

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Parish Picnic: Thanks to all who have helped to organize our annual Parish Picnic. As our world becomes increasingly more isolated and people live with the illusion of community through social media, we are called to become increasingly more intentional about community. An intentional commitment to community begins with the conviction that community is good. In our life of faith, we celebrate the truth that Christ established a communion of life and love that we call the Church. The first and greatest form of communion is with the Holy Trinity. As the Church is the Body of Christ, we cannot separate the Head (Christ) from His Members (the Church). Our commitment to community needs to begin in the home as we intentionally strengthen our relationships through prayer, conversation, mercy, shared activities, and shared lives. The family as the domestic church forms the basis of the parish as a family. One small way for us to strengthen our ties as brothers and sisters in Christ is to come together for our annual picnic. I hope to see you there!

Year of Mercy: On Divine Mercy Sunday of this past year (April 11th), Pope Francis declared a Year of Mercy to begin on December 8th for this coming year. He announced his intention to establish this special year of Mercy in a document entitled "Misericordiae Vultus: BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY." (It is available free, as are all Church documents, on the internet.) His goal for the year is that it be a time for Catholics to contemplate just how merciful God has been to them and to understand better how they are called to be merciful to others in turn. He is urging all of us to spend more time practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works of mercy are: Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, giving drink to the thirsty and burying the dead. The spiritual works are: Converting sinners, instructing the ignorant, advising the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and dead. This special Year of Mercy will conclude on November 20, 2016. I pray that during this coming Year of Mercy our own appreciation of the Mercy that God lavishes upon us in and through His Divine Son will grow and that we will share more abundantly this Mercy with our family members, fellow parishioners, neighbors, and all of those that we meet.

Abortion and Confession: Perhaps you heard the rather confusing media attention regarding one of the Holy Father's initiatives for the Year of Mercy. Many media outlets wrongly gave the impression that the Holy Father was permitting for the first time priests to forgive the sin of abortion in the confessional. For the record, since the day I was ordained a priest I have had the faculty to forgive the sin of abortion. This "faculty" was given to me by the Bishop of Columbus.

Because of the seriousness of the sin of abortion, it is required that a priest have the specific permission to grant absolution. There are dioceses around the world where priests have not been given this permission (or faculty). In those cases forgiveness of the sin of abortion is possible, but slightly more complicated. This gesture of the Holy Father is a beautiful way to celebrate the great Mercy of God and to bring attention to the coming year of Mercy.

God bless, Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of September 13th

- Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows 6:15 P.M. Lorie Bush (Birthday)
Wednesday: Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 8:15 A.M. Joan Glaub Morrow by Marie Inscho
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor 8:15 A.M. Deceased Members of the Biela Family by Ann Selak
Friday: Weekday 8:30 A.M. Fr. Harold Schneider by St. Francis Class of 1946
Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr 5:00 P.M. Mary Jo Pardue by the Koch Family
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times 8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. Dorothy Bever by Family



Liturgical Ministers Schedule for the Week of September 13th

- Daily Mass Schedule
6:15 P.M. Tuesday, September 15th - Diane Layton (L), Pam Rauch, Caroline Starr (EM), Servers
8:15 A.M. Wednesday, September 16th - Kathy Wilson (L), Servers
8:15 A.M. Thursday, September 17th - Judy Healy (L), Servers
8:30 A.M. Friday, September 18th - Mass (L), Servers
Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, September 19th 5:00 P.M. Rudy Snider, J. J. Snider, Michael Snider, Sarah Snider, Jacob Koch
Sunday, September 20th 8:00 A.M. Zachary Hampton, Sam Anderson, Braydon VanVelzor
10:30 A.M. Mya Stokes, Drake Nance, Fischer Nance, Bailee Clouse



**Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Minister
Schedule**

Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, September 19th

5:00 P.M.

Jodi Snider, Thomas Koch (L), Deacon Patrick,
Mike Stickle, Bev Donaldson, Pam Rauch,
Tina Frischen (EM)

Sunday, September 20th

8:00 A.M.

Judy Healy, Diane Layton (L), Patrick Wesley,
Bernard Kreim, Peggy Komada, Nancy Ogilbee,
Barb Harris (EM)

10:30 A.M.

