

ST. ANDREW PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Andrew Parish is a community of Catholics committed to serving God by living our faith. We exist to fulfill the mission of the Roman Catholic Church at the local level by continuing the saving work of Christ. We accomplish this through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaiming and living the Gospel, reaching out to others in justice and charity, and providing all parishioners abundant spiritual, educational, and social opportunities in order to be known as a faith-filled, engaged, and generous parish.

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www.standrewparish.cc

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BULLETIN DEADLINE - MONDAY at 10:00 a.m.

Please send your request to bulletin@standrewparish.cc or drop your request off in the parish office. Make sure to include contact information with phone number and email address.

E-POST DEADLINE—WEDNESDAY at 10:00 a.m.

Please include contact information with phone number and email address. Only information pertaining to St. Andrew Parish and School will be published in the e-post. Email mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.



Saturday
 4:30 p.m.

Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent
 William Berwanger

Sunday:

7:30
 9:00
 10:30
 12:00

March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent
 For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 Mark Wozniak
 Paul O'Neill
 Richard Schumacher

Monday:

6:30
 8:30

March 16- Lenten Weekday
 Pat Cantwell
 Joe Dipietro

Tuesday:

6:30
 8:30

March 17 - Lenten Weekday
 Gilia Iafolla
 Deceased Members of the Paskell Family

Wednesday:

6:30
 8:30 (ASM)

March 18 - Lenten Weekday
 Martha Deady
 Matthew Johnson

Thursday:

6:30
 8:30

March 19- Lenten Weekday
 Ed & Margaret Cantwell
 Pamela Kelly

Friday:

6:30
 8:30

March 20- Lenten Weekday
 Bob & Mary Hawley
 Special Intention

Saturday:

9:00

March 21- Lenten Weekday
 Robert Lombardi

4:30 p.m.

Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Robert & Anna Mae Jones

Sunday:

7:30
 9:00
 10:30
 12:00

March 22- Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Michael & Maxine Lombardi
 For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 Julius Ahrens
 Deceased Members of the Harkins & Farnan Families

+++ BAPTISMS +++

Morgan James Baumbusch, daughter of Matthew & Rayna

+++ REST IN PEACE +++

Jacqueline Carskadon

SUNDAY OFFERING

	March 1, 2020	YTD
Actual	\$37,044	\$1,303,812
Budget	\$33,000	\$1,340,175
Last Year	\$36,592	\$1,330,697

Please consider signing up for our **Online Giving**. Go to standrewparish.cc and click Online Giving to get started. If donating with a check, please write your envelope number in the memo section of the check.



Dear Parishioners,

As I am sure you know the “coronavirus” or COVID19 illness has now reached the State of Ohio. This virus spreads easily and has sickened many especially in China, South Korea, Italy and Iran. The Diocese of Columbus and Bishop Robert Brennan have already urged the faithful to use good judgement and take reasonable precautions to protect and safe guard themselves and others. I want to let you know about the steps we will be taking here at St. Andrew Parish and offer some guidance especially regarding participation in Mass.

Effective immediately, the distribution of Holy Communion “from the cup” will not be offered to the faithful for the time being and will resume when it is safe to do so. I ask that all those coming to church refrain from shaking hands or otherwise touching others at the sign of peace or when greeting others before, during and after Mass. When you hear the priest or deacon say “Let us offer each other the sign of peace”, by all means extend your peace to those close by but please do it without touching. You can simply say “Peace be with you”.

Anyone who is ill or experiencing symptoms should stay home. Please don’t endanger the health of others by coming to church and passing your illness on to others. Please be assured that in circumstances of illness you are excused from the obligation to attend Mass. Although you should never take the Sunday obligation lightly, when you are ill the obligation does not bind. Those who are at a greater risk of illness or complications should also consider themselves excused from attending Mass during this time. This includes the elderly, the infirm, those with immune deficiency or others who may have more than average risk of serious consequences from exposure to the virus.

St. Andrew School is also preparing for any changes or disruptions to the school schedule which may be recommended or announced by the authorities.

