



ST. MARY'S

ENGLISH-SPEAKING ROMAN CATHOLIC
PARISH RHEIN-MAIN-AREA

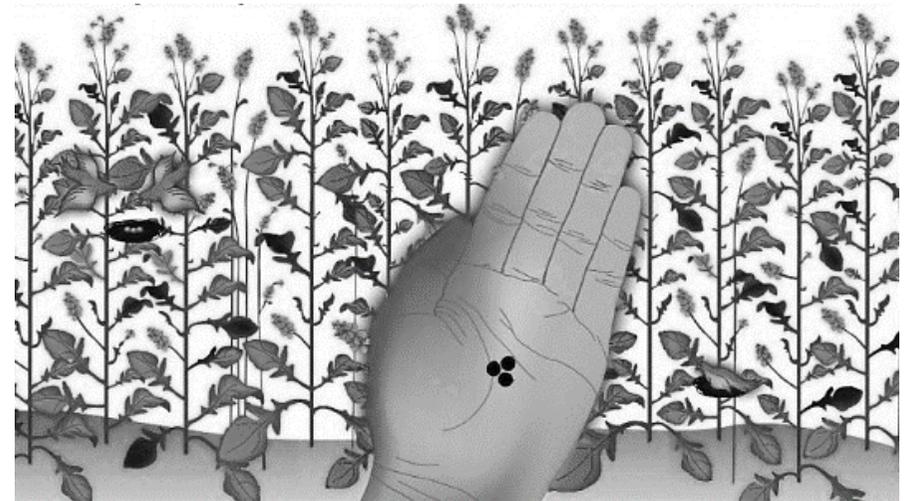
Church location:

Wachenheimer Str. 58
65835 Liederbach / Taunus

Sunday Mass: 5:00 pm



June 17th 2018
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which, when sown is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows up becomes the greatest of all shrubs.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

Universal: Social Networks – That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

PARTNERS WITH GOD (a reflection by

Flor McCarthy) – In everyone’s life, there are certain things that we simply must do for ourselves. God will not do it for us. Not that he couldn’t do it. It is just that he wants us to be partners with him. We have to plant the seed. That is our part. But having done that we have to acknowledge that we can’t do everything. We can’t make the seed grow. THAT is God’s part. And God does his part. Any farmer or gardener will tell you that.



So, if there is something which we cannot do, or goals we would like to achieve, let us not sit around dreaming about them. Let us do something about them, even if it is something very small. Let us take the first step. Let us plant just one seed. If we do that, then we can be sure that in good time God will see to it that we have a harvest to reap. Meanwhile, as Paul says, “We have to live by faith and not by sight.” (Second Reading)

Once a food buyer for a residential school in Boston went to the Farmers’ Market. Passing a stand that was heaped with beautiful sweet corn, the buyer asked the farmer who was selling it, “Did you grow this corn?” ... “No”, came the reply. “I simply planted the seed.”

We are the work of God’s hands, but we are also God’s hands of work.

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On many an idle day have I grieved over lost time.

But it is never lost, my Lord.

You have taken every moment of my life in your own hands.

*Hidden in the heart of things you are nourishing seeds into spouts,
buds into blossoms, and ripening flowers into fruitfulness.*

*I was tired and sleeping on my idle bed
and imagining all work had ceased.*

*In the morning I woke up
and found my garden full with wonders of flowers.*

(Rabindranath Tagore)

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Tuesday: 09:00 – 14:00
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Friday: 09:00 – 13:00

Baptisms arranged with one month notice
Weddings arranged with at least six months’ notice
Confession available on request
Spiritual Direction as arranged with the Parish Priest

WEBSITE: www.st-marys.de

FACEBOOK: “St. Mary’s Parish – Liederbach, Germany”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PICNIC -- UPDATE-- RAIN OR SHINE (in case of rain, indoor venue is available): Mass at St Georgen Graduate School of Theology, Offenbacher Landstraße 224, 60599 Frankfurt at 1:00 pm is followed by the joint St Leonhard's and St Mary's parishes picnic on Sunday, June 24th. This event is for families of our two parishes and is a good opportunity for us to get to know each other better. For this reason, we again request that you not bring outside guests and friends. Help is needed for set up and clean up afterwards. Attendees are requested to bring a salad or dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided by the churches. The meat and drinks order is based on how many people have registered, and we do not wish to waste money or food on no shows, so if you have signed up but find you cannot attend, please cancel immediately with the organizer, **Roque D'Costa (0157 8862 3841/ roque_aaa_dcosta@hotmail.com)** or **Nancy Clements (069 5068 4493/ nancy.clements@t-online.de)** ... also, if possible, please bring along a prize for our raffle. Proceeds go to our charities.

DIRECTIONS – Parking in the area of St Georgen is difficult and there are fewer than 20 parking places in the car park within the gates of St Georgen. **Parking is not permitted anywhere else on the grounds of St Georgen.** If you must drive, park on the streets around St Georgen, being careful to park legally since towing in that area is a possibility. Public transport is still the easiest way to arrive. Take Tram 16 to Balduinstraße and you are there.

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„SUMMER BREAK“ at St. Mary's – The summer holidays are almost upon us and we know that this is the time of year when most of our parishioners will be traveling. Therefore the Parish Council has decided, as in previous years, to close St. Mary's for part of the summer break. Please note that there will be NO MASS at St. Mary's from **July 1st through August 12th** . We resume with our normal 5:00 pm Mass on **August 19th** During this time we encourage our parishioners to visit either of the 2 English Masses at St. Leonhard's at Holy Cross Church in Frankfurt (only a 20 minute drive):

Address: Kettelerallee 45, 60385 Frankfurt am Main

Mass Times: Saturdays at 7:30 pm – and -- Sundays at 9:30 am

We would like to wish all our parishioners – whether you are traveling great distances or staying close to home – a happy summer holiday, filled with lots of warm weather and fond memories spent with your family. Stay safe, healthy and happy! We look forward to welcoming you all back to St. Mary's on **Sunday, August 19th**



Blessings from Father Steve and Lori Bembo

PARISH OFFICE – Please note that during the summer holidays the Parish Office will be **closed each Friday** during the entire month of July and the 1st Friday in August. We resume our normal office hours as of August 6th.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION – Registration for these two preparation classes will begin mid-August. Please check the bulletin or our website at the time for more details.

FORECAST OF EVENTS

JUNE 2018

Sun 24 th	1.00 pm	<i>Joint Mass and Parish Picnic with St. Leonhards held at St. Georgen in Frankfurt</i>
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JULY 1 – AUGUST 12

SUMMER BREAK

AUGUST 2018

Sun 19 th	5:00	Mass at St. Mary's
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SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun 2 nd		“Giving Sunday”
Sun 23 rd	after Mass	Welcome Back Party

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 17: 22-24

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

R: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

A reading from the second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

GOSPEL – Mark 4: 26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

Jesus said: “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.