



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In March 2014, I received the grace to go forward on our much-needed church restoration Project and I entrusted the project to the intercession of St. Joseph. Within two months, we had an architect, fund raising company, general contractor and permission from the bishop to begin the first stages of the project. Initial plans were drawn up that summer and we began to lay the foundation for the capital campaign.

The campaign began in December 2014 and it continued through early spring 2015. I was overwhelmed by the generous response of our parishioners, which exceeded what was anticipated we could raise. We had to wait until we had 50% in cash in order to begin.

During this time, we were able to begin the preparation for the project. This included transforming our gym into a church and, the third Sunday of Easter 2016, we moved from our church to our new temporary church. When all the pews were taken up and all the statues were out of the church, I was in shock at just how bad our church had gotten. I had no doubt that we needed to do this project and it was long overdue.

Over the past 7 months, I've seen the gradual transformation of our church to a worthy space for worship. I've been deeply impressed by the dedication of our general contractor, Pete and Lynn Sullivan of Sullivan Builders, and the daily work of their foreman, Lou Giovine. I am thankful for the help and direction of our Diocesan Director of Buildings, Bruce Boylan, and his assistant, Rob Schorr. Thank you to all of the members of our parish restoration committee, plus Larry Myers, for their help and commitment to this project.

The work of architect, Mr. William Heyer, and the plans for our church restoration exceeded anything I thought was possible. I am deeply grateful and impressed by the many able tradesmen who took those plans and transformed them into reality.

We are embarking on a new chapter in our parish history. The majority of our church restoration project is completed and I pray it will be a great encouragement for the deeper spiritual renewal that the Lord is calling us to.

I'm profoundly grateful for all who made this project possible. Thank you for your prayers, your generous donations, your patience, and for the many talents of our workers.

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of November 27th

Monday: Advent Weekday 6:00 P.M.
Solemn Mass Celebrating the Rededication of the Church and Dedication of the New Altar
For the People of the Parish

Tuesday: Advent Weekday 6:15 P.M.
Carol Mentz Stires by Thelma Hitchens

Wednesday: Saint Andrew, Apostle 8:15 A.M.
Mary Estelle Ehret by Nancy & Rick Battat

Thursday: Advent Weekday 8:15 A.M.
Richard Dillard by Jean & Robby Perlick

Friday: First Friday 8:30 P.M.
Carl Bormann (Birthday) by Trudie & Paul

Saturday: First Saturday Latin Mass 8:15 A.M.
Msgr. James Ruef by Pactum Marianum

Sunday Vigil:
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest 5:00 P.M.
Jack Grannon by wife, Kate

Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 A.M.
For the People of the Parish

10:30 A.M.
Jay Deal by Merele & Chris Smith Family



Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Minister's Schedule

Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 3rd 5:00 P.M.

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

Sunday, December 4th 8:00 A.M.
Patricia Laughman, Kathy Wilson (L),
Deacon Patrick, Barb Harris, Glenna Bowman,
Kathy VanWy, Tricia Robinson (EM)

10:30 A.M.
Holy Name Society x2 (L), Deacon Patrick,
Holy Name Society x4 (EM)





Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Week of November 27th

Daily Mass Schedule

6:00 p.m., Monday, November 28th –

Assigned x2 (L), Assigned x 4 (EM),
Assigned (Servers)

6:15 p.m., Tuesday, November 29th –

Judy Healy (L), Assigned (Servers)

8:15 a.m., Wednesday, November 30th –

Don Montell (L), Andrew Caton, Violet Caton,
Brenden Sheehan (Servers)

8:15 a.m., Thursday, December 1st –

Yvonne King (L), Devin Gross, Caden Canning,
Courtney Hans (Servers)

8:30 a.m., Friday, December 2nd – Assigned (L),

Maria Geiger, Nicholas Richards, Moni King,
Colin Crumrine (Servers)

Sunday Vigil Mass, December 3rd 5:00 P.M.

Theresa Geiger Maria Geiger Elisa Halsey
Emily Grabo

Sunday, December 4th 8:00 A.M.

Nicholas Richards Jacob Koch
Emily Tennyson

10:30 A.M.

Holy Name Society x4

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Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Florence Medley, Ryder Holland, Margaret Offenburger, Dave Byrd, Lilly Ghiloni, Nancy Cirolì, Paul Shannon, Richard Spellman, Pat*

Molnar, Michelle Darkes, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Mingo O'Rourke, Karen Addy, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities. Our love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of Gisele Toskin, and Robert Nels. May they rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

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Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Next week's Scripture
December 4th

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Mathew 3:1-12

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

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Our Stewardship Collection
November 20th

Budgeted per Week	\$	11,618.46
Offertory (168 envelopes)	\$	6,189.53
Average Auto Withdrawal (116 households)	\$	3,717.94
Loose Cash	\$	359.75
Total	\$	10,267.22
Deficit	(\$	1,351.24)
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	243,987.66
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	228,311.31
Year to Date Deficit	(\$	15,676.35)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	19,576.41
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,811,104.82
TD Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	752,649.20

The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

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Our Parish & School Events



Parish Prayerline

*The entire parish is requested to pray:
The Vatican Intentions for the month of December*

- **Universal: End to Child-Soldiers.** That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.
- **Evangelization: Europe.** That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** That all non-practicing Catholics in the parish would return to the practice of the faith.



