 AM Choir Practice 5:30 PM
Thurs	17	
Fri	18	
Sat	19	
Sun	20	Parish Picnic 1:00 - 5:00 PM

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
Stewardship Week of Aug 6 2017**

Adult \$1323 Loose \$278 Candles \$32  
Bldg. Fund \$2105  
LOAN: Balance \$ 340,724 Interest Due 8/23 \$821

**ST. MARY**

**Stewardship Weeks of Aug 6, 2017**

Adult \$748 Loose \$160 Helping Hands \$381

★ SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE ★

August 14th, 7:00 PM Vigil Mass at OLM; Aug 15th, 8:30 AM Mass at OLM and 6:30 PM Mass at St. Mary.

**OLM & ST. MARY COMBINED PARISH PICNIC - AUGUST 20TH 1:00-5:00 PM** at the new church - Hosted by Knights of Columbus. Bring family, friends and a covered dish if you can.

**NOTE THE DATES~** Consecration Mass for the new church is September 24 starting at 3PM. Copies of the Dedication Ritual that will be part of the ceremony are still available. If there is someone you would like to officially invite to the Dedication, invitations will be available at the office.

**CHOIR NEWS~** Choir practice for the music portion of the new church consecration will be every Wednesday at 5:30 here at the church until 9/24. Also, in the pews you will find a music worship aide containing possible songs for the Dedication Mass Sept. 24. The Choir will be singing these before Mass or after Communion between now and Sept. 24. Even during Mass on Sunday, if you see no number on the Board, check the booklet. Please sing along and give us some feedback!

**RCIA INFORMATIONAL CLASSES** will begin this fall for anyone desiring to become a Catholic. Please see Fr. Batt or contact the church office.

**NEW CHURCH / NEW ADDRESS~** The new church now has a mailbox so you should begin using that address as well as the PO Box for your mailings: 748 Roswell Road, SW, Carrollton, OH 44615 or PO Box 155, Carrollton.

**ROSARY CONGRESS~** The Dioceses has called for three simultaneous Rosary Congresses October 7-13 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Fatima. They will take place at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta, Triumph of the Cross Parish in Steubenville, and St. Joseph Church in Ironton.

**ANNUAL ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE~** Preparations are under well underway for the 52nd Annual Assumption Pilgrimage August 13-15 at Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson with Fr. David Fisher as the featured speaker. If you would like to attend, pick up a brochure at the back of the church.

**ST. JAMES COOKOUT~** St. James School in Waynesburg will hold its 20th Annual Ribs Cookout and Casino Night on Saturday, August 26 in St. James Pavilion. Details and prices are on the bulletin board at the back of the church. For info call Natalie Woodin 330-224-0888 or St. James 866-9449.

*Since we are at the mid point of summer (August 7), my suggestion for your summer reading is: God or Nothing by Robert Cardinal Sarah. Fr. Batt*

**OLM AUGUST PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** are available at the back of the church.

**Happy Birthday:** (OLM) Abigail Shafer 8/14, Diane Barnes 8/14, Audrey Kapelewski 8/15, Kathleen Meyer 8/15, Ben Pozderac 8/20.

*(St. Mary) Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to everyone celebrating in August.*

**Happy Anniversary:** (OLM) Bruce & Mary Ann Killian 8/14 (36 yrs), Joe & Rose Seck 8/18 (44)

**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**

Lucille Fiddler, Brenda Sandefur,  
Dave Leyda, Richard Otte, Sandy Fiddler, Beth Wolford,  
Rose Marie Shine, Marilyn Schaeffer, The Grossi Family  
Please pray for all serving in the military and thank them and all  
who have served our country.

**Our Lady of Mercy**

Clarence Halter, Jane Gyugo, Naomi Kowal, Erna Graham, Betty Shurtz, Mitchell Lanka, Denny Amelung, Vicky Oboy, Sister Cabrini, Jim Ferda, Cam Lanka, Bill Abrahams, Tina Lewis, Deb Thomas' father, Robert Jones, Theresa Machione, Grace Mahaney, Maye Gaines (S.Sprague's mom), Louise Furbee,  
Gary Shears  
If you know of someone who is need of prayer,  
please call Cam Lanka 330-806-5946.

## Calendar

**Monday**

August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr

Dt 10:12-22

Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday**

August 15

Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday**

August 16

Weekday

Dt 34:1-12

Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday**

August 17

Weekday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17

Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday**

August 18

Weekday

Jos 24:1-13

Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday**

August 19

Weekday

Jos 24:14-29

Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday**

August 20

Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

# Dear Padre,

**I look at what's going on in our world today and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?**

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so filled with vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history....In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God" (Oscar Lukefahr, *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, Liguori Publications, 1998).



