

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter Schedule: I pray that your Lent is going well. We will be publishing a complete list of our Holy Week activities in our next bulletin. In the meantime, mark your calendar for our Easter Mass schedule as it will be different from in the past. Our Easter Vigil Mass will be at 8:45 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses (April 1) are at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon. There will be no 5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Bernard: We were blessed by Fr. Bernard’s visit in our parish. Several weeks ago, Fr. Bernard gave a moving presentation about the 135 orphans that he is responsible for at the Our Lady of Salvation orphanage. I am working to establish a relationship between Fr. Bernard’s parish and orphanage (Our Lady of Salvation in the Diocese of Fort Portal, Uganda) and our parish and school. This process may take some time, but in the meantime, please keep Fr. Bernard, his 60,000 parishioners, and his 135 orphans in your prayers!

Bishop’s message regarding the Opioid crisis: Bishop Campbell has asked us to read a letter that he has written regarding the Opioid drug crisis affecting the State of Ohio and our nation. We have a bulletin insert in this Sunday’s bulletin as well about this.

Visitor Envelopes: We are happy to provide Visitor Envelopes for those who visit our church. They can also be used if you forget your envelope. That is, in the rare instance that you would forget your envelope :)

Food in church: There are many reasons not to bring food into church. One reason is ants. We have found some potato chips and cheerios in church, all covered in ants. Thanks for not bringing food into church.

Parish Mission Statement: We continue to pray for the renewal of our parish. I am meeting regularly with our Renewal Committee, composed of leaders of various programs in our parish, to discuss the continued renewal of the parish. We have adopted a simple mission statement for our parish: “To form disciples of Christ and disciple makers.” This simple mission statement is drawn from the great commissioning we find in Matthew 28. This simple mission statement will focus everything that we do here.

Principal Hiring Process: Please continue to pray for the success of our principal hiring process! Thanks!

Part-time Youth Minister and Faith Formation: We are advertising a part-time Youth Minister and Faith Formation Director. This position will be made possible in part through a grant from the Catholic Foundation. It is long overdue! Please pray that we are able to hire the right candidate who will help us to form our young people and help form our entire parish into more generous disciples of Christ who are equipped to lead others to become disciples!

Catholic Development Alliance: Over the next two months, we will be working with the Catholic Development Alliance, as they do an assessment of our parish and school. The goal of this assessment is to identify ways that we can improve as a parish and school so that we can do a better job of funding the growth of the faith of our community. I am also asking them to help advise me in the creation of a business manager position (probably part-time) that will begin sometime in July. One of the responsibilities of this new position will be to implement the findings of our assessment. Please pray for the success of this effort! This effort is also made possible through a grant from the Catholic Foundation. Thanks to all who have contributed to one of our several endowments. To learn more about making a contribution to Blessed Sacrament through the Catholic Foundation either in life or in death, please call our parish office.

Rectory Renovation: I am actively working to complete the Rectory Renovation. This will focus on the downstairs of the rectory, but will include some items on the second floor as well. We are also working to make a plan for the exterior portion of our church. I am working with the Diocese of Columbus Office of Buildings on this project. This project was originally included in our capital campaign to restore the church and to renovate the rectory. I want to thank all parishioners who continue to make payments on your pledges to the campaign as those pledges will be funding the rectory renovation. It is vitally important that the pastor of our parish have a safe and comfortable place to live and to host guests. We have neglected the living quarters of the pastor for a long time and it is a priority for any thriving parish. Our capital campaign remains open for those who haven’t given or who wish to increase their gift/pledge. Thanks again to all who have contributed!

