



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day, December 25

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass for Holy Day, New Year's Day, January 1st

10:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass

Parish Office

(740) 345-4290

Parish web page: www.blsac.net,

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

Registration: New members are requested to register through the Parish Office. Please notify us of changes of address and phone. If you have not been attending regularly, you may want to call the office to make sure that you are still "on our books."

Pastoral Staff

Pastor Father Jonathan F. Wilson

Deacon Patrick Wilson

Blessed Sacrament School (K through 8)

394 East Main Street (740) 345-4125

Principal: Mrs. Mary Packham

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Our Usual **Weekend Schedule:**

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Masses: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00, 10:45 a.m.
& 5:00 p.m.

Daily Services:

Tuesdays: Reconciliation, 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: Daily Mass, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays:

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Holy Days: Check our bulletin or web page (www.blsac.net) for Mass times.

First Saturday Latin Mass: Celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on the First Saturday of each month. The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered before this Mass at 8:15 a.m.

Devotion to the Eucharist

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesdays: You are invited to spend part of your day once a week in Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The Host is exposed on the altar in the church from 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, after the Morning Mass, all day until Midnight unless otherwise announced.

Our Eucharistic Lord is adored also on Mondays, from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in our church.

All Night Vigil at Corpus Christi

It is an annual tradition in our parish to have adoration through the night on the weekend of our **Parish Feast Day of Corpus Christi**, the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Corpus Christi will be June 3, 2018.**

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas! This is "Christmas," "Christ's Mass." What an amazing gift to have found the Christ Child, born for us a savior. This is the cause of our joy. The source of our light. This is the joy that no sorrow can drown out. This is the light that conquers all darkness. This is the ultimate "game changer" of history. I encourage you to simply sit with this truth. The eternal Son of God has been born for us a savior, and we have come to know this truth. Allow this light to illumine your life and every aspect of it: your relationships, your family, your work, your struggles, your joys, your hopes, and your fears. Allow everything to look and feel differently, because a child has been born for us!

Mission: Our mission at Blessed Sacrament Church is simple: "To form disciples of Jesus Christ and disciple makers." It is the mission of Jesus Christ that continues in and through His Church. Jesus commanded the apostles to go and make disciples of all the nations. So, our mission is to make disciples here in Newark, and to form disciples to go out and make other disciples. This has been the mission of the Church for nearly 2,000 years and now that mission has come to us.

I encourage you during this year to make some steps in faith. We have multiple programs and I hope you will take advantage of them. All of these programs are designed to help us fulfill our mission. Given the great importance of the family, we give strengthening the family (by strengthening each of the members of the family and the family as a whole), a special priority.

“Alpha” is a great introduction to the basic proclamation of our faith that Jesus Christ is Lord. It will begin meeting on Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. in our Shepherd Hall (School Cafeteria).

“Walking with Purpose” is a women’s Bible Study. They will resume on January 8th. Don’t worry, it is not a fitness club. Participants are invited to “walk” with Jesus and allow him to open the scriptures for you in a new way. It is a great way to build Christian community and go deeper in His Word. You are always welcome to join!

“Financial Peace University” is a course designed to help participants learn God’s plan for money and practical tools for budgeting and communicating about money. Registration is due on January 5th and the course begins on January 21.

“Women’s Conference”: This year’s Women’s Conference is on February 17th. It is a great one-day event of renewal for all women. Moms are encouraged to bring your teenage daughters to experience this day together.

“Men’s Conference”: This year’s Men’s Conference is on February 24th. It is a great opportunity for men to experience a deeper renewal of faith and commitment. Dads are encouraged to bring your teenage sons.

“First Friday Family Night”: Every First Friday we invite all families to gather for a potluck dinner in the Annex at 6:00 p.m. and fellowship. The night concludes with a family friendly prayer in the Church and ends around 8:00 p.m.

“Eucharistic Adoration”: Eucharistic Adoration is held every Monday from Noon to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m., and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to midnight. This is an incredible opportunity to spend some time with our Lord each week in prayer.

May the Lord bless you and your family!
Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Wilson



Walking with Purpose

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Women’s Bible Study that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. Join us Monday evenings. For more information, contact Margie Schmelzer at (614) 506-0049 or email at mschmelzer@windstream.net.



Faith Formation Opportunities ALPHA

Alpha is a 10 – week experience that will be held on Thursday evenings starting February 8, 2018. The Alpha course has been successfully implemented in Catholic parishes throughout the United States. Alpha is the beginning. It takes us to the basic foundations of our faith, gives an opportunity to grow in Christ-centered relationships in the parish, and is a great program for people wherever they are on their spiritual journey. I am hoping all of our parishioners will participate not only for themselves but also so that they can become evangelizers by inviting those who are not practicing the Catholic faith or who have no church background to consider this opportunity. Contact Scott Van Horn at (740) 404-1066 for more information.



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Men’s Ministry

This parish Men’s Faith Formation group is an extension of the Catholic Men’s Ministry in the Columbus Diocese. The Band of Brothers meets on the first Tuesday of the month in Shepherd Hall at 7:00 p.m. Then, on Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m, men gather for a guided Bible Study. Each of these include a light meal or refreshments, fellowship, and a video, followed by small group discussions. Contact information: Band of Brothers: Mike Stickle (740-258-3138). Saturday. Bible study: Mike Tennyson (740-973-5377).





Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences

Held annually on a February Saturday in Columbus, at the Ohio State Fairgrounds, the parish provides bus transportation from Blessed Sacrament, returning in time for the Saturday evening Mass. Go to www.columbuscatholicwomen.com to learn more about our great Catholic Women's Conference, which is Saturday, February 17, 2018. Men are invited to go to www.catholicmensministry.com to register for the Catholic Men's Conference which is Saturday, February 24, 2018. There will be great speakers and great opportunities for faith enrichment. Don't miss the "Early Bird" discount! Call the parish office to reserve your place on the chartered bus for either of these great events!

Financial Peace University

Meets Sunday evenings at 6:15 p.m., January 21st and March 18th. Cost \$109.98 for a family, payment must be made prior to attending the full sessions. Purpose is to free yourselves from current financial debt and keep free from future financial debt by following biblical principles. Contact John and Susanne Urban at (740) 328-8417. Enroll now for the next session, through January 5, 2018.



Formed

Our parish website allows for Faith Formation by logging into the Formed program to view a wide variety of faith-filled videos on Catholic teaching. Go to our web page at Blsac.net and click on the "Formed" picture and follow the easy steps to register for this great program. Our access code is BWPVRG which will allow you to create your free account.

First Friday Family Night

Meets on the first Friday of each month, September-May, at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex at 411 E. Main Street, including a Holy Hour in the Church. This is a great opportunity for families and children of all ages to fellowship with one another sharing a meal, music, and prayer. Contact Josh Caton at (740) 366-8283.



Parish Retreats

Annual spiritual retreats are held during the Lenten season to help us prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. See the Parish bulletin for details on upcoming retreats.

RCIA Sponsors and Team Members

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Come join our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults "RCIA" classes at 9:00 a.m. in our school library (394 E. Main Street). Classes are held "between the Masses," for the opportunity to attend the 8:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. Mass. Children are invited to attend CCD "Sunday School" classes at the same time and in the same building. Renew your faith by participating as a sponsor or team member. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Parish Office at (740) 345-4290.



Blessed Sacrament School students and staff wish all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

We would like to invite you to join our school and be part of the Crusader Family. Our *Open House and Registration* for the 2018-2019 school year is Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We have free before and after school daycare for Kindergarten, busing from all local school districts, a virtue program for character development, sports, cub scouts and much more! Call Mary Packham, Principal, at (740) 345-4125.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Our parish celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation every year with our Eighth graders, and any adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament. Our parish will celebrate this sacrament in 2018. If you are in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to begin the process of preparation.

Parish Stewardship

Scripture teaches us to return to God a tithe, that is, 10% of the material possessions we produce. In the Catholic Church, this is understood to be a personal charge to each family. It is usual to contribute 5% to one's local Parish community for ordinary needs, and 5% to other charities and works for the public good. Registered parishioners receive a monthly packet of envelopes which include the weekly stewardship and the other collections that are taken through the course of the year. Guest envelopes are available in the pews of the church.

Our Centennial Building, completed in 2005, was built with the support of the Diocese of Columbus through a loan from the Parish Aid Fund. We have a substantial debt to repay. All contributions to the Building Fund are used to cover the cost of interest, and to lower the principle owed to the Diocese.

We are always in need of ideas and assistance for creating income to offset expenses of Parish and School. Your contribution and suggestions will be gratefully received!



Blessed Sacrament Endowments

Blessed Sacrament depends on the generosity of all the members of the Parish and School families to meet the day to day fiscal needs. We are also blessed to have four endowments in the Catholic Foundation of Columbus that promise to assist the life of our parish and school community into the future.

The Endowment Funds currently held by the Catholic Foundation on behalf of Blessed Sacrament are:

The Blessed Sacrament Education Endowment Fund, established May 21, 1991.

The Norbert Rubeck Education Endowment Fund, established December 15, 1998.

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Endowment Fund, established December 12, 2007.

The Blessed Sacrament School Alumni Association Endowment Fund established July, 1, 2008.

The Frank, Patricia & Mark Rubeck for Blessed Sacrament Church and School Endowment Fund established October 18, 2013.

Nathan Fitzsimmons Vogelmeier Endowment fund for tuition assistance, established September 1, 2015.

Contributions may be in the form of cash, check or other receivables.

For more information contact:

Craig Heppner, Development Officer
The Catholic Foundation,
Toll Free: (866) 928-8893



The Community of our Parish

Our parish family gathers at many different times throughout the year for fellowship beyond our Sunday worship. One *Sunday* of each month is Donut Sunday. We have times for prayer and social gatherings with other members of the parish through organizations such as the Widows Club, Respect Life, Knights of Columbus, and other organizations.

You are most welcome to join us for any of these gatherings. If nothing fits the bill for you, then perhaps it is a call to start something new. God invites us to share faith and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Ministries in the Parish include Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Bereavement Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home and School, School Advisory Board, Finance Committee, and many others. Where is God calling you to serve?



Flocknote

Flocknote is a great communication opportunity so everyone can stay connected! If you have not fully registered, and if you have a smart phone, text the message "BLSAC" to 84576. You will receive a text message with a link to register on Flocknote. Click on the link. If you are fully registered, including email verification: go to <https://new.flocknote.com/login>, sign in with your username and password. On the left side of the screen, click on "show all groups", click on the name of the group which will appear on the right side of the screen, on the top right corner there is a button that says "join this group" click on it and now you are a part of that group and will receive email and text notifications. This will help you keep up to date on what's happening in our parish. Call the parish office for more information.

