

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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.

PARISH OFFICES

6300 East Dublin-Granville Rd New Albany, OH 43054

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m. 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Rectory (phone for emergency)

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GENERAL INQUIRES

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday–5:00 PM Sunday– 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM Monday– 9:00 AM Tuesday– 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday-9:00 AM

CONNECT ONLINE

Parish website: www.cotrna.org Facebook: www.facebook.comallrwelcom Instagram: www.instagram.com/ cotr_newalbany

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STEWARDSHIP

PARISH FINANCIALS

Thank you for your support and continued generosity!

Please consider using PushPay, our online giving tool used to manage your parish offertory. PushPay is safe, easy, and convenient. You can visit our website, www.cotrna.org, or use the QR code to get started:

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Budget

Variance

June Offertory

\$177,368.98\$155,785.50... +\$21,583.48

YTD Offertory

\$2,238,856.32 \$2,207,529.00.+\$31,327.32

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

"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! We are almost at our parish goal of \$248,797.32. To date, we have raised \$238,707.52 which is 95.9% of our goal. I am praying that you will again enable our parish to reach and

even exceed our goal. Thank you so much. 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

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) or email bulletinecotrna.org. Please call with updates so we can keep the list current as well.

U.S. ARMY

MAJ Ryan Griffin; SFC Bill Hayes, 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, 2LT Roy Wood, III

U.S. ARMY RESERVE

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U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

MSG Ryan Pederson; SFC Justin Shuman; 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

U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD

TSgt Liz Humphrey

U.S. NAVY

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

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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, Andrew Cavulich, Cory Crabtree, Katie Curry, Bob and Marie Dawes, Paz Del Rosario, Kathleen Deveix, Ray Drum, Les Duncan, Jeanne Fealy, Pat and Katie Hall, Carl Higginbotham, Jean Jannety, Marcia Jenkens, Claudia Johnson, Barbara Jones, Jamie Lynn Konrath, Marty Laubenthal, Maelee Leonard, Tim Longstreth, James Manville, Steve Maxwell, Joe McCullen, Nancy McDonald, Beverly Meholick, Debra Moore, Zachary Moyer, Tammy Neal, Helen Nugent, Bill Parry, Jennifer Pierce, Angela Plummer, Paulette Poaches, Potts Family, Jackson Preston, Tony Ray, Adam Rempe, Grace Schell, Patty Sipe, Stephen Schultz, David Shepardson, Cathy Stocker, Kyle Stuart, Jennifer Anne Stuesser, Rick Stuesser, Dorothy Taylor, Brian Teeters, David Thatcher, Niko Treadway, Leona Ventrella, Sandy Walsh, John Wheeler, Monica Wolford.

AUGUST

Suzy Hoy, Tom and Gail Kolda, Ralph and Joyce Lewis, Vijay Gaddam, Natalie Butzer, Trudie Starr, Lucille Cranston, Rose Bernane, Dolly Plesser, Leo Miller

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 am Fran Weise 11:00 am Edgar Yiga

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 am STAFF RETREAT- No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00 pm STAFF RETREAT- No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 am STAFF RETREAT- No Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 am Carol Caragine

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 am Pearle Gunter

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 pm Joseph Ridgeway

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 am PARISH

11:00 am Dorothy Alexander

NEXT SUNDAY'S BIBLE READING

SEPTEMBER 3RD- 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

2nd Reading Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel Matthew 16: 21–27

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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 & MINISTRY NEWS

Sacraments | Welcome | Sacraments Received-July | WWP

SACRAMENTS

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 Brad Romantic at bromantic@cotrna.org 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 marykoorslegmail.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 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.

BAPTISMS: JULY 2023

-Vivian Heinmiller

-Kennedy Martini

-Hazel Lampert -Gace LeChaix -Genevieve Smith

-Oliver Smith

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR HAWAII

The Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, has requested your prayers for all those affected by the wildfires that have ravaged Maui. Additionally, he has requested support for the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, to rebuild lives and restore hope by aiding the relief efforts for parish and school communities. To make a tax deductible contribution visit https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic.