It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote: "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that He can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin" (*Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, 58, Knopf, 1994). Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven (1 John 5:18-20).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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## A Word From Pope Francis

"We all know that when water stands still it stagnates. There's a saying in Spanish that says: 'Standing water is the first to go bad.' Do not stand still. We all have to walk, to take a step every day, with the Lord's help. God is Father, he is mercy, he always loves us....He welcomes us and forgives us....He never tires of forgiving....He makes us rise and fully restores our dignity. God has a memory, He is not forgetful. God does not forget us, He always remembers."

—Address to detainees in a penitentiary in Isernia, Italy, July 5, 2014

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

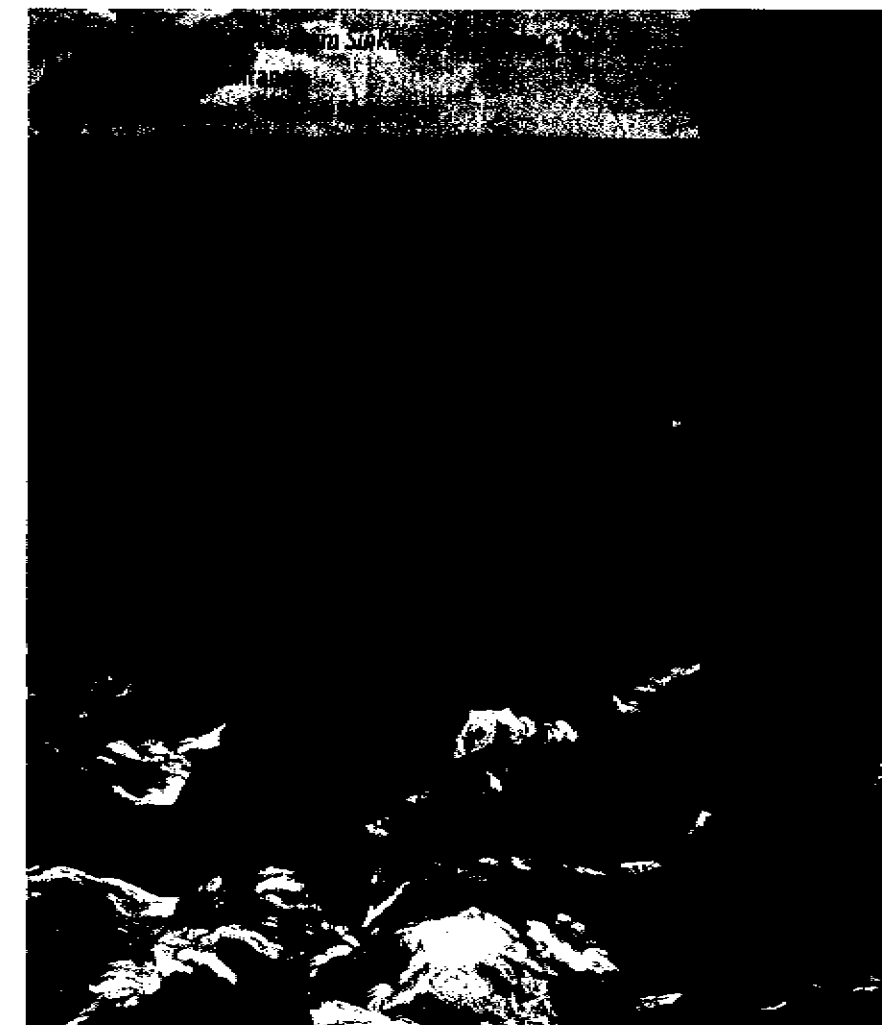
Mt 14:22-33

## Walk in Faith

Lanfranco's *Christ Saves Peter From Sinking in the Water* is placed in a rather hidden place in the Vatican—on purpose. When a newly elected pope walks out of the Sistine Chapel, he processes across the Sala Regia (royal hall) and into the Loggia della Benedizione (blessing hall) to step out onto the façade of St. Peter's and greet the world for the first time. Along the way he passes this painting of Peter sinking in the water. It speaks to that sinking feeling he probably experiences at that time!

This Gospel passage holds a great lesson for us all, even the pope. When Jesus comes walking on the water, he scares the disciples; they think he is a ghost. Sometimes Jesus scares us by what he asks, by how he wants to bless and shape us if we say "yes." Jesus tells us not to be afraid, but Peter says, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." That the ghostly figure responds doesn't prove it is Jesus; it just proves whoever it is has heard Peter and answered.

To really know if it is Jesus, Peter has to get out of the boat. He has to walk in faith and take a risk. Only once he steps out on the water, can he do the impossible? Even then, his faith falters and he notices the waves. Such is our experience. Even when we trust, step out, and Jesus does great things, we are still weak! But no need



## For Reflection

When have you felt Jesus' presence most strongly in your life?

Did it coincide with a difficult task or time of trouble?

Which winds distract you from Jesus?

to worry: Jesus loves our effort and will always reach out and grab us. In the end, that is what we want, isn't it? To touch Jesus, to know it is him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*"At once [Jesus] spoke to them, 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter said to him in reply, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water'" (Matthew 14:27-28).*



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