



LENT

"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
2 COR 6:2

February 25, 2024 • Second Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 7:00 & 11:45 AM
Saturday 7:00 AM, Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon
Holy Days of Obligation Vigil 6:30 PM,
7:00 & 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 6:30 PM

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CONFESSIONS Monday-Friday, 12:15 PM until all are heard
Saturday: 4:00 PM • Sunday: One half-hour before each Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Congratulations on your decision to immerse your child (or yourself) in the saving waters of Baptism, for the washing away of original sin, entry into Christ's Body, the Church, and to share in the divine life of the Trinity through sanctifying grace! We ask that all first-time parents attend a baptism class. Please contact the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Congratulations on your engagement and your decision to make a lifelong commitment to each other in the vocation of marriage! Please review our marriage guidelines, found on our website, before contacting the parish office to begin your marriage preparation.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS ON FIRST SATURDAYS Eucharistic Adoration with Rosary and prayers in honor of Our Lady of Fatima begin after the 7:00 AM Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Exposition & Benediction every Friday 12:15 - 1:15 PM
Third Friday 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM — *Respect for all human life*
Fourth Friday 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM — *Vocations*

ANGELIC WARFARE CONFRATERNITY This is a supernatural fellowship of men and women bound to one another in love and dedicated to pursuing and promoting chastity together under the powerful patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Bl. Virgin Mary. The Confraternity is an official apostolate of the Dominican Order. Enrollment is offered quarterly at Saint Patrick Church. For more information, visit www.angelicwarfareconfraternity.org

DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT MARGARET OF CASTELLO, O.P.

Veneration of the relic of St. Margaret's incorrupt heart at Wednesday Masses.
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St. Patrick Parish
Day of Eucharistic Adoration
for the Season of Lent

*participating in the Diocese of Columbus'
"40 Days of Adoration Campaign"*

Friday, March 1st to Saturday, March 2nd

Sign up to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord:

<https://bit.ly/495BmFF>

(30-minute and 60-minute time slots available)

Adoration begins on Friday at 7:30 p.m. after the
Stations of the Cross, concluding with
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please email
Fr. Paul Marich, O.P.
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or call him at (614) 240-5917



Use this QR code to sign up!

Special appeal this weekend for Diocese of Columbus seminarians: Susan Livingston retiring at the end of April

Dear friends,

The two main aspects of Bishop Fernandes' vision for our diocese are Evangelization and Vocations. He has encouraged us to pray and work for these priorities. **We are blessed by God to have a much larger than usual entering class of seminarians: 16 young men entering this year.** To put this in perspective, there were only 18 seminarians in total when Bishop Fernandes came to the diocese in Spring 2022.

This blessing also brings some practical costs, though. The Diocese had not budgeted for this many seminarians entering in a single year. So, even though this is a particularly good problem to have, we are asking you to help with their formation expenses in a special appeal this weekend.

In today's Gospel, the Lord took Peter, James, and John "up a high mountain apart by themselves." It was during this experience that the disciples were brought into deeper intimacy with Christ, heard the Father speaking to them from heaven, and were prepared for their struggles ahead, especially the passion and death of Christ before his glorious resurrection. In a similar way, the seminary is meant to be a breaking from the world for a time, so that the seminarian can be immersed in the life and mind of Jesus Christ, to grow more sharply attuned to the voice of God in his life, and to be strengthened for the mission he will receive at his ordination to the priesthood. We as a Church provide the resources necessary to allow a man to step away from the world for a time to study for the priesthood without overburdening his family financially as a result, especially since each seminarian is being formed not for his own sake but for the life and health of the Church.

We presently have four men from St. Patrick parish in formation for the priesthood for the Diocese of Columbus: Rev. Mr. Tyler Carter and Rev. Mr. Michael Haemmerle (who will be ordained to the priesthood this May), Shane Gerrity, and Shawn Caslow.

Shawn Caslow, a seminarian who converted to Catholicism as an undergraduate student at OSU, and who considers St. Patrick his home parish, will be speaking at the beginning of each Mass this weekend to share about his vocation story and ask for your prayerful and financial support. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide to these young men who are discerning

and following a call to serve our diocese as priests after the heart of Jesus Christ.

