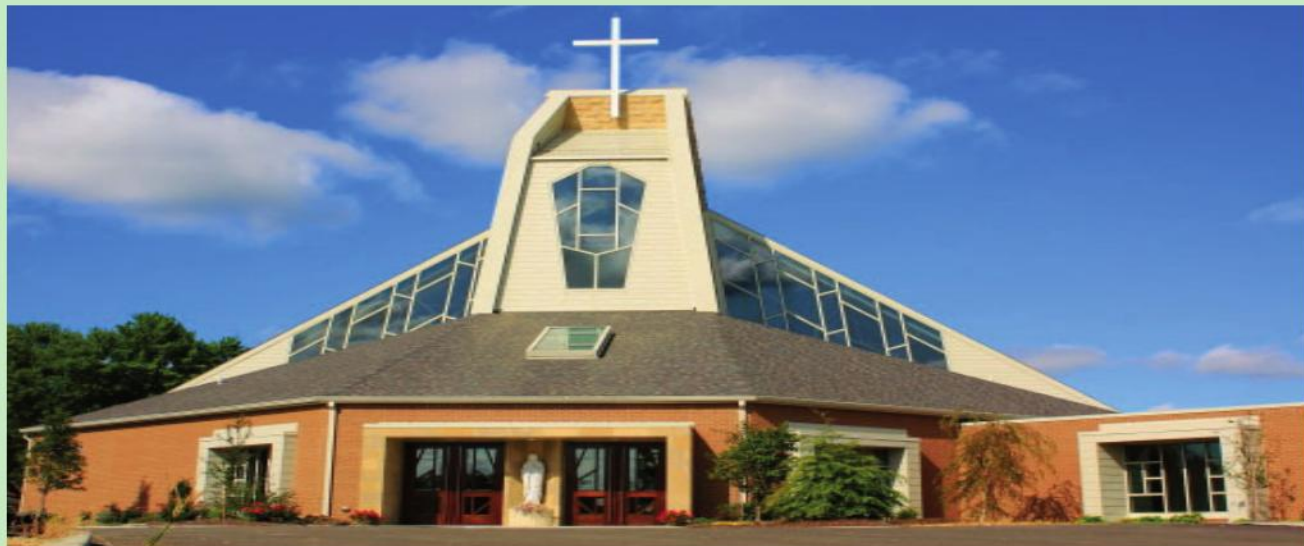


July 16, 2023 –Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“They look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.” -- Matthew 13:13



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Rev. John P. Seabold—Pastor

Joanna Blaz - Business Office

Elizabeth Miketo - Director of Parish Catechesis

Patrick Weir - Facilities Manager

& St. Mary's Cemetery Sexton

MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil.....4:30pm

Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am
(Chapel)

Wednesday 6:30pm (Church)

Confessions

Saturday..... 3:30-4:00pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic family centered in the Eucharist, rooted in our immigrant traditions since the 1800s and devoted to our Blessed Mother. Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the warmth and hospitality that springs from a small community, we seek to share our faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, devotion, education, stewardship, and service to others.

PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm



*Masses
For The Week*

Monday, July 17 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Souls

Tuesday, July 18 (Chapel)

9:00am - Connie Pijor - Ralph Stawicki

Wednesday, July 19 (Church)

6:30pm - ALL Parishioners

Thursday, July 20 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Friday, July 21 (Chapel)

9:00am - Dorothy Morley Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Saturday, July 22

4:30pm - Rose Mary Dietz - Jack Dietz

Sunday, July 23

8:30am - Alfred DiVencenzo - Wanda DiVencenzo

11:00am - Joseph Ferut - Family

Parish Council

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(Chair)

Andy Booth

Michelle Denham

Rob Drawl

Sarah Hoover

Dan Lewis

Chris Martin

Rosemarie Pierson

Margie Toombs

Kim Wilfong

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Kathy Yourkiewicz

Finance Council

Joan Radzynski

Jim Ries

Bryan Scheetz

Tim Strah

Sue Wiedenmannott

Dennis Wilfong

Building Committee

Lewis Behlke

Joanna Blaz

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Patrick Weir

Rick Wiedenmannott

Sandy Yovanovich



Pray for the Sick: Tina Abshire, Nanci Arnold, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Richard & Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Jennifer DuPont, Ethel Faber, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyssa Frost, Don Gates, Michael Gilkeson, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Richard Heath, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, Brian Joseph, James Kwiatek, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, Jose' Magiste, Neil Maier, Elise Martin, Hannah Haas Martin, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, George & Margaret Murray, John O'Connor, Mark Petricevic, Jane Peyton, Donald Plas, Jeff Pfeiffer, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Gladys Rising, Adam Rone, Mary Ross, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Paul Smith, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, Rick Tylicki, Dick & Nancy Webber, Daniel White, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker & Bernadette Zielinski.

