



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September 11th: This September 11th falls on a Sunday. It gives us the opportunity to remember that terrible day in 2001 and to pray for all who lost their lives and their loved ones. It also marks a new chapter in our country's history that continues to this day, the war on terrorism. September 11th has also come to be a day when we honor the sacrifices of the first responders who so courageously sacrificed their lives as the towers were falling. And, it has become a day to honor all first responders. With the widespread violence committed against police officers throughout our country during this past year, I believe this September 11th is an important moment for us to thank the police officers in our midst who have sworn to protect us and our communities. We need to pray for the safety and protection of those who have sworn to protect us!

Spiritual Adoption Program: Like last year, we have begun a nine month spiritual adoption program. All parishioners are invited to "spiritually adopt" an unborn child and to pray for this child over the course of nine months. We will track the progress of our unborn child on a monthly basis as we follow the amazing miracle of human development. By learning the basics of human development, hopefully we will grow in our own appreciation of the humanity of the unborn child and will be greater defenders of unborn life in a culture that considers their systematic and legal killing to be a "right" and a legitimate form of business.

Deacon Bob's reflections: We have put in a reflection by Deacon Bob Ghiloni in this week's bulletin about his trip to Rome during for the Jubilee of Deacons. Thanks to Deacon Bob for sharing his trip with us!

In Christ, Fr. Wilson

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 11th

- Tuesday: Weekday 6:15 P.M. John A. Dorsey by Estate
Wednesday: Weekday 8:15 A.M. Marcella Ghiloni by Art & Family
Thursday: Weekday 8:15 A.M. Steve Thornton by Classmate
Friday: Weekday 8:30 A.M. George Prior by Blessed Sacrament School
Saturday: Weekday 5:00 P.M. Elizabeth Weisend Arbaugh by Paul and Elizabeth Walker, Deb Sabo
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. Michael Fitzpatrick by Fitzpatrick Family

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of September 11th

Daily Mass Schedule

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, September 13th - Yvonne King (L), Assigned Servers

8:15 a.m. Wednesday, September 14th - Kathy Wilson (L), Assigned Servers

8:15 a.m. Thursday, September 15th - Mike Back (L), Assigned Servers

8:30 a.m. Friday, September 16th - Assigned (L), Assigned Servers

Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, Sept. 17th 5:00 P.M.

Elisa Halsey Emily Grabo J.J. Snider

Michael Snider

Sunday, September 18th 8:00 A.M.

Caden Wells Peyton Riley Zachary Hampton

10:30 A.M.

Maria Hayes Violet Caton Drew Caton

Caden Canning

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers

Schedule

Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, September 17th 5:00 P.M.

Nettie Nau; Ken Billig (L), Bill Revercomb, Rita Revercomb, Caroline Starr, Mollie Phillips, Mike Stickle (EM)

Sunday, September 18th 8:00 A.M.

Diane Layton, Kathy Wilson (L), Patrick Wesley, Barb Harris, Glenna Bowman, Kathy VanWy, Tricia Robinson (EM)

10:30 A.M.

Sarah Ewing, Monica Stanley (L), Michael Burger,

Evey Fuller-Moore, Karen Gross, Jay Goletz,

Mike Clark (EM)



Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for Dcn. Patrick Wilson, Pat Molnar, Tegan Wise, Linda Elizondo, Jean Luzio, Richard Spellman, Sharon Carpenter, Michelle Darkes, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Patty Poth, Mingo O'Rourke, Clayton Mitchell, Florence Medley, Karen Addy, Lou Ann Fleming, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities..

Next Week's Scripture September 11th

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

"Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 113:1-2,4-6,7-8

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours

Seasonal Proper III

Our Stewardship Collection
August 28th

Budgeted per Week	\$	11,618.46
Offertory (158 envelopes)	\$	6,950.75
Average Auto Withdrawal (109 households)	\$	3,367.45
Loose Cash	\$	331.64
Total	\$	10,649.84
Deficit	(\$	968.62)
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	104,566.14
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	95,506.57
Year to Date Deficit	(\$	9,059.57)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	5,116.40
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,834,703.39
TD Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	694,358.04

The Stewardship collection for September 4th will be reported in next week's bulletin.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

Adorers Needed!

