



THE SEASON OF

Lent
2025

PRAY ♦ FAST ♦ GIVE

April 6, 2025 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 7:00 & 11:45 a.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m., Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. &
12:00 Noon (ad orientem)
Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 6:30 p.m.,
7:00 & 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 Noon (ad orientem), 6:30 p.m.

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CONFESSIONS Monday-Friday: 12:15 p.m. until all are heard
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. • Sunday: thirty minutes before each Mass

DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary follows the 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Masses daily. The Dominican Rosary is prayed at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Eucharistic Adoration 12:15-8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Novena to St. Margaret of Castello (with the veneration of her relic) follows the 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Masses on Wednesdays.

Holy Hour with Benediction 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Fridays.

Fatima Devotions follow the 7:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturdays.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Life Third Friday of the month from 8:00 p.m. until Benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, with recitation of the Holy Rosary at a local abortion facility following the Saturday 7:00 a.m. Mass.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations Fourth Friday of the month from 8:00 p.m. until Benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

The St. Gerard Mother's Blessing and enrollments in the Angelic Warfare Confraternity and the Rosary Confraternity are scheduled three times during the year after all Masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Sundays at 1:15 p.m. Please contact the parish office to schedule your child's baptism. First-time parents must attend a baptism class on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please contact the parish office at least nine months before your intended wedding date to fill out a Marriage Request Form. Non-parishioners must receive the permission of their pastor before scheduling their wedding at St. Patrick's.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Parishioners experiencing a medical emergency requiring the sacraments for someone in danger of death should call 614-224-9522, and press "8" to contact the priest on duty. Homebound parishioners who would like to schedule monthly visits from a priest and/or weekly visits from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Homebound should contact the parish office.

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

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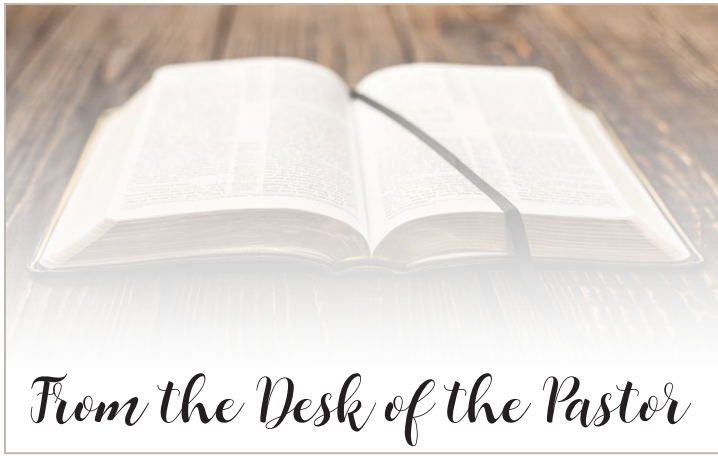
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Dominican Friars

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Please submit bulletin items a minimum of one week in advance of publication to Keelin Johnson, Bulletin Editor, at keelinjohnson@stpatrikcolumbus.org.



From the Desk of the Pastor

The season of Lent has afforded our parish more opportunities for Eucharistic adoration. During the parish mission, we had adoration available during the afternoon and evening between the 11:45 a.m. Mass and the evening mission talk. Last weekend, St. Patrick's took part in the Diocese of Columbus' *40 Days of Adoration* campaign, extending our fourth Friday all-night adoration for vocations after the Saturday 7:00 a.m. Mass, with adoration all morning and afternoon last Saturday. It was uplifting to see families with young children come to adoration during that time, which was hopefully convenient for their hectic schedules. During Holy Week, we will continue our tradition of all-day Eucharistic adoration after the 11:45 a.m. Mass until Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week (committed adorers will be needed during these times, with our greatest need on Monday and Wednesday).