Please call the Parish Office on (440) 926-2364 or email us at info@olqpgraffton.org to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12-13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

just to let you know

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining OLQP, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at www.olqpgraffton.org. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at jblaz@olqpgraffton.org by the following dates:

Sunday July 23 by 5:00pm Monday July 17

Sunday July 30 by 5:00pm Monday July 24

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

On July 1st I marked 20 years as pastor here in Grafton. First as pastor of Immaculate Conception and Assumption churches and then as pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace. So much has happened both personally as well as ministerially during those years. I buried two brothers and my mom with my dad dying two weeks after my mom. During these 20 years the parishes merged to form Our Lady Queen of Peace and a new church building was built. Various ministries have come and gone as well as people entering and leaving my life. It would be something to count the number of baptisms, weddings, funerals and all the other sacraments that have been celebrated over these years.

I could never have done the things that I did or made it through the things that have happened to me without your support and prayers. This is a great community, and it has only been through your empowering me to stretch myself that I have been able to respond to God's call. I sit back and am amazed of what God has done here in Grafton and how he has used me as his instrument to do it. Thank you for your confidence in me to achieve God's plan for us.

Of course, 20 years is a long time and I have been asked over and over what my intentions moving forward will be. I even had my doctor ask if I wasn't retiring soon! Retirement is not possible for another 12 years if then. And I have no plans to move to another parish at this time. However, I also am not in charge. Until God or the Bishop tell me otherwise, I plan on continuing to stay where I am. There are still many things that I want to accomplish. The construction of the office and parish center buildings being a big one. I also wish to work to strengthen the current ministries as well as add new ones to meet the needs of the parish. There is still much that is needed in the area of youth activities, liturgy, adult education and spiritually enhancing prayer experiences such as retreats. The list is very long and with your continued support, prayer and participation I hope to seek to continue to strengthen the community where we worship our God and serve our neighbor.

The parish festival is drawing closer. Please keep **Saturday August 5** open and invite family and friends to spend an evening of prayer, food and fun. 4:30pm Mass will be outdoors on that day followed by entertainment, food and games. It has been a great time to get together and meet new friends and renew friendships. This year will be even better. I am looking forward to spending the evening with all of you.

And please educate yourself on the proposed abortion amendment by going to ohiocathconf.org/protect. The bishops of Ohio have put together this website to provide information to ensure that word gets out to maintain sacredness of life.

--Fr John

IN SYMPATHY

SYMPATHY to the family of **Christopher Nagle** who passed away recently.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.



ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Wednesday July 19th from 2:30-6:30pm in the church**. Come and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be an opportunity for adoration during the festival as the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the chapel for those who wish to spend some time in prayer as a break from the activities of the festival.

Order of Christian Initiation

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr John or Elizabeth Miketo for information on the RCIA process. The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults is a process of growing in awareness of God's call in one's life and the teachings of the Catholic Church which form one in responding to God's call.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council is looking for 3 new members who will begin their three-year term (renewable for one year) in October. Anyone interested can contact any parish council member, whose names are listed in the bulletin, or Fr John.

2023 OLQP PARISH FESTIVAL

Celebrate the
continuing journey of
**Our Lady Queen of
Peace**
at our **Parish Festival**
Saturday, August 5, 2023
5:30 pm to 11:00 pm

Join us for
4:30 pm - Mass under the Big Tent
5:30 pm - Food, Kid Games, Beer
Garden, and Fun
6:00 pm - Car Show
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - An authentic
German Band :
Gemütlichkeit Cleveländer
Musikanten

Raffle
Baskets
Bake Sale
Kid Games



Bingo
Instants
50/50
Raffle

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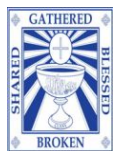
Come enjoy an evening of trivia and socializing on **Friday, August 4 from 7:00-9:00pm** under the Big Tent! Beverages will be available for purchase and light snacks will be provided.

Teams of up to six will compete for prizes. Bring a team or combine with others that night. Instants and a 50/50 raffle will also be available.

DIGNITY OF LIFE

Dignity of Life is threatened in Ohio. A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of life. Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot. Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect

Copies of the prayer "Protect Them Both; Prayer to Defeat Ohio's Abortion Amendment" are in the Gathering Area. Please take one and pray it daily.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL BALLPARK MASS Friday, July 28, 7-9pm at League Park

Join us for an outdoor Mass at Cleveland's Historic League Park as we continue to celebrate the Eucharistic Revival! The Diocesan Gospel Choir will perform at 7:00pm, followed by the celebration of Mass with Fr. Oscar Pratt from the Archdiocese of Boston presiding.

