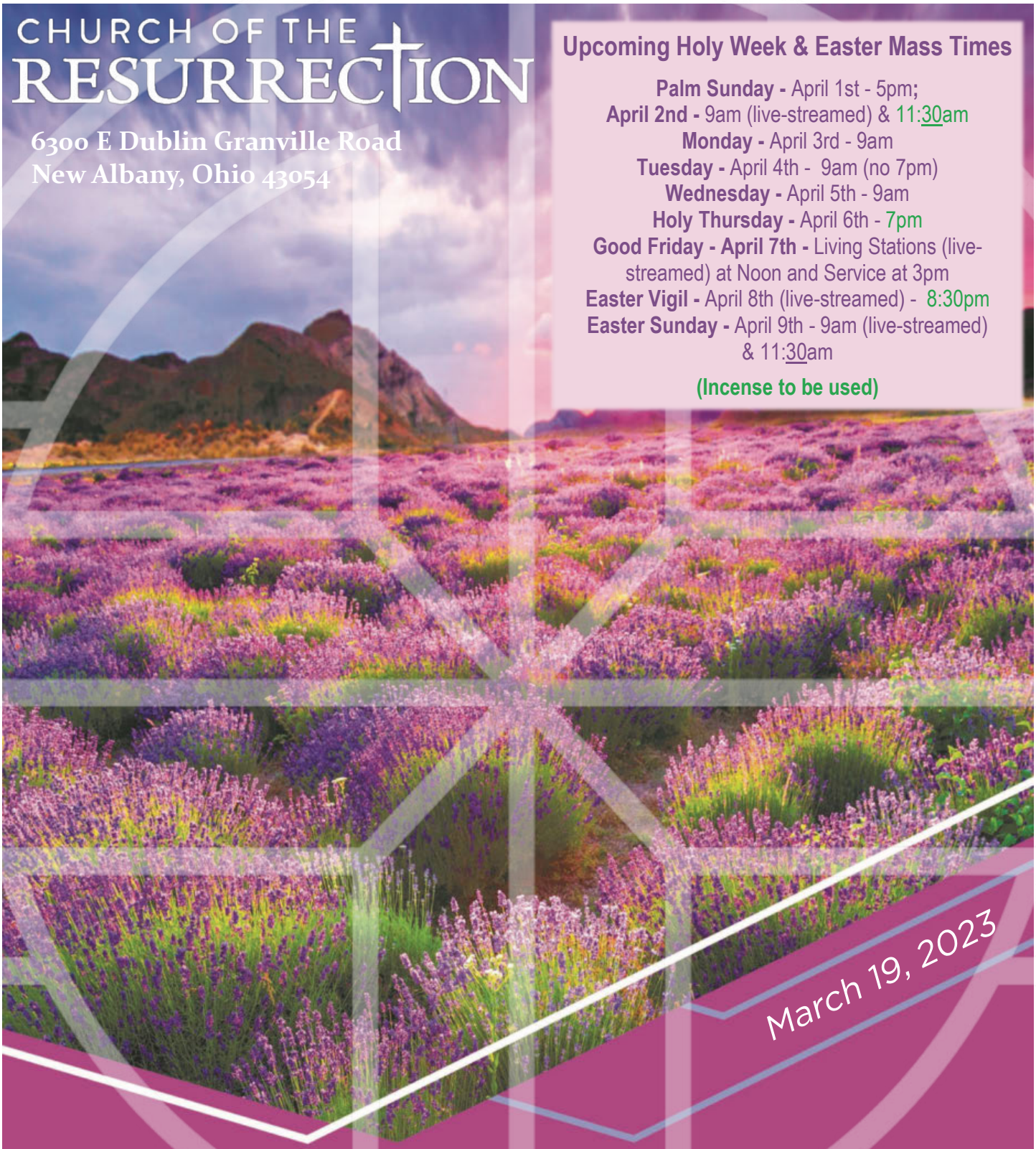
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6300 E Dublin Granville Road
New Albany, Ohio 43054

Upcoming Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

Palm Sunday - April 1st - 5pm;
April 2nd - 9am (live-streamed) & 11:30am
Monday - April 3rd - 9am
Tuesday - April 4th - 9am (no 7pm)
Wednesday - April 5th - 9am
Holy Thursday - April 6th - 7pm
Good Friday - April 7th - Living Stations (live-streamed) at Noon and Service at 3pm
Easter Vigil - April 8th (live-streamed) - 8:30pm
Easter Sunday - April 9th - 9am (live-streamed) & 11:30am

(Incense to be used)



March 19, 2023

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Pastoral Staff | Stewardship | Misc

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3rd Officer: Katy Wyatt

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Mike Smith, pfc@cotrna.org

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George Gummer, 614-855-4790

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Financials

Thank you for your support and continued generosity!

Stewardship A way of living

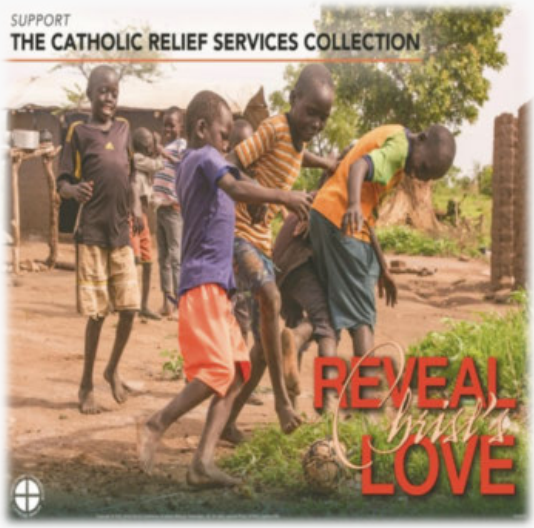
Please consider using PushPay, our online giving tool used to manage your parish offertory. It is safe, easy, and convenient.

You can visit our website, www.cotrna.org, or use this QR code to get started:

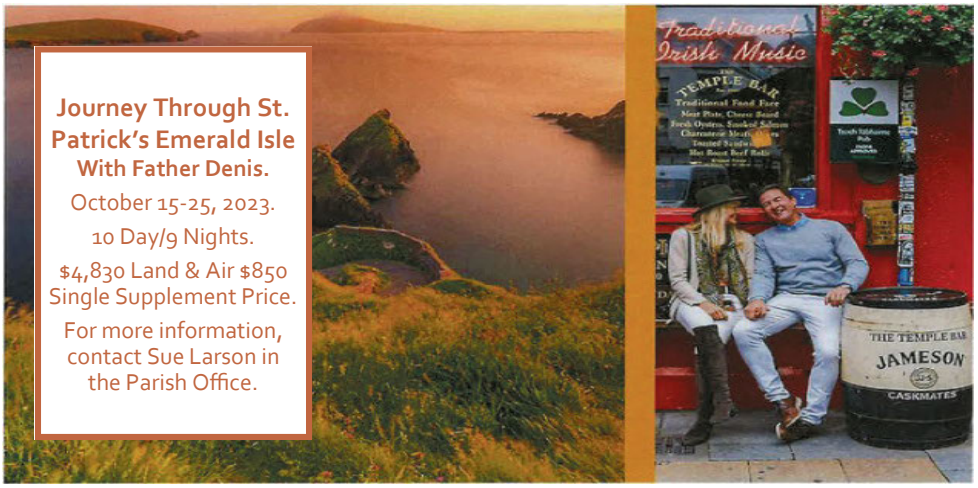
	Actual	Budget	Variance
January Offertory	$207,998	$180,500	+$27,498
YTD Offertory	$1,341,368	$1,307,210	+$34,158

Total Budget for FY 22-23 $2,207,529
Our fiscal year runs July 1st - June 30th

For questions, please contact Chris Roberts in the parish office: 614-855-1400.



