

Pastor's Corner...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Helping our children stay safe in the digital world: Newark Catholic High School had an excellent school mission this week entitled "Being Smart with Your Smart Phone." It could have easily been called "Discipleship in the Digital Age." We heard some very important information both for the students and also for families. Some simple advice for all families includes:

- 1. Parents need to make sure that their children have a curfew in the digital world just like their children have a curfew in the real world
2. Parents need to place a password on all devices that have apps and they need to approve every app their child adds or deletes.
3. Just like parents need to be able to go into their children's rooms and every other area of their lives in the real world, so too parents need to be able to go into their child's life in the digital world.

Parents need to be able to ask your children about every app on their phone. For the record, I am not endorsing children having smart phones, but, they are unfortunately a reality for many of our children, and I'm very concerned that parents are not providing proper oversight and protection. We were not raised in this digital world, and unfortunately our ignorance is exposing our children to great threats to their spiritual, moral, and even legal lives.

Holy Week: Plan on making Holy Week a holy week. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for a complete schedule.

In Christ,
Father Wilson

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 13th

Table with 2 columns: Day/Event and Time. Includes Tuesday: Lenten Weekday (6:15 P.M.), Wednesday: Lenten Weekday (8:15 A.M.), Thursday: St. Patrick, Bishop (8:15 A.M.), Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor (8:30 A.M.), Saturday: St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (5:00 P.M.), Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (8:00 A.M.).

For the People of the Parish

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Event and Time. Includes Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 19th (5:00 P.M.), Sunday, March 20th (8:00 A.M.), and 10:30 A.M. service.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of March 13th

Daily Mass Schedule

Table with 3 columns: Time, Name, and Role. Lists ministers for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 19th.

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for Phyllis Williams, Jim Lannan, Barb Dolan, Albert Duffy, Tom Snider, Fran Lantz, Linda Elizondo, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Patty Poth, Fr. Ronnie Boccali, Mingo O'Rourke, Fran Williams, Clayton Mitchell, Florence Medley, Philly Dolen, Pat Molnar, Shawn Miller, Jeff Erhard, Lisa Fleming, Karen Addy, Lou Ann Fleming, Erin Selfe, Fr. Leopold Reyes and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of Donald Creque, William K. Balser, and Joe Rogers. May they rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

Next Week's Scripture

March 20th

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
The Passion of the Lord: Luke 22:14-23:56
This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours.
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Our Stewardship Collection

March 6th

Table with 3 columns: Category, Amount, and Total. Lists budgeted per week, offertory, average auto withdrawal, loose cash, total, year to date offertory budget, year to date actual offerings, year to date deficit, YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection, Centennial Building Loan Balance, and TD Church Restoration Funds Collected.

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

See Philippians 3:8

CRS Rice Bowls

Let us prayerfully consider giving to those in need by picking up a CRS Rice Bowl located in the church and you are welcome to drop your CRS Rice Bowls in the weekend collection baskets by Easter Sunday.

Fifth Week of Lent: Hungering to Grow a New Tomorrow

This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from--and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

"Year of Mercy" Parish Mission

Blessed Sacrament will hold our Parish Mission "Year of Mercy" on Monday, April 4th through Wednesday, April 6th, at 7:00 p.m., with Fr. Thomas Blau, OP, Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Church, Columbus. Fr. Blau will hear Confessions each evening before the mission, from 6:00-6:50 p.m., and after the mission until all are heard. Bring family and friends to our "Year of Mercy" Parish Mission in the church, then join us afterwards in Shepherd Hall for light refreshments. Childcare will be available during the Mission for three to five-year-olds. Fr. Blau will be our Homilist at all of the weekend Masses on April 2nd and 3rd and lead us in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 3rd, at 3:00 p.m. You are also invited to attend Daily Mass at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, April 4th through Wednesday, April 6th, with Fr. Blau. For more information, call the Parish Office at 740-345-4290.

Our Parish and School Events

Enrollment is open for Grades K-8 at Blessed Sacrament School for the 2016-2017 school year. We are a Catholic, Christ-centered community whose mission it is to educate the whole child – body, mind, and soul – in order to form lifelong disciples of Christ who love the Truth, practice the Faith, and live virtuous lives. To be a part of our special school family, call 740-345-4125 or email svanhorn@cdeducation.org to make an appointment. You can also find us on the web at blsacschool.net. Please like our Facebook Page or follow us on Twitter at [crusaders1905](https://twitter.com/crusaders1905).

