



LENT

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

March 3, 2024 • Third 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

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

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please submit bulletin items a minimum of one week in advance of publication to office@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

Let the sounds of God's nature prevail; Godsplaining Day of Recollection this Saturday at St. Patrick

Dear friends,

Once, on the way up a mountain on a backpacking trip, I remember seeing a man in a tie-dye shirt coming down the trail at 10,000 feet of elevation passing by me and commenting, "Isn't this wonderful? I have never felt so cleansed."

On another hike, I once saw the words "Let the sounds of nature prevail" on a sign in the park. When we quiet everything else in a wilderness, we do begin to hear the sounds of nature that are always present there: the rustle of a breeze through leaves; the chirping of birds; the clatter of a grasshopper.

There is nothing wrong with development, streets, and shopping centers, but when we step into a different habitat—an older, wider habitat—we discover what we might never otherwise: a silence, a beauty, a leisurely passing of time, and a certain inner "cleansing."

In the Gospel, the Temple court was the closest most people could get to God's presence in the Holy of Holies; therefore, the marketplace should have kept a respectful distance from it. This is why Jesus cleanses it.

There is nothing wrong with a marketplace: there we exchange, buy, and sell, to obtain what we need to live. But there is also a need, at least at times, to step out of a market economy into an older, wider, more lasting economy: the economy of salvation.

Market economy

Based on self-interest

Contract

Time is money

Efficiency is key

We seek to improve our possessions

Economy of salvation

Based on God's interest and neighbor's interest

Covenant

OK to "waste time"

Patience is key

We empty ourselves without counting the cost

Jesus once met a young man who asked what was necessary for him to inherit eternal life. Jesus first asks him if he has kept the commandments given through Moses. The young man replies that he has. Jesus looks upon him with love and invites the young man to give away what he has gathered to the poor and then to follow him. This invitation—which the young man is not ready to accept—is a great example of the predictable but "closed" market economy vs. the unpredictable but "open" economy of salvation. *To let the sounds of God's*

nature prevail. Like walking in a wilderness area, there is much that cannot be controlled or predicted when we allow God's nature, God's "wild" life to prevail. Yet we can trust that it will be better than any deal we can broker or any reward we can manufacture.

The Ten Commandments are a covenant of God with his people: each commandment curbs the "marketplace economy" of self-interest, lest that economy tempt us to take advantage of God or neighbor for self-interest.

The first commandment in particular forbids idols; the worship of other gods that were often worshipped in a more "market transaction" kind of way. "I do this sacrifice for you; you do this favor for me."

But the high point of the economy of salvation is the cross: to some, a stumbling block, to others, foolishness; a seeming embarrassment; a seeming waste. Yet as St. Paul points out in our second reading: the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom; the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. In the economy of the marketplace, the crucifixion of Jesus is the ultimate "bad deal," but in the economy of salvation it is the very turning point, the wisdom of God's unconditional covenant of love.

This sacrifice of Christ on the cross is made present in the Eucharist.

We receive the Eucharist and we become temples of God's presence; we are cleansed by this supernatural beauty, even more than the "temple of natural beauty" cleanses us, as it did the man in the tie-dye shirt.

How can we allow the sounds of God's nature to prevail? What does this mean for us?

Not only making deals with God, or asking God for help on our own terms, but to love him for himself. Especially after he comes to us in the Eucharist, and dwells in us as in a temple. It is a great moment for contemplative prayer. It is a privileged time to allow ourselves to be shaped by God rather than by trying to shape him in our image.

Therefore, in prayer, in our service of God and neighbor, let the sounds of *supernature* prevail. We will discover the greatest gift of all: the gift of God himself to us, no matter who we are. He gives himself to us simply because he has chosen to focus his infinite love on us, regardless of our ability to give anything to him.

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This is why we are willing to “waste” time with God, quieting for a time the marketplace of our mind. We trust that if we surrender to the invitation of Jesus, who knows us and looks upon us with love, he will lead us along a path that may be steep, but is a path that climbs to beauty, true cleansing, and joy.

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One great way to deepen your reflection on the Eucharist is to attend our Day of Recollection, this Saturday, in Patrick Hall. Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P. and Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P, who help produce the popular *Godsplaining* podcast, will be here to present on “Eucharist: Sign and Sacrament.” This does require registration, which you can complete online here: <https://godsplaining.org/events-2/eucharist-sign-and-sacrament/>

Peace,

Fr. Stephen, O.P.



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).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS at 7:00 P.M.

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.



Altar Boy Dean Retreat with Fr. Paul and Fr. LaCasse
St. Joseph Church, Somerset
Saturday, February 24th

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 15, is a day of abstinence.

Presenting a very unique opportunity!

Join *Godsplaining* Friars, Fr. Gregory Pine and Fr. Bonaventure Chapman, for a Day of Recollection! Register at: <https://godsplaining.org/events-2/eucharist-sign-and-sacrament/>

Godsplaining Day of Recollection

Saturday, April 6, 2024, in Patrick Hall

Eucharist: Sign and Sacrament



EUCCHARIST: SIGN AND SACRAMENT

Godsplaining Day of Recollection

hosted by Fr. Gregory Pine &
Fr. Bonaventure Chapman

St. Patrick Church

Columbus, Ohio
April 6th, 2024

GODSPLAINING.ORG

All are welcome!

