

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Behold,

*the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him*

Emmanuel,

which means "God is with us."

~Matthew 1:23

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 (vigil)

4:00 PM CHURCH: organ, cantor, and violin

4:00 PM NUGENT PARISH HALL: piano and cantor

6:00 PM CHURCH: organ, cantor, and violin

10:00 PM CHURCH: organ, choir, handbells, trumpets,
and violin, *prelude music begins at 9:20 PM*

*The 10:00 PM Mass will be livestreamed
at www.StAndrewParishLive.com*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM CHURCH: organ, cantor, trumpets

11:00 AM CHURCH: organ, cantor, trumpets

*More details about Christmas Masses and Reconciliation
can be found in this bulletin.*



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: Dec. 20 Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent
 4:30 p.m. Pat Cantwell

Sunday: Dec. 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent
 7:30 a.m. Mary Paraskos
 9:15 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 11:00 a.m. Lena Colatruglio

Monday: Dec. 22, Advent Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Mary and Ed Ferencik
 8:30 a.m. Michelle Cantwell Doyle

Tuesday: Dec. 23, Advent Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Glenn Willett
 8:30 a.m. Charles B. Florio

Wednesday: Dec. 24, Advent Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Paul and Ann O'Neill
 8:30 a.m. Joe Dooley

Vigil, The Nativity of the Lord
 4:00 p.m. Patti Pardi Passen (CH)
 4:00 p.m. Howard Haddow (PH)
 6:00 p.m. Alexander Tye Sisamuth
 10:00 p.m. Silvia Berry and Rebecca Uritus

Thursday: Dec. 25, The Nativity of the Lord
 9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 11:00 a.m. The Cantwell Family

Friday: Dec. 26, St. Stephen
 6:30 a.m. All the Souls in Purgatory
 8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Rosary Group

Saturday: Dec. 27, St. John
 9:00 a.m. Norma Johanni

Vigil, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 4:30 p.m. Albert and Virginia Ritzenthaler

Sunday: Dec. 28, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 7:30 a.m. Kevin Macklin
 9:15 a.m. Joe and Louise Karam
 11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

BAPTISMS

Rowan Amelia Hohlbein,
 daughter of Christopher and Nicole

Henry James Feldmann,
 son of Conor and Magdalene

Daniel James Magill,
 son of Michael and Jacqueline Magill

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, I would like to offer one more commentary on “mindfulness,” which has been the theme of my Advent season this year. It began with my homily for the First Sunday of Advent and continued with my bulletin messages on the Second and Third Sundays. So, I will round out the season of Advent with some final thoughts on mindfulness, which is the practice of living in the present moment rather than dwelling on the past or rushing into the future.

During the First Week of Advent, I spoke to the school children at Mass and explained that there are three “comings” of Christ that we acknowledge in Advent, and in the penitential rite, and these correspond to past, present, and future.

“You came to gather the nations into the peace of God’s Kingdom, Lord have mercy.” This refers to His past coming, when He was born of Mary in Bethlehem.

“You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness, Christ have mercy.” This refers to His coming to us here and now, especially in the Mass and in the Holy Eucharist.

“You will come again in glory with salvation for your people.” This refers to His coming at the end of time, when “he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.”

I believe the practice of mindfulness can help us perceive His coming, especially in the present moment, in word and sacrament, but also in the face of our neighbor, the people we meet, the lessons we learn, the mercy we show and that is shown to us, and the many graces and movements of the Holy Spirit that guide us and strengthen us each and every day. But we have to be mindful if we are to perceive God’s presence in the present moment. This “coming,” unlike the past and future comings of Christ, is invisible, except to the eyes of faith, which are attentive to the present moment.

As we approach the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), I would like to focus on another related concept about time, namely “the fullness of time.”

“You so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time, you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Savior.” (Eucharistic prayer IV).

This reflects Galatians, 4:4, which says “When the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” This passage is read at Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1. The “fullness of time” occurred when the eternal Word of God leapt down from Heaven and entered our short day of time (to paraphrase St. Augustine.)