MISSION APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WARANGAL-INDIA

Thank you so much for your generous support for the mission appeal for the Catholic Diocese of Warangal-India. Our parish generously collected \$7,612.75 for this mission. These funds will go to helping support of tribal evangelization in the Catholic Diocese of Warangal-India. This evangelization program is aimed to carry the Gospel message to tribal people who live in rural areas and are deprived of the necessities like clean water, electricity, proper housing, education, healthcare, and sanitation. Your support is greatly appreciated!

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating a jubilee anniversary (25, 30, etc.)? Consider attending the jubilee celebration at St. John Neumann on Sunday, September 10th. All couples celebrating will receive a certificate in the mail, along with a bookmark. If you cannot attend in person, you will still receive a certificate in the mail. The Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass will be livestreamed on the St. John Neumann YouTube Page.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Walking with Moms (and Dads) in Need

As a parent, you sometimes need someone non-judgmental to talk to, someone who wants to understand your struggles and support you. Walking With Moms In Need is here to help. If you would like someone to walk with you as you go through your pregnancy and/or raise your child, please sign up at https://cotrna.org/walking-with-moms-in-need. If you would like to receive a monthly email with prayers for moms/dads in need, go to our parish website (link above) and sign up. Contact Sue Gaddam at gaddamsue@gmail.com or Barb McMullen at pmcmulle@insight.rr.com for more information.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation plans and implements Bible Studies and Faith building opportunities on a regular basis at the parish. Our goal is to offer opportunities to build both our personal relationships with Christ and our community through these offerings. Be on the lookout for different faith offerings throughout the year. If you would like to get connected to help us lead and plan these initiatives, please contact Joanne Cavedine at jmc7981egmail.com.

Medical Ministry

The Medical Ministry provides us with first responders during mass and other church events. Interested persons with medical training (eg: doctors, nurses, physician assistants, paramedics, etc.) are invited and encouraged to be part of this important ministry. Contact Steve Jewell at sjewellpe@gmail.com for more information.

Usher Ministry

The Usher Ministry seeks to provide a welcoming, comfortable, safe and prayerful experience for Mass-goers. Ushers assist in welcoming & seating people attending Masses and other church events, handle offertory/special collections, direct the flow of people for communion, assist people with finding the restrooms, passing out bulletins, and straightening up church after Mass. We are also responsible for coordinating emergency and safety situations. You must be at least 18 years of age to be an Usher. Contact Steve Jewell at sjewellpe@gmail.com for more information.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer which prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer. It is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. It is not meant to replace other forms of prayer, but to add depth of meaning to all prayer. Our group is a member of the Columbus Chapter of Contemplative Outreach. which meets via zoom on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. Contact Carol Lepley at carol.lepley@gmail.com for more information.

The New Albany Food Pantry

The New Albany Food Pantry is located at 79 N. High St. and is right around the corner from COTR. The pantry is open to anyone living in the 43054 zip code or if your child attends Plain Local Schools. We are a shop through pantry and open the 2nd and 4th weeks of each month. We have volunteer opportunities as well as accepting food donations. For more info, please contact Claudette Herbig at herbig051legmail.com.



ADULT FAITH LIFE

Upcoming Events and Programs

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

More than just a Bible study!

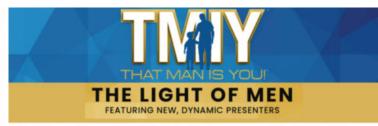
We are excited to offer the foundational course, Opening your Heart. This study lays a solid spiritual foundation that subsequent Bible studies build upon, effectively leading women who are in a "seeking" stage of faith to a place of greater depth. There will also be a more advanced course for women who've been studying the prior courses, Grounded in Hope.

Wednesday Nights or Thursday Mornings:

Courses start the first week of October. Deadline is September 5th! Sign up today!



Registration is now open through our website at www.cotrna.org/walking-with-purpose or scan the QR code.



