

LENT

*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation."*
2 COR 6:2

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Infant Baptism – To arrange for instructions for the Sacrament, please call the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick – In case of serious illness or before surgery, please call **Fr. McNew**, at the Parish Office at **614-879-8562**.

Marriage – Couples intending to marry must meet with **Fr. McNew** at least six months (preferably earlier) prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion Calls – Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the Parish Office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes. Please notify the Parish Office when someone is in the hospital.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

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Parish Membership consists of **two** parts:

Registration: Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic Community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. *We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioners' standings. We can only do this if a person is a **registered, active and contributing** member in our parish.*

Participation: As a member of the Parish, you are accepting the responsibility of **weekly worship** as well as supporting God's work here **through giving of yourself, your time and talents**, and a **worthy Sunday offering** to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors and blessings.

MISSION STATEMENT

Growing in the Spirit as Disciples
Fed by the Eucharist

Building unity towards the Kingdom of God

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 P.M.
live-streamed Mass

SUNDAY MASS 9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

See Inside Bulletin for Mass Schedule.

ST. JUDE DEVOTIONS

Following Wednesday Morning Mass

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday February 24 ❖ **Vigil**
 4:00 p.m. † Jim Barr, Sr. (Bill & Connie Penquite)

Sunday, February 25 ❖ **Second Sunday Of Lent**
 9:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Peter Kovacs Family
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
 - Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Monday, February 26 ❖ **Lenten Weekday**
 NO Mass
 -Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27 ❖ **Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**
 6:00 p.m. † Jim Curtiss (Marvin & Marsha Phipps)
 -Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28 ❖ **Lent Weekday**
 8:30 a.m. † Antonio Polletta (Marie Sauer)
 - Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-26

Thursday, February 29 ❖ **Lent Weekday**
 8:30 a.m. † Dick & Helen Koestner (Dave & Kay Beattie)
 - Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 1 ❖ **Lenten Weekday; World Day of Prayer**
 8:30 a.m. † Margie Zimmer (Peggy Basel)
 - Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 2 ❖ **Vigil**
 4:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, March 2 ❖ **Third Sunday of Lent**
 9:00 a.m. † Matt Huffman (Michael & Maria Korson)
 6:00 p.m. † Antonio Polletta (Mike & Angela Caradonna)
 -1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

† = Deceased

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 3, 2024	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Altar Server	C. McAnespie	A. Jones	K. Dulin
	L. Thorpe	E. Jones	C. Harey
	C. Thorpe	M. Korson II	S. Rice
Lectors	M. Thorpe	M. Korson	S. Gruzs
	D. Palatas	L. Berry	A. Helderman
Ushers	D. Humphrey	J. Berchtold	B. Taylor
	G. Humphrey	V. Huffman	M. Taylor
	VOLUNTEER	M. O'Reilly	
	VOLUNTEER	B. Weeks	
EMOHC	M. Mandel	L. O'Reilly	D. Adamczak
	M. Mesewicz	R. Polletta	M. Helderman
	J. Scofield	W. Pickens	
	B. Heiman	B. Creeger	
Sacristan	A. Penquite	P. Weber	VOLUNTEER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This week to the following parishioners:

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| Karen Martin | Rebecca George | Paul Thompson |
| Rachael Beery | Miranda Ball | Sarah Rudecki |
| Joseph Martin | Michael Wendel | Alexander Helderman |
| Zachary Haney | Isaac Humbert | Quintin Humbert |
| Leslie Perez Natividad | Darlene Steele | Lisa Sterling |
| Cort Hamilton | Heather Veley | Kailee Hiss |
| Noah Lance | | |



EVERY TUESDAY: Eucharistic Holy Hour starting at 5:00 p.m. with Confessions. Mass to follow at 6:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday of Lent
Seminarian Collection at all Masses this Weekend
 Mass, 9:00 a.m.
Women's Guild selling Oakland Nursery Gift Cards at all weekend Masses
Adult Choir Rehearsal PSR, 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Jesus and the Eucharist Study, Social Hall, 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
 Mass, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 26 NO Mass
Last Call Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27 **Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m.**
 Mass, 6:00 p.m.
Jesus and the Eucharist Study, Social Hall, 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.
Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
 Mass, 8:30 a.m.
RCIA, 6:30 p.m.
 Mass, 8:30 a.m.
Rosary, 6:00 p.m.
Walking with Purpose, 7:00 p.m. (Babysitting provided)
 Mass, 8:30 a.m.
First Friday of Adoration, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
40 Days of Adoration within the Diocese of Columbus for Ss. Simon & Jude Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.
 Parish Office Closed
Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m.
Women's Guild selling Oakland Nursery Gift Cards at all weekend Masses