This week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Journey Through St. Patrick's Emerald Isle With Father Denis.

October 15-25, 2023.

10 Day/9 Nights.

$4,830 Land & Air $850 Single Supplement Price.

For more information, contact Sue Larson in the Parish Office.

LET US PRAY... FOR ALL WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY AND FOR ALL WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL, RECOVERING FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS OR SURGERY

If you would like to add the names of family members to this list, call the Parish Office (614-855-1400).

U.S. ARMY
MAJ Ryan Griffin; CPT Rick Lovering; SPC Corey Luffler; PVT Adam P. Kearney; CPT Cody Kehres; SGT Ryan Krysmalski; 1LT Bill Lovering; SFC Craig Markish; 2LT Ross Mitchell; Sgt. Paul D. Perez; MAJ Derek Stocker

U.S. ARMY RESERVE
PFC Jason McDonald

U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
MSG Ryan Pederson; SFC Justin Shuman; 1LT Joseph Washington SGT Jamie Wasierski

U.S. ARMY NURSE CORPS
CPT Sean Coolidge

U.S. AIR FORCE
Curtis Abbott; MSgt Andrew Clymer; Adam Lewis; TSgt James Mathews; 2d Lt Daniel H. Touzinsky; Maj Matt Tucker; Maj Erika Wonn;

U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD
TSgt Liz Humphrey

U.S. NAVY
CPO Shane M. Cooper; PO3 Daniel Dunlevy; SA Evan Hammond; LCDR Axel Steiner

U.S. MARINE CORPS
Maj. Tom Bertram; GySgt Nicholas Bickel; Capt David Cook; Alan Finn; Capt Joseph Andrew Garcia; SSgt Scott Kramer; LCpl Michael McCutcheon; LtCol Matthew Oberdorfer; 1stLt Gabriel Smith;

SERIOUSLY ILL OR RECOVERING FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS OR SURGERY
Brian Annis, Dr. Amy Arnett-Budzik, Kam Baloue, Catherine Barren, Kathy Browning, Joanna Bruskin, Mary Elizabeth Buynak, Julia Calvert, Lindsay Cannon, Andrew Cavulich, Terry and Daryl Cooper Family, Cory Crabtree, Katie Curry, Bob and Marie Dawes, Paz Del Rosario, Kathleen Deveix, Ray Drum, Jeanne Fealy, Vijay Gaddam, Pat and Katie Hall, Halsey Family, Carl Higginbotham, David Hoy, Jean Jannety, Marcia Jenkens, Barbara Jones, Suzy Kiefaber, Gayle Kerkman, Tom Kolda, Jamie Lynn Konrath, Marty Laubenthal, Maelee Leonard, Tim Longstreth, Nina Lyons, James Manville, Steve Maxwell, Betty McColeman, Joe McCullen, Nancy McDonald, Beverly Meholick, Debra Moore, Zachary Moyer, Tammy Neal, Edgar Neff, Helen Nugent, Bill Parry, Jennifer Pierce, Angela Plummer, Paulette Poaches, Potts Family, Jackson Preston, Tony Ray, Adam Rempe, Grace Schell, Wilhelmina Schnetzler, Stephen Schultz, David Shepardson, Cathy Stocker, Kyle Stuart, Jennifer Anne Stuesser, Rick Stuesser, Suzanne, Dorothy Taylor, David Thatcher, Niko Treadway, Carlene Tucker, Leona Ventrella, Sandy Walsh, John Wheeler, Monica Wolford.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 19	
9:00 am	Joel Alexander
11:00 am	James Brundrett
MONDAY, MARCH 20	
9:00 am	Dorothy Worls
TUESDAY, MARCH 21	
7:00 pm	Karen Fuller
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22	
9:00 am	Henry Lukaszewski
THURSDAY, MARCH 23	
9:00 am	Sadie Uva
FRIDAY, MARCH 24	
9:00 am	Carolyn Coolidge Family
SATURDAY, MARCH 25	
9:00am	Madeleine Peters
5:00pm	Ken Washington
SUNDAY, MARCH 26	
9:00 am	PARISH
11:00 am	Mary Kay Booth

Please add our Confirmation students to your daily prayers. Come Holy Spirit

Maddie Parmentar
Libby Pulvino
Carter Purcell
Jessica Rayan
Nathan Riley
Riona Rodrigues
Aidan Ruff

BIBLE READINGS

MARCH 26TH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."
— Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Our Prayer Chain is very active in praying for the needs of others, both individually and as a community. If you or someone you love needs prayer, please let us know. Send prayer requests online to: https://cotrna.org/intercessory-prayer.

For more information, contact: Valerie Coolidge, Prayer Chain Coordinator, by email at: Valerie@wyandottewinery.com.

MINISTRY NEWS

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SIGNS OF FAITH

INQUIRERS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process through which persons inquire into and determine if they are called to live out their faith as a member of the Roman Catholic Community. For more information, please contact either Brian Franz at 740-817-4467 or bfranz001@hotmail.com; or Marian Prentice at 614-530-0630 or meiwen.1@gmail.com; or the Parish Office at 614-855-1400.

BAPTISM

INFANTS & CHILDREN:
In the Infant Rite of Baptism, *celebrated with children up to the age of reason,* the parents make a profession of faith for their child and accept the responsibility of nurturing God's gift of faith in their child as he/she grows and matures and is formed in many ways. Therefore, parents are asked to attend a Parent Preparation Session (*preferably during pregnancy) before the child's baptism.* The goal of this session is to provide an opportunity for faith reflection and sharing with the support of other parents. The discussion centers on the celebration of the sacrament of Baptism and the challenges of our own faith and how we might pass our faith on to our children.

Sessions are usually held at 12:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of the month, in the OLR Chapel.

Register on the parish website. Following registration, a response with further information will be sent to you. Scheduling of the Baptism will take place after attending the Parent Session.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: Parents will be asked to meet with *Peggy Kehres, Coordinator of Children's Ministry, after attending the Parent Session.* At this time, appropriate preparation will be planned based on the needs of each child.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Mary Koors, 614-855-8861 or marykoors1@gmail.com.

EUCHARIST

Weekdays – Consult bulletin for times
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Individual – anytime by appointment.
Advent and Lent communal services.

ANOINTING

Please call the Parish Office to notify us of an illness in the family and especially if someone is confined at home or in the hospital.

MATRIMONY

Please call the parish office for an appointment with Fr. Denis Kigozi.

WELCOME:

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Anyone interested in registering with our parish, please visit our website: cotrna.org and click on *Get to Know Us/New Member Welcome.* If you don't have access to a computer, but would like to register, please call the church office at 614-855-1400 and ask for Chris Roberts.

