



SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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www.standrewparish.cc



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

Saturday: Sept. 13 Vigil, Exaltation of the Cross
 4:30 p.m. Don and Joan Rossi

Sunday: Sept. 14, Exaltation of the Cross
 7:30 a.m. Bill Jones
 9:15 a.m. Angela Massenelli
 11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

Monday: Sept. 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
 6:30 a.m. Fr. Jim Willig
 8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday: Sept. 16, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
 6:30 a.m. Duane Palmo
 8:30 a.m. Glenn Willett

Wednesday: Sept. 17, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Paul and Lillian Wentzel
 8:30 a.m. Robert and Anna Mae Jones

Thursday: Sept. 18, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Barbara and Edmund Herb
 8:30 a.m. Margaret Twohey

Friday: Sept. 19, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Margaret and Ed Cantwell
 8:30 a.m. Ray Van De Weghe

Saturday: Sept. 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions
 9:00 a.m. Lyman Martin, Jr.

Vigil, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 p.m. Levia Martin

Sunday: Sept. 21, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 9:15 a.m. Joe and Louise Karam
 11:00 a.m. Carter Thomas Jack

BAPTISMS

Samuel Jacob Martin, son of Travis and Anja

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@cducation.org.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This week, I want to make you aware of some upcoming events.

•**CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS:** From September 22-26, there will be a convocation for all the priests in the Diocese of Columbus. The convocation will be held at Deer Creek State Park and almost all of the priests, including me, will be attending. The Convocation of Priests is an opportunity to gather with our Bishop and our fellow priests for prayer, some continuing education, spiritual nourishment, and camaraderie. The theme of the convocation is "Spiritual Fatherhood and Fraternal Brotherhood." I am looking forward to this opportunity to spend a few days with my brother priests and recharge my batteries! However, I want you to be aware that almost all of the priests will be attending this convocation, so priests will not be easily available. **There will be no daily Masses at St. Andrew from Tuesday, Sept. 23, through Friday, Sept. 26.** There will be very limited priests available for sacramental emergencies. Please be aware of this, and do pray for the priests during the Convocation week.

•**DISCIPLE-MAKER INDEX (DMI):** This coming Advent season, all of the parishes in the diocese will be participating in the Disciple-Maker Index, which is part of the ongoing pastoral planning effort of the Diocese of Columbus. You may recall participating in the DMI as part of the *Real Presence, Real Future* initiative back in 2020. There have been many changes in our diocese since then, so the information derived from the new survey will assist the diocese in planning for Bishop Fernandes' priorities. I will share more information about this as we get closer to Advent.

•**ANNUAL PET BLESSING:** On the first Sunday of October, I will offer the annual pet blessing. I have offered this blessing each year on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). St. Francis is the saint traditionally invoked for the protection of animals. **The blessing will be held on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 3:00 p.m. on the lawn in front of the rectory.** My dog, Mabel, needs her blessing this year. She is going on 17 years old and has several health issues including chronic bronchitis, gastric problems, and a tumor in her right eye! Melanie (my cat) is staying inside this year. Last year, she escaped from her crate. I had a hard time getting her back inside and got scratched in the process! Anyway, I look forward to meeting and blessing all of the pets and their people.

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

All are welcome to our monthly knit and crochet meeting on **Monday, Sept. 15, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in Nugent Parish Hall.**

We have needle workers of all levels. Please bring your own knitting needles (size 7 or 8) and/or crochet hooks (size G or H). Each monthly meeting includes fun and laughter while we make items for those in need. Easy patterns are provided and experienced knitters and crocheters are available to answer questions and provide guidance. For more information, contact **Darla Reed** at drdjreed@outlook.com.



THE KNIT AND CROCHET MINISTRY has spent many hours handcrafting **PRAYER SHAWLS** for those in need of comfort and peace. A selection of shawls is available for parishioners to take for themselves or to share with someone. The shawls are located in the lower cabinet to the right of the chapel entrance. The gift of a prayer shawl is a tangible reminder of God's care and love, encouragement, and inspiration.

