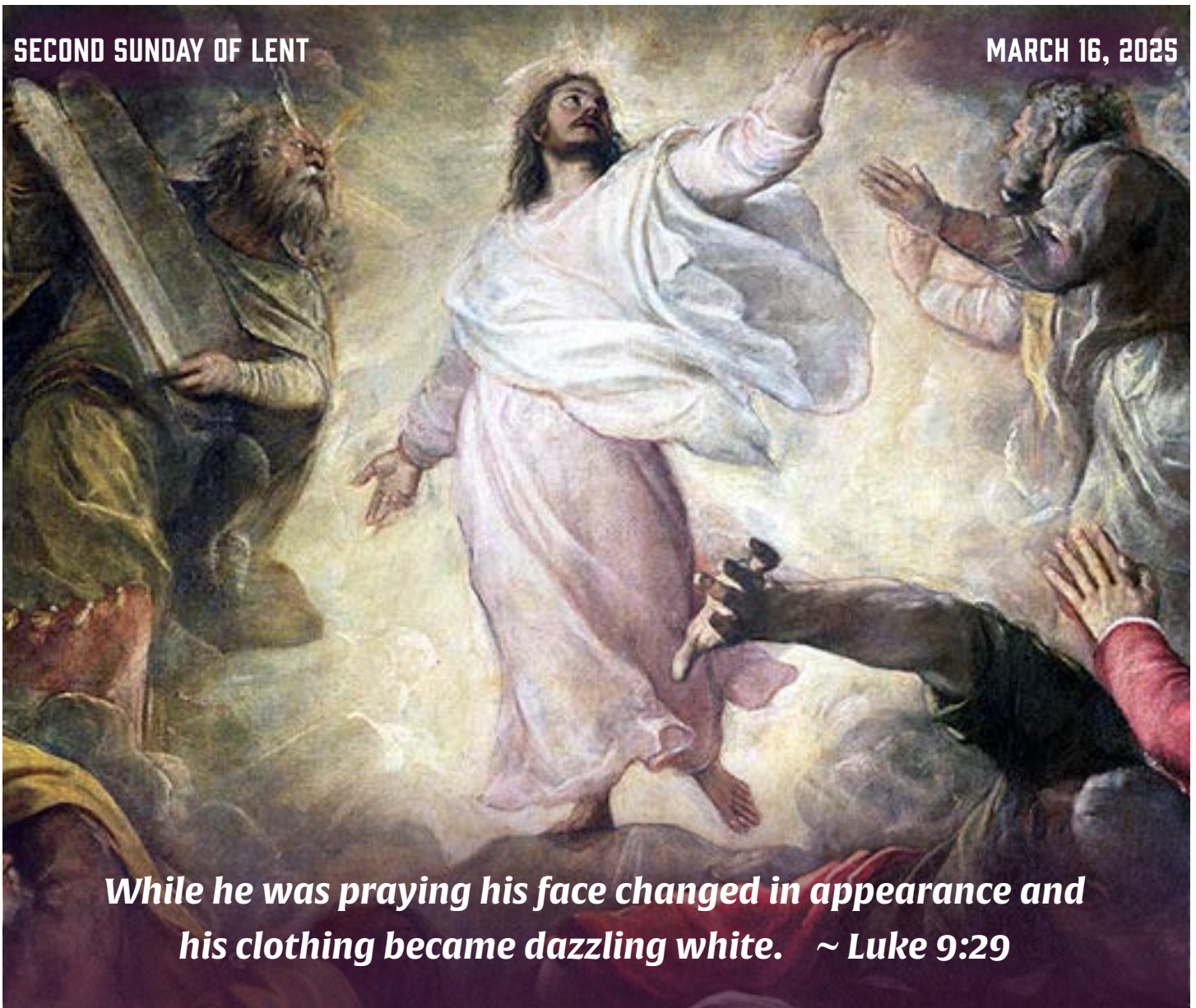


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 16, 2025



While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. ~ Luke 9:29

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY: 6:00 AM-8:30 PM

WEEKEND / WEEKDAY 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, 3:15-4:15 PM or by appointment (contact a parish priest at the office to schedule). Reconciliation is available during the Lenten season on Fridays, beginning at 7:30 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:

4:30 p.m.

