



# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10th, 2024

"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come towards the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." John 3:20-21

## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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## **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 bromanticecotrna.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 marykoorslegmail.com.



#### **EUCHARIST**

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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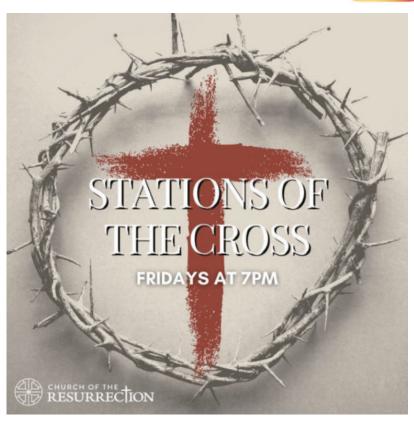
#### **CONNECT ONLINE**

Website: www.cotrna.org Facebook: www.facebook.comallrwelcom Instagram: www.instagram.com/

Scan the QR codes to the right to get connected.







## **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: 3/10** 8:15a Rosary in Church 9a Mass 9a RCIA - 104-106 10a Joey Rolwing Reception - Social Hall 10:30a Mysteries of the Rosary Room 103 11a Mass 12p Cover Statues 12:15p Children's Choir Snack - 106 12:15p Joey Rolwing Reception - Social Hall 12:30p Children's Choir Rehearsal in Church 6:30p 5th Grade CREED in Church 6:30p IGNITE - Rooms 102-106

#### **MONDAY: 3/11** 6:30a Rental - New Albany HS 7:30a Property & Facility SAT Prep 9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 4:30p CREED - PreK - 4th 4:30p CREED Reconciliation 6:15p CREED - PreK - 4th 6:30p Mysteries of the Rosary - OLR Chapel 7p Women's Group Meeting in

## **TUESDAY: 3/12** Meeting 9:30a ČOTR Playgroup Gathering at Better Together 4:30p CREED - PreK - 4th 4:30p CREED Reconciliation 7p Mass 7:15p Young Adult Ministry 7:30p KofC Rosary Group in **OLR Chapel** 8p KofC Council Meeting -Rooms 104-106

**NEXT SUNDAY: 3/17** 

**WEDNESDAY: 3/13** 

## 6:30p RISE in Social Hall THURSDAY: 3/14

#### 6a That Man is You! - Social Hall 9a Mass 9:30a Adoration & Exposition – Reservation Chapel 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 9:45a Walking With Purpose 6p KofC Buffet Prep in Kitchen 6:30p ReachMore Group - 103 7p Adult Choir Rehearsal 7p Contemporary Folk Group Rehearsal 7p Men's Retreat Meeting - 104-105 8p Choir St. Patrick's Day Party

#### **FRIDAY: 3/15** 9a Mass 9:30a Rosary Group in OLR Chapel 11:30a KofC Lenten Buffet Lunch - Carryout Only 1p Prayer Shawl Ministry - 102 4:30p KofC Lenten Buffet Dinner in Ministry Center 7p Stations of the Cross -Church

Social Hall

#### 7:30a That Man is You! 9a 1st Eucharist Retreat for 2nd Grade CREED 4p Children's Choir Warmup in **OLR Chapel** 5p Children's Mass 6p Children's Choir Movie Night бр RISE Lock-in

SATURDAY: 3/16

8:15a Rosary in Church 9a Mass 9a RCIA - Social Hall 10:30a Mysteries of the Rosary Room 103 11a Mass 12p Eucharistic Exposition in OLR Chapel 1:30p AC Instrument Rehearsal for Easter 5p Confirmation 6:30p 5th Grade CREED in 102-106 & Social Hall 6:30p IGNITE - Reconciliation 6:30p RISE in Church

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10				
9:00 am	Marianne Vargo			
11:00 am	Mike Gordon			
MONDAY, MARCH 11				
9:00 am	Arthur Hertlein			
TUESDAY, MARCH 12				
9:00 am	Jay Beatley			
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13				
9:00 am	David Yost			
THURSDAY, MARCH 14				
9:00 am	Jerrye Chesnes			
FRIDAY, MARCH 15				
9:00 am	Luciano & Ginevra Frissora			
SATURDAY, MARCH 16				
5:00 pm	Pando & Lenor Temelkovitch			
SUNDAY, MARCH 17				
9:00 am	PARISH			
11:00 am	James Pallone			



#### COME PRAY LISTEN

If you want to be relieved of your burdens and infirmities, Keep your eyes on the slain consumed Lamb - Saint Catherine of Siena

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Check out these upcoming events here at COTR!



