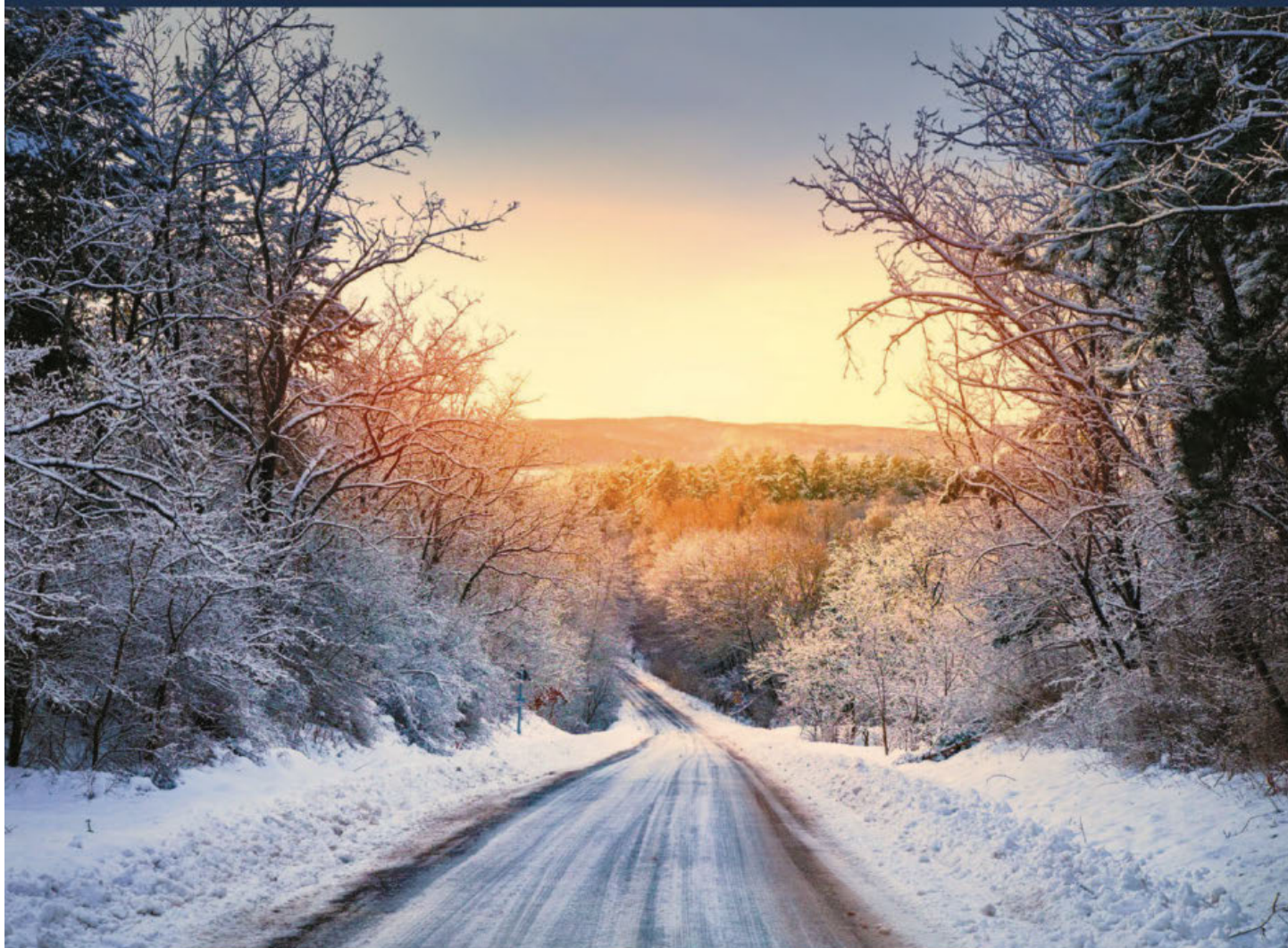




CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14th, 2024

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi'— which means Teacher— 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.'" – John 1:38-39a

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Sacraments | Parish Information | December Recap | New Parishioners

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 Church. For more information, please contact Brad Romantic at bromantic@cotrna.org or 614-855-1400.

