

St. Peter Church
A Community Founded on Adoration and Presence to the Poor

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. and
Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Member of the three parish consortium including:
St. Mary Chillicothe • St. Mary, Queen of Missions, Waverly

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday 5:30 p.m.;
Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

ADORATION

Until further notice, Adoration is held in the church -
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(except Thanksgiving Day and Holy Thursday)
Watch for changes dealing with COVID restrictions In the bulletin or website

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m..
Monday 5:00 - 5:15 p.m.

HOLY MATRIMONY:

Marriage preparation and pre-Cana classes are required. Thus, the engaged couple must make initial arrangements by contacting the parish at least six months prior to the desired marriage date. You or your fiancée should be a registered parishioner for at least six months before beginning preparation.

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are held by appointment only. Pre-Baptism instructions for parents who have not previously attended and for parents for which it has been four years or longer since the Baptism of their last child, is required. Instructions are by appointment only. Contact Andrea McLean to schedule class and Baptism.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Communion is brought to the sick and homebound. The family should call the office if someone is seriously ill as soon as possible

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PARISH COUNCIL

Lynn Anderson, Aaron Brown, Robin Flannagan,
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Mallory Bostwick, Wendy Brown,
Brooke Maranzana, Hudson Ward

ADENA HOSPITAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Bob French

Bethesda Healing Ministry

We are a group of mothers and fathers who have suffered the experience of abortion. We gather twice a month to share, heal, and grow. We are now experiencing the gift of God's healing love. We've been there. We understand. Contact us at 614-718-0277 or Raphael's Hands Healing Ministry in Portsmouth at 740-357-9822.

A Word From Your Pastor:

Dear Parishioners:

The Commandments of God are very familiar to all of us. As you probably learned in your catechism classes, they have two parts: those addressing our relationship with God (Commandments 1-3) and those addressing our relationship with other human beings (Commandments 4-10).

You may have noticed that different Christian denominations divide the Commandments a bit differently. Our First Commandment contains what others put down as two separate Commandments and our version of Commandments 9 and 10 are put down as one Commandment in theirs. They come to us in two different versions in the Bible: the one that is our First Reading from Exodus 20, and the other in Leviticus 19. When we have more than one version of something in the Bible, it is an interesting exercise to study the differences. We learn that the Bible itself invites an application of its teaching in different circumstances. Don't be fooled into thinking that the Church "changed" or "left out" God's commands. We have simply understood them through the lens of Jesus Christ and the life of the Church.

The Gospel about the money-changers being expelled from the Temple by Jesus is a vivid example that some ways of interpreting the Law of God are not in accord with God's plan for His People. We need to make sure that we make room both for God, having Him as First in our lives, and for others, who are all the objects of God's Love and Mercy before Judgment. It is very important to have priorities straight in our lives.

I want to thank all those who have already responded to the Catholic Leadership Institute survey. If you have not yet done so, please make a point to respond, either online or by using the printed form. This information will be very helpful for us to determine how to plan to build up our role as disciples of the Lord as we begin our return from Covid time.

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Pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary, Chillicothe St. Peter and Waverly, St. Mary, Queen of the Missions

Overflow Closed

With local numbers on the decline, we have opened additional pews in the church. Doing this, we feel there will not be a need for overflow at this time. So, for the time being, overflow will not be available at the weekend Masses. However, we would like to remind parishioners they should not attend Mass if you are feeling any type of illnesses or symptoms (not just related to COVID-19). As much as we want to see you in church, during these unique times, we need to be considerate to others by not exposing them to COVID or any other illness. ***If you come to Mass, per diocesan requirements, you must use the hand sanitizer at the entrances as well as wear a mask.*** Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. Remember that the Masses are on Facebook Livestream. See Facebook and the parish website for information, announcements, and links. You can access the parish Facebook page from the website without having your own Facebook page. www.stpeterchillicothe.com.