Schedule

9:00 a.m. – Welcome | Conference | Break

10:00 a.m. – First Podcast | Break

11:00 a.m. – Adoration and Confession

12:15 p.m. – Mass

1:00 p.m. – Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. – Conference | Break

3:00 p.m. – Second Podcast | End

CONVERSATION FOR CONVERSION: *Godsplaining is a podcast hosted by five Dominican friars of the Province of St. Joseph. In each episode, they help you to deepen your faith, pray with confidence, and tackle today's difficult issues. Taking ideas from the Church's Scriptures and tradition, they bring them to bear on life's most urgent questions. So, tune in, as they converse to convert. The friars of Godsplaining are priests in the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans, a religious order founded in 1216 by St. Dominic to preach the truth of the Gospel for the salvation of souls. For over 800 years, the Dominican friars have sought to form hearts and minds through their preaching and their witness to Christ. On Godsplaining, the friars share the fruits of their prayer and study as contemplative preachers in a contemporary age.*

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, March 2

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)

MONDAY, March 4 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Bill McCarrick 2nd Anniversary
11:45 a.m. dec. parents, benefactors, familiars,
Brothers and Sisters of Order of Preachers
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

TUESDAY, March 5 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. The George Gerdeman family
11:45 a.m. Christopher Schoen
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

WEDNESDAY, March 6 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Gerard J. Tracy
11:45 a.m. Special Intention of the Miller family
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

THURSDAY, March 7 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Doug Kreuger
11:45 a.m. Jeffrey Thomas Wiggins
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*

FRIDAY, March 8 – Lenten Weekday

Lenten Day of Abstinence

7:00 a.m. John Connolly
11:45 a.m. Olga Jimenez
12:15 p.m. *Confessions*
7:00 p.m. *Lenten Stations of the Cross*

SATURDAY, March 9 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Grace Shultz
11:00 a.m. Dominican Rite Mass
for the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas.
Intention: dec. mem. of Aquinas High School
5:00 p.m. +Michael O'Keefe, Sr.

SUNDAY, March 10 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection: Catholic Relief Services

7:00 a.m. +Leo Benson
9:00 a.m. Maria Bussey
10:30 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors
12:00 p.m. Special Intention (KM), *Ad Orientem*
2nd Scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil
3:30 p.m. *Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Holy Hour*



Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Parish Library

Contact: Jon Weaver at 614-588-4022

circolumbus@gmail.com

www.catholicinrecovery.com

PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY: Legatus, a non-profit national organization of Catholic executives who are committed to studying, living, and spreading our faith, is seeking a part-time administrator for the Columbus Chapter. The Chapter Administrator supports chapter officers, plans events, and facilitates membership growth and retention. Must be a practicing Catholic, have excellent communication and organizational habits, and be detail-oriented in a professional environment. Send cover letter and resume to Rhonda Panczyk, VP, Great Lakes Region - RPanczyk@legatus.org

Dates to Remember

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.

Monday, March 4

7:00 p.m. Choir (Church, PH)

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 p.m. K of C (Kolbe) (6:30 p.m. Rosary in Church)

7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (PH, Lib., CH)

Wednesday, March 6

9:30 a.m. FIAT90 Book Club (Kolbe)

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, March 7

9:30 a.m. Mary-Martha Sewing (Kolbe)

7:00 p.m. Evangelical Training (Aquinas)

7:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry (PH, Lib., CH)

Friday, March 8

9:00 a.m. CGS

5:00 p.m. K of C Lenten Fish Fry (Patrick)

Saturday, March 9

7:30 a.m. That Man is You (Aquinas)

8:30 a.m. LFSD (Billiard-A)

9:30 a.m. Chorus Angelorum (Patrick)

Sunday, March 10

40 Days for Life Sign-up

10:15 a.m. CCD

1:00 p.m. Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (Aquinas)



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. BENEDICT

Coming to Columbus, Fall 2024, a classical high school in the Catholic Tradition – Chesterton Academy of St. Benedict (grades 9-12.) **Learn about the school from the founding team at an info session on Tuesday, March 19, 7-8 p.m. in Aquinas Hall.** For details and to RSVP, visit: www.chestertonacademystbenedict.org or contact Stephanie Thornton, 330-328-7057.

Commemorating the 750th Anniversary

THE DOMINICAN FRIARS INVITE YOU TO A
SUNG MASS
IN THE DOMINICAN RITE



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)

Announcement of the Death of St. Thomas Aquinas

The Inaugural Aquinas Lecture

To celebrate the 750th anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas' entrance into eternal life, we are happy to announce the First Annual Aquinas Lecture. Fr. Reginald Lynch, O.P., a former parochial vicar at St. Patrick's, will speak on the Mass as a Sacrifice in the writings of the Angelic Doctor. We hope that Fr. Reginald's talk will prove the first of many and that a lecture on St. Thomas' sublime doctrine can become an annual parish event.

“Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and Trinitarian Communion”

Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in Aquinas Hall



Presented by Fr. Reginald Lynch, O.P.

*Assistant Professor of Dogmatic and Historical Theology
Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception
at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C.*

PLENARY INDULGENCE IN HONOR OF THE JUBILEE OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: In honor of the 750th anniversary of the death of St. Thomas Aquinas on March 7, 2024, and the 800th anniversary of his death on January 28, 2025, a Plenary Indulgence may be obtained by making a pilgrimage to a holy site connected to the Dominican Order. The faithful may obtain this indulgence by making a pilgrimage to a holy place connected to the Order of Friars Preachers, and there devoutly take part in the jubilee ceremonies, or at least devote a suitable time to pious recollection, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and invocations of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Any church, shrine, or chapel currently entrusted to the Dominican Order (including St. Patrick's) can meet the requirements for the pilgrimage. The Plenary Indulgence may be gained anytime until January 28, 2025, under the usual conditions of Sacramental Confession 20 days before or after the indulgenced act, Reception of Holy Communion, Prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, and complete detachment from sin, including venial sin.

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)



Thursday, March 20, 2024 - 7am-7pm

**Join St. Patrick parishioners
for a silent, prayerful witness at:**

Planned Parenthood, 3255 E. Main St., Columbus

*Greater Columbus Right to Life sponsors the annual 40 Days for Life from February 14–March 24, 2024. St. Patrick's participation day is Wednesday, March 20. The silent, prayerful vigil will be held at Planned Parenthood (3255 E Main St., 43209) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are asking that a minimum of two volunteers sign up to pray at the clinic for each hour-long shift. Please join us! If you cannot pray on our adopted day, you are still welcome to volunteer for another time during the 40 Days. Visit gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life or contact Gabriel Vance at gabriel@catholicsforlife.us for information. **Sign-up sheets are located at church exits. A sign-up table will also be at our east gallery entrance on March 9-10 and March 16-17.***

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER CHURCH CLEANING

March 23, 2024 - 8:30-11:00 a.m.

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.*



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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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.

Dates: March 20 (continuing 3rd Weds. of the month)

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

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!



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Help us raise up saints!

For more information or to apply, email board@materdelacademy.org

To learn more about the school, visit www.materdelacademy.org



JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!
Thursday, March 7th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Contact 614-231-1984 for details.
or visit materdelacademy.org.

Sunday Collection 2/25/24

Weekly Offertory:

Other Income (*parish activities, programs*):

Capital Repair Fund (Pipe Organ)

Total Income:

Year to Date Offertory:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Weekly Offertory:	\$24,734.35	\$21,308.00	\$3,426.35
Other Income (<i>parish activities, programs</i>):	\$ 283.20	\$ 830.00	\$ (546.80)
Capital Repair Fund (Pipe Organ)	\$ 175.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 50.00
Total Income:	\$25,192.55	\$22,263.00	\$2,929.55
Year to Date Offertory:	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Over/Under</u>
	\$934,146.96	\$872,516.00	\$61,630.96

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year.

2nd Collections (Diocesan, Dominican, Other)

Little Margaret's Charity: \$ 353.00

Diocesan Seminarian Formation: \$4,492.00

J.O.I.N./Ash Wednesday: \$ 97.00

Black and Indian Missions: \$ 587.00

Dominican E. African Missions: \$ 15.00

Lenten Mission Preacher: \$2,335.00

Total Offerings from 2nd Collections: \$7,879.00



<https://stpatrickcolumbus.weshareonline.org>

Christian Initiation of Adults

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. Listed below are some questions and answers about the process of Christian Initiation.

What are the steps of Christian Initiation?

Prior to beginning the process of becoming a Christian, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate. For some, this process involves a long period of searching, for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After a conversation with a priest or a parish director of Christian Initiation, the person, known as an "inquirer," may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire, and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen.

The Period of the Catechumenate can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a Catechumen and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election. Even before the Catechumens are baptized, they have a special relationship to the Church.

The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors, and families gather at the cathedral church. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book, and they are called the Elect.

The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

As a newly initiated Catholic, they continue their formation and education continue in the Period of the Post-Baptismal Catechesis, which is also called *Mystagogy*. This period continues at least until Pentecost. During the period the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition, they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities.

What is meant by coming into full communion with the Church?

Coming into full communion with the Catholic Church describes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for already baptized Christians. In most cases, these individuals make a profession of faith but are not baptized again. To prepare for this reception, the people, who are called Candidates, usually join the catechumens in a formation program to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. The Candidates may be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil or at another Sunday during the year depending on pastoral circumstances and the readiness of the Candidate.

What is the role of a godparent for an adult being baptized?

Prior to the Rite of Election, the Catechumen must choose a sponsor, who will accompany the Catechumen on the day of Election, at the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, and during the Period of Mystagogy. They are called to show the Catechumens good example of the Christian life, sustain them in moments of hesitancy and anxiety, bear witness, and guide their progress in the baptismal life.

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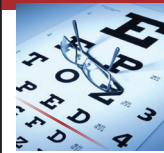
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