BAPTISM

INFANTS & CHILDREN: INFANTS & CHILDREN AGE 7 AND YOUNGER – 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. Parents are asked to attend a Parent Preparation Session (preferably during pregnancy) before a date for their child's baptism is scheduled. Sessions are held on the 4th Sunday of each month, in Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel at 12:30 p.m., lasting 90 minutes.. Register on the parish website or scan the QR code. .

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN: AGE 8 AND OLDER: In this Rite, the child speaks a profession of faith appropriate to his/her age. After attending the Parent Session, parents will meet with Peggy Kehres to prepare the child for Baptism in a manner appropriate for his/her age.

For more information, Contact Mary Koors, 614-855-8861 or marykoors@gmail.com.



EUCCHARIST

Weekdays – See next page for Mass 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.

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 INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICES

6300 East Dublin–Granville Rd
New Albany, OH 43054
614-855-1400
FAX 614-855-0779
Rectory (phone for emergency)
614-855-0476

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday
8:00a.m.–12:00p.m.
1:00p.m.–4:00p.m.

GENERAL INQUIRES

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DECEMBER NEW PARISHIONERS AND SIGNS OF FAITH

New Members:

Tony Galiardi and children Eva & Silvia Galiardi
Yvonne Le
Okechukwu and Ifunanya and children Christabel & Emmanuel
Onyemize
Cole and Alexis Palmer
Alex Powers & Angelo Powers (Child)

Brian and Kayla Rossi and children Emma, Bailey & Jacob Rossi

Marriages:

Casey & Ellen (Pizzuti) Vincent
Craig & Linda (Silva) Badger
Junho & Katherine (Trybus) Moon

Deaths:

Jim Esselstein
Marty Esselstein
Cindy Brockman
William Rackett

No baptisms occurred in December.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

Anyone interested in registering with our parish, please scan the QR code below or 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.



THIS WEEK AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

SUNDAY: 1/14	MONDAY: 1/15	TUESDAY: 1/16	WEDNESDAY: 1/17
8:15a Rosary in Church 9a Mass 9a RCIA 11a Mass 12:15p Children's Choir Snack in Tile Area 12:30p Children's Choir Rehearsal in Church 6:30p IGNITE	9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 4:30p CREED - PreK - 4th 6:15p CREED - PreK - 4th	10a Diocese Meeting: Marriage & Family 4:30p CREED - PreK - 4th 5:45p EAM Meeting - Gathering Space Table 7p Mass 7p Women's Group Executive Board Meeting - 103 7:30p Christ and Pints	9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 12p YAH Luncheon in Social Hall 4:30p CREED - PreK - 4th 6:15p CREED - PreK - 4th 6:30p PFC Meeting 6:30p Walking With Purpose
THURSDAY: 1/18	FRIDAY: 1/19	SATURDAY: 1/20	NEXT SUNDAY: 1/21
6a That Man is You! - Social Hall 9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 9:45a Walking With Purpose 12:30p Red Cross Blood Drive in Social Hall 7p Adult Choir Rehearsal 7p Contemporary Folk Group Rehearsal 7p KofC Assembly Dinner and Meeting in 104-106	9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 1p Shawl Ministry 7p Adult Choir Christmas Party - Social Hall	7:30a That Man is You! 4p Children's Choir Warmup in OLR Chapel 5p Children's Mass	8:15a Rosary in Church 9a Mass 9a RCIA 11a Mass 12p Eucharistic Exposition in OLR Chapel 12:30p Baptism Prep Class 5p Confirmation Class in Church 6:30p 5th Grade CREED in 102-106 6:30p IGNITE 6:30p RISE in Social Hall

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14	
9:00 am	PARISH
11:00 am	Phillip Bumb
MONDAY, JANUARY 15	
9:00 am	Jerry Klausing
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16	
7:00 pm	Patricia Dressel
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17	
9:00 am	Adele Schffleck
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18	
9:00 am	Antoinette Bazzano
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19	
9:00 am	D.G. Kilsher
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20	
5:00 pm	Bernard & Ruth Collins
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21	
9:00 am	Rita Brooks
11:00 am	PARISH



Enjoy a night of faith and fellowship! Bring a friend- all are welcome!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Check out these upcoming events here at COTR and around the diocese!

