

Pastor's Corner...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

President Obama's Decree: I am deeply concerned about President Obama's Decree issued May 13th by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education entitled, "Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students." The letter includes the directive: "When a school provides sex-segregated activities and facilities, transgender students must be allowed to participate in such activities and access such facilities consistent with their gender identity." "Gender" is not a psychological feeling; it is a biological fact. We do our children great harm by encouraging confusion about this. I encourage you to read the article, "Transgenderism: A Pathogenic Meme," by Paul McHugh, MD. He is a leading psychiatrist in the field of those who experience confusion with what is commonly called being "transgendered." I believe the President's decree is unconstitutional and a bad policy for our children. While the decree only applies to public schools, we should all be concerned as this approach, if not stopped, will be imposed on our Catholic schools at some point as well. I am including a first response by two bishops to this decree. I will try to keep you informed. In the meantime, I urge you to contact Governor Kasich's office and ask him to block this decree in Ohio.

Church Restoration: Our project continues to make progress. The statues are being carved in Germany. The new pews are being made in Tennessee. The altar and sanctuary furnishings are being made outside of Logan, Ohio. The workers are repairing the walls and prepping them for paint. They are also framing up the new confessionals and preparing the new electrical work. Our organ has been shipped out for complete restoration. I am meeting regularly with the contractor, architect, and diocesan superintendent of buildings. I am also meeting regularly with a parishioner group to review all decisions and to get input.

Parish Renewal: I am very grateful that we were able to successfully complete our first Alpha Course. Based on the testimonies that were given at our last meeting, I believe this 10 week course was a great opportunity for the participants to grow in faith and in community. I am also excited that we are beginning the four week book study for moms during this year of Mercy. I have ordered a book for every household in the parish about the Year of Mercy. We are planning on a fall Alpha as well as hoping to start a women's Bible Study in the fall.

Corpus Christi: Next weekend, we will be celebrating our Patronal Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast is an opportunity for us to be renewed in our devotion to and reverence for the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Wilson

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 22nd

- Tuesday: Weekday** 6:15 P.M.
Mary Grace Niemann
- Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin** 8:30 A.M.
Tracey Joyce by Blessed Sacrament School 2nd Grade
- Thursday: St. Philip Neri, Priest** 8:15 A.M.
Mary Kreim by Alice Slavokovsky
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass** 7:00 P.M.
Blessed Sacrament School 8th Grade Graduates and their Parents
- Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop** 8:30 A.M.
John & Helen Dorsey by Estate
- Saturday: Weekday** 5:00 P.M.
Mary Hall Murphy by Paul & Toni Yanka
- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** 8:00 A.M.
Deceased Members of Giorgetti Family by Ernest Family 10:30 A.M.

For the People of the Parish

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Week of May 22nd**

Daily Mass Schedule

- 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 24th** – Yvonne King (L), Assigned Servers
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 25th** – BSS School Closing Mass Assigned (L), Emma Genuske, Reagan Sheehan, Zachary Hampton, (Servers)
- 8:15 a.m. Thursday, May 26th** – Judy Healy (L), Braydon Vanvelzor, Michael Snider (Servers)
- 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 27th** – Don Montell (L), Violet Caton, Wyatt Conley, Duncan Humphries, Caden Wells (Servers)
- Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, May 28th** 5:00 P.M.
Kenna Hauser Alexandra Courson Emily Grabo
Joshua Hoy Jonah Cunningham
- Sunday, May 29th** 8:00 A.M.
Caden Wells Emily Tennyson Sam Anderson
Braydon Vanvelzor Zachary Hampton
- 10:30 A.M.
Nick Jewett Ed Jewett Paul Jewett
Mark Jewett Sara Moore

**Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers
Schedule**

- Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, May 28th** 5:00 P.M.
Ken Billig, Christine Billig (L), Deacon Patrick, Joyce Williams, Caroline Starr, Theresa Nutter, Debbie Bickle (EM)
- Sunday, May 29th** 8:00 A.M.
Craig Bruch, Kathy Wilson (L), Deacon Patrick, Peggy Komada, Nancy Ogilbee, Patrick Wesley, Barb Harris (EM)
- 10:30 A.M.
Sarah Ewing, Monica Stanley (L), Deacon Patrick, Maureen Pugh, Sue & Phil West, Evey Fuller-Moore (EM)



Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Michelle Darkes, Tom Snider, Teresa Tucker, Barb Dolan, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Patty Poth, Mingo O'Rourke, Clayton Mitchell, Florence Medley, Pat Molnar, 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 Earl Bevard. May he rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.



