

#### **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 and choose "Sacramental Emergency" from the list of options or press 3.

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

August 30 Vigil, 22nd Sunday **Saturday:** 

in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Jim and Margaret Saffell

August 31, 22nd Sunday Sunday:

in Ordinary Time

For the People of St. Andrew Parish 7:30 a.m.

Joe and Louise Karam 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Jim and Sue Barrett

Sept. 1, Labor Day Monday: 9:00 a.m. Marie and Pat Cantwell

Tuesday: Sept. 2, Weekday Mass Eugene and Sally Perry 6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Harry and Barbara Nester

Wednesday: Sept. 3, St. Gregory the Great

6:30 a.m. Duane Palmo Frank Zidonis 8:30 a.m.

Thursday: Sept. 4, Weekday Mass 6:30 a.m. Richard Schumacher 8:30 a.m. Lena Colatruglio

Sept. 5, Weekday Mass Friday: All the Souls in Purgatory 6:30 a.m.

Pauline Kubalak 8:30 a.m.

Sept. 6, Weekday Mass Saturday:

9:00 a.m. Jiping (Agnes) Hu

Vigil, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greg Freisner 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: Sept. 7, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Nancy Guzzo Walter Theado, Sr. 9:15 a.m.

For the People of St. Andrew Parish 11:00 a.m.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Clara Marie Boman,

daughter of Timothy and Allison

Jack Richard and Reese Elizabeth Davis, children of Richard and Sara

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** 

Morgan Turner and Matthew Sangalli (2)

#### SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR MOLONEY

All of us have been deeply shocked by the violent shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minneapolis, MN, resulting in the deaths of at least two school children. This happened last Wednesday morning as the students of Annunciation Catholic School were gathered in the church for the first all-school Mass of the year. It happened at about the same time that our St. Andrew Parish and School community gathered together in St. Andrew Church, celebrating our first all-school Mass for the school year. So, of

course, all of us, especially parents, are rattled by this as this deadly violence occurred in a setting almost exactly like our own. We are disturbed and made fearful for the safety of our children and ourselves.

In the hours after this shooting, I heard from many parents insisting that armed police guards be placed at all entrances to the church during all-school Masses, that only St. Andrew School students and staff should be permitted entry to the church during the all-school Masses, and that the entry doors of the church be locked during all-school Masses. These are just a few of the suggestions offered for greater security. I will certainly consider all of these ideas in dialogue with St. Andrew School administrators to determine realistic ways that we can enhance the security measures that are already in place and make our sanctuary safer. Violence has no place in the church and is a desecration of that which is holy. At the same time, entry to the church must always be open and free during the time of sacred celebrations such as when Mass is taking place (Canon 1221, Code of Canon Law). So, locking the church during Mass is not an option. Sadly, we live in a dangerous world. The shooting at Annunciation Church proves that we are all vulnerable everywhere, at any time, even in church.

I pray for the victims and families of the Annunciation shooting and I share their sorrow and distress. And I pray for all of us, especially our St. Andrew Parish and School families, that all may be protected by God's mighty shield.

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephen Moloney

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is already Labor Day weekend! Can you believe it? It is hard for me to accept that summer is coming to an end so soon. School is back in session, and the weather this past week was downright September-like. Yet I wish I had a few more weeks of relaxing summer days. Labor Day is a reminder that it's time to get back to work!

This weekend, we are taking up a special collection to help provide relief to Gaza. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and our own Bishop of Columbus, Bishop Earl Fernandes, have recommended this special collection as a result of the catastrophic conditions in Gaza that threaten the very survival of the people there. The war in Gaza has resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of people, including civilians and innocent children. While we may feel quite helpless to end the war there, nevertheless, we want to do something to help those suffering people. Proceeds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, which is the agency providing relief to these devastated people.

Let us also pray for an end to war and aggression everywhere in our troubled world. May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, establish peace on earth. May He bring an end to the madness of oppressors and grant peace in our days.

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney

#### SUNDAY OFFERING

	AUGUST 17	ΥI	D
ACTUAL	\$ 27,674	\$	205,035
BUDGET	\$ 32,788	\$	229,518
LAST YEAR	\$ 29,971	\$	240,592

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.



#### **»FIFTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND:**

Please use the gold envelope in your packet this weekend to contribute to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). Whether great or small, your donation is a blessing to those in need. Affordable housing in Central Ohio is getting more and evictions in Franklin and surrounding



housing in Central Ohio is getting more difficult to find, and evictions in Franklin and surrounding counties are on the rise. Thanks to the generous donations of St. Andrew parishioners, our Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been able to assist an increasing number of needy families who are facing eviction and losing their home because they have fallen so far behind in their rent. 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. If you prefer to donate online, visit osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds. We carefully assess each request for help in order to use your donations wisely.