Saturday, March 2 **Third Sunday of Lent**
 Mass/CLOW, 9:00 a.m.
Women's Guild Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
 PSR, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Jesus and the Eucharist Study, Social Hall, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
 Mass, 6:00 p.m.
Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.
Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

The First Sunday of Lent – MASS ATTENDANCE: 491

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CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet this **Tuesday** evening, **February 27** at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Epiphany Gift from **Father Dwayne** titled "*Beautiful Eucharist.*" Everyone is invited even if you haven't read the book yet.

YOUTH GROUP: Your Lenten Calendar reflections have started with Ash Wednesday. We'll work through the first few lessons when we meet on **Sunday, February 18!** We'll also begin to work on writing our own Stations of the Cross as we will be leading the Stations on **Friday, March 8.** If you didn't get the handout because you missed **Youth Group**, look for my email to see the reflection resource!

THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY: **March** will continue to be *canned* or *dried soups*, any kind except tomato. We've got plenty of that on hand and our clients enjoy a variety. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Questions? Contact **Linda Collins** at 614-879-9186.

COME LEARN HOW TO MAKE UKRAINIAN EGGS: Two sessions on **March 10** from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and second sessions will be from 3:00-6:00 p.m. for the **Youth Group** and any shutout from the first session. Questions, see **Mary Casey** or **Katie Jones**.

**Lent Message from the Pastor
Fr. Dwayne McNew**



Dear parish family,

We all need some joy in our lives sometimes, especially in the dreary time of winter. We need something that can give us a boost and transfigure our lives.

In the Middle Ages during the Black Plague when one-third of Europe was dying, a small book was written entitled *The Imitation of Christ*. It helped people reach beyond the constant death that surrounded them and look to heaven as their goal. Even today, this little book continues to be a consolation for those who suffer.

Today, as every Second Sunday in Lent, we reflect on the Transfiguration. In the midst of the disciples' fears, Jesus reveals to them a tiny sliver of what the Resurrection will be like. No one actually saw the Resurrection, but if they did it would look a little like the Transfiguration. The unfolding of Salvation history in a glimpse. There are Moses and Elijah representing the Hebrew tradition. There are James, Peter, and John, the future writers, preachers, Pope and leaders of the new Church. There is God in the mystery of a voice coming from a cloud. There is Christ in glory; without any LED lights, he shines brightly on top of that mountain. The vision gives the apostles hope to carry them through the journey from ashes to the Easter Resurrection.

It is possible for us to have Transfiguration moments in our lives a glimpse of God in our world today. Let our prayer be, "Lord, transfigure me!"



CRS RICE BOWL: *Majd's Story:* Eight-year-old Majd thought his family was going on a picnic. His mother, Lamya, said they would be back home in a week. But when ISIS attacked their home in northern Iraq, the family fled for good. "What worried me the most were the kids," Lamya says. "Our life was stable and we were doing well; we had a very big house. Our children had everything they needed. But when we fled, I was not able to bring anything for them – not even food. "Fortunately, the family found an apartment to rent with other displaced families. It is much smaller than the home they had, but it's safer. The children enrolled in a CRS-sponsored school, where the routine provides hope, stability and a sense of belonging. "Education is very important," says Lamya, especially in Iraqi culture. Lamya received training from CRS and became a teacher at the school. Now she has hope for the future. "I really love children, so when I go to class, I feel like I am with my family," she says. Her son, Majd, also loves going to school. "Majd is so motivated to go to school. He just wants it to be morning so he can go," Lamya says. "He is relaxed, having fun and more confident." For Majd, school means a normal life– now and in the future. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Every day throughout the 40 days of Lent, different parishes around the Diocese of Columbus will host Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Sts. Simon and Jude** will host Adoration on **Friday, March 1 from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** Sign up through Flocknote or on the clipboard in the gathering space. Contact **Bonnie Creeger**

at bcreeger@stsimonjude.org with any questions.