Mar. 15 Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

Francis Kreber

Sunday:

 7:30 a.m.
 9:15 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.

Mar. 16, Second Sunday of Lent

 For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 Polly Kubalak
 Special Intention

Monday:

 6:30 a.m.
 8:30 a.m.

Mar. 17, Lenten Weekday Mass

 Jeff Swartz
 Dr. Joseph Banks

Tuesday:

 6:30 a.m.
 8:30 a.m.

Mar. 18, Lenten Weekday Mass

 Richard Schumacher
 Bill Harder

Wednesday:

 6:30 a.m.
 8:30 a.m.

Mar. 19, St. Joseph

 Jiping (Agnes) Hu
 Jim and Margaret Saffell

Thursday:

 6:30 a.m.
 8:30 a.m.

Mar. 20, Lenten Weekday Mass

 Marguerite and George Rozzo
 Lena Colatruglio

Friday:

 6:30 a.m.
 8:30 a.m.

Mar. 21, Lenten Weekday Mass

 Carol Kasberg
 John Germaine

Saturday:

9:00 a.m.

Mar. 22, Lenten Weekday Mass

All the Souls in Purgatory

Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m.

Mary Butte

Sunday:

 7:30 a.m.
 9:15 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.

Mar. 23, Third Sunday of Lent

 Jeanne Grady Davis
 Jack Egger
 For the People of St. Andrew Parish

BAPTISMS

Jameson Patrick Boop,
 son of Nolan and Colleen

Charlotte Dillon Bletzacker,
 daughter of Richard and Jenna

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If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces at St. Andrew Parish, please contact **Jen Wenzke** at jwenzke@standrewparish.cc, or Greg Price at gprice@standrewparish.cc. The event calendar can be viewed at tinyurl.com/SAP-CALENDAR.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. The Gospel reading on this Sunday narrates the Transfiguration of the Lord, in which the glory of the Lord was revealed to His chosen disciples, and a voice from heaven declared, "This is my chosen Son, listen to Him." The disciples were given this vision of the Lord's glory where His garments became a dazzling white and His face changed in appearance. Moses and Elijah appeared in glory conversing with Him because soon enough, those disciples would see the Lord stripped of His garments, His face disfigured with bloody wounds, and two criminals by His side. Jesus wanted His disciples to see His glory so that they would not be scandalized and lose faith in Him when they saw Him humiliated and defeated. We also must try to see Christ's glory as our glory too, provided we do keep faith with Him, even when we ourselves are humiliated and defeated. As St. Paul said, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." (Romans 8:18)

Monday of this week is St. Patrick's Day (March 17). St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, as it was he who brought the Gospel to that island country. St. Patrick is known as the "Apostle of Ireland." It is said that St. Patrick used the shamrock, which has a single leaf with three lobes to it, to explain the doctrine of the Trinity to the Irish people. St. Patrick taught that there is only one God, consisting of three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Similarly, the shamrock is one, but has three distinct parts. Remember this when you see the shamrocks people wear or use for decoration for St. Patrick's Day and say, "Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!"

Happy second week of Lent, and happy St. Patrick's Day!

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney



THE FIRST FISH FRY IS THIS WEEK!



FRIDAY, MARCH 21

4:30-7:30 PM

NUGENT PARISH HALL

\$17 ADULTS • \$15 SENIORS • \$10 KIDS

DINNER INCLUDES:

Guinness beer-battered cod • Breaded butterfly shrimp • 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-2025.