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart Luncheon - Wednesday, January 17th at Noon.

Please bring the following: A-D Bread OR Dessert; E-K Salad; L-P Main Dish; and Q-Z Vegetables.

We will be entertained by The Dancing Divas, a non-profit arts organization comprised of women from around Ohio ranging in age from 30-77. They are dedicated to empowering women of all ages to achieve personal growth, strength, physical and mental health while preserving historic and traditional dance art forms.



YAH Rosary via Zoom each Thursday, 11 am. Contact Tom Kolda to join in or inquire at tkolda@gmail.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU- NEXT SESSION STARTS JANUARY 18TH

January 18, 2024- Kickoff for the Spring Session, "The Light of Men"

There is but one source of all light - Jesus! He is the light shattering the darkness of our day. To be in the light is to allow God's light to shine through you and become manifest in abundant virtue. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1: 4-5).

Schedule will continue as it was in the Fall- Thursdays at 6:00am and Saturdays at 7:30am in the Ministry Center.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION MEN'S RETREAT- COME TO THE TABLE

Save the Date- April 19-21, Maria Stein Retreat Center, Cost \$165

Join us this year for our annual men's retreat. This will be a weekend retreat open to all men of the parish. Registration is now open through the QR code. Last year sold out so sign up today!



AROUND THE DIOCESE

UNDONE: FREEDOM FOR THE FEMININE HEART

All women are invited to attend "Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart," which will be held at St. Francis de Sales in Newark on January 25, 26 and 27. "Undone" is a Women's Conference, where women will experience a weekend of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity.

This event is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Contact Tina Burtch, at tburtch@stfrancisparish.net for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK, CAREY, OHIO

For the past five years, the Columbus Region of the Order of Malta has sponsored an Annual Mass for the Anointing of the Sick on the second Sunday of February. On Sunday, February 11, 2024, the Church celebrates the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. The Order is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH to join Bishop Earl Fernandes as he celebrates Mass and offers the Sacrament of Anointing. The Order is chartering an ADA certified bus to take those who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick and a companion to Carey. The Mass begins at 11:00 AM and the bus will leave from the

back parking lot of St. Peter Church (6899 Smoky Row Rd, Columbus 43235) at 9:00 AM. For more information and/or to make a reservation (no later than January 22, 2024) please email Len Barbe at lwbearbe@aol.com.

MLK DAY CELEBRATION, HRSJ

The Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist is hosting its annual Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, January 15, 2024 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 660 South Ohio Avenue (between Main and Livingston), Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Andre Brown, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice in the College of Arts and Sciences at The Ohio State University, will be the speaker. Everyone is welcome! For additional information please visit: <https://www.hrsjchurch.org/mlkday.html>

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Monday, January 22, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., Respect Life Mass
Catholic Diocese of Columbus-Day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, Ohio
Principal Celebrant & Homilist Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
Monday, January 22, 2024 at noon- Roe Remembrance
Greater Columbus Right to Life- Statehouse
Contact Barb McMullen at 614.203.1847 for carpool information.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

