

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." – Lk 8:8

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM
& 5:30 PM

DAILY MASS

MON & WED

6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI

6:30 AM, 8 AM

SATURDAY

8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY

6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY

9 AM

Parishioners may schedule appointments for Confession with one of the priests by calling the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

9 AM-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

4475 DUBLIN ROAD
HILLIARD, OH 43026
STBRENDANS.NET
614.876.1272



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Andrew Allen Goubeaux
Charley Ren Shuneson



MASS INTENTIONS JULY 17-23

MON	6:30 AM	David Merk
	5:30 PM	Mary Pezzot
TUES	6:30 AM	Earl Jones
	8:00 AM	The Island of Guam
WED	6:30 AM	Louie Niemann
	5:30 PM	Margaret Gross
THURS	6:30 AM	Viola Shaw
	8:00 AM	Diocese of Columbus Seminarians
FRI	6:30 AM	James Roberts
	8:00 AM	Steve Toth
SAT	8:00 AM	Philip Martin
	5:30 PM	Bruce Selhorst
SUN	7:15 AM	For the Protection of the Unborn
	8:45 AM	Eileen Martin
	10:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	5:30 PM	Maureen Meller-Kellogg

6:30 AM DAILY MASS ADDITION!

Beginning Monday, July 17, we've added 6:30 AM daily Mass, Monday through Friday, to our schedule (on a trial basis until November 3) which will be held in the Adoration Chapel.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES	9 AM–10 PM
WED	7 AM–5 PM
	Holy Hour 6–7 PM Confessions available
THURS	9 AM–10 PM
FRI	9 AM–10 PM
SAT	9 AM–1 PM



THANK YOU to all of the adorers who prayed during our first 24 hour Adoration last weekend! There were 74 of you signed in and we know even more were there, too! Please mark your calendars for the next **First Friday 24-hour Adoration** on August 4-5 as we pray for those who are away from the Church. All are needed to adore during our regular hours as well, to pray as the Body of Christ, and let that prayer change the world!

NOTE: To increase safety when campus doors are locked after 6 PM, all adorers now need a PIN code to enter the building. Adorers must be registered on the stbrendan.weadorehim.com site to receive a code. The keypad is on the far right side of the doors labeled A2. (A2 doors are located near the statue.) As always, you are encouraged to sign up for a time to adore!

SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Summer Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-6 PM (also open during Adoration, evening Mass, and during scheduled events/meetings)

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

New Members – All are Welcome!

Email receptionist@stbrendans.net or call 614.876.1272

Request a packet at stbrendans.net/become-a-member

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at stbrendans.net/baptism

Baptism Preparation Classes

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM (2 classes required). See website for details or email baptism@stbrendans.net

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Jennifer Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 227

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing & Bulletin Request

Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing

Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail request to the Parish Office with \$10 (due when the request made).

Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention (cost is \$75). Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Ministry of Care for Our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jaimie at 614.876.1272, ext 295 or jyoung@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

Open most Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News

Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaq account to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

INFORMATION LOCATION

PARISHSTAQ, PUSHPAY, ST BRENDAN WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA?

Now that a lot of our communication and information have been switched over to ParishStaq, we hope you have been able to locate our parish calendars, forms and groups, but did you know that a lot of this information can also be found on our website and social media? Our Instagram page is also home to commonly used links. Click on linktr.ee/stbrendanhilliard

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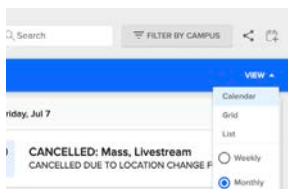
St Brendan the Navigator

Catholic Church

Saint Brendan The Navigator in Hilliard, Ohio is a community of Christ's

Catholic Church that embraces people where they are on their voyage of faith.

linktr.ee/stbrendanhilliard



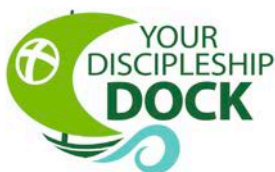
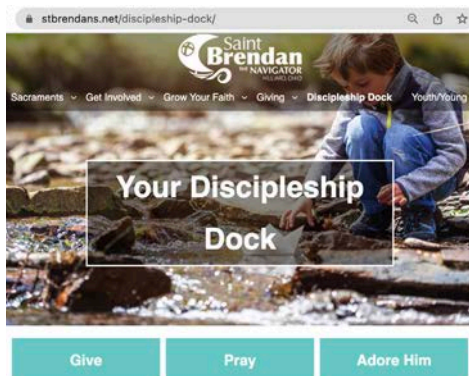
NEWS & CALENDARS

Our *News/Calendar* web page shows our recent Instagram posts which you can view even without an Instagram account. This is where you can also find our parish calendar, to search for events and view the information in several different formats. This same calendar is found in ParishStaq as well.