SIGNS OF FAITH FOR FEBRUARY 2023:

We welcome the following families to our parish:

Wynne, Jason, Jackson, Hudson and Logan **Chessler**
Ben **Reese**
Lindsey, Keith and Henry **Fleck**
Ryan, Maureen **Grady-Leitenberger,** and Kathrynne **Leitenberger**
Steven, Lisa, Evan and Margaret **Kraus**
Alex, Kailen, Arie and Niko **Echeverry**
Jessica **Firestone** and Andrew **Zedella**
Lynn **Guittar**
Beth **Nisonger**
John and Sandra **Cataline**
Michael, Kate and Paxton **Boes**
Charles and Paulette **Gift**
Trevor, Madison and Sebastian **Lambert**
Michelle **Winafeld**
Jenna **Gaudio**, Matt and Evelyn **Edwards**
Jimmy **Moley** and Natasha **Kachirisky**
Noelle **Flynn** and Michael **Thompson**
Sara **Mellon-Irvine,** Brendan and Decker **Irvine**
Alexander and Katherine **Ghilani**
Chelsea **VanAssche**
David and Elizabeth **Yost**

Congratulations to the following children who were Baptized into the Church:

Jessica Irene **Soucek**
Logan Gregory **Harrington**
Logan Foster **Chessler**
Lily Irene **Craig**

El Salvador Mission

CHILDREN NEED SPONSORS
SEE YOU IN THE GATHERING AREA

This Covers a Full Year of School:

Full Scholarship	$ 375
1/2 Scholarship	$ 185
School Uniform	$ 65
Gym Uniform	$ 24
Lunch & Fresh Water	$ 100
Bible (Latin American)	$ 35
Shoes	$ 20

For more info, contact Larry Savage at 614-893-5000 or larry@sourcepacinc.com

Sponsor a Child
Change Their (Our) Future

YOUNG AT HEART

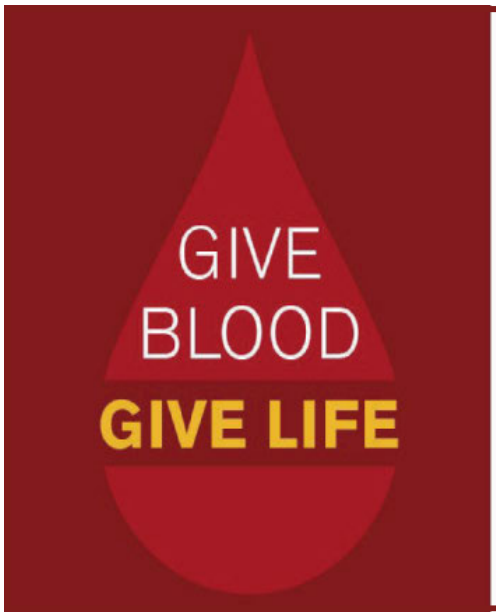
Over age 55? Join us! A meaningful, vibrant, fun ministry with breakfasts, luncheons, and events all year! No fees! Ongoing: First Friday Mass and breakfast each month; mid-monthly luncheons on third Wednesdays from September thru May. Picnic in the summer. For more information, get in touch with Brad Romantic at 614-855-1400 or by email at bromantic@cotrna.org.

Pray The Rosary With Us!

Continuing each Thursday at **11:00 a.m. in 2023!** Whether or not you are a member of **Young At Heart**, you are welcome to take part! To add your name to the email reminder list, please get in touch Brad Romantic at the phone number or email address shown above.

March & April Activities:

- **March 23** - Executive Committee Meeting at 1:00pm in room 104 in the Ministry Center.
- **April 7** - No Mass (service only) or Breakfast due to it being Good Friday.
- **April 19** - Annual Kentucky Derby Party and Hat Contest! Hosts: Judy and Dave Lovell. No Raffle following. Potluck luncheon: Noon - 2:00 pm. Last names with the following letters, please bring dishes to serve/share: Vegetables A-D; Main Dish Q-Z; Salads E-K; and Bread or Desserts L-P.
- April 28 - Executive Committee Meeting at 1:00pm in room 104 in the Ministry Center.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Church of the Resurrection

Ministry Center
6300 East Dublin Granville Road
New Albany, OH 43054

Tuesday, March 28, 2023
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

BULLETIN

SUBMISSION DEADLINE, NOON, ON WEDNESDAYS, 10 DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLISHING DATE (UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED).
E-mail articles to: bulletin@cotrna.org.

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Mar 26 bulletin - DEADLINE PASSED

Apr 2 Palm Sunday - Early Deadline = March 21

Apr 9 Easter Sunday - Early Deadline = March 28

April 16 bulletin - Due Apr 5
April 23 bulletin - Due Apr 12

A CONTEMPLATIVE MOMENT

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."

— Pierre Teilhard deChardin

Like us on Facebook:
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Note, no "e" on end of welcome

MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

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Music notes:

OUR MISSION

To enhance the spirituality of our Parish through music, while assisting the assembly in full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy.

The Music Ministry welcomes all levels of musicianship and commitment.

Please consider using your gifts through one of the many choirs and ensembles.

Contact Music Director, Thom Wyatt, for more information: twyatt@cotrna.org

During the season of Lent you will notice many visual changes to our worship space. These changes help us remember that Lent is a time for reflection and penitence...a time to strip away all that keeps us from fully experiencing God's love and forgiveness.

You will also notice changes in how you "hear" Sunday Mass. Instrumentation and vocal harmonies are simplified. Silence will be more pronounced. The Lord's Prayer is spoken, the Gloria is omitted, and "alleluia" is not proclaimed. We will also be singing the MASS OF THE SPIRIT which can be found in the Worship Booklet (p.11) in your pew.

The long tradition of Latin/ Greek will be included during the PENITENTIAL RITE ("Kyrie eleison" -"Lord Have Mercy").

May these changes, visual and audible, bring about a deeper meaning to this most holy season and the Glory that is to follow.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Pascha Sale: St. John Chrysostom's annual Pascha Foods sale is April 1st from 11am until 1pm at 5858 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus. This sale is on a first come, first served basis. We will have Pascha loaves @ $13 each; nut and poppy seed rolls @ $15 each; Potato/cheese and sauerkraut pirohi @ $7 per package of 12. We will have Lamb Cakes @ $15 each; and other baked goods and quart containers of various soups, priced as marked.

Summer Camps at St. Francis DeSales High School

Looking for something fun for your kids to do this summer? Sign up for a Stallion Camp (or two!)! Our camps are a great way to meet new friends while improving your skills, whether it is in the classroom or on the athletic field! We have something for everyone! Check out the camps taking place this summer at SFDHS by visiting www.sfdstallions.org/summercamps.

Catholic Men's Luncheon – Friday April 14, 2023 – SPEAKER SHAWN KENNEY. Join us Friday, April 14 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Shawn Kenney, Director of the Museum of Catholic Art & History, about the Museum. Please note that because the First Friday of April is Good Friday, April's luncheon is on the second Friday of the Month. If you are interested in sponsoring this luncheon or another luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Mr. Kenney's presentation. No reservations are necessary. $12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, May 5, 2023, and will feature a talk by Fr. Ty Tomson about the Traditional Latin Mass.

Pontifical College Josephinum Good Shepherd Dinner Honorees & Keynote Announced. The Pontifical College Josephinum is honored to announce the recipients of the two highest honors it bestows annually. The *2023 Good Shepherd Award* recipient is Reverend Jeffrey Rimelspach. The *Pope Leo XIII* recipient is Columbus Saint Patrick parishioner Ms. Ginger West. Awards will be presented during the Good Shepherd Dinner at the Josephinum on April 17, 2023, at which The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandeswill give the keynote.

MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

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Homily Stories

Beyond Appearances, by Father Dominic Grassi

When my niece was about 12 years old, she brought some friends with her to visit her grandma. While there, she showed them the pictures of her uncles on my mother's dresser, commenting on each of them. "That's my Uncle Dominic," she said, pointing to my picture. "He's the ugly one so he had to become a priest." My mother overheard her granddaughter and was concerned. So she sat her down away from her friends and quietly talked to her. I asked my mom what she said, and her response, remarkable in its honesty, was "Now, honey, you can't talk about your uncle like that. Even if it is true, he is still my son." Oh, well! I guess I know now the origin and the reason for my vocation!

