THE PARISH FESTIVAL IS NEXT WEEKEND!



FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AUGUST 15-16*
5PM-11PM

*August 16 Vigil Mass begins at 4:00 p.m.

Rides • Games for Adults & Kids •
Great Food and Drink • Live
Entertainment • Raffle • Saturday
Dinner (5-7p) • Silent Auction •
Casino (21+)



AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN NUGENT PARISH HALL

Enjoy a sweet treat, COOKIES on Saturday and DONUTS on Sunday. Buy RIDE WRISTBAND VOUCHERS. Sign up to VOLUNTEER, drop off and purchase RAFFLE TICKETS. Drop off SNACK AND SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS. Look for the festival page in the bulletin for more details.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

MASS TIMES

Thursday, August 14: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Friday, August 15: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The McCoy Road parking lot will be closed. Parking will be available in the Reed Road lot and on the street.

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AACC INITENITIONIC

	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday:	August 9 Vigil, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m.	Robert and Anna Mae Jones & Dale and Rosemary Gunner
Sunday:	August 10, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m.	Nancy Guzzo
9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Kay Griffith Theado For the People of St. Andrew Parish
Monday:	August 11, St. Clare
6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Shirley Pappa George Condike
Tuesday:	August 12, Weekday Mass*
6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Robert Harkins Clara Bucher
Wednesday:	August 13, Weekday Mass
6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Eugene and Sally Perry Diane Nester
Thursday:	August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe
6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Tom O'Reilly Jim Cook Vigil Mass, The Assumption
7:00 p.m.	of the Blessed Virgin Mary Harold Simmons
Friday:	August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 a.m.	Fr. Jim Willig
8:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Phyllis Shanahan For the People of St. Andrew Parish
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.	August 16, Weekday Mass Lyman Martin
4:00 p.m.	Vigil, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Patti Pardi Passen
Sunday:	August 17, 20th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Paul and Ann O'Neill

9:15 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

11:00 a.m. Carol Gallo

^{*}The McCoy Road parking lot will be closed beginning Tuesday, August 12.

 $[\]ensuremath{^{\star\star}}\xspace$ To accommodate our many, loyal volunteers for The Festival at St. Andrew Parish, the 4:30 p.m. Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the festival will begin following Mass.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Have you given thanks to God lately for the gifts of your senses? God made the world and everything in it, and He gave you your five senses so you can experience the beauty of creation fully and deeply. God gives us eyes to see, ears to hear. He gives us the ability to smell, to taste, and to touch! These summer days are a feast for the senses! We can gaze on clear blue skies, white clouds, and green fields. We can hear birds singing and children playing. We can smell the blooming flowers and see their colorful blossoms. We can taste the tomatoes, sweet corn, and melons from the garden. We can feel the warmth of the sun and the coolness of the breeze. How many and varied are the sights, sounds, flavors, aromas, and sensations of summer?

Do you realize that the celebration of Mass in church is also a feast for the senses? It is intended to involve all of the senses in giving worship, praise, and glory to the One God. Our eyes are drawn to the altar. There are statues and images in the church that we see with our eyes and are moved to prayer. We see candles burning to remind us that Christ is our light. And this time of year, we see the church bathed in many-colored light by the morning sun streaming through the stained glass windows. We hear God's Word proclaimed to us, and voices singing hymns of praise accompanied by the sound of the organ. We may smell incense, feel the touch of holy water, or the grasp of our neighbor's hand at the exchange of the sign of peace. We taste the goodness of the Lord as we eat the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, which we have already looked upon with Adoration at the elevation, as we were called to do by the ringing of the altar bells.

This coming Friday and Saturday will be yet another wonderful opportunity to delight your senses. I am referring to The Festival at St. Andrew! You will see your friends and neighbors, bright, colorful lights, the carousel horses and Ferris wheel going round and round. You will hear people laughing, bands playing, songs being sung, and people conversing and just having fun. You will smell burgers and brats grilling; you will taste them also, along with some festival fries, cake, pie, ice cream, and your favorite beverage. You will feel relaxed and comfortable sitting under a tent, or you may feel the excitement of the crowd around you. I will pray that we don't see lightning, hear thunder, or feel wind or rain! And I will also pray that all of you stay safe and have a very good time at the St. Andrew festival this summer.

