



SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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Columbus, Ohio 43220
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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: Nov 4 Vigil, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Albert and Virginia Ritzenthaler

Sunday: Nov 5, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 9:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Coykendale
 & Corrigan Families
 11:00 a.m. Rita Melaragno

Monday: Nov 6, Weekday Mass

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Mallett
 & McCort Families
 8:30 a.m. Gregson Ochab

Tuesday: Nov 7, Weekday Mass

6:30 a.m. Lane and Joseph Families
 8:30 a.m. Isabel Taglione

Wednesday: Nov 8, Weekday Mass

6:30 a.m. Gene Perry, Sr.
 8:30 a.m. Stephen M. Egelhoff

Thursday: Nov 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

6:30 a.m. Mary Ferencik
 8:30 a.m. Heimo Langer

Friday: Nov 10, St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor

6:30 a.m. Mark Wozniak
 8:30 a.m. Myrtle Wycoff

Saturday: Nov 11, St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

9:00 a.m. Norma Johanni

Vigil, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Isabel Taglione

Sunday: Nov 12, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 9:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Pieper Family
 11:00 a.m. Raquel Padro

BAPTISMS

Makenna James McConnell, daughter of John and Lindsay
 Odhran Gene Stanek, son of Eric and Kelsey

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Jamie Thitoff and Drew Karram

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF...

Shirley V. Meyers, mother of parishioners Bob & Suzanne
 Meyers

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I want to welcome Fr. Joe Laramie S.J. to St. Andrew Parish this weekend. Fr. Joe will be preaching at all Masses November 4 and 5. Fr. Joe is an official Eucharistic Preacher and I invited him to come to St. Andrew and speak to us to revive and renew our Eucharistic faith and promote the National Eucharistic Revival right here in our parish. Please welcome Fr. Joe and listen carefully to his message.

Bishop Fernandes also has an important message for all of us this weekend regarding opposition to Issue 1. Election day is around the corner, and our Bishop asked that his message be given at all Masses. Because Fr. Joe is speaking at all Masses this weekend, I have included the text of Bishop's message in this bulletin, as well as information and links to the video version. Please read this important message, and most of all, vote "NO" on Issue 1 on November 7.

I also want to announce a special event coming in December and ask you to mark your calendars now and plan to attend. On Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:00 p.m., retired Army Brigadier General Mark Arnold will present a very informative program about the war in Ukraine and invite your support for the Frontline Medical Ukraine Fund, which Mark formed to help medics better care for injured soldiers and reduce the deaths and amputations that have occurred and could be prevented if medics were better trained. Mark is a member of St. Andrew Parish and is passionate about this cause. I believe St. Andrew parishioners will want to hear his observations from his tours in Ukraine, and support this very worthwhile cause. His efforts have received considerable positive publicity and support, including from our own Bishop Fernandes. You will see more information in the bulletin and other parish communications in the weeks ahead. Please save the date of December 11 and plan to attend this important event.

This month of November, we hold in remembrance all of the faithful departed, especially those dearest to us.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace ~ Amen!

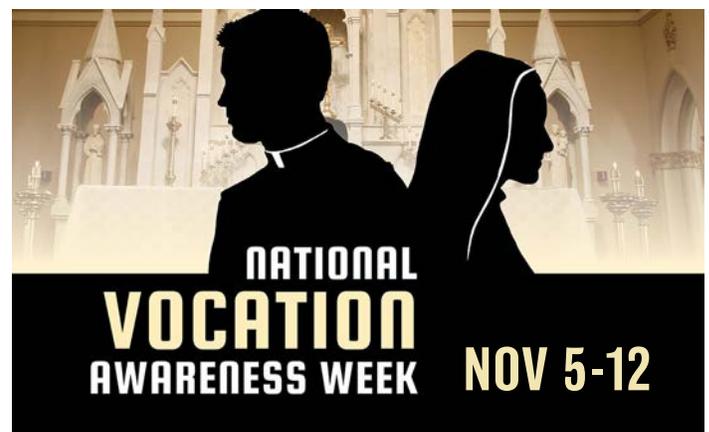
Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER is a special time in our Catholic tradition for remembering our departed loved ones. Please join us TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m., for a special service of Evening Prayer and Song in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away. The service will include Psalms, choral anthems, congregational hymns, readings and reflections of remembrance, hope, and consolation, within the Church's celebration of Evening Prayer. All are welcome. For those who cannot attend, the service will also be livestreamed at StAndrewParishLive.com.