The Sorrowful Mysteries Series



MYSTERIES *of the* ROSARY

— *The Sorrowful Mysteries* —

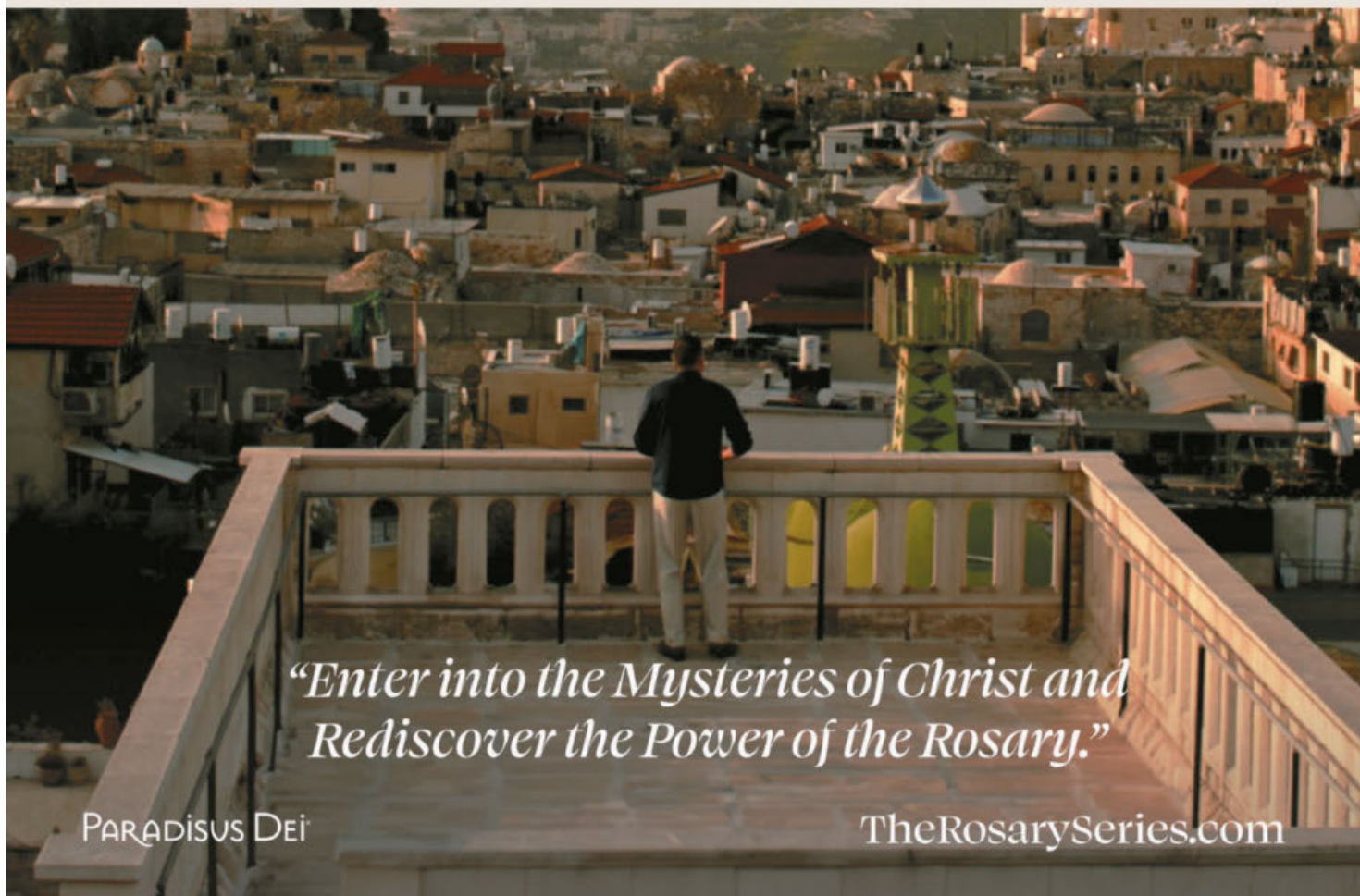


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Join us this winter for a 7-week series held on Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays starting January 28th, 29th, 31st. To learn more or to register scan the QR code below or head to our Adult Faith Formation page on our parish website.



Sundays- 10:30am-Noon, Mondays- 6:30-8:30pm, Wednesdays- 10:00am- Noon



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Rediscover the Power of the Rosary.”*

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YOUTH FAITH LIFE

Youth Programs and Opportunities | St. Matthew School Open House

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Religious Education Department offers a diverse set of programs for children in grades Pre-K through 12! Here are just a few of our youth programs, but be sure to check out our website to learn more about all of our youth programs.

COTR Playgroup

The COTR Playgroup organizes local playground meet ups on the first and third Friday of each month. See link through QR code for dates/locations.



RISE (6-8th Grade)

RISE is our weekly faith formation program for middle school students. Fostering the faith of young adolescents involves helping them to make connections between the Catholic faith and everyday life. Registration for RISE is on-going via the parish website.