Your Pastor.

Monsignor Stephan Moloney

BAPTISMS

Maren Maureen Bowman, daughter of Jarred and Kelli

Benjamin Boone Davis, son of Nicholas and Catherine

Kai David-Watson Gallo, son of Daniel and Jacqueline Gallo

Samantha Clare Gernetzke, daughter of Gregory and Mary Clare

Addison Faith Therriault daughter of Patrick and Taylor

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Carolyn Parker and Ryan Yerke (2)

»ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #11275 will

hold their first membership meeting of the new year on Monday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Activity

Center. Refreshments provided. Please join us to learn about the many exciting events and programs planned for the year.

MEN, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION? Are you interested in learning more about the world's largest fraternal organization of Catholic men and what we do at St. Andrew? Any man age 18 or older and a practical Catholic, as defined by the Church, is eligible for membership.

- •Men Who Lead: The world needs Catholic men to step up and live out their faith. The Knights of Columbus help men to answer that call to do more and to be more.
- •Men Who Serve: If you're ready to make an impact, the Knights help men put their faith into action and give back in their parishes, in their communities and on a global scale.
- •Men Who Defend: Join the Knights and add your voice to over 2 million members worldwide, upholding the faith and the truth.

It has never been easier to join! To learn more and sign up online, click www.kofc.org/joinus and complete the registration, use RSLATER for your Agent Referral Code and remember to enter the promo code. You can also contact Damion Faulkner at damionfaulkner97@gmail.com for more information. You're always welcome to join us at this or any upcoming membership meeting.

SUNDAY OFFERING

	JULY 27	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 21,923	\$ 118,659
BUDGET	\$ 32,788	\$ 131,154
LAST YEAR	\$ 20,759	\$ 104,066

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.



CONGRATULATIONS AND

THANK YOU! As of August 1, we reached our pledge goal. Thank you to all who made a gift or pledge. Your gift, regardless of amount, will support essential ministries, formation, Catholic education, and social outreach efforts. Money in excess of our goal is returned to the Parish.



St. Andrew Progress Report through Aug. 6, 2025:

 Pledged:
 \$ 239,175.07

 Collected:
 \$ 197,921.19

 Remaining:
 \$ 29,681.65

 Goal:
 \$ 227,602.84

If you'd still like to make a gift, pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Feel free to drop them in the collection basket with your pledge or drop them in the mail. Make checks payable to The Diocese of Columbus and include "St. Andrew Parish - Appeal" in the memo section.

If you prefer to donate electronically, visit www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal or scan the QR code.



FACILITIES & ROOM RESERVATIONS:

If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces located at St. Andrew Parish, please contact Jen

Wenzke at jwenzke@standrewparish.cc, or Greg Price at gprice@standrewparish.cc. To reserve space at the Bryce Eck Activity Center, please contact Karen McCurdy at kmccurdy@cdeducation.org.

The parish event calendar can be viewed at tinyurl.com/SAP-CALENDAR.



EUCHARISTIC 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).

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

All are welcome to our monthly knit and crochet meeting on Monday, Aug. 18, 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.**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING FOR THE

HOMEBOUND is scheduled for **Saturday**, **August 23**, from **10:00-11:00** a.m. in the **Multipurpose Room** (the room off the parlor). We need homebound ministers to distribute Holy Communion to those in nursing facilities or homes nearby, and celebrate God's love for all of us. The time commitment is 2-3 hours each month. While the primary purpose of homebound visits is sacramental, we also provide our homebound parishioners with a sense of community as well as assurance that they remain an important part of the parish.

Please consider volunteering for this vital ministry that serves more than 100 faithful individuals who are unable to attend Mass in person. Ministers must be 18 years or older to serve. For more information, contact **Deacon Dowler** at **ddowler@columbuscatholic.org**. If you are interested but cannot attend this training, contact **Anna Wang** at **anna_m_wang@yahoo.com** to arrange for training at a different time.



