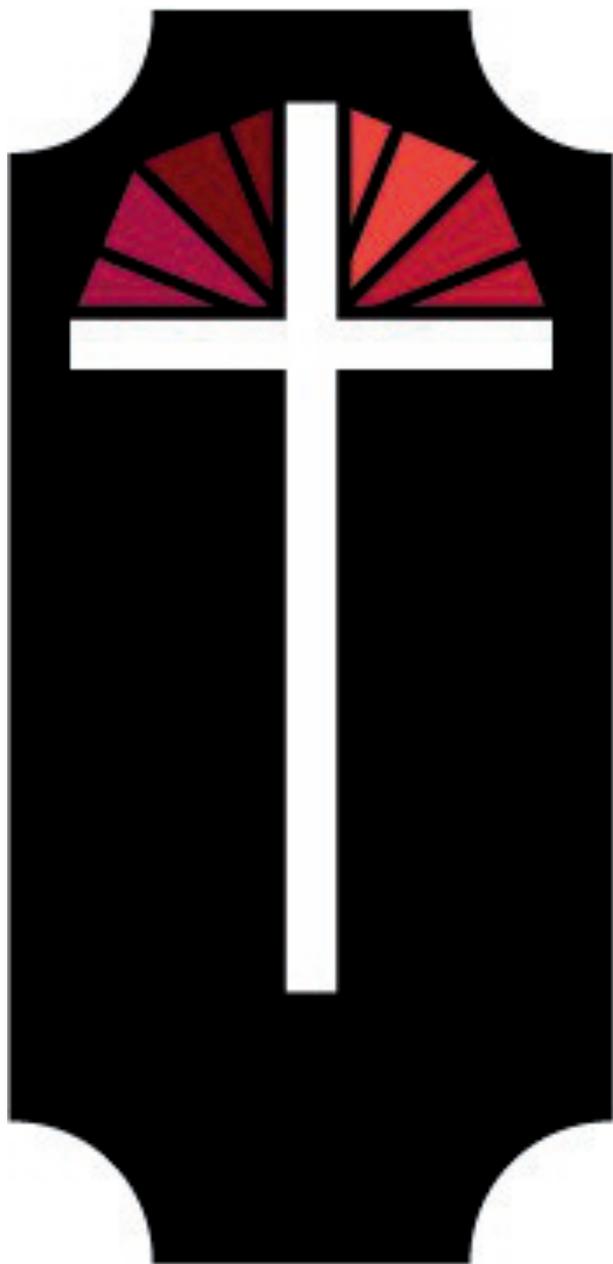


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"There is no longer a privileged people and a marginalized people.

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St. Archbishop Oscar Romero

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8:30AM Faye Macynski

Wednesday, October 28

8:30AM Colleen Carey

Thursday, October 29

8:30AM Mary Jane Markino

Friday, October 30

8:30AM Catherine Schiffbauer

Saturday, October 315:00PM Roseann DeGregorio
YarnovichSunday, November 01

9:00AM People of Our Parish

11:00AM Patricia Newell

Mass Times

Tues-Fri 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:30 PM (Haitian)*

3:00 PM (Nigerian)**

7:15 PM (Brazilian)

* Every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month

** Third Sunday of the month only

ReconciliationEvery first Saturday of the month from
3:45—4:45 pm in the church
confessional.

PASTORAL POST

All Souls' Day by Fr. Tony Davis

While many of us feel somewhat more comfortable living through this ongoing pandemic now that we know more about covid-19 and some of the things we can do to lower the risk of spreading the virus, I bet most of us had a moment of reckoning with our own mortality early on in the pandemic. As confirmed cases hit the United States, Ohio, and then Columbus, we probably asked ourselves, 'what if I get it?' or 'what if my elderly parent(s) get it?' We may have even jumped to worst case scenario thinking.

While the topic of death and dying is somewhat taboo in our culture, I believe it is spiritually healthy to not shy away from these topics. The truth is, we do not live forever. Our lives on this earth are short and limited. Our Catholic faith has traditionally been consistent in getting us to face this reality. Every Fall, as the days get shorter and our Sunday scripture readings focus on the end times, we remember All Souls' Day (November 2). This is a day in which we pray for all those who have gone before us, the good and the bad alike. We pray for their purification and eternal rest.