Annual Spring Flower and Plant Sale

The Annual Spring Flower and Plant Sale benefiting Blessed Sacrament Home and School Association is currently underway and runs through March 23rd. Choose from a wide selection of flowers, planters, vegetable plants, and hanging baskets are available through advance order. Orders may be placed with any Blessed Sacrament School student or through the School Office. Browse the catalog online at www.springflowersale.com. For additional information, contact Kathy Taylert at (740) 345-2270.

HNS Lenten Dinners

Join us for the last Blessed Sacrament Holy Name Society Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, March 16th, in Shepherd Hall, from 4:30-7:00 p.m., for a Fish Fry. The cost is \$9.00/adults; \$26.00/family; \$8.00/kids (4-12 years) and Seniors (65 years plus), and kids 3 years and under eat free. Proceeds benefit the Blessed Sacrament School Education Fund. For more information, call HNS President Tom Koch at (740) 929-9903.

Due to the downtown street construction on the east side of the courthouse and for the safety of all who walk in the annual East Newark Ecumenical Palm Sunday Procession, we will not march this year.

Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of March:

- **Universal: Families in Difficulty.** Those families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.
- **Evangelization: Persecuted Christians.** That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** That more parishioners would share in the call to stewardship through the generous giving of time, talent, and treasure.

This Week

Daylight Saving Time Begins!



Sun., March 13	7:30 a.m. Rosary 8:00a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library 9:15 a.m. CCD Classes 10:30 a.m. Mass w/CCD in Attendance
Mon., March 14	12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m. in the Church 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts till 8:00 p.m. – Annex 6:30 p.m. BS Girls Group – Cafe
Tues., March 15	12:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m. in the Church 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting – Conference Room 7:00 p.m. SCRIP – New Procedures Meeting – Cafe
Wed., March 16	8:15 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Adoration until 12:00 midnight in the Church 4:30 p.m. HNS Lenten Meal till 7:00 p.m. – Cafe
Thurs., March 17	8:15 a.m. Mass 1:55 p.m. BSS Benediction – Church 6:00 p.m. Alpha Team Meeting – Library 6:30 p.m. ALPHA – Cafe
Fri., March 18	8:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sat., March 19	6:30 a.m. "That Man is You!" – Cafe 9:00 a.m. Drama Annex 9:00 a.m. Protecting God's Children – Cafe 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation 5:00 p.m. Mass
	St. Vincent de Paul Collection
Sun., March 20	7:30 a.m. Rosary 8:00a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library 9:15 a.m. CCD Classes 10:30 a.m. Mass

It's time to start planning for the annual Blessed Sacrament Festival! Contact our Festival Chair, Courtney Baesmann, at crbaesmann81@yahoo.com or 740-405-8321 to find out when the planning meetings are scheduled or if you are interested in helping in any way. It takes lots of helpers to have a successful Festival. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 20th, starting at 5:00 p.m. to attend our annual Festival.

Blessed Sacrament Church

378 East Main Street, Newark

is hosting

“Year of Mercy”

Parish Mission

with

Fr. Thomas Blau, OP

Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Church, Columbus



- Fr. Blau will be our homilist at all weekend Masses on Saturday, April 2nd & Sunday, April 3rd.
- Join Fr. Blau as he leads us in the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m.
- Plan on attending Daily Mass at 8:15 a.m., with Fr. Blau on Monday, April 4th through Wednesday, April 6th.
- Fr. Blau will hear confessions from 6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. each night of the mission then after the mission talk until all are heard.

Bring family and friends each evening for our Parish Mission

**Monday, April 4th through
Wednesday, April 6th
at
7:00 p.m.**

(Eucharistic Adoration will end each evening at 6pm April 4th -April 6th)

Childcare will be available for children 3-5yrs.

Light refreshments each evening following the mission in
Shepherd Hall/cafeteria.

Spiritual Adoption

Month 6 – “I’m sitting up straight now!”