Journey with Jesus

JOURNEY WITH JESUS is our children's Liturgy of the Word program for children 3 years of age through 1st grade. This program is designed to teach the Sunday Mass readings at the child's age level. No registration is needed. Held during the 9am and 11am Sunday masses, 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.

Confirmation (9th)

This is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives you an increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation. Confirmation classes for this year have already started so please check back in the Fall for next year's registration.

CREED (PreK- 5th)

CREED (Church of the Resurrection Elementary Education Days) is our weekly religious education program for children in grades Pre-K through 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.

Ignite (Grades 9-12th)

At Ignite we explore the Truth of the Gospel and discuss how it applies to our lives. Ignite gives you the opportunity to: Ask tough questions; deepen your relationship with Christ; make friends who will encourage you, challenge you, and hold you accountable; become a better, stronger, happier person. It's so much more than a Sunday evening gathering!



JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY JANUARY 28

1:00-2:30 PM

WE SERVE STUDENTS PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE



MEET OUR STAFF, TOUR OUR CAMPUS,
AND LEARN ABOUT OUR CURRICULUM



SCAN CODE FOR
REGISTRATION
FORM

795 HAVENS CORNES RD, GAHANNA OH 43230 614.471.4930

You're Invited!

We hope you can join for...

Family MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, January 20

Following the 5pm Family Mass

Join us for this family movie night!
Dinner and an ice cream station will be provided. Please
bring a chair or blanket for movie watching. Please RSVP
through the QR code.

Fun for the whole family!

Movie will be rated Parental Guide (PG)



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LITURGICAL LIVING

Connecting to the Faith Throughout Your Week

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Join us starting on January 27th from 6:30-8:30pm for the Life in the Spirit seminars series. These seminars are free of charge and no registration is needed. They will be held every Saturday, January 27th-March 9th here at Church of the Resurrection (room location may vary week to week).

The Life in the Spirit Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for people to find out more about their life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord.



LIFE IN THE Spirit

SEMINAR SERIES KICKS OFF ON

27 JAN. | 6:30 PM

HERE AT CHURCH OF THE RESSURECTION

SERIES RUNS JAN. 27TH- MARCH 9TH
Saturdays from 6:30-8pm

QUESTIONS: PAT SHROYER-(614) 866-8266

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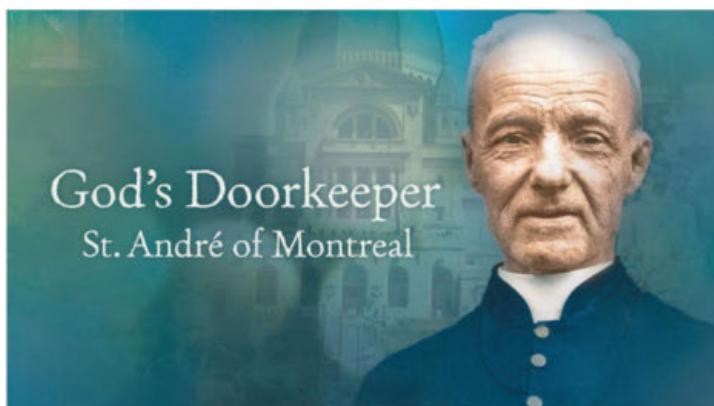
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS



Scan the QR code to for the daily readings online or subscribe and get them in your email.

JANUARY 14TH- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm	Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20



God's Doorkeeper
St. André of Montreal

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This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  gracis press



Turning Down the Gas

A big challenge in caring for creation is reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that often leaks into the atmosphere. It is a significant contributor to global warming. Sources include oil and gas mining, landfills, agriculture and even leaks in the pipes that bring natural gas (methane) into our homes for fuel. When natural gas is burned for fuel it creates CO₂, which is also a GHG. In our homes, it can create air quality issues as well.

