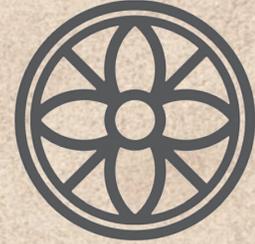
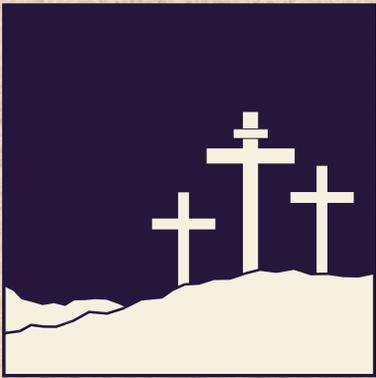


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SAINT ANDREW
PARISH

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OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.
The Church is open daily 6:00 AM-8:30 PM.
For more information, visit www.standrewparish.cc.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM
Weekdays - 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Saturday Morning - 9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:15-4:15 PM or by appointment at 614-451-4290

To learn more about **SACRAMENTS**, call the Parish Office or visit our website, www.standrewparish.cc and select "Sacraments and Prayer."

For **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**, please contact a priest at the Parish Office.

We welcome **NEW MEMBERS!** To register or learn more about St. Andrew Parish, please contact our office by phone, or email Jen Wenzke at jwenzke@standrewparish.cc.

OUR MISSION

St. Andrew Church is a community of Catholics committed to serving God by living our faith. We exist to fulfill the mission of the Roman Catholic Church at the local level by continuing the saving work of Christ. We accomplish this through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaiming and living the Gospel, reaching out to others in justice and charity, and providing all parishioners abundant spiritual, educational, and social opportunities to be known as a faith-filled, engaged, and generous parish.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: Feb. 24 Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent
 4:30 p.m. Martha O'Brien

Sunday: Feb. 25, Second Sunday of Lent
 7:30 a.m. Shirley V. Meyers
 9:15 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 11:00 a.m. William and Margaret DelTosto

Monday: Feb. 26, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Joyce Smith
 8:30 a.m. The Andrew Tomko Family

Tuesday: Feb. 27, St. Gregory of Narek
 6:30 a.m. The Monaco Family
 8:30 a.m. William Harder

Wednesday: Feb. 28, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Daniel D'Angelo
 8:30 a.m. Rebecca Uritus

Thursday: Feb. 29, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Dr. Joseph Banks
 8:30 a.m. Dennis Emerine

Friday: Mar. 1, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. John & Rosemary Persinger and
 Joseph & Katherine Reed
 8:30 a.m. The Lane and Joseph Families

Saturday: Mar. 2, Weekday Mass
 9:00 a.m. Jim & Cola McGruder

Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent
 4:30 p.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

Sunday: Mar. 3, Third Sunday of Lent
 7:30 a.m. Pauline Kubalak
 9:15 a.m. John Germaine
 11:00 a.m. Ida Meyer and Bill Fetrow

BAPTISMS

Craig Jonathan Slesman, son of Brett and Audrey
 Lowen Kate Rush, daughter of Brian and Katelyn

FACILITIES AND ROOM RESERVATIONS AT ST. ANDREW PARISH: If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces or halls at St. Andrew Parish, please contact Jen Wenzke, jwenzke@standrewparish.cc, or Greg Price, gprice@standrewparish.cc. The event calendar can be viewed at standrewparish.cc/calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I want to take the opportunity today to share with you some plans for the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass that will be implemented in the near future.

You may recall in 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, we ceased the distribution of Holy Communion under both forms (i.e., in the form of Bread and in the form of Wine from the Cup) and began offering only in the form of Bread. We also changed the pattern of the communion procession to ensure easier "social distancing" of those coming up to receive communion. Although the pandemic is over (COVID is still around), we have not – until now – reversed these practices.