Monica Stanley, Sarah Ewing (L), Deacon Patrick,
Maria Bigler, Jacob Langwasser, Sharon Van Horn,
Kelli Morrow (EM)

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Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Don Barber, Philly Dolen, Pat Molnar, Lucille Fitzsimmons, Gerry Hall, Shawn Miller, Joseph Williams, Irma DeVault, Robert Nels, John Vescio, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Bettie Wolfinger, Barb Sullivan, John Lewis, Martha Lewis, Rosemary Selby, Marsha Linden, Tony Montagnese, Pat Deucher, John Debevoise, Mike Barrett, Cammie Sabo, Fran Williams, Marie Kovreg, Jim Lannan, Mary Ann Walters, Michelle Darkes, Joe Brown, Jeff Erhard, Lisa Fleming, Karen Addy, Lou Ann Fleming, Erin Selfe*, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of Richard Johnson, Harold Davis, and Jasca Kaneff. May they rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

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**Our Stewardship Collection
September 6th**

Budgeted per Week	\$	11,170.80
Offertory (154 envelopes)	\$	7,238.10
Loose Cash	\$	347.00
Average Auto Withdrawal (107 households – average weekly giving)	\$	3,049.58
Total	\$	10,634.68
Deficit	(\$	536.12)
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	122,878.80
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	110,139.00
Year to Date Deficit	(\$	12,739.80)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	8,141.91
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,926,252.18
Total Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	339,905.81

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

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**Next Weekend's Scripture
September 20th
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
"The Lord upholds my life."

Responsorial Psalm: 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8

2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

*This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours
Seasonal Proper IV*

Our Parish & School Events

Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of September

- **Universal:** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.
- **Evangelization:** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** That all hurt by members of the Church in any way, including clergy, would experience healing and reconciliation.

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**Blessed Sacrament Home and School Annual
Mum Mumkin and Mumster Sale**

Blessed Sacrament Home and School Annual Mum, Mumkin and Mumster Sale *ends* Thursday, September 17th. Advance, prepaid orders may be placed in an envelope marked "Mumkin sale" and dropped in the collection basket, with any BSS student, or dropped off at the school office. Browse online at www.mumkinsale.com. Pick-up is Thursday, October 1st from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. on the playground (weather permitting).

Proceeds from this sale benefit the purchase and installation of a lighted crosswalk system bridging East Main and enhancing the safety of school students, staff and parishioners crossing between the school and the annex. For information, contact Kathy Taylert at (740) 345-2270 or mktaylert@gmail.com.

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Part-Time Organist

Blessed Sacrament is seeking a part-time Organist. Responsibilities include but not limited to: providing music for weekend liturgies, occasional weddings, funerals, Holy Day of Obligation liturgies, and school Mass liturgies. It is preferred that the successful candidate be a practicing Catholic, and have an ability to learn and successfully accompany all liturgies of the parish. An immediate start date is preferred. Passing a background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course are mandatory. Salary to be determined. Please submit a résumé to Rick Snor at snowprince@roadrunner.com or call at 740-814-0028.

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This Week

Sunday, September 13

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. First Day RCIA – Library
- 9:00 a.m. First Day CCD
- 9:15 a.m. CCD Parent Meeting – Cafe
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 12:30 p.m. Mass – Parish/School Picnic –**
Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center

Monday, September 14

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m. *in the Church*
- 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts – Annex
- 6:30 p.m. Angels Girls Group – Cafe

Tuesday, September 15

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m. *in the Church*
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- 6:15 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 16

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration until midnight *in the Church*
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting – Conference Room

Thursday, September 17

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- BSS Mumkin Orders Due

Friday, September 18

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Movie Night! Premiere “Discover Zac Ryan” – Shepherd Hall**

Saturday, September 19

- 6:30 a.m. “That Man Is You” – Shepherd Hall**
- 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 20

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class attend**
10:30 a.m. Mass together
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:45 a.m. Parent/Student Meeting – Café**
1st Communion/1st Reconciliation

MOVIE NIGHT: Complete with Popcorn!

