



## Weekend Masses at Saint Mary's

**4pm on Saturday** (NO 530pm until after Labor Day)

**Sunday 730am, 9, 1030, Noon and 6pm**

**Daily Mass at 830am**

**Confessions after each Mass**

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## ST. MARY'S WASHINGTONVILLE

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*St. Mary's Little Lambs*

**You're coming to mom's birthday, right? The Nativity of Mary is our Parish Feast Day! And we're celebrating on Friday night!**

**Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> we're having Mass at 515pm and then holding a German Fest catered by Gus' Tavern in New Windsor from 630pm to 9pm. We'll have good Food, Beer, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Gem Mining, GaGa Ball, Inflatables, Laser Tag, German Dancing and a candlelight Procession to close it with a chance for hourly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.**

## **The Pew Survey on the Eucharist and Suggestions for Growing in Devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist**

The recent Pew Survey, a nationwide funded polling organization, showed a real crisis of faith among Catholics currently in the United States. This is not related to the scandals, or abuse, or parish closures but something more central to the Faith: The Eucharist. This study showed that the belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist: the central belief of Catholics is adhered to by only a third of all self-identified Catholics. Only 31 percent said they believed in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, known as transubstantiation. Thankfully numbers who believe in the true and real Presence are higher among Catholics who go to Mass at least once a week, but are hardly overwhelming. Only five of every eight churchgoing Catholics believe in the Church's teaching of transubstantiation. In light of this report, I must ask myself, "What is my own personal belief and regard to what the Eucharist is and the role it plays in my own relationship with Jesus? Do I find my heart growing cold towards Jesus in the Eucharist?" Here are some suggestions of some practical things that anyone can do as a Catholic to grow in love and devotion to Jesus' true and full presence with us-body, blood, soul, divinity, and personally- in the Eucharist:

**The effort to go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days:** We all lead very busy lives with various obligations that can pull us in every which direction. Sometimes it can be a challenge to make it to Sunday mass with kids and their various obligations with school, family, jobs, and sports. I can be tempted to treat mass as an item on a checklist I have to get done that has no bearing of relevance on the way I live my life the rest of the week. However, if I truly love somebody and they are important to me, I am going to make time to be with them no matter what and I am going to give them my best. I am going to love them for who they are and not just out of my own convenience and on my terms alone. Should not I have the same loving reverence and awareness for the Lord and for honoring him on the day of the week set aside for Him, and making time for him by going to mass on Sundays and Holy Days?

**Entering more fully into Jesus' Presence in the Eucharist at Mass:** Pope Benedict XVI also makes the following important observations about praying at mass, "Active participation in the eucharistic liturgy can hardly be expected if one approaches it superficially, without an examination of his or her life. This inner disposition can be fostered, for example, *by recollection and silence for at least a few moments before the beginning of the liturgy, by fasting and, when necessary, by sacramental confession.* A heart reconciled to God makes genuine participation possible. The faithful need to be reminded that there can be no [fruitful] active participation in the sacred mysteries without an accompanying effort to participate actively in the life of the Church as a whole, including a missionary commitment to bring Christ's love into the life of society." (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, n 55) The Church instructs us that besides going to confession once a year one should not receive Holy Communion at Mass when in a state of mortal sin and should try to get to confession as soon as possible before the next time they are at mass so they can be in a state of grace to truly receive Jesus in Communion. If one is unable to do this before the next time one is at mass, one should not receive communion, but say a prayer, ask for a blessing from a priest or a deacon on the communion line, or make an act of spiritual communion, asking Jesus to be one with me in this moment where I cannot receive him in the Eucharist. One can also take advantage of the multiple Confession times which we offer after each Sunday mass.

**Praying badly like Thomas versus Praying beautifully like Our Lady at Mass:** Actively participating at mass is a great gift, but at times I can reduce my prayer at mass in a way that mirrors the Thomas after he missed the first appearance of our Risen Lord Jesus to the Apostles. Just as he said, ““Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.” (Jn 20:25), so I can say in my own heart, “Unless I am constantly doing something at mass, know everything that is going on, and feel good emotions, then I am really not praying, I am getting nothing from the Eucharist.” Someone who represents the disposition of prayer and active participation that serves as a model for us all is Our Lady, who is the Ark of the New Covenant, for in her womb the Son of God took on Human flesh and became her son. Pope St. John Paul II explains that “Mary, throughout her life at Christ's side and not only on Calvary, made her own the sacrificial dimension of the Eucharist...In her daily preparation for Calvary, Mary experienced a kind of “anticipated Eucharist” – one might say a “spiritual communion” – of *desire and of oblation* (the offering of one’s heart and entire life in the present moment), which would culminate in her union with her Son in his passion, and then find expression after Easter by her partaking in the Eucharist which the Apostles celebrated as the memorial of that passion.” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n.56) Just because I don’t feel anything at mass before the Eucharist, or after receiving Holy Communion does not mean Jesus has abandoned me. Often he will come to strengthen, heal, and support me in the Eucharist in ways that I least expect and in ways that go beyond what I feel.

**Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist Intentionally and Reverently:** Whenever we go to mass, at each mass the priest offers, he does so with an explicit intention for a person or persons who are living or deceased. Just as the priest does this at each mass, I am called to unite my life in the moment, with my desires, hopes, dreams, struggles to the Lord in the Eucharist and His Sacrifice at the Cross that is extended to me at each mass. I can also offer my Holy Communion at mass with an explicit intention not only for myself, but for my family, friends, the needs of the Church and the world. In doing this, I then receive the Eucharist intentionally, uniting my heart and the needs of others to the Saving Sacrifice and Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so that he may purify me, heal me, and be one with me in my life right now. I can also spend a few minutes after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion just quietly being one with him, listening to him, and thanking him for his blessings, love, and mercy.