I am pleased to inform you that, effective immediately, **we will no longer distribute Holy Communion from the far outside aisles of the church and instead, Communion will be distributed from the interior side aisles, in addition to the center aisle.** The priest and one other communion minister will distribute from the center aisle, and one communion minister will distribute from the aisle that leads to the Ambo, and another communion minister will distribute from the aisle that leads to the cantor's stand. In addition to this, in the future **we will gradually reintroduce the distribution of the Precious Blood at some Masses.** Communion ministers are being trained to perform this ministry, which has not been practiced at St. Andrew since 2020. **The plan is to offer communion under both forms at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28.** We will offer communion under both forms to the First Communicants at the First Holy Communion Mass on May 4. If we have enough trained communion ministers, **I hope to offer communion under both forms regularly at the 9:15 a.m. Mass on Sundays, beginning after Easter.** Bishop Fernandes gave permission for parishioners to reinstate Communion from the Cup many months ago, but I (along with other St. Andrew clergy) was reluctant to do so because the spread of COVID and other illnesses are still a danger. I know the priests and deacons and communion ministers continue to have concerns because they are the ones who must consume what remains in the cup after everyone else has received Communion.

Prior to reinstating the distribution of the Precious Blood, I am obligated to offer some catechesis by way of clarification. It is important to understand that, when one receives Holy Communion, one receives the whole Christ – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – whether one receives under the form of Bread, under the form of Wine, or under both forms. Only the celebrating or concelebrating priests are obliged to receive both forms. For everyone else, it is optional. I am also obliged to remind you that it is never permitted for a lay person to receive the Host, and then intinct (or "dip") the Host into the Precious Blood and then consume it. Intinction is only done by a priest, and there are no plans to distribute communion under both forms using the intinction method here at St. Andrew. Instead, the Cup will be distributed to those who choose to take part (it is optional and each individual's choice). The Chalice should be taken firmly in hand from the minister, the communicant takes a small sip and returns the Chalice to the minister, taking the utmost care to avoid any accidental spillage, which would be a serious profanation of the Sacrament.

Please feel free to share with me your thoughts about this. I wish you a prayerful and holy Lenten season.

Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney



**DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS
40 DAYS OF ADORATION:
On Tuesday, February 27,**
St. Andrew Parish will offer
Eucharistic Adoration from
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. as part
of the diocesan effort "40 Days
of Adoration." Please consider

signing up to Adore for an hour so that
we can have a parishioner present at all
times throughout the day. To sign up,
use the QR code or visit **<http://tinyurl.com/SAP-Adore2024>**.



SUNDAY OFFERING

	FEB. 11	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 27,813	\$ 1,125,851
BUDGET	\$ 32,212	\$ 1,062,982
LAST YEAR	\$ 25,238	\$ 1,163,595

Thank you to all who are responding generously to our financial need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We encourage you to consider Online Giving, which is safe, secure and convenient. To sign up, visit osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds or contact Business Manager Thomas Conigy at tconigy@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 106.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration is simply the act of being in Christ's Real Presence while the Eucharist is on the altar. Adorers may stay as briefly or as long as they would like. At

8:45 p.m., Adoration concludes with Compline (end of day prayers) followed by Benediction. Make time to be in Christ's Presence and open yourself to the graces that flow from the Eucharist!

Weekly Adoration Hosts: Parish Council (first Tuesday); St. Vincent de Paul (second Tuesday); Women of St. Andrew (third Tuesday); Men of the Parish (fourth Tuesday); First Called Youth Ministry (fifth Tuesday).



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It costs **\$55,000** per year to educate and form a seminarian. The Diocese of Columbus has **A GOOD AND GROWING NEED** by virtue of **16 ADDITIONAL** young men interested in the priesthood. A contribution from you today will support this immediate need to fund future priests throughout our Diocese.



"MILLIONS OF MONICAS"
EVERY MONDAY DURING LENT
6:00-7:00 P.M. // PARISH HALL*

Join other Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica by attending this prayer ministry.

Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith. We are a group of women, young and old, who believe in the power of prayer.

If you would like more information about this new prayer ministry at St. Andrew Parish, contact Amy Tague at amylic14@gmail.com.