Please prayerfully consider signing up for an hour to sit with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. We are in need to fill: Mondays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer for an hour, call Caroline Starr at 740-366-3591 or call the parish office at 740-345-4290.



Our Parish & School Events

Walking with Purpose

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible Study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Women of all ages are welcomed to join us for the first series, "Living in the Father's Love," and learn how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, both with God and with those we love. Our first session is **Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m.** in Shepherd Hall. For more information, contact Margie Schmelzer at 740-745-5856. To order a Living in the Father's Love study guide, call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of September

- **Universal: Centrality of the Human Person.** That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.
- **Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize.** That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** That all those hurt by members of the Church in any way, including clergy, would experience healing and reconciliation

Ensure the Future – Register to Vote



Knights of Columbus Council 721 will be available after all Masses September 10th and 11th to help everyone register to vote in this upcoming election. If you are not already registered to vote, consider this year a great year to start. Your voice is important as there are always many issues and candidates which we need to be aware of in an election year. Take the time to read The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship by the USCCB. For more information about the K of C voter registration, call Grand Knight Bert Scott at 740-349-0210.

This Week



Centennial Building Collection
Mumkin Sale after all Masses

Sunday, September 11

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Mass w/HNS

Monday, September 12

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration till 8:00 p.m. – Church

Tuesday, September 13

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration till 6:00 p.m. – Church
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation till 6:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church
- 7:00 p.m. SVdP Meeting – Library

Wednesday, September 14

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration till 12:00 a.m. – Church
- 3:00 p.m. BSS Liturgy Spiritual Life Meeting – Library
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Liturgy & Spiritual Life – Marian Room

Thursday, September 15

Mum & Mumkin Orders Due

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Alpha Team – Library
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha – Cafe

Friday, September 16

- 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, September 17

- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 18

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. CCD classes
- 9:05 a.m. CCD Parent Meeting – Cafe
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

RCIA & CCD Classes



Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Come join our "RCIA" classes starting Sunday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m. in

our school library (located at 394 East Main Street). Classes are held "between the Masses" for the opportunity to attend the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children are invited to attend CCD "Sunday School" classes at the same time and in the same building. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Parish Office at 740-345-4290.



Spiritual Adoption



Our parish is participating in a Spiritual Adoption Program until June 2017. Take a moment to see our fetal development poster that will change monthly following the progress of your spiritual baby. We will pray monthly for the unborn and for the mothers and fathers of those children. We ask that you pray for all preborn babies, especially those who may be vulnerable to abortion. We pray for those parents that are considering abortion and for those parents choosing to make an adoption plan. We will celebrate the impending birth of our spiritual babies with a baby shower in May that will support our local pregnancy resource center, Heartbeats.

Conception: I'm Here! At the moment the nuclei of the father's sperm and the mother's egg unite a new and unrepeatable human being comes into the world, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA. The new little person's sex is also determined from the beginning. This tiny human begins her life as a single cell gliding down the fallopian tube. In just a few days, she will snuggle into the soft lining of her mother's womb where she will be nurtured for about nine months. After birth she will play a unique role within her own family, and community – a role only she can fulfill. All she needs is time, nourishment and, most of all, *love*.

Please Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood. You also shared our time in the womb. While still God, while worshiped and adored by the angels, while Almighty and filling every part of the universe, You dwelt for nine months in the womb of Mary. You were our Redeemer in the womb, our God who was a preborn child.

Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.



The Blessed Sacrament School

Annual Fall Mum, Mumkin & Mumster Sale

The annual Mumkin Sale will end September 15. See the enclosed order form or go to www.MumkinSale.com to view the online catalog. Return order forms with payment to the school, parish office or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Mum Sale." Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament School. Pick up orders on Wednesday, October 5 from Noon-7:00 p.m. in our playground. For other information, call Kathy Taylert at 740-975-7889. Every order benefits Blessed Sacrament Home and School Association for purchasing classroom educational materials, helps to fund student field trips and other projects directly benefitting the students.