NEXT FISH DINNERS: APRIL 4 & APRIL 11

»OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE is **Tuesday, March 18, from 1:00-5:45 p.m. in the Nugent Parish Hall.** If you would like to schedule an appointment to give blood at St. Andrew Parish, visit **RedCrossBlood.org**, sponsor code: SACC, or call 1-800-733-2767. The American Red Cross is expanding its health offerings to include **free A1C**

testing (commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes) for all who successfully give blood, platelets or plasma in March. Plus, donors who give between March 1-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card!



American Red Cross

SUNDAY OFFERING

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ACTUAL	\$ 27,545	\$ 1,214,847
BUDGET	\$ 32,692	\$ 1,111,538
LAST YEAR	\$ 32,926	\$ 1,249,411

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.



»OPERATION RICE BOWL:

During the 40 days of Lent, we reflect on global hunger and actively help people suffering from a lack of proper nourishment through the Catholic Relief

Services Rice Bowl program. PSR and school students received rice bowls during class. Additional rice bowls are available for parishioners in the vestibule and parlor of the Church. If you prefer, you can donate to CRS Rice Bowl through ONLINE GIVING at osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds. For more information about the CRS Rice Bowl program, visit www.csricebowl.org.



»THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW PARISH

encourages all parishioners to take part in the Lenten "purple bag" project. Look for the 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 are delivered to JOIN to distribute to our less fortunate neighbors.



»FIFTH SUNDAY IN MARCH: Please use your gold envelope to contribute to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). Whether great or small, your donation is a blessing to those in need. In addition to assisting with various daily needs, including groceries and gas, the Society maintains a diocesan program to bury the indigent. If you don't have a gold envelope, any envelope labeled SVdP will work. Make checks payable to St. Andrew Church, with SVdP in the memo line. Many thanks also to our online donors for their continuing support.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 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. Adoration concludes at 8:45 p.m. with Compline (end of day prayers) and

Benediction. Make time to be in Christ's presence and open yourself to the graces that flow from the Eucharist!

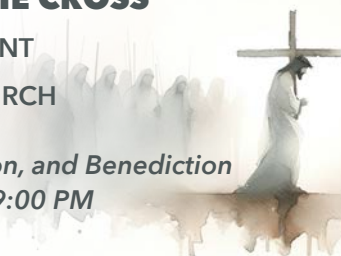
Weekly Adoration Hosts: Parish Council (first Tuesday); St. Vincent de Paul (second Tuesday); Walking With Purpose (third Tuesday); Men of the Parish (fourth Tuesday).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH

Exposition, Confession, and Benediction follow Stations until 9:00 PM



»PLEASE NOTE: The St. Vincent de Paul Free Clothing Center and St. Lawrence Haven (both downtown) have closed. Thank you for your years of generosity donating clothing and making sandwiches for those in need. **Please DO NOT place any clothing items in the church parlor.** St. Andrew SVdP will continue to collect canned goods and nonperishable food items and donate them to St. James the Less Food Pantry.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY VIDEO SERIES

THURSDAYS DURING LENT

9:15-10:45 a.m.

Multipurpose Room

Journey deeper into the life of Jesus Christ, and rediscover the power of the Rosary!

All are welcome to join us every Thursday during Lent to reflect on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and deepen our understanding of Christ's life and love. This Catholic video series is filmed on location in the Holy Land, Rome, Lourdes, Fatima and Paris. It's never been done quite like this before!

For more information, contact **Sharon Hess** at sharonhess612@gmail.com or 614-204-5111.



MYSTERIES
of the ROSARY

»CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS:

All are welcome to our monthly knit and crochet meeting on **Monday, March 17, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in Nugent Parish Hall.** We have needle workers of all levels. Please bring your own knitting needles (size 7 or 8) and/or crochet hooks (size G or H). Each monthly meeting includes fun and laughter while we make items for those in need. Easy patterns are provided and experienced knitters and crocheters are available to answer questions and provide guidance. For more information, contact **Darla Reed** at drdjreed@outlook.com.