***PLEASE NOTE:** On Monday, February 26, Millions of Monicas will be held in the Parish Hall instead of the Church.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday's during Lent // 7:30 PM // Church
Exposition, Confession and Benediction
follows Stations until 9 PM



THE FIRST FESTIVAL MEETING is **Tuesday, February 27, at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.** All are welcome to join the committee and help plan the Festival! There are a couple of open spots that need to be filled. For more information, contact Jennifer at 614-857-5388 or TheFestivalAtStAndrew@gmail.com.

ST. ANDREW SACRED

SCUBA

Calling all Adults and
teens (grades 6-12)

We need YOU to make SACRED 2024 the best
VBS yet for our parish!

WHEN? June 24th-27th from
9:30am-12:30pm

WHAT? We need adult teachers and teen
helpers to assist in leading, teaching,
and caring for our campers.

WHERE? St. Andrew School

WHY? SACRED is St. Andrew's VBS. We aim
to uncover our Catholic teachings
to our youth through the use of fun!

HOW? Use this QR code
to sign up NOW!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SACRED REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1

For more information, contact
standrewsacred@gmail.com

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FIRST CALLED YOUTH MINISTRY

Activities held Sunday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m. at the
Bryce Eck Center unless otherwise noted.

FEBRUARY 25

Movie Night: *Chosen*

MARCH 3

Eighth Grade Confirmation: Come to Mass at 3 p.m.
to pray and support them!

MARCH 10 & 17

Spring Break: No meetings. FCYM students are
encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross inside the
church on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. -or- walk Reed Road
Stations outside any time!

Contact Maria THIS WEEK if you want to help stuff
candy into Easter eggs for the KofC Easter Egg Hunt
scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 24, immediately
following the 11 a.m. Mass!

*Lent service: collect money for Rice Bowl, toiletries for
SVdP Purple Bag Project, and help at Fish Fries.*

For more information about FCYM, visit
standrewparish.cc/youth-ministry/ or contact
Maria Moore at 614-439-3571 (cell), 614-459-
1402 (office), or mmoore@standrewparish.cc.

ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLOW IS BACK at the 11 a.m. Masses. For more
information about Children's Liturgy of the Word, or
to become a volunteer, contact Liz Meyers, emeyers@standrewparish.cc.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, February 26: Confirmation Rehearsal,
6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 3: Confirmation Mass, 3:00 p.m.

For more information about Religious Ed activities
and upcoming events, contact DRE Tina White at
twhite@cdeducation.org or 614-451-2855.



Sponsored by Women of St. Andrew (WOSA)

ST. ANDREW PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT

9 AM- 4 PM // Church & Nugent Parish Hall

Get Acquainted with Your Church Family at St. Andrew! All women of the parish and friends are welcome to attend. There is a \$25 registration fee. Breakfast and lunch are provided. To register online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/WoSA-Retreat-2024> or use the QR code. If you prefer, you may complete the registration form below. If paying by check, please make checks payable to 'WoSA' and drop in the collection basket or return payment and registration form to the rectory office. Registration deadline February 28. Any questions may be directed to womenofstandrew@gmail.com.



OUR SPEAKERS



FR. LAWRENCE TABI, our morning speaker, was born and raised in Ghana in West Africa as the eighth child in a family of 10. Fr. Tabi was first exposed to the Catholic Faith while attending mission school as a young child. After completing his Seminary formation, he was ordained a priest on July 13, 1991. Since his ordination, he has served parishes in Ghana and the United States and he is currently the Parochial Vicar assigned to St. Andrew. In addition, he is the Parochial Administrator of St. Aloysius Church and Chaplain for the Columbus Ghanaian Community.

MARIA ELLIOTT, LPCC, our afternoon speaker, is the owner of Viribus Wellness and Counseling in Worthington and is passionate about helping individuals be uniquely who they were made to be and helping them connect spirit, mind, and body. Maria has a BA from Georgetown University and an MA from The Ohio State University. For more than 25 years, she has worked with children, adults and families as a youth minister, group facilitator and licensed counselor. Maria lives with her husband and four children in Worthington and is an active member of St. Michael Church.