The Students and Staff of St. Andrew School wish to **HONOR THE VETERANS OF OUR PARISH** on **Wednesday, Nov. 8**, during the all-school Mass at 8:30 a.m. Veterans are invited to sit in the reserved pews at the front of the church. If a student has a relative attending, they may sit with their relative. We are asking that you complete the Google form at tinyurl.com/honor-SAP-veterans, or email Chris Woodlan at cwoodlan@cducation.org so that we know how many will be attending. You may also call the school office at 614-451-1626 to RSVP. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided immediately after Mass in the Parish Hall for the Veterans and their relatives.



PLEASE ASK OUR LORD for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

SUNDAY OFFERING

	OCT. 22	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 34,463	\$ 473,178
BUDGET	\$ 32,212	\$ 547,596
LAST YEAR	\$ 17,000	\$ 452,273

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. 6.



WELCOME OUR BLESSED MOTHER INTO YOUR HOME!

There are many sign-up opportunities to have the Blessed Mother statue in your home for prayer and devotion. Each week begins on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and ends the following Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The statue is dropped off and picked up each week in the St. Andrew Chapel. Use the QR code or visit our SignUpGenius page to

view upcoming available dates and learn more: tinyurl.com/ourlady2023. For more information, contact Deb McEllistrem, 614-309-4645 or dmcellistrem@yahoo.com.



GIVE SMARTER: SUPPORT ST. ANDREW AND LOWER YOUR TAXES

You can use funds in your retirement account to support St. Andrew. The Charitable IRA Rollover allows donors who are 70 ½ years or older to transfer up to \$100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charity like The Catholic Foundation, which manages the St. Andrew Parish Endowment Fund. An endowment fund is a longer-term, sustained investment designed to provide a perpetual source of income to our parish.

Regardless of your age, you can support St. Andrew while still qualifying for a tax deduction. Contributions to the St. Andrew Parish Endowment Fund can also be made in the form of cash, appreciated stocks, and other assets.

For more information on how you can make a real-world impact on the future of St. Andrew and the Catholic faith, please contact Christy Steffy at 614-443-8893, ext. 110 or csteffy@catholic-foundation.org.



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. Adoration will end with Compline (end of day prayers), followed by Benediction at 8:45 p.m.

SPECIAL ADORATION OPPORTUNITY ON TUESDAY, NOV. 7:

Please join us in the Church on Election Day – between the 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses – to pray for the protection of children and parental rights (NO on Issue 1). If you are unable to join us, please keep this special intention in your prayers throughout the day.

PLEASE JOIN PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:

Parish Council invites all to Eucharistic Exposition on **Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 8 to 9 p.m.** We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary followed at 8:45 p.m. with Compline and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Make time to be in Christ's presence and open yourself to the graces that flow from the Eucharist!

NOVEMBER SENIOR LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
BRYCE ECK CENTER – KELLY HALL

Euchre at 10 a.m. // Bingo at 11 a.m. // Lunch at Noon

The luncheons are a great way to catch up with old friends and forge new friendships with seniors within our St. Andrew Parish community. If you are 55+ and a registered parishioner, come and join the fun! There is no cost. **For more information**, contact Pat Carroll, 614-459-1402 or pcarroll@standrewparish.cc.