Local Events of Interest

St. Francis de Sales Parish is entrusted with the perpetual care of Mt. Calvary Cemetery (Rt. 13 & Hopewell Drive, Heath). These sacred and historic grounds are the final resting place of many founders of our community, and the site of many beautiful monuments. In order to facilitate maintenance and security, we have begun locking the gates of Mt. Calvary at the end of each workday as is the practice at many cemeteries that have posted visiting hours. In due time, we will be placing new signage to indicate this. So that you know the official visiting hours at Mt. Calvary they are now Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Both Mt. Calvary and St. Joseph Cemetery (Rt. 13 N) are private property, and St. Joseph Cemetery is also completely off-limits from dusk to dawn. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility – thank you for your cooperation in making our cemeteries dignified places of rest.



Edwardians Deluxe Motorcoach Trip

Join us on Tuesday, October 11th for a deluxe one-day motorcoach trip starting at Putnam Overlook Mountain in Muskingum County. All-inclusive price of \$41.00. Forty (40) passengers required for trip. Reservations now accepted! The motorcoach has to be paid by September 10th in advance of the trip.

We will Leave St. Edward Church, Granville, at 8:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. for a day packed full of adventure. From Putnam Lookout Mountain we will visit Alan Cottrill Sculpture Studio & Gallery, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, buffet lunch at Bryan Place and docent tour of National Road Zane Grey Museum. Price includes all expenses – transportation, entrance fees, docent guides and buffet lunch. Limited walking – dropped off at the doors.

Please make your check payable to The Edwardians and mail to Linda Woolard, 481 Beacon Road, Newark. For more information, call 740-323-3105 or email: Lindawoolard@windstream.net.



Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center needs your help.

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center is working on adding a new high efficiency boiler and improving central air conditioning, as well as adding WiFi to the facility. Any donations will help achieve these goals. Contact Bob Overman, Director, at (740) 928-4246.



A Spiritual Journey of Mercy to THE Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome!

Very early this year I received an invitation to come to Rome for The Jubilee of Deacons from Our Holy Father Pope Francis ... so did every Deacon in the world but I did not take it as a personal invitation and I responded with a resounding "YES"!

It was the Jubilee of Deacons in this The Year of Mercy as declared by our Pope, Francis. In all of my trips to Italy over the last 58 years, I have never had the opportunity to experience a Jubilee Year and walk through The Bronze Door of St. Peter's. This was to be a special Spiritual Journey of my lifetime, to the seat of our Faith, the Vatican and Rome. My journey did not disappoint me!

Although 9 others from the Columbus Diocese traveled to Rome on a tour, I left early as I wanted to visit other places on my own. I stayed at the Franciscan Convent on the outskirts of Rome. Arriving on Tuesday, I rested and traveled to Assisi on Wednesday which in itself is always a spiritual journey. Thursday I went to the Vatican, attended Mass in the Eucharistic Chapel of St. Peter's and I remembered all of the good people of Blessed Sacrament Parish and prayed for our renovation of the church and the renewal of our parish, as I also prayed at the tombs of St. Pope John Paul II and St. Pope John XXIII.

Friday began the Jubilee of Deacons. Half of the deacons attending were English speaking so two different churches were assigned with speakers for both Friday and Saturday. Also four churches in Rome, dedicated to St. Lawrence, Deacon, were opened for adoration, reconciliation and a Holy Door for the Jubilee Year. I was assigned the Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. The talks on Saturday were focused on "*The Deacon: Image of Mercy for the Promotion of the New Evangelization*". All talks were presented by clergy, two deacons, a priest and a bishop. It was a very positive time for the diaconate community worldwide as the deacon's role in the Church has brought about a new evangelization and is highly regarded for the deacon's part in spreading the Gospel of Christ through their Christian Charity of Service to others in the world.

Saturday began with a walking pilgrimage to the Holy Door of St. Peter's on a path down the main street leading to the Vatican. A procession of small groups (about 30-40 deacons and their families) began the journey of mercy, led by a deacon carrying a large wooden cross, praying the rosary. I was privileged to lead a couple of decades for our group and it brought back the thought of praying the rosary with all of you before Mass. You were in my prayers. Each group was sent forward by two deacons reading a scripture passage, followed by prayer of sending forth. This greeting of the groups continued at strategic points along the way. As we ascended the steps of St. Peter we were again met by two deacons for a final prayer before entering the Holy Door. Our pilgrimage ended with meeting two deacons in front of the main altar in the Basilica of St. Peter's and then sent out to the world to proclaim the "Good News".