Electrification of space and water heating, as well as cooking appliances, is an enormous opportunity to cut greenhouse gas pollution and save money on energy bills. Electric heat pumps heat homes and water far more efficiently than fossil-fuel appliances. Induction stoves and cooktops are also more energy efficient than their gas counterparts. Where possible, as your natural gas-powered appliances reach the end of their life, investigate converting to newer electric appliances for a more sustainable future. This website is a valuable source of information on these options: www.rewiringamerica.org/electrify-home-guide



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LITURGICAL	Saturday, Jan. 20th 5:00pm	Sunday, Jan. 21st 9:00am	Sunday, Jan. 21st 11:00am
1st Lector	Children's Mass	John Vargo	Michele Blair
2nd Lector	Children's Mass	Barb Wilhelm	Sean Blair
SERVERS	Lena Parmentar Madeline Parmentar Olivia Sloan	Caitlyn Vargo Sophia Warner	Emma Klingele Luke Klingele Corbin Morrisey
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Marg Barber Christine Barker Kim Roberts Michael Sosinski Kim Spiezio Edward Teiga Anne Marie Thomas	Cynthia Hickey John Hodges Randy Kehres Connie Koralewski Terri Louder Beth McNellie Megan Polk	Jacob Bohman Martha Bohman Steve Bohman Debbie Burke Angie Byrom Grace Castellano Kevin Clear
LEAD USHER	OPEN	George Butzer	Christopher Sarka
USHERS	James Knapp Tom Kneeland Julie Ryon	Brian Franz Jerry Gerker Dick Henley Cindy Herbst Stephen Wiley	John Aelker Robert Buechner Pat Heinzman
DEAF MINISTRY	Jessica Metzger		

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK & HOMEBOUND: January 21st		
Avalon	N.A. Care	OTTERBEIN

Bill Pederson Yvette Pederson	Amy Golian Kathy Hayes	Melody Kramer Bobbi Lus
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Out Home NA	Smith's Mill	Wesley Woods
Marian Prentice Jackie Szmania	Jim Flynn Ben Reese Bonnie Nelson	Michelle Adams Scott Adams Anne Marie Thomas John Hodges

ALTAR LINENS- Linen box on bench outside church office

**Pick up/return between
January 15-17**

Tamara Frissora

**Pick up/return between
January 22-24**

Barb Glonek

**Pick up/return between
January 29-31**

Donna Kade

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:

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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
November Offertory	\$163,852	\$173,802	-\$9,950
YTD Offertory	\$893,379	\$885,550	+\$7,829

Total Offertory Budget for FY 23-24 \$2,322,455
Our fiscal year runs July 1st – June 30th

OPENDOOR– WOMEN’S RECOVERY ALLIANCE

On behalf of OpenDoor Women's Recovery Alliance, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to those who generously donated to our ministry following the beautiful evening of prayer and reflection for Advent. I want to thank Katy and Thom Wyatt for choosing OpenDoor as the recipient of the collection, the entire music ministry, Sue Larson and Father Denis as well as all of you who continue to support OpenDoor.

The Advent Evening of Reflection and continued donations raised \$1992.00 for OpenDoor.

NEW ALBANY FOOD PANTRY

Message from Jennifer Wilcoxon, Director of Healthy New Albany Food Pantry

“On behalf of all of us at the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry, I want to thank you so much for your monetary donation. We greatly appreciate your continued dedication to the Food Pantry mission to eliminate food insecurity within the New Albany-Plain Local School (NAPLS) District by connecting our neighbors in need with food and other critical resources.

Together with our volunteers, we are just wrapping up our busiest time of year at the Pantry. We delivered over 160 Thanksgiving meals to families on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We partnered with community partners to provide winter coats and toys for Christmas, hosted bonus open pantry shopping days for the holiday season, assembled break boxes during the school winter break...and much more. In light of the continued rise in food costs and the increase in new families that depend on our services each month, your support means more than ever!...

On behalf of the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry and our clients, I want to thank you for helping us make a positive difference. Your support encourages our continued commitment to reaching our goal.”