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St. Andrew Parish

Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

SATURDAY, NOV 18
9 AM - 2:30 PM
NUGENT PARISH HALL

Mark your calendars for the **ANNUAL BUCKEYE-MAKING WORKSHOP**, which will be held in Nugent Parish Hall on **Thursday, Nov. 9** (we'll be rolling), and **Friday, Nov. 10** (we'll be dipping), beginning at 9 a.m. both days. All are welcome and no previous experience is needed. We will provide snacks and lunch. You can drop by anytime during the workshop and stay for as long as you'd like. We still need ingredient donations, including Jif or Skippy creamy peanut butter (NOT low fat), Nestle semisweet chocolate chips, and Domino Confectioners' sugar. Drop off ingredients in the Parlor now through Wednesday, Nov. 8. For more information, contact Denise Kish at 614-679-2897 or dirkkish@att.net.



CALLING ALL BAKERS! The Bake Sale during the Holiday Bazaar is a St. Andrew tradition. Please share your homemade treats of pies (pecan and apple are always popular), cakes, breads, cupcakes, candies or cookies. Bring your baked goods to Nugent Parish Hall on Friday, Nov. 17, from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. or by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18. Items may be left on a table near the kitchen. Please label items that contain nuts.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED during the Bazaar. We need help at the Bake Sale, in the kitchen (to sell Subway lunches), and selling raffle tickets. Shifts are from 8:45-10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and 12:15-2:15 p.m.

For more information about this year's Bazaar or to volunteer, contact Judy McCombs at judyzumba09@gmail.com, or call 614-446-4812 (leave a message).

KNIGHTS NEWS



THE CHRISTMAS WREATH PRESALE begins **THIS WEEKEND**, November 4

and 5, after all Masses. Cost for wreaths are \$33 for a 12-inch wreath, and \$45 for a 16-inch wreath. Knights also will be in the parlor after Masses November 11/12, and November 18/19 to take orders. The sale ends Sunday, Nov. 19. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on November 25 and 26 at the parish hall patio.



BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK! You can choose from 10 different pastries and four different cake rolls. The sale continues through Sunday, Nov. 12. Butter Braid pick-up is Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Bryce Eck Center. To order online (\$3 charge), visit Bit.ly/standrewknights23. Never had one? Sample and order in-person in the parlor on Sunday, Nov. 5, after all Masses.

AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP) CAMPAIGN:

St. Andrew Knights of Columbus Council 11275 invites you to participate in the Knights of Columbus ASAP initiative. Through ASAP, the Knights of Columbus is strengthening support for pregnancy resource centers here in Columbus and we are asking you to consider lending your support to either the Women's Care Center or Pregnancy Decision Health Center by using the QR code. The National KofC Council will match each council's \$500 donation with an extra \$100 up to a maximum of \$400.



FREE CANNA LILIES

If you enjoyed the tall red canna lilies that adorned the north parking lot this summer, you can bring them to your own yard! The Garden Club is giving away the tubers so you can plant them at your home. Stop at Door 17 by the McCoy Road parking lot during the Holiday Bazaar on November 18th to help yourself to the tubers.



ST. ANDREW PARISH MISSION

AN EVENING ON THE EUCHARIST

ST. ANDREW CHURCH
DECEMBER 6 • 7:00 PM

All parishioners, family members and community friends are welcome and encouraged to attend this presentation by Dr. Edward Sri.



REGISTRATION:
tinyurl.com/MISSION-EUCHARIST
or use the QR



Dr. Edward Sri, theologian, author, and well-known Catholic speaker, presents to tens of thousands of people worldwide each year, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists, and laity.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

**ENCOUNTER THE REALITY
OF OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 // 7:00 PM // NUGENT PARISH HALL



SESSION 5: GOD IS WITH US

God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey

Join us each week or when you can! Upcoming session dates: November 13 and 20.

To RSVP, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/SAP-ER-Meeting.

For information about the National Eucharistic Revival and adult faith at St. Andrew Parish, contact Emily Jaminet, 614-451-4290 ext. 9, or ejaminet@standrewparish.cc.



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FIRST CALLED!

UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST CALLED

November 12:

View and discuss "Real and True"

November 19:

No sessions, Confirmation Retreat

November 26:

Thanksgiving Break, No Sessions

December 3:

*Advent Program
Praise and Worship with Peace & Pancakes!*

December 10:

View and discuss "Real and True"

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL FIRST CALLED

November 5:

View and discuss "Search"

November 19:

No sessions, Confirmation Retreat

November 26:

Thanksgiving Break, No Sessions

December 3:

*Advent Program
Praise and Worship with Peace & Pancakes!*

All activities take place on Sunday evenings at the Bryce Eck Center unless otherwise noted.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the upcoming School Open House. Guests can tour the school, meet the teachers, explore classrooms, learn about the curriculum and much more! Stop by to see what makes our "Viking Village" so incredibly special! For more information, visit our website at www.standrewschool.com or call 614-451-1626.

THE EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND is a charitable donation that actually gives you a State Tax CREDIT of up to \$1,500 for married joint filers, or up to \$750 for single filers. Keep in mind the credit is worth much more than a deduction. The credit reduces your tax liability dollar-for-dollar. A deduction simply reduces your taxable income.

Contributions can be made using the Diocese of Columbus' Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund link where you can direct your contribution directly to St. Andrew School tuition assistance. Any Ohio State Tax Payer can participate. You can also use this contribution as a federal tax deduction. The tax savings can be substantial. For more information, visit columbuscatholicgiving.org.

ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

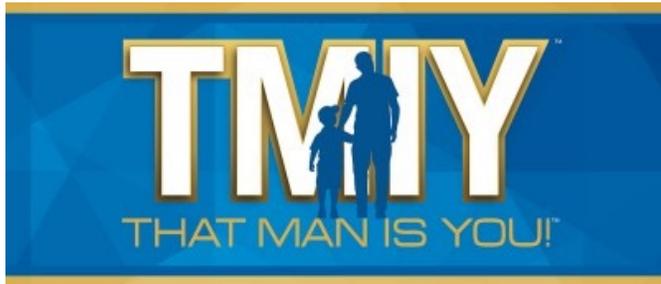
NOVEMBER 19 CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Eighth Grade students attend the 11 a.m. Mass followed by lunch and the retreat until 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) is for parish youth ages 4-7 to hear the Word of God at an age-appropriate level during the 11 a.m. Mass. We are in need of volunteers, teen (grades 6-12) and adult (must be PGC compliant). For information, contact Liz Meyers at emeyers@standrewparish.cc.

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

NEW MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY SERIES:*Excerpts from the Letters of St. Paul*

All men are welcome to experience this insightful look at Paul's letters to the Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. **The nine-week study begins Friday, Nov. 10 from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room.** The study includes commentary by renowned theologian Scott Hahn combined with time-tested interpretations from the Fathers of the Church. No homework or reading is required between meetings. For more information, contact John Schechter at (614) 565-0824 or jschechter@sbcglobal.net.

**THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE.**

THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive video-based men's program at St. Andrew designed to help men become better fathers, husbands, and Catholics. Thousands of men nationwide participate in their parish's TMIY program, and feedback is overwhelmingly positive that it is changing lives. If you want to improve your relationship with God and your family, please consider attending.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday mornings at the Bryce Eck Center

SCHEDULE:

6:30 a.m. Breakfast
 7:00 a.m. Video Presentation
 7:30 a.m. Small group discussion
 8:00 a.m. Session concludes

REGISTRATION:

For more information or to register, contact Colin Bellantis, 440-728-4166, or colinbellantis@gmail.com

To learn more, visit WWW.TMIY.ORG

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS**SAT, NOV 11: Vigil, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****4:30 PM Mass**

Tom Couvreur	EMHC - B1
Kathy Couvreur	EMHC - B2
Tim Terveer	Lector - A
Mary Frecker	Lector - B
Kara Busch	Altar Server
Megan Terveer	Altar Server

SUN, NOV 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**7:30 AM Mass**

Deb McEllistrem	EMHC - B1
David Varda	EMHC - B2
John Pashke	Lector - A
Cathy Covarrubias	Lector - B
VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Altar Server
Hannah Gandu	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Stephanie Stephenson	EMHC - B1
Rosie Brandon	EMHC - B2
Bette Jo Feeny	EMHC - B CHOIR
Ciara Decot	Lector - A
Jacob Decot	Lector - B
Victor Roscoe	Altar Server
Joe Roscoe	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Laddie Waldegar	EMHC - B1
Dave Shiddenhelm	EMHC - B2
Wini Chuidian	Lector - A
Jim Macklin	Lector - B
Ian McNair	Altar Server
Mia Pagnotto	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.