•**THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY VIDEO SERIES** begins **Thursday, Sept. 18, from 9:15-10:45 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room.** Created by Paradisus Dei, explore the Joyful Mysteries with reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories with breathtaking scenery, beautiful sacred art, and inspiring music. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series helps the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of participants. Our discussions lead to deeper encounters with Christ in personal prayer and contemplation. This an eight-week series. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **Sharon Hess** at sharonhess612@gmail.com or 614-204-5111, or **Peggy Rennick** at peggyrennick@gmail.com or 614-266-7712.

•**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.



SUNDAY OFFERING

	AUGUST 31	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 19,491	\$ 244,115
BUDGET	\$ 32,788	\$ 295,096
LAST YEAR	\$ 22,843	\$ 302,886

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.



HOW WILL YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH INFLUENCE YOUR RETIREMENT PLANNING?

As you look ahead to retirement, imagine a future built on more than financial security—one where you live your Catholic faith with greater purpose and joy. This new chapter offers you the opportunity to share the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that God has generously given you. Your Catholic Retirement™ offers Catholics resources to plan for this life stage, in accordance with Church teachings, while providing opportunities to support the charities closest to your heart.

One meaningful way to impact the Catholic faith in retirement is through supporting The St. Andrew Parish Endowment Fund. Your gift will sustain our parish's mission for generations, positively impacting lives and faith journeys for years to come. Whether through a cash donation, life insurance policy, or retirement distribution, your contribution—carefully managed by The Catholic Foundation—will strengthen our St. Andrew community far beyond weekly collections.

Contact **Christy Steffy** at **614-443-8893, ext. 1100** or CSteffy@Catholic-Foundation.org to learn more about the resources available to help you plan Your Catholic Retirement.

»EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

is scheduled for **Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Multipurpose Room**. If you'd like to become involved in this important and rewarding ministry, this is the perfect time to learn more. Confirmed parishioners ages 16 and older are welcome to attend. Preregistration is not necessary. For more information, contact **Deacon Dowler** at **614-477-7049** or ddowler@columbuscatholic.org.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is simply the act of being in Christ's real presence while the Eucharist is on the altar. Adorers may stay as briefly or as long as they would like. Adoration concludes at 8:45 p.m.

with Compline (end of day prayers) and

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

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

»SCOUT POPCORN SALE!

Support the Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA of St. Andrew Parish by purchasing popcorn after Masses on September 20 & 21 and 27 &

28! Popcorn makes a great game time snack or gift to give. Thank you for your support of the sale, which helps the boys attend summer camp and enjoy other enriching activities throughout the year!



EARLY FALL SENIOR LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

BRYCE ECK CENTER - KELLY HALL

Euchre~10 a.m. // Bingo~11 a.m. // Lunch~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.

NEW LUNCHEON SCHEDULE: For the safety of students, staff members, and visitors at the Bryce Eck Center, the pastor has determined that Senior Luncheons will be held throughout the year, not monthly. Luncheon dates will be announced as they are planned. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and ePOSTs.

For information about the September luncheon, contact **Karen McCurdy** at **614-459-1402** or kmccurdy@cducation.org.

Friends OF THE POOR[©] WALK

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL 2025 FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

8:30-9:30 AM: Registration

9:30-10:00 AM: Prayer, announcements, and photos

10:00 AM: Walk begins

*Come early and enjoy refreshments. Registration is free.
Donations are gratefully accepted.*

"Walk a mile in the shoes of someone in need." All parishioners are welcome to join members of the St. Andrew Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) at this year's Friends of the Poor Walk. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds to help our ministry in assisting our neighbors in need. We provide help with rent, utilities, food, shelter and more, bringing hope to our neighbors during difficult times. For example, the St. Andrew SVdP Conference has been able to help 14 neighbors in need with rental payments to avoid eviction during the past three months. If you can't join us on the day of the walk, please consider supporting us with a donation. **Members of our conference will be at the church doors after Masses THIS WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 13/14 to accept donations and answer questions about the walk.**