RACHEL'S HOUSE COLLECTION

Womens Group is assembling overnight bags for the new participants at the Lower Lights Ministries – Rachel's House. Rachel's House services women whom are transitioning out of incarceration. The women are often released with little or no personal items. Rachel's House provides them with guidance and aid. COTR Women's Group is leading this service project to help. Boxes will be at the Jan 20/21 and Jan 27/28 masses in the Gathering Space. Items in need are:

- **Weekend Bags**
- **New deodorant / toothpaste / toothbrushes**
- **New body wash / lotions / shampoo/conditioner**
- **Feminine Hygiene products**

More information on Lower Lights Ministries can be found through the QR code or <https://hilltopusa.org/?resource-item=lower-lights-ministries-rachels-house>

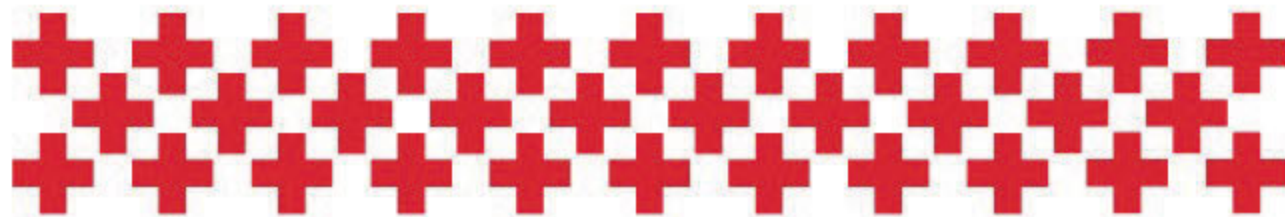


STEWARDSHIP

Blood Drive

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Church of the Resurrection**

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

Thursday, January 18, 2024
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call Cathy Arnett at (614) 361-8923, email cathy.arnett.1@gmail.com or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: ChurchResur.

If you last donated on or before November 23, you may be eligible to give.

Come give Jan. 1-31 to automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for you & a guest to Super Bowl LVIII in Vegas! Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game activities & more! Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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 the prayer list below, call the Parish Office (614-855-1400) or email bulletinecotrna.org.

To be added to our Parish prayer chain, send requests online to: <https://cotrna.org/intercessory-prayer>. For more information on the prayer chain, contact: Valerie Coolidge, Prayer Chain Coordinator, by email at: Valerie@wyandottewinery.com.

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

PFC Jason McDonald

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

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

We will be restarting the list for military in February.

Please email bulletinecotrna.org with all military details to remain on this list. Thank you for your help in updating this list.

SERIOUSLY ILL OR RECOVERING FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS OR SURGERY

NOVEMBER

Emily Scullion, Tom Dardis

DECEMBER

Vijay Gaddam

JANUARY

Christina Neal, Claudia Johnson, Matilda Babirye, Mateo Garcia, Bob Byrom, Marty Laubenthal

Gospel Meditation

January 14, 2024-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

Confirmation Candidates

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

Hudson Isaac Madeline Jones
Mason Kessel Cameron King
Reaghan Kiwala Maurina LaVoie
Jacob Lifer

Contemplative Moment

"The reason for our existence is to quench the thirst of Jesus. When he asked for water, the soldier gave him vinegar to drink—but his thirst was for love, for souls, for you and me."

—Mother Teresa of Calcutta

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Practicing Catholic | Eucharistic Revival

PRACTICING CATHOLIC– RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Those Who Seek- By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: There it is. We finally found it.

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38



The Year of Eucharistic Revival– Draw Closer to the Eucharist

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF CANOSIO, ITALY 1630

Canosio is a small village in the region of Val Maira, in the Diocese of Saluzzo. In 1630, its townspeople had grown cold in their religious observance due to the spread of the Calvinistic heresy. A day after the feast of Corpus Christi, the river at Maira flooded because of a torrential rainfall. The flood waters were so violent and powerful that some massive stones were dislodged from the mountain and threatened to destroy the valley and the village itself! Father Antonio Reinardi, the pastor of the town, assembled the townspeople with the ringing of the church bells and exhorted them to pray that the Lord would stop the flood. He vowed that if the village of Canosio were spared from the flood’s destruction, the townspeople would celebrate in perpetuity an annual feast of Corpus Christi. Father Reinardi then placed the Sacrament in the monstrance. He processed towards the raging flood with some of the faithful as they all recited the “Miserere” Psalm 51. After he blessed the raging waters, the rain stopped at once and the flood waters peaked and returned to their normal level. This incident revived the faith of the townspeople of Canosio and to this day they observe the vow that was made. Unfortunately, many of the documents which attest to the miracle and which were preserved in the parish archives from the 17th century were burned during the war between France and Spain. What is extant, however, is a copy describing the events and which was left by the pastor who was a witness to what occurred.