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As you may have noticed in last weekend's bulletin, **Susan Livingston, after 42 years of generous, dedicated, and talented service in our parish office at St. Patrick, has decided to retire at the end of April.** When I asked her—in order to draft a job description for her successor—to kindly make a list of all that she does at St. Patrick, the list went on for pages. Much of what she does is behind the scenes and largely unnoticed, yet this is the work that keeps our parish vibrant and responsive to our many parishioners and responsibilities. She will be greatly missed by me as pastor and by our other friars and staff, but I wish her and her family every blessing as she looks forward to a well-deserved retirement to focus on her family and the many bucket list items that are difficult to impossible to do while managing the office of a very active parish. Feel free to stop by the parish office to wish her well and thank her!

Peace,

Fr. Stephen, O.P.

**Special Collection for the Diocesan Seminarian Fund
THIS WEEKEND
Deacon Shawn Caslow will speak before all Masses.**



It costs **\$55,000** per year to educate and form a seminarian.



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

The Diocese of Columbus 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 to fund future priests throughout our Diocese.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Sundays at: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, February 24

5:00 p.m. +Walter Shea

SUNDAY, February 25 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection: Diocesan Seminarian Fund

7:00 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors
9:00 a.m. Sisters and staff of John Paul II Preschool
10:30 a.m. +Gordon and Joanne Howard
12:00 p.m. Mary Sue Dempsey, *Ad Orientem*

MONDAY, February 26 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Mary Jo Shoemaker
11:45 a.m. dec. parents, benefactors, familiars,
Brothers and Sisters of Order of Preachers
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

TUESDAY, February 27 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +John P. Mullin
11:45 a.m. +James F. Farrell
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

WEDNESDAY, February 28 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Madeline Peters
11:45 a.m. liv./dec. of the Chellis-Keough family
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

THURSDAY, February 29 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Gigi Sauzek
11:45 a.m. liv./dec. of the Adamo family
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

FIRST FRIDAY, March 1 – Lenten Weekday

Lenten Day of Abstinence

7:00 a.m. +Marsha Duffey
11:45 a.m. +Elizabeth Ryan
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*
7:00 p.m. *Lenten Stations of the Cross*
7:30 p.m. *Begin Adoration for 40 Days of Adoration*

FIRST SATURDAY, March 2 – Lenten Weekday

6:30 a.m. *Confessions*
7:00 a.m. +Bettie White
Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Fatima
4:30 p.m. *Closing Benediction for 40 Days of Adoration*
5:00 p.m. +Melanie McCabe

SUNDAY, March 3 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors
9:00 a.m. Tom and Marie Neff 40th Wedding Anniversary
10:30 a.m. +Walter Shea
12:00 p.m. James Szarko, *Ad Orientem*
RCIA First Scrutiny (Creed)



ADULT CATECHISM

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
7:00 p.m. in Aquinas Hall

Please Join Fr. Paul Marich, O.P. for a
timely discussion on the topic of:

*“The People of God and the Headship of Christ:
A Thomistic Understanding of the Church and
Non-Christian Religions”*

ST. PATRICK PARISH SCHEDULE

Diocesan "40 DAYS OF ADORATION" participation.
March 1-2, 2024

Beginning after Stations of the Cross Friday, March 1, and continuing until 4:30 p.m. on March 2, St. Patrick's offers Adoration for the diocesan 40 Days of Adoration campaign. This is an excellent way to take a mini retreat from all the busyness of your daily life and soak in the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Eucharist. As you will see elsewhere in this bulletin, every day of Lent at least one parish in the Diocese will be offering Eucharistic Adoration, so you may also find a good place for Eucharistic Adoration close to where you live or work. We can ask the Lord to make our time in His presence a mountaintop experience of his love and glory, just as he revealed his love and glory to Peter, James, and John at his transfiguration on Mount Tabor.

Friday, March 1st

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with a Rosary for the Needs of St. Patrick Parish. (Church doors will be open until 11:00 p.m. after which a code will be necessary to gain entrance to the facility. Please contact the office for the access code)

Saturday, March 2nd

5:00 a.m. Church doors open for continuing Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at **6:55 a.m.** for the morning Mass

7:00 a.m. – Mass followed by First Saturday Fatima Devotions. 40 Days' Eucharistic Adoration continues

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

4:30 p.m. – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closes the *40 Days of Adoration* at St. Patrick

5:00 p.m. – Saturday Vigil Mass



Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in parish library

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Dates to Remember

Sunday, February 25

10:15 a.m. CCD

Monday, February 26

6:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls (PH, AH, 2nd fl.)
7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 p.m. CGS (DePorres)
7:00 p.m. Adult Catechism (Aquinas)
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (PH, Lib., CH)