St. Margaret Cemetery decorations... Cemetery personnel will begin removing all artificial and holiday decorations from St. Margaret Cemetery on March 15. From then until November 15, only live flowers/foliage may be used. Lawn/garden decorations, toys, knick-knacks, arts & crafts items, party decorations, banners, pennants, and decorative flags are not permitted at any time and will be removed. One government issued U.S. flag is permitted on the grave of each veteran and one department issued flag is permitted on the grave of each policeman and fireman.

Shirley Irwin is home!!! She is still doing rehab, and has a way to go, but she is now home. If you would like to send her a card, her home address is 1725 Hallsville Pike, Kingston, OH 45644.

Maintenance man Tom Haynes retired February 28. Tom was employed here at St. Peter's since November of 2007. We are very thankful for the job he has done over these years. Besides custodial items, Tom was responsible for many "projects" around the parish such as the Upper Room renovation to two offices and conference room, remodel of the confessional, overseeing and helping with the Rectory Seminarian suites, as well as many other projects. Due to Covid, we could not have a proper farewell for him. If you would like to send him a personal thank-you, his address is 3775 Maple Grove Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

40 CANS FOR LENT



K of C Council 15793

A CHALLENGE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! Fr. Charles Griffin Council 15793 of the Knights of Columbus offers a challenge to all families at St. Peter's parish this Lent. All are challenged to give "40 cans for

Lent"! All families are asked to donate 40 cans of food (or personal hygiene items) or comparable financial donation representing each day of Lent and Christ's 40 days in the desert. All donations will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank to help with the ongoing need for their assistance in our community. Any donation (food, personal hygiene items or monetary) should be marked "40 cans for Lent" so the donations can be tracked accordingly. *This is the 5th year for this food drive! Let's make it the best one yet!!!* For more information, contact the program's coordinator, Joe Zupi at 740-773-4707, 740-772-4759 or by email at jzupi2002@yahoo.com. Joe can also be contacted for pick-up if someone is unable to deliver donations to the church. What a perfect way to increase our attention towards prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lenten Season.



Parishioners are invited to join the Ross County Right to Life committee. Two hours have been reserved on March 26th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for anyone and everyone to join in prayer for an end to abortion in conjunction with the 40 Days for Life campaign at Planned Parenthood in Columbus. We will pray the "Intentions for Life" and end with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the St. Peter Church parking lot at 11:45 a.m. to carpool, or you are welcome to meet us there. Please spread the word and we hope to see you there!

What: Pilgrimage of Prayer for an End to Abortion

When: March 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; meet at church at 11:45 a.m. to carpool

Where: Planned Parenthood Surgical Clinic; 3255 E. Main Street, Columbus, OH

If you have any questions, contact Audrey Glass at 740-466-7606.

The Food pantry has a need for the following items:

canned soup, crackers, peanut butter, Vienna sausages, potatoes (boxed or canned), pasta or rice sides, pork & beans, shampoo, deodorant, and toilet paper. If you wish to donate any of these items, they can be brought to the vestibule of church and placed in the provided containers or brought to the parish center during office hours.



New Bell System for Church needed. Thank you to those who have committed or pledged to commit funds for the new bell system. We are currently at \$13,400.00 of our \$20,000.00 goal. It has been suggested that we should update our carillon (bell system). Our current system is 70 years old...

they were only meant to last 25! The last time the system was repaired several years ago, John Williamson picked a gentleman up from the retirement home to come fix it! Please contact Jenny at the parish office if you are interested in donating to this project. You can also donate to this project by placing your donation in an envelope marked "Attention Jenny French – Bells" in the offertory or in the mail. If you do online, use the miscellaneous line and be sure to note that it is for the Bell System.



Monetary donations for the Easter flowers are being accepted. Memorial Donation may be placed in the offertory collection in an envelope marked "Easter flowers" or dropped off in the church office. Be sure to include the names of those you would like to remember. You may also donate online for this and be sure to indicate the name (s) for remembering. Remember a loved one while beautifying the sanctuary for our Lord for the Easter Season. For additional information, contact Jenny French at 740-774-1407.