AGENDA

- 9:00 AM** | Mass in Church
- 10:00 AM** | Light Breakfast in Nugent Parish Hall and Get Acquainted
- 10:45 AM** | Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 11:00 AM** | Fr. Lawrence Tabi presents *"Barnabas Initiative: An Inspiration for Christian Living"*
- 12:15 PM** | Lunch
- 12:45 PM** | *"Sisters in Christ" (Matching Women of the Bible)*
- 1:15 PM** | Maria Elliott presents *"HOLY and WHOLE in Body, Mind and Spirit"*
- 2:30 PM** | Adoration in the Church
- 3:15 PM** | Reconciliation

Name (first and last)

Email Phone

Street Address

City State Zip

Please include any dietary restrictions:

ST. ANDREW PARISH FISH FRY FRIDAY



FRIDAY, MARCH 8

4:30-7:00 PM

NUGENT PARISH HALL

\$15 ADULTS • \$13 SENIORS • \$9 KIDS

DINNER INCLUDES

Guinness beer-battered cod • The O on Lane
Wood-fired Pizza • Hand-cut festival french
fries • Homemade tartar sauce • Dessert

VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED:

There are volunteer opportunities available and we are accepting dessert and beverage donations. To learn more, use the QR or visit our SignUp Genius at tinyurl.com/Fish-Fry-2024.



Next Fish Dinner: March 22



SAINT MONICA CLUB

MONDAY, FEB. 26

7:00-8:00 P.M.* // PARISH HALL

Give up worry and turn to prayer with the Saint Monica Club! All are welcome! St. Monica represents persistent, unfailing prayer for fallen-away family members.

The Saint Monica Club includes all devoted parents who have experienced the pain of a child leaving the Faith and have prayed ceaselessly for their return. For more info and to RSVP, contact Amy Tague at amyliss14@gmail.com.

*PLEASE NOTE the time change this month only.

SCOUT FLAG COLLECTION



If you have a flag (or more) that you would like to appropriately retire, the St. Andrew Parish Scouts are collecting flags for their Flag Retirement Ceremony in May. The purpose of this annual project is to show appreciation for our chartered organization and parishioners. Please place flags in or near the marked box in the church Parlor, or you can arrange to have your flag(s) picked up by contacting Jim Galvin at powelloh@tutoringclub.com or 614-397-8930.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW encourages all parishioners to participate in the **Lenten "purple bag" project**. You will find empty purple bags at the church entrances with a list of suggested women's and men's hygiene items attached to each bag. Grab a bag, put some items in (you do not need to include all items on the list) and return it to the church parlor anytime during Lent. Donated items will be delivered to J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs) to distribute to our less-fortunate neighbors. Take this opportunity to put your faith into action during the Lenten season.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT ST. ANDREW

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 // 6 P.M. // VIA ZOOM

Attending a Protecting God's Children training session is required for anyone who plans to help in the classroom, coach a sports team, or volunteer at a parish event (Fish Fry, school sports, SACRED, Festival, etc.). To register for this session or any other session in the Columbus Diocese, visit www.virtusonline.org. For more information, including a list of ALL requirements for becoming a compliant volunteer, visit www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/ or contact Mary Beasecker at 614-451-4290, ext. 104, or mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration is limited to 75 people and will be open to everyone in the diocese. Spaces will go quickly so sign up early.



THAT MAN IS YOU! THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE:

Please join other men of the parish who have been coming to this interactive, video-based

program to become better fathers, husbands, and Catholics. And their feedback is overwhelmingly positive that the program is making a difference in their lives! The format is simple: free breakfast and coffee followed by a video from various Catholic and family experts followed by small group discussions to share thoughts and reflections and experiences to benefit others in your group. If you want to improve your relationship with God and your family, please consider attending.

The program continues throughout the spring on **Saturday mornings at the Bryce Eck Center**. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. for fellowship and breakfast, followed by a presentation and group discussion at 7 a.m. Each session ends by 8 a.m. For more information and to register, contact Colin Bellantis at 440-728-4166 or colinbellantis@gmail.com or visit www.TMIY.org.

WEEKLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF MARK

All men are invited for fellowship, coffee and scripture study **every Friday morning from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room.**



Our current study series delves into the Gospel of Mark with time-tested interpretations from the Fathers of the Church delivered by popular theologian Scott Hahn. No reading or study is required between sessions. For more information, contact John Schechter at 614-565-0824 or jschechter@sbcglobal.net.

GENESIS TO JESUS

Tuesdays // 7:15-8:30 p.m. // Nugent Parish Hall

All are welcome to join us for our current Adult Faith Formation series: Genesis to Jesus. This study surveys the principal covenants that God made with his people through figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. It also shows how each of these covenants points forward to, and is fulfilled by, Jesus Christ and His Church. Learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and learn the broad outlines of the books of the Bible and their place in the story of salvation. Each week begins with a short video followed by small group discussion. The discussion will wrap up in time to attend Adoration/Benediction. For additional information, contact Kathy Miller at Kathy.Miller725@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, MAR 2: Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Mass

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| Dee Pellissier | EMHC - B1 |
| Kris Pellissier | EMHC - B2 |
| Jim Macklin | Lector - A |
| Tom Levenick | Lector - B |
| Kara Busch | Altar Server |
| Samantha Zarick | Altar Server |

SAT, MAR 3: Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Mass

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| Kevin Carpenter | EMHC - B1 |
| Elizabeth Carpenter | EMHC - B2 |
| John Schechter | Lector - A |
| David Varda | Lector - B |
| Chase Ryder (Sub. Req.) | Altar Server |
| Mia Pagnotto | Altar Server |

9:15 AM Mass

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| Linda Daley | EMHC - B1 |
| Bob McFadden | EMHC - B2 |
| Deborah McGlumph | EMHC - B CHOIR |
| Jacob Decot | Lector - A |
| Ciara Decot | Lector - B |
| Mason Shoemaker | Altar Server |
| Ave Holowchak | Altar Server |

11:00 AM Mass

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| Paul Buerger | EMHC - B1 |
| David Hiser | EMHC - B2 |
| Mary Frecker | Lector - A |
| Wini Chuidian | Lector - B |
| Daniel Martin | Altar Server |
| Gabrielle Martin | Altar Server |

To volunteer, visit www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus, or use the QR code here. If you need help with your username or password, contact the Parish Office, 614-451-4290.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send requests no later than Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the following weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location and contact name and send to bulletin@standrewparish.cc. Bulletin requests may be edited for clarity or space.

ePOST WEEKLY EMAIL: To subscribe, contact Mary Beasecker, mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc. The ePost includes information about upcoming events and activities within the parish. To submit information, please email to Mary before Noon on Mondays. ePOST submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

AROUND THE DIOCESE


ST. CHARLES TO HOST THE ANNUAL FATHER/SON MASS AND BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2.

This event is for all alumni (and fathers), current and incoming students and their fathers, and any young man in grade school (and his father) who is interested in learning more about the school. We will start with Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by a buffet breakfast in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. Our guest presenter is SC father, Mr. Adam Johnson, the Chairman and CEO of NetJets, Inc. The breakfast is free, but you are still asked to RSVP to the school's Alumni Affairs and Communications Director, Louis J. Fabro '83 by Monday, February 26, at lfabro@scprep.org.


MOTHERS' CLUB EVENING OF REFLECTION:

Bishop Watterson Mothers' Club will hold its Annual Evening of Reflection at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, in Dominican Hall. "Embracing the Holy Habits of Jesus: A Path to Peace, Love and Joy" will be the topic with author, podcaster and speaker Emily Jaminet. Bishop Watterson is located at 99 East Cooke Road, Columbus. All are welcome!

BWHS MEN'S NIGHT 2024 will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m. in Marian Hall at Immaculate Conception, 414 E. Broadway, Columbus. Our speaker is MSG (Ret.) Sean Clifton, a special operations training consultant who served as a U.S. Army Green Beret and was wounded in combat. Tickets are \$100 per person, with proceeds benefiting the Msgr. Grimes Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance. Ticketing and sponsorship opportunities can be found at bishopwatterson.com. All are welcome!

THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-in Weekend for March 7-10, 2024. The Weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-aged students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-in participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty, and staff. Live-in Weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program.