That Man Is You returns this fall with the program The Light of Men. This program will take place on Thursdays at 6:00am and Saturday mornings at 7:30am in the Ministry Center. Come on either day as it fits your schedule! Coffee and donuts provided!

This program will dive into "[discovering] exactly what it takes to win the spiritual and cultural war at hand, [expose] the darkness of the seven deadly sins with the counteracting light of seven saints," help you "[learn] to pray like the saints – with power, purpose, meditation and contemplation," and more.





Grief Support

TUESDAYS STARTING SEP. 12 THROUGH OCT. 31

Are you experiencing the hurt of losing a loved one? You are not alone. Grief impacts all of us at some point in life. Consider joining other parishioners in an 8-week support group that will include prayer and an exploration of the different phases of the grieving process. Each session will be led by a facilitator who will guide the group sessions. Materials for further reflection will be provided.

Contact Brad Romantic for more information at bromanticecotrna.org. To register, scan the QR code or go through our parish website.





MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

Creation Care Corner | Contemplative Moment | Happenings Around the Diocese | Bulletin Deadlines



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Pope Francis urges us to "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity, and nature so that justice and peace will flow. Francis tells us to act now with greater urgency, so we do not miss our chance to create a more sustainable and just world. "We can and we must prevent the worst from happening." An "ecological conversion" is needed, which Saint John Paul II encour



aged us to embrace: "the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator." We are challenged to be mindful "about our habits and economic decisions so that all can thrive" – using resources with moderation and a joyful sobriety, recycling waste, and making use of available products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible. Francis reminds us we must listen to science and institute a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuels. "Truly, much can be done" (LS, 180).

CONTEMPLATIVE MOMENT

"Whether you teach or live in the cloister or nurse the sick, whether you are in religious or out of it, married or single, no matter who you are or not what you are, you are called to the summit of perfection: you are called to a deep interior life perhaps even to mystical prayer, and to pass the fruits of your contemplation on to others." Thomas Merton

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

EARLY FALL GETAWAY!

Spend time this fall enriching your relationship.

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2023 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is September 8-10 2023 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org or contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.

<u>Center for Dominican Studies at ODU Announces Annual</u> Fall Lecture Series

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will present a series of four lectures this fall that focuses on the university's theme for the 2023-24 academic year: truths we have learned. The presentations are free and open to the public, and will take place at 3:30 p.m. in Sansbury Hall in the Colonial Room located on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. The first lecture, "The Metaphysics of Truth and the Truths of Metaphysics" by Dr. Jeremy Skrzypek,

Assistant Professor of Philosophy at ODU, will take place on Thursday, Sept. 14.

The Denison University Catholic Lecture Series 2023-2024

Theme: Ultramodern Christianity in the light of Ultramodern Scientific Breakthroughs: Why It Can Revolutionize Worldview and Reenchant Lifestyle. Venue: Swasey Chapel, Denison University: Every Sunday, 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by Questions and Answers and Social Time Food and Refreshments. Mass is at 6.00pm.

Catholic Times Article on Parishioner Diane LeMay

Be sure to check out the Catholic Times article featuring Diane LeMay on becoming a consecrated virgin. Scan the QR code or go through the link on the parish website.





BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin submissions are due by noon, on Wednesdays, 10 days before the publishing date (unless otherwise posted). Submissions should be sent to bulletinecotrna.org

Sept. 3 Bulletin-PASSED Sept. 10 Bulletin-Due August 30 Sept. 17 Bulletin-Due September 6 Sept. 24 Bulletin-Due September 13 October 1 Bulletin-Due September 20

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, elgnite_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

Journey of Faith

ELEMENTARY GRADES PREK-5 CREED 2023-24

- CREED stands for Church of the Resurrection Elementary Education Days. It is our weekly religious education program for children in Pre –K through grade 5. The focus of the CREED program is to assist parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children by providing religious education and formation classes for children of the parish who attend area public schools.
- There are 5 different sessions of CREED grades PreK-4: 3 afternoons (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4:30-5:45) and 2 evenings (Monday and Wednesday from 6:15-7:30) each week. Parents may select the session of their choice.
- 5th Graders will meet on Sunday nights from 6:30–8:00pm.
- First Reconciliation and Eucharist preparation is given to all 2nd graders during CREED. In order for a child to receive these sacraments, they must be baptized and have had one year of religious education prior to second grade. They must also be attending Mass on a weekly basis.
- On-line registration for CREED is available now!