IN THE PARISH HALL THIS WEEKEND

Obviously, start with a cookie or a donut, then...

STOP BY THE VOLUNTEER TABLES. You'll find sign-up sheets with all available positions listed. You can also sign up online at **tinyurl.com/standrewfestival2025**. For more information, contact **Faye Oney** at **faye.oney@yahoo.com** or **Mary Beasecker** at **mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc**.

BUY RIDE WRISTBAND VOUCHERS. The cost is \$22 each, for one night. Wristbands are \$25 each per night at the Festival. Cash and check preferred. Vouchers will also be available in the Parish Office on Monday, Aug. 11, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS. Tickets are \$10 each or six tickets for \$50. You can also drop off raffle tickets. Tickets will also be available during the festival.

DROP OFF DONATIONS. We're more than happy to collect your silent auction donations, snack-size bags or boxes of salty treats for the food tent, and sponsor forms/payment. Festival committee members will be available to answer questions or provide more details.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE, don't forget to buy a T-shirt (limited sizes are still available), pick up a yard sign, and play games.

LAST MINUTE DETAILS

»BEGINNING TUESDAY, AUG. 12, the McCoy Road parking lot will be closed. Remember to park in the Reed Road lot for daily Masses.

»VIGIL MASS IS AT 4:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, AUG.

16. On this day, Mass begins 30 minutes early to give our volunteers and parishioners the opportunity to attend Mass before the fun begins!

»AFTER MASS ENJOY THE SATURDAY DINNER FROM 5:00-7:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL.

Dinner options include lasagna, meatballs, chicken piccata, salad, bread, and dessert. The cost is \$15/ adult and \$12/child.

»DONATE CHIPS OR COOKIES. Chips can be dropped off in the parish hall. To donate cookies, visit the SignUpGenius page at **tinyurl.com/standrewfestival2025** and look under the CAKE BAKERS tab for donation instructions.

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

DIAMOND \$5,000

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Mike & Mary Ann Abrams | Anonymous (3) | Mrs. Audrey Cornelius | Tim Ellerbrock & Family | Dr. Robert Heck | Steve & Connie Hodges | Mike and Kathy Jennings | Patricia Jones | Loquantur, Inc. | Msgr. Stephan Moloney | Edward & Linda Macklin | Michael & Mary Anne Meagher | Jacob Pickney | Plevin & Gallucci | St. Andrew Knights of Columbus #11275 | Dr. George P. Wick DDS | Mrs. Audrey Cornelius | Mike and Kathy Jennings | Steve & Connie Hodges

For more information about becoming a sponsor, contact Melanie Houts at **Melanie.Houts@gmail.com** or 614-595-5335. To register as a sponsor online, visit tinyurl.com/FestSponsorRegistration.

ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

»SAINT MONICA CLUB is a group of men and women who meet once a month to pray for loved ones who have left the Catholic faith. Our regular meetings resume on **Monday, Sept. 22, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** All are welcome! For more information, contact **Amy Lilly** at **amyliss14@gmail.com**.

MASS IN HONOR OF ST. MONICA: In celebration of St. Monica's Feast Day on Wednesday, Aug. 27, Msgr. Moloney will offer Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

»MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER MINISTRY:

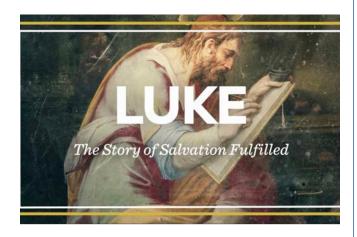
All women of the parish are welcome to join us in prayer for our children, family members, and friends who struggle with the Catholic faith or have left the faith entirely. We will resume the prayer ministry on **Monday, Sept. 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church**. For information about this prayer ministry, contact **Amy Lilly** at **amyliss14@gmail.com**.

*MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Friday from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room to discuss the letters of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, Timothy and Titus. Learn about Paul's encouragement and admonishments to his trusted assistants and the young congregations he founded. In this 20-week Bible study series for men of all ages, you'll find inspirational commentary from popular theologians Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch, as well as insights from the church fathers, geographical maps, and pertinent study questions. No homework or reading is required between meetings. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact David Varda at 614-569-9558 or dvarda129@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.