The best way to keep up on what's happening in the parish is to make sure you are receiving our *Navigator News* weekly e-newsletter. Anyone who creates a ParishStaq account and logs in receives it!

YOUR DISCIPLESHIP DOCK WEB PAGE

If you're not a social media follower and are not quite comfortable in ParishStaq yet, a lot of the information in ParishStaq can also be viewed on our website on the *Your Discipleship Dock* page (found in the top menu bar.) On this page you will find portals for: PushPay Giving, Prayer Wall, Adoration Sign-Up, ParishStaq Forms & Registrations, Groups & Ministries, Parish Calendar & Events, and also a portal to sign into your ParishStaq account! (see screenshot to the right)



As Christian Disciples, we are called to prayerfully discern how we can best serve the Lord.

Below are portals to access our Forms, Ministries, Calendar and ParishStaq Login. Please discern each one in order to leave The Dock and "set sail" on the sea of faith!

FORMS & REGISTRATIONS

GROUPS & MINISTRIES

CALENDAR & EVENTS

PARISHSTAQ LOGIN & SIGN UP

GROUPS & MINISTRIES:

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. Altar Servers
2. Arts and Environment
3. Church Cleaning

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Need a prayer for you or someone you know? We have several opportunities!



ONLINE PRAYER WALL

Use our online *Prayer Wall* to place your request with your name or anonymously. If requested, you and the person you are praying for can receive an email when someone prays. Click on the *Year of Prayer* button at the bottom of our website home page, locate the *Prayer Wall* and submit your request!



ADORATION CHAPEL

Prayers can also be written in the *Intention Book* in the Adoration Chapel, and prayers of thanksgiving may be posted inside the chapel on the *Thank You Prayer Board*.



ST MONICA PRAYER BOARD

Know someone who has been away from the Church? Add their name to the Inviting Catholics Home *St Monica Prayer Board* in the church gathering space.



IN PERSON & PRAYER EVENTS

Need intercessory prayer in person? Attend *Anchored in Adoration* to pray directly with our prayer teams! Or, join us for *First Friday Evening Prayer* each month, the weekly *Saturday Morning Rosary* (after daily Mass), or attend Adoration in our Chapel, open Tuesday-Saturday!



ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends or family **who are hospitalized** or are **ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones, please email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net. Or visit our online Prayer Wall and make your request for any other intentions at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch	Doris Kopac
Bill Brake	Frank Kreber
Chris Carrino	Jim Logue
Eugene Chervenak	Jane Lumen
Linda Clark	Jill Markey
Patricia Crane	Joe Martin
Tom Crane	Becky Moyer
Ben Diepenbrock	Grant Nuss
Charlie Dorian	Patty Redden
Mary Jo Flickinger	Tom Speroni
Mary Frick	Pamela Theado
Don Johnson	Mitzie Toth
Bob Kienle	Marilyn Wiggins

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Aaron Grieshop	Jackson Maassel
Sam Imwalle	Alec Moyer
Christopher Keck	Rick Shonkwiler
Cody Longstreth	Rob Shonkwiler

Please continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call 614.876.1272

NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a friend or family member who is no longer practicing the faith, visit the Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk and our ministry will pray for their return back to the Church.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 17

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church

TUESDAY, JULY 18

6:00 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Road Meeting Room A
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Parish Festival: Planning Meeting	The Carter Center

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

(Fire alarm testing throughout the day)

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Adoration/Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus #11208 Members Mtg	Davidson Road Meeting Room A
7:00 PM	Summer Bible Study: Romans	Davidson Road Meeting Room B
7:00 PM	VINE Summer Formation	Wellnitz Hall Rooms 1 & 2

THURSDAY, JULY 20

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	Grief Support Lunch	OFF SITE– Dublin La Chatelaine
7:00 PM	SVdP Sandwich Making for Homelless	Wellnitz Hall Room 1 (w/patio)

FRIDAY, JULY 21

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	OFF SITE – High Banks Metro Park

SATURDAY, JULY 22

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Road Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM -1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	SVdP Conference Mtg	Wellnitz Hall Room 1 (w/patio)
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, JULY 23

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45/10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Road Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION CALENDAR

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1st Grade Lighting Completed						
	○ Installation of Choir and Organ Platform					
	○ Installation of Carpet in Gathering Space					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
5th Grade and MPR Hallway Flooring Completed						
	○ Installation of New Organ					

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- PARISH FESTIVAL August 11 & 12
- FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL September 23
- BLESSING OF ANIMALS October 8
- TRUNK OR TREAT October 23
- CRAFT SHOW November 4

Look for further details in upcoming bulletins.