COTR PLAYGROUP

The COTR Playgroup organizes local playground meet ups on the first and third Friday of each month. Email Peggy Kehres (pkehres@cotrna.org) or for the playground schedule.

MIDDLE SCHOOL 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. Registration for the fall is available now!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12

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

IGNITE

Registration for 2023–24 is open now. Kick-off is September 17th.

CONFIRMATION

If you are interested in participating this year, registration opened on July 24th.

Christian Initiation for Children

When Jesus saw the two disciples following him, he turned to them and said, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" and he said to them, "Come and see", and they stayed with him that day (John 1:38–39).

You, too, are invited to "come and see" what we are like and what we believe in. Christian Initiation of Children (CIC) is for families of children (grades 3–8) needing the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Children will also attend CREED for continuing grade level religious instruction.

Utilizing Pathways, a family-based program from Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries, families will focus on the basics of our faith while also preparing their child to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Pathways is a hybrid program that consists of at-home

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Journey With Jesus

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lessons along with periodic parish-led activities (including Reconciliation and First Eucharist Retreats). Upon completion, children will celebrate their First Eucharist in the spring.

There will be an informational family gathering on Saturday, September 16th from 6:00–7:30pm (dinner will be served). Contact Peggy at pkehresecotrna.org to RSVP or for more information.



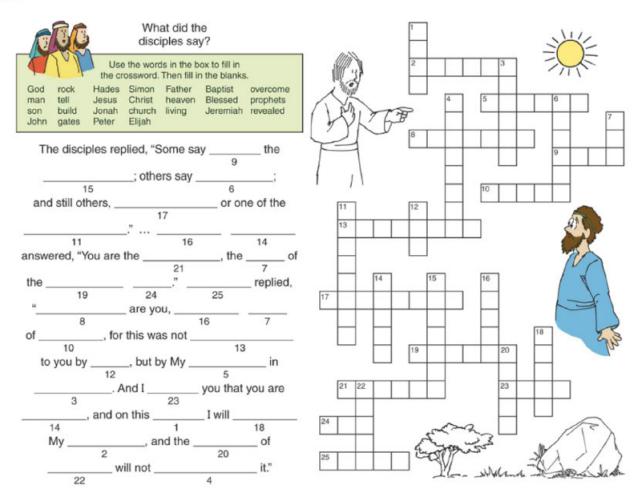
JOURNEY WITH JESUS

We are happy to announce that Journey with Jesus, our children's Liturgy of the Word program for children 3 years of age through 1st grade, will return this fall. This program is designed to teach the Sunday Mass readings at the child's age level. The children begin in the Church with their family and are sent forth as a group prior to the Liturgy of The Word. They return to the church during the Offertory.

No registration is needed. Journey with Jesus begins in September and runs through April.

JWJ Teams are now forming. Leaders and assistants for Journey with Jesus will be assigned to the Sunday Mass time convenient for their families. Three teams rotate each month and all materials are provided. We welcome those who are interested in serving in this role! Students in grades 6 –12 are welcome to assist. For more information contact pkehres@cotrna.org

Sign up through the link or scan the QR code- https://cotrna.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/105/responses/new



LITURGICAL LIFE

Practicing Catholic | Eucharistic Revival

Practicing Catholic-Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Who Do You Say That I Am?- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next. Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer. There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. "Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." — Matthew 16:16