OCIA will kick off the year with **Lunch and Learn: Introduction to the Catholic Church** on Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Bryce Eck Center. Watch for more details in upcoming parish communications For more information, contact the Director of Adult Faith/OCIA **Emily Jaminet**, 614-451-4290, ext. 110 or **ejaminet@standrewparish.cc.**



BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPT. 9 7:15 PM // NUGENT PARISH HALL

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' Ascension into heaven. On the road to Emmaus, a story unique to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gave us the greatest Bible study of all time, laying out His fulfillment of the Old Testament. In Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, you will witness key moments in salvation history including the Annunciation, the Nativity, His public ministry, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. There are parables found only in Luke, including the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the rich man and Lazarus, which will show you the mercy and compassion that Jesus has for each one of His children.

Each evening session includes a 30-minute video with expert commentary from Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow followed by small group discussion. To purchase the optional workbook and get online access, visit **tinyurl.com/ LukeJourney-2025** or use the QR.

This is an eight-week study that continues through Tuesday, Oct. 28. For more information, contact **Patricia Prior** at **patriciaprior11@gmail.com**.

For more information about these and other upcoming adult faith opportunities, contact Director of Adult Faith Emily Jaminet at 614-451-4290, ext. 110, or ejaminet@standrewparish.cc.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS: AUGUST 14-17

THURS, AUG 14: Vigil, Feast of the Assumption 7:00 PM Mass

Tom Levenick	EMHC-B - B1
Kathi Theado	EMHC-B - B2
Tim Terveer	Lector - A
Ali Wright	Lector - B
Leonardo Amweg	Altar Server
Anthony Amweg	Altar Server

FRI, AUG 15: Feast of the Assumption 8:30 AM Mass

Martha Radtke	EMHC-B - B1
Angela Bonfante	Lector - A
Thomas Reidenbach	Altar Server

12:15 PM Mass

Rita Wanner	EMHC-B - B1
Linda Daley	EMHC-B - B1
Dee Pellissier	EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Mike Stuhldreher	Lector - A
Drew Busch	Altar Server

SAT, AUG 16: Vigil, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time **4:00 PM Mass**

Rita Medaglia	EMHC-B - B1
Kevin Carpenter	
Cathy Covarrubias	
Mike Luckett	
Trevor Ezell	
Myles Fzell	Altar Server

SUN, AUG 17: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM Mass

David Varda	EMHC-B - B1
Colin Bellantis	EMHC-B - B2
John Pashke	Lector - A
Anna Wang	Lector - B
Valerie Olson	Altar Server
Jerry Kaltenbach	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Lindsay Kaleta	EMHC-B - B1
David Tague	EMHC-B - B2
Herm Mollmann	EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Suzanne Meyers	EMHC-B - B3
Mark Pardi	EMHC-C - C1
Ciara Decot	EMHC-C - C2
Jeff Wenzke	EMHC-C - C3
Joseph Chatlos	Lector - A
John Schechter	Lector - B
Seth Reilly	Altar Server
Carmella Olson	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Corso Padova	EMHC-B - B1
Dave Shiddenhelm	EMHC-B - B2
Wini Chuidian	Lector - A
Cecile Jalandoni-Chuidian	Lector - B
Ariya Dhira	Altar Server
Mariella Ortlieb	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.



YOUR PREFERENCES! Our current schedule ends on Sunday, Sept. 7. The next scheduling period will run from Saturday, Sept. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 23.

Visit www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/ standrewcolumbus to make updates to your availability or preferences, or contact Mary Beasecker at mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.

THE 2025 HOLIDAY BAZAAR

is scheduled for **Saturday**, **Nov. 8**, **from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** You'll find unique gifts and crafts for everyone on your Christmas shopping list.

We have space for more crafters and vendors. Nothing beats

finding a perfectly unique gift for someone special. Perhaps YOU can offer the special gift someone is looking for! We have a variety of tables/booths available for rent. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vendor, contact **Judy Brown** at **judyzumba09@gmail.com** or leave a message at 614-446-4812.