God had my mind, soul and heart ready for this journey. My trip to Assisi was a tremendous start as I walked in the footsteps of St. Francis and prayed in the church he was given in the beginning of the formation of the Franciscan Order. It is a small church which can accommodate about 15 people and the Basilica of Santa Maria d' Angelo is built completely around it. I went to the tomb of St. Francis in the crypt of the Basilica of St. Francis and in prayer I found myself at peace and ready to begin the Jubilee of Deacons. The talks on Friday set the tone for me for the next two days.

I sometimes have questions of different things that arise within my faith, not that I question God or the hierarchy of the Church, but just a need of reassurance and explanation. I was always told that it was okay to question as long as I ALWAYS SEEKED the TRUTH; and I had one of those moments I would like to share. It has to do with indulgences.

Each one of us has the ‘golden’ opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence in this Holy Year of Mercy. You don’t have to go to Rome but, just to Columbus to St. Joseph Cathedral. The indulgence comes about by going on pilgrimage (one way or the other) through the designated Holy Door of the Jubilee of Mercy; in the right frame of mind, with the right intention and performing other spiritual works such as going to reconciliation, Holy Communion at Mass, praying for our Holy Father, etc. For me, the question was ‘how do I know this will take away the temporal punishment I deserve for being a sinful man’? As I was in procession and praying the rosary, this question was continually on my mind and the Lord knew that!

The Bronze Door, the Holy Door of St. Peters, is adorned with embossed scenes of the life and passion of Christ and the door is, I guess, about 15-20 feet tall. As I approached to enter, I bowed my head, closed my eyes and asked the Lord for guidance and reassurance of His Mercy for me. With head bowed, I placed my hand upon the door and momentarily held it there as I continued to talk to the Father. As I looked up and saw my hand, it was fully touching the panel that was embossed with the scene of Christ on the cross looking at Dismas, the good thief, forgiving him of his sins and telling him “Today you will be with me in paradise”. **“Yes Lord, I believe!”** I was filled with the peace of Christ.

As I left the group, my heart was full with zeal, and I immediately went to St. Lorenzo church (one of the churches of St. Lawrence), knelt in prayer of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and in my turn went to confession. I completed my visit to our Eucharistic Lord with prayers for our Holy Father, Francis. God always has provided for me; He has been carrying me all my life and He does answer prayers. Saturday concluded with talks focused on *“The Deacon: Called to be a Dispenser of Charity in the Christian Community”*. At the end of the day, I celebrated with a nice pasta dinner and a serving of gelato, wondering what could be next to top this day... I found out as Sunday morning broke.

Arriving at the entrance of Paul VI Audience Hall, 3 hours before Mass with Pope Francis was to begin; I found I was eventually in the midst of 2,000 deacons from around the world. As we went to vest for Mass, we were given a gift from Pope Francis, a white stole, with the emblem of the Year of Mercy, with the words “Misericordes Sicut Pater”. We were seated on either side of the altar, outside St. Peters. It was a tremendous feeling as Pope Francis prayed the Mass and gave his homily. Although I can only pick out a few words for translation, I know he told us of his gratitude, and that of the Church, for answering God’s call to the Diaconate. The feeling I had was not that of being proud, although I am proud to be a deacon, but it was a feeling of gratitude, of thanksgiving to our heavenly father, for calling me to serve Him, through serving you, the Holy People of God of Blessed Sacrament, and His church, wherever I am called. After the Mass, Pope Francis came to us and talked to us individually and shook the hands of the deacons.

My heart was opened to His Graces and He poured them out on me and my prayers. YOU too can experience His graces in your life, when you open your heart to Him. Before the end of this Jubilee Year, take the time to “Go” on a pilgrimage to St. Joseph Cathedral, find the Holy Door, pray, and find God speaking to you! Take advantage of the indulgences available to you.

I stayed another week and spend a couple of days in Tuscany with cousins and then went to Venito and stayed the rest of my week with another cousin and her family. I never tire of my visits to Italy because God always has something in store for me. ***PRAISE GOD from Whom All Blessings flow.***

Peace and Prayers,
In Christ,
Deacon Bob

Sons of Italy Monthly Spaghetti Dinner

Sons of Italy monthly spaghetti dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 14th from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad bar and dessert for \$7.00 – adult. \$3.00 – students ages 6-12 and free for ages 5 and under. Bring your family and friends for a fun and relaxing evening. Let us do the cooking. All you have to do is eat!! Sons of Italy Lodge, 607 McKinley Avenue (349-3269).