Eucharistic Miracle of Saint Mary of Egypt, Sixth Century

"We are told that when St. Mary was 12 years of age she left her parents and went to Alexandria. There she led a very dissolute life for 16 years. One day she came upon a ship about to set sail with different groups of passen gers. She inquired who they might be and where they were going. She was told they were pilgrims sailing toward Jerusalem for the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. She decided to join them. When on the feast day she tried to enter the church, she was seized by a mysterious force. Fearfully she raised her eyes to an image of the Holy Virgin and was overcome with a deep sor row for the sinful life she had led until that day. Only then was she able to make her way into the church and worship the True Cross. She did not remain in Jerusalem. "If you go across the Jordan you will find peace" was the message of the Madonna. The following day after her confession and Communion she made her way across the Jordan to the desert of Arabia. There she lived for 47 years in solitude encountering neither men nor beasts. Her skin shriveled, her hair was long and white, but the promise of the Virgin proved true, she found her peace of soul. One day she met up with the Monk Zosimus and asked him to bring her Communion each year. One year Zosimus arrived with the Eucharist, but Mary did not show. In great sorrow Zosimus prayed: "Lord, my God, King and Creator of all, do not deprive me of my desire, but grant that I may see this holy woman." Then he thought, "Now what will I do if she appears, there is no boat around to get me across? I will not achieve my wish." While he gave into these thoughts, Mary appeared on the opposite shore and Zosimus was consoled. Then he saw her make the sign of the Cross over the water and walk out on it as though it were dry land. When 12 months had passed Zosimus returned but was unable to find the mummified remains of the saintly penitent. A lion had dug her grave and buried the body."

Learn more about this miracle and more at http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/a3.html or through the QR code.

LITURGICAL LIFE

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Gospel Meditation

August 27, 2023- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We

should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

- Father John Muir



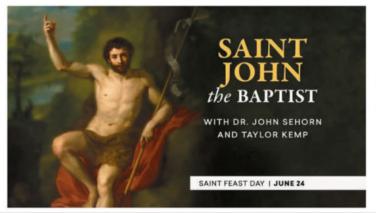
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	Sep. 1	Sep. 2
STAFF RETREAT- Offices Closed 8:15am Rosary 9:00am Mass (Live-Streamed) 11:00am Mass 12:30 pm Baptism Prep Class in OLR Chapel	STAFF RETREAT-Offices Closed	STAFF RETREAT-Offices Closed	STAFF RETREAT-Offices Closed	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 6:30 pm Young Adult Rescue Project 8:00 pm K of C Officers Meeting in Room 106	9:00am Mass 9:00 am YAH 1st Friday Breakfast in Social Hall 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 1:00pm Shawl Ministry (104)	5:00 pm Mass
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2023

Ministry	Saturday, Sep. 2 5:00pm	Sunday, Sep. 3 9:00am	Sunday, Sep. 3 11:00am	Saturday, Sep. 9 5:00pm	Sunday, Sep. 10 9:00am	Sunday, Sep. 10 11:00am
1st Lector	Andi Varsasso- Mulisano	Rita Lukaszewski	Martha Bohman	Mark Samborsky	Mike Smith	Angie Byrom
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ALTAR LINENS	Pick up/return on August 30 due to offices closed		Pick up/return between September 5- September 6 (Tuesday pickup due to Labor Day)		Pick up/return between September 11- September 13	
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Thoughts on the Journey August 27, 2023 Matthew 16:13-20 Suanne Gettings

My neighborhood, in Lancaster, Ohio, is a collection of well manicured lawns and pristine gardens. The people around me do a stellar job of maintaining their properties and I marvel at their devotion. My yard, on the other hand, is easy to identify when driving up my street. Depending on the growing season, my yard could be considered a sanctuary for every weed known to the Midwest: it's a sea of yellow when the dandelions are in bloom, clovers get the word out to other clovers that they can thrive there, those periscope looking weeds grow to great heights overnight, and creepy looking vines manage to choke the daylights out of everything that's supposed to be thriving. However, I have found (or at least I tell myself) when you regularly mow weeds, they make your grass look manicured, especially from a distance. Several years ago in the summer, the weeds were giving me away again and my grass was long overdue for a cut.

