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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." - Jn 3:16

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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PARISH FINANCIALS

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

Actual Budget Variance

April Offertory \$191,049......\$209,736......\$18,687

YTD Offertory \$1,877,770......\$1,871,257.......+\$6,513

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.



"THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE TO THE APPEAL"

Thank you to all who have already made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal! Our parish goal is \$248,797.32. To date, we have raised \$87,031.52 which is 35% of our goal. In the past, you have

enabled our parish to exceed our goal. Thank you so much. I know that there are many obligations facing our families, and I am aware of mounting economic anxieties, but I hope and pray that you will help the parish reach our goal this year and even exceed it. You may turn your envelopes in at Church or visit *The Appeal* website to make your gift today.

Thank you very much for your generosity. May God continue to bless you, our parish, and our diocese.

- Fr. Denis

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal TODAY! Nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories

because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Prayer | Mass Intentions | Bible Readings

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

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CPT Sean Coolidge

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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, Les Duncan, Jeanne Fealy, Vijay Gaddam, Pat and Katie Hall, Halsey Family, Carl Higginbotham, David Hov. Jean Jannetv. Marcia Jenkens, Claudia Johnson, Barbara Jones, Suzy Kiefaber, 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, Brian Teeters, David Thatcher, Niko Treadway, Leona Ventrella, Sandy Walsh, John Wheeler, Monica Wolford

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

9:00 am The Lukaszewski Family

11:00 am PARISH

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Domonic, Quintino, Joey & 9:00 am Giuseppe Aracri

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

7:00 pm James Brundrett

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 am Vince & Vernita Bayer

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

9:00 am Lois & William Figueroa

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

The Families of Robin & 9:00 am Valerie Coolidge and Dave &

Judy Lovell

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 5:00 pm PARISH

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 am Mark Stuesser 11:00 am Harry Maguire



BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 11TH - SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

"Praise the Lord, Jerusalem." - Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

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.

Welcome | Signs of Faith | Eucharistic Revival

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 brian-rent or Marian Prentice at 614-530-0630 or <a href="mailto:me

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.



Join BISHOP FERNANDES for the EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PROCESSIONS

JUNE 2

St. Peter, Worthington
7 pm Mass, followed by procession at 8 and party at 9

JUNE 3

St. Margaret of Cortona 4 pm Mass, followed by procession

JUNE 4

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption 11:15 am Mass, followed by procession

JUNE 5

St. Matthew Gahanna 6 pm Mass, followed by procession

JUNE 6

Holy Redeemer Church and conclude at St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth Noon Mass, followed by procession and 2 pm Luncheon to follow

JUNE 7

St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville 7 pm Mass, followed by procession

JUNE 8

St. Leo Oratory 6 pm Mass, followed by procession

JUNE 9

St. Vincent de Paul 5:30 pm Mass, followed by procession

JUNE 10

St. Paul, Westerville 8:30 am Mass, followed by procession

JUNE 11

Sts. Simon and Jude 3 pm Mass, followed by procession

JUNE 11 St. Joseph Cathedral 10:30 am Mass, followed by procession

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, our Bishop will be participating in Eucharistic processions around the diocese. The schedule is above. Take advantage of this opportunity to adore the Lord in any of those processions. We will have our annual Parish Eucharistic Procession here on Sunday June 11th after the 11:00 Mass.

MINISTRY NEWS

Young at Heart | Creation Care Corner | Deadlines | Contemplative Moment

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.

June & July Activities:

- June 22 Executive Committee Meeting 1:00 in Room 104.
- July 7 First Friday Breakfast in the Ministry Center immediately following 9:00am Mass. It's potluck so bring 8 servings of your favorite breakfast item to share.
- July 27 Executive Committee Meeting 1:00 in Room 104.

RULLETIN

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

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

June 11 Bulletin - Deadline Passed June 18 bulletin - Due June 7 June 25 bulletin - Due June 14 July 2 bulletin - Due June 21 Early Deadline: July 9 bulletin - Due June 26

Creation Care Corner





"The earth will not continue to offer it's harvest, except with faithful stewardship." Pope John Paul II

Protect Pollinators.