Actually, it's a good thing that it is not by our appearances that God calls us, or there would not have been the great King David to lead the people of Israel. And it is also reassuring that our appearance in no way reflects the sins and faults of our forebearers. God does not limit us in that way. Instead, we stand on our own, warts and wrinkles, strengths and weaknesses, and are expected to respond to God openly, as Saint Paul says, for all to see. Lent gives us the opportunity to step into the light and get it right.

Father Dominic Grassi

Father Dominic Grassi is retired pastor emeritus of St. Gertrude Catholic Parish in Chicago and the author of several award-winning books, including *Death in Chicago: Winter* (ACTA, 2018) and *Living the Mass* with Joe Paprocki (Loyola Press, 2005). He is the 2017 recipient of the St. John XXIII Award, which is given by the Association of Chicago Priests for excellence in priestly ministry and for significant contributions to the life of the Church of Chicago.

JOIN THE AUDIO-VISUAL MINISTRY. We need your help!! The A/V ministry is responsible for the operation of audio and video equipment for liturgies and special events. Members must be willing to arrive at least 20 minutes before each liturgy to setup equipment and in some cases remain after to support various audio/video requirements. Please contact Chip Cogswell for more information at chipcogswell@aol.com.

Lenten FAMILY Buffet + Fish Fry

LUNCH
11am to 1:30pm
Drive-thru & carry-out:
3-piece fish, fries, coleslaw
OR Veggie Lo Mein | $14

DINNER
4:30pm to 7:30pm
Dine-in & carry-out:
Adult dine-in | $16
Senior dine-in | $14
Kids (4-10) dine-in | $10
Drive-thru:
3-piece fish, fries, coleslaw
OR Veggie Lo Mein | $14

For more information, to pre-order drive-thru meals and to view the full menu use the QR code or visit: www.cotrna.org

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Don't Miss Out. Only Two Left: March 24 & 31

OpenDoor-Columbus

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OpenDoor-Columbus provides Hope, Help, and Healing to women in recovery from substance use disorder (SUD) by providing one year of free support services to women following incarceration, treatment, and court ordered diversion programs.

We are completely run by volunteers who spend one hour a week advocating, mentoring, and encouraging vulnerable women who need support from our community.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Ohio has the fourth largest number of overdose deaths in our country.
- Franklin County has the most overdose deaths in all of Ohio.

PLEASE CONTACT TAMMY FOELLER

(614) 327-3847
info@opendoor-columbus.com
opendoor-columbus.com
@opendoorcolumbus

SCAN OUR QR CODE!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Contacts:
Grand Knight: Nick Martini, martinin3333@gmail.com 513-614-3435
Membership Director: Bill Pederson, PGK umpireswp@gmail.com 614-506-5793.
Join the Knights of Columbus Online

MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

Opportunities for Lent | Habitat Golf Outing | FORMED

Special Lenten Adoration with Exposition

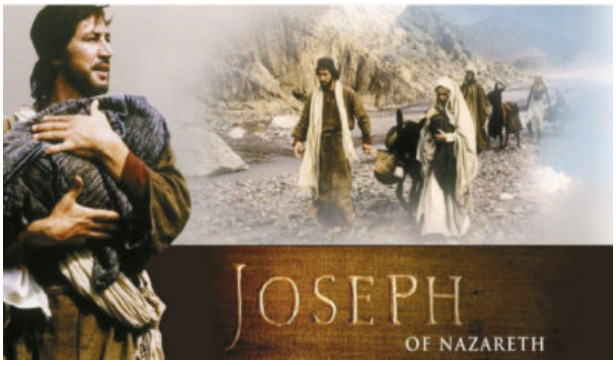
It's not too late to join in Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Reservation Chapel. Every Thursday starting at 9:30am and continuing through 9pm. To register, use the QR code below or go to the parish website. For more information, please contact: John Hodges at jphodges@aol.com or (614) 395-1739

God bless you all for your participation in the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration ministry.

40 DAYS OF ADORATION

Around the Diocese
March 21 - 27

		START	END
3 21	St. Mary Mother of God German Village	7:00 AM	6:15 PM
22	St. Agatha	9:00 AM	7:00 PM
23	Church of the Resurrection	9:30 AM	9:00 PM
24	St. Mary, Delaware	9:30 AM	3/25 9AM
25	Holy Family Church	9:30 AM	10:00 PM
26	St. Rose of Lima, New Lex.	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
27	St. Thomas	9:00 AM	8:00 PM



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Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.

FAITH FORMATION

That Man is You is Calling All Men! Please join other men for faith formation, fellowship, coffee and doughnuts. The theme for this season is Thy Kingdom Come! You can attend either Thursdays or Saturdays, or mix it up if your schedule doesn't allow for the same day each week. We start at 6:00am on Thursdays and 7:30am on Saturdays. All meetings are in the Ministry Center. Signups are not necessary, just show up when you can. For more information, contact Mike Smith: mjsmith953@icloud.com or Todd Treon: toddtreon@outlook.com. This Faith Formation is brought to you by the Church of the Resurrection Men's Ministry. No meeting on April 6th or 8th.

Young Adult Ministry: Are you in your 20s and 30s and looking to connect and spend time with other people your age that are on fire for Jesus? Follow us on Instagram @yam_cotr or join our Facebook group "Church of the Resurrection Young Adult Ministry" for updates on events! For questions and more information, contact Jordan Baker at jtruitt1441@gmail.com.

Deaf Priest to Conduct Retreat: Church of the Resurrection, New Albany Ohio, will host a retreat conducted by Fr. Mike Depcik entitled ***Mary Calls Us To Be Holy*** on April 22nd from 10am until 3:15pm. The retreat is open to all Deaf, Interpreters for the Deaf and hearing people who are fluent in sign language throughout Ohio and surrounding states. **Each person must register to attend the retreat**. The day-long retreat will conclude with Reconciliation and then Mass at 5:00 pm concelebrated by Fr. Mike Depcik, Fr. Denis Kigozi (Pastor at Church of the Resurrection), and Fr. Anish Thomas (Parochial Vicar). THIS MASS IS FOR BOTH HEARING AND DEAF PEOPLE. An interpreter will be used during the Mass for people who do not know sign language. To register for the Retreat or for more information, go to the Church Website: cotrna.org or use the QR code to the right. **No reservations are needed for the Mass.**

walking with purpose

If you want to be women who engage the culture and make a difference for Christ, we need to be clothed in dignity."- Lisa Brenninkmeyer. Come as you are. You are welcome here. Join the women of Walking with Purpose as we view the Keeping in Balance video, Getting a Grip in Culture, on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Bring a friend, and come as you are. The appetizers, drinks, desserts and conversation will be in abundance!

Please RSVP

Introducing:

Walking with Moms in Need

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes, workplaces, and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. Every week, our Parish bulletin lists the local pregnancy help centers with contact info: Birthright, PDHC, and Women's Care Center. Now, we are joining a nationwide effort entitled "Walking with Moms in Need." We will assess, expand, and, with your help, better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in our community. After Easter, we will be inviting all parishioners to join us as we embark on this journey together. To learn more, go to walkingwithmoms.com. To receive more information or signup for email updates contact parishioner Sue Gaddam at 614-668-4041 or gaddamsue@gmail.com.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS: Birthright of Columbus is the oldest crisis pregnancy center in Columbus. Birthright is located at 3445 Great Western Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43204 (614-221-0844). For immediate help, please call 1-800-550-4900.