But adoration shouldn't end after Lent! If anything, the glory of the Easter season should draw us forth to come and adore the Risen Christ, present with us in the Paschal sacrament of the Eucharist! If you found great graces and spiritual consolation during our extended hours of adoration during Lent, or if you see the Lord drawing you to come and adore, consider making a commitment to a weekly or monthly time of adoration. In Advent, we started all-day Eucharistic adoration on Tuesdays; this is turning out to be successful, with many adorers coming in throughout the day. But we can use more committed adorers, especially in the mid-late afternoon hours. On third and fourth Fridays, we have all-night Eucharistic adoration (dedicated to praying for life and for vocations, respectively). This involves a great sacrifice, breaking your sleep to come downtown and pray before the Lord. We have committed adorers for each hour, but why not have more? If you're unable to make a regular commitment, then consider stopping in for a visit on Tuesday afternoons, or during our Holy Hour each Friday after the 11:45 a.m. Mass. Our Eucharistic Lord is waiting – come and adore!

God bless you,

Fr. Paul, O.P.

LENT

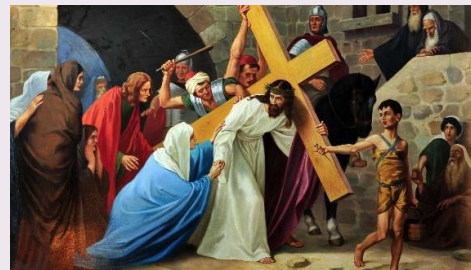
Prayer • Fasting • Almsgiving

What is the Easter Duty Obligation?

Each of the faithful, after having received their first Holy Communion, is obliged to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season (Canon 920). This is traditionally linked to the requirement to confess grave sins at least once a year (Canon 989).

What is Fast and Abstinence?

Fasting is the limitation of food, allowing a person to eat one full meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods eaten between meals. The two smaller meals combined should not exceed the amount eaten at the full meal. All Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence prohibits the eating of meat (beast or fowl), though eggs, milk, and cheese are permitted. All Catholics 14 years old and older are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.



St. Patrick Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us in the church for the final Lenten Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 11

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's offers Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 12:15-8:00 p.m., a holy hour on Fridays from 12:15-1:15 p.m., and all-night Adoration on the third and fourth Fridays of the month.

Adoration during Holy Week:

April 14-16, 12:15-7:00 p.m.

April 17, Holy Thursday, 8:15 p.m. – midnight in Patrick Hall

Confessions

- Monday-Friday: 12:15 p.m.
- Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: thirty minutes before each Mass
- Wednesdays of Lent in the Gallery Confessional:
 - April 9 – 7:00 p.m.
 - April 16 – 7:30 p.m. (after Solemn Vespers)

There will be no confessions on Palm Sunday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, April 5

5:00 p.m. +Bill and Irene Schirtzinger

SUNDAY, April 6 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

9:00 a.m. +Fred Joseph Benson

10:30 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

12:00 p.m. Thomas Storck

MONDAY, April 7

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. Deceased Parents, Benefactors, Familiars,
Brothers, and Sisters of the Order of Preachers

TUESDAY, April 8

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. St. Patrick Women's Club

WEDNESDAY, April 9

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. +Victor Dosch

THURSDAY, April 10

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. Catherine Higgins

FRIDAY, April 11

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

11:45 a.m. Eric and Josephine Yang, Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY, April 12

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

5:00 p.m. +James F. Farrell

SUNDAY, April 13 –

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:00 a.m. Those enrolled in the St. Margaret Novena

9:00 a.m. Kevin and Betsy Noble

10:30 a.m. +Gordon Howard

12:00 p.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note the earlier deadline for Easter Sunday

Deadline for April 20 is April 7

Deadline for April 27 is April 18

Deadline for May 4 is April 25

Submit at: keelinjohnson@stpatrickcolumbus.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, April 6

Safe Haven Sunday

Donut Sunday

OCIA Third Scrutiny – Noon Mass

10:15 a.m. CCD (PH, AH, 2nd FL.)

1:15 p.m. Baptism (Gallery)

1:30 p.m. LFSD (Ch., PH)

Monday, April 7

6:30 p.m. AHG (PH, AH, 2nd Fl.)

Tuesday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Women's Club (AH)

12:15-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Adult Catechesis Series (AH)

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry
(PH, Ch., Lib.)