To me, the fullness of time is the confluence of the past, the present, and the future. It is where time and eternity intersect. I believe that for each individual who belongs to Christ, the “fullness of time” occurs when our earthly days are complete. When we pass from this world of time into the never-ending Day of Eternity, there is no more past or future, only the Present. One day does not follow another in eternity, but all our days are present all at once. During the days of our life, whether they are many or few, let us be mindful of the present moment, for that is where we find God, and in doing so, we get a hint of what heaven will be like.

I wish all of you a blessed, happy, and very Merry Christmas!

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Sunday, light all the candles
on your Advent wreath
and pray that the light
of Christ will enter your heart
so that you may share the warmth
of God’s love with those you meet.



SUNDAY OFFERING

	DEC 7	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 41,813	\$ 691,598
BUDGET	\$ 32,788	\$ 754,134
LAST YEAR	\$ 36,269	\$ 713,279

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.



CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM (Church & Parish Hall)

6:00 PM (Church)

10:00 PM (Church/Livestream)

Please join us for a prelude of music with choir, organ, piano, trumpets, flute, violin, and bells beginning at 9:20 PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 & 11:00 AM

A brief prelude will begin before each Mass.

Livestream: www.StAndrewParishLive.com

RECONCILIATION

Monday, Dec. 22 | 7:00 PM until all are heard

Tuesday, Dec. 23 | 7:00-8:30 PM during Adoration

*Except for Christmas Day, daily Masses will remain the same:
6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, and 9:00 AM on Saturday*

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The office will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Dec. 26, and also on Thursday, Jan. 1. During Christmas and New Year's weeks, please call before visiting a parish staff member.



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).

DECORATING ELVES NEEDED!

It's almost time to transform our beautiful church in celebration of the birth of our Lord. Volunteers are needed to assist with decorating. We will set up the wreaths, trees, poinsettias, and manger **TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 21, at 1:00 p.m.**, and finish decorating with figurines on **Thursday, Dec. 24, at 10:00 a.m.** Some heavy lifting and ladder climbing may be needed. Please come with family and friends and make a joyful noise to the Lord! If you have any questions, contact **Anna Wang** at anna_m_wang@yahoo.com.



ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS will be outside the church entrance on Sunday, Dec. 21, with extra wreaths left from the sale. Any cash donation will be accepted.

»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 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, but all are welcome to serve at any Mass. This is a great way to get service hours, too. We require all adult volunteers to be Protecting God's Children compliant. To sign up, visit tinyurl.com/SAPGreeter3 or use the QR. For more information about the Hospitality Ministry, contact **Jake** and **Ciara Decot** at jdecot284@gmail.com.





MAKE SANDWICHES WITH SVDP:

All parishioners are invited to join St. Andrew St. Vincent de Paul Society members and make sandwiches for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen on **Sunday, Dec. 28, after the 9:15 a.m. Mass in the parish hall kitchen.**

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. Preferred items include pasta, rice, beans, soup. A complete list of items needed is on the inside of the lid. Please consider those less fortunate when you are shopping!

»IF YOU MAKE DONATIONS TO SVDP USING THE ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKET, beginning in January, you will notice a change in your packets. Each month will include an envelope earmarked for donations to St. Vincent de Paul, rather than an envelope only when there's a fifth Sunday in the month. The option to donate electronically is always available at osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds. We carefully assess each request for help in order to use your donations wisely.

»WOULD YOU LIKE TO SCHEDULE A HOME VISIT WITH A PRIEST? If you or a family member are sick, homebound or hospitalized and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office at 614-451-4290 and speak with Msgr. Moloney, ext. 101, or Fr. Tabi, ext. 103. Visits may include reconciliation, Holy Communion, and anointing. **IN AN EMERGENCY:** If someone is near death, call the parish office at 614-451-4290 and press 3 (Sacramental Emergency Line). A priest will respond as quickly as possible. If the call comes after business hours or on the weekend, please allow extra time as the priests may be attending to other sacramental needs.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, January 1

December 31 Vigil Mass
4:30 p.m.