Next Week's Scripture
May 29th

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

"You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

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

Our Stewardship Collection
May 8th

Budgeted per Week	\$	11,280.05
Offertory (172 envelopes)	\$	7,702.50
Average Auto Withdrawal (111 households)	\$	2,710.96
Loose Cash	\$	299.00
Total	\$	10,712.46
Weekly Deficit	(\$	567.59)

May 15th

Offertory (146 envelopes)	\$	7,394.50
Average Auto Withdrawal (111 households)	\$	2,710.96
Loose Cash	\$	417.00
Total	\$	10,522.46
Weekly Deficit	(\$	757.59)

Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	530,162.35
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	522,103.87
Year to Date Deficit	(\$	8,058.48)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	38,418.93
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,864,537.70
TD Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	594,165.76
Catholic Communication Collection	\$	419.00
St. Vincent De Paul Collection	\$	3,622.48

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

Our Parish & School Events

Blessed Sacrament Festival Raffle

Congratulations to Nasie Gallagher as winner of the Blessed Sacrament Festival Raffle *first* "Early Bird" drawing! Early Bird drawings will also be held on June 20th and July 18th. This year tickets are \$5.00/each or a book of 6, purchased by the same buyer, is \$25.00. Winning tickets from the Early Bird drawing will be put back in the bin for a chance to be drawn again. Drop your envelope with ticket stubs and money in the collection basket at the weekend Masses or by stop by the parish/school offices.



Just as in Rome, when you come to church, especially during the summer months, please remember to dress modestly.

The widows of Blessed Sacrament meet the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and fellowship in Christ. Our next time gathering is 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1st for lunch and fellowship at Elements Local Bistro (50 N. 2nd Street) *Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who labor and burdened, and I will give you rest. Come rest, reflect, and eat with your friends in Christ. For information, contact Darlene Wolfinger at 740-323-0555.*



Crosswalk Volunteers Needed!

Our parish is in need of Crosswalk Volunteers for the remainder of our weekend Masses in our temporary church (annex) 411 E. Main Street. Are you available to donate your time for one Mass? We need at least 3 people, 30 minutes before each Mass, and remain 30 minutes afterwards, to assist those who are crossing East Main Street. Safety vests and flags are available in the foyer of the annex. If you are interested in more information or if you would like to be on a list to volunteer for a certain Mass; contact Howard Hill at uticareskins@yahoo.com.



Bishop's 2016 Annual Appeal

Emmanuel – Be His Hope to Others – God With Us

We are happy to report that the good people of this parish are answering the call in support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This is most encouraging, but we have a long way to go to realize 100% participation from our parishioners. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a pledge, please fill out a pledge envelope and drop it in the collection baskets or return it to the parish office. The needs of our diocese and individual parishes are great and only by the support of the faithful can the various ministries and programs remain available to so many in our diocese. This year our parish goal is \$58,027.32 and any amount generated over that goal will be returned to our parish. No gift is too small.



Spiritual Adoption

Month 8 – "I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"

In the last two months the baby continues to gain weight. She is developing a layer of fat that will keep her warm after she is born. In the 9th month she will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth. Her lungs are now fully developed and capable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth she will continue the human growth process for many years to come.

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.



Band of Brothers

All men are invited and encouraged to bring a friend to the next meeting of the "Band of Brothers" as we watch a video from Fr. Larry Richards then discuss what it takes and the importance of becoming a "2232 Man." Join us on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. in Shepherd Hall. Come and enjoy food, fellowship and a great presentation.



Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of May

- **Universal: Respect for Women.** That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.
- **Evangelization: Holy Rosary.** That families, communities and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.
- **Father Wilson's Intention.** That all deceased members of the parish would experience eternal rest and peace.



This Week



Holy Trinity

Sunday, May 22

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA Last Class – Library
- 9:15 a.m. CCD Last Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:30 a.m. **Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower – Shepherd Hall**

Monday, May 23

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

Tuesday, May 24

- 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

Wednesday, May 25

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass – Closing of this School Year**
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration till 12:00 am – *Church*
- 7:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy for Moms – Shepherd Hall**

Thursday, May 26

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 1:55 p.m. BSS Crusaders

Friday, May 27

BSS Last Day of School

- 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 28

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

Feast of Corpus Christi – Body & Blood of Christ

Sunday, May 29

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:30 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**
all afternoon until 5:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Benediction



USCCB CHAIRMEN RESPOND TO ADMINISTRATION'S NEW GUIDANCE LETTER ON TITLE IX APPLICATION

May 16, 2016

USCCB Chairmen Respond to Administration's New Guidance Letter on Title IX Application

WASHINGTON—Two Committee chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued the following statement in response to guidance issued May 13 by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education entitled "Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students":

The Catholic Church consistently affirms the inherent dignity of each and every human person and advocates for the wellbeing of all people, particularly the most vulnerable. Especially at a young age and in schools, it is important that our children understand the depth of God's love for them and their intrinsic worth and beauty. Children should always be and feel safe and secure and know they are loved.

The guidance issued May 13 by the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education that treats "a student's gender identity as the student's sex" is deeply disturbing. The guidance fails to address a number of important concerns and contradicts a basic understanding of human formation so well expressed by Pope Francis: that "the young need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created" (*Amoris Laetitia* [AL], no. 285).