Women’s Silent Retreat Weekend



Women of the Columbus diocese: Unplug and connect with God by coming to a SILENT retreat for women September 30, October 1 and 2, 2016 at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43213. Sponsored by the Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League, this retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday at noon. Fr. Vincent Petersen, a Franciscan from Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, Ohio, will be the retreat master. His theme is “Love and Praise: Reflections on the Writings of Pope Francis.” The fee is \$125.00 for six meals and a private room. For more information, send e-mail to retreatleague@gmail.com or call Sharon Gehrlich, CLRL Secretary, at 614-882-1946. Deadline is September 15, 2016. Space is limited and fills quickly. Please respond soon. God is calling you.

Around the Diocese

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry



School bells are ringing. This could be a trigger for your motherhood if such an occasion is cause for you to remember the child who might have been dancing out the door. If these traditional motherhood experiences come into your mind, it is normal and often an opportunity to be with other mothers who share the same inner

longing and sadness. Abortion does have a memory. As the healing love of Jesus enters your heart and relationships, you will come to seek the intercessory prayer of your child who now rests in eternal joy. We welcome you on this journey. You are not alone. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month. Call our confidential lines at 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit bethesdahealing.org.

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine (315 Clay Street, Carey, OH) is offering a **Healing Mass** on Friday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all to come and pray together. Following Mass, visitors are invited to participate in special prayers for healing.

Charity Begins at Home

Join Fr.Thomas Blau, OP, Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick, as he reflects on God’s Mercy and How we can grow as an instrument of Mercy. Fr. Blau will be at The Church of the Ascension, 555 S. Main Street, Johnstown, OH 43031, for a 3 day Parish mission starting Monday, September 26th through Wednesday, September 28th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. He will also be celebrating all Masses on September 24th and 25th. Come one or all three nights.

Help Wanted: Part-time Bookkeeper

Local church with school seeks part-time Bookkeeper to perform a full range of financial duties requiring the application of accounting principles, including maintaining accurate financial records, reporting and budgets using QuickBooks. Other responsibilities include AP/AR and payroll. A strong knowledge of the accrual system of accounting is required. A minimum of 2 years bookkeeping experience is required; a bachelor degree in accounting, finance or a related field is preferred. Send résumé with cover letter and salary requirements by September 20 to: 40 Granville Street, Newark, Ohio 43055.

Young Women’s Evening of Reflection

“Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me.” Song of Solomon 2:10. You are invited to join us on Saturday, September 17th as we explore and uncover God’s love for us as women; where we are, as we are. All women ages 18-35 are invited to join us for Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner, reflection, community, Adoration, and Reconciliation at Church of the Resurrection OLR Chapel (6300 E Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany) with dinner in the Ministry Center at 6:00 p.m. The cost is *none!* To sign up, contact Krista Winbigler at 614 315-4675 or kristawinbigler@gmail.com.

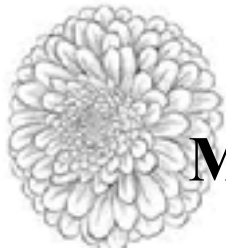
The 5th Annual Beauty of the Feminine Catholic Women’s Conference is Saturday, October 8th at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish (144 N. Fifth Street), Zanesville. It is a day of fellowship, prayer, and faith formation. The theme is “Witnesses to Mercy.” Preregistration is accepted until Friday, September 30th by calling St. Thomas Parish at 740-453-3309 or email Susan Piecynski at thebeautyofthefeminine@gmail.com. There will also be registration at the door on the day of the event. Visit thebeautyofthefeminine.weebly.com and Facebook – TheBeautyOfTheFeminine for more information and updates!

God has a plan for our Marriage!

Whether you’ve discerned God calling you to try to achieve or postpone pregnancy, Natural Family Planning (NFP) can help you and your spouse live God’s plan for love and life, while strengthening your marriage relationship. Engaged and married couples are invited to learn NFP. Class dates/registration are online at familylife.coltsdioc.org or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614 241-2560 or familylife@columbuscatholic.org.

Who’s That Stranger In My House?