January 1 Masses
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

»MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY meets every Friday throughout the year from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room. We are currently studying the book of Ecclesiastes. We are currently on Christmas break and will resume meeting on Friday, Jan. 9. For more information, contact **David Varda** at 614-569-9558 or dvarda129@gmail.com.



»THAT MAN IS YOU! THY KINGDOM COME: Confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day and

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. The group meets from 6:30-8:00 a.m. on Saturdays through May. **TMIY! will kick off the second session on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026.** Use the QR to join our group. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, contact **Colin Bellantis** at 440-728-4166 or colinbellantis@gmail.com or visit www.TMIY.org.



»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, Jan. 12, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church.** For information about this prayer ministry, contact **Amy Lilly** at amylilly65@gmail.com.

»ST. MONICA BOOK CLUB: All are welcome to this once-a-month study. St. Monica represents persistent, unflinching prayer for fallen-away family members. The club includes all devoted parents who have experienced the pain of a child leaving the faith and have prayed ceaselessly for their return. **We will resume meeting on Monday, Jan. 26, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** For more information, contact **Amy Lilly** at amylilly65@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2026 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CONFERENCES

The **WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** is scheduled for **February 21, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** An early bird discount is available. For more details and to register, visit www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.

The **MEN'S CONFERENCE** returns on **February 28, 2026, 8:00 a.m.** An early bird discount is available.

Register soon or find more details at www.catholicmensministry.com/events.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS: DECEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 28**WEDS, DEC. 24: Vigil, The Nativity of the Lord****4:00 PM Mass (Church)**

Suzanne Meyers EMHC-B - B1
 Donna Kring EMHC-B - B2
 Abigail Meyers EMHC-B - B1
 Kathi Theado EMHC-B - B2
 Kolbe Krzeczowski Lector - A
 Mike Stuhldreher Lector - B
 Anna Kate Vrontos Altar Server
 Sebastian Krzeczowski Altar Server
 Ethan Train Altar Server
 Jimmy Jacob Altar Server

4:00 PM Mass (Parish Hall)

Rita Wanner EMHC-B - B1
 David Varda EMHC-B - B2
 VOLUNTEER NEEDED EMHC-B - B
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 David Varda Lector A/B
 Brinley McCurdy Altar Server
 Drew Busch Altar Server

6:00 PM Mass (Church)

Stuart Sprigler EMHC-B - B1
 Mike Miller EMHC-B - B2
 Pamela Sprigler Lector - A
 Carson Reider Lector - B
 Elrad Narthey Altar Server
 Myles Ezell Altar Server

10:00 PM Mass (Church)

Karen Huey EMHC-B - B1
 Bette Jo Feeney EMHC-B - B2
 Don McNeal EMHC-B - B1
 Mike Luckett EMHC-B - B2
 Liz Meyers EMHC-B - B CHOIR
 Anna Wang Lector - A
 Eagan Foster Lector - B
 Luca Pietropaolo Altar Server
 Rocco Pietropaolo Altar Server
 Marco Pietropaolo Altar Server

THURS, DEC. 25: The Nativity of the Lord**9:00 AM Mass**

Anna Wang EMHC-B - B1
 Linda Daley EMHC-B - B2
 Cathy Covarrubias Lector - A
 Nate Chatlos Lector - B
 A.J. Chatlos Altar Server
 Tommy Chatlos Altar Server

THURS, DEC. 25: The Nativity of the Lord**11:00 AM Mass**

Kathy Couvreur EMHC-B - B1
 Damion Faulkner Lector - A
 Randy Doherty Lector - B
 George Patti Altar Server
 Gus Patti Altar Server
 James Patti Altar Server

SAT, DEC. 27: Vigil, The Feast of the Holy Family**4:30 PM Mass**

Kris Pellissier EMHC-B - B1
 Dee Pellissier EMHC-B - B2
 Angela Bonfante Lector - A
 Jim Macklin Lector - B
 Abbie Claprood Altar Server
 Emilee Claprood Altar Server
 Cecilia Petitti Altar Server