Bees, butterflies, and other key pollinators are necessary for most major food crops. Honey bees pollinate 80 percent of all flowering plants alone, including more than 130 types of fruits and vegetables. According to Farmers.gov, the ecological service provided by pollinators is valued at \$200 billion each year.

Unfortunately, bee populations have dropped alarmingly across North America, as have the populations of many other pollinator species. They are in serious decline due to exposure to parasites, pesticides, disease, habitat loss and other environmental contaminates. If we all dedicate just a small area to protecting habitats for pollinators, using native plants and sustainable gardening practices, we can help safeguard our common home. Limit pesticide use and consider following these tips to start your own pollinator garden at:

www.fws.gov/story/how-build-pollinator-garden

CONTEMPLATIVE MOMENT

"There is not a flower that opens, not a seed that falls to the ground. And not an ear of wheat that nods on the end of it's stalk in the wind -- that does not preach and proclaim the goodness and mercy of God to the world."

—Thomas Merton

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/allrwelcom Note, no "e" on end of welcome



Choir | Time & Talent



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 our ever -growing and spirit-charged ministry is always open to new members!

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Instrumentalists and singers of all ability levels. experience, and ages are WELCOME to participate in any of our four choirs.

Please prayerfully consider answering the call of the Holy Spirit!

> I WANT TO BE IN THE CHOIR But...

"I don't have that kind of time!" (Commit to what you can. With 4 choirs, there are many opportunities.)

"I don't sing that well!" (All levels of ability are welcome!)

"They already have enough people." (We NEVER have enough singers!)

NOW is a great time to join one of the choirs in your parish Music Ministry...

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



TIME & TALENT



All are welcome. Please consider joining the Shawl Ministry as we knit or Ministry crochet. We meet every Friday at 1:00 in room 104 in the Ministry Center. A few of the things we make are Prayer shawls for those in hospice, the seriously ill, or those suffering from a serious tragedy; lap robes for Habitat for Humanity families; washcloths, baby blankets, scarves and

hats for the less fortunate, just to name a few. As we make these and other items, we pray the recipients feel God's loving touch. If you need a refresher on knitting or crocheting or for more information, please call Sandy Walsh (614)342-6002 or Mary Madachy (614)805-2004. Prayer Shawl Ministry



DEAF MINISTRY: We have been serving the COTR deaf community since 2004! If you are fluent in ASL (American Sign Language), please consider joining our team of interpreters. Visit the church website (Deaf Ministry) to learn more about us. Our Deaf Ministry is vibrant and fun! Stop by to say hello to our Deaf members after the Sunday 9:00 Mass sometime.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: We would love to invite you to consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister, to distribute the precious body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at Mass. EOM stands for Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Trainings are held following the 9:00 Mass on Sundays in the gathering space and we will accommodate your schedule. Jesus blesses us in so many ways, with the most sacred being allowing us to take HIS body into ours. If you are interested in this Ministry please contact Vickie Lybarger at

vlybarger@insight.rr.com or Rita Alexander at ritaalexander47@yahoo.com.

Faith Formation | Pregnancy Help Centers

FAITH FORMATION

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

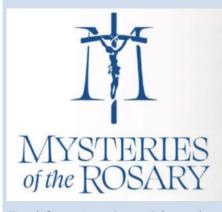
information, contact Jordan Baker at jtruitt1441@gmail.com.

Women's Group:

The next Women's Group meeting is on June 5th at 7:00pm with a presentation by Home for Families. For more information about Women's Group, please contact Anne Jackson at: amjack10@gmail.com



Men's Group:



Calling all Men!

Filmed in the Holy Land, Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. The program is offered twice weekly and begins Thursday June 8th or Saturday June 10th.