For the last five years, our K of C Council 15793 has sponsored a scholarship program for our graduating seniors. In the past, we held fundraising dinners to help raise the funds for the scholarships. Last year, we were not able to hold a dinner because of the pandemic and we asked our K of C members along with the St. Peter community to donate to the fund. The response was more generous than expected. We were able to award three, \$750.00 scholarships. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a fundraising dinner again this year, but we want to continue our scholarship program. Once again, we are asking for your support of this worthwhile program. First, please pray for the success of the scholarship program. It is important to recognize and reward our Catholic Christian Seniors for living their faith in these times. Secondly, if you would like to provide financial support to the program, any donation is appreciated. Donations can be placed in an envelope and dropped in the collection baskets with SCHOLARSHIP written on the envelope. If you have any questions, please contact John Albright, Scholarship Chair. Thank you for your generosity.



Carry the Cross – Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Tar Hollow State Forest, Laurelville, Ohio.

Join the men of Wilderness Outreach for a truly manly conclusion of the Lenten Fast – 14 miles and 14 Stations of the Cross in some of the most beautiful hiking terrain in Ohio. This event is for men only and for laymen, fathers and sons of all ages. This year, Carry the Cross will be held at Tar Hollow State Forest. The event will begin and end at the Doulen Loop trailhead on Lipscomb Road. Lipscomb Road must be accessed from Route 327 south of the Tar Hollow State Park main entrance. For more information, please contact Wilderness Outreach by email wildernessoutreach2560@gmail.com or by text or phone at 614-679-6761.



MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

St. Peter Parish Family extends congratulations and many blessings to the following on their "special" birthdays. Parishioners are invited to send cards to the following individuals as well!

- March 4, Ed Bohn, 292 Vine Street, Chillicothe
- March 8, Joyce Perry, 308 Piatt Avenue, Chillicothe
- March 11, Dianna Lisi, 120 Yaples Orchard Drive, Chillicothe
- March 12, Tony Schumann, 12 John Street, Chillicothe
- March 13, Kitty Hess, 128 Yaples Orchard Drive, Chillicothe
- March 22, Susie Stocklin, 153 University Drive, Apt 206, Chillicothe
- March 30, Robert Kight, Sr., 150 Plum Street



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.



2021 Drive Thru Lenten Fish Fry
February 19, & 26, March 5, 12, 19, & 26

Sponsored By
Bishop Flaget School
570 Parsons Avenue
4:00-7:00 pm

Fish Dinner (fish, bread, potato salad & baked beans):	\$ 8.00
Fish Sandwich:	\$ 5.00
Bowl of Mac & Cheese:	\$ 3.00
Extra Piece of Fish:	\$ 2.00



Come and encounter the incredible love of Jesus to give all of Himself to rescue you! Sunday, March 14th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. will be our Lenten Adoration Night. This will be our 6th Family Night, and **we will have a special guest! Fr. Hartge will be giving the talk for the evening!** The night will include a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, and Benediction. All are welcome! Join us in-person or on the Livestream.

All proceeds benefit the Bishop Flaget HVAC project and the 8th grade educational trip.



Celebrating 175 years!

In the history books?

(Thanks to parishioner Jim Anderson for his research in locating these interesting events/facts in our parish history)

April 17, 1867: *The Catholic Telegraph*, Cincinnati, OH
Chillicothe.

Passion Sunday, 1867, will long be remembered by the worthy Catholics of Chillicothe. In the forenoon the children of St. Peter's German, under the zealous pastoral care of Rev. Edward Lieb, made their first Communion at the hands of the Most Rev. Archbishop, and in the afternoon seventy of this congregation and forty of St. Mary's were confirmed. The solemn Mass was celebrated by Rev. Mr. Specht, of Holy Cross, Columbus, Rev. Mr. Lieb and Rev. Mr. Murray, pastor of St. Mary's being Deacon and sub-Deacon. After Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the procession was formed, composed of both congregations, headed by the Holy Cross, a band of music and the flag of the Union, followed by banners of the religious societies. It was the largest assemblage seen in the streets 'since the Morgan raid.'