Wednesday, April 9

9:30 a.m. Women's Book Study (AH)

7:00 p.m. Baptism Class (Billiard A)

7:00 p.m. Choir (PH)

7:00 p.m. Martha-Mary Circle (Kolbe)

7:00 p.m. OCIA (AH)

7:30 p.m. Catholic in Recovery (Lib., DePorres)

Thursday, April 10

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

6:30 p.m. Melchizedek Project (Ch., AH)

Friday, April 11

Day of Abstinence

9:00 a.m. CGS (AH, 2nd Fl., Bsmt.)

5:00-7:00 p.m. KofC Fish Fry (PH)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Ch.)

Saturday, April 12

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

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

12:00 p.m. C.R.A.S.E. Training (AH, Ch.)

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

There will be no confessions and no CCD this day.

BAPTISM CLASS FOR FIRST-TIME PARENTS

The next session will be April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please preregister in the parish office by Monday, April 7. Future classes will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Ashley Ruffing and Nicholas Marr – April 26, 2025

Maria Jacobs and Nathan Savely – May 3, 2025

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Liam Daniel Mykel Gardner, son of William and Maura Gardner,
March 30, 2025

NEW ADULT CATECHESIS SERIES – “WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN IN ANCIENT TIMES?”

Please join Fr. Edmund Ditton, O.P., for a new adult catechesis series in which he will explore the process whereby new believers were fully initiated into the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection and incorporated into the Church in the early centuries of Christianity. Beginning with the New Testament, the series will present some “snapshots” illustrating the Church’s evolving thought and practice with regard to the three great sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist. All sessions will take place in Aquinas Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays:

April 1st – Baptism in the New Testament

April 8th – Development of a Structured Rite

April 22nd – Initiation as an Experience and Its Relevance for Today



FRIDAY FISH FRY

Join us for the final Fish Fry on April 11!

5:00-7:00 p.m. in Patrick Hall

Baked Fish or Fried Cod,

Choice of Potato: Baked Potato, Sweet Potato or Fries,

Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Beverage, Dessert

Adult (13-64): \$12 * Senior (65+): \$10 * Children (5-12): \$6

Family: \$45, Children 4 and under FREE

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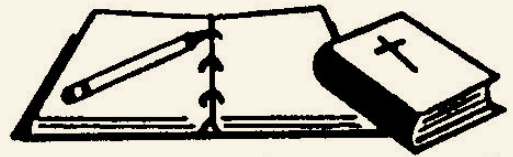
To join our Council, go to www.kofc.org/join.

PARISH LENTEN LITURGICAL PRACTICES

At Masses with music (5:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW ALTAR BOY DEANS

We are pleased to announce the selection of three new Altar Boy Deans! Congratulations to our new deans: Thomas Casey, the son of Bret and Anne Casey; Peter Melliere, the son of Mike and Elaine Melliere; and Max Sellers, the son of Kevin and Emily Sellers. These altar boys, who are rising high school juniors, went through an application process that included a written essay and an in-person interview. As Altar Boy Deans, they will be the leaders of the Altar Boy Program, helping Fr. Paul with the training of new altar boys in the fall, and assisting their fellow altar boys during Masses and other major liturgical celebrations. Thomas, Peter, and Max will succeed graduating seniors Dominic Johnson, who is completing a two-year term as dean, and Joseph Williams and Matthew Williams, who are completing a one-year term as dean. They will join Joseph Noblet, who is entering his second year as a dean. Thomas, Peter, and Max will be installed as deans at a Sunday Mass during the Easter season.



Religious Education News

2025 VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW. Go to the parish website to register for **Cool Kingdom Party**, a program where children will learn how Our Lady leads us to her Son, Jesus, and to His Kingdom. Priority registration is available for parishioners until April 20, 2025 (Easter Sunday). Non-parishioners’ registrations will be put on a list to be added after April 20. VBS registration closes on May 1, 2025. VBS dates are June 23-27, 2025.

2025-2026 CCD REGISTRATION

Go to the parish website to register. Priority registration for parishioners through Sunday, July 20, 2025. Non-parishioners may register after that date. (If they register before, they will be put on a waiting list to be added after July 20.)