It was a hot humid August day. As much as I dreaded taking on that chore, I started up the mower and began the back-and -forth that made my grass look similar to the neighbors'. The front yard is easy but the back yard is all hill and difficult to cut. As I made my way to the back to do the dreaded, I said a prayer asking for strength to get through it. In a matter of minutes, a young lady came walking up to me out of nowhere. I turned off the mower to see what she wanted. "Would you please tell me the fastest way to get to Baltimore if we are walking? We just got off work from the Ralston plant and our ride didn't come." Now, the town of Baltimore is about 12 miles from Lancaster. It was blistering hot and she was already drenched with sweat. I responded, "Honey, you can't walk to Baltimore. Give me a minute and I will take you home." Her figncé came ground the corner and I extended the offer to him as well. I went in the house to get them some water along with my purse and keys. While I was in the house, the young man began cutting my grass in the back yard. He refused to leave until he finished the job. I was overcome with emotion because I was sure that this young couple was an answer to my grass-cutting prayer.

As we began our ride to Baltimore, they noticed my Bible on the dashboard and my rosary hanging from my rearview mirror. The conversation began and they wanted to know as much about Jesus as I could tell them. In our brief time together, bits and pieces of their broken lives unfolded. The young man's name was Jeremiah and the young lady's name was Destiny. He could not read so, when I stopped the car, he asked me to show him where his name was in the Bible. After hearing his story and his thirst for God, I thought to myself, "How appropriate he was named – Jeremiah, the weeping prophet."

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus is talking with his apostles and asks them, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They responded with various answers including John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Then Jesus posed a more pointed question, "Who do YOU say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply,

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."

Jesus makes the point that the only way Peter could know the answer to the question that Jesus posed was because the Father revealed it to him. The same is true for all of us. We come to know Jesus because it is God who reveals him to us. The most important question in our lives concerns the person of Christ. Who is He? What is He to us? What role does He play in our present and future? The answers to these questions will determine what we believe and how we will live.

Sometimes we take it for granted that everyone in this day and age knows the answers to the question, 'who is Jesus?' Quite clearly, there are many souls who have not had an encounter with Christ. Like Peter who was given the revelation of who Jesus is, it is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Son of the Living God to each of us.

The older I get, the more convinced I am that nothing happens by accident; the Lord is always looking out for us and building His Kingdom through the Body of Christ. God is in the ordinary every day events of our lives and it is there that His Kingdom grows. It was no accident that this young unchurched couple randomly arrived in my yard on a hot August afternoon. It is no accident that they needed a ride in my car where a Bible and a rosary were catalysts to a conversation about Jesus. It is no accident that the seed of faith was planted through a set of circumstances that were orchestrated through the work of the Spirit. And the bonus... it was no accident that Our Lord heard my prayer and my grass was cut by the kindness of a stranger.

The Church was instituted by Jesus and built on the rock of Peter's faith and the faith of all believers. What we believe about who Jesus is matters. So, we confess our faith and trust in Jesus, believing, with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, that he is the Savior of our world, the Son of the living God who promises to calm our every storm, who offers us a peace that surpasses all understanding, who is eager to hear our every prayer, and who assures us that he will be with us always.

WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortionproviding physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I. SECTION 22

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

- Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
- 2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
- 3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
- 4. As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis"; and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
- This Section is self-executing.
- * Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303
- ** Based on Doe v. Bolton



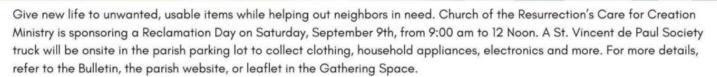
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- · Appliances refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, etc.
- Athletic Equipment bicycles, sporting goods, stationary bikes, weights, etc.
- Electronics -flat screen TVs, lamps, computers, printers, monitors, air conditioners, copiers, shredders, power tools, etc.
- Miscellaneous rugs, tools, tool boxes, lawn mowers, blankets, bedspreads, clothing, dishes, pots, pans, mirrors, wall hangings, etc.