Read more on this miracle and more at <http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/a3.html> or through the QR code.



Thoughts on the Journey

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14th, 2024

John 1:35-42

Suanne Gettings

My first real retreat was in 1972, my Junior year in high school. My friend Pam and I heard about the retreat through other friends and thought it would be fun because it was open to junior and senior females AND males. Truth be known, if boys weren't part of the event, we probably wouldn't have given it a second thought. A weekend retreat with guys when we both attended all-girl Catholic schools?! Of course we were going!

The retreat weekend was called TEC which stood for Teens Encounter Christ. When we were filling out our registration forms and turning in our money, neither one of us boy-crazy girls were thinking about an encounter with Christ. Instead, we were quite excited about encounters of a different kind. If it was an opportunity to meet some new boys, we were willing to suffer through a weekend retreat to accomplish that objective. Our conversations for the three weeks leading up to the event centered around hair, clothes, make-up, and teenage what-if scenarios that heightened our excitement.

It was time for the TEC retreat. We arrived at the mansion on the Crosley Estate in Cincinnati at 6:30 p.m. with suitcases and sleeping bags in hand. There was the usual hustle and bustle as young people scrambled to check in and receive their instructions. Almost immediately, I noticed a young man in a brown Franciscan habit complete with a rope around his waist and a pair of sandals on his feet. He greeted us warmly as we entered and he introduced himself as Father Richard. I particularly remember his eye contact with each person and the warmth of his embrace that made me feel like I was his best friend. After we settled our things, we gathered for praise and worship followed by an evening social. Fires were crackling in the big stone fireplaces throughout the house which made the walls glow with an inviting aura. For some reason I couldn't explain, it felt so good to be with these people I didn't know and I began to feel a shift in my focus of the 'why' I was there.

In the morning, after we were served a delicious breakfast by the retreat team, we had our first morning conference.

Fr. Richard Rohr, the retreat facilitator, stood in front of the floor-to-ceiling windows. Sunlight poured into the room around him and this priest, who seemed like a piper of souls, began to lead my heart directly to Jesus. Every thought that came from his mouth to my ears brought me closer to Christ. Before long, I realized that I no longer cared about the

boys in the room, but instead more about the God he was leading me to see.

In John's gospel, John the Baptist was standing with two of his followers. Jesus was approaching and as they watched Jesus walk by, John said to his disciples:

“BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.”

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jesus then turned to them and asked,

“WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?”

They responded that they wanted to know where he was staying so Jesus invited them to come and see. Andrew, one of the followers, then went to get his brother Simon to take him to Jesus saying, “We have found the Messiah,” which is translated *Christ*. Then he brought him to Jesus.

It's interesting to ponder the countless possibilities of how, when, why, and what circumstances people have been led to Christ over the ages. Our gospel tells of John the Baptist who led his followers to Jesus. Andrew led his brother Simon. Eventually Simon became Peter and led thousands to Jesus. Scripture and history is filled with many accounts of ordinary people who have been led to Christ by other ordinary people. Lives are changed in an extraordinary way, not by the people who led them, but by the Holy Spirit who dwells within them.

Each one of us has a story to tell. We're all part of the continuum of salvation history. Sometimes we are caught off-guard by an encounter we didn't expect, like my retreat experience in high school. God allows people and events to re-direct us and transform us. With transformation and conversion comes the responsibility to do our part in bringing people to Christ and helping to build the Kingdom of God. But, we need to be willing vessels of the Holy Spirit who calls us to continue the journey of conversion in our lives and commit to a deeper union with the Father. Trust that the Lord will give you everyone and everything you need to continue growing in discipleship. Let the Spirit lead you so that you can lead others.

The all important question that Jesus asked the disciples in John's gospel was, “What are you looking for?” Most of us are looking for love, happiness, and peace, all of which can be found in Christ Jesus. Seek Him!

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