Questions? Contact Sister Leonarda at 614-240-5912 or sisterop@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES

Novena enrollments are available in the gallery to enroll your loved ones in the St. Patrick Easter Novena of Masses that begins on Easter Sunday and continues through the Octave of Easter. To participate, please fill out the envelope and return to the parish office.



Holy Week and Easter Mass and Confession Times

Saturday, April 12, 2025

- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Confessions (two confessors)
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday (Solemn Entrance, incense)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 13, 2025

- 7:00am Mass (Simple Entrance, no incense)
- 9:00am Mass (Solemn Entrance, no incense)
- 10:30am Mass (Solemn Entrance, incense)
- 12:00pm Mass (Procession begins in Patrick Hall, *ad orientem*, incense)

There will be no confessions on Palm Sunday

Monday of Holy Week, April 14, 2025

- 7:00am Mass
- 11:45am Mass
- 12:15pm Confessions (three confessors)
- 12:15pm - 7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00pm Solemn Vespers and Benediction
- 7:30pm Confessions (one confessor)

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15, 2025

- 7:00am Mass
- 11:45am Mass
- 12:15pm - 1:00pm Confessions (one confessor)
- 12:15pm - 7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00pm Solemn Vespers and Benediction
- 7:30pm Confessions (one confessor)

All are invited to the Chrism Mass at 3:30pm

*St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
313 North State Street, Westerville*

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16, 2025

- 7:00am Mass
- 11:45am Mass
- 12:15pm Confessions (three confessors)
- 12:15pm - 7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00pm Solemn Vespers and Benediction
- 7:30pm Confessions (one confessor)

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

- 8:00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer with the Dominican Friars
- 7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (incense), concluding with the Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament to Patrick Hall
- 8:15pm - 12:00am Adoration in Patrick Hall
- 8:30pm Confessions (4 confessors)
- 11:30pm Reading of the *Sermo Dominicus* (John 14 - 17)
- 11:50pm Night Prayer with the Dominican Friars

Good Friday, April 18, 2025 (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

- 8:00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer with the Dominican Friars
- 12:00pm Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ (preacher: Fr. Patrick Briscoe, O.P.)
- 12:00pm - 2:45pm Confessions (7 confessors)
- 3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- 7:30pm Tenebrae

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

- 8:00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer with the Dominican Friars
- 12:30pm Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Gallery
- 9:00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (incense)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 20, 2025

- 7:00am Mass (no incense)
- 9:00am Mass (no incense)
- 10:30am Mass (incense)
- 12:00pm Mass (*ad orientem*, incense)

*There will be no confessions on
Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday*

ARTWORK: *The Crucifixion* (c. 1420) and *Christ Resurrected and the Maries at the Tomb* (1439-1443)
by Bl. John of Fiesole, O.P. (Fra Angelico) (c. 1395-1455)



ST. PATRICK'S *WOMEN OF JOY*
PRESENTS:

*Evening By
Candlelight*

Thursday, April 24th
from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

“Living the Graces of the
Resurrection with St. Mary
Magdalene”

Speaker: Fr. Paul Marich, O.P.

All women 18-118 are invited.

Please join us in Patrick Hall for a wonderful evening
of faith and fellowship!

To RSVP individually or to host a table for 6-8,
please contact Nancy Madrid at
nancy@madridfamily.com or 740-404-1107.



**WOMEN'S CLUB
BAKE SALE, CRAFT
SALE, AND RAFFLE**

May 3 and 4, 2025



Raffle Ticket Sales

April 26-27 and May 3-4



Volunteers are needed!

Please visit the Signup Genius

<https://tinyurl.com/StPatsWCBakes2025>

**or scan the QR code below to sign-up to bring
baked goods, crafts, or to volunteer!**

**Please drop off donated goods in Patrick Hall
9am-6pm May 3 and 7am-10am May 4.**



***In addition to baked goods and craft item donations,
volunteers are needed for the following:***

Raffle Ticket Sellers: After Masses April 26-27 & May 3-4

Bake/Craft Sale Set Up: May 3, 3pm in Patrick Hall

Bake/Craft Sale Sellers and Cleanup: May 3-4 after Masses

All proceeds go directly to the needs of St. Patrick Church!

Questions? Please contact Cindy Patterson, 312-497-8204

Scapulars



? Why?