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of March 11th

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday	6:15 P.M.
Jose Villa by Maria Villa	
Wednesday: Lenten Weekday	9:00 A.M.
Teresa Quinn Williams by Judy & Ted Williams	
Thursday: Lenten Weekday	9:00 A.M.
Darla Kay Nelson by Andrew Santo, Cousin	
Friday: Lenten Weekday	9:00 A.M.
Fr. Jim Cszasz by Ron & Jennifer Westerheide	
Sunday Vigil: St. Patrick, Bishop	5:00 P.M.
Donna Gauthier by Valerie & Jacob Koch	
Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:00 A.M.
Stephen Daverio by Mary Gilabert	10:45 A.M.
Philly Dolan by Richard & Kathleen Gummer	5:00 P.M.
For the People of the Parish	



Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of March 11th

Daily Mass Schedule

6:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 13th	– Yvonne King (L), Volunteers (Servers)	
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 14th	– Don Montell (L), Maria Geiger, Nicholas Richards (Servers)	
9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 15th	– Judy Healy (L), Hannah O’Rourke, Peyton Riley (Servers)	
9:00 a.m., Friday, March 16th	– Assigned (L), Drew Caton, Mary Snider, Joseph Stanley, Mani King (Servers)	
Sunday Vigil Mass, March 17th	5:00 P.M.	
Sarah Snider	Mary Snider	Kate Erhard
Sunday, March 18th	8:00 A.M.	
Zachary Hampton	Madison Hampton	Ilana O’Neill
Amelia O’Neill		10:45 A.M.
Joseph Stanley	Clayton Montgomery	Sara Moore
Gabe Montgomery		5:00 P.M.
Sam Anderson	Mya Stokes	Harrison Walsh



PASTORAL LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

My brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

The pattern itself of the Gospel readings appointed by the Church for the Sundays of Lent instructs us as to the meaning of Lent. Following a venerable tradition, the gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always the account of Jesus in the desert and His victory over temptations to sin. As Jesus emerges from the desert to begin His public ministry, the first word He speaks is “repent.” The original Greek term is “metanoiete,” perhaps more expressively translated as “turn around.” In the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Lent, the account of the Transfiguration of the Lord, the Church turns our attention to the destiny of all who heed the call of Christ. As Jesus reveals His glory as the Son of God before the three chosen disciples on Mount Tabor, He also reveals the glory that will be ours if we follow Him faithfully with love and conviction. To attain to this glory is the purpose of our Lenten observances. On the succeeding Sundays of Lent, the Gospels meditate on the meaning of the mystery of the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus entered our human reality not only to reveal God to us, but to reveal us to ourselves, to reveal our dignity as persons made in the image and likeness of God. This dignity, often marred by sin and obscured by forgetfulness, is restored through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the promise of abundant and everlasting life, the source of true happiness and peace.

Such a proclamation of hope is the proper context for my message concerning a scourge that is afflicting our society and culture – that of drug addiction. This addiction has already taken thousands of lives throughout Ohio and in our nation. It is important that we face this plague with concern, understanding, involvement, and commitment. Several offices of the Diocese of Columbus, including Social Concerns, Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Youth and Young Adults, Marriage and Family Life, and Communications, have cooperated with community leaders in establishing a task force to gather information, to provide resources for help in overcoming addiction, and to develop strategies for eliminating the causes of addiction. These resources will be made available to all the parishes and all the faithful of the Diocese of Columbus. They will

be helpful in understanding this crisis, as well as directing people to the agencies offering assistance in overcoming addiction, and providing every parishioner with resources by which we can all help to face this challenge.

The challenge is a large one. To be candid, we live in a narcotic culture which seems to teach that the purpose of human life is pleasure and entertainment. It is a culture that often defines the worth of human persons in terms of their productive value and their usefulness, rather than their inherent dignity.

The Church has a unique role to play in this effort. We proclaim the power of God through Jesus Christ to overcome threats to human dignity. We announce the true destiny of all human life. Through the grace of God, we can turn from sin to a new life. We need not be kept in bondage to failure and addiction. Following the example of Christ, we teach a way of life that brings a true happiness, a way in which we are able to face difficulties with hope and to work for the common good with conviction.

We must be ready to accompany with concern all those in need. Our overriding message should be one of compassion, a readiness to assist, a commitment to strengthening the bonds of family life and community support, and a promise of new hope and a future worthy of human dignity. Our church can assure those affected by the drug crisis that they need not ever feel alone.