Arriving at the site of the new church of St. Mary, English, the Archbishop blessed and placed the corner stone.

The foundations are a superior piece of massive cut stone masonry for a church 130 by 60 feet. After the ceremony the Archbishop addressed the large and attentive audience for an hour, presenting such reflections as the divinely assisted progress of the Catholic Church, and its, to his hearers, eventful history in this diocese and especially in Chillicothe, suggested. The subject and the statements made called for lively gratitude to God and inspired encouragement and hope. One of the most pleasing features of the bright scene was exhibited by the great number of beautiful little school girls and others robed in purest white and singing the Divine praises. The Sisters of Notre Dame, who sold their beautiful property to the St. Mary's congregation, are anxiously expected to return and take charge of the girls' schools of both churches.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

March 7, 2021

LEARN

LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS

In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.



Mass Intentions

When requesting a specific date for Mass Intentions, it is recommended to contact Jenny French at the parish office at least six months before the desired date. Due to the large number of requests for Masses we receive, they will be scheduled accordingly and as soon as possible. We endeavor to get a couple Masses in as soon as possible for recently deceased parishioners. Your patience is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny at the office.

Saturday, March 6

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00 p.m. at St. Peter – Fr. Tim –
Max O'Dell – O'Dell Family

Sunday, March 7

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

8:00 a.m. at St. Peter – Fr. Beal –
Don Corcoran – Dan & Ann Hupp Family

11:30 a.m. at St. Peter – Fr. Beal –
Pete Mudre, Sr. – Fr. Beal

Monday, March 8

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

5:30 p.m. at St. Peter – Fr. Beal –
Dan Harness, Jr. – Hank & Jean Malone

Tuesday, March 9

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

8:30 a.m. at St. Peter – Fr. Beal –
Don Corcoran – Pat & Diane Corcoran

Wednesday, March 10

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

8:30 a.m. at St. Peter – Fr. Beal –
Max O'Dell – O'Dell Family

Thursday, March 11

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

No Mass at St. Peter

Friday, March 12

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

No Mass at St. Peter

Saturday, March 13

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

5:00 p.m. at St. Peter – Fr. Beal –
Pauline Spriggs – Rick & Geri Mauger

Sunday, March 14

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

8:00 a.m. at St. Peter – Fr. Beal –
Kyle Garrison – Dan & Ann Hupp Family

11:30 a.m. at St. Peter – Fr. Beal –
Susan Corcoran Knight –
Rodger & Marilyn Davis

Calendar

Saturday, March 6

7:30 a.m. Women's Ministry – Parish Hall
4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe –
Fr. Milton

Sunday, March 7

9:15 a.m. Neophyte Class – Parish Hall
9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly – Fr. Tim
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe – Fr. Milton

Monday, March 8

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe – Fr. Milton
5:00 p.m. Confessions – Church
6:45 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting –
Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 9

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe – Fr. Milton

Wednesday, March 10

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly – Fr. Tim
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Prep Meeting –
St. Mary, Chillicothe FLC

Thursday, March 11

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe –
Fr. Milton
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Adoration – St. Peter Church –
Part of the Diocesan
40 Days of Adoration
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle – Parish Hall

Friday, March 12

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe – Fr. Tim
9:30 a.m. Mass at Bishop Flaget – Fr. Tim –
Not open to the public
4:00-7:00 p.m. Drive-Thru Fish Fry –
Bishop Flaget
5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross –
St. Mary, Chillicothe
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross –
St. Mary, Waverly
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross – St. Peter Church

Saturday, March 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Ministry – Parish Hall
4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe – Fr. Tim

Sunday, March 14

9:15 a.m. First Communion Prep – Parish Hall
9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly – Fr. Beal
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe – Fr. Tim
6:00-7:30 p.m. Lenten Adoration Night – Church

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that everything is a gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

Thank you to those who have continued to give during this unique time in our history. We truly appreciate those who have mailed in checks and set up their online accounts. We are thankful for those who already had online accounts and continue to use them. Please continue to give, it is greatly appreciated! Setting up an online account is very easy!