Wednesday, February 28

9:30 a.m. FIAT90 Book Club (Kolbe)
6:30 p.m. Little Margaret Charity (Billiard-A)
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Aquinas)
7:30 p.m. Choir
7:30 p.m. Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)
7:30 p.m. Catholic in Recovery (Library, dePorres)

Thursday, February 29

9:30 a.m. Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)
7:00 p.m. Evangelical Training (Aquinas)

Friday, March 1

9:00 a.m. CGS
12:15 p.m. Catholic Men's Luncheon (Patrick)
5:00 p.m. K of C Lenten Fish Fry (Patrick)

Saturday, March 2

7:30 a.m. FIAT90 Book Club (Library)
7:30 a.m. That Man is You (Aquinas)
8:30 a.m. LFSD (Billiard-A)
9:00 a.m. Dioc. Marriage Formation Retreat (Patrick)
9:30 a.m. Chorus Angelorum (Church)
6:30 p.m. CYO Basketball Banquet (Patrick)

Sunday, March 3

1st Sunday Social in Patrick Hall after all Sunday Masses

10:15 a.m. CCD
1:30 p.m. Newcomers' Tour with Fr. Stephen
All are asked to meet in Patrick Hall after noon Mass.

PARISH LENTEN LITURGICAL PRACTICES

At Masses with music (5pm, 9am, 10:30am, and Noon), Mass will begin with the proper Entrance Antiphon and verses, rather than a hymn. The lector will announce the page number for these antiphons before Mass begins. At Masses with music, we will chant the "Our Father" in Latin (*Pater Noster*). Cards with the text and chant notation will be provided in the pews. There will be no recessional hymn; the priest and altar boys will depart the sanctuary in silence.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY – March 24

The Solemn Entrance begins in the back of the church preceding the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, the 9:00 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. Masses; the procession begins in Patrick Hall preceding the noon Mass.

Masses: Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week **March 25, 26, 27**

Masses: 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Confessions: 12:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: 12:15-7:00 p.m.

Solemn Vespers; Benediction (Incense): 7:00 p.m.

Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Monday Intention: *Peace in the world and the safety of our men and women in the Armed Forces and especially the sons and daughters of St. Patrick Parish.*

Tuesday Intention: *Compassion, respect, and appreciation of the dignity of all human life.*

Wednesday Intention: *Vocations to Christian Life; Single, Married, Religious and Clergy.*

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Incense): 7:00 p.m.
Procession to the Repository in Patrick Hall at the conclusion of Mass.

Confessions will be heard after the procession.

Eucharistic Adoration in Patrick Hall until Midnight

Sermo Dominicus: 11:30 p.m.

Compline: 11:50 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY – March 29

Day of Fast and Abstinence

The Seven Last Words of Christ: 12 noon-3:00 p.m.

Confessions: 12 noon-2:45 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.

Tenebrae: 7:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY – March 30

No Confessions today.

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Incense): 9:00 p.m.

Reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist for those persons entering the Catholic Church.

EASTER SUNDAY

The Resurrection of the Lord, March 31

No Confessions today.

Masses at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Incense) and 12 Noon (Incense)

A Brief Examination of Conscience

Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- All Fridays at 12:15 p.m.
- 3rd Fridays from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- 4th Fridays from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- *40 Days of Adoration* Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. continuing through Saturday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk, or cheese.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of Fast and Abstinence (ages 18-59).

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 P.M.



The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. There are fourteen stations, each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary through sacred art, prayer, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced Jesus' path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church throughout the world.

CONFESSIONS

- Monday-Friday: 12:15 p.m.
- Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

A CATECHISM, A LECTURE, AND A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This Lent and Eastertide, deepen your understanding of our wonderful Catholic Faith with these opportunities:

Tuesday, February 27 – 7:00 p.m.

Continuing our tradition of Adult Catechism

Speaker: Fr. Paul Marich, O.P. presents:

"The People of God and the Headship of Christ: A Thomistic Understanding of the Church and Non-Christian Religions."

Tuesday, March 12 – 7:00 p.m.

Introducing a new tradition at St. Patrick's

"The Inaugural Aquinas Lecture"

Speaker: Fr. Reginald Lynch, O.P.

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Presenting a very unique opportunity!