#### **»RELIEF FOR GAZA SECOND COLLECTION THIS**

WEEKEND: We join with Pope Leo and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in prayer for families in Gaza who are enduring conditions of catastrophic collapse as hostilities escalate and basic needs for survival vanish. Death from starvation and severe malnutrition has been rising daily. Families and civilians are grappling with death, injury, forced displacement, and deep psychological trauma. May God hold them in the palm of His hand. And may they know the love and compassion of many neighbors. If you would like to provide financial support to families in urgent need of assistance, visit the parish online giving site at tinyurl.

**com/SAP-GIVE-GAZA** or use the QR. All gifts received during the second collection or via online giving will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief agency of the Catholic Church.





#### **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).

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FALL COLLECTION

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6 | 4:00-5:30 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 | 7:15 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Look for the trailer in the McCoy Road parking lot.

#### YOU CAN HELP WITH A DONATION:

Shoes in all sizes
Purses and wallets
Backpacks and briefcases
Toys, games, and puzzles
Bikes and sporting goods
Kitchen utensils and glassware
Small appliances, pots, and pans
Home decor
Sheets and blankets

All donations should be bagged or boxed.

**OUR MISSION:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a network of friends inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness, and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

**ABOUT US:** SVdP is concerned not only with alleviating the needs of our neighbors, but also with identifying those structures, societal and legislative, that cause and perpetuate poverty.

LEARN MORE: For more information about the work that St. Vincent de Paul is doing, visit our website at https://www.svdpcolumbus.org.
To learn more about our thrift store, visit the store website at https://www.svdpthriftstores.com.





#### **THY KINGDOM COME**

Jesus did not say to the Jews, "I've come to save you from Roman oppression and taxation." Christ did not promise a worldly kingdom. In fact, He said, "My kingship is not of this world ... My kingdom is in your midst ... My kingdom is within you!"

The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is there is His Kingdom. Let us live with an eternal perspective. Claim your royal dignity and inheritance.

#### **PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

Saturday Mornings from September 6 through
December 6 at the Bryce Eck Center
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 is not required.** Just show up. For more information, contact Colin Bellantis at 440-728-4166 or **colinbellantis@gmail.com**.

#### **DISCOVER:**

- how to confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day.
- what is takes to overthrow an empire and inherit the kingdom of God.
- a new way and a new perspective on this life and the next.
- how to wrestle with the mysteries of a kingdom "not of this world" yet simultaneously "within you."
- God's transforming power through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts.
- the God of mercy and experience His superabundant compassion and love.
- Jesus Christ present as the true King of your heart and claim your royal inheritance.
- how to live with an eternal perspective.
- how to become the man we need to rebuild.

To learn more, visit WWW.TMIY.ORG



#### **LUNCH AND LEARN**

Introduction to the Catholic Church

Sunday, Sept. 7 Noon-1:30 p.m. Bryce Eck Activity Center

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or do you wish to complete the Sacraments of Initiation? Are you interested in becoming a sponsor? "Lunch and Learn" is the perfect place to begin the process and learn more. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP at tinyurl.com/OCIA-lunch-2025 or use the OR.

### **OCIA KICK-OFF MEETING**

Wednesday, Oct. 1 7:00 p.m. Multipurpose Room

The formation of adults and the process for initiation into the Catholic Church is called the "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults" or simply OCIA. This program process prepares the groundwork for basic faith development. Together with others, you will gather for classes, prayer, Mass, and discussion with members of the Church who have been specially trained for this ministry. The program is centered around the liturgical calendar of the Church and it will help you enter into the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ which is central to our Faith.

For more information, contact the Director of Adult Faith/OCIA **Emily Jaminet**, 614-451-4290, ext. 110 or **ejaminet@standrewparish. cc**.



#### **ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES**

»MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Friday from 7:00-8:00 a.m. to discuss the letters of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, Timothy and Titus. **NEW LOCATION BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5: St. Andrew** Multipurpose Room (located off the parlor). 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 information, contact David Varda at 614-. 569-9558 or **dvarda129@gmail.com**.



#### walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

#### Make authentic connections with other women and learn more about God.

Walking With Purpose (WWP) Women's Ministry invites ALL women to journey through scripture together and build relationships that matter. If you desire to grow in your faith in a supportive community of Catholic women, then Walking With Purpose is for you.