SUN, DEC. 28: The Feast of the Holy Family**7:30 AM Mass**

David Varda EMHC-B - B1
 Dave Shiddenhelm EMHC-B - B2
 Anna Wang Lector - A
 John Pashke Lector - B
 Amalia Savona Altar Server
 Seth Reilly (sub req) Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Mark Pardi EMHC-B - B1
 Colin Bellantis (sub req) EMHC-B - B2
 Jane Dickson EMHC-B - B CHOIR
 Linda Daley EMHC-B - B3
 Herm Mollmann EMHC-C - C1
 Megan Bellantis EMHC-C - C2
 Elizabeth Carpenter EMHC-C - C CHOIR
 David Tague EMHC-C - C3
 Joseph Chatlos Lector - A
 Jennifer Schaefer Lector - B
 Liliana Pardi Altar Server
 Hannah Gandu Altar Server
 Noah Watson Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Damion Faulkner EMHC-B - B1
 Mike Koehler EMHC-B - B2
 Ali Wright Lector - A
 Marty Majka Lector - B
 Gabrielle Martin Altar Server
 Daniel Martin Altar Server
 Ian McNair Altar Server

The next liturgical ministry schedule will run from January 11 through March 1. Please remember to update your preferences and availability during this time. To volunteer, visit www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus, or use the QR code. If you need help with your username or password, contact the Parish Office, 614-451-4290.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT ST. ANDREW

If you are 18 years or older and interested in volunteering at St. Andrew Parish and School, **you must complete all steps listed below before volunteering for the first time:**



1. Attend a PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN training session. View a list of sessions and register at www.virtusonline.org.
2. Provide a CLEAR BCI&I (and FBI if applicable) criminal background check (fingerprinting) **and** SELECTION.COM Fastrax® online background report. (When you register for a training session, you will be prompted to complete the SELECTION.COM Fastrax® portion of the background requirements.)
3. Sign the CODE OF CONDUCT.
4. Complete a VOLUNTEER APPLICATION.

For more information, visit www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/ or contact Mary Beasecker at 614-451-4290, ext. 104, or mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A COMPLIANT VOLUNTEER:

Effective January 2, 2026, ALL VOLUNTEERS are required to have a current, clear BCI background check (and FBI if applicable) on file to continue volunteering. Your background check must be renewed every five years. If your last background check is dated BEFORE January 2, 2021, your results have expired (or will expire soon). You may not volunteer again in any capacity until your background check has been updated and approved. For more information, visit www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/ or contact Mary Beasecker at mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.



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The Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund is a charitable donation that actually gives you a State Tax CREDIT of up to \$1,500 for married joint filers or up to \$750 for single filers. Keep in mind the credit is worth much more than a

deduction. The credit reduces your tax liability dollar-for-dollar. A deduction simply reduces your taxable income.

Contributions can be made using the Diocese of Columbus' Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund link where you can direct your contribution to St. Andrew School tuition assistance.

Any Ohio State Tax Payer can participate. You can also use this contribution as a federal tax deduction. The tax savings can be substantial. For more information, visit columbuscatholicgiving.org.

Give today!



RESPECT LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity
(www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