THE FESTIVAL
ST. ANDREW PARISH

FIRST FESTIVAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18
7:00 p.m. | Multipurpose Room

All are welcome to join the committee and help plan the 2025 Festival! For more information, email TheFestivalAtStAndrew@gmail.com.

**SACRED 2025
REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!**

MONDAY, JUNE 23 - THURSDAY, JUNE 26
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Children ages four through incoming fifth graders are welcome to join us for SACRED (Saint Andrew Children's Recreation Education Days). Campers will enjoy skits, crafts, snacks, recreation, education, and MUSIC! Plan to have FUN!

REGISTER A CAMPER TODAY!

To learn more and register, visit tinyurl.com/SACRED-2025-REGISTER

ADULT AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

To learn more and volunteer, visit tinyurl.com/VBS-VOLUNTEER-2025

NEED MORE DETAILS?

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March 28th, 9am and 7pm

March 29th, 7pm



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»Application deadline: March 28



RESPECT LIFE



JOIN THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Our Prayers Make a Difference

Beginning March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, the St. Andrew Respect Life Ministry invites parishioners to participate in a Spiritual Adoption Program, to pray every day for nine months for an unborn baby who is at risk of abortion.

More than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt." You may adopt a child individually or as a family. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves.

You will be asked to pray for your unborn child daily for nine months. You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin. There are millions of unborn babies at risk of abortion who desperately need your prayers. Won't you please spiritually adopt one and share the love for life that God has given you?

Parishioners can pray on their own (i.e. the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet), pray the Rosary with the parish on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m., or pray the prayer below daily. This is a great addition to your Lenten practice.

Spiritual Adoption Prayer:

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I
have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

~ Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

The Respect Life Program is a year-round, nationwide effort to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. For more information about the Respect Life Ministry at St. Andrew Parish, contact **Deb McEllistrem** at dmcellistrem@yahoo.com.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, MAR. 22: Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Mass

Patricia Irsik	EMHC-B - B1
Judy O'Brien	EMHC-B - B2
Angela Bonfante	Lector - A
Jim Macklin	Lector - B
Christian Randles	Altar Server
Cara Beth Harmon	Altar Server
Calvin Flowers	Altar Server

SUN, MAR. 23: Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Mass

Megan Bellantis.....	EMHC-B - B1
Deb McEllistrem.....	EMHC-B - B2
Jason Mays.....	Lector - A
Anna Wang	Lector - B
Jerry Kaltenbach	Altar Server
Mary Jaminet	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Herm Mollmann	EMHC-B - B1
Abigail Meyers.....	EMHC-B - B2
Mike Lockett.....	EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Martha Radtke	EMHC-B - B3
Mark Pardi	EMHC-C - C1
Elizabeth Carpenter (sub req)	EMHC-C - C2
Suzanne Meyers (sub req).....	EMHC-C - C CHOIR
Linda Daley	EMHC-C - C3
Jennifer Schaefer	Lector - A
Tom Levenick	Lector - B
Emma Purcell	Altar Server
Anna Kate Vrontos	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Paul Buerger	EMHC-B - B1
Corso Padova.....	EMHC-B - B2
Cecile Jalandoni-Chuidian.....	Lector - A
Wini Chuidian	Lector - B
Sebastian Randles.....	Altar Server
Seth Reilly.....	Altar Server

To volunteer, visit www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus, or use the QR. If you need help with your username or password, contact **Mary Beasecker** at mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 104.



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WEEKLY MEN'S STUDY: MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY FRIDAY MORNINGS

7:00-8:00 A.M. // POLLMR*

Join us for this new six-week video series "A Journey through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary" by Paradisus Dei. The videos are beautifully shot on location at Holy Land sites where Jesus lived, died and rose again! We will pray a scriptural decade of the Rosary following each video and discussion. No homework or preparation is required between sessions. Bring your rosary. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **John Schechter** at 614-565-0824 or jedwardschechter@gmail.com.

*Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room



»**THAT MAN IS YOU! THE FIGHT OF FAITH** is back for the second half of the Fight of Faith Program that equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in their daily lives. **The group meets from 6:30-8:00 a.m. at the Bryce Eck Center on Saturdays through May.** All men are welcome! For information or to register, contact **Colin Bellantis** at 440-728-4166 or colinbellantis@gmail.com.

»**SAINT MONICA CLUB** is a group of men and women who meet on the last Monday of every month to pray for loved ones who have left the Catholic faith. **The next meeting is Monday, March 31, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** For more info and to RSVP, contact **Amy Tague** at amyliiss14@gmail.com.

»MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER MINISTRY:

All women of the parish are welcome to join us in prayer for our children, family members, and friends who struggle with the Catholic faith or have left the faith entirely. We meet the second Monday of each month. Our next prayer meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 14, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church.** For information about this prayer ministry, contact **Amy Tague** at amyliiss14@gmail.com.

»OCIA: ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR

ADULTS offers men and women at all stages of their faith journey the unique opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. This is a process of learning and discovery with a focus on prayer, study, understanding the Holy Mass and the Sacraments, discernment, and discipleship. For more information, contact the Director of Adult Faith/OCIA **Emily Jaminet**, 614-451-4290, ext. 110 or ejaminet@standrewparish.cc.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER BABY

ESSENTIALS DRIVE: Join us during Lent for a special opportunity to benefit the mothers and babies served by the Women's Care Center. It's easy! Use the QR to view the Amazon wish list. The items you select and purchase will be delivered to the care center.



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19:

On the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all are invited to participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Cathedral to receive the plenary indulgence. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 12:05 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the First Class Relic of the Cloak of St. Joseph will follow Mass. Confessions will be heard from 10:00-11:45 a.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m.

40 DAYS OF ADORATION		
PLEASE CHECK CHURCH BULLETIN FOR TIMES		
	PARISH	LOCATION
3 19	St. John the Evangelist	Logan
	St. Joseph	Dover
	St. Joseph Cathedral	Columbus
	Blessed Sacrament	Newark
	St. Joseph	Circleville
3 20	Sacred Heart	Columbus
	St. Christopher	Columbus
3 21	St. Vincent de Paul	Mount Vernon
3 22	Divine Mercy Parish at Sts. Peter and Paul Church	Wellston
3 23	St. Catharine	Columbus
3 24	Sacred Heart	Coshocton

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' EDUCATION JOB FAIR:

Discover a fulfilling career in Catholic education at the Office of Catholic Schools' 2025 Education Job Fair. Whether you're a recent graduate, a seasoned educator, or seeking a career change, we invite you to learn more about the many job opportunities available in Our Catholic Schools across the diocese on Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Thomas More Newman Center on the Ohio State University campus. Visit our web site at **education.columbuscatholic.org/careers** to learn more about positions available for the 2025-2026 school year!



VIRTUE IN MEDICINE

APRIL 5, 2025 | 8:45 AM – 7:00 PM | IN PERSON AND ONLINE

**PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM
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PRESENTATIONS

The Primacy of Virtue and the Dignity of the Human Person
Deacon Michael J. Deem, PhD

Moral Cooperation in Health Care
Elliott Bedford, MA, PhD

The Witness of Hippocratic Medicine in a Secular Culture
Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD; Paul W. Hruz, MD, PhD; and more!

Addressing Disparity in Health Care
Rev. Columba Thomas, OP, MD

A Catholic Response to Depression and Suicide
Anthony Isacco, PhD

Restorative Reproductive Medicine and Care for Infertile Couples
Panelists TBA

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Paul W. Hruz, MD, PhD

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The Mass

“Do This in Remembrance of Me”

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

Part 61: Embolism

If you have ever prayed together with Christians from different backgrounds, one prayer you might have prayed together is the Our Father. As Charles Belmonte says, “Jesus Christ himself deigned to compose this prayer to indicate how we should address God. It is our Savior’s own prayer and, therefore, the prayer of the Christian. In the early Church, the Lord’s Prayer was taught to the catechumens [those preparing to enter the Church through baptism] only a few weeks before baptism. Outside the Mass, it was always said in a low voice. It seemed that the faithful recited it before Communion...” (Understanding the Mass, p. 169). The Our Father is the prayer of the Christian, the follower of Jesus. However, as we know, different groups of Christians have developed some different traditions over time. Among those traditions is what we say next after the Our Father.