I urge all of you to accept and comply with these recommendations. Offer the hardships involved as a sacrifice, as part of your Lenten penance. Together we will get through this crisis. May God send His mighty angel to protect and defend you from all harm.

Your Pastor,
Msgr. Stephan Moloney

P.S. In keeping with the above guidelines, I regretfully have cancelled the Grateful for You appreciation luncheon scheduled today for our Liturgical Ministers. See notice below.

Appreciation Luncheon Cancelled

Due to concerns about the coronavirus and not wishing to expose our volunteers to unnecessary risks, we have decided to cancel the Grateful for you appreciation luncheon scheduled for this Sunday, March 15 at 1:15 p.m.

We sincerely regret this circumstance as our volunteers give so much to our parish and we do appreciate your dedication. At the same time, we feel this is the prudent thing to do under the current circumstances.



Sunday March 15

10:30 a.m. Children’s Liturgy of the Word (MPR)
~~1:15 p.m. Lay Ministry Appreciation (PH)~~ **CANCELLED**
 4:30 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor (PH)
 4:30 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting (School Cafeteria)
 6:00 p.m. Maronite Mass (CH)
 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group (@ Watterson High School)
 6:30 p.m. MS Youth Group (School)

Monday March 16

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting (School Cafeteria)
 7:00 p.m. Knit & Crochet Circle (PH)

Tuesday March 17

12:45 p.m. Passion Play Practice (CH)
 6:00 p.m. Exposition & Benediction (CH)
 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation (PH)

Wednesday March 18

7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Sharing (MPR)
 9:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (MPR)
 1:15 p.m. Passion Play Practice (CH)
 4:30 p.m. PSR Gr. 1-5 (School)
 7:00 p.m. RCIA (MPR)
 7:30 p.m. Walking With Purpose (BEC)

Thursday March 19

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CH)
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council (MPR)

Friday March 20

7:00 a.m. St. Francis Men’s Bible Study (POLLMR)
 6:30 p.m. Family Support Group (POLLMR)
 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Adoration (CH)
 8:00 p.m. Reconciliation & Benediction (CH)

Saturday March 21

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday March 22

10:30 a.m. Children’s Liturgy of the Word (MPR)
 4:30 p.m. Maronite Mass (CH)
 4:30 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting (PH)

Eucharistic Adoration



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday evening from 6:00—9:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Compline. On this **First Tuesday**, Confessions will also be available from 7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.



March 15, 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".



Next week, we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. The envelopes are in your packets or you can write out a check made payable to St. Andrew Parish and put CRS and your envelope number on the memo line. Your support for this collection gives aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies help Jesus disguised as the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the collection today. For more information contact socmail@columbuscatholic.org or Erin Cordle, 614-241-2540.

AROUND THE PARISH



St. Andrew Knit and Crochet Circle
March 16, 2020 7-8:30 p.m.
Nugent Parish Hall

Spring is almost here and with it comes new life. Join us and breathe new life into those knitting needles or crochet hooks that have not been used in a while! We have the yarn and the patterns. Bring size 7 or 8 knitting needles or a size G or H crochet hook! Contact Karen at 614-216-4694 or Marilyn at 614-315-7320 for more information.



St. Andrew Lenten Almsgiving Project

St. Andrew's Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to take part in our Lenten Almsgiving Project to benefit the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (J.O.I.N.)

Take a purple bag from a church entrance. On the bag is a list of personal hygiene items which are needed by homeless individuals in Columbus. Please fill the bag with the items listed and return the bag to the purple bin in the church parlor any day during Lent. We will deliver all the items to J.O.I.N. where they will be distributed to those in need.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When: March 24th
Blood Drive is from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Who: You! No experience necessary—all training provided.

Time: The shifts are 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Volunteer for just three hours a shift for the date you choose (which can be split with another volunteer).

Contact: Rita Medaglia at 614-451-2930 or rmmedaglia@yahoo.com. We need 8 volunteers to help for each of the two shifts.