EUCCHARIST:
SIGN AND SACRAMENT

Godsplaining Day of Recollection

hosted by Fr. Gregory Pine &
Fr. Bonaventure Chapman

St. Patrick Church

Columbus, Ohio

April 6th, 2024

GODSPAINING.ORG

Please register at: <https://godsplaining.org/events-2/>

THE DOMINICAN FRIARS INVITE YOU TO A

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FOR THE FEAST OF

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH AT 11:00 A.M.
ST. PATRICK CHURCH — DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

LATIN-ENGLISH PROGRAMS PROVIDED



CHANT AND POLYPHONY SUNG BY THE CHOIR OF ST. PATRICK'S

Painting: St. Thomas Aquinas Listening to the Holy Spirit, Andrea di Bartolo (1368–1428)

Parish Feast Mass and Celebration in honor of the Solemnity of St. Patrick, Friday, March 15, 2024*

All parishioners, family, and friends are invited to our celebration in honor of St. Patrick to ask the intercession of our heavenly patron for blessings on our parish and the blessing of peace in Ireland and throughout the world.

Please join us at 6:30 p.m. for a special Mass in honor of our Patron, St. Patrick, followed by a solemn torch-lit procession to the Litany of Irish Saints accompanied by Pipes and Drums (weather permitting).

Stay afterward for our Irish Celebration with Pastries, Soda Bread, Tea, Punch, and Traditional Irish Music!

Irish dancers in the parish are invited to perform at the celebration in costume.

Plenary Indulgence: One can obtain a plenary indulgence by a visit to a parish church on the feast of its patron. The conditions for receiving the indulgence are that during the visit, one must offer prayers for the pope (the Creed and the Hail Mary) and within 15 days make a Sacramental Confession and receive Holy Communion.

**Please note: Friday, March 15th is a day of abstinence.*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER CHURCH CLEANING

March 23, 2024

We provide cleaning products, and you bring a bucket, rags, or other favorite cleaning tools. Invite your family and friends to help, too!

*For questions or to sign up, contact
joetesta9@icloud.com.*

ROOMMATE WANTED - AGE 65+

St. Patrick parishioner (female) is looking for a female practicing Catholic to join her in renting a beautiful, newly constructed, private apartment on Darby Creek in Plain City. The apartment has gorgeous views from the good-sized front porch across a tree-lined creek. Each will have a private bedroom and bathroom, along with a large living room and kitchen. Comes with washer, dryer, and community green space for growing plants, if interested. Water and trash are included in the rent. Electricity separate. *"I work two jobs and I am not home much but do have three beautiful children that would visit. If you are interested in a quiet, prayer-filled home and can manage about \$950 a month in rent, we could be a match."*

Interested? Contact the parish office at 614-240-5910.

An Experience of Hope **Post-abortion Support Group**

There are no words to describe the loss and sorrow for the mothers of aborted babies. Group meetings are a most important place to find understanding and comfort. As we begin to draw strength from understanding, we can then begin to share with one another. This provides hope and encouragement needed for mothers of aborted children to begin to accept the greatest gift of all... God's Mercy. *An Experience of Hope* is a confidential, safe place, providing support, prayer, hope, and reconciliation in the context of spiritual renewal.

Next Dates: February 28 and March 20

Time: 12:30-2:15 p.m.

Location: St. Patrick Parish Library

Bring: Sack lunch, bottle of water, notebook, and pen
Questions? Judy Schlueter, RN, MAPC at (614) 537-6452

*God bless and hold you close to the Heart of Jesus
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

SAVE THE DATES

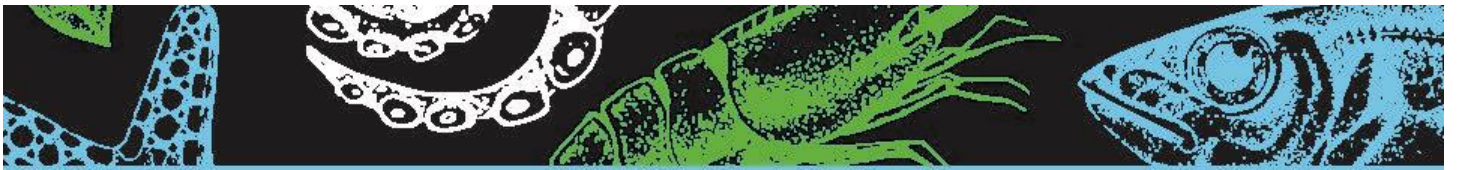
APRIL 27 - C.R.A.S.E. TRAINING

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event

All are encouraged to join us in Aquinas Hall from 12 noon-3:00 p.m. on April 27 for the parish C.R.A.S.E. Training session. You will learn about law enforcement response and civilian (re)action to any type of armed, unlawful event here. To RSVP or ask questions, contact the parish office.