This year's study is Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived. It is an immensely practical Bible study that will help you discover and prioritize what matters most in life. When you're feeling out of kilter, getting back to basics is a game-changer.

WWP meets weekly **beginning Wednesday, Oct. 1.** We offer a daytime session from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room, and an evening session from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Center.

Visit tinyurl.com/WWP-SAP-2025 or use the QR to register and to get the link to the book.



For more information, send an email to wwpstandrewcolumbus@gmail.com.



# 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.

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.



#### **»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 amylilly65@gmail.com.

**»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 amylilly65@gmail.com.





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#### **»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, visit tinyurl.com/SAP-Bazaar-2025 or use the QR for more information and a vendor application. Or, contact Judy Brown at

**judyzumba09@gmail.com** or leave a message at 614-446-4812.



To reserve a meeting space at St. Andrew Parish, contact Jen Wenzke at jwenzke@standrewparish.cc, or Greg Price at gprice@standrewparish.cc. To reserve space at the Bryce Eck Activity Center, contact Karen McCurdy at kmccurdy@cdeducation.org.

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

**\*\*DONUT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7!** Members of **WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP)** are hosting the next Donut Sunday **in the parish hall after Sunday Masses on September 7.** Enjoy donuts, coffee, tea, and juice and learn more about this women's ministry at St. Andrew Parish. This year's WWP study, **Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived**, will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 1 (see

**»ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS AND** 

previous page for details).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Registration information for the 2025-26 school year is 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, fifth, and seventh grade PSR catechists (these positions receive a stipend)

For more information, contact DRE **Kathy Dowler** at 614-451-2855 ext. 305 or **kdowler@standrewparish.cc**.

#### **»ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GREETER**

AT MASS? The St. Andrew Hospitality Ministry welcomes ALL parishioners to volunteer as greeters before Masses! We are looking for a few friendly faces, especially before the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, but all are welcome to serve at any Mass. This is also a great way for students to earn service hours. We encourage all adult volunteers to be Protecting God's Children compliant. If you wish to sign up, visit tinyurl. com/SAP-Greeters-2. For more information or to get involved in the Hospitality Ministry, contact Jake and Ciara Decot at jdecot284@gmail.com.



## RESPECT LIFE-

# BRIDGES OF MERCY FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit www. hopeafterabortion.org and select "Find Help" to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**



Seasonal rehearsals of our parish music ensembles begin soon, and new members are invited to join our ministry community! Do you have talents to share, or musical interests and abilities yet to be explored? Are you looking to reawaken your skills from music lessons long ago? Can you make a short eight-

week commitment to participate in one of our parish choirs? Here are some options to consider:

**THE ST. ANDREW CHOIR** provides music for the 9:15 a.m. Sunday Masses (September-June) in addition to other Holy Days, holidays, and special occasions. The group is open to men and women of high school age and beyond, and rehearsals are typically held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. While music reading ability is helpful, it is not required to become a choir member. You must simply be able to match pitch, blend your voice with others, be available for rehearsals as well as liturgies, and have a desire to help others pray and praise God through music. The choir season consists of four "quarters," and singers may sign up for any (or all) of the sessions as they are available throughout the year. Singers get an extended winter and summer break. Rehearsals begin in mid-September.

THE RESURRECTION (FUNERAL) CHOIR serves the parish by singing for our parish funerals throughout the year. This choir is an excellent option for those who enjoy singing and have some flexibility with their daytime (especially morning) schedules but are unable to commit to the Sunday choir. New members (both men and women) are always welcome. This choir is a meaningful way to honor our parishioners who have died, and to provide consolation to their loved ones in their time of loss.

THE ST. ANDREW HANDBELL CHOIR is the newest addition to our parish music ministry program. A basic knowledge of music reading is helpful for this group, but no previous ringing experience is necessary, and no singing is required! The Handbell Choir typically rehearses seasonally on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. with an extended winter and summer break. Introductory and tutoring sessions are offered, as needed, for those who would like to learn the basics of ringing. Now is the time to start!

For more information about these music ensembles, or if you're interested in joining us, contact **Music Director Phil Lortz**, at **plortz@standrewparish.cc** or 614-451-1839.

#### LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

#### SAT, SEP 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 PM Mass

Peter Kleinhenz	EMHC-B - B1
Judy O'Brien	EMHC-B - B2
Angela Bonfante	Lector - A
Mary Frecker	Lector - B
Joseph Tomasso	Altar Server
Agatha Foley (sub req)	Altar Server

### SUN, SEP 7: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM Mass

Peggy Hoffman	EMHC-B - B1
Larry Hoffman	EMHC-B - B2
Christina Carmell	Lector - A
Cathy Covarrubias	Lector - B
Luke Pardi	Altar Server
Lucy Scott	Altar Server

#### **9:15 AM Mass**

Claire Nduaguba	EMHC-B - B1
Mark Pardi	EMHC-B - B2
Suzanne Meyers	EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Linda Daley	EMHC-B - B3
Anna Wang	EMHC-C - C1
Debby Murphy	EMHC-C - C2
Lindsay Kaleta	EMHC-C - C3
Jennifer Schaefer	Lector - A
Ciara Decot	Lector - B
A.J. Chatlos	Altar Server
Lydia Ruhe	Altar Server

#### 11:00 AM Mass

Jennie Statczar	EMHC-B - B1
MaryAnn Sylvester	EMHC-B - B2
Damion Faulkner	Lector - A
Marty Majka	Lector - B
Gabrielle Martin	Altar Server
Daniel Martin	Altar Server

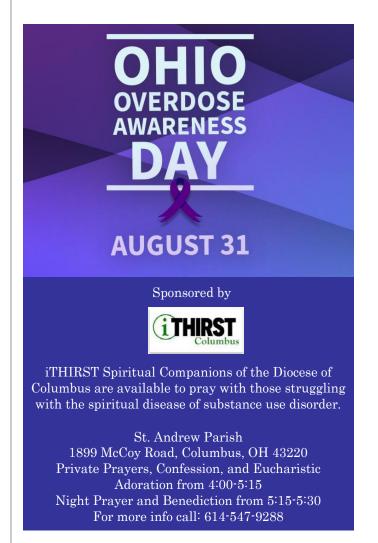
To volunteer, visit **www.rotundasoftware.com/ ministry/standrewcolumbus**, or use the QR. If you need help with your username or password, contact **Mary Beasecker** at **mbeasecker@ standrewparish.cc** or 614-451-4290 ext. 104.

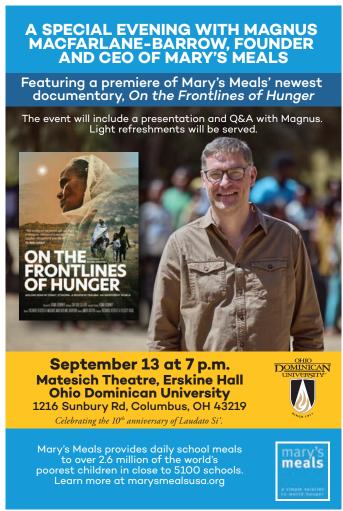


#### **BULLETIN AND EPOST ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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.

#### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**





### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### September 5

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON, St. Patrick Church (downtown), 11:45 a.m. Mass (optional), 12:10 p.m. Lunch, Fr. Kik presenting. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting

#### September 5-7

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**, Procter Camp and Conference Center, London, OH. For details, visit www.WWME.org.

#### September 13

Birthright of Columbus **ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION**, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road. For more information and to RSVP, call 614-313-5150.

#### September 20

Brian Muha Memorial Foundation **NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS**, 5:30 p.m. (doors open), St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 East Broad Street. To buy tickets, donate, and view auction items, visit https://one.bidpal.net/nightofchamps25.

#### September 25

2025 PDHC CELEBRATION OF LIFE GALA,

6:00 p.m. Villa Milano. For details, visit https://www.supportlifepdhc.org/gala.

#### September 27

Friends of the Josephinum **4-MILER RUN/WALK**, 9:00 a.m., Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, To register, visit https://m3ssports.com/events/josephinum-4-miler-run-walk/.



#### **Catholic Diocese of Columbus**

Office of the Bishop 614 • 224 • 2251

August 20, 2025

Reverend Monsignor Stephan J. Moloney St. Andrew Parish 1899 McCoy Road Columbus, OH 43220-4407

Dear Monsignor Moloney,

I write to you with deep gratitude and admiration for your leadership and dedication in reaching the goal for St. Andrew Parish for the 2025 Appeal. As you know, the diocesan goal was raised to meet the growing needs of our diocesan family, and this meant a higher goal for your parish. Yet, through your leadership and steadfast commitment, as well as the generous spirit of your parishioners, you not only rose to meet this goal but surpassed it, ensuring that our shared mission continues to bear abundant fruit.