Walking With Purpose

Monday, December 5th, is a *Connect Coffee Talk: God – First Place in All Things* plus we will discuss Lesson 4. We will not gather on Monday, November 28th due to the Rededication Mass.

The new Walking with Purpose Series, *Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point* Bible Study is a great way to get out and fellowship with other women who want to grow in their faith. Walking with Purpose meets Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in our Shepherd Hall. It's not too late to join us! For information, call the parish office at 740 345-4290.



Band of Brothers

All Men are welcomed to attend Blessed Sacrament Catholic Men's Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 6th, in Shepherd Hall. Join us as we watch Fr. Larry Richards Men's Strengthening Summit video, *Instruments of Evangelizations*. For more information, call Mike Stickle at (740) 258-3138.



Adorers Needed!

Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour to sit with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Time slots available: **Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m., 3:00-4:00 p.m. and 10:00-11:00 p.m.** We are thankful for all who sit in Adoration. If you have not signed up for an hour, consider stopping by this week and sit with our Lord. Your week will not be the same. 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 Restored Church Open House

The doors on our newly restored church will be *unlocked and open*, before and after all Masses, on **Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27.** Come in and take some time to walk through to see the many wonderful changes in our newly restored church. **Stop by the Open House this weekend** to fully enjoy the new transformation.



Dedication of the New Altar and Rededication of Our Church

On Monday, November 28, at 6:00 p.m. all are invited to the Dedication of Our New Altar and Rededication of Our Restored Church and Solemn Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell. *We begin the liturgy in the newly restored church.* Join us for light refreshments in Shepherd Hall following Mass.



The Parish Office will be closed at 12:00 noon on Monday, November 28, in preparation for our Dedication Mass.



Bulletin Announcements



Submit your bulletin articles weeks early due to the Holiday Season. All requests are due by Monday at 12:00 noon.



This Week

Open House of our Restored Church
after all Masses

Sunday, November 27

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

Monday, November 28

No Eucharistic Adoration today!

- 6:00 p.m. Solemn Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell for the Re-dedication of the Church and Dedication of the New Altar

Tuesday, November 29

- 10:30 a.m. Robert Nels Funeral Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m. *in the church*
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation til 6:00 p.m. *in the church*
- 6:15 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church

Wednesday, November 30

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration until 12:00 a.m. *in the church*
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting – Café
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Liturgy & Spiritual Life Meeting – Marian Room

Thursday, December 1

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 1:55 p.m. BSS Virtue of the Month & Crusader

Friday, December 2

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. 1st Friday Family Night – Shepherd Hall

Saturday, December 3

- 8:15 a.m. 1st Saturday Latin Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Reconciliation
- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out – Shepherd Hall/Café
- 6:15 p.m. Colin LeVeque Baptism

**Centennial Building Collection
HNS Coffee and Donuts after Masses**

Sunday, December 4

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. CCD classes
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 10:30 a.m. Mass w/HNS
- 11:45 a.m. First Communion/First Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting Library

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, *Christmas Vigil Mass*:
5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 12:00 midnight.
Sunday, December 25th, *Christmas Day Mass*:
10:00 a.m.

Helping a Parish Family

There are many in the parish and local community whose lives have been drastically changed by illness and challenges. We have a family in our parish and school community who is currently in this situation. Mingo O'Rourke has been battling cancer. Ruth Myers, a 4th-graders Mom, is helping the O'Rourke's through this journey. She is asking that you continue to nourish yourself spiritually while considering if you can be of service to the O'Rourke's and make donations. Ruth has a donation box on her porch at 95 Fairfield Ave. and would love to see it filled with items big and small: gift cards (Costco and Kroger), bleach wipes, paper towels, tide detergent and Premier Protein vanilla shakes online or at Costco. If you can help with housecleaning, handyman jobs and tree branch trimming, contact Ruth at 740-501-2632 or rmyerscats@windstream.net. Thank you very much and please keep the prayers coming.

Parent's Night-Out Fund Raiser

Parents are invited to enjoy a Night Out with childcare provided at Blessed Sacrament. Bring your child to our Shepherd Hall on Saturday, December 3rd, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00/1 child, \$10.00/2 children and \$4.00 for each additional child in your family. There will be snacks, Christmas-themed crafts, fun activities and a movie! Bring a blanket/pillow to sit on. Proceeds from this fund raiser are to help our youth attend Catholic Youth Summer Camp next summer. Register by contacting Lizz Caton at 740-575-6645 (cell) or the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Catholic Men's Ministry

All men are asked to mark your calendar and plan on attending an Evening of Prayer in this Advent Season. Join us on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Shepherd Hall for fellowship and light snacks. We will then proceed to the church at 7:00 p.m. for a Holy Hour of Eucharist Adoration, Evening Prayer, and a reflection by Deacon Patrick. For more information, call Mike Stickle at 740 258-3138.