APRIL 27-28: Women's Club Spring Bake Sale

Plan to donate and/or purchase home baked goods for yourself or for your First Communion celebration!



FISH FRIES AT ST. PATRICK

Downtown Columbus | 280 N. Grant Ave.
Park east side of church

FEB. 16 & 23 | MARCH 1, 8 & 22

5 pm to 7 pm (Stations of the Cross 7 pm)

Menu (Dine-in or carryout):

Fried Cod or Baked Fish
Baked Potato or Sweet Potato, or Fries
Mac 'n Cheese
Cole Slaw
Desserts, Beverages Included

Cost (cash or credit/debit card):

Senior (65+): \$8
Adult (13-64): \$10
Children (5-12): \$6
(Includes 1 piece of fish and pancakes if desired)
Family (children 5-18): \$45
Children 4 and under FREE

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Giving Yourself Away: A Lifetime Project #3

How much should we give to parish offertory? This is a question that is asked by many people entering the Roman Catholic Church during the RCIA process. Many are coming from the Protestant tradition in which they belong to small churches owned by the congregation. So, their sense of ownership and responsibility for the church building, bills, and pastoral staff is often stronger than Roman Catholics with (typically) diocesan-owned buildings. Our new members simply want to know how to plan their charitable giving to the church.

What are the expectations? There is a formula that provides guidance, but it is not without problems. First, the formula, then the problem. Reasonably, if you take the # of households in a congregation and divide that into the annual parish budget you might come up with a “fair share” number. For instance, if a parish has 1,000 households and the budget is \$1,000,000 annually (nice round number, here), each household’s “fair share” would be \$1,000/year. Divide that by 52 weeks, it amounts to a weekly contribution of \$19.23 per household. Here is the problem, though. Not all parishioners contribute. So, often the participating number of households defaults to one-third of those households donating about two-thirds of the total parish income, one-third giving a third, and the remaining third of the households donating little to none. That is the problem. In this scenario, if two-thirds of the parish households give the “fair share,” but 1/3 does not contribute anything, the annual income actually declines.

Our parish is dependent on the generosity of those who can, and do, give more than a fair share. We are grateful for their generosity. At the end of the day, it is a freewill offering - tithing is not an expectation. However, given the reality of parish participation, it is worthy of consideration to contribute more at Mass when the Bread of Heaven is offered, than what we spend at the local drive-through!

Sunday Collection 2/18/24

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Weekly Offertory:	\$19,474.10	\$24, 608.00	\$(5,133.90)
Other Income (<i>parish activities, programs</i>):	\$ 1,440.21	\$ 830.00	\$ 610.21
Capital Repair Fund (Pipe Organ)	\$ 281.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 156.00
Total Income:	\$21,195.31	\$25,563.00	\$(4,367.69)
Year to Date Offertory:	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Over/Under</u>
	\$909,412.61	\$851,207.96	\$58,204.65

Your offertory donation supports the day-to-day operations of your parish.

2nd Collections (Diocesan, Dominican, Other)

Little Margaret’s Charity:	\$ 302.84
Propagation of the Faith:	\$ 10.00
J.O.I.N./Ash Wednesday:	\$ 449.11
Black and Indian Missions:	\$1,106.00
Diocesan Seminarian Formation:	\$ 11.00
Total Offerings from 2nd Collections:	\$1,878.95



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CATHOLIC MEN’S LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 – SPEAKER: MICHAEL FRY

Please join us Friday, March 1, in Patrick Hall for a luncheon featuring a talk by Michael Fry entitled, “A Visit with Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.” Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the presentation. Reservations are not necessary. \$12 covers lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

Our next luncheon is Friday, April 5, 2024, and will feature a talk by William Heyer on Sacred Architecture. Mark your calendar!

THE APPEAL

There is still time to support St. Patrick’s by donating to The Appeal. As we have met our targeted goal, all gifts received by March 15, 2024, will be refunded 100%. If you have not yet given, no amount is too small. Can you give \$10 or \$20? There are envelopes in the pews! Thank you!

Gentle Reminder: *Those who have not yet fulfilled their pledges – in order for the parish to receive the 100% rebate, your pledges must be paid by March 15th so that the diocese receives it before this year’s campaign is closed out.*

Questions: Frank Hartge at 614-240-5911.