BULLETIN AND EPOST ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Send requests to **bulletin@standrewparish.cc** by Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location, and contact name. If Monday is a holiday, all submissions must be received the Friday before. Submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

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ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration information has been mailed to all Parish School of Religion (PSR) families. Registration information is also available on the parish website at **tinyurl.com/SAP-PSR-2025**. The deadline to register is September 30, 2025. We will not accept registrations after this date.

St. Andrew PSR needs you! Please consider joining us in teaching our young parishioners.

- Adult coordinator, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Third and seventh grade PSR catechist

For more information, contact

DRE Kathy Dowler at 614-451-2855, ext. 305 or

kdowler@standrewparish.cc.

****THE HEARING LOOP SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE**

DURING MASS: For those who experience hearing loss and use hearing aids, St. Andrew Parish offers the telecoil, or T-coil, hearing loop system in the church. The T-coil hearing loop system reduces most background noise and improves understanding of speech and music. **If you would like to take advantage of the T-coil function in the church**, you will need to ask your Hearing Care Provider (HCP) to add it to your device. After this, simply press the button on the back of your hearing aid and select the program that your HCP has assigned to T-coil.

»DID YOU KNOW the St. Andrew Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has a collection bin in the church parlor marked "St. James the Less Food Pantry"? We accept nonperishable food items and take them to the Pantry on a regular basis. A list of preferred items is on the inside of the lid. Items include pasta, rice, beans, soup. Please consider those less fortunate when you are shopping!



RESPECT LIFE

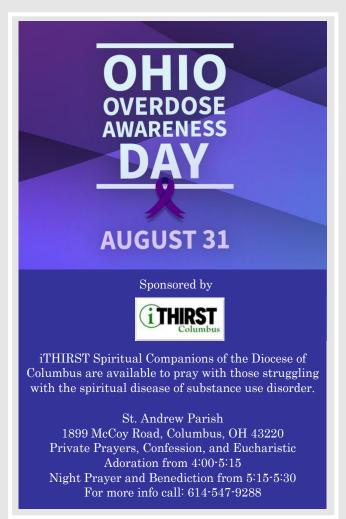
"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON: Join us Friday, Sept. 5, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father Jacques Kik, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish. Since July 2023, Our Lady of Victory Parish has been the spiritual home for the Maronite Mission of Our Lady of Lebanon. Fr. Kik's talk will be on "The Lebanese Maronite Church." Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Kik's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION: Join us on Saturday, Sept. 13, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish (1559 Roxbury Road) to celebrate and support Birthright's 50+ years of helping moms-to-be in Columbus. Cost is \$50/adult and \$25/child. For more information and to RSVP, call 614-313-5150. Reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 5.





Preserving Christianity in the Holy LAND THROUGH EDUCATION

A Benefit Dinner for the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land

Mass. Reception & Dinner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Mass Begins at 5:00 PM, Reception and Dinner to Follow

Our Lady of Victory Church 1559 Roxbury Road | Columbus, OH 43212

- KEYNOTE SPEAKERS -



Fr. JOHN PUODZIUNAS President of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land



FR. PETER F. VASKO Founding President of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land

- Honored Guest & Mass Celebrant -



BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus

For table package information and purchase, scan the QR code or visit <u>ffhl.org/regions/columbus/rsvp</u>.

For additional inquiries, please email CradlingChristianity@gmail.com.





If nothing is done to stem the alarming exodus of our Christians from the Holy Land, then within 50 years, Christianity will disappear from the very land where Christ founded the Church.

This exodus from the Holy Land can be attributed in large part to a lack of formal education. Without this access. Christians encounter difficulties in securing meaningful employment, which ultimately leads to a lifetime of financial struggles. Solving this gap in education begins with ensuring younger generations have access to education.



To learn more about the importance of education in the Holy Land, visit **ffhl.org**.