The Weekend begins with arrival at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, and concludes with departure at Noon on Sunday, March 10. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office, 614-221-5565, or email vocations@columbuscatholic.org, or contact your parish priest.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH WELCOMES EMMET CAHILL:

On Wednesday, March 13, St. Matthew the Apostle Parish will be excited to welcome Irish Tenor Emmet Cahill, star of PBS's Celtic Thunder, for a concert! A portion of the proceeds benefits the St. Matthew Charitable Works Food Pantry and SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education). Tickets are available on Emmet Cahill's website, EmmetCahill.com.

LAGHI CHAIR LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM: The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2024 Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture will feature a presentation by alumnus Father Thomas Petri, OP, STD, President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He will present "Grace, Freedom, and Beauty: Saint Thomas Aquinas on the Blessed Mother" on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please call 614-985-2274.



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The Mass

✠ **"Do This in Remembrance of Me"** ✠ **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel

Part 17: The Second Reading

On Sundays and Solemnities, after the Responsorial Psalm, we always hear the proclamation of the Second Reading, which is taken from the New Testament books (other than the Gospels) and is generally continuous from one week to the next. While St. Paul is the most prolific of the New Testament writers, we also have readings from St. John, St. Peter, St. James, and others. Although the sentences in these readings are sometimes long and a little awkward (because they were originally written in Greek, not English), they are packed with great wisdom and directives for Christian living. As Edward Sri writes, "Though often selected independently of the First Reading and the Gospel, these New Testament writings reflect on the ministry of Jesus Christ and his saving work and the meaning it has for our lives. They also draw out the practical applications of our life in Christ and exhort us evermore to 'put on Christ' and turn away from sin" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 64).

How to Live in Christ Every Day

As we look through the books of the New Testament, we see how each writer was addressing a person or particular community with their own strengths and weaknesses. The writer knew his audience and,

through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, taught these people what God asks of us and how to live in Christ every day. These readings call us to faithfulness and generosity in loving one another. Sometimes we hear joyful words of truth: "Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are" (1 Jn 3:1). We also hear words of consolation: "We always pray for you" (2 Thes 1:11). At other times, we will hear exhortations to holiness, such as, "Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Cor 3:16) and "do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh" (Gal 5:13).

These writings are beneficial to us because St. Paul and the other writers were all helping early Christians understand how to live in an anti-Christian world (recall that Christianity was illegal in the Roman Empire during the first centuries of the Church). The writers provided answers to difficult questions, gave explanations for why we do certain things and not others, and exhorted the people to holiness and fidelity even in the midst of daily struggles and persecutions.

How to Live as a Christian in the World

A couple of very common questions today are: "How do I really live as a Christian in the world? How do I make what I do on Sunday last all through the week?" Thanks to these New Testament Readings, we have answers to these questions. Look through the readings for any Sunday, and what do you see? "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1); "For you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28); "For he is our peace" (Eph 2:14); "Seek what is above" (Col 3:1); "that you may not grow weary and lose heart" (Heb 12:3); "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (Jas 1:19); "Compete well for the faith" (1 Tim 6:12); "Children, let us love...in deed and truth" (1 Jn 3:18); "He will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Rev 21:4); "Always be ready to give an explanation...for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15). Does it feel like we could keep going and going? We really could! At every Sunday Mass and on Solemnities, the Second Reading is packed with wisdom from the saints to help us become saints, too!

For Reflection:

1. Invite family members, friends, or fellow parishioners to study a New Testament text (other than the Gospels) together. Find a resource or mentor to guide your prayerful study. Commit to meeting regularly, and experience how these texts addressed to the early Christian individuals and communities can strengthen your community life today.
2. Consider the significance of letter-writing in the early years of the Church's development. Which person(s) in your life could use some encouragement or exhortation by way of a letter? Take the time to reach out through this personal communication.
3. Popes and bishops still write letters to the faithful. Find the most recent letter your bishop has written, and prayerfully read his message. If you are moved to respond, go ahead!

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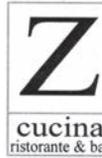


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