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.

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

COME AND SEE WEEKEND AT THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-In weekend for November 9-12, 2023. 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, Nov. 9, and concludes with departure after Mass and brunch on Sunday, Nov. 12. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office, 614-221-5565, vocations@columbuscatholic.org or your parish priest.

SECOND ANNUAL GOLD MASS: Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, Diocesan Director of Music, would like to encourage parish members throughout the Diocese, as well as Christians from other church communities, to attend the Second Annual Gold Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on Friday evening, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. The Gold Mass is the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit offered for our musicians, to affirm them in their ministries, and to foster a greater sense of community among them. The color gold has been chosen because of its association with instruments, celebration, and performance. Priests from the Diocese are welcome to concelebrate with Bishop Earl Fernandes for this joyful and majestic liturgy, enhanced by the exquisite music of Palestrina, Orlando di Lasso, and current Mass settings by Dr. Fitzgerald. Musicians from various parishes will be participating along with the renowned Cathedral choir, and all will be uplifted by the magnificent resonance of the Fritts Grand Gallery organ. Priests desiring to concelebrate should RSVP to the Chancery Office. Following the Mass, all are invited to a reception in the undercroft to congratulate and thank the musicians.

RETURNING LOVE FOR LOVE PILGRIMAGE: Please consider joining Bishop Earl K. Fernandes for a pilgrimage to France in honor of the 350th Anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary. The dates are May 31 through June 9. This trip will include traveling to Lisieux, Paris, Paray-Le-Monial, Nevers, Ars, Annecy, Lyon and Normandy. For complete details, visit www.ctscentral.net/trips/france/celebrate-the-350th-anniversary-of-the-revelation-of-the-sacred-heart-in-france/.

EGAN-RYAN FUNERAL HOME IS SPONSORING THEIR NINTH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY FOOD DRIVE to help our local needy veterans and their families. Drop off nonperishable food items, personal care items and monetary donations at either of Egan-Ryan's two locations at 4661 Kenny Road, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. now through November 10. For more information, call 614-221-6665.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

St. John Chrysostom (5858 Cleveland Ave.) is holding their annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The sale includes trays of more than six dozen assorted cookies for \$50 each; nut & poppy seed rolls (sold frozen) for \$15 each; Baklava in an 8"x 8" pan for \$25 each; and Gourmet Pirohi for \$7/pkg. Pirohi fillings are – Potato/Cheese, Sauerkraut, Sweet Cheese and Whole Prune – these are sold frozen in packages of one dozen per filling. There are also individual items available for sale in the Hall during this time.

Place your orders soon. ALL PRODUCT QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED and may run out prior to the **order deadline of December 3!**

To order (preferred method), visit our website at www.byzantinecolumbus.com -OR- call 614-882-7578 and follow the prompts. Cash, check or card is accepted. **All preorders must be picked up by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the sale. After 1:00 p.m. they will be offered for general sale.**

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, DEC. 1: Join us at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring his Excellency Bishop Earl Fernandes, who will present his annual address to the Luncheon Club. The December luncheon is sponsored by The Catholic Foundation. Started in 1984, the Catholic Foundation has provided over \$200 million in funding for organizations throughout the Columbus Diocese and beyond. More information about the Catholic Foundation is available at <https://catholic-foundation.org/>. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, please contact Pat Foley at foleyp513@gmail.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! There is no luncheon in January, but plan on attending our luncheon on Friday, February 2, 2024, when Bishop Fernandes will return to present the Catholic Man of the Year Award.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend I address all Catholics throughout the Diocese of Columbus. This coming Tuesday, there will be a very important vote regarding enshrining abortion in the Constitution of Ohio. **I urge all of you who have not yet voted to vote No on Issue 1.** No in November. I encourage you to invite your family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to vote No. If you know an elderly or homebound person who needs transportation, offer to drive them so that they can participate in the political process. Our No to this amendment is an expression of our great Yes to the gift of human life and to God Himself.