American Red Cross

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join us each morning Monday through Friday for the Rosary before the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the Mass. On Saturdays, the Rosary is prayed before the 9:00 a.m. Mass and the Chaplet afterwards. Please consider joining us in this stewardship of prayer.



WHO: Francis Men's Fellowship Group
WHAT: Romans (Chapter 9) + coffee + fellowship
WHEN: Friday mornings 7:00-8:00 a.m.
WHERE: St. Andrew Parish Office Lower-Level Meeting Room

We warmly invite everyone to join us this week as we continue our 16-week study of St. Paul's letter to the Romans! Consider coming earlier to the regular St. Andrew 6:30am weekday Mass and then walk over after Mass to our meeting room!



PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA—In the year 1917, Our Lady of Fatima gave 15 promises to those who recite the rosary. *"The Rosary will be a powerful weapon to defeat sin and receive special graces."* Please take the opportunity to sign up for a week to have the Pilgrim Statue in your home to pray the rosary with your family. The sign-up binder and statue is located near the bookcase in the St. Andrew Chapel. **Each week begins Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** Please return the statue to the Chapel by 4:00 p.m. the following Saturday. For questions, please call Laura Fisher at 614-459-3416.

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- Blueberry Cream Cheese
- Raspberry
- Four Cheese and Herb

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Proceeds support
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ST. ANDREW COUNCIL #11275
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

25 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP & SERVICE 1994-2020

St. Andrew Council will be holding a presentation of the Knights' new admission exemplification ceremony on Saturday, March 21, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Church. Stop by after Mass to witness the new ceremony! Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in Nugent Parish Hall. **FIRST DEGREE KNIGHTS:** Current First Degree Knights should also attend to become full Knights in our Order.

DID YOU HEAR THE ANNOUNCEMENT?

THE MASS TIMES ARE CHANGING

Sunday April 19th

The New Sunday Mass Times:

7:30a | 9:15a | 11:00a

NO CHANGE TO THE
SATURDAY
4:30P VIGIL MASS



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be taking a break for Spring Break and Holy week. **There will be no CLOW on March 22, 29, April 5, or 12.** We will return on April 19 when the Children's Liturgy will take place at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We hope to see all of you back with us on April 19.

SENIOR NOTES

Monthly luncheons for Senior parishioners are a way to make new friends & reacquaint with old ones. Begin the day with Euchre, Bingo, Bridge or bring your own game!

When: 2nd Thursday of each Month

Where: The Bryce Eck Activity Center

Time: 10 a.m. Euchre and Bridge -11 a.m. Bingo-Lunch at Noon

Senior 'drop in' card day is held on the 4th Thursday of each month from 10am to Noon.



St. Andrew Bereavement Committee CASSEROLE DRIVE

Help Us Stock the Freezer

The St. Andrew Bereavement Committee is holding a casserole drive on Sunday, March 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the Monsignor Nugent Parish Hall kitchen to collect and freeze items that will be used for funeral luncheons. The committee is asking parish members to donate main and side dishes. Because of space in our freezer, we will, also, gratefully accept monetary donations (checks made payable to St. Andrew Parish) and we will do the shopping. Suggested dishes include:

- Lasagna
- Spaghetti
- Beef and noodles
- Chicken casseroles
- Ground beef casseroles
- Macaroni and cheese
- Potato casseroles
- Broccoli and other vegetable favorites

Suggested recipes are available with the pans in the parlor, as well.

Casseroles should serve at least 8 to 12 people or more. Casseroles should be in disposable pans and labeled with the name of the casserole and the reheating or cooking directions. Disposable pans with lids are available in the church parlor along with the recipes.

No time to cook? Frozen casseroles such as party-size (serves 10 to 12) frozen lasagna, macaroni and cheese, stuffed peppers, cabbage rolls, and chicken dishes are always welcome. If you have any questions please contact Kris Pellissier at kpelliss@icloud.com or June Slater at jmsatibw@sbcglobal.net

The committee is also looking for people who would be interested in helping in the kitchen on the day of the funeral luncheon, or in bringing food items needed for the luncheon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jaime Sternick at 614-598-0436 or carpediem13@live.com

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**ST. ANDREW
PRESCHOOL
VOTING
DAY BAKE SALE**

MARCH 17TH
6:30 A.M. 4:00 P.M.