Please avail yourselves of the resources that have been assembled by the Diocesan task force, to be found through your parish or directly from the diocesan offices.

I earlier spoke of the first announcement of Jesus’ public ministry. It was a call to repentance or “metanoia,” “turning around.” The forty days of Lent are a gift to us by which we can more completely follow this command of Christ and prepare ourselves to enter into the glory of Easter. With the help of God, we can diminish this drug crisis and turn lives around by offering to our culture a new way of living, filled with promise and true happiness. We can become companions with those who need assistance along this path of hope.

Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell
Bishop of Columbus

RESPONDING TO THE DRUG ADDICTION EPIDEMIC

You are not alone. There is hope. Addiction is a chronic brain disorder from which people can and do recover. We must be ready to accompany all those in need. Our overriding message should be one of compassion, a readiness to assist, a commitment to strengthening the bonds of family life and community support, and a promise of new hope and a future worthy of human dignity. Our church can assure those affected by the drug crisis that they need not ever feel alone.

How do I keep my family safe?

- Start talking. Keep family members informed. Find resources at Start Talking! Ohio, www.starttalking.ohio.gov.
- Engage in family life affirming activities.
- Talk to your doctor about safe pain management.
- Lock up medications at home.
- Properly dispose of unused prescription drugs, www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Pubs/DrugDisposalResources.aspx.

What are the signs and symptoms?

- Constricted or enlarged pupils
- Drowsiness/excessive sleeping or overly alert/not sleeping
- Needle marks on arms or legs (possible infections)
- Change in moods (anxious, irritable)
- Isolation from family, friends and church
- Deceitful or secretive behavior
- Black smudges on light switches and vents
- Weight loss

Do I suspect drug abuse? Step-by-Step Guides

- Visit www.takechargeohio.org/Get-Help/Help-Someone
- Call 1-877-275-6364 for information and referral.
- Contact your local ADAMH Board for resources in your area.

In a crisis?

- Call 911. When you arrive at the hospital, you can ask for a social worker and assistance seeking addiction treatment.
- Text 4HOPE to 741741, a free, confidential, crisis text line.

How do I identify treatment options?

- Visit www.takechargeohio.org/Get-Help/Help-Someone
- Contact your local ADAMH Board for resources in your area.

Questions you can ask when looking for a treatment program.

- Does the program specialize in your specific drug(s) addiction?
- What kind of treatment is offered?
- What types of insurance are accepted?
- Is the treatment program either licensed by the state of Ohio, or certified by an accrediting body?
- How soon can treatment begin?

I'm in rehab. What's next?

The Body of Christ needs everyone. We need you to be whole and healthy. Long term recovery is a journey. It may take place in a treatment center and a recovery house. Relapse is possible, but it doesn't mean treatment has failed. Try again and remain hopeful.

How do I support recovery?

Take good care of yourself first. Accompany with compassion. As believers we are called to accompany individuals and family members on the journey to wholeness. Encourage ongoing participation in recovery programs. Attend or transport to counseling appointments or recovery meetings. Communicate and look for signs of relapse. Keep them in prayer.

What gifts and talents do I have to support the parish in addressing this issue?

Everyone is called to help within his or her role and comfort level. Stay in your lane. Are you a counselor? Can you offer a support group for families? Are you an educator who can spread the appropriate message to parish groups? Can you help with material needs? Are you a first responder? Contact the parish office to offer your assistance.



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For online resources, please visit www.columbuscatholic.org/drug-awareness

Lenten Communal Penance Services

St. Leonard Church – Heath,
Sunday, March 11th at 4:00 p.m.

St. Edward the Confessor – Granville,
Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m., with
Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Buckeye Lake,
Sunday, March 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Church of the Ascension – Johnstown,
Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.