**March for Life 2017
Washington, D.C. Trip**

Attention, All High School Age Students! Join thousands of other high school youth and travel to Washington, D.C. to **Stand Up for Life**.

We will travel in two charter buses on Thursday, January 26th to Washington, D.C. and return to Newark on Sunday, January 29th, to Peacefully Protest *Roe v. Wade*.

Events include: Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, youth rallies, the March for Life, lodging at Catholic University of America, a grand life experience and better understanding of respecting life.

For more information and registration forms, contact the Parish office or Kate Maher at 740-973-9237. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit and signed registration form will hold your spot on the bus. *The first bus is full so hold your spot on the second bus now!*

If you are interested in sponsoring a high school youth student to travel to Stand For Life at the March for Life in Washington, D.C., or wish to make a donation for students who may not be able to afford the pilgrimage to attend the March for Life, please contact the office to make your donation.



Goodie Bags for the March for Life Trip

Calling all families to help support the High School trip to the March for Life! In an effort to support our teens heading to the March for Life, the Blessed Sacrament Respect Life Committee is putting together Goodie Bags for the trip. We are asking parishioners to contribute pre-packaged snacks, goodies, or anything small that will help make the trip to D.C. a little nicer. We want to support the students in a positive way, as they step out in faith and love supporting the unborn and life from conception to natural death! A collection box will be in the church vestibule. For more information, contact Melissa Stack at melissaraestack@yahoo.com.



Christmas Card Pick up

Blessed Sacrament SVdP Conference Christmas cards may be picked up this weekend in the church. Thanks for your support in helping to lighten the load for those in need.



Christmas Season Grave Pillows

Knights of Columbus Council 721 is making white pine/fir grave pillows for decorating graves of loved ones in the Christmas season. The cost is \$20.00, if picked up, or \$25.00/delivered. Place orders from now until mid-December. The grave pillows will be available the first half of December. To place an order, call 740-973-5744 or email to Ben Hunsinger at Ben@PlaneoLtd.com and furnish your name, address, phone number and the quantity desired. Make checks payable to K of C Council #721 and mail to Mike Burger, 569 Manor Drive, Newark, 43055.

Local Events of Interest

Sights and Sounds of Christmas

A Guided Musical Walking Tour of Newark's Downtown Churches is Thursday, December 1, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at Explore Licking County, Licking County Chamber of Commerce, Doubletree by Hilton and all participating churches. The tour includes: 2nd Presbyterian Church, Trinity AME Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1st Presbyterian Church, Plymouth Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1st United Methodist and St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

Tours begin at 2nd Presbyterian Church and end with refreshments at St. Francis de Sales Church. Shuttle service and parking at 1st United Methodist Church. Proceeds go to the Licking County Food Pantry. This is a great tradition to celebrate the season, family and hospitality.





St. Francis de Sales Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

Join us on Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m. as the Parish Choir of St. Francis de Sales (40 Granville St.) will once again present a special service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service is a very moving combination of the Scriptural prophecies of Christ's coming and the beautiful carols of Advent, sung by choir and congregation. The service is sung by choirs of many denominations and finds its home in the English collegiate and cathedral tradition. If you did not attend last year, consider making this service part of your preparation for Christmas. It can be a welcome moment of prayerful rest in the busy weeks of Advent. A reception will follow.

Around the Diocese



ARC – Active Retired Citizens

Come join us for a fun filled afternoon on Monday, December 5th, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Enjoy Bingo, Euchre and drawings for fabulous door prizes, plus we will have soups, salads, appetizers and desserts. It is a fun way to enjoy the holiday season. Anyone 55 and older is welcome. Bring a friend and make new ones. For information, call Chris (364-0449) or Deb (366-6924).



Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Event

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by Fr. Daniel Swartz, one of the youngest and newest priests of our diocese. Fr. Swartz will detail his path to the priesthood. Join us Friday, December 2nd at St. Patrick Church, downtown Columbus. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and program until 1:00 p.m. No reservations necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information, visit www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President, at htm@ejhlaw.com.



Saints Peter and Paul Retreat Center

Book your Holiday Parties at the Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark, Ohio. Let our Executive Chef prepare everything for you and your guest. Call Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center at (740) 928-4246 or info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org



Bethesda Post Abortion Healing Ministry

Are there times of year when sounds, images and memories from a past abortion do not seem to go away? Call Bethesda Healing Ministry to speak to someone who has been there and can help. Confidential lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit bethesdahealing.org.



From St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820

Bishop Campbell takes your questions from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, during his LIVE monthly call-in show. Call St. Gabriel Catholic Radio at 614-459-4820 to ask your question about the Catholic faith and growing in holiness.



Nominations for the 2017 Catholic Man of the Year



The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2017 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award, presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Friday, February 3, 2017, at the Men's Luncheon, recognizes one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. Nominations are accepted through December 29th. For nomination instructions, go to <http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc>. Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. Submit a nomination and let everyone know that your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