Click on the "online giving" box on the St. Peter webpage at www.stpeterchillicothe.com. Once there, create an account. When you log into your account, you will see a dropdown of all of the various funds available for you to choose where to contribute.

	Weekly Amount	Year-to-Date Amount:
Budgeted Expenses February 14-28, 2021	\$ 28,595.40	\$ 333,612.20
Actual collection (online, mail in and Mass collections)	\$ 18,858.25	\$ 294,061.10
Difference	(\$ 9,737.15)	(\$ 39,551.10)

February Special Collections

Propagation of the Faith	\$ 15.00	Knights of Columbus Scholarship	\$ 30.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 60.00	Bishop Flaget	\$ 255.00
Black/Indian Missions	\$ 535.00	BFS HVAC donation	\$ 10,000.00
Miryante Orphans Home	\$ 600.00	St. Margaret Cemetery	\$ 205.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 101.00	St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,408.00
Hope Clinic	\$ 121.00		

Parish Notes

St. Mary Church in Chillicothe

One Sunday morning, Delma came back to the Sacristy after Mass with a big, bright smile on her face. It was a sunny day and I thought she was just cheerful due to the change in weather. I said: "You look happy!" She said, "We had children! Did you see how many children were at Mass today?" It was truly a delight to see so many families with their children in church. Only a minute later, an usher came into the sacristy with the report: "We had 72 parishioners in church today!" Later that evening, in a conversation with some other priests, the Scriptural association of that number dawned on me: after the 12, Jesus sent out 72 disciples to prepare the way for Him. So, praise God, we have had 72 "back in church." May our community continue to move in this direction as we go forward toward the days beyond Covid.

St. Peter Church in Chillicothe

A recent financial review pointed out some good news and bad news. The good news is that we are able to be current on our bills due to some resources we have had on hand and due to the relief supplied by P.P.P. funds in the first Covid season. The bad news is that although some giving has increased – enough to make us ineligible for the second P.P.P. loan – our Stewardship, that is, the Sunday Offerings, are still down enough to have an effect. We are not meeting budget and the Covid situation is not improving quickly enough to allow us to spring back before the end of the fiscal year. The White Christmas we had gave quite a hit to our usual end-of-the-year "Christmas bailout." In short, we expect to be short. If you have an opportunity to increase your giving to help us, we would be most grateful.

We have a farewell to say to our Maintenance man, Tom Haynes, who is retiring after many years of service at St. Peter and St. Mary, Queen of the Missions. He will still be around from time to time to assist on special projects that were already planned. We thank Tom for his service!

St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, in Waverly

Plans were set to have some of our liturgical items refurbished through Generations in Columbus. An updated bid has been obtained since it has been a few years and the Finance Council has decided to go forward with this. Memorial Donations in honor of Jim Streitenberger will cover a large portion of this. This year's Bishop's Annual Appeal parish goal will include the remainder, but other donations toward this are also welcome.

We thank Jerry Meier for his many years of serving as Chair for the Finance Council and Bob Lagnese for taking up the responsibility. We also welcome Jamie Streitenberger and Tony Skowronek for joining the Council. I am very impressed with the manner in which they have addressed the needs of the parish, especially with ensuring that the grounds and the buildings are being taken care of properly. Discussion of creating the possibility for attracting younger families to greater involvement in the life of the parish has begun. Perhaps you have some thoughts concerning how to do this?