MAKE a plan to vote in August



- Early voting starts July 11
- Request an absentee ballot
- Vote in-person on August 8 (check your polling place in advance!)

JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

No experience or long-term commitment required! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings 7:15-9 PM in the Church. If interested, contact Dr. Ross Williams, Director of Music, at rwilliams@stbrendans.net

CARE FOR OUR PLANTS

Help is needed to water and weed our beds around campus. Give whatever time you can! To help, contact Jamie at jyoung@stbrendans.net

LIVESTREAMED MASS

facebook.com/StBrendanHilliard
youtube.com/c/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard
 Sunday - 10:45 AM,
 Monday & Wednesday - 5:30 PM
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8 AM



The Appeal PROGRESS UPDATE

Thank you to all those who have made a gift to The Appeal! **Because of your generosity, we have received pledges that place us \$22,223 over goal!** All monies received from this point on will be applied towards renovating our lighting system in the sanctuary – a much needed update! If you have not already done so, please deposit your pledge card in the dropbox in the gathering space, mail it to the parish office, pledge through PushPay, scan the QR code or visit ColumbusCatholicgiving.org/appeal



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for grief support from fellow parishioners? All are welcome at lunch where we listen, laugh, cry and help one another through this grief journey. Our monthly grief luncheon is next Thursday, July 20, 1-2:30 PM at La Chatelaine in Dublin (65 W Bridge Street) Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

CARE & CONSOLATION

We are in need of **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to join our nursing facility teams Sunday mornings and during the week for Communion services or visiting rooms. Training is provided and you do not need to be an EMHC already. Commitment is monthly, quarterly or as a sub. Our extended parish family depends on us to connect them to the Church. To help, please contact Jennifer Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net



REGISTER FOR FALL SPORTS

Registration is now open for St Brendan's 2023 Fall sports: football, cheerleading, cross country, volleyball and soccer. For more information and to register, visit www.stbrendans.net/athletics

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

We are so very grateful for the generous support St Brendan parishioners provide to our St Vincent de Paul Conference. Unfortunately, the number of neighbors in need is on the rise. In fact, this past June we reached an all-time high of over 30 requests for financial assistance in just one month. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to meet those needs; however, we are now in need of replenishing our funds to continue to assist when called.



Please consider donating in the upcoming collection for St Vincent de Paul after Masses next weekend, July 22 & 23. If it is more convenient, you can also contribute online via PushPay, scan the QR code, or mail your gift to: St Brendan St Vincent de Paul Conference, 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, Ohio 43026.

Also, please remember if you, a neighbor, or fellow parishioner are in need, please reach out to us through the parish office. To learn more about St Vincent de Paul, contact Heather Carrier at heathercsvdp@gmail.com



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Discover your mission.
Become a Knight.
www.kofc.org/joinus



**Lead,
they'll
follow.**

DELTA CHURCH DRIVE IS THIS WEEKEND!

The St Brendan Knights of Columbus, Council #11208, is having a Delta Church Membership Drive after every Mass this weekend, July 15 & 16 to provide information and invite men to join their fraternal organization. Learn about the benefits of how you can grow in faith, lead and strengthen families, serve others in the community, and defend life. For information on who the Knights are or to join, please visit members after Masses or visit www.kofc.org/joinus. If you still have questions or missed the membership drive, please contact Timothy Thissen at kofc11208@gmail.com



PARISH FESTIVAL

DONATE AN EXPERIENCE

Have tickets to sporting events, vacation timeshares, or other "experience-type" of items to donate to the St Brendan Festival Silent Auction OR know a business that would like to donate items, or participate as a sponsor? Please contact Mike Lynch at 614.264.0314 or festival@stbrendans.net

THE SILENT AUCTION GIVING TREE is located in the lobby across from the parish office. Items donated will be added to our Silent Auction Baskets. Please return all items to the bins by July 24. An Amazon gift list is also available to purchase items online by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/2023-Giving-Tree> and those items will be shipped directly to the Silent Auction Chairs to create baskets.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please sign up to help out at this year's festival by visiting www.stbrendans.net/festival or scan the QR code. The Diocese would like everyone to fill out a *Volunteer Code of Conduct Form* which is available at www.stbrendans.net/safe-environment/



RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS! Don't forget, if you sell and return all 6 of your raffle tickets by Monday, July 17, you'll receive 2 free tickets!

