# The Solemnity of



Everything that the Father has is mine; The Spirit of the Lord will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

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June 15, 2025

John 16:14-15

OUR LADY OF PEACE Catholic Church

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# HOLY MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEEKENDS Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

HOLY DAYS See inside for Mass times.

WEEKDAYS Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. Friday 8:15 a.m.

ADORATION Thursday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

> CONFESSIONS Saturday 3:30 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Welcome to new members. Parishioners entering, leaving or moving within the parish should contact the parish office.





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# PARISH CALENDAR

	CALENDAN	
	– The Most Holy Trinity	
8:45am	Mass	Church
9:45am	SVdP Sandwich-Making	Ave Maria
11:30am	Mass	Church
Monday, June 16		
	No Events	
Tuesday, June 17		
5:30pm	Mass	Church
6pm	Knights of Columbus	Ave Maria
Wednesday, Jun		
8:30am	Mass	Church
9am	Senior Discipleship	Ave Maria
1pm	Staff Meeting	St. Dominic
Thursday, June 1		
8:30am	Mass	Church
9am-7pm	Adoration	Church
6:15pm	OCIA	Ave Maria
7pm	Understanding the Old Testament	Café
Friday, June 20		
8:15am	Mass	Church
10am-1:30pm	Church Cleaning	Church
_	1 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga	
3:30pm	Confession	Church
4:30pm	Mass	Church
	– The Most Holy Body and Blood of Chris	
8:45am	Mass	Church
10am	Choir Rehearsal	St. Dominic
11:30am	Mass	Church

#### **MASS INTENTIONS** Offered for: Offered by: Sat 06.14 For the People (4:30pm) Sun 06.15 Maryalice Susi (8:45am) Les Susi **Tom Benadum & Family** Patty Benadum (11:30am) Children Tues 06.17 Ed Modecki (5:30pm) Wed 06.18 Kathie Sanchez (8:30am) Joyce Spurgeon Thurs 06.19 Anna Loffler (8:30am) Family Fri 06.20 Patrick Griffin (8:15am) Sat 06.21 For the People (4:30pm) Sun 06.22 Jim & Edith Bellisari Janet Baird (8:45am) Linda Talmadge (11:30am) Bob Kalal



Our LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH gives witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of our parish through our worship, teaching, and evangelization for the sanctification and salvation of souls.

# WELCOME TO



# To do any of the following:

- register as a parishioner,
  inquire about receiving a Sacrament.
- notify us of the passing of a member of our parish family, or

• update your contact information contact Office Manager Debbie Mahler in our parish office at 614.263.8824 or <u>dmahler@olp-parish.org</u>, or visit our parish website at <u>www.olp-parish.org</u>.

**To inquire about enrolling in our school:** Contact our school office at 614.267.4535.

To set up online giving, make a one-time contribution, or donate to a special collection: please scan the QR code or visit the parish website at www.olp-parish.org/give-to-olp



BULLETIN DEADLINES

The deadline for the June 21/22 bulletin is Monday, June 16. Please submit by Noon to <u>olpbulletin@olp-parish.org</u>.

# OFFERTORY

May 24/25 Offertory at Mass: \$4,015.00 Mail: \$1,570.00 Online: \$3,347.63 TOTAL: \$8,932.63

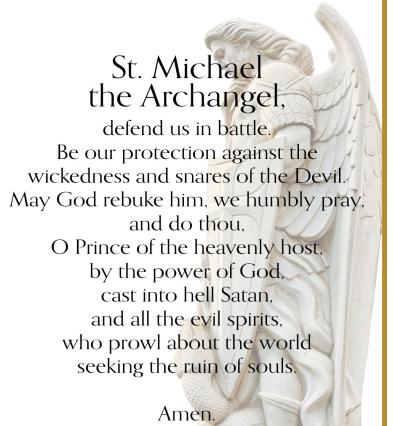
MAY 31/JUNE 1 Offertory at Mass: \$5,916.00 Mail: \$700 Online: \$12,920.48 TOTAL: \$19,536.48

JUNE 7/8 Offertory at Mass: \$9,912.00 Mail: \$1,680.00 Online: \$5,794.35 TOTAL: \$16,386.35

Thank you for your financial support of Our Life-giving Parish!

### LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

For those requiring a low-gluten host, please come to the Eucharistic Minister Station next to the piano at the beginning of the distribution of Communion.

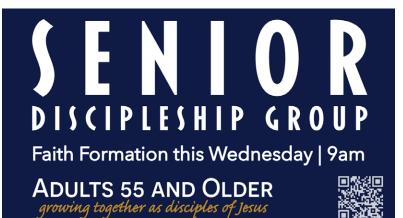


#### FIH SISTERS ON RETREAT

Please keep our sisters in your prayers as they make their annual retreat June 15-21. We are grateful for their ministry and presence here at Our Lady of Peace.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS**

Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. At the end of each Mass, we will have a Eucharistic procession around the church (inside) to enable everyone to spend a few moments in Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, there will be a Holy Hour after the 11:30am Mass and procession.



### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



Every Thursday, from 9am-7pm, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for Adoration. Time spent in the presence of the Eucharist will bear much fruit in your life! Everyone is welcome to stop by

to spend time with our Lord. To sign up for a regular weekly Holy Hour, visit our parish website.

# SANDWICH-MAKING



On the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 8:45am Mass, everyone is invited to join our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry in the Ave Maria Room to make sandwiches for the Holy Spirit Soup Kitchen.

If you would like to provide financial sponsorship for this ministry, the cost for one month is \$175. If you're interested, please contact <u>Colleenrmelvin@gmail.com</u>.

# DONUT SUNDAYS



Our Knights of Columbus invite you to stop by the Ave Maria Room for coffee and donuts on the 2nd Sunday of every month from September-April. This is a great opportunity for fellowship for everyone from longtime

parishioners to new members, from the youngest to the oldest!

# PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Join us in praying every day for a different priest or seminarian of our Diocese. The June calendar can be found at <u>Pray for Priests - 06.25-1.pdf</u>.

### PRAYER LINE

Our Prayer Ministry is a group of prayerful, dedicated parishioners who are committed to praying for the needs of our parish. If you have a prayer request for which you would like our Prayer Ministry to pray, you can submit it anonymously on the parish website at <u>Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church - Prayer</u> <u>Ministry - Columbus, OH (olp-parish.org)</u>.

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The liturgical ministry schedule can be found at: <u>https://www.olp-parish.org/ministry-schedule</u>.



### Our Lady of Peace St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Update

As a St. Vincent de Paul member, it is rewarding to help neighbors in need. However, we are humbled when we learn

the circumstances that cause neighbors to call Our Lady of Peace for help. "Yet we know that all that God gives us is for others and that we achieve nothing of eternal value without His grace." (Rule 2.5.1)

Our calls for help are increasing. In fact, since this time last year, there has been a 76% increase in requests for assistance. More and more of these requests are for help with rent and utilities, and many neighbors who call are facing eviction. We do our best to help neighbors avoid eviction because this can impact someone's ability to secure housing in the future as many landlords refuse to rent to someone with an eviction history.

We have learned from the national organization of SVdP that, as our calls for assistance here at OLP are increasing, so is the trend among SVdP chapters across the nation. Meanwhile, funding from state and local programs is decreasing. Please consider contacting your senator and congressional representatives, no matter the political party, explaining the urgency of the need.

OLP SVdP conference often works collaboratively with other SVdP conferences in the city, but we find that some conferences are out of funds or limit their resources to specific requests such as food, etc. We are particularly fortunate to have YOU (our parishioners), who are generous in contributing to SVdP, to help us meet the needs of neighbors who call.

**MAY IMPACT** – Thanks to your generosity, in May we were able to help 17 Adults and 25 children. (Note the large number of children at risk.) Please join us in praying for our neighbors and for our organization, that we may be able to help all who come to us in need.