Children, youth, and parents in these difficult situations deserve compassion, sensitivity, and respect. All of these can be expressed without infringing on legitimate concerns about privacy and security on the part of the other young students and parents. The federal regulatory guidance issued on May 13 does not even attempt to achieve this balance. It unfortunately does not respect the ongoing political discussion at the state and local levels and in Congress, or the broader cultural discussion, about how best to address these sensitive issues. Rather, the guidance short-circuits those discussions entirely.

As Pope Francis has recently indicated, "biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated" (AL, no. 56, emphasis added). We pray that the government make room for more just and compassionate approaches and policies in this sensitive area, in order to serve the good of all students and parents, as well as the common good. We will be studying the guidance further to understand the full extent of its implications.

The statement was issued by Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; and Archbishop George Lucas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Catholic Education.



Most Holy Trinity, Godhead indivisible, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our first beginning and our last end, You have made us in accord with Your own image and likeness. Grant that all the thoughts of our minds, all the words of our tongues, all the affections of our hearts, and all the actions of our being may always be conformed to Your holy Will. So may we, having seen You veiled in appearance here below by means of faith, come at last to contemplate You face-to-face, in the perfect possession of You forever in heaven. Amen.



A sign-up sheet is available for Eucharistic Adoration on our parish feast, **Corpus Christi**. We will have **Eucharistic Adoration** following 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 29th until 5:00 p.m. Every family of our parish is asked to *spend some time with the Lord in Adoration*. **Evening Prayer and Benediction will be at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 29th.**

For information or to sign up to spend time with Our Lord, call Caroline Starr at 740-366-3591.

Local Events of Interest

2016 Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration

The 39th Annual Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration is Monday, June 6th, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, (785 Newark Granville Road, Granville). Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. This annual event is a great opportunity of prayer, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from around the 23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus. Registration is \$10.00. Make checks payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 43215. For information call (614) 241-2540 or email socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Registrations are requested by June 1.

Newark Catholic Academic Summer Camps

Summer Musical Theater Camp for grades 3-5 are Monday, June 6th-Thursday, June 9th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Grades 6-8 are Monday, June 13th-Friday, June 17th from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Come learn basic vocal techniques, basic dance steps and combinations, and acting skills in a low-key environment. The cost is \$75.00/student, and the maximum camp size is 25 students.

Brainwaves Robotics Summer Camp for boys and girls grades 6-8 is on Tuesday, July 5th through Friday, July 8th.

Active Retired Citizens

ARC IS BACK! Please note different day and time – Tuesday, June 7th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Johnson Hall at St. Francis de Sales, 40 Granville Street, Newark. Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Euchre, bingo, door prizes and refreshments. We will have a baked potato bar, salads, appetizers and of course, desserts! Bring a friend and make new ones. For more information call Debby at 740-366-6924 or Chris at 364-0449. Hope to see you in June.

Mike Helfer Summer Basketball School at the YMCA, Newark, is July 11th-15th. This is open to boys entering K-Grade 8 in fall 2016. The cost is Grades 3-8, \$90.00 includes T-shirt and basketball. For K-Grade 2, \$50.00 includes T-shirt and basketball. For more information, call 229-560-8506 or email mrhelfer@valdosta.edu.

Around the Diocese

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart,” says the Lord. (Jeremiah 29:11-13) Bethesda invites and welcomes all who have been burdened with the pain of abortion. Call 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651.

Children of Mary invite you to Open Doors at our new convent at 40 N. Grubb Street (just west of Holy Family Church on Broad Street, Columbus) on Saturday, June 4th, at 12:30 p.m. Divine Office will be chanted with the Sisters followed by a talk, “Seeds of Persecution,” followed by a Healing Holy Hour. All are welcome! Come and bring a friend! Explore www.childrenofmary.net or call 740-323-1977.

Join us for the **Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club** on Friday, June 3rd at St. Patrick Church (280 N Grant Avenue, Columbus). Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and a talk by Columbus Police Commander Mike Springer of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish. He will offer his experience of sharing his faith in the work place. No reservations necessary. \$10.00/lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine (315 Clay Street, Carey, OH), will offer a **Healing Mass** on Friday, June 3rd 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.

Be The Best Parents You Can Be

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend can show you how. The next two weekends are August 5th-7th and November 11th-13th in central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit www.wwmecolumbus.org.

Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries 2016

Attention all married couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th Anniversary and every year thereafter: The Annual Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass will be held on Sunday, June 26th at St. Andrew Parish, 1899 McCoy Road, Upper Arlington, at 2:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell followed by an informal reception in your honor. Registration forms are available from our parish office. You may also register online at <http://familylife.colstdioc.org> or by calling 614-241-2560. Reservations for you and guests are necessary and must be received by Friday, June 10th.