THANK YOU

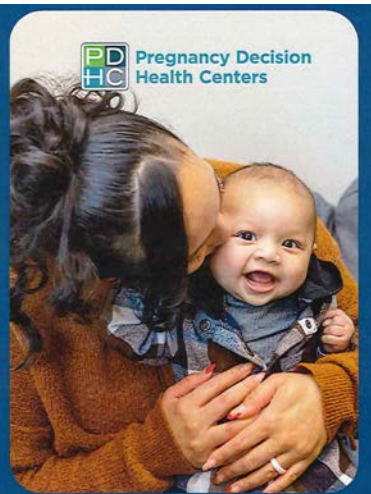
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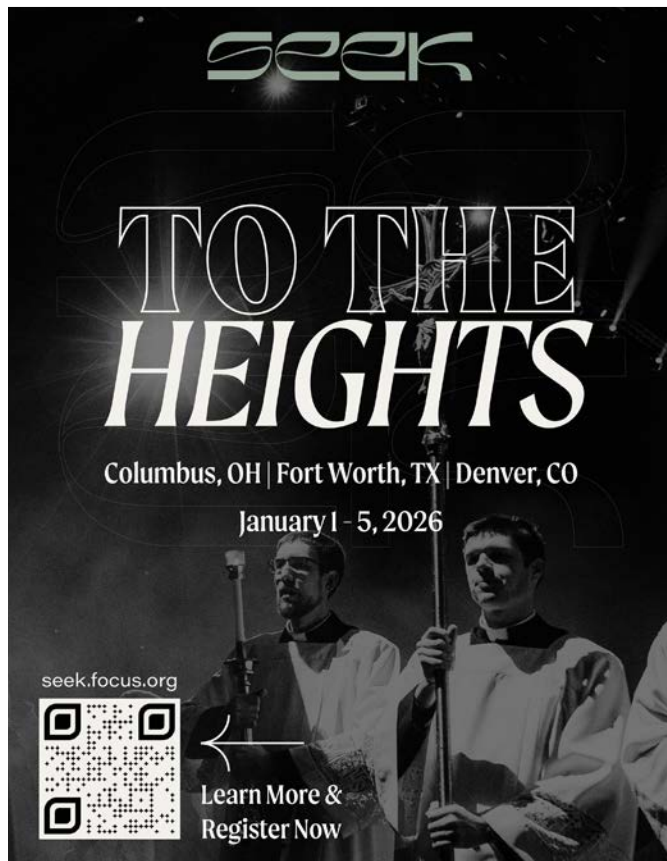
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One Heartbeat at a Time.**



ROSARY FOR LIFE: ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. to pray the Rosary for Life. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the Mass, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We provide prayer aid booklets and materials. On the first Saturday of each month, the St. Andrew Council Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary and Chaplet. On all the other Saturdays, the women of the parish lead the prayers.

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COLUMBUS YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

EVENT: Columbus Young Catholic Professionals is having their fourth annual gala on Saturday, January 31, from 6:00-10:30 p.m. at St. Catherine Church (500 S. Gould Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43209). All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited. Come enjoy a fun night out, cocktails, dinner, dancing, poker, blackjack and more. This year's theme is "Casino Royale." Formal attire. If you're not a member of YCP, join today at <https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/join-belong>. YCP is our nation's largest young professional network. For more information, contact **Naomi Delguidice** at naomi.delguidice@ycpcolumbus.org.

ST. JOHN'S HERMITAGE, A PLACE OF REST, PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FOR PRIESTS: The mission of the Hermitage is to provide a peaceful and prayerful environment where our priests can rest and be renewed in their vocation – an experience fully funded by generous donors. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to sustain this sacred space, which is located in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Together, let us honor and care for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of Christ and His people. To make a contribution, visit www.stjohnshermitage.org.

SUPPORT OUR PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM SEMINARIANS by "voting" for your favorite clergy chef at the Friend of the Josephinum event, Clergy Who Cook. On **Friday, Jan. 30, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pontifical College Josephinum (PCJ)**, clergy from around the



diocese are stepping into the kitchen for the Clergy Who Cook competition – a fun and delicious way to support the seminarians of the PCJ! This is a friendly competition where clergy showcase their culinary skills. You "vote" for your favorite dishes and chefs by donating dollars – each dollar equals one vote. Every penny raised directly supports seminarians' education, housing, and formation. Vote early and often! Here's how you can help:

1. **Vote for the clergy chefs** and donate at www.pcj.edu/clergywhocook/.
2. **Join the Friends of the Josephinum:** This group hosts events (like Clergy Who Cook) that help to support seminarians with scholarships, medical care, and more.

For more information, contact **Katy Wyatt** at kwyatt@olp-parish.org.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

ADORATION at the Ohio Statehouse

Columbus, OH
Thursday, January 22nd
10 am - 2 pm

Scan the QR Code
or visit the website
below to:



- View details
- Get directions and parking information



ohiocathconf.org/adoration





St. Andrew Parish: Join Deacons Tom Berg & Dan Dowler along with Fr. Todd Lehigh for a Pilgrimage to Italy! Visiting Amalfi, Home to The Tomb of St. Andrew, Sorrento, Isle of Capri, Assisi, Vatican City & The Eternal City ~ Rome!