Please see the information on the next page about how your support can make a difference!





Together in Mission we can do great things for the people of the Diocese of Columbus.

The Diocese of Columbus has been able to evangelize, educate, nurture, and support the needs of our 23 county diocese because of your support of The Appeal. Below are just a few of the ways your Appeal contribution aided our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in 2024.

# EVANGELIZATION:

Reaching out to our communities and spreading the Good News (\$2,673,000):



adults became Catholic last year, which has more than tripled in the past three years.

students now attend Mass at St. Thomas More Newman Center a 38% increase from last year.



engaged couples were assisted by 150 couples, priests, and deacons in their preparation for the sacrament of Marriage

# SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Addressing the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and those suffering in our diocese (\$1,392,000):



summer meals were served to families by St. Francis Evangelization Center (Vinton County). They also provided 10,386 individuals with a 6-day supply of food, and 4,550 individuals with clothing.

assistance, hygiene supplies,

and so much more by the Joint

medication assistance, COTA passes,





prison individuals were facilities in the diocese were served by diocesan staff that met the spiritual need Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN). of hundreds of prisoners.

# VOCATIONS:

Nurturing and supporting seminarians, priests, deacons, and religious men and women who are answering God's call (\$2,603,000):



Deacons are serving the Diocese of Columbus, 9 ordained in 2024, 39 are in the stages of discernment, aspirancy, or candidacy

men are in formation at 3 seminaries (Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus; Mt. St. Mary's, Cincinnati; Pontifical North American College, Rome).



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new men have discerned the priesthood in the last two years, with 5 being newly ordained, which more than doubled from the previous two years.

# **EDUCATION & FAITH** FORMATION:

Ensuring that our schools and religious formation programs provide the best foundation in faith and academics (\$1,332,000):









students in Our Catholic Schools were provided crucial support including safety and security services



counties across central Ohio have been served by dozens of mission partners who feed the hungry, cloth the naked, and serve the poor.

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#### A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL - Jim Silcott

Fifty years ago this month, I was in the dog days of my solo trip on the Appalachian Trail. I had left Columbus on Mother's Day that year. A friend and I drove all night in my 1971 orange Volkswagen Squareback to Georgia. He dropped me off at the foot of the trail that led to Mt. Springer, the official starting point of the 2,000-mile trail, and the journey began.

It was a rough start. Lots of rain and lots of blisters and lots of exhortations to God about what I was thinking when I dropped out of college to hike and camp with a minimum amount of experience. I wasn't even a Boy Scout for goodness' sake.

By mid-June I had calmed my anxiety. The drier weather helped, along with thicker callouses on my feet. I had mastered the art of hitchhiking when I needed to get into town to replenish my food supply. I never had a problem finding a ride quickly. The only exception was getting arrested in Gatlinburg for sticking my thumb out even though I had been warned. It did afford me a bed for the night and a couple of free meals.

I was in southern Virginia by June. I made some friends along the way. Although I walked in solitude during the day, the same people would be at the campground until either you went further, or they did. There were other days in June in Virginia when I did not see another human being, once for four days straight.

I had many adventures along the way: a terrorizing bobcat, a lost older lady, a drink of moonshine that I thought was water, extended time with a nudist married couple, a mother bear who stole my cooking pot, and a stay at a rectory where I went on rounds with the parish priest.

I journaled every night. I prayed frequently, sometimes to ask for a favor and other times to discern my future. I said the Rosary. I read a copy of *Jaws* about three times because the only other reading material I brought with me was a tiny copy of the New Testament. While that nourished my soul, *Jaws* entertained me. The movie had not come out yet, but I cast the whole thing in my head with my favorite Hollywood actors.

In the days before cell phones, I had little communication with the outside world. That included my family, who had no idea where I was on the trail until I got to a payphone to check in. Occasionally, there was mail waiting for me by way of General Delivery to a post office. If there was such a thing as credit cards back then, I did not possess one. I carried cash, and not a lot of it. Not too much to spend money on in the woods.