Two Sundays ago, Jesus said in the Gospel: “Render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar and unto God what belongs to God.” God is the author of life and Lord of all creation. After making man and woman in His image and likeness, He declared His creation to be very good. We are called to be stewards of creation and to give back to God what belongs to God. Look around you – your fellow parishioners, infants in their mothers’ arms, your spouse – they all have dignity and value. Each is a masterpiece of God, made in His image, bearing His likeness. We are to render unto God what belongs to God, offering Him our very lives.

Last Sunday, Jesus summarized the law and prophets in two commandments: love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. To love God only with our lips is not enough. We show our love of God by loving our neighbor, including the unborn. I am astounded by how many people, especially Catholics, tirelessly serve the poor and accompany women and their children – at the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, the Women’s Care Center, at the St. Vincent de Paul Centers throughout the Diocese; through Seton Housing, sheltering the homeless; at food pantries and soup kitchens; and through our Catholic healthcare ministries and visits to the sick and elderly. Our responsibility to our neighbor extends far beyond the womb. Many of our parishes carry out the Walking with Moms Initiative. We commit ourselves to accompanying women, their children, and their families.

Nevertheless, I urge you to vote No because if the rights of the unborn are not protected then other populations too become vulnerable. Pope Francis has said:

“Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church’s effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right.

It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems. Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be. Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, “every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual” (Evangelii Gaudium 213)

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To protect the rights of the vulnerable, I urge you to vote No. I also urge you to vote No, not only because this amendment would permit abortion even in the latest stages of pregnancy, but also because it takes rights away from parents in making decisions regarding their minor children. The amendment does not apply to adults but says any individual. The amendment is not restricted to permitting abortion; the language says “reproductive decisions”, which would also include gender reassignment, without parental consent or knowledge.

The amendment puts women at risk by making it nearly impossible to prosecute those who have abused women or female minors and who pressure them to have abortions and those women who have been trafficked, who subsequently are pressured into ending their pregnancy. Issue 1 simply goes too far – even for some who identify as pro-choice.

This is not merely a political issue; it is fundamentally a moral issue. Will we accept our responsibility as Catholics to protect the rights of parents, vulnerable women, and the unborn? Will we acknowledge God as the Lord of Life?

In this Sunday’s Liturgy, Paul invites us to draw near to the Gospel “not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God”. Jesus offers a warning to our conscience to conform our way of living to it. In today’s passage, He rebukes the scribes and the Pharisees for their hypocrisy. Jesus notes that they “preach, but do not practice” ; rather “they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger.”

Catholics throughout the Diocese are lifting their hands and voices to lighten the burdens of women and children, but we need your help to be the people that God has called us to be – a people of life, a people who celebrate life, nourish life, cherish life, and protect and defend life. I urge you to vote No in November. No matter how the election goes, the day after the election, there will still be women who are contemplating abortion, and we need to be there to offer support so that they know they can say Yes to life – to assure them of a network of support, to remind them that they and their children are loved. We need to make abortion unthinkable.

By voting No in November, we will offer the answer to the question of Malachi the prophet in the first reading: “Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another?” We are part of the same human family. Jesus Himself says in the Gospel, “You are all brothers ... you have but one Father in heaven.”

At the end of November, we will celebrate the Feast of the Christ the King. The Gospel that day is the separation of the sheep from the goats – the Last Judgment. Christ will say, “Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me.” Stand beside the least of our brothers and sisters, defending their right to life, acknowledging that there is one God and Father of us all. Say Yes to God and human life. **Vote No in November.**

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