Schedule of the day:

- **8:30 a.m.:** Mass (with music)
- **9:00 a.m.:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to open Adoration, First Friday Devotion prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by time for quiet prayer.
- **5:00-6:00 p.m.:** This Holy Hour will include reflective music as well as short meditations on Scripture and the Eucharist.
- **6:00 p.m.:** Stations of the Cross while Adoration continues
- **6:30 p.m.:** Close Adoration with Benediction (a blessing)

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS:

- Fr. Andrew Joseph LaCasse, OP Somerset, Holy Trinity & St. Joseph Andrew Nouanesengy Seminarian
- Fr. Andrzej Kozminski, SAC Columbus, St. Christopher
- Fr. Anish Thomas New Albany, Church of the Resurrection
- Fr. Anthony Davis Columbus, St. Matthias & St. Elizabeth
- Fr. Anthony Dinovo London, St. Patrick
- Fr. Anthony Lonzo Newark, Blessed Sacrament

SUPPORTING OUR SEMINARIANS: On behalf of the entire parish, our **PSR students** in grades 4-7 recently created encouragement cards to send to the **37 Diocese of Columbus Seminarians** studying at the **Josephinum** and other places in Ohio. The **Women's Guild** included a **coffee gift card** in each. Last year we only had **24 seminarians**. The **Women's Guild** has also contributed an additional **\$500.00** cash to help with expenses for the seminarians. Keep praying for an increase in **Vocations**. It's obviously working!



THE SEMINARIAN FUNDING EFFORT:

At **Bishop Fernandes'** Ordination and Installation Mass, he spoke of two priorities, Evangelization and Vocations. Many hours of work and prayer have gone into raising awareness about the virtue and beauty of the priesthood and the need for vocations. The result has been an influx of 16 additional young men interested in the priesthood! Seminarian formation costs \$55k per year, per seminarian. Though an endowment for Evangelization and seminarian tuition is being established for the long term, this push will be for the Diocese's immediate budgetary needs due to the increased interest.

*Calling on the laity, we want to amplify this good and growing need. A **SECOND COLLECTION** will take place this weekend.*

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHELDON KELLY COUNCIL 11224:

Would like to thank all those who participated in the 11th Annual Euchre Party. We had **56** players and a very enjoyable evening. Nobody left empty-handed. Everyone won a prize. Through your generosity, we were able to raise **\$1,090.00**. Thank you and look forward to seeing you at the next Euchre Party.

Also, would like to thank all those who bought subs. We were able to sell **216** subs for the **Superbowl Sunday**. Through your hunger, we were able to raise **\$1,087.00**. We are planning on having another Sub Sale soon. Thank you again for being hungry.

Father McNew and **The Knights of Columbus** would like to thank all those who *made and ate chili* at the **2nd Father McNew** and Knights of Columbus **Chili Cook-off**. We had **7 chili makers**, **27 tasters** and **No Chili Was Left!** The **2 winners** of the Chili Cook-off were **Father McNew (Dam Chili)** and **Lucy McAnespie (Spicy Chicken)**. Each received a **\$25.00** gift card and many thanks for their chili. The **Grand Winner** was **Lucy McAnespie (Spicy Chicken)** chosen by tasters. We look forward to seeing you next year at the Chili Cook-off.

OAKLAND NURSERY GIFT CARDS: The **Women's Guild** will again be taking order for **\$25.00** and **\$50.00** gift cards for **Oakland Nursery**. After receiving these gift cards, go out for a nice lunch or dinner and then head over to **Oakland Nursery** to purchase items from the greenhouse (flowers), the garden center (bird food) or the gift shop (gourmet foods). Buy the cards as gifts. The **Women's Guild** will receive **20%** of the sales which will help in our mission to support our pastor and our church. Questions? See **Laura Sanders**.



Free Kairos Prison Ministry Info Sharing Seminar
Discover the many ways you can share the love of God with the incarcerated.

<p>When & Where Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:00pm to 4:00pm Discover Church 2900 Martin Road, Dublin, OH</p>	<p>Learn - Why Kairos is important to all of us - Why your cookies are so important - 3 ways to help without ever setting foot in a prison</p>
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Featuring various testimonials, musical entertainment, light hors d'oeuvres and a raffle.

Reservations (requested) and questions can be directed to Mike Myers at 614-582-8204 or mm138630@gmail.com.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY: On **Sunday, March 3** we will be hosting a free **Kairos** information sharing seminar from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** This will be at **Discover Church** at **2900 Martin Road in Dublin**. **Deacon Joe Knapke** is one of our key speakers. *Food, music and great speakers* will fill these 2 hours. Please stop if you can to learn more about this important ministry. For questions, please contact **Mike Myers** at **614-582-8204**.

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