This Week

**Clocks Spring Forward!
Daylight Savings Time Begins!**



Palm Sunday Walk

*All parishioners, family and friends are invited to participate and encouraged to begin Holy Week by walking in the **Annual Palm Sunday Ecumenical Procession on Sunday, March 25th at 9:45 a.m.**, as we gather with other churches from East Newark at the Canal Market (36 E Canal Street). We will have a short prayer service then, carrying our palm branches, precede down East Main Street to our church in time for Mass at 10:45 a.m. For information, call the parish office at 740-345-4290.*



St. Gabriel Catholic Radio is listener supported

Their twice a year fund raiser will be on AM 820 – March 21st through March 24th. *Our very own* Fr. Jonathan Wilson will be on the air, Friday, March 23rd, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Tune in and support Fr. Wilson and AM 820! Call 614-459-4820 or go to <http://stgabrielradio.com/>.



Easter Mass Times

The Easter Vigil begins at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 31st. Easter Sunday Masses on April 1st are at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. We will *not* have any 5:00 p.m. Masses Easter weekend.



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Men's Ministry

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BSCMM>
FlockNote: Text BLSAC to 84576
Band of Brothers is monthly, the **1st Tuesday**, at 7:00 p.m. in Shepherd Hall. Call Mike Stickle at 740-258-3138.
Band of Brothers meet monthly on the **1st and 3rd Saturday**, 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in Shepherd Hall. Call Mike Tennyson at 740-973-5377 or OhFamilyMan@gmail.com.
Holy Name Society meets monthly on the **4th Tuesday** at the Knights of Columbus #721 Hall. Contact President Vern Jewitt at 740-334-1821 or vern@quickprototypes.com.
Knights of Columbus Council #721 is the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** each month at the K of C #721 Hall. Contact Grand Knight Bert Scott at 740-349-0210 or bscott33@windstream.net.
News Line: It's not too late to join Band of Brothers in exploring Jeff Cavins' Bible Study "Journey Through the Bible." Contact Mike Tennyson at 740-973-5377 for information.



Employment Opportunity at Blessed Sacrament

Applications for a Director of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation are now being accepted until April 13th. The Director of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation has responsibility for directing the parish pastoral ministry to young adults and overseeing faith formation programs. There is a special emphasis on family ministry. A complete description of this part-time position is available at columbuscatholic.org and click on the tab employment or go to our web page at blsac.net.



Sunday, March 11

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA Class – Library
- 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
- 10:45 a.m. Mass
- 12:00 p.m.** Royster Baptism
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:15 p.m. Financial Peace University – Shepherd Hall

Monday, March 12

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. WWP Bible Study – Shepherd Hall

Tuesday, March 13

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m. Mass
- 6:15 p.m. Home & School Meeting – Shepherd Hall
- 7:00 p.m. School Advisory – Library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. K of C Council 721 – K of C Hall

Wednesday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Adoration until midnight
- 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – Marian Room

Thursday, March 15

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 1:55 p.m. BSS Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m. Alpha Team – Library
- 6:30 p.m.** Alpha – Shepherd Hall

Friday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 17

- 6:30 a.m. Band of Brothers – Shepherd Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Drama Practice – Annex
- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Sunday, March 18

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA Class – Library
- 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
- 10:45 a.m. Mass w/CCD students
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:15 p.m. Financial Peace University – Shepherd Hall



Listen to Catholic Radio AM 820 this Lent

Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820. Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith!



St. Vincent de Paul of Blessed Sacrament

We wish to "sincerely thank" all who have stepped forward to join our conference in serving the poor with "justice and charity." We are sure all of you have the question "What is next?" We invite you to our next meeting on **Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Marian Room**. We will set up a couple of days for orientation and begin scheduling dates for the next couple of months where you will have the opportunity to serve. If you **cannot attend** this meeting, contact Kathy Vanwy at 740-670-3169 or email fvanwy@gmail.com and we will make arrangements to meet. If you have not made contact but wish to join our conference in service, come and attend our meetings the second Wednesday of each month. Let us grow **Spiritually in Serving**.