PREGNANCY DECISION HEALTH CENTER: Pregnancy Decision Health Centers has five centers located in Central Ohio. The closest to New Albany is on North Cleveland Avenue at 270. 24-hr hotline: 614-444-4411.

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY - *HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION:* Are you feeling your life or emotions are out of control? Do you frequently have feelings of depression, frustration, or sadness? These thoughts are not uncommon to those who have been wounded by the abortion experience. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry to speak to someone who has been there and can help. Confidential ministry lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER: The center provides free, confidential counseling, support, and education for pregnant women. There are two locations: 935 E. Broad St. (614-251-0200) and 3273 East Main St. (614-235-3000). Their 24-hour helpline is 877-908-2341.

Un ministerio de sanación para los que sufren después de un aborto: Si quieres hablar con alguien en español, favor de llamar 614-309-0810.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Religious Education | Volunteering

The Religious Education Department offers a diverse set of programs for children in grades Pre-K through 12.

PreK-12 Journey of Faith

Volunteers MAKE IT HAPPEN

ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR NURSERY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

If you are planning to volunteer for any of our ministries involving children and/or youth, and are 18 years old or older, it is required that you have a background check performed and attend a Protecting God's Children seminar before your first volunteer activity. Please go to www.virtusonline.org to find locations, dates, and times to register. If you have questions, please contact Regina Quinn at the Diocesan Offices at 614-241-2565.

Due to the sensitive nature of the Protecting God's Children program, some victims of child sexual abuse may not feel comfortable attending a Protecting God's Children training session. Anyone in this particular situation may request to receive the materials needed for child protection training in an alternate way. These requests are made through the Safe Environment Office. All requests for alternate child protection training for victims of child sexual abuse are kept confidential.

Please call:
Regina Quinn 614-241-2568 to request this training.

YOUTH MINISTRY SOCIAL MEDIA

For updates on Youth Ministry, check out the following on Instagram:
For high school, @Ignite_cotrna

Facebook: For middle school, @riseparentsatresurrection

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ELEMENTARY GRADES PREK-5

CREED

Church of the Resurrection Elementary Education Days, more commonly known as CREED, is our weekly faith formation program for public school children in grades PreK-5. Classes for the 2022-2023 school year are underway but it's not too late to register. Contact Peggy Kehres, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at 614-939-1794 or email Peggy at pkehres@cotrna.org .

JOURNEY WITH JESUS (Liturgy of the Word for Children)

All children ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to participate in our Children's Liturgy of the Word program during the Sunday 9am and 11am Masses. No registration is necessary. Children begin in the church with their parents, are dismissed after the opening prayer, and return to their families during the Preparation of the Gifts.

COTR PLAYGROUP

This newly formed group gives parents/caregivers the opportunity to meet other families with young children. Adults/children meet on the first and third Friday of each month in the Kindergarten room of the Ministry Center. The first session will run through April 21st. All ages are welcome! Please note: This is not a drop-off gathering. Caregiver(s) must stay and are responsible for their children at all times. ***No playgroup on April 7th due to Good Friday.***

CHILDREN'S MASS

A Children's Liturgy is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. Children in grades 3-5 are responsible for serving as lectors and offertory gift bearers. If your child is interested in serving at one of these special masses, please contact Peggy at pkehres@cotrna.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8

RISE

Students in grades 6-8 meet Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00 in the social hall. RISE empowers our middle school students to apply the Gospel to their lives. Fostering the faith of young adolescents involves helping them to make connections between the Catholic faith and everyday life. Visit the parish website for more information and to register.

SUMMER SCRIPTURE STUDY

Do you have a desire to learn more about the Bible? Then join us for a summer scripture study on Wednesday evenings beginning June 28th. Open to all students entering grades 6-8 in the fall – no registration needed.

CONNECT

Every Tuesday night from 6-7pm, students in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in small discipleship groups designed to take their faith to another level. Girls and Boys meet separately for discussions developed just for them. Students may register via the parish website – or just stop by to see what it is all about.

STAR SQUAD

Registration is now open for our summer program for students entering grades 6-8 in the fall. STAR Squad will meet the week of July 10-14 from 8:30am-2:00pm. Don't miss this faith-filled week of prayer and service to the community. Go to the parish website to register.

VBS - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

At Totally Catholic Stellar VBS, kids will discover what it means to shine Jesus' light! Kids will explore how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy to the world – and how we

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can do the same with his power! Go to the parish website to register for a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in friendship with Jesus! Sunday, June 18 – Thursday, June 22 from 6:00pm – 8:40pm OR Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23 from 9:00am – Noon.

VBS is open to children entering grades K – 5 in the fall. There is also a preschool program for children ages 4 & 5 not entering kindergarten. Please note the Preschool will only be offered during the morning session.

Save the date: Friday, June 23rd from 5:00pm-7:00pm – VBS Family Wrap-up Picnic! All families that have participated in VBS are invited back to the *Command Center* to unwind and relive the magic of Stellar VBS!

Interested in volunteering for VBS? Adults and students entering grades 6-12 in the fall are welcome to volunteer with Vacation Bible School. Contact Peggy for more information on volunteering.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12

For more information about either of the High School programs, contact Jessica Chrokreff at jchokreff@cotrna.org.

IGNITE

For grades 9-12. We meet on Sundays from 6:30 - 8:00pm on the following dates: March 19, April 2, 16 & 23, and May 7. To register, go to: www.cotrn.org/ignite.

CONFIRMATION

For High School students who have not yet been fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Classes are ongoing.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presented to you by our High School students. Living Stations will take place at the Church at Noon on Good Friday. ***Live Stations will be live-streamed.***

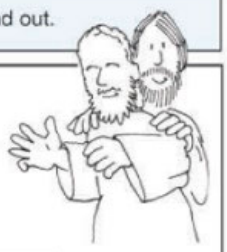
UPcoming EVENTS

- Spring Break for CREED is the week of March 26-April 1
- Saturday, March 18th, Children's Mass at 5pm. Still need child lectors - let Peggy know if your child is interested in doing a reading
- Saturday, April 1st, Easter family fun event from 10am until noon. Make your Easter table centerpiece, create your own Easter candle, decorate eggs and much more fun! To register = cotrna.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/59/responses/new

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

Jesus met a man who had been blind from birth. What did Jesus say?

Add and subtract letters to find out.



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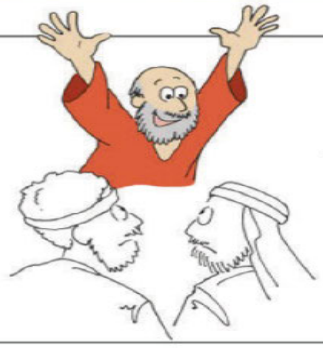

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"Gi_____ _____ry to God ... We kn_____ _____is Man is a _____ner." Then the man who was healed by Jesus said, "Whe_____ He is a sinner or not, I do_____ know. O_____ _____ing I do know. I _____as bli_____ but _____ow I s_____!"