? What are they for?

? How many colors are there?

Get the **answers** from

Fr. Thomas Blau, O.P.

along with food, fun... and **JESUS!**
at a

Saturday with the Sisters

for girls grades 8-12
April 26 | 8am-12:45pm



Free - please RSVP by Apr 24
2575 E. Livingston Avenue
saturdaywithsisters@gmail.com

PARKING REMINDERS

Fridays in Lent

Columbus State Lot 15-E (adjacent to St. Patrick’s parking lot) is available for parking without charge every Friday in Lent from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for the Lenten Fish Fries and Stations of the Cross.

Holy Week

Columbus State Lots 15-E (adjacent to St. Patrick’s parking lot) and 25-S (Grant Avenue) are available for parking without charge on:

- Holy Thursday from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- Good Friday from Noon-6:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday from 7:30 p.m.-midnight

THAT MAN IS YOU

Men of the parish, you are invited to TMIY fellowship on Saturday mornings in Aquinas Hall. We start at approximately 7:40 a.m., right after the 7 a.m. Saturday Mass (please note on First Saturdays of each month, we will start at approximately 8:25 a.m., after Fatima Devotions in the church). Grow in faith and friendship with other men striving to know the Lord better! Any questions, call Kevin McNamara at 614-598-8405.



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

Catholic Sacramental recovery resources for those seeking freedom from alcoholism and drug addiction. For more information, please visit: www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Jon at 614-588-4022 or circolumbus@gmail.com. If you cannot attend on Wednesdays, please join us at St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus, OH 43235 on Mondays at 8:00 p.m.



EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORIAM


Offerings are being accepted in memory of deceased family and friends of St. Patrick’s to help offset the cost of Easter flowers and decorations.

In Memoriam envelopes are included in the monthly packet. You may also use the form below. Place donation and list of *In Memoriam* names in the collection basket or return to the parish office by April 8 for inclusion in the bulletin. You may utilize our online donation platform as well at stpatrickcolumbus.weshareonline.org/.

In Memoriam names received in the office by April 8 will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Please write legibly!

I am offering a donation in honor of or in memory of those listed here:



PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

MEN’S DAY OF REFLECTION

Catholic Seminaries: The Antidote for What Ails Society
Facilitated by Father Thomas Blau, OP, STL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Pontifical College Josephinum
7625 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43235

Day Retreat Highlights

- Two Conferences
- Mass
- Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Walking Rosary & Stations of the Cross (Weather Permitting)
- Tour of the Josephinum

Meals Provided: Continental Breakfast & Boxed Lunch

Parking: Complimentary

Cost: \$35 through April 15
\$45 April 16 through July 15
Pay online or by check payable/mailed to the Pontifical College Josephinum (memo line: Men’s DOR)


Age 17 and younger pay full cost and must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions? Email: joetesta9@icloud.com

About the Facilitator

Father Thomas Blau, OP, STL is a priest of the Dominican Province of Saint Joseph. He serves as an Adjunct Professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Please register online by July 15th



pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection

COLUMBUS FRASSATI SOCIETY

invites those in their 20's and 30's to this outing:

Hike at Dawes Arboretum

2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 13th

Dawes Arboretum

(7770 Jacksontown Road, Newark, OH 43056)

Cost: \$10.00

Join us for a hike around Dawes Arboretum to enjoy the spring blossoms! Admission is 10 dollars. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center and hike until around 3:30-4:00 p.m. Contact Maria for any trouble finding the group: 614-493-8694.

Mark Your Calendars... C.R.A.S.E.

CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS FOR CITIZENS, BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

Preparing for the Unthinkable!

St. Patrick Church and the Columbus Division of Police will offer an important training session on **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (C.R.A.S.E) Training** – Active Shooter Safety Planning on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 12:00-3:30 p.m. Active shooter training is essential to prepare you for the possibility of a violent attack. This training provides strategies and guidance for surviving an active shooter event, focusing on the “Avoid, Deny and Defend” strategy. It shows you how to recognize the warning signs of potential violence and react if an active shooter or violent individual enters the building. The parish staff and some parishioners have experienced this training and found it most valuable.