Feel free to give either day a try and don't worry if you can't make all the sessions. Each one of the 7 sessions will be incredible on its own. Please consider joining us in the Ministry Center on Thursdays 6:00-7:30am or Saturdays 7:30-9:00am.

Check out page 16 of the Bulletin or the COTR website for more information.

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



ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR **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

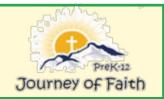
For updates on Youth Ministry, check out the following on Instagram: For high school, @Ignite_cotrna



Facebook: For middle school. @riseparentsatresurrection



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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ELEMENTARY GRADES MIDDLE SCHOOL 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. CREED has ended for the 2022-23 school year. Registration for fall will begin in July.

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. 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.

GRADES 6-8

RISE

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. RISE has ended for the 2022-23 school year. Registration for the fall will begin in July.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER **EVENTS:**

Students entering grades 6-9 in the fall are invited to attend all summer events!

The Middle School Summer Kick-off: Saturday, June 24th from 6-8pm in the parish parking lot.

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VBS - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

VBS will take place the week of June 18, 2023. Spaces remain in the evening session, however, the morning session is FULL. Register on the parish website www.cotrna.org.

VOLUNTEERING WITH VBS

If you are currently in the 5th grade or above, opportunities are available to help with either the morning or evening session. Moms, Dads, Grandparents, older siblings - come and be a great example to our children during VBS!

Crew Leaders (high school and older) will guide a crew of 5 children through the activities, help facilitate discussions, and generally join in the VBS fun.

Like working with the little ones? Preschoolers have a special Stellar program of their own during the morning session -Preschool Space Place! Children ages 4 & 5 that will not be entering Kindergarten in the fall will rotate through their own workshops. Crew Leaders and assistants are needed for the preschool area.

Just fill out the volunteer form on the parish website. Contact Peggy Kehres at pkehres@cotrna.org with any questions. All adult volunteers must comply with a one-time requirement of fingerprinting and attending a Protecting God's Children seminar.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Religious Education

(Religious Education News Continued from page 8)

Star Squad: July 10-14 from 8:30am-2:00pm. \$50 per student.

Summer Scripture Study: Wednesday nights beginning June 7th.

SEE THE WEBSITE FOR INFO & TO REGISTER FOR THESE FUN EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12

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

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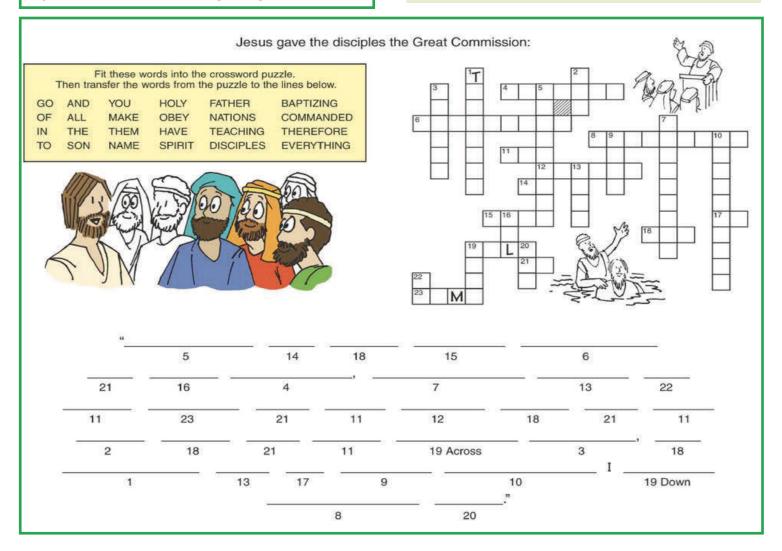
Congratulations to all our Seniors!! Ignite is done for the year. Registration for 2023-24 will open in July 2023.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the Confirmadi Confirmed in Christ in April! We confirm in the 9th grade. If you are interested in participating next year, registration opens in July and the information meeting is August 9, 2023.