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH/APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 19	**March 20**	**March 21**	**March 22**	**March 23**	**March 24**	**March 25**
4th Sunday of Lent **8:25am** Rosary **9:00am Mass & JWJ (live-stream)** **10:00am** El Salvador Kick-Off after Mass (Gathering Space) **11:00am Mass & JWJ** **Noon** El Salvador Kick-Off after Mass (Gathering Space) **Noon** Eucharistic Exposition (Reservation Chapel) **12:30pm** 2nd Grade CREED First Eucharist Retreat **5:00pm** Confirmation Class (Church) **6:30pm:** 5th Grade (103-106) IGNITE (Church) RISE (Social Hall) **8:00pm** YM Living Stations Rehearsal (Church)	**9:00am Mass** **9:30am** Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) **4:30pm** CREED (Ministry Center) **6:15pm** CREED (Ministry Center) **7:00pm** Restore Group #1 Bible Study (Tile Area)	**4:30pm** CREED (Ministry Center) **7:00pm Mass** **7:00pm** RCIA (Social Hall) **7:30pm** Reconciliation (Church)	**9:00am Mass** **9:30am** Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) **4:30pm** CREED (Ministry Center) **6:15pm** CREED (Ministry Center) **6:30pm** WWP (Social Hall)	**6:00am** That Man is You (Social Hall) **9:00am Mass** **9:30am** Diocesan 40 Days of Eucharistic Adoration (Church) **9:30am** Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) **9:45am** WWP (Social Hall) **11:00am** Wedding Validation (OLR Chapel) **1:00pm** YAH Exec Committee Mtg (104) **6:00pm** Kof C Buffet Prep (Kitchen) **6:00pm** ReachMore(106) **7:00pm** HS Lenten Study (YM Office) **7:00pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal **7:00pm** CFG Rehearsal **7:00pm** Care for Creation Mtg (103)	**9:00am Mass** **9:30am** Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) **9:45am** Restore Group #2 Bible Study (103) **11:30am** KofC Lenten Lunch (Carryout Only) **1:00pm** Shawl Ministry (104) **4:30pm** KofC Lenten Buffet Dinner (Ministry Center) **7:00pm** Stations of the Cross	**7:30am** That Man is You (Social Hall) **9:00am Mass** (Feast of the Annunciation) **2:00pm** Confirmation Small Group (Kitchen) **3:30pm** Worship Team Warmup (Church) **5:00pm Mass**
March 26	**March 27**	**March 28**	**March 29**	**March 30**	**March 31**	**April 1**
5th Sunday of Lent **8:25am** Rosary **9:00am Mass (live-stream)** **11:00am Mass** **12:30pm** Baptism Prep Class (OLR Chapel) **12:30pm** Children's Choir Rehearsal (Social Hall) **1:30pm** Adult Choir Instrument Rehearsal for Easter	**9:00am Mass** **9:30am** Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) **7:00pm** Habitat for Humanity Meeting **7:00pm** Restore Group #1 Bible Study (Tile Area) **8:00pm** KofC Officers Meeting (106)	**12:30pm** Red Cross Blood Drive (Social Hall) **7:00pm Mass** **7:00pm** RCIA (Social Hall) **7:30pm** Reconciliation (Church) **All dates and times are subject to change. Please check the Church website for the most up-to-date information!**	**9:00am Mass** **9:30am** Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) **6:30pm** WWP Leadership Meeting (Social Hall) **7:00pm** Cum Christo (Church)	**6:00am** That Man is You (Social Hall) **9:00am Mass** **9:30am** Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) **9:30am** Eucharistic Exposition (Reservation Chapel) **6:00pm** Kof C Buffet Prep (Kitchen) **6:00pm** ReachMore (Social Hall) **6:30pm** Social Concerns Meeting (103) **7:00pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal **7:00pm** CFG Rehearsal **7:00pm** HS Lenten Study (YM Office)	**9:00am Mass** **9:30am** Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) **9:45am** Restore Group #2 Bible Study (103) **11:30am** KofC Lenten Lunch (Carryout Only) **1:00pm** Shawl Ministry (104) **4:30pm** KofC Lenten Buffet Dinner (Ministry Center) **7:00pm** Stations of the Cross	**7:30am** That Man is You (Social Hall) **9:00am** RCIA Retreat (Ministry Center & Church) **9:15am** Adult Choir Rehearsal for Holy Week **10:00am** Easter Family Fun (Social Hall) **3:30pm** Family Choir Warmup (Church) **5:00pm Family Mass**
April 2	**April 3**	**April 4**	**April 5**	**April 6**	**April 7**	**April 8**
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March & April 2023

Ministry	*Saturday, March 25 5:00pm*	*Sunday, March 26 9:00am*	*Sunday, March 26 11:00am*	*Saturday, April 1 5:00pm*	*Sunday, April 2 9:00am*	*Sunday, April 2 11:00am*
1st Lector	Mary Madachy	Tom Johnson	Todd Treon			
2nd Lector	Daniel Mayer	Barbara Wilhelm	Melissa Richeson-O'Neil			
EOMS	Christine Barker Marg Barber Barbara McMullen Donna Kade Bob Dixon Margaret DeWitt Donald DeWitt	Terri Turner Bonnie Nelson Yvetter Pederson Jim Flynn Diane Tolbert Theresa Eckl Tom Eckl	Nadine Spires Jay Bohman Jason Petry Steve Doty Ann Lamantia Jason Milburn OPEN			
USHERS	Sharon Drum Anne Jackson Michael Sosinski Tom Tucker Carlene Tucker OPEN	Larry Savage Janice Savage Gregory Maney Tom Weise Greg Franz OPEN OPEN OPEN	Craig Buechner John Aelker Mario Macioce OPEN OPEN OPEN OPEN OPEN			
SERVERS	Dominic DiGiovanni Joseph DiGiovanni Aubriana Thomas	Elijah Franz Noah Franz	Anna Clear Camden Clear Noah Clear			
DEAF MINISTRY		Kathy Hodges			Jessica Metzger	

The next quarter Ministry Schedule is in the process of being created. If you are involved with any of these ministries, your schedule will be mailed to you in the next week.

EOMS TO SICK & HOMEBOUND Sunday, April 2						
Avalon	***Chestnut Hill***	***Laurels***	***N.A. Gardens***	***Otterbein***	***Smith's Mill***	***Wesley Woods***
Yvette & Bill Pederson	Patti Hoffman OPEN	Mary Brosseau	Terri Turner Janene Rowe	Donna Folberth Dave Jorgenson	Mat & Lisa Kraus Carrie Dutton Valerie Gillespi	Julie Rubadue Charlotte Conroy Joanne Cavedine

ALTAR LINENS	***Pick up/return between March 20 - March 22***	***Pick up/return between March 27 - March 29***	***Pick up/return between April 3 - April 5***
Linen box on bench outside church office	Lorraine Rothrauff	Tamara Frissora	Patti Kenehan

"COURAGE" AND "ENCOURAGE"

"Courage" is a program offering spiritual support for Catholic men and women who experience same-sex attractions and desire to live chaste lives following the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. "Encourage" is a program which offers support for family members and friends of men and women who experience same-sex attractions. Information regarding either of these programs, endorsed and facilitated by the Diocese of Columbus, is available at (614) 451-4290, or on the Courage International website: http://couragerc.org.

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New Albany, OH 43054
614-855-1400
Fax 614-855-0779

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.,
1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Rectory (phone for emergency)
614-855-0476

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

General Inquiries:
postmaster@cotrna.org

MASS SCHEDULE
Consult website for times:
www.cotrna.org

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Church of the Resurrection Parish is a family of loving, caring and open persons seeking to respond to the call of Jesus in the Catholic Christian tradition.
We are a praying community who in every way possible provide for the spiritual and corporal needs of God's people.
As members of the Resurrection community, we seek to serve all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you for your partnership in the recent feasibility study here at Resurrection to determine the best path forward for a potential capital campaign. The projects under consideration will allow us to meet the current and growing needs of our community and ensure our parish continues to be a vibrant place of worship and ministry.