* Please check Church bulletin for updated times

March 2024

		START	END
4	St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus	8:30 AM	6:45PM
	Sacred Heart, New Philidelphia	7:00 AM	9:00 PM
5	Immaculate Conception, Dennison	8:45 AM	7:15 PM
	St. Mary, Mother of God, Columbus	8:30 AM	6:15 PM
	St. James the Less	12:00 PM	7:00 PM
6	St. Timothy Parish	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
	St. Francis de Sales, Newark	7:00 PM	11:59 PM
7	St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
	St. Francis de Sales, Newark	12:00 AM	7:30 PM
8	Church of the Ascension	8:30 AM	3:00 PM
	Sacred Heart, Coshocton	10:00 AM	3:00 PM
9-10	St. John XXIII	9:00 AM	9:00 PM
11	St. Leo Oratory	7:30 AM	7:00 PM
12	St. Joseph, Circleville	7:30 PM	12:00 PM
	St. James the Less	12:00 PM	7:00 PM
13	Immaculate Conception, Columbus	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
	St. Joseph, Circleville	9:30 AM	2:00 PM
	St. John Neumann	9:00 AM	7:30 PM
14	Our Lady of Peace	9:00 AM	7:00 PM
15	St. Mary, Marion	9: 00 AM	6:00 PM
16	Sse. Peter and Paul, Wellston	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
17	Holy Rosary / St. John the Evangelist	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
18	St. Thomas the Apostle	9:00 AM	8:00 PM
	Christ the King	7:15 AM	8:00 PM
19	St. Joseph, Dover	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
	St. James the Less	12:00 PM	7:00 PM
20	St. Peter, Columbus	9:00 AM	9:00 PM
	St. Peter, Millersburg	9:30 AM	3:30 PM
	St. Joan of Arc	9:00 AM	9:00 PM
21	St. Christopher, Columbus	3:00 PM	9:00 PM
22	St. Bernadette, Lancaster	12:00 AM	12:00 AM
23	Immaculate Conception, Kenton	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
24	St. Patrick, Junction City	12:00 PM	6:00 PM
25	Ss. Augustine and Gabriel	1:00 PM	4:00 PM



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Daughters of Erin Invite all to the Annual Traditional Irish Breakfast from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 3, at Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus, 43212. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$15 per adult and \$10 for children. The menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, mushroom, porridge, scones, and soda bread. The entertainment is Irish music and dancer. The proceeds benefit Daughters of Erin charity efforts and college scholarship.

JOSEPHINUM COME AND SEE WEEKEND March 7-10, 2024

The Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, invites young men to there "Come and See" Live-in Weekend on March 7-10, 2024. This weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-age students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interact with current seminarians, faculty, and staff. The Live-in Weekend includes introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program.

The weekend begins with arrival at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, and concludes with departure at noon on Sunday, March 10. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office, 614-221-5565, or email vocations@columbuscatholic.org.



DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

We are now in the second month of our nine-month Novena leading up to the 2024 Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage. In this phase of our prayer journey, let us continue to seek the intercession of Our Lady through the Most Holy Rosary.

What is the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage?

The second annual Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage is a national pilgrimage celebrating the Rosary at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on September 28, 2024. This full-day event is hosted by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph and our local charters of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary and welcomes Dominican Friars, Dominican Sisters, members of the Rosary Confraternity, and everyone who wants to come!

What is the schedule for the Rosary Pilgrimage?

The Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage will be a day full of conferences on the Rosary preached by the friars, several hours of Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, a recitation of the Rosary and Mass in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on September 28, 2024.

The Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage began (spiritually) with a nine-month novena starting on January 27, 2024. A nine month Novena involves the recitation of the Novena prayer on the last Saturday of each month between January 27, and September 28, 2024. You have the option to join in the Novena at any time after January 27, to pray the Novena prayer more frequently than once per month if you wish, and to pray five decades of the Rosary along with reciting the Novena prayer.

For information and to sign up for updates, visit:
<https://rosarypilgrimage.org/faq/#schedule>

EMMET CAHILL CONCERT

On March 13, St. Matthew the Apostle is excited to welcome Irish Tenor, Emmet Cahill, star of PBS's *Celtic Thunder*, for a concert at our parish! A portion of the proceeds benefits St. Matthew Charitable Works Food Pantry and the SPICE program (Special People in Catholic Education). Tickets are available on Emmet Cahill's website: EmmetCahill.com. All welcome!

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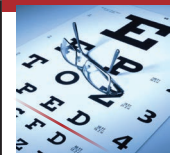
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