## **CABRINI- MOVIE AND REFRESHMENTS**

#### March 12th at Noon

All members of the parish are invited to join Young at Heart to watch the new movie, Cabrini followed by refreshments hosted by a YAH member. The film details the life of famous Catholic missionary and future saint, Francesca



Cabrini, portrayed by Cristiana Dell'Anna. After witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children. Cost will be \$6.50 for the movie. Please sign up through the QR code or parish website under the "News" section.

## YOUNG AT HEART

### Monthly Luncheon-March 20th

Join for the next monthly luncheon on March 20th at Noon in the Social Hall. Food assignments: A-D: Salad, E-K: Bread OR Dessert, L-P: Vegetable, and Q-Z: Main Dish.



## **YAH Rosary**

YAH Rosary via Zoom each Thursday, 11 am. Contact Tom Kolda to join in or inquire at tkolda@gmail.com or by phone at 614–899–9993. Those with a smart phone can join by calling in.

## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

#### March 11 in OLR Chapel-7pm

Join the COTR Women's Group on March 11 in the OLR Chapel to hear our guest speakers from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. The Sisters will share reflections on how to help us participate more fully in Lent and put focus on Christ in the Eucharist. Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist serve communities across the US and in Rome. Locally they serve St. Michael School in Worthington. All women of the parish are welcome, especially our young parishioners who may be discerning entering the sisterhood. For more information about the order, you can find them at https://www.sistersofmary.org/ or scan the QR code.

## **CHRIST AND PINTS**

#### March 19th– Following the 7pm Mass in the Social Hall

Come and join for faith and fellowship for our next Christ and Pints event. We only have a few more left until summer. We hope to see you there!

# CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION MEN'S RETREAT—COME TO THE TABLE

#### 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!



## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP**

Ministry Spotlight



## The Music Ministry- 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!

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: twyattecotrna.org



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry as we knit or crochet, every Friday at 1:00 in the Ministry Center. A few of the things we make are prayer shawls, hats, blankets, and more! 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.



"Courage" is a program offering spiritual support for Catholic men/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 these programs, endorsed/facilitated by the Diocese of Columbus, is available at (614) 451-4290, or on the Courage International website: http://couragerc.org.



## **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. Trainings are held following the 9:00 Mass on Sundays. 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 joining, contact Vickie Lybarger at vlybarger@insight.rr.com or Rita Alexander at ritaalexander47@yahoo.com.

## YOUTH FAITH LIFE

Youth Programs and Opportunities | Kid's Pages

## 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 second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Get connected by joining the group through ParishStaq today!

## **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.

## 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.

## RISE (6-8th Grade)

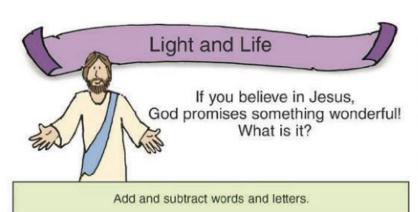
RISE is our weekly faith formation program for middle school students. Fostering the faith of young adolescents involves helping them to make connections between the Catholic faith and everyday life. Registration for RISE is on-going via the parish website.

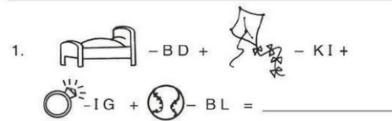
## Confirmation (9th)

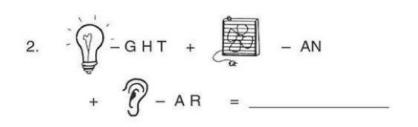
This is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives you an increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation. Confirmation classes for this year have already started so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

## 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!

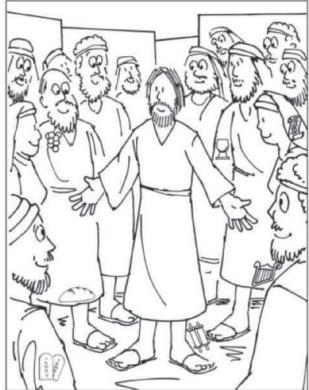






#### God sent Jesus to the world.





## YOUTH FAITH LIFE

Easter Family Fun



## LITURGICAL LIVING

Connecting to the Faith Throughout Your Week

## LIVING LITURGICALLY IN LENT

Excerpts by Bridget McCartney Nohara-National Catholic Registry

"As Catholics, we are well acquainted with the notion of "giving something up" for Lent. This idea of penance is rich in Tradition and is certainly a valuable practice.