We are proud of the 30% response rate to the electronic survey and pleased to share the study findings with everyone. Stay tuned for more details about the path forward for these exciting projects at Resurrection and this important moment in our Church's history.

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, NEW ALBANY, OH

During the months of December 2022 through February 2023, Church of the Resurrection facilitated a planning study to seek opinions and input from our parishioners on a proposed plan to raise money to fund several capital improvements. Through 24 personal interviews and 594 electronic survey responses, the study measured Church of the Resurrection's ability to move forward with a major fundraising campaign. Thank you for your participation in this effort, and for your candid insight and feedback on our plans.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

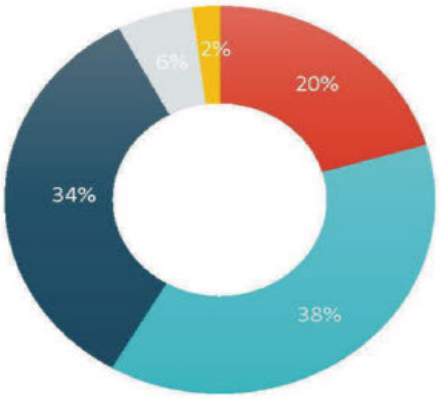
Parishioners noted the friendly, welcoming, and active parish community. Although it's a large parish, many feel part of a tight-knit group and are passionate about supporting the needs of the parish. Overwhelmingly, parishioners feel proud of the parish, its welcoming spirit, and the many ministries which make Resurrection so special.

Parishioners understand the need for more space, and most often cited the new parish center and maintenance building as the highest priorities. There was a desire for more clarity on each of the case elements and the benefit they will bring to the parish.

Parishioners noted the importance of Fr. Denis as a champion of the campaign by serving as the primary leader, communicating the need, and generating excitement and positivity.

Nearly all interviewees agree that Church of the Resurrection needs a campaign, and now is the time to move forward.

What is your overall reaction to the proposed plans?*



*Combined interview and e-survey results

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

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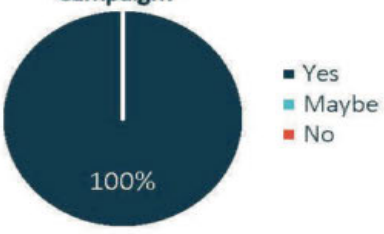

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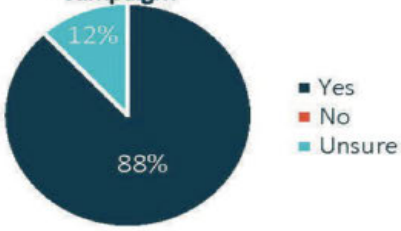

ELECTRONIC SURVEYS

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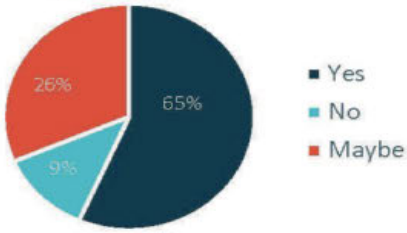

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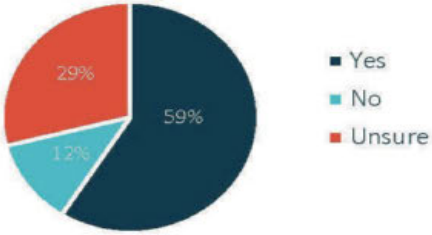

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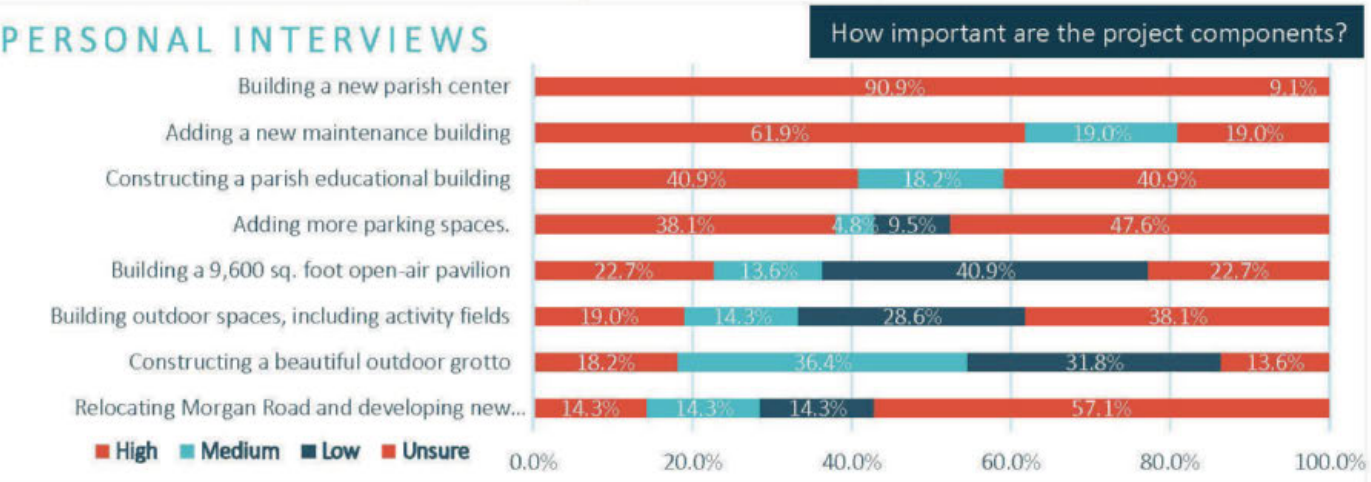
PERSONAL INTERVIEWS



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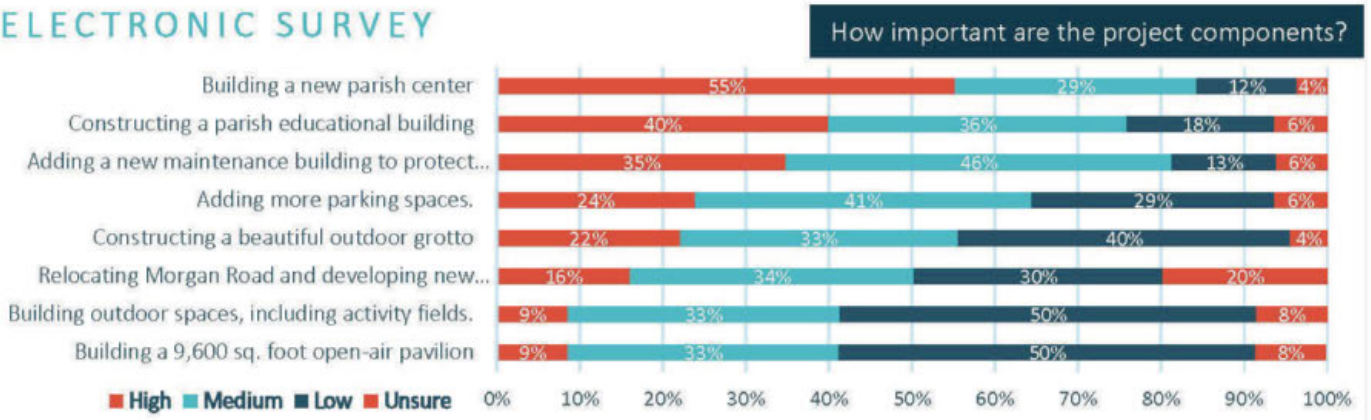

NEXT STEPS

Church of the Resurrection is truly blessed by the dedication and guidance you have offered as we embark upon this important project. The planning study has provided us a guidance on how we can advance a campaign in service to our community. We are prayerfully considering the path forward, thanks to your support and input.