<u>PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN</u> <u>SEMINAR SCH</u>EDULED

A Protecting God's Children seminar will be held in the Ministry Center on Tuesday, June 6th from 6:30 -9:30pm. Fingerprinting will also be available from 5:00-6:30pm. For those volunteering for Vacation Bible School that have not yet attended this seminar, this is for you! Also, if you are planning to volunteer with CREED or Youth Ministry in the fall, now is the perfect time to fulfill this requirement. Please note: Anyone 18 or older (or anyone who will turn 18 over the summer), who is working in any capacity with children, will need to attend a PGC seminar. There is no charge for this course, but you will need to go to www.virtusonline.org to register for this onetime class. Please contact Regina Ouinn at the Diocesan Offices at 614-241-2565 if you have auestions.



LITURGICAL LIFE

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CATHOLIC

We Bear the Name of the Lord

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you'll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord's name in vain. "When you do that, tell God that you love him" advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. "You've said His name, after all. You have His attention."

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents - John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: "Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own." The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord inot the world with us wherever we go.

I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

"Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."

— Daniel 3:52

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

KNIGHTS

OF COLUMBUS

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

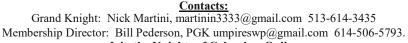
The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

Prayer for Priests During the Priests Convocation June 19-22

Many of the priests of our diocese will be in convocation with the Bishop, June 19-22. The Bishop wants this to be a time of strengthening and encouraging for our priests in their ministry. He is asking for all of the diocese to offer prayer for our priests during that time. The hope is to have every single hour covered in prayer. If you would like to commit to praying at a specific hour and day of that week, please do so at: www.columbuscatholic.org/prayerforpriests. Whether you commit online or not, please consider offering a time of prayer, a rosary, a visit to the chapel, etc. during that time for our priests!







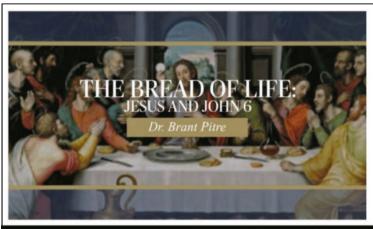


PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 2023

ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10
9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 7:00pm Women's Group Meeting (Social Hall)	12:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Tile Area) 6:30pm Protecting God's Children Seminar (104-106) 7:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 6:30pm Walking With Purpose (Social Hall)	6:00am Men's Ministry: Mysteries of the Rosary (104) 9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 9:45am Walking With Purpose (Social Hall)	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 1:00pm Shawl Ministry(104)	7:00am Men's Ministry: Mysteries of the Rosary (104) 3:30pm Worship Team Warmup (Church) 5:00pm Mass
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 2023

Ministry	Saturday, June 10	Sunday, June 11 9:00am	Sunday, June 11 11:00am	Saturday, June 17	Sunday, June 18 9:00am	Sunday, June 18 11:00am
	5:00pm	9:00am	11:00am	5:00pm	9:00am	11:00am
1st Lector	Jeff Ghilani	John Burtch	Michele Blair	Barb Lewis	Mark Fleming	Karen Broering
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DEAF MINISTRY		Jessica Metzger			Kathy Hodges	
EOMS TO SICK	& HOMEROUND	- Sunday, June 11				
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Yvette & Bill Pederson	Marian Prentice Jackie Szmania	Mary Brosseau	Lorraine Rothrauff Bob Genton (Kathy Hayes)	Bobbi Ius Melody Kramer	Jim Flynn Daniel Bailey Ben Reese (Rick Krawczeski)	John Hodges Tom & Laurie Krutsch Michelle & Scott Adams
ALTAR LINENS	Pick up/return between June 5 - June 7		Pick up/return between June 12 - June 14		Pick up/return between June 19 - June 21	
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sisters in Christ.

Around the Diocese

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

An Evening with Rebekah Hagan: Join us on Monday, June 12th at Villa Milano, for an event benefiting the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life. Attendees will hear the amazing story of how Rebekah's son was rescued from the abortion pill. There will also be an important update on the proposed abortion amendment to Ohio's Constitution, and how we will defeat it. Tickets are complimentary but must be reserved in advance at www.gcrtl.org/banquet or by calling 614-445-8508. An invitation to support the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life will follow dinner.