A Prayer between Prayers

As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, in the Mass, after the Our Father, the priest prays some special words called the Embolism, “asking the Lord to deliver us from evil, keep us free from sin and [distress] until the day when we see the Lord Jesus Christ face to face” (A Study of the Mass, p. 17). Most of us will probably recognize these words: “Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, and graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” As the Missal says, “The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming: ‘For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.’”

At the end of the Our Father, we pray for forgiveness and acknowledge our need to forgive. As we approach Jesus in the Eucharist, we anticipate a strengthening in peace that he brings. However, as Fr. Guy Oury notes, “But before the people are invited to show that they are at peace with one another, there is a sort of commentary that lingers on the final words in the Our Father (‘deliver us from every evil’). Almost all Christian liturgies have this. It is called an embolism (a development placed between two prayers, from the Greek em-bal-lein, [meaning] to put in or between). The Church develops the final petition of the Lord’s Prayer to ask that we be delivered from the power of evil” (The Mass, p. 109-10). As Oury continues, “The people’s acclamation in response existed in almost all liturgies of the Mass. That is why the Roman liturgy adopted it in turn. It comes from the Didache or the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, a document of the Apostolic Age (first century) that gives it as a conclusion to the Our Father. Its liturgical use is very old...” (The Mass, p. 110).

An “Extra Ending” to the Lord’s Prayer?

Regarding the people’s acclamation, Edward Sri writes, “This prayer is sometimes known as the Protestant ending of the Lord’s Prayer. Though it is not part of the prayer that Jesus actually taught us (and fittingly is not included in the Our Father recited in the Catholic liturgy) (see Mt 6:9-13; Lk 11:1-4), this prayer does have biblical roots and finds its appropriate home at this moment in the Mass. On a basic level, the prayer reflects similar acclamations found in the heavenly liturgy (Rev 5:12; 19:1). And when we pray it, we come in contact with the Mass of some of the earliest Christians. For these words are taken from a prayer of thanksgiving used in the celebration of the Eucharist in the first generation of Christianity after the apostles” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 128). Does that mean that the “extra ending” of the Our Father that many other Christians pray is actually a “Catholic” ending? Yes: it came from some of the earliest celebrations of the Mass! If you look up the Our Father in your Catholic Bible, you won’t find these additional words. (Some Protestant versions of the Bible may have it inserted in the text, although scholarly versions typically do not.) However, if you look in the living Tradition of Christian faith in the Catholic Church, you will find those words as part of the Mass as a commentary and response to the Our Father.

The Biblical Roots of the Acclamation

Continuing with Sri, “the words themselves reach 1,000 years further back into the Old Testament period. They are derived from King David’s climactic praise of God at the end of his reign, representing one of David’s last acts as king before he passed the throne on to his son Solomon: ‘Blessed are thou, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all’ (1 Chr 29:10-11).

At every Mass, we echo these words of King David. In doing so, we acknowledge God as the Lord of our lives and praise him for all the blessings he bestows upon us. Whatever good we might do, whatever success we might experience, ultimately comes from God: ‘For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever’” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 128-9).

For Reflection:

1. Meditate with the acclamations in the heavenly liturgy found in the context of Rev. 5 and 19 and in David’s prayer in the context of 1 Chr. 29. Reflect on how all your thoughts, words, and actions can give glory to God today.
2. Next time you participate in Mass, be mindful of other Christians and offer the Embolism as a prayer for Christian unity.

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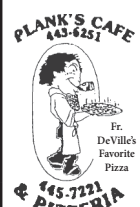
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