Over the coming weeks, we will provide in-depth information and offer opportunities to ask questions and learn more. Everyone will have the opportunity to respond to God's grace with their own gifts of time, talent, and treasure as the campaign progresses. Thank you in advance for your support!

Gather additional details on projects → Receive approval from Parish and Finance Councils → Receive approval from the Diocese → Finalize campaign plan and timetable

Identify and recruit campaign leadership → Begin Quiet Phase

CCS FUNDRAISING

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Let us Rejoice… for today is Laetare Sunday!

Marking the halfway point of our Lenten journey, this *Fourth Sunday of Lent,* ***or Laetare Sunday (Latin for "Rejoice")****,* reminds and encourages us to continue to grow in a deeper relationship with God and to ***rejoice*** in the event which is to come…*Christ's Risen Glory!*

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters a blind man and is questioned by His disciples asking, "who sinned, this man or his parents?" Jesus responds, "it is neither; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." Making clay from His own saliva, smearing it on the blind man's eyes, and telling the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam (meaning "sent"), Jesus' outstretched hand reveals the creative work of God by healing the man's sight and transferring something of His divine self. As a witness (the blind man) whose spirit is open to the truth, through his believing this newly created disciple is anointed and united with Jesus (*Sent One*) and is transformed with new eyes of faith *"I was blind and now I see."*

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life." John 8:12

This masterfully told (miracle) account of Jesus performing a (sign) healing of a man born blind, is an iconic representation of Christianity ("*I do believe, Lord"*). We too are invited and challenged to the same encounter by removing our spiritual blindness (belief), attuning our eyes to those of the divine, and allowing God to touch us with something of the Divine Self (the *light* of Christ). As we arrive at the halfway point in our transformational Lenten journey, we renew our resolve to advance our commitment to spiritual growth and conversion, to continue the spirit of humility and service, and to resolve to affirm our sinfulness ("be reconciled to God"), so that we too may see clearly and share fully in the joy of Christ's Risen glory. On this *Laetare Sunday*, with raised hearts, we r*ejoice* as we draw closer to the Easter Light of Christ!

"He healed the darkness of my mind the day he gave my sight to me: it was not sin that made me blind; it was no sinner made me see." Hymn text: Fred Pratt Green

For ***Laetare Sunday*** the sanctuary will be decorated in the color of rose symbolizing *rejoicing* in the anticipation of the resurrection. Father Denis, Father Anish, and the Deacons will don rose-colored vestments. Draped rose-colored fabric will be displayed at the base of the ambo and added to the desert theme and purple fabric on the altar and in the baptistery niche. A pink flower arrangement will be displayed in front of the altar … for today we ***rejoice*** in the *hope* of *new life* in Christ Jesus.

"Once you were darkness, now you are children of light. Awake, O sleeper, arise from death, abandon the shadows of night. The wind of the spirit shall be your breath, and Christ will fill you with light." Hymn text: Marty Haugen

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Sunday, Mar 19, 2023

Step out of the spotlight

They called her the "Pearl of the Antilles" for her uncompromising care of the sick. In Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and her original home in Puerto Rico, Mother Maria Soledad Sanjurjo Santos and the Servants of Mary she led were there to help. Mother Maria made it her signature to be hidden so Christ could be made visible. Her humility in service illuminates what Saint Paul means by living as children of light. If we insist on the spotlight, all that people see is us. If we wear a cloak of invisibility in practicing our good works, Christ alone lights up the darkness.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (31). *"Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness."*

Monday, Mar 20, 2023

Pull a chair up to the table

On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, it is the custom in some places, especially Italy, to bless bread, pastries, and other food and give it to the poor. Legend has it that the tradition started in the Middle Ages after Sicilians prayed to Saint Joseph to end a terrible drought. After rain finally came and produced a bountiful harvest, the food was shared with everyone in need. Saint Joseph's Table is now an annual celebration, where some wealthy Italian families invite the public to huge buffets and no one is turned away. What a festive tradition to start in your parish or home! Show your gratitude for the blessings you've received by renewing your devotion to this special saint—a foster father to Jesus and us all. Here is the Blessing of Saint Joseph's Table Prayer.

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). *"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him."*

Tuesday, Mar 21, 2023

Nothing so beautiful as a tree

The U.N. declares today the International Day of Forests. Trees happen to be the most frequently mentioned living things in the Bible, aside from people and God of course. From the Garden of Eden to the cedars of Lebanon, trees represent God's provision. They provide food to eat and medicine to heal. Olive trees growing in the Garden of Gethsemane are estimated to be 900 years old. Little surprise, then, that trees—and the modern-day scourge of deforestation—appear in Pope Francis' environmental encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The global loss of trees contributes to climate change. It leads to soil erosion and flooding, particularly for vulnerable indigenous populations. Visit the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative to find a "Catholic toolkit" that features *Laudato Si'* and beautiful prayers.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). *"Trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail."*

Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023

Sabbath prayer

Biblically speaking, there are many reasons to celebrate the sabbath. First, a sabbath rest brings to mind God's rest after the great act of creation. Second, we recall God's liberating action in our own lives, freeing us from the bonds of sin just as Jews were freed from bondage in Egypt. Finally, the great victory of Jesus over sin and death is cause for a sabbath celebration. Sabbath shouldn't be reduced to outward observances, but rather as a perspective that places God's accomplishing activity front and center. We rest and rise again to carry on that liberating work to help bring about the reign of God.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). *"My Father is at work until now, so I am at work."*

Thursday, Mar 23, 2023

Defend against injustice

Turibius of Mogrovejo was a highborn Spanish bishop in Peru during the late 1500s, a period of intense violence as the Spanish forcibly colonized the native people. Although many of the colonizers considered indigenous to be less than fully human, Turibius learned their languages and fought for their rights. Who is vulnerable in your community? Is God calling you to take steps on their behalf?

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). *"How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God?"*

Friday, Mar 24, 2023

Let's not turn our gaze away

We join with the international community today in remembering Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, archbishop of El Salvador, assassinated on this day in 1980 by a paramilitary member because he was an advocate for the poor and condemned military and landowner violations of basic human rights. Honoring Romero, the United Nations proclaimed this day the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims. Let us pray Romero's own words: "Let us be today's Christians. Let us not take fright at the boldness of today's church. With Christ's light let us illuminate even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness." Saint Oscar, pray with us.

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). *"So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching."*

Saturday, Mar 25, 2023

Hear ye! Hear ye!

There is a tendency to put Mary on a spiritual pedestal and thereby distance her from the lives the rest of us live. But the point of Mary's exaltation is to point toward what all of us are called to, and capable of—a complete and radical response to our divine calling. Mary was fully human, and her response to God's call sets the standard to which we can all aspire. God has some work to announce to each of us, our own annunciation. Claim your spot on the pedestal with your response!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *"May it be done to me according to your word."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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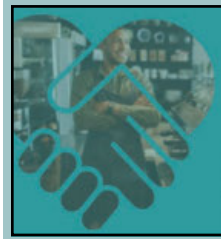
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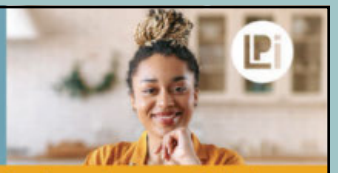
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