However, by focusing too much on what we are giving up, Lent can start to feel a little less like a spiritual season of growth. This year, in addition to giving something up, look for ways to live Lent as you go about your day... Here are four ideas I've curated from my own trial and error."

## Make it Tangible | Sacramentalize | Go Into the Desert | Befriend a Saint

Check out the first two below and come back next week for the rest!

#### **MAKE IT TANGIBLE**

"I love decorating my home. A vase of flowers on the bathroom sink, a piece of art hung in a corner — I try to make even the smallest parts of my home feel intimate.

During Lent, however, I intentionally remove some (but not all) of these details. Throughout the year, I almost always have fresh flowers in my home. This is one of my simplest yet greatest joys. However, during Lent, I remove them. If anything, I will put simple greens or dried stems in a vase.

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S** READINGS

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

#### MARCH 17TH- FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31–34

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-Psalm

2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33 Gospel

This is a tangible, daily reminder of the suffering of Christ; that this is not a season of verdant fields, but, rather, of sorrow and death. By seeing empty vases or dried stems, I am nudged to consecrate that present moment and unite myself with the suffering Christ. It may not be flowers for you, but as you live Lent this season, look around your home and reflect on how you may incorporate a reminder of the Passion into your space."

#### **SACRAMENTALIZE**

"When is it not a good idea for us to frequent the sacraments? But if ever there was an excellent time, I think it's Lent.

The sacrament of reconciliation is particularly powerful for me during Lent. In reconciliation, we experience our own sort of death and resurrection: death by our sin; resurrection through the mercy of Jesus. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church so aptly puts it, "In this sacrament, the sinner, placing himself before the merciful judgment of God, anticipates in a certain way the judgment to which he will be subjected at the end of his earthly life" (1470).

It is the moment when Jesus speaks to us from the cross, "Father, forgive them." Whether or not you've been in the habit of going, look for a time this Lent to receive this great gift from God, and allow it to draw you right to the foot of the cross.

Many parishes provide additional penance services during this season. Grab a bulletin after Mass, or check your parish website. The graces received will provide welcome assistance in your Lenten efforts."





#### Where are You?

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal

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



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## LITURGICAL LIVING

Fish Fry | Nursing Home Visit



February 16 & 23 March 1, 8, 15 & 22

## LUNCH

11am to 1:30pm Drive-thru & carry-out:

3-piece fish, fries, coleslaw OR Veggie Lo Mein | \$14

## DINNER

4:30pm to 7:00pm Dine-in & carry-out:

Adult dine-in | \$16 Senior dine-in | \$14 Kids (4-10) dine-in | \$10

Drive-thru:

3-piece fish, fries, coleslaw OR Veggie Lo Mein | \$14 For more information, to pre-order drive-thru meals and to view the full menu use the QR code or visit: www.cotrna.org

RESURRECTION
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New Albany, OH 43054





## **NURSING HOME VISIT – SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

The Social Concerns Ministry, in conjunction with the Homebound Ministry, is inviting Church of the Resurrection members, families, and friends to join them in a visit to residents currently living at New Albany Gardens. The idea is to simply spend some time with residents, both Catholic and non-Catholic, brightening their day with some companionship and conversation. Living in a nursing home can feel isolating, despite its apparent social set-up. Members of our Homebound Ministry consistently report that the residents appreciate having a visitor almost as much as getting an opportunity to receive Holy Eucharist. For this visit, we will <u>not</u> be bringing the Eucharist – just ourselves, to provide the residents with an unexpected chance to meet and socialize with a new friend.