Join us at Blessed Sacrament Shepherd Hall for a special screening of the new heartwarming Christian film, ***Life Changes Everything: Discover Zac Ryan on Friday, September 18th.*** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 7:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend although a suggested \$5.00/ticket donation will be accepted with proceeds benefiting a theatrical release of the film and central Ohio pro-life efforts. For more information or to reserve your seat, visit www.gcrtl.org/movie. For more information, contact Melissa Stack at 614-893-5499 or melissaraestack@yahoo.com.

Watch the official trailer at www.discoverzacryan.com. ***We have the opportunity to view this film, right here in Licking County, before it is released in theaters!*** Bring friends.... this event is open to the community. Some reviewers are calling this film, “the best Christian film to date.” and “thought provoking and powerful.” ***Don’t miss this special opportunity to see this pro-life film!***



Parish Picnic

This Sunday! All parish and school families are invited to our **Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13th at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road, Newark.** The outdoor Mass begins at 12:30 p.m., near the picnic pavilion, and lunch follows immediately



after Mass. **Bring a covered dish and dessert to share.** Meats, beverages, disposable dinnerware and plastic silverware will be furnished. There will be games for all ages and the annual Corn Hole Tournament. There will be a dessert contest, too!



That Man Is You

All Men of the Parish, 18 years or older, are invited to our faith sharing program, “That Man is You.” Join us whether you were with us in the first year or if this is your first time. Learn more about what our Catholic faith teaches about authentic male leadership in the home and family. Bring a father, brother, son, or friend to share in a deeper spiritual connection to our faith. This one-hour 13-week program begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends promptly at 8:00 a.m. each Saturday until December 12th. A light breakfast is offered starting at 6:30 a.m. For information, call Kevin Pugh at 740-404-9826 or Scott Van Horn at 740-404-1066.



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This Weekend!
Sunday, September 13th
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, & Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Beverages & Tableware provided.

Bring family and friends!

Bring a Covered Dish & Dessert to Share.

Take 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.

Adorers Needed

Times have not been filled and we need at least two Adorers for each of these hours: Wednesdays – 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Please prayerfully consider sitting with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration for one hour. Contact Pat Molnar at 740-366-3077 for information or if you would like to be on the weekly schedule.



Spiritual Adoption

Our parish is participating in a Spiritual Adoption Program until next June. Stop by and see our poster by the front door which will change monthly following the progress of “our Baby”. We will pray throughout the months for the unborn and for mothers and fathers of those children. We ask that you pray for children who were wanted and prayed for and also for those who may have been conceived unexpectedly. We pray for parents who are considering abortion and for those parents considering an adoption plan. We will have a baby shower in May in celebration of Life which 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.



Local Events of Interest

Share your Good Cooking with the Residents of St. Vincent Haven!

St. Vincent Haven is a 26 bed emergency/transitional shelter program for men 18 years/older who are homeless from all over Licking County. Dinner is prepared by volunteer Cooking Teams and brought into the shelter each evening. Teams (3-4 persons) cook once a month. We currently have a couple of openings and need your help. To form a team, join an existing team, or for information, call Linda Berger at 740-670-0822 or email svh@svdphaven.org. View www.svdphaven.org!



An Invitation to All Ladies

Now that summer is over, vacations are a happy memory and school has begun, it is time to relax and enjoy the sights, smells and especially the tastes of autumn by joining the **Women of St. Francis 12th Annual Ladies Brunch on Saturday, October 3rd in Johnson Hall Lamy Center (40 Granville St.)**. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. There is no charge but a freewill donation will be accepted. Our program includes Ellen Bolen, of Climbing Rose Florist Shop, who will demonstrate an easy way to make a fall centerpiece. Come and join us for delicious food and great fellowship. RSVP by Wednesday, September 30th by calling Debby Shelly at 740-366-6924 or Lori Brown at 740-323-3562.



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Please consider donating to the SVdP pantry (135 Wilson St.) to help fill shelves for the fall season with soups, canned fruit, toilet paper and pasta noodles. We also encourage financial donations which we use to purchase items as needed. Please make checks payable to St Vincent de Paul (designate Food Pantry in the memo) and mail to SVdP Food Pantry, 135 Wilson Street, Newark. The people we serve are so appreciative. Thank you for supporting the SVdP Food Pantry.