Quo Vadis Days July 23-26: Quo Vadis Days is a vocations discernment camp for high school boys. It includes talks by priests and seminarians on the priesthood, fatherhood, and virtue. There will be recreation time, prayer time, and time to make friends with other young men who are seeking God's will for their life. It strikes an effective balance between the activity of a summer camp and the quiet of a retreat. Maybe fun and quiet time with the Lord is what you are looking for. As Jesus said to his first disciples, Come and see! – John 1:39

Who: Young men entering grades 9-12; **Where**: Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N High St. Columbus, OH; **Cost**: \$50 (scholarships available); **Registration Deadline**: July 14th. Register at vocationscolumbus.org/quovadis

For more information contact: Zack Goodchild at columbusquovadis@gmail.com

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Immaculate Conception Church - Two Positions Open: Pastoral Care & Bereavement Coordinator (full-time/part-time). The ideal candidate will be responsible for funeral planning and bereavement ministry by meeting with families to plan the funeral liturgies. This individual will also minister to the sick and homebound, as well as coordinate the homebound ministry, and will train Liturgical Ministers. This candidate should be a practicing Catholic.

Before and After School Program Director (part-time). Seeking a compassionate and energetic individual to fill this important role for our parish school. This individual will

plan and implement the program, which includes providing homework assistance, serving a light snack and beverage, and other craft or social activities for children ages Preschool to grade 8. This role may involve a split-shift, 7am - 8am and 2:30 - 6pm, Monday-Friday, following the school calendar. Catholic and childcare experience preferred.

To be considered, please submit a cover letter and a resume to John Bernard at jbernard@iccols.org.

Volunteer Opportunity: Change a life, inspire your own... become a tutor! Tutors are greatly needed for adults seeking ESL (English as a Second Language), GED preparation, and Basic Education skills. Please contact Annette Cohn at the Dominican Learning Center, (614)444-7330 x2 or email her at Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org for more information on this rewarding opportunity. https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer/.

St. Matthew The Apostle Catholic Preschool is looking for a full-time preschool teacher assistant for the 2023/24 school year. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to Preschool Director, Sr. Paulina at sr.paulina@cdeducation.org.





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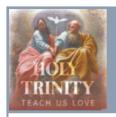
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Thoughts on the Journey



June 4, 2023 The Most Holy Trinity

John 3:16-18

Suanne Gettings

Thirty-five years ago, I was pregnant with my second child. In the last trimester of my pregnancy, my doctor scheduled an ultrasound which meant I had to drink enough water ahead of time to fill a bathtub. then sit in the waiting room with a full bladder until I thought I would explode, and then lie still on an examination table as they pressed the testing instrument across my abdomen. It was all worth it just to hear my baby's heartbeat and to try to decipher the blurred images as they skirted across the transducer screen. Normally the sonographers, when running the test, would ask if I wanted to know the gender of the baby. I always said 'no' because I liked the element of surprise when it came to birthing the baby. On this particular visit, the ultrasound technician kept referring to the image as "him." I ignored it until he blurted out, "It looks like you have a nice healthy boy in there!"

Not giving much thought to the idea of being a mother to a boy, I began to get anxious about the prospect. It was completely irrational thinking, but sometimes hormones can create the perfect emotional storm. I found myself saddened that I was having a boy instead of a girl. It wasn't that I didn't like boys, I just had no point of reference for raising a boy. After all, I was a woman comfortable with feminine thinking and feminine things. The new life coming to me would require thinking outside the girly box and being open to the masculine world. Was I up for the challenge?