Unacceptable items: yard waste, paint, hazardous waste, medications, construction debris, dishwashers, mattresses, bed frames, box springs, books, old TVs and entertainment centers.



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TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Sunday, Aug 27, 2023

The value in variety

A founder of the NAACP, W.E.B. Du Bois knew the cure for racism wasn't simply telling the truth. It was inducing people to act on it. The first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1895, Du Bois dreamed broadly of a world of "valuable variety ... in height and weight, color and skin, hair and nose and lip.... Each effort to stop this freedom of being," he argued, "is a blow at democracy—that real democracy which is reservoir and opportunity.... There can be no perfect democracy curtailed by color, race, or poverty." Let us act on this truth.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20 (121). "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

Monday, Aug 28, 2023

The great romance

Saint Augustine is known as a great thinker—arguably the most significant Christian theologian after Saint Paul. But his writing is as much heart as head. He is also known for leaving behind a life of hedonism. But he remained a passionate man-only, after his conversion, passion for God alone. "Late have I loved you, O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you!" he lamented. It's never too late to be swept away by what Augustine has to say: "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.'

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men."

Tuesday, Aug 29, 2023

Prepare the way

Painting after painting shows John the Baptist pointing to Jesus. John knows it's not about him: "He who is coming after me is mightier than I" (Matthew 3:11) and "I am not the Christ, but I have been sent ahead of Him He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 2:28-30). Christian tradition also calls him John the Precursor and John the Forerunner, prepping us for the Messiah by being something of a prototype. Like Jesus, he's conceived miraculously. Both preach repentance, have disciples, and suffer in death. But as Saint Peter Julian Eymard knew, "The true secret of love consists in this-we must forget self like Saint John the Baptist and exalt and glorify the Lord."

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (426); Mark 6:17-29 (634). "We drew courage through our God to speak to you the Gospel of God."

Wednesday, Aug 30, 2023

Make a better choice

A mother of 11 foster children always had a gaggle of kids buzzing around her. They were happy and well cared for. When there was even a hint of one crossing the line from lively to obnoxious, she simply said, "Make a better choice." Amazingly, they did. Those are powerful words. How can you make a better choice today?

What will help you walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into his Kingdom and glory? This advice from Saint Francis de Sales might prove useful: "Never miss an opportunity to do good."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:27-32 (427). "We treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you walk in a manner worthy of ... God."

Thursday, Aug 31, 2023

Education for the whole person

As a school year begins anew, it's worth taking a moment to appreciate the proud tradition of Catholic education. In the United States, Catholic religious orders have built an extensive network of primary, secondary, and college-level institutions whose shared mission has been education of the whole person: spiritual, intellectual, and human development. Millions have been positively impacted by these schools, including many poor people who have improved their quality of life. Offer a prayer of thanks for the educators and others who pour their energies into this holy and wholistic education.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

Friday, Sep 01, 2023

Celebrate the season of creation

In Catholic culture we use the phrase "care of creation" in our work to protect the Earth and develop sustainable ways to live. This phrase is deliberate because it underscores the inherent connection between God and all that is. Pope Francis writes in Laudato Si', "The ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God, which has already been attained by the risen Christ." On this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, let us renew our commitment to care for one another, land and sea, all creatures great and small, as together we move into the fullness of God to which all are called.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). "Therefore, whoever disregards this, disregards not a human being but God, who also gives the Holy Spirit to you."

Saturday, Sep 02, 2023

Talent contest

The parable of the Talents is about much more than money. It speaks of the gifts that God has given to each of us and how we choose to "invest" those gifts in the community. Are we seeking only the most limited return, for ourselves? Or are we sharing our gifts, doing our part to help build up the community? The questions are more than hypothetical, for one day, at an unexpected hour, we will be called to account. Invest wisely for a generous return!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). "Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?"

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



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