We will meet at New Albany Gardens at 12:30 PM on Saturday, March 16, and go individually or in groups of 2 to visit with residents in their rooms or in the common areas of the facility. There is no structured format. Just a chance to give the residents an unexpected lift, and for you to nourish yourselves with the joy of performing a beautiful work of mercy as a part of your Lenten journey.

To sign-up or for more information, contact Dale Vitale at <u>daletvitale@gmail.com</u> or call/text at (614) 290-4402, or sign-up at the table in the Gathering Space after Mass March 9/10th or through the QR code.

New Albany Gardens 5691 Thompson Road Columbus, OH 43230

## 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, <a href="https://www.cotrna.org">www.cotrna.org</a>, or use the QR code to get started:

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

Actual Budget Variance

January Offertory \$184,098 \$177,720 +\$6,378

YTD Offertory \$1,364,353 \$1,386,902 -\$22,549

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LITURGICAL	Sat., March 16th 5:00pm	Sunday, Mar. 17th 9:00am	Sunday, Mar. 17th 11:00am
1st Lector	Children's Mass	Francie Orthmeyer	Peggy O'Donovan
2nd Lector	Children's Mass	Mike Smith	Jason Petry
SERVERS	Vincenzo DiGiovanni Nethara Mahadanaarachchi Nevan Mahadanaarachchi	Luke Baldwin Caitlyn Vargo	Patrick Bowes Colby DeShetler Madison Malinowski
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Marg Barber Christine Barker Don DeWitt Margaret DeWitt Jennifer DiGiovanni Jules Rubadue Edward Teiga	Samuel Abbott Rita Alexander Mary Delaney Mary Eckenrode Diane Fleming Dale Vitale Jackie Yingling	Nick Hoffman Bill Holehouse Lisa Horn Mike Kelley Karen Kelley–Salliotte Janet Kenney Jeff Kenney
LEAD USHER	OPEN	Suzie Bates	Christopher Sarka
USHERS	Sharon Drum Anne Jackson James Knapp Tom Kneeland OPEN OPEN	Mark Arnold George Butzer Tom Eckenrode Brian Franz Greg Franz OPEN	Pat Heinzman Mario Macioce Jack Petrick OPEN OPEN OPEN
DEAF MINISTRY		Kathy Hodges	

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK & HOMEBOUND:						
Sunday, March 17th						
Avalon	N.A. Care	Otterbein				
Bill Pederson Yvette Pederson	Bob Genton Lorraine Rothrauff	Patricia Hoffman				
Our Home NA	Smith's Mill	Wesley Woods				
Lisa Kraus Matt Kraus	Donna Folberth David Jorgensen Katie Washington Mary Brosseau	Michelle Adams Scott Adams Anne Marie Thomas Lia McComas				
ALTAR LINENS- Linen box on bench outside church office						
Pick up/return between March 11-13						
	Barb Glonek					
Pick up/return between March 18-20						
	Donna Kade					
Pick up/return between March 25-27						
	Patti Kenehan					

## STEWARDSHIP

Seminarian Collection | Care for Creation | New Albany Food Pantry

## SEMINARIAN COLLECTION—GOOD AND GROWING NEED

The Office of Vocations has a *good and growing need* by virtue of **16 additional** young men interested in the priesthood. A contribution from you today will support this immediate need of funding future priests throughout our Diocese of Columbus.

For more details, scan the QR code or check out the link under "News"

on our parish website.

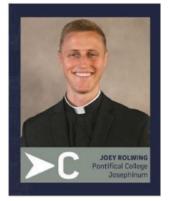
Learn more about our own seminarians and all current seminarians through the second QR code.

Donation QR Code

Current Seminarians









So far our parish has collected \$13,036.98 for the seminarian collection! If you have not already given, please consider doing so.

## **CREATION CARE CORNER**

#### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION: Lent—Considering Carbon Fasting

Fasting in ways that reduce earth warming carbon emissions is a contemporary Christian way to celebrate Lent. Weather patterns are already changing. We are approaching tipping points that could cause severe ecological disruption creating misery for the poor and future generations. "Lent should be a time for prayer and fasting to stop climate change. It is an act of penance for what we in the rich world have done, and it is a prayer for help in avoiding catastrophe."