ST MARGARET FESTIVAL IS JULY 28 & 29! Our sister parish, St Margaret of Cortona (at 1600 N Hague Ave) is having their parish festival on Friday, July 28, 6 PM-12 AM and Saturday, July 29, 5 PM-12 AM with family hours from 5-9 PM on Saturday.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY, AUG 9

Registration is now open for The Bible Timeline® study program! Let us take you on a guided journey through Salvation history, highlighting fourteen of the Bible's narrative books that tell the biblical story from beginning to end, giving you the keys to understand the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. Learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith. The study begins August 9 and meets Wednesdays at 7 PM in Davidson Road Meeting Room B until Lent! Questions? Contact Phil at papetrella@gmail.com. Register through ParishStaq or on our website at <https://www.stbrendans.net/adults/>



NOW ON FORMED

"Christine In Action" is the go-to musical resource for all Catholic families! St Brendan parishioners can use code 6FGQHZ to access it & more for free at formed.org



PRAYER FOCUS IN AUGUST...

We are dedicating the month of August as a time to remember those who are away from the Church in prayer as well as learn ways we can supportively call them back home. Look for special bits in our bulletin and social media all month. First up, join us for our **First Friday 24-hour Adoration** August 4-5 to pray for those names on the St Monica prayer board and for those dear to you.

Then, join the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry, at the **St Monica Prayer Service** on August 27, 3 PM in the Adoration Chapel, to pray for all Catholic family and friends no longer practicing our Faith. Learn what persisting in prayer can do to bring loved ones back into the Fold through St Monica's example. We will also be praying for the names written on our St Monica Prayer boards, located in the church gathering space by the Welcome Desk. Be sure to add any names you would like to be included before this event!



RCIA CLASSES BEGIN AUG 29

Interested in becoming Catholic or finishing your Sacraments of Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, stems from the early Church and allows adults (14+) to learn about developing a personal relationship with Jesus, what it means to be Catholic, and how the graces of the sacraments and the community of the faithful give us direction to put our faith into action. St Brendan's RCIA group will meet weekly on Tuesdays, August 29, 2023 through April 16, 2024, 7-8:30 PM in the McCurdy Learning Center. If schedule is a factor, contact us to discuss alternative paths. Questions? Contact the parish office or complete the RCIA Inquiry form at www.stbrendans.net/rcia/

ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



PATHWAYS & SACRAMENT PREPARATION

2023-24, St Brendan Family Faith Formation offers three different pathways: *Seek & Root* is for those new to family faith formation, *Sacrament Preparation* is for families returning to family faith formation and preparing one (or more!) children for a sacrament this year and *Continued Growth* is for families returning to family faith formation not preparing children for a sacrament. Registration for each pathway is now open! Questions? Contact Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net or Maggie Agra at magra@stbrendans.net Scan the QR codes below to register or volunteer for this Fall:



PARENT
Fill out
once.



CHILD
Fill out
once per
child.



VOLUNTEER
Fill out to
receive a
discount!

VOLUNTEERS The success of our Family Faith Formation program relies on many who can help to communicate the Truth of the Gospel. Sign up and receive a discount!

LEAD CATECHISTS (50% discount) coordinate adults in leading children in songs, games, and teachings prepared by our staff. Lead 8 at-church sessions, once/month.

AIDES (50% discount) support the Lead Catechist in managing and leading activities with small groups of elementary-aged kids. Aides assist with 8 at-church sessions, once/month.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS (100% discount) accompany 6th-8th graders using discussion-based small groups. Lead 12 small groups, twice/month.

FAMILY COACHES (50% discount) lead and provide feedback to 6-8 families in a small group and help with questions about faith at home for 8 sessions, once/month.

SEEKING PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

We are currently seeking a part-time Middle School Youth Minister. This position will run a monthly youth night and coordinate family faith formation small groups for grades 6-8. If interested, please contact jdoran@stbrendans.net with resume and cover letter.