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Meetings Begin Wednesday, Oct. 1

7:00-8:30 PM // 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. 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 will help you enter into the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is central to our faith. OCIA is designed for adults who have not been baptized into any religion (Catechumen); adults who have been validly baptized in another faith tradition and desire to be in full communion with the Catholic Church (Candidate); and adults who were baptized Roman Catholic, but did not receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist. Through OCIA, you will:

- learn about the Catholic faith.
- learn about prayer.
- learn about the Holy Mass.
- come to understand and appreciate the Sacraments.
- grow in Christian fellowship.
- discern God's will in your life.
- experience initiation with fellow parishioners at the Easter Vigil.



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



OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



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.

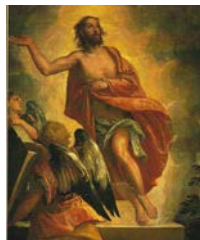
WWP meets weekly **beginning Wednesday, Oct. 1**. We offer a daytime session from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room, and an evening session from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Center.

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.



»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: 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. 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.



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ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2025-26 PSR school year began on Wednesday, Sept. 10. We are excited to welcome all new and returning students! **PLEASE NOTE:** Most classes are filled to capacity. If you have not registered a child yet, call the Religious Education Office before sending in registration forms.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Confirmation Parent Meeting
4:30 **OR** 6:00 p.m. // Nugent Parish Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 22

First Communion Parent Meeting
4:30 **OR** 6:00 p.m. // Nugent Parish Hall

Important Confirmation and First Communion information will be handed out at these meetings.

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



RESPECT LIFE

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity."

USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"



THY KINGDOM COME

Confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day. Discover Jesus Christ present as the true King of your heart and, with a band of brothers, learn to live with an eternal perspective and embark upon the narrow road to salvation. Become the man we need to help rebuild the kingdom!

Saturday Mornings through December 6

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 or visit www.TMIY.org.



EVERYTHING BUT THE TURKEY FOOD DRIVE

WHAT IS IT? This community drive collects traditional Thanksgiving side items, pantry staples, and desserts to create meal boxes for our neighbors in need. Each box will provide everything needed to prepare a warm and comforting holiday meal – except the turkey. Many organizations, churches, schools, and individuals have sponsored one item for the meal box. The St. Andrew Parish and School community is sponsoring instant mashed potatoes. **Our goal is to collect 500 boxes of instant mashed potatoes between 9/15/25 - 11/01/25.** The boxes can be dropped off to our parish or school offices during office hours. For more information, contact **Mary Ann Abrams** at abramsmmet@gmail.com.



THANK YOU! The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Andrew would like to extend a heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support during our recent donation drive. Your contributions have made a meaningful impact, helping those in need within our community. Both trucks were completely full!

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, SEPT. 20: Vigil, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Mass

Dee Pellissier..... EMHC-B - B1
Elizabeth Carpenter EMHC-B - B2
Tim Terveer Lector - A
Jim Macklin Lector - B
James Patti..... Altar Server
Gus Patti..... Altar Server
George Patti..... Altar Server

SUN, SEPT. 21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass

Kathy Cowen..... EMHC-B - B1
Linda Daley EMHC-B - B2
Jason Mays Lector - A
Christina Carmell..... Lector - B
Elise Mays Altar Server
Adeline Mays Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Bette Jo Feeney..... EMHC-B - B1
Ciara Decot..... EMHC-B - B2
Lindsay Kaleta EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Mike Luckett..... EMHC-B - B3
Suzanne Meyers..... EMHC-C - C1
Herm Mollmann EMHC-C - C2
Nathan Bateman EMHC-C - C CHOIR
Abigail Meyers..... EMHC-C - C3
David Tague..... Lector - A
Jacob Decot..... Lector - B
Lydia Kaleta..... Altar Server
Nick Holowchak Altar Server
Emma Purcell Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Paul Buerger EMHC-B - B1
Corso Padova..... EMHC-B - B2
Mike Stuhldreher..... Lector - A
Cathy Covarrubias..... Lector - B
Matthew Stuhldreher Altar Server
William Popovich Altar Server
Sebastian Randles..... 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.