Stop eating or reduce meat consumption, especially beef, during Lent. Beef consumption produces huge amounts of greenhouse gases and contributes to deforestation. Reduce and consolidate your auto trips and use public transportation where possible. Reduce heating and air conditioning usage. "If every Catholic in the country spent Lent in this way, it would have an effect and would be a prophetic witness to the rest of the world." Attribution: Fr. Thomas Reese, EarthBeat, National Catholic Reporter - 2/14/24

"This must be our attitude toward creation: safeguarding it." - Pope Francis

## NEW ALBANY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The New Albany Food Pantry, as with all food pantries at this time, is in crisis because of increased need. Our client base has grown substantially. With that said, we are asking you to help our neighbors to get through these trying times. We will be collecting the following items on the weekend of March 16th and 17th. Your generosity is appreciated and as always, this does not impact our commitment to the St. James the Less collections.



#### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

## OATMEAL | POTATOES (CANNED OR INSTANT) PASTA (NOT SPAGHETTI OR MAC & CHEESE) | SALAD DRESSING

"Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love" Mother Teresa



# Blood Drive Church of the Resurrection

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call Lynn Malone at (614) 579-3934, email Imalone9235@yahoo.com or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: ChurchResur.

If you last donated on or before January 30, you may be eligible to give.



Give blood 3/25 to 4/7 for an exclusive GODZILLA x KONG: THE NEW EMPIRE and Red Cross shirt ltd qty!

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## PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Intercessory Prayer | Contemplative Moment | Gospel Meditation | Confirmation

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

Let us pray... for all who are in the armed forces 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: <a href="https://cotrna.org/intercessory-prayer">https://cotrna.org/intercessory-prayer</a>. For more information on the prayer chain, contact: Valerie Coolidge, Prayer Chain Coordinator, by email at: valerie@rocksidewinery.com.

Prayers for seriously ill or recovering from illness or surgery:

## **DECEMBER**

Vijay Gaddam

#### **JANUARY**

Christina Neal, Claudia Johnson, Matilda Babirye, Mateo Garcia, Marty Laubentha, Joseph Allgeier, Teresa Gregory, Sarah Mollard

#### **FEBRUARY**

Teresa Gregory, Jim Noe, Eli Davison, Arlene Cuccullelli, Kerri Mollard Prayers for those currently serving in the armed forces:

#### U.S. ARMY

2LT Roy Wood, III, Maj. Cody Kehres

U.S. ARMY RESERVE

U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

U.S. ARMY NURSE CORPS

**U.S. AIR FORCE** 

**U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD** 

**U.S. NAVY** 

**U.S. MARINE CORPS** 

#### PRAYER FOR THOSE IN ARMED FORCES

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace,

as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength.

May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing.

Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever.

## **CONTEMPLATIVE MOMENT**

#### Month of Saint Joseph

"Saint Joseph, our father and lord, is a teacher of the interior life. Place yourself under his patronage and you'll feel the effectiveness of his power." - St. Josemaria Escriva

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

March 10, 2024-4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to having what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir

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## PRACTICING CATHOLIC- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### The Uncomfortable Life in The Light By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call "forgiving light." But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals. But it feels so much better, doesn't it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

"Is this really me?" you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

"And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil." — John 3:19



## **EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF MONTSERRAT, SPAIN-1657**

"In 1657, the Most Reverend Father Don Bernardo de Ontevieros, General of the Benedictine order in Spain, and Abbot Don Millán de Mirando, arrived at the Monastery of Our Lady of Montserrat in order to participate in some conferences. During one of the conferences, a woman and her young daughter showed up and the daughter began to beg the Abbot Millán de Mirando to celebrate three Masses in memory of her deceased father, whole-heartedly convinced that with these Masses the soul of her father would be freed from the pains of purgatory. The good abbot, moved to tears by the girl, began to celebrate the first Mass of suffering the next day, and the girl, who was present with her mother, confirmed seeing her father kneeling, surrounded by frightening flames at the step of the main altar during the consecration. The priest and General, dubious, asked the girl to put a tissue close to the flames that surrounded her father in order to verify her story. Following their request, the girl put the tissue into the fire, which only she could see, and the tissue began to burn with a lively flame. During the second Mass the girl confirmed having seen her father dressed in a vibrantly colored suit standing next to the deacon. At the third Mass, the father appeared to his daughter dressed in a snow-white suit. As soon as the Mass ended the girl exclaimed, "There is my father going away and rising into the sky!" The girl then thanked the community of monks on behalf of her father as he had asked her to do. The Most Reverend General of the Benedictine order in Spain, the Bishop of Astorga, and numerous citizens of the town were present."