On August 11, 1988, ready or not, he came into the world. The moment I laid eyes on my son, I fell in love with him! With his misshapen head, his big blue eyes, and his sweet disposition, I was in awe of the magnitude of the gift that I had just been given. It was an instant bond that has given me joy, beyond all telling, throughout the years and the various stages of his life. He introduced me to a masculine world from truck noises and caterpillars in his pockets, to wrestling and other unsavory sports, to an innate protective nature, a common-sense approach to problem-solving, and the list goes on. Since he is my only boy, his influence has been distinctive.

Like all my children, male and female, they have my unconditional love. I can't think of anything they could or would do that would lessen my love for them. It is in that way that I have gotten a small glimpse of how much God loves each of us, but that glimpse only goes to a point. There is that place where my limited humanity cannot wrap its head around the enormity of God's love.

In John's gospel on this Trinity Sunday, we have one of the most popular scripture verses of our time revealing to us the profoundly generous nature of our loving God.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

Right there! There it is! The part of God I cannot wrap my brain around. How could a Father, who loves His Son so deeply, give Him up to suffering and death so that others can live forever? There is no one I love enough that I would be willing to sacrifice my son so that others would not perish. So, therein lies the vast aperture between being human and being our God. Ironically, that great divide which marks the difference between us, is the very thing that unites and draws us to Him. I will stand in awe of the very thing I cannot understand and keep trying to accept God's overwhelming love for me.

One of the legends of St. Augustine of Hippo is the story he tells of a time he was walking along the beach trying to understand some puzzling questions he had about God. While walking, he encountered a child who kept walking back and forth from the ocean to a hole he was digging in the sand. He would fill the cup with water and then pour the water into the small hole. Augustine asked him, "What are you doing?" The child replied, "I'm trying to put the ocean into this hole in the sand." Augustine said, "That's impossible! The ocean is so huge and so vast that you will never be able to fit it in that hole." The child then looked into Augustine's eyes and said, "Not more impossible than any finite human mind trying to understand the infinite mind of God." With this, the child disappeared. St. Augustine's exchange with the child on the beach is believed to be an encounter with the Christ Child.

We are not asked to completely understand the enormity of God's love for us, but we are asked to believe that His love is real, deep, personal, and the key to our salvation. God knows the challenges we face as sinners. It is for sinners that Jesus was crucified, died, and rose from the dead. The Father did not send His Son to condemn us, but He sent Him to redeem us and release us from the bonds of sin. It may take us a lifetime to wrap our minds around the gift of salvation that we've been given, but we are asked to persevere in our belief trusting that we've been saved by an awesome Triune God with limitless love. Alleluia!

St. James the Less

This month's St. James the Less Food Pantry collection will be taken on: June 11th

Monetary donation & food collection boxes are in the gathering space of the church.



THIS MONTH'S GREATEST NEEDS ARE

Canned Soup Saltine Crackers **Toilet Paper**

Canned Fruit **Dried Beans** Spaghetti Noodles **Notice**: The pantry cannot distribute any items after THE "USE BY DATE." Large/bulk items (ex: rice, beans, etc.) are difficult for the pantry to distribute. The pantry is **not permitted** to distribute items such as vitamins and/or medication's (ex: aspirin, etc.).



Thanks for your continued support of our brothers and sisters in need, it is greatly appreciated!!

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Paradisus Dei

"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.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Sunday, Jun 04, 2023

Widen the circle

Trinity Sunday isn't for parsing the Three-in-One. It's an invitation to meditate on the mutual self-giving of Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who "so love the world" that we all share in the divine embrace. Yet to child victims of aggression, their experience has felt outside of any caring circle. That's why the U.N.'s "Convention on the Rights of the Child" was the most rapidly and widely ratified rights treaty in history. It ensures every child has a right to life, a name, family or guardian, health care, education, freedom of religion—even the right to play. Encircle the children in your life with tenderness.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18 (164). "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

Monday, Jun 05, 2023

Make your life a work of art

Artist and author on interreligious thought, Frederick Franck was born in 1909 in Holland and died on this day in 2006 in Warwick, New York—the place of his life's work, Pacem in Terris ("Peace on Earth"), a garden of more than 70 sculptures, open free to the public and dedicated to Pope John XXIII, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, and the Buddhist teacher D.T. Suzuki. Raised agnostic in a Catholic region of his country and a student of Zen Buddhism, Franck was inspired during the Cuban Missile Crisis to go to Rome in 1963 to draw all the sessions of the Second Vatican Council. "Art is neither a profession nor a hobby, it is a way of being," he said. Take inspiration to creatively express your spirituality in your own way of being.