3880 Reed Road 43220
(donations graciously accepted)
for more information contact astephas1@cdeeducation.org



Art Show

Bishop Watterson will hold its annual Art Show on Thursday, April 2 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Artwork by students from Bishop Watterson and its feeder schools will be featured and the Drama Department will hold a bake sale. All are welcome!

BWHS Summer Camps

Bishop Watterson is offering a variety of summer camp options! Art and wood shop camps complement our extensive sports offerings: baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, boys lacrosse, boys soccer, girls soccer, boys and girls tennis, track, and girls volleyball. Go to bishopwatterson.com for dates, registration and other details.

Eagle Gala

It is time to register for Bishop Watterson's Eagle Gala! Join us on Sunday, April 19 at The Exchange at Bridge Park for dinner, music, live and silent auctions and more. All proceeds go toward tuition assistance and the Dominican Program, which is Bishop Watterson's program that offers academic and emotional wellness support for our students. Go to bishopwatterson.com to register! Registration closes April 5.

FAITH FORMATION

ST. ANDREW



High School Youth Group:

This **Sunday, March 15th, from 6-7pm** we are meeting for High School Youth Group at Bishop Watterson High School in Dominican Hall for Adoration and Praise and Worship!

Please email Youth Minister, Andrea McClymont at amcclymont@standrewparish.cc with any questions, or to join our email list! Follow us on Instagram @firstcalled!

S.A.C.R.E.D.

St. Andrew Children's Recreation & Education Day (Saint Andrew Vacation Bible School) will be taking place this summer June, **15, 16, 17, and 18 from 12:30 – 2:00 each day**. Registration is open to children pre-school through 5th grade. Registration forms will be available online soon as well as in the bulletin, PSR & School. For more information please contact the Religious Education Office— 614-451-2855 or semswell@cdeducation.org



Those who meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. will be watching a motion picture of the life of Mary, mother of Christ from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. It is a professionally made film which was

produced in Europe and captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God. We will be viewing this in parts over several Wednesdays beginning on March 11th. All are welcome to join us. Questions? Call or email Suzie Emsweller 614-451-2855 x304 or semswell@cdeducation.org



Praying for your spouse is a powerful act of love. Choose one of your daily activities, like washing dishes, brushing teeth, or driving to work, and use that time to pray for your spouse. Even just an Our Father! Without making extra room in your schedule, you are taking extra time for your marriage and reminding yourself to be your spouse's spiritual support.

10 THINGS TO DO WHEN YOUR LENT PLAN FAILS

ACCEPT IT ACCEPT IF AND HOW YOUR PLAN HAS FAILED	GO TO CONFESSION MAKE AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE AND START OVER	GET BACK UP REMEMBER YOUR LENTEN RESOLUTIONS AND BEGIN AGAIN	WHAT WENT WRONG? PONDER ON THE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT LED YOU HERE	PRAY PRAYER HELPS YOU REVIVE YOUR SOUL. LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE
FAST FASTING ENABLES US TO DOMINATE OUR DESIRES	GIVE ALMS WHEN WE GIVE ALMS, WE DO OURSELVES AND OTHERS A GREAT THING	LISTEN FOLLOW THE ADVICE FROM THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE	FOCUS FOCUS ON ACCOMPLISHING WHAT YOU SET OUT TO DO	ASK FOR HELP LEAN ON YOUR FRIENDS, PRIEST, MENTORS, AND FAMILY

SOURCE: CATHOLICEXCHANGE.COM



God Invites Vocations.
You Can Help Close the Deal.