Prayer List

Our prayer list is growing... please review the names listed. If you see someone who can be removed, please contact Jenny at the parish office. If there is someone in need of being on this prayer list, please call Jenny at the parish office – 740-774-1407. Please pray for the following members of God's family (those listed in **bold italics** are parishioners – feel free to send them a card and let them know you are praying for them):

Amy & Rich Adams, Mary Jo Amici, **Peggy Bechie, Wendy Brown**, Steve Bruce, Caitlyn Burton, Dinese Carmen, Ashley Coates, Rosemarie Cox, **Iona Cunningham**, Don Davis, Joyce DeLong, Darlene DiPrati, Sr., **Ron Draise**, Andy Drummond, Brian Duncan, **Kathy Dye**, Langston Forbes, Tammy Garcia, Veronica Geimer, Sharon Good, David Groves, **Jane Harness**, Elaine Haubeil, Maranda Hay, Frank Hayes, **Brookie & Larry Heightsman, Shirley Irwin**, Rita Senff Kern, **Bob Kight, Sr.**, Mike Mallett, Patricia Mallett, **Jennifer Mark, Darrell Massie**, James May, Jr., James May, Sr., Katie Rogers McCune, Jay McWhorter, **Steve Mihelich**, Jackie Miller, **Brian Moore, Catherine Nixon**, Randy Podeszwick, Jill Polans, Nancy Proehl, Angelina Prog, Dan Ratcliff, Andy Reeves, **Mary Reeves**, Mike Scheeler, Ray Schmidt, Don Schofield, **Amanda Secrest**, Joyce Seymour, Gary Smith, Kevin Smith, Juanita Sommers, Andrew Speziale, **Richard Stadtfeld, Helen Stanton**, Barbara Strausbaugh, Sandy Walters, **Catherine Weisenberger**, Roger Wilburn and **Michael Wiley**.



The Diocese of Columbus announces *Real Presence, Real Future*, a strategic initiative aimed at expanding the presence of Christ throughout the Diocese over the next two years and preserving the Faith for future generations. Watch the message from Bishop Brennan: <https://realpresencerealfuture.org/>.

This initiative aims to re-imagine how the Church serves her people through a process of listening to the needs of the people, hearing their ideas, concerns, and desires. This planning and consultation phase will be held throughout 2021 and the findings will be implemented over the next few years. The full scope of the *Real Presence, Real Future* initiative will prepare the Diocese to increase its Catholic presence over the next 10 to 20 years and is intended to meet the many needs of the Diocese of Columbus' diverse areas and ethnicities, emphasizing the utilization of active diocesan priests and deacons, mission-oriented parishes and schools, and all other available resources.

Real Presence, Real Future Priorities:

- Engaging all Catholics to reflect upon the real presence of the Lord in their lives and how they can share that presence with others.
- Articulating a plan for a comprehensive Catholic presence for each county/deanery by integrating missionary outreach, parish and school footprints, and leadership requirements for the next five years.
- Defining and developing the necessary Diocesan resources structures to support priests, deacons, and lay leaders in parishes and schools.

Real Presence, Real Future will be driven by six evangelization subcommittees:

- Forming parish missionary disciples
- Increasing the Catholic presence and outreach to university campuses
- Using digital and social communications for evangelization
- Deploying lay missionaries in parishes and schools
- Forming Catholic school faculty and staff in missionary discipleship
- Creating a soft-entry center focused on outreach to the religiously non-affiliated

We Want Your Feedback!

Throughout Lent, parishioners at every parish are being given the opportunity to participate in a diocesan-wide survey called the Disciple Maker Index that looks at all aspects of parish life. This 75-question survey is available in hard copy at all parishes and digitally on all parish websites as a survey link between now and March 22. Don't miss your chance to participate!

Stay informed about *Real Presence, Real Future*

- **Log on to the *Real Presence, Real Future* website** www.realpresencerealfuture.org as the primary source for information about this initiative and will be routinely updated to provide the latest information and opportunities for feedback and consultation.
- **Attend parish-level consultations in the fall** to hear first-hand how this will impact your parish and grow the presence of the Church throughout the Diocese of Columbus.
- **Read information in *The Catholic Times***, as well as other news sources such as St. Gabriel Radio AM 820/FM 88.3.
- **Subscribe to the monthly *Real Presence, Real Future* e-newsletter.** This monthly email will provide updates about this initiative and keep people informed throughout this two-year process. You can sign up **here: <https://realpresencerealfuture.org/stay-updated/>**.



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