MEMORIAL OF BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR
TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 1:3; 2:1b-8; Mark 12:1-12 (353). "By the
Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

Tuesday, Jun 06, 2023

One bread, one body

A painting by Flemish artist Peter Paul Rubens—called *The Defenders of the Eucharist*—includes a serene Saint Norbert, his white robes wrapped around a *ciborium* (the cup that holds the consecrated Eucharist) as he cradles the Blessed Sacrament. Norbert founded the Norbertine religious order as well as the first Third Order for laypeople embracing the spirit of religious life. And, as a successful peacemaker, he's often depicted with an olive branch. But Norbert's preaching about the Blessed Sacrament, convincing entire villages to reclaim their lost belief in the Real Presence—also having eucharistic miracles happen on his watch—has earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament." May he inspire our devotion as the National Eucharistic Revival enters its second phase this month.

MEMORIAL OF NORBERT, BISHOP TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17 (354). "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Wednesday, Jun 07, 2023

Transcending prejudice in service to God

This day marks the 105th death anniversary of Servant of God Julia Greeley, one of seven African-American Catholics on the path to sainthood. She is one of two such candidates born into slavery in Ralls County, Missouri during the mid-19th century,

alongside Venerable Augustus Tolton. Freed during the Civil War, she emigrated to Colorado with her employer and became a Catholic due to their influence. There she would become known as "Denver's Angel of Charity" despite her own poverty, assisting the destitute at night so as not to offend her white beneficiaries. She died in 1918 and was the first and only Catholic layperson to lay in repose in the city—later becoming the first buried in the cathedral. May her legacy of service live on in all of us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27 (355). "When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven."

Thursday, Jun 08, 2023

Love begets love

It's June, a popular month for weddings in North America. Church teachings about marriage varied for the first millennium. Today they communicate high ideals, resting on this basic framework, paraphrased from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: God loves us with a definitive and irrevocable love; married couples share in this love, which supports and sustains them. Their faithfulness to each other witnesses God's persistent love. Many are called to marriage, but others follow a different path. How has God called you to share the love poured out on you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34 (356). "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Friday, Jun 09, 2023

A troubled land calls for compassion

Saint Ephrem of Syria was a prolific writer of poetry, hymns, poems, sermons, and biblical commentaries. He has been called the most significant of all the fathers of the Syriac-speaking church tradition. He addressed the church in Syria in troubled times ... and Syria's troubles continue, perhaps never more acutely than today. Already suffering badly the devastation of 12 years of ruthless suppression, in February it suffered a devastating earthquake that killed more than 7,000 people and devastated more than 10,000 buildings in northwest Syria. The U.N. reports that more than 4 million Syrians, mostly women and children, depend on humanitarian aid to survive. Mercy USA invites donations for housing for destitute Syrians. Consider a donation in honor of Ephrem.

MEMORIAL OF EPHREM OF SYRIA, DEACON, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37 (357). "I am certain that his eyes will be opened."

Saturday, Jun 10, 2023

The widow's mite revisited

It is ironic that the story of the widow's mite in today's gospel is so often used as an example of generous giving when it's obvious that giving "all she had, her whole livelihood" had left her destitute and penniless. Jesus actually uses the widow's action as an example of what happens when the unscrupulous clergy of his day, with their long robes and the esteem of the people, "devour the houses of widows." The lesson is for religious leaders *not* to push poor people into deeper poverty. Pray for your pastors.

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44 (358). "They devour the houses of widows They will receive a very severe condemnation."

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



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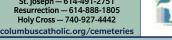
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