Josephinum Seminary to host Spring "Live-In" Weekend:

The Pontifical College Josephinum (www.pcj.edu) will host a spring live-in weekend

from 4 p.m. **Thursday, March 26, through 12 Noon Saturday, March 28**, for young men of high-school and college age, along with men who already have their undergraduate degrees who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

The live-in weekend is designed for participants to discuss and experience various aspects seminary life – prayer and spirituality, academic classes, liturgies and communal life – and to speak with formation faculty, seminarians and staff. Discussions on human, spiritual and pastoral dimensions of seminary formation are part of the live-in experience. There is no cost associated with the live-in experience, however registration is required. For more information please contact Father Michael Lumpe, Vice-Rector, at mlumpe@pcj.edu, or Arminda Crawford at acrawford@pcj.edu; both can also be reached by calling the Josephinum at (614) 885-5585. The Pontifical College Josephinum is located at 7625 North High Street, Columbus, 43235

"Never make a decision without stopping to consider the matter in the presence of God."

St. Josemaría Escrivá



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WITH
JESUS"
STARTS
AT THE
ENTRANCE
OF THE
CHURCH

WALK WITH JESUS

**A DRAMATIC PORTRAYAL OF
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**
PERFORMED BY THE ST. ANDREW 8TH GRADE CLASS

**MARCH 31ST
APRIL 1ST & 2ND**

Performances for the school:
Tuesday: 9:34am, 10:16am & 10:58am
Thursday: 9:34am & 10:16am

Special Performances Wednesday:
PSR Families: 4:40pm
8th Grade Parents & Families: 5:30pm

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*Participate in a
peaceful sidewalk vigil
to pray for the
end of abortion.*

**Saturday,
April 4**

7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Founder's Women's
Health Center
1243 E Broad St.,
Columbus, OH 43205

Sign up for one-hour
prayer blocks after
Masses March 21-22
and March 28-29 in the
Parlor! Contact
Jim Holsinger,
614-394-7202,
jimholsing@yahoo.com
for more info.

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Questions? Ann Whiteman at awhiteman@standrewparish.cc

Friday Night Family Support Group

For families suffering through addiction.

Don't isolate yourself. You are not alone. There is hope. Come to share in fellowship with other families who are going through the family disease of addiction. Our primary goal is to share the experience, strength and hope with others, every Friday night at 6:30 in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Wear a sweater, it can be cold in the meeting room. For information call Doug Davis 614-326-7295 or email davis29@columbus.rr.com

**Remember
to Vote**

March 17

**Catholics Care.
Catholics Vote.**

**Catholics Care.
Catholics Vote.**



Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

USCCB's teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics is available online with a new Introductory Note.

Supplemental resources such as videos and bulletin inserts are also available at www.faithfulcitizenship.org



Stations of The Cross
Fridays during Lent - 7:30 p.m.



Adoration - 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Reconciliation - 8:00 p.m.
Benediction 8:45 p.m.

LENTEN GOSPELS TEACH US TO PRAY

Week 3: Contrition

Sacrifice of Praise

Third Sunday of Lent: Exodus 17:3–7 / Romans 5:1–2, 5–8 / John 4:5–42

Contrition Offers Us a Way to Approach the Lord

In today's Gospel reading, every detail of the encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well, a Samaritan woman, reveals Jesus' deep abiding love for all people.

First, let's look at the location and time of day when Jesus and the woman at the well meet. Jesus is in Samaria, home to people considered unclean by the Jews. Everything they touch, including the water in the well, would have been considered unclean. Note the time of day: It is the hottest time of the day; most of the women would have completed the task of collecting water in the cool of the morning. The Samaritan woman comes at this time to avoid others, specifically the judgment of others.

During their conversation, we can witness the progression of the woman's faith. (Perhaps you recognize yourself in her story?) Her relationship with the man seeking to have his thirst quenched is one with a stranger.

Next, Jesus reveals he knows the intimate details of her life. He gently but clearly states the truth of her current state of life, causing her to consider him a prophet. (Perhaps you, too, have experienced the Holy Spirit nudging your heart, gently revealing behaviors or choices that keep you bound and ashamed.)