I am profoundly grateful for your perseverance and for your unwavering commitment to advancing the work of Christ in our community. Because of your leadership, the foundational pillars of the Appeal -- Evangelization, Education and Faith Formation, Social Doctrine, and Vocations -- are strengthened, and their impact is felt by countless lives across the diocese.

Please know that your willingness to give so selflessly and the sacrifices of your portion of the Lord's flock do not go unnoticed. It is your dedication and personal witness that inspires others to join us "Together in Mission" as one family of faith.

Thank you for being a cornerstone of our mission and for all you do in the service of Christ and His people. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, strengthen, and bless you abundantly.

Assuring you, your parishioners, and your loved ones of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes

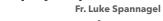
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Bishop of Columbus



### "Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass





After reflecting on the dismissal and mission last time, was anyone else excited to take the fruits of the Mass out into the world?! Let's go! This time, we review some acts of reverence similar to the beginning of the Mass with which we conclude and go forth from Mass. As the Diocese of Peoria instructs, "After the blessing and closing words, 'Go forth, the Mass is ended,' the priest goes to the altar once more and reverences it with a kiss. The Mass 'ends' where it began—at the altar. For on the altar the sacrifice of Christ was made present in our midst. As the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, the altar on which this sacrifice is rendered is given this gesture of reverence and even love. A kiss is a symbol of love—the priest, 'the servant of God and minister to the Holy of Holies,' acknowledges his love for the mystery that he celebrates. As it is the source and summit of the Church, it is then necessarily the source and summit of the priest's ministry in the parish. Everything in the Church derives from and is pointed toward the Most Holy Eucharist" (A Study of the Mass, p. 20). Just as we saw in the entrance at the beginning of Mass, the altar is especially honored as the place where Jesus truly becomes present during the Mass.

#### **Going Forth to Share the Good News**

The Diocese of Peoria continues, "After reverencing the altar the priest genuflects in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before exiting the sanctuary. The priest then recesses, most often following the cross and candles that led him in... The recessional may be accompanied by a hymn of praise, or even just instrumental music. The music at this point is typically majestic, as we have concluded the celebration of a most majestic event" (A Study of the Mass, p. 21). Some priests have pointed out that there is not a recessional antiphon in the Roman Missal, whereas we do have Entrance and Communion Antiphons. These antiphons unite us in praise and meditation, while the conclusion of Mass feels more open-ended. Perhaps this is fitting, in accordance with mission and sending forth; perhaps this open-ended conclusion reminds us that the fruits of the Mass continue and are carried forth with us as we depart. Within that mindset, singing together also feels appropriate, as we are now going forth together, united by Christ!

#### Carrying Christ's Love into the World

After the celebrant follows the processional cross out of church, the Diocese of Peoria challenges us: "It is not appropriate to leave or exit the church before the priest, as the symbolism is so important. Following the cross 'into the world' is a profound thing that all of us do, even if not immediately after the priest. We carry the cross of the Lord with us as it was 'by this Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!' The Cross is the most powerful symbol of God's love for his people. 'God so loved the world that He sent His only son so that we might not die, but have eternal life!' In Catholic churches we have a corpus of Christ on our processional crucifixes and sanctuary crucifixes because the Paschal Mystery is at the center of all our celebrations. When we look upon the crucifix we see our God, who literally loves us to death! We carry this love with us into the world, as all of us are 'missionaries' given a mission to spread the 'Good News' of our Lord Jesus Christ" (A Study of the Mass, p. 21).

Let us then remember this love as we "process" out into the world. Let us take with us what we have learned about God and about ourselves; let us take the graces we have received; let us take the victory of the Cross which we have experienced and process out into the world. That is how the fruits of the victory of the Cross are extended to every heart; that is how the fruits of the Mass are extended to all people! That is how we embrace our identity as Eucharistic Missionaries!

#### For Reflection:

- 1. Even as you participate fully in the singing or silence that accompanies the recessional part of the Mass, take note of the celebrant and crucifix processing out of the sanctuary. Spiritually unite yourself to Christ's Cross and renew your commitment to live the Paschal Mystery in your daily life.
- 2. When you are ready to leave the church building, approach your departure as a form of procession and an extension of the liturgy. If you drive to church, consider having a crucifix or other image in your car, which will remind you that you are processing from Mass into the world.

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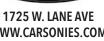
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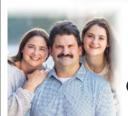
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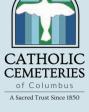
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