Looking back to my 18-year-old self in 1975, I take a lot of pride in my efforts on the Appalachian Trail, but my hardships were miniscule compared to young men just a few years older than I was. Many of them had gone to Vietnam. Some had not returned. United States involvement in the war had officially ended just before I started my trip. Although I had a draft card, the draft was pretty much over by that time.

My question to God and myself during those months was whether I should become a priest. That question lingered through my time in college after my return. I spent time with the Glenmary priests in Kentucky each Christmas break. When you are alone in the woods, you get the time to ponder and pray. Although a priestly vocation was not in my future, Catholic schools were, and I have never regretted that decision. When I feel distant from God, I think back to those days where His presence was as real as the summer rain. And it sustains me.

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#### SPIRITUAL COMPANIONSHIP FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY ADDICTION

We are pleased to announce that iTHIRST Spiritual Companions are available in our diocese and parishes to walk confidentially and one-to-one with families and adults who are struggling with the spiritual disease of substance use disorder.

iTHIRST is an initiative of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity and spiritual companions have been trained and accredited through Seton Hall University to address the vital need for spiritual healing-an often overlooked aspect of traditional addiction treatment-by fostering connection, purpose, and inner peace.

Information is available on our website at <u>www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst</u>. To contact us, call 614.547.9288 or send a confidential email to <u>info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com</u>.

#### **CALL TO ACTION FOR LIFE**

The bishops of Ohio have proposed legislation that would ban any and all state funding of abortion, euthanasia, execution, or any other action that intentionally ends a human life at any stage of development. This legislation will, among other things, end the death penalty in Ohio. The Ohio General Assembly is now considering this legislation. Please write, call, or email your senator and representative and urge them to support this life-protecting legislation. You can visit <u>www.ohiocathconf.org/nodeath</u> and click TAKE ACTION to send a prewritten letter to your legislators. Please also consider printing the letter and mailing it or emailing it to your senator and representative.

#### Men's Day of Reflection at the Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum will host a Men's Day of Reflection, for men of all ages and vocations, on Saturday, August 2, 2025 from 9am to 4pm. Facilitator Father Thomas Blau, OP, STL, Josephinum adjunct professor and friar at Saint Patrick Parish, will speak on "Catholic Seminaries: The Antidote for What Ails Society." The day of spiritual enrichment will include the Rosary, outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass, as well as lunch and a tour of the seminary. Registration is open through July 15. For more information and online registration, please visit: <a href="https://www.pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection">www.pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection</a>.

#### **QUO VADIS RETREAT**

The Vocations Office invites young men entering grades 9-12 who are interested in discerning a call to the priesthood to attend Quo Vadis, July 27-30 at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43235. Quo Vadis opportunities include Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal reflection, interaction with priests and seminarians, as well as recreational activities, sports, and fellowship. The cost is \$50. Scholarships are available and donations are gratefully accepted. Registration deadline is July 18. Questions: Contact Shane Gerrity at <u>columbuquovadis@gmail.com</u>.

#### ZOOM & SEE RETREAT: SITTING AT THE WELL WITH JESUS

Calling all Catholic, single women ages 18-45! Come and be with other discerning women to reflect on how Jesus calls us to a deeper relationship with Him. This day of prayer will consist of two Zoom sessions. We will begin by prayerfully contemplating the scripture story of the Woman at the Well, followed by a short presentation. You will also have an opportunity to engage in conversation with other discerning women and our Sisters, who will share about religious life, answer your questions, and provide helpful tools for discernment. For more information about this program, please email Sr. Mai-dung Nguyen (mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org) or you can call or text her at 405.248.7027.

#### SEASONS OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Please join us for the summer session of Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the Northland/North High Deanery. The five-week session will be held from 2-4pm, on the following dates: June 29, July 13, July 20, July 27, and August 3 in the Ave Maria Room at Our Lady of Peace. Space is limited so register now by contacting Debbie Kennedy at <u>kennedydeborah@yahoo.com</u> or by calling Debbie at 614.937.0516.