Take your spouse on a Marriage Encounter weekend and rediscover each other. The next two weekends are November 11-13 and in the new year on February 17-19, both in central Ohio. For information or to register, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit www.wwmecolumbus.org.



The Blessed Sacrament School Annual Fall

Mum, Mumkin & Mumster Sale

List of items available:

Mumkins (Includes the pumpkin pot made from recycled fiber resins and a premium mum. Available in two sizes, Mumkin Senior , 13.25” diameter and Mumkin Junior, 11.25” diameter)			Qty
1	RUSTY SENIOR (Red Mum)	25.00	
2	RUBY JUNIOR (Red Mum)	20.00	
3	GRAPESTER SENIOR (Purple Mum)	25.00	
4	GRAPESTER JUNIOR (Purple Mum)	20.00	
5	GOLDIE SENIOR (Yellow Mum)	25.00	
6	GOLDIE JUNIOR (Yellow Mum)	20.00	
7	AUTUMN SENIOR (Bronze Mum)	25.00	
8	AUTUMN JUNIOR (Bronze Mum)	20.00	
The Hairclub for Mumkins and Mumsters (Premium mums grown in black growers pot bloom in early October. Use to refill Mumkin or Mumster Pots or use them in containers around your home. These mums can also be planted.)			
9	GOLDIE (Yellow Mum)	13.50	
10	RUBY (Red Mum)	13.50	
11	GRAPE (Purple Mum)	13.50	
12	RUSTY (Red Mum)	13.50	
13	AUTUMN (Bronze Mum)	13.50	
Mumsters (Includes painted pot crafted from sturdy tin and a premium mum. FrankenMum is 10” in diameter, all other Mumsters are 9” in diameter.)			
14	FRANKENMUM	30.00	
15	THE BRIDE OF FRANKENMUM	25.00	
16	BATMUM (Hanging Basket)	25.00	
17	CATMUM	25.00	
18	22” SPOOKY PICS 6 PACK	20.00	
TOTAL			

Name: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament School.

Return your order form and payment by Thursday, September 15th to Blessed Sacrament School, the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked ‘Mum Sale.’ To view the online brochures, visit www.MumkinSale.com. No internet access and would like to view a color brochure? Pick up the brochures in the school office or contact Kathy Taylert at (740) 975-7889.

Pick up is Wednesday, October 5th from Noon – 7:00 PM at the Blessed Sacrament School playground.

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.



"If indeed 'the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,' the Church 'cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.'"¹ So writes Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI.

Our nation faces many political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.²

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to

human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.'"³ The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include **human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.**⁴

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human being "must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (no. 131). The *Compendium* continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception

as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity' (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 27). Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society."⁵

Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.⁶ The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.⁷

The Common Good

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”⁸

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if **human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met**. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by **respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers**. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to **care for God's creation**, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si'* as “our common home.”⁹ We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us]”.¹⁰ Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of

the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

Solidarity

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible for *all*.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one's neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one's own advantage.”¹¹

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

Notes

- 1 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 183.
- 2 This specific list of issues is taken from the Introductory Note to *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2015. For a fuller consideration, see the second document in this series, “The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship; Part II: Making Moral Choices and Applying Our Principles” (2016), and the full statement of the bishops' *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2015.
- 3 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 221.
- 4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2016, nos. 40ff.
- 5 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
- 6 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.
- 7 *Centesimus Annus*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae*, nos. 4-6.
- 8 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 164.
- 9 *Laudato Si'*, no. 77.
- 10 *Laudato Si'*, nos. 219 and 217.
- 11 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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PICNIC



Next Weekend!

Sunday, September 18th

**Blessed Sacrament Parish &
School Family Picnic**

at

St.'s Peter & Paul Retreat Center

2734 Seminary Road SE

Newark, Ohio

Attend

Outdoor Mass at 12:30 p.m.

(Picnic Lunch will follow Mass)



Guaranteed to have Fun all Afternoon!



**Brats & Hotdogs,
Beverages & Tableware provided.**

Bring family and friends!

Bring a Covered Dish & Dessert to Share.

Bring your favorite Homemade Dessert to the shelter house by 1:30 p.m. to be in a Dessert Judging Contest. Winners will be announced around 2:30 p.m. Enter and you could win a prize! Dessert entries will be shared with attendees of the picnic.