After gaining her trust by showing the woman that despite all she has done or who she may be, he longs to give her the promise of salvation; she now sees him as the Messiah. Finally, accepting this invitation to be set free through the living water of his mercy and forgiveness, she proclaims him as Savior. She emerges from this encounter contrite and transformed, symbolically dropping her pot (see Jn 4:28) and with it her



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FOR REFLECTION

- Sometimes we need to ask for forgiveness; other times we need to offer it. Recall examples of each in your life. Did you experience joy from offering or receiving forgiveness?
- When have you encountered God's mercy in your life?
- When you come to pray, do you first seek God's forgiveness for your sins?

old way of life. From what situation can Jesus' mercy and love free you?

As a true disciple, the Samaritan woman, known as St. Photina in the Eastern rite, finds others with whom to share the Good News. She runs to find others with which to share her story and invites them to encounter Christ for themselves. Many became believers because of her testimony. Remarkable are the words of those who returned to the woman to report, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have

heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Jesus thirsts for each of us to encounter him, to witness our relationship evolve from strangers to believers, to proclaim him as Savior.

Embracing contrition, we can be freed from our burdens through the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray for and with a heart of contrition to allow Jesus to gently show who you presently are and who he longs for you to be.



Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the invitation during Lent to take a closer look at my life, to look deeply at the places in which I may be faltering or missing opportunities to show your glory in the world. Lord, thank you for the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please strengthen my heart to make a healing, grace-filled confession before Easter.

How to Make a Good Confession

Has it been a while since you've been to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Lent is the perfect time to rectify that. Here is a quick refresher:

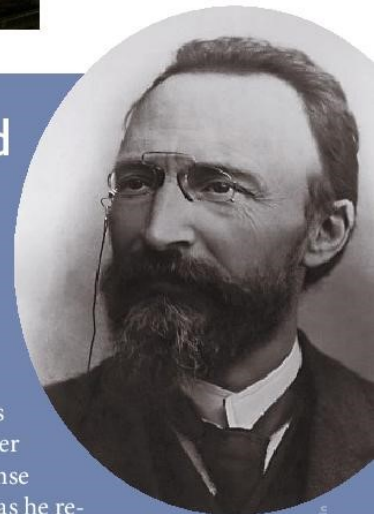
- Examination of Conscience. Spend some time in prayer recalling your sins.
- Confession begins with, "Forgive me, Father, it has been X amount of time since my last confession." If you are nervous or unsure how to proceed, this is a good time to ask for assistance.
- Share your transgressions, listen to the priest's response, and receive your penance.
- Conclude with the Act of Contrition. Feel free to bring it written down if you don't have one memorized.
- Upon leaving the confessional, spend a few moments completing (if possible) the penance the priest has assigned you.

That's it. You are now a new creation in Christ. Allow the grace of this sacrament to guide your prayer, almsgiving, and fasting for the remainder of your Lenten season.

The Great Mercy of God

Bartolo Longo was a priest of Satan before his conversion to Catholicism. He feared, "As the priesthood of Christ is for eternity, so also the priesthood of Satan is for eternity. So, despite my repentance, I thought that I was still consecrated to Satan, and I am still his slave and property as he awaits me in hell. As I pondered over my condition, I experienced a deep sense of despair." Consolation came to him as he recalled this promise from the Blessed Virgin Mary, "One who propagates my Rosary shall be saved," and he recounted, "Falling to my knees, I exclaimed: 'If your words are true that he who propagates your Rosary will be saved, I shall reach salvation because I shall not leave this earth without propagating your Rosary.'"

Blessed Bartolo spent his life promoting the Rosary; in fact, it was from his writings that Pope St. John Paul II based the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, also known as the Mysteries of Light. If Blessed Bartolo's life could be used for such a splendid purpose, imagine what amazing things God can do with you?



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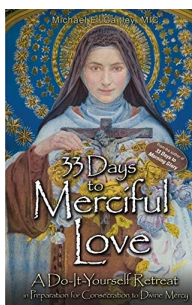
“Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its center, its love, and its happiness. By the wound in Your heart pardon the sins that I have committed whether out of malice or out of evil desires.”

– ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

AROUND THE DIOCESE


SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL - BI-MONTHLY MASS OF HEALING AND HEALING SERVICE SET FOR MARCH 16, 6:30 PM.