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

Fr. Luke Spannagel



Strengthened by the true presence of Jesus and following the Prayer after Communion, we are truly ready to go out into the world. What happens before moving from our pews to our cars? That would be the **Concluding Rites**. As The General Instruction of the Roman Missal lays out, "To the Concluding Rites belong the following: (a) brief announcements, should they be necessary; (b) the Priest's Greeting and Blessing, which on certain days and occasions is expanded and expressed by the Prayer over the People or another more solemn formula; (c) the Dismissal of the people by the Deacon or the Priest, so that each may go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God; (d) the kissing of the altar by the Priest and the Deacon, followed by a profound bow to the altar by the Priest, the Deacon, and the other ministers" (GIRM, 90).

Many parts of the Concluding Rites mirror what we did at the very beginning of Mass, including the priest's greeting and response from the people: "The Lord be with you." "And with your spirit." What happens next, though, is special to the end of Mass. It also happens to be one of my favorite things about being a priest: blessing the people.

What Is a Blessing?

Our Catechism of the Catholic Church glossary includes a definition for Blessing: "A blessing or benediction is a prayer invoking God's power and care upon some person, place, thing, or undertaking. The prayer of benediction acknowledges God as the source of all blessing" (CCC, p. 868). Furthermore, "Among sacramentals, blessings (of persons, meals, objects, and places) come first. Every blessing praises God and prays for his gifts. In Christ, Christians are blessed by God the Father 'with every spiritual blessing.' This is why the Church imparts blessings by invoking the name of Jesus, usually while making the holy sign of the cross of Christ" (CCC, 1671).

I love being able to ask God's strength, help, and protection upon people through blessings. As the Catechism indicates, the act of blessing turns toward God and acknowledges all the good that comes from him and then asks a share of that good for a particular purpose. This is drawn out more clearly through the Solemn Blessings and prayers over the people that can be used at the end of Mass. When one of these is

used, the Deacon or Priest will give an instruction after the priest's greeting and people's response: "Bow down for the blessing." This instruction directs us to adopt a posture that prepares us for receiving the blessing from God through the ministry of his priest.

Examples of Blessings Used at Mass

Let's look at some different blessing options for this part of the Mass. The Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time II, echoing the words of Philippians 4:7, reads:

P: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. R: Amen. P: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. R: Amen.

What a great blessing! Here we are invoking the peace of God, which is beyond our own abilities, upon the people to help them keep in mind the goodness of God. Sometimes the blessing will be in the format of four phrases with the people responding Amen in between, like in this Solemn Blessing for the Beginning of the Year:

P: May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year. R: Amen. P: May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end. R: Amen. P: May he order your days and your deeds in his peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life. R: Amen. P: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. R: Amen.

As mentioned above, the priest may also use one of the Prayers over the People, such as #17:

P: Bestow increase of heavenly grace on your faithful, O Lord; may they praise you with their lips, with their souls, with their lives; and since it is by your gift that we exist, may our whole lives by yours. Through Christ our Lord. R: Amen.

P: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. R: Amen.

Multiple Blessing Options for Mass

These are just three of the twenty Solemn Blessings and 28 Prayers over the People that are in the Roman Missal. That's a lot of blessing possibilities! As the Roman Missal indicates, these blessings can be used at the discretion of the priest. There are some that are specifically laid out for Major Solemnities like Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter. But there are also many which can be used at any Mass.

Next time you are at Mass and the priest uses one of these special blessings, try to notice the ways the text acknowledges the goodness of God, and then be ready to receive a special strengthening help from our loving Lord!

For Reflection:

- 1. As Fr. Luke suggests, next time you are at Mass, listen attentively to the words of the Solemn Blessing or Prayer over the People. Unite your heart with the intentions the prayer expresses. If the celebrant simply blesses the people in the Name of the Trinity, consciously receive the strengthening which this blessing imparts.
- 2. Reflect on the gift and tradition of blessings in our Faith by praying with Genesis 49, in which Jacob blesses his 12 sons. Pray in particular with Gen 49:25-26, which recalls the many ways God blesses us. Next time you participate in Mass, await the Concluding Rites with anticipation of receiving this blessing from God through the ordained minister.





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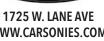
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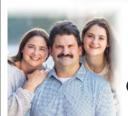
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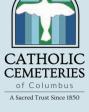
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