PRIEST CONVOCATION 2025

Monday, Sept. 22 – Friday, Sept. 26

The Convocation of Priests is an opportunity for priests in the Columbus diocese to gather with our Bishop for prayer, some continuing education, spiritual nourishment, and camaraderie. The theme of the convocation is "Spiritual Fatherhood and Fraternal Brotherhood."

There will be NO DAILY MASSES at St. Andrew from Tuesday, Sept. 23, through Friday, Sept. 26.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS: While the priests in our diocese gather for a bi-annual priest convocation, please join us in covering our priests in prayer so that their time together may be fruitful and inspired. Sign up to spend an hour in prayer praying for our priests at <http://bit.ly/3Vb8yWV> or use the QR.



WELCOME OUR BLESSED MOTHER INTO YOUR HOME AND YOUR HEART!

Please prayerfully consider welcoming the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home to pray the Rosary with your family. Additional dates have been added to the sign up! Each week begins on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and ends on the following Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Statue drop-off and pick-

up is in the St. Andrew Chapel in the chairs. To learn more, use the QR or visit tinyurl.com/ourlady2024. For more information, contact **Deb McEllistrem** at 614-309-4645 or dmcellistrem@yahoo.com.



PREGNANT? NEED A FRIEND?

Contact Birthright of Columbus. We provide emotional support, pregnancy tests, pregnancy information and referrals. All Services are FREE!

614-221-0844

columbusohmain@birthright.org

If you'd like to donate baby clothing, unopened packages of diapers and wipes, toys or supplies (absolutely no food, used car seats, used cribs or used pac-n-plays), please use the bin in the church Parlor labeled "Birthright."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MASS, OUR LADY OF SORROWS: The Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus invite you to join us at noon on September 15 for a Mass honoring the feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows, in the Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel at St. Joseph Cemetery. This is the perfect opportunity to remember and pray for our loved ones resting in the Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus, and to reflect on how Mary's sorrows can guide us on our own grieving journeys.

At the Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus, our mission is to honor and pray for all of the deceased. Through Masses and prayers such as this, anyone can join us in this important service, ensuring that none of the Holy Souls are forgotten and carrying out an essential ministry of the Church.

For more information, please call the cemetery office at (614) 491-2751, or visit our website at catholiccemeteriesofcolumbus.org.

2025 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: Are you between the ages of 19-35? Are you searching for an opportunity to encounter Christ in a transformative way? The Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference is a one-day event featuring inspiring Catholic speakers, breakout sessions, exhibitors, Adoration, and a vigil Mass. Join us at our seventh conference on **Saturday, Oct. 18**, for a day and evening of faith, fellowship, fun, and food at Saint Paul the Apostle parish in Westerville, OH. **Register for the conference at ccyac.org.**

SACRED MUSIC CLASSES: You are invited to an introduction to Sacred Music offered by Dr. Nicole Simental at the St. Thomas More Newman Center on the OSU campus. Classes are offered on **Wednesdays through Nov. 19, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Drop-ins are welcome. Classes take a deeper look at the treasures of the Church all supported by Church documents on Sacred Music in the Liturgy. This course will also help us to unite our prayers through music more fully in the Mass. No musical experience necessary. A \$50 donation covers the cost of all materials (free to students and religious). For more information, email **Dr. Nicole Simental** at nsimental@buckeyecatholic.com.



The Mass

"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

✠ Part 81: Carrying Jesus with Us ✠

As you go forth from Mass, is Jesus still with you? Is he really and truly present? As we mentioned previously, our Catholic faith teaches us that the Real Presence of Jesus remains in the Eucharist until the outward appearances of the Sacred Host and/or Precious Blood cease to be those of bread and wine as they are absorbed by our bodies. While there are different opinions on how long that actually is, most agree it is around 15 minutes. No doubt, that is a great reason to try and plan for a time of thanksgiving after the Mass. As we go forward, it is also great to keep in mind that, in a very real way, we are tabernacles with Jesus inside us during that time.