BSS Annual Spring Flower and Plant Sale

The annual Spring Flower and Plant Sale, benefitting BSS Home and School, is in full swing, through Wednesday, March 21st. Select from a variety of flowers, vegetable plants, planters, hanging baskets and candles. Advance orders can be placed with any BSS student or if you don't know a student and would still like to place an order, extra catalogs w/order forms are available in the vestibule or school office. **New this year**, you may *browse the catalog and place credit card orders online!* Simply use <https://app.fundraiseit.org/shop.php?code=1FBB5>. If you wish to order through a student and pay by credit card, each student is assigned their own unique URL. A nominal convenience fee will apply to online credit card orders.

Quality flowers/plants supplied by Foertmeyer and Sons Greenhouse are competitively priced and profits from the sale directly benefit our school and students! For information or to request a catalog, contact Kathy Taylert at mktaylert@gmail.com or 740-345-2270. Orders will be ready for pick-up in the annex on Friday, May 4th, from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m.



Little Wave Runners

The Little Wave Runners, grades 3rd-6th, introduces members to the life skills of fitness and running. We encourage children of all skill levels to participate and meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at Geller Park, Cynthia Street, Heath.

Our starting date is April 10 and ending May 17. We have 2 options for registration: Option 1: \$35.00 includes a T-shirt, end of program award and pizza party. Option 2: \$70.00 includes all items in option 1 plus a pair of running shoes fitted by the experts at Second Sole in Gahanna. Information and registration forms will be sent out from Blessed Sacrament and St. Francis schools. For information, contact Rennie Bare at 740-334-1223 or rt410@roadrunner.com.



CMF CURO, a Catholic Living Health Care Ministry

Are you seeking an affordable alternative to secular medical insurance, consistent with your Catholic faith? CMF CURO, a Catholic Living Health Care Ministry, offers a health care program that empowers participants to manage their health while actively living their Catholic faith. CMF CURO is consistent with Catholic moral teachings, half (or less) the cost of traditional health insurance, in many cases, and a way to invest in the culture of life and true Catholic health caring. A Representative from CMF CURO will be available after Masses on Saturday, March 17th, and Sunday, March 18th, 8:00-10:45 a.m. You may also reach Kate Allwein at kateallwein@christmedicus.org or 614-940-4652.

Local Events of Interest

Mom Prom 2018

The annual Mom Prom is Friday, April 6th, from 7:00-10:30 p.m. at The Landing, 124 Waterworks Road, Newark. The cost is \$25.00/ person and 100% of the proceeds go to Heartbeats of Licking County. *Don't stress about the dress!* Pull out your prom dress, bridesmaid or bridal gowns – anything goes! This true lady's night out for charity includes: music, prom queen, photo booth by Big City Photo Booth, appetizers, nonalcoholic beverages, BYOB, mixers provided. RSVP or prepay by April 3rd to Blessed Sacrament School at 740-345-4125. For more information, contact Sharon Van Horn at 740-403-1965 or svh@roadrunner.com.



Knox/Licking Vocations Club luncheon/meeting is at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 13th at St. Leonard Church, 57 Dorsey Mill, Heath. Fr. Mike Gribble will speak about his trip to Lourdes. Lunch is \$5.00 and money collected for the meal goes toward projects to support and encourage vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate. Hope to see you on the 13th. For information, call Debby at 740-366-6924.

Around the Diocese

Mass of Healing at St. Joseph Cathedral

On the Solemnity of St. Joseph, a Mass of Healing and Healing Service is March 19th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad, Columbus. All who seek Christ's healing are invited. All caregivers, family, and those of the medical community are invited. Secured parking off E. Gay Street; handicap elevator access is off the Broad Street Courtyard. For information, call 614-224-1295.



Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross

Many facets of faith and justice is the focus of the annual Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross and begins with opening prayer at 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, on Friday, March 30th. Hundreds of participants from across the diocese will process to locations throughout downtown Columbus to recognize Jesus Christ's suffering and crucifixion as well as to reflect on current areas of social concern. Open to all ages. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540 or the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 614-241-2565.