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



## PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Thoughts on the Journey

# Thoughts on the Journey

4th Sunday of Lent, March 10th, 2024 John 3:14-21 Suanne Gettings

before speaking a word, tears began to well up in the corner to Moses lifting up the serpent in the desert. of her eyes. After a few moments of silence, I addressed her, "Anne, I'm so glad you're here. Why don't you take a deep breath, we'll say a prayer together, then you can tell me what's the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifton your mind."

When she began to speak, she said, "I'm not sure what to do." That comment of quandary was followed by a litany of events that led her to see me. She continued, "The past couple of Moses and the Hebrew people, in search of the Promised Land, correct the chronic pain; due to the economy, my agency folded. I couldn't find a job and we lost our home in bankruptcy; we then had to move in with our divorced son and his two grade school children, one of which has autism." She then paused to choke back her tears and, in a pitch of pain said, "Suanne, we lost everything! But, I'm OK with that - they were just things. We're blessed because Tom and I love each other. We have our faith and our family. We have it a lot better than some people." She continued, "What I'm struggling with is this: It has always been my dream to go back to school for my degree, but now I feel like my husband, my son, and grandchilsearching my eyes for an answer. Then I asked her, "What do to her - her FAITH and her desire to do the will of God.

A number of years ago, I co-facilitated a woman's retreat in In this week's gospel, Nicodemus, a wealthy Pharisee and mem-Lancaster. As part of the weekend itinerary, there were peri- ber of the Jewish Sanhedrin, is restless and searching for anods of time scheduled so that women had an opportunity to swers, wanting to fill a void, looking for spiritual food to end have private support sessions. Sitting in a room waiting for my the pangs of a deeper hunger, and perhaps searching for an first appointment to arrive, I prayed to the Holy Spirit to come understanding of how this Jesus, who performs signs and wonto the aide of the person for whom I was waiting and for her ders, is connected to his God. Nicodemus goes to Jesus in the intentions. Anne, a woman in her late fifties, came through the dark of night. In an effort to help Nicodemus understand the door. She smiled, gave me a hug, and then sat in the chair connection between himself and the God of Abraham, Jesus adjacent to me. It was evident that Anne was anxious and, appeals to his knowledge of the Hebrew Testament and refers

> "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in ed up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

years have been very rough. My husband's health has not been were frustrated, tired, and losing trust. To make matters worse, good since his heart attack and he's unable to work; several they were being bitten by scorpions. To keep them from dying years ago I broke my arm and had to have two surgeries to God ordered Moses to mount a serpent on a pole to protect the Israelites from dying. Anyone who looked at the serpent was spared death.

> The serpent became a reminder that God is merciful and always looking out for them in their trials. That brass serpent was also a foreshadowing of God's only begotten Son soon to be mounted on the cross of crucifixion and lifted to save all of God's believers for all of time. Jesus assures Nicodemus that, in order to know light, peace, and life everlasting that he must believe that he, Jesus, is the Messiah.

How often does life get in the way of our dreams? Haven't we dren need me more than ever. If I follow my dream, I will be all experienced the venom of hardship that nips at our heals, too busy to care for them. If I put my education on hold, I will testing our spirits and dimming our trust in God? Whether our lose the dream." We sat quietly and I could tell she was dreams are dashed, we are in a spiritual desert, feeling incomplete, or lost and alone, our merciful Father has given us his you think God is calling you to at this time of your life?" Her Son with which to fix our gaze. Once mounted on the cross, face softened. She then looked at me with resolve and said, "I this Savior of the world has shown us by his example how to know in my heart that God is calling me to serve my family." At overcome the darkness of the human condition. As St. Joan of that moment, I realized how wrong she was. She didn't lose Arc said as she was burning at the stake, "Hold the cross high everything. Through the losses and disappointments, Anne so I can see it through the flames." Each day we have to seek managed to hold on to the most treasured of all that belonged the will of God in our lives and overcome restlessness through reliance on Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit who is our advocate.

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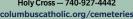
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