Imitating Mary in Receiving Communion

Edward Sri offers thoughts for meditation through the words of Pope St. John Paul II. Sri reminds us that when we have the Real Presence of Jesus in Communion, we are very much like Mother Mary with Jesus in her womb: "John Paul II noted a profound connection between Mary carrying Jesus in her womb and the person receiving communion. In a sense, we become like Mary every time we receive the Eucharist. 'Mary lived her Eucharistic faith even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's Word.' For nine months, Mary had the body and blood of Jesus within her. At Mass, we receive the sacramental Body and Blood of our Lord. 'At the Annunciation, Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood'" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 142-3, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 55).

As Sri notes, St. John Paul II went on to reflect upon what learning about the Mass and receiving Communion would have been like for Mother Mary. "What must Mary have felt as she heard from the mouth of Peter, John, James, and the other Apostles the words spoken at the Last Supper: 'This is my body which is given for you' (Lk 22:19)? The body given up for us and made present under sacramental signs was the same body which she had conceived in her womb!" Sri writes, "John Paul then beautifully drew out the unique meaning Holy Communion would have had for the Blessed Virgin: 'For Mary, receiving the Eucharist must have somehow meant welcoming once more into her womb that heart which had beat in unison with hers...' What a profound insight! Imagine Mary preparing herself to be reunited with her Son in this way. Imagine the loving attention she gave to Jesus in every Holy Communion. What a joy it must have been for her to have her Son dwelling within her again! May Mary be a model for us in the way we receive the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may ardently welcome Jesus in every Holy Communion as Mary received her Son. May the Eucharist cause our hearts to beat ever more in unison with Christ's as Mary's heart beat perfectly with his" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 142-3, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 56).

Bearing Jesus' Presence As We Go

So beautiful! What a wonderful and rich meditation to think about as we recall with joy that Jesus is within us. While certainly more lighthearted, a similar realization comes from one of the funniest saint stories I have come across when reading about the Mass and the Eucharist. Fr. Stefano Manelli recounts that St. Philip Neri had two altar boys with lighted candles go to accompany a man who had left church right after Communion (Jesus Our Eucharistic Love: Eucharistic Life Exemplified by the Saints, p. 46). Can you picture it? How about the expression on that man's face?! Of course, it may have been a corrective to the man to help him realize he shouldn't be leaving Mass early. But it also really drives home the joyful realization that after Communion, Jesus is truly present with us for a time. As that man was walking forth from the Mass, St. Philip Neri had the altar boys carry candles because it was a Eucharistic Procession! If we could regularly have that realization of Jesus truly present with us after Communion, how different would our conversation and activity be as we go forth from Mass? How would we greet those we encounter? How would we navigate through the parking lot? What activities would we do next after Mass? How would we talk with those we encounter? May a greater realization of the gift of Jesus within us strengthen us to honor his presence in how we show his love!

For Reflection:

1. As you prepare to depart after Mass, ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother and St. Philip Neri to help you recognize and reverence Christ's Eucharistic presence in yourself and others.
2. Consider making "visual contact" with the tabernacle after Mass as a way to acknowledge the Blessed Sacrament remaining in the church in union with your own presence as a tabernacle processing into the world. Find concrete ways of being a "sanctuary light" to awaken awareness of Christ's presence.

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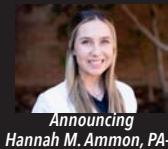
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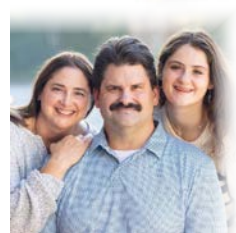
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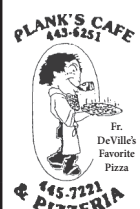
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