**Eucharistic Adoration, Making a Holy Hour, and Paying a Visit at Church:** Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that “Receiving the Eucharist means adoring him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy.” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, n. 66) Again, when I spend time with someone I love, I get to know Him more and see their presence, hear their voice more clearly. So it is when I make some time for Eucharistic Adoration part of my prayer life. Our Church is constantly open during the day. Paying a brief visit to the Eucharist whether it is for 10 minutes, making a holy hour, joining in for parish organized events centered around monthly Adorations such as the end of the parish party next this Friday with a chance to have Adoration until Midnight after it ends or at our youth group meetings on Sunday night, the Fearless Retreat here at St. Mary’s at the end of September, as well as many other events give me an opportunity to open my heart to Jesus in both praise and in silence, and listen to him and then talk to him as someone whose love is the foundation and light that leads me from this life into the eternal life of Heaven.



## Traditional Latin Mass

This Friday evening  
515pm before the  
St. Mary's German Fest!

Many of our parishioners may remember from years ago but there will be tons of guides to help you pray this wonderful form of the Mass. We'll be having a beautiful music group to sing and several younger priests from Orange County who are set to help offer this Mass.



As the music, games and dancing winds down on Friday evening – we'll close with a candlelight procession at 9pm with this statue of Our Blessed Lady on her Feast Day which celebrates her birth. Adoration will occur with music and will continue quietly after 10pm until Midnight.



Friday's  
Germanfest  
will also  
include  
Gem Mining,  
Laser Tag  
and  
inflatables!

## Collection Corner

8/25- \$13,396

## Intentions for the week of September 1, 2019

### **SATURDAY – August 31**

4:00 Kaz Rakowski, Vittorio Morino (3),  
Dorothy Lyver

### **SUNDAY**

7:30 Henry Soehnlein, Mary Soehnlein & Elda Testa,  
Francis & Michael Polchinski

9:00 William S. Browne, Stefano, Vitagliano &  
Grasso Families

10:30 George Ramm, Edward Luedke,  
Leonardo Albuquerque and Teresa Giuffra

12:00 Carmine & Maria Portoro, Mary Bridget Riordan

6:00 St. Mary's Society

### **MONDAY**

8:30 Kathleen Bachman

### **TUESDAY**

8:30 Balzarini Family, Adam Soltis,  
Silvana & Lisa Spisany

### **WEDNESDAY**

8:30 Gerard, Danny & Brian Strommer II

### **THURSDAY**

8:30 Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

### **FRIDAY**

8:30 Helen Keane, Kevin Greene

### **SATURDAY**

8:30 People of the Parish

4:00 John and Margaret McCarthy,  
Michael & Margaret Sherlock, Maureen Sherlock,  
Jean Conklin, Rita Perrone, Theresa Samieri

5:30 Kathryn Derevjanik

### **SUNDAY – September 8**

7:30 Eleanor Casazza, Fr. Corwin John Collins

9:00 Anne & James Gauquie, Margaret Nill and  
Anthony Gauquie, Mickey Frisbee

10:30 Ines Cella, Veronica Cudmore, Kathy Bachman

12:00 James Trevorah, John Crescenzo, James Trevorah

6:00 Gerry Glickman

## A note from Joe Haas

I recently have left being youth minister here at Saint Mary's in order to return to the seminary this past week. While it was hard to leave such an awesome group behind I feel this is where the Lord is calling me. I am happy to share that Father, Alyssa and Jen will be forming a youth ministry team that will be a major benefit to both groups.

I want you all to know that each of you by your witness has played a role in helping me take this next step in my discernment to the priesthood. Your zeal for the faith is something truly inspiring.

The past two years have been a huge blessing to me and I was honored to serve you. We have walked together through tragedies that rocked our communities and celebrated times of joy when members of our group received their Sacraments or returned to the faith in some way. This was all do to the way YOU live out your faith.

Each and every one of you will always have a special place in my prayers and will pray for Horizons and the Middle School Group, it members and all their intentions daily. I hope to remain in yours as well.

## Seminarian Assigned for Pastoral Year at St. Mary's

In addition to Joe Haas returning to the seminary this year, we welcome Brother Zach Alspaugh who will be here at St. Mary's serving and learning in his preparation for the priesthood. Brother will be with us for the academic year and will be arriving right before the parish Ocktoberfest- so you'll get the chance to meet him.

# HORIZONS & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS **KICK OFF MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AFTER 6PM MASS**

**BOTH GROUPS WILL MEET ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

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## ST. MARY'S CCD OPENING DAY

Everyone should have received an email message regarding the opening of the 2019-2020 Program. Students will report to Tetreau Hall to receive their books and Mass cards.

## HOME STUDY FAMILIES

Packets are ready for pick up in St. Joseph's Room any time.

## CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Sunday 10-11 AM

Monday 4:15-5:30 PM

Corridor Monitor: Tuesday 4:15-5:30

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays starting September 5  
7-8:15pm in Tetreau Hall

*Studying the Book of Revelation*

Contact Val 496.5708

## Girl Scouts Grades 6-8

Workshops for the Marian Medal will be offered at St. Mary's Church this year.

1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be October 9 from  
7-8pm in Tetreau Hall.

Please contact: [stmarysmedals@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmedals@gmail.com)  
by Oct. 15



**Little Lambs starts next week!**

## Fearless Retreat & Veritas Reunion

*(Mandatory for Confirmation candidates enrolled in Monday night CCD program)*

**September 27-29, 2019**

Here at St. Mary's

Register online at [www.fearlessretreats.com](http://www.fearlessretreats.com)  
or call Jen Edwards at 845.663.1689