Even if you have previously taken this training, I would highly recommend you consider taking it again. There have been some significant updates.

All Ushers, Lectors, Hospitality, CCD Catechists, CCD Aides, Choir and Special Event Coordinators (i.e., Youth Group, American Heritage Girls, etc., and those who help) are highly encouraged to attend.

This training session is open to all interested parishioners over the age of 16 years old. We ask that you make room in your schedule to accommodate this training session. The more aware we are of how to handle these potentially chaotic situations, the more help we can be in a crisis situation. As one of our staff said after attending the training, “I always thought I’d freeze if faced with an active shooter situation. Now I have the knowledge on how to act and help others too.” Any questions, please direct them to Bobby Russell, Safety & Security Manager, St. Patrick Church. Reserve your place by calling the parish office at (614) 240-5910 or emailing: office@stpatrikcolumbus.org.

The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus
invite you to celebrate with us...

The Centennial Celebration of the Birth of Our Foundress

Mother Maria de Jesús Velarde
1925-2021



HOLY MASS

April 9, 2025

4:30 p.m.

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic
Church
Westerville, Ohio



I would like to give my life,
striving to be a Herald of union
and peace.
(cfr. M. Maria de Jesús)

Join us to pray for her eternal repose and to give thanks to the Lord for her fruitful life.

BARELY AWAKE



BARELY AWAKE – A NEW PODCAST FOR CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Journey with us, Katie and Molly, two moms and cousins trying to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 24:42 to stay awake. We're moms, so let's be real; we're just barely awake! For all moms who are striving to stay awake for Jesus and who desire authentic Catholic community, welcome to the conversation! Mom life is better with friends. *Barely Awake* is available on Spotify, Amazon Music, and iHeart Radio.

Safe Haven Sunday



Make Your Home a Safe Haven



Join Bishop Fernandes and parishes
throughout the Diocese of Columbus to
help everyone live free of pornography.
Scan the QR Code for a
free digital resource book.

Additional Resources are available at
columbuscatholic.org/safe-haven-sunday



APOLOGETICS QUESTION & ANSWER WITH PATRICK MADRID

Did the Catholic Church Chain Bibles?

Q. A nondenominational pastor attacked the Catholic Church (again), claiming that during the Middle Ages, Catholics “chained up all the Bibles so people couldn’t read them.” Is that true?

A. Yes and no. The Catholic Church did chain Bibles for a time, but not for the reason that pastor claims.

Before the printing press (invented by a Catholic), before bookstores, before widespread literacy, every Bible had to be copied by hand. Page by page. Gospel by Gospel. Letter by letter. On parchment or vellum.

Catholic monks and scholars, starting over a thousand years before Martin Luther, dedicated their lives to studying, copying, and preserving the Bible. These weren’t ordinary books. They were sacred works of art. Illuminated with gold and silver. Illustrated with precision. Written in extraordinary calligraphy.

Because each one took years to complete, they were incredibly rare and priceless. If the only Bible in town was stolen, no one could read it. No one could hear it proclaimed at Mass. No one could learn from it.

So yes, the Church chained Bibles. But definitely not to hide them. To protect them. Like libraries once did with important reference books. Or how phone booths back in the day had phone books chained to them. Not to keep them from the public—but to make sure they were still there when people needed them.

And here’s what that Protestant pastor won’t tell you:

It was the Catholic Church that translated and preserved the Bible for well over a thousand years before Tyndale or Luther. Protected it. Hand-copied it. Publicly preached it. Canonized it.

Without the Catholic Church, there wouldn’t be a Bible for misinformed Protestant preachers to twist in their attacks on the Catholic Church.

Ironic, isn’t it?

So the next time someone mocks “chained Bibles,” ask him:

Who guarded Scripture when no one else could?

Who kept it alive when the world was burning?

And who still proclaims it—word for word, every day?

Answer: The Catholic Church. That’s a fact.

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Martin Luther: “We are obliged to yield many things to the Papists – that they possess the Word of God which we received from them; otherwise we should have known nothing at all about it.” (*Table Talk*, Weimar Edition (Weimarer Ausgabe), Vol. 2, page 137, entry no. 2517b.

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