Following the Mass a Healing Service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person then will then have an opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with addictions, mental health issues, physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those in seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Bi-monthly Healing Masses take place at Saint Joseph Cathedral on the third Monday of the month, every other month. Secure parking is available off East Gay Street; handicap elevator access to the Cathedral is located off the Broad Street Courtyard. Saint Joseph Cathedral is located at 212 East Broad Street; for more information call (614) 224-1295 or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org



All women, including mothers with young children, are welcome to join the St. Michael Women's Group video study of Fr. Gaitley's "33 Days to Merciful Love" on the following **Tuesdays at 9:15a: March 17 & 31; April 7 & 21; and May 5 & 19** at St. Michael Catholic Church in Worthington! Mothers may bring their young children as we'll have access to the Mom's Day Out toy closet. No reading required! ****All participants must have their fingerprints on file with the diocesan database and have completed the PGC class before the attending.**** Contact Eva DeCenzo at evadecenzo@gmail.com if interested in joining us!



ARCH Business Leaders Breakfast for Second Chance Employment. As an extension of our prison ministry efforts, ARCH (Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope) will host a breakfast business leaders interested in learning for more about hiring returning citizens and second chance employment. The breakfast is on **Thursday, March 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.** at the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. For details and registration, visit www.archreentry.com/business-leaders-breakfast2

For all Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers—Regarding Scheduling for Mass Time Changes Beginning April 19th:

If you have traditionally served at the 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Masses, both Masses will be combined into the Mass at 11:00 a.m. If you have either the 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Masses as one of your preferences, you will be automatically moved to the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Greeters Scheduled March 21-22- B2, B3 and C2 Cleanse Sacred Vessels

	4:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
Server	Anthony Rubino Dominic Rubino Andrew Lehman	Michael Zarick Andrew Zarick NEEDED (sub req.)	Garrett Sever (sub req.) Molly Hura Andrew Jaminet	Jake Ryan Luke Ryan Lily Ryan	Eric Feldman Matilda Millman Davis Boone
Lector	Peg Braunsdorf (a) Marjorie Spellacy (b)	John Pashke (a) Andy Ryan (b) (sub req.)	John Schechter (a) Cindy Coykendale (b)	Joe Chatlos (a) Ava Chatlos (b)	Eagan Foster (a) Mary Schneider (b)
EM	St. Andrew Priest - B (1) Mike Plahuta - B (2) Mary Kaminski - B (3) Rose Hallarn (sub) - B (4) Kevin Carpenter - B (5) Kris Pellissier - C (1) Dee Pellissier - C (2) Dcn Frank Brown - C (3) Stuart Sprigler - C (4)	St. Andrew Priest - B (1) Stephanie Stephenson - B (2) Darla Reed - B (3) David Varda - B (4) Martha Radtke - B (5) Lynn Magnus - C (1) Larry Hoffman - C (2) Dcn Frank Brown - C (3) George Jones - C (4)	St. Andrew Priest - B (1) Don McNeal - B (2) Sarah Smith - B (3) Kathleen Wiant - B (4) NEEDED - B (5) Bob Jones - C (1) Linda Daley - C (2) Dcn Frank Brown - C (3) Mike Miller - C (4) DeAnne Chambers - B Ch (1) Tom Masciangelo - C Ch (1)	St. Andrew Priest - B (1) Paul Buerger - B (2) Karen Huey - B (3) Paula Volpe - B (4) Chris Carter - B (5) Donna Kring - C (1) Laddie Waldegar - C (2) Deacon Tom Berg - C (3) Diane Nester - C (4)	St. Andrew Priest - B (1) Doug/Marie Lessells - B (2) Jennie Statczar - B (3) Todd Statczar - B (4) Damion Faulkner - B (5) Maria Moore - C (1) Mike Koehler - C (2) Deacon Tom Berg - C (3) Dave Shiddenhelm - C (4)
Usher	Mike Gunner	Bob Slater (sub)	Doug Kristof	Glenn Willett	Thomas Crawford
Greeter	Kathy Couvreur	June Slater	Joe Emsweller Suzie Emsweller		Linda Blazer