Communication Classes for 2-year-olds

For the eleventh year, classes for 2-year-olds with communication challenges will be held at St. Edward Church from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. A speech language pathologist directs the program. The children work in small groups and “play” to improve their communication and socialization skills. The charge is \$35.00/week (4 hours). Contact: Barbara Lechner, Ph.D., at 740-587-7214 or talkdoc43023@msn.com.

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Free After-School Program for Those with Autism

A free After-School Program for children is offered during the school year on Mondays at St. Edward Church beginning September 14th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Children should have 2nd grade (at least) reading skill. Students will work one-on-one with mentors in small groups on non-competitive physical activities (including an obstacle course), music, dancing, cooking, interviewing, drama, etc. We will eat supper together, so the children and mentors should bring a meal. This program is sponsored by the Language Experience Center, a nonprofit organization. *Mentors will be trained and paid. Prospective students and mentors are asked to contact Barbara Lechner, Ph.D, CCC, at 740-587-7214 or talkdoc43023@msn.com.*

Around the Diocese

The 4th Annual Beauty of the Feminine Catholic Women’s Conference is Saturday, October 3rd at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Zanesville. It is a day of fellowship and faith building. The day will include keynote speakers, Adoration, and a panel of women sharing their journey of faith. Preregistration is accepted until September 30th by calling Susan at St. Thomas Parish office at 740-453-3309 or email thebeautyofthefeminie@gmail.com. Registration will be available at the door on the day of the event. Also visit www.thebeautyofthefeminie.weebly.com, [facebook/thebeautyofthefeminie](https://www.facebook.com/thebeautyofthefeminie) for updates!

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2015 Friends of the Poor Walk

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2015 Friends of the Poor Walk, 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 3rd at St. Francis DeSales High School stadium track (4212 Karl Rd., Columbus). Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. All money raised goes back to the walkers’ SVdP conferences to help those in need in our communities. Register online at www.svdpusa.net/fop/ and for more information call Gail Page at 614-824-1289, emailjtwillig@gmail.com or contact our SVdP President, Amy Ghiloni, at (740) 323-2548.

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“Growing Threats to Pro-Life Americans’ Rights of Conscience” Lecture

The Pontifical College Josephinum Annual Lecture Series begins Thursday, September 17th with a presentation by Richard M. Doerflinger, Associate Director of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. Mr. Doerflinger will present “The New Intolerance: Growing Threats to Pro-Life Americans’ Rights of Conscience” at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center on the Josephinum campus (7625 N. High Street, Columbus). The event is free and open to the public; reservations not required. For more information, call the Academic Dean’s office at 614-985-2274.

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Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

For 22 years, Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry has and continues to minister to countless men and women who have come to know God’s mercy, which is not withdrawn and is everlasting. The horror of the actions taken against our most vulnerable, after abortion, holds those perpetrating such violence accountable. We pray for their conversion. Please contact us on BHM confidential phone lines 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651.

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The Fourth Annual Sacred Heart Congress is Saturday, October 31st at St. Catharine of Siena Church, 500 S. Gould Rd., Columbus. The day will include; Mass, featured speakers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Registration is at 7:00 a.m. and the Conference begins at 8:00 a.m. with Mass at 12:00 noon.

Featured Speakers include: Gloria Anson, President of the Sacred Heart Apostolate, Inc.; Fr. Stash Dailey, Columbus Diocesan Priest at Holy Family Church, Columbus, Spiritual Director of Sacred Heart Columbus and National Board of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network; Fr. Daniel Dury a priest of the Diocese of Columbus and current pastor of St. Catharine of Siena Church, Columbus. There is no cost for this conference but there will be a freewill offering. For information or to register go to www.sacredheartcolumbus.org.

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Women’s Silent Retreat

Women of our diocese are invited to a SILENT retreat starting Friday evening, October 2nd and ending Sunday, October 4th, 12:00 noon at St. Therese Retreat Center (5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus). Sponsored by the Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League. Retreat Master is Fr. Matthew Hoover, pastor of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, with the theme “Women Mystics: Experiencing God - Why We Need Them.” The fee is \$125.00. For more information send an e-mail to retreatleague@gmail.com or call Sharon Gehrich, CLRL Secretary, at 614-882-1946. Registration deadline is September 15th. Space is limited and fills quickly. God is calling you.

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