In order to enter into the troubling topic and experience of death from a spiritual perspective, St. Matthias will be having a special 'Remembrance Mass' on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7 pm. This mass will be an opportunity to come to terms with loss, mourning, grief, anger, and despair. This year, we are especially mindful of all those who have died due to covid-19. We invite parishioners to bring with them a table-top sized picture of a deceased loved one to be placed in the sanctuary for the mass. We especially invite those who have had a funeral through St. Matthias this past year to do so for their recent loss.

As always, we want to ensure the safety of those who attend. For those unable to attend due to age or illness, we invite you to send another family member or friend in your place or simply ask you to be with us in spirit. For those who do choose to attend, we ask that you wear a mask and sit every other pew. There will be no congregational singing, simply listening to the music.

Ultimately, we are unafraid to consider these topics because we believe in the Pascal Mystery, the mystery that says death gives way to new life. Just as our savior died and rose again, we know that that is the pattern for everything. May the Lord heal our hearts and bring something new out of our experiences of so much death.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jim and Mary Jones, who are celebrating 50 years of marriage. May God continue to bless you and your entire family!

RECENT BAPTISM

Welcome to Edward Foli, who was baptized into the Body of Christ at St. Matthias on Saturday, October 17.

CONFIRMATION MAKE UP

Our Confirmation make-up date is next Sunday, November 1, 2020, which is also All Saints Day. Our 5 PSR students will be Confirmed at the 11 am Sunday mass and the school students will be Confirmed at a special mass that same day at 1 pm. Please join us in praying for these candidates for Confirmation.

MISSAL PURCHASE

The weekend of 11/1, the 2021 missals with readings will be available for you to purchase for \$5. There are only 40 available on hand. If you were to purchase these independently from OCP it would be \$20 plus shipping. If we run out of missals, we will order another set assuming we get 50 interested people. There will be none offered at church this year since we are moving to a printable format due to COVID-19.

COVID-19 6 MONTH UPDATE

Please refer to the letter issued as an insert in the bulletin a few weeks ago for the latest on how we are handling the covid-19 pandemic. We strive to keep our congregation safe as well as provide opportunities to worship our God as a community. A copy of this letter can be found in a link on our website homepage.

PARISH TITHING

Just as we encourage our parishioners to tithe to St. Matthias Church, please know that the Church also 'pays it forward' by tithing a portion of our income through the parish offertory. After consulting with the Parish Council, please know that a portion your weekly/monthly offerings is going to the following organizations for the next year:

- Helping Hands Health Clinic
- Salvation Army
- JOIN
- Dominican Learning Center
- Catholic Social Services of Columbus
- Diocesan Missions Office

We hope to publish more information about each organization throughout the year in our bulletin and on our social media. Thank you for your generosity!

I Think You're Wrong (but I'm Listening)

"When we walk in grace, recognizing the inherent value in others, we come to understand that we don't engage in dialogue or participate civilly to change other people but rather to better understand them, ourselves, and the ideas we are discussing. It is not possible or desirable to bring everyone to our point of view on every topic. In political conversations, we have to meet people where they are and assume they'll stay there. Once we're clear on that fact, we can go about the work of better understanding them and the issues impacting all of us." (Holland & Silvers, p.103)

Weekly Collection**October 11, 2020**

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE</u>
Contributions	\$4,470.00	\$94,717.00
Budget	\$8,200.00	\$123,000.00
Difference	(\$3,730.00)	(\$28,283.00)

ROSARY IN OCTOBER

In honor of Mary, the Knights of Columbus will be leading the rosary before each weekend parish mass starting 25 minutes prior to mass. Please join us as we entrust our families and parish to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PARISH COUNCIL

Over the next few weeks, our Parish Council will be meeting on a few Saturday mornings to discern and formulate our vision, mission, and values. Please pray for them to have wisdom and insight!

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday mass has been lifted indefinitely as we continue to excuse people from mass due to the pandemic. Please stay home if you are at higher risk for COVID-19 complications.

CENSUS UPDATE

We would like to thank everyone who returned the census update forms. We have submitted the corrections to the Diocese, and will soon create our 2021 Parish Directory. If you did not yet return a form and have changes, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

FLOCKNOTE

St. Matthias is on Flocknote, a communication tool for churches. Please sign up with us to receive text or email updates for the parish as well as specific ministries. To join, text **MAY14** to 84576 or sign up online

<https://stmatthiascolumbus.flocknote.com/>

NEW BOOKKEEPER

We welcome Thomas Conigy as our new bookkeeper. Thomas started in mid-August and brings with him experience working in banking. Thomas' work email is: bookkeeper@stmatthiascolumbus.com

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