ST BRENDAN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION – CAST YOUR VOTE!

Voting is now open for whom you would like to fill the current 3 open spots on the St Brendan School Advisory Board. Learn more about the candidates at <https://tinyurl.com/StB-Board-Members> Voting is open now until Friday, July 21 and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/StB-vote>

HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS...

PREGNANCY DECISION HEALTH CENTERS

Upcoming PDHC events:

LANCASTER GALA - September 14 at The Tree

Church with Guest Speaker Melissa Ohden

COLUMBUS GALA - September 21 at Villa

Milano with Guest Speaker Scott Klusendorf

For details visit www.SupportLifePDHC.org

EWTV'S LIVING RIGHT WITH DR RAY

Coming to Columbus to tape four (4) LIVE programs and YOU are invited to be part of Dr Ray's LIVE STUDIO AUDIENCE! The recording dates are Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 10 at Ohio Dominican University. Each day, the first recording is at 5:30 PM and second recording is at 7:15 PM. Go to www.stgabrielradio.com for details and to register online. Attendance is FREE!

OPEN DOOR COLUMBUS

Volunteers are needed! Open Door provides hope, help and healing to women in recovery from substance use disorder (SUD) by providing one year of free support services to women following incarceration, treatment and court ordered diversion programs. Please volunteer, even one hour a week, to mentor and encourage women who need community support. If interested, contact Leslie Fresco at lesfresco@gmail.com

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversaries in 2023 are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries in honor of their marriages. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 2:30 PM on Sunday, September 10, at St John Neumann Church in Sunbury. Registration is now open at <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee>

COLUMBUS SERRA CLUB

This Fall, the Columbus Serra Club will challenge eighth grade boys to write an essay of five hundred words or less, answering a question about whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. Writers of the ten best essays will be awarded a \$1,000 tuition assistance grant to a diocesan Catholic high school. Volunteers are needed for this program. To help, contact Carl at carl@faehnle.com or Mary at vlahakismary@gmail.com

JOSEPHINUM OPEN POSITION

The Josephinum seeks a full-time Advancement Associate to provide support in the following areas: advancement department administrative assistance; print and digital communications; fundraising processing/reporting; and special events. Visit pcj.edu/jobopportunity to learn more about this position's responsibilities and prerequisite qualifications.

JOSEPHINUM 4-MILE RUN/WALK

September 30, 2023 at the PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM, 7625 North High St. Packet pickup: 7:30 AM, Start time: 9 AM All participants receive bread and a bottle of wine, or bread and a jar of Trappist Monastery jam. Save \$5 per person when registering at least 3 participants at one time. Event parking provided at Crosswoods Center I, office park at 100 Crosswoods Blvd. Support the seminarians! Register at m3ssports.com

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH FESTIVAL

Join us at Our Lady of Victory Parish Festival, at 1559 Roxbury Rd in Columbus August 4 and 5, 6-11 PM. August 4: Famous Fish Fry Dinner. August 5: Festival Pasta Dinner. Live music, Fair Food plus homemade Italian and Lebanese food. Silent Auction, Raffle, Kids Games (Inflatables, too). Credit cards accepted. Parking available (with shuttle). Contact Barbara Hegler at 614-783-0785

CATHOLIC MEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

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How often do you find yourself listening to a friend or family member not to really hear what they are saying, but to plan your response? Do we do that while we pray as well? Sometimes I catch myself praying with an inner monologue behind it, deciding how I want that prayer to be answered. Now all of this may not be exactly what Jesus meant when he said, "This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*," but it is worth exploring. When we are so anxious to get our words in – either to another person, or to God, we're not really being the rich soil that the other's words deserve. We're not even the rocky ground or the thorny path of which the Lord speaks; we're more like a giant rubber wall off of which the words bounce! Let's take some time to consider how our practice of listening and receiving others, including the Lord, is preparing us (or not) for the return of Jesus. And if there is room to improve, now is a good time to do it.

PRAY *Lord, Jesus Christ, prepare my heart and my soul so that your words and your desires for my life will not fall on rocky soil. Give me the strength to be a Godly sower to all I encounter, especially my family, so your glory will be revealed. Amen.*

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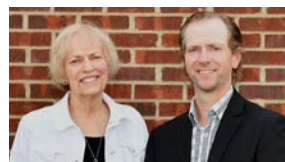
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