The baby’s oil and sweat glands are functioning; these help regulate body temperature. A white filmy layer covers the baby and protects her delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid and from scratches as she twists and turns. This waxy substance will be quickly absorbed into her skin soon after she is born. She can now respond to sound. Her lungs are fairly well developed and she would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time.

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.

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Protecting God’s Children Seminar

Blessed Sacrament is hosting a **Protecting God’s Children Seminar** on **Saturday, March 19th, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the School Cafeteria (394 E. Main Street, Newark). In keeping with VIRTUS policy, no one will be admitted to this session after the first video has started. Go to www.virtus.org to register for this session. **Please remember that in order to work with or volunteer around children of our parish, school and Diocese, you must attend a session of Protecting God’s Children and have a background check on file with the School and/or Parish Office.** For more information, contact the Parish Office at 740-345-4290.

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Join us at Blessed Sacrament for The Divine Mercy Novena which begins Good Friday, March 25th, at 2:00 p.m., and will be prayed on Holy Saturday, March 26th, at 3:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday, March 27th, at 9:30 a.m.; Easter Monday, March 28th, through Easter Saturday, April 2nd, at 3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 3rd. Join us at Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration after the 10:30 a.m. Mass until 3:00 p.m., Reconciliation from 1:30-2:30 p.m., and the **Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited and encouraged to come, sit in Adoration, then attend this very beautiful and moving devotion. For information, call our Parish Office at 740-345-4290.

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Local Events of Interest

Lenten Penance Services

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Buckeye Lake

Sunday, March 13th, 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis deSales – Newark

Monday, March 14th, 7:00 p.m.

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Lenten Morning of Reflection: “Mercy Upon Mercy”

Jesus proved His love for us by giving His life for us. Come and pray, listen, reflect and share with others as a response to His love on Saturday, March 19th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The cost is \$20.00, which includes a Continental Breakfast. Facilitated by Sr. Louis Mary Passeri, join us at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road, Newark. Visit www.stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.com, email info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org, or call (740) 928-4246 to register today!

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Summit High School Youth Ministry invites *all High School youth to “Censored: A Series on the Controversial Jesus,”* at **St. Francis de Sales Church**, 40 Granville Street, from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** The topics for each session are as follows: March 13th – *Beggar*, March 20th – *Exorcist*, April 10th – *Criminal*, and April 24th – *King*. For more information, call St. Francis de Sales at 740-345-9874.

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The Turban Project would like to thank everyone for their continued interest in helping our ministry. We have been blessed to donate over 4,500 headwear to patients who have lost their hair throughout central Ohio and all over the United States. We are always in need of soft stretchy knit and cotton material, thread, gift cards to Joann Fabric and Hobby Lobby, embellishments of decorative pins and earrings. Checks may be made out to The Turban Project (7871 Ridge Road, Frazeytsburg 43822). You may also donate through our website at www.turbanproject.com. We are having a “Raffle For The Cause,” with a chance to win one of two Full-Day Spa Treatments or one of seven \$50.00 gift certificates. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Drawing is May 1st. A great gift for Mother’s Day, a best friend, or yourself! You may purchase tickets from parishioner Terri Scott at 740-349-0210 or Kathy Braidich at 740-504-6133.

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Around the Diocese

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

The pain and sorrow of the abortion experience need not endure a lifetime. Call Bethesda Healing Ministry for support and assistance from those who know and have been there. We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Confidential phone lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit bethesdahealing.org.

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Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is the U.S. Bishops’ teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement guides Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. All are urged to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. To read the statement and for parish and school resources, visit <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship>. Additional resources are available through the Catholic Conference of Ohio at www.ohiocathconf.org.

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Poverty Summit for Businesses

Join local faith and business leaders for “Barrier to Bridges,” Tuesday, April 12, from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Bishop Griffin Hall Assembly Hall, Christ the King Catholic Church (2777 E Livingston Avenue, Columbus). This luncheon and round table discussion will connect businesses, the faith community, and the formerly incarcerated to find renewed hope. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Executive Director, USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. To learn more and register by April 8, visit <http://www.saintjohnsunbury.org/poverty-summit-2016> or call 740-965-1358.

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Help Your Marriage Be Anything But Ordinary

On a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, you’ll learn to make your relationship central, and extraordinary. The next two weekends are April 22nd-24th and August 5th-7th in Central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880, or visit www.wmmecolumbus.org.

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