The evening will end with a Eucharistic procession to St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish at sunset. Spend the day and also join the festivities of Fatima Center's 50 years of service to Cleveland Hough Neighborhood and beyond. There will be food trucks, music, and many other activities. Join the Revival? Encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and Eucharistic people.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday	Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Friday	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest/Doctor
Saturday	Saint Mary Magdalene

CALENDAR CLUB

Congratulations to our June winner **Betty White!**
Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 40th Annual Conference** to be held on **Saturday July 22, 2023** at St. Albert the Great Parish Reception Hall, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "Come, Be Filled with His Holy Spirit". Guest speakers will be Sr. Marie Fidelis from the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Community, Dan DeMatte, the cohost of EWTN radio's *Encounter* program and the Executive Director of the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the diocese. Fr. Joe Menkhous will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening. Visit the CRM website: www.crmweb.org or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 12th, is \$35, and at the door \$40. Come, experience the healing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit!

THE FEST 2023

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday, **August 6, 2023** for "The FEST". It's an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. There are wonderful activities for kids, informative and helpful displays and information for adults. An outdoor Mass with Bishop Malesic will also be at 8 pm. This year's theme is ARISE which will call us to live in the Joy of Easter – the Joy of the Gospel. The FEST is open to everyone...thanks to our good friends at Marc's and Baron's Bus. Invite your family and friends to this amazing day of faith – The FEST. For complete details go to: www.theFEST.us



25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Calling all couples celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in 2023. You are invited to bring family and friends to **celebrate your silver anniversary on Sunday, August 20th at the 11am Mass**. If you will be attending, we ask that you contact the parish office and to also submit a wedding photo that will be part of the display on that weekend. And for those celebrating their 50th anniversary this year there will be a celebration at the 11am Mass on September 10th.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit. Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the Church in our time. Amen

TOGETHER -  LET US PRAY ...

**PROTECT THEM BOTH
PRAYER TO DEFEAT OHIO'S ABORTION AMENDMENT**

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

**GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST -
CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY**

Wouldn't it be great to come to Mass on Sunday and see the thermometer at \$2.5 million for our Capital Campaign? I know we can do it! The need for the offices and community center is here and we are already experiencing the growth. The sooner we reach our goal, the sooner we can get started. There is so much planning that has to happen before we can build and that is why we planned for a 3-year timeframe. Some of our financial team members are working to see about paying off the existing mortgage and following up with the Diocese regarding the plans for Phase 2 of our journey.

It would be nice for those who have not yet given to please consider a payment that will work for you and your financial situation. It is money that will go to a good cause and a great legacy to leave behind for future generations. A better facility for additional PSR classroom space, community events, support groups, wedding receptions, family reunions, movie nights and so much more! The need is here and we need to bring it to fruition, so we are asking for your support.

At this time, the thermometer is at 79.4%. Thank-you to all that have contributed and prayers for those who have yet to give.

--Colleen Dawson - Campaign Communications



FAITH FORMATION - REFLECTIONS AND UPDATES

As we begin to see the fruits of this spring's seeds, let's take a minute to look inward. What seeds are we sowing in our personal and spiritual life? As we embark on this week, may we take the moments to reap what we have sown, but also sow what we seek.

PSR: Are you interested in sharing our faith and helping our children develop a relationship with Jesus? We are in need of 4 middle grade catechists and a Kindergarten Catechist team for our Sunday morning PSR program. If you are feeling the nudge from the Spirit or maybe have been looking for a way to engage in your faith in a youthful way, please contact Elizabeth in the office.

Joyful Disciples will meet **this Wednesday, July 19th** to prepare for our table at the Parish Festival as well as brainstorm fellowship ideas to meet the needs of our Parish. **We will meet at 7:00 PM in the Hall.**

FLOCKNOTE

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THANK-YOU for your generous support of OLQP and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Jul 1/2	\$9,698.50		
Sunday, Jul 8/9:	\$7,584.75		
E-Giving:	\$5,246.77		
Total:	\$12,831.52		
YTD:	\$22,529.75		

A goal for 2023/2024 has not yet been finalized
Mortgage: \$170,437.97

Fiscal year ending June 30:
TOTAL: \$636,735.60 \$638,664.00 (\$1,928.40)



The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 16

WELCOME WEEKEND

Monday, July 17

Tuesday, July 18

Wednesday, July 19

2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration

7:00pm - Joyful Disciples Mtg.

Thursday, July 20

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30pm-7:00pm - Community Meal

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND

Sunday, July 23

GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND

9:00am-12:30pm - Parish Pancake Breakfast

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 30 - Blood Drive

August 4 - Evening of Trivia

August 5 - PARISH FESTIVAL

August 20 - 25th Wedding Anniversary Mass

GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND

Pope Francis established a year ago Grandparents Day to be celebrated on the 4th Sunday of July, which falls close to the Feast Day of Joachim and Anna, the grandparents of Jesus. This year, this special day for grandparents and the elderly falls on the **weekend of July 22/23**. In addition to a blessing at Mass, the Holy Name Society will be hosting a free-will breakfast on Sunday which will continue the celebration of grandparents. Grandparents invite your grandchildren to join you at Mass that weekend and grandchildren invite your grandparents to come to Mass with you that weekend. It is the faith and love of grandparents that have been handed down from generation to generation and for which we give thanks.



Wedding Banns

II - James Wilmoth & Emily Linnebur

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