October 16th to 26th 2026
3 Nights in Sorrento &
6 Nights in Rome!



OCT. 17TH – 20TH SORRENTO:

We will spend 3 nights at our Mountain & Seaside Resort, The Hotel Gran Paradiso (4 Stars) overlooking the Bay of Naples & Mount Vesuvius. Included is daily breakfast and 4 course dinner every evening with the twinkling lights from the City of Naples below us.

Oct. 17th ~ Our first day after check in, rest by the poolside or head down into Sorrento to do some exploring, depending on how you feel. Dinner on the hotel terrace.

Oct. 18th ~ Day Trip: We will be visiting the costal town of Amalfi and the Basilica of St. Andrea & mass at the Apostle's tomb. After exploring the quaint village, we will be transferred to Positano by ferry to see the Greek influence on the seashore, with villas built upon each other on the mount side from the sea. After lunch in Positano and an afternoon exploring, we will return to Sorrento by ferry. Dinner on the hotel terrace

Oct. 19th ~ Day Trip: After Breakfast we will be taking the express ferry from the port of Sorrento to the Isle of Capri. Transfer up to the mountain top town of Anna Capri. This quaint village offers shops, cafes, and a chair lift to the top of Mount Solar with it's beautiful view of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Dinner at the hotel terrace.

OCT. 20TH – 26TH VATICAN CITY, ASSISI, & ROME:

Oct. 20th ~ We Transfer via Luxury Motor Coach to our apartments in the famous Borgo Neighborhood adjacent to Vatican City, at the Trianon Borgo Pio. We are 5 minutes from St. Peter's Square. Breakfast will be daily on the Apartments Roof Top Terrace, overlooking St. Peter's Square & the Basilica. After check in we will be explore the Old Historic City Center with it's famous monuments & churches. Dinner on your own on the famous Borgo Pio!!!

Oct. 21st ~ After early breakfast we head over to pass through security into St. Peter's Square for the Wednesday Papal Audience with The Holy Father. After lunch on the Borgo we will head out for visits to the following sites: St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs & finishing up our day with mass at the Basilica of Mary Major along with viewing Pope Francis' Tomb. Return to our neighborhood and dinner on your own.

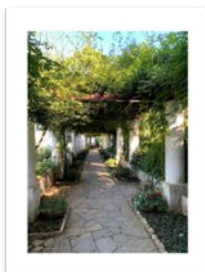
Oct. 22nd ~ Very early departure for St. Peter's Basilica for our private mass & visit. After our visit we will make our way back to our apartments for breakfast before heading to the Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel. Remainder of your day exploring the Borgo Neighborhood or Climbing up to the Cupola of St. Peter's Basilica. Dinner on your own.

Oct. 23rd ~ Day trip to the mountain side town of Assisi and mass at St. Francis' Tomb. Remainder of the day will include visits to tombs of St. Carlo Acutis & St. Clair. Time for Lunch and exploring. Before heading back to Rome we visit the Portiuncola (church in a church). Dinner on your own.

Oct. 24th ~ Mass at the Basilica of St. Andrea (Andrew) della Valle, (church that St. Maximilian Kolbe was ordained in). Late morning visit to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Lunch across from the Famous Roman Coliseum. Mid afternoon visit to the Coliseum. Return to our neighborhood and dinner on your own.

Oct. 25th ~ Sunday morning mass at Santo Spirito (the American Mass in Rome) or at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica. (Your option) Noon blessing by Pope Leo and remainder of your day on your own. Dinner as a group or on your own. To be determined.

Oct. 26th ~ Motor Coach transfer from our apartments to Rome International Airport (FCO) for return to USA.





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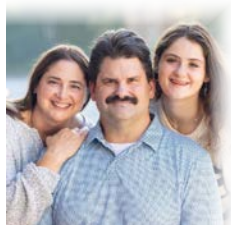
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