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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure buried in
a field, which a person finds
and hides again, and out of
joy goes and sells all that
he has and buys that field."

—Mt 13:44-46



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

To schedule an appointment for
Confession with one of the priests,
please call 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

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

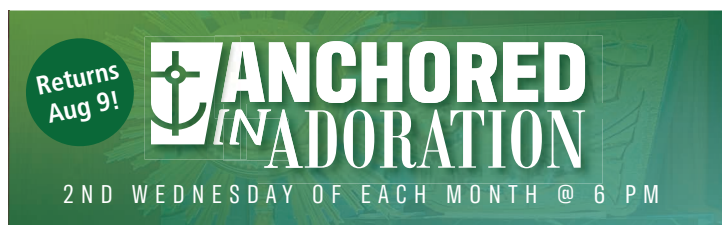
MON	Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola
TUES	Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori
WED	Portiuncula Indulgence (Our Lady of the Angels)
THUR	Feria V of the Seventeenth Week
FRI	Memorial of St John Vianney
SAT	Optional Memorial of the Dedication of St Mary Major
SUN	Transfiguration of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS JULY 31–AUG 6

MON	6:30 AM	James Mahon IV
	5:30 PM	Those with Mental Diseases
TUES	6:30 AM	Virginia Keiffer
	8:00 AM	Josephine Jones
WED	6:30 AM	Intention of Jim & Lynn Anderson
	5:30 PM	Kenneth Schmidt
THUR	6:30 AM	John & Viola Juhai
	8:00 AM	William Lalli
FRI	6:30 AM	Ervin & Anna Kish
	8:00 AM	Intention for Martha Brown
SAT	8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
	5:30 PM	Helen Hammer
SUN	7:15 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	8:45 AM	John & Mary Chapin
	10:45 AM	For the Protection of the Unborn
	5:30 PM	Intention for Diana Evans

MASS INTENTION OPPORTUNITY!

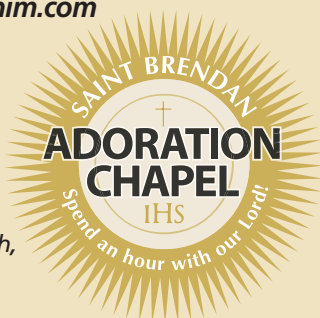
There are several open spots on our upcoming Mass Intentions calendar. Remember a loved one or make your special prayer intention known at Mass by submitting your request to the Parish Office along with \$10.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES	9 AM–10 PM
WED	7 AM–5 PM <i>Holy Hour 6–7 PM</i> <i>Confessions available</i>
THUR	9 AM–10 PM
FRI	9 AM–10 PM <i>First Friday of the month,</i> <i>9 AM–Saturday 1 PM</i>
SAT	9 AM–1 PM



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 Fr Jacob Stinnett at frstinnett@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

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 Jamie 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

A MESSAGE FROM INVITING CATHOLICS HOME



Greetings!

I am Janet Walsh with the Inviting Catholics Home ministry. I believe in prayer because someone, somewhere was praying for me to return to my Catholic faith. I know firsthand that I did not do it alone and that my story is not uncommon. As a Cradle Catholic, born into a Catholic family, educated up through college in Catholic schools, I was living a very Catholic life. But, in my early 20's, I walked away from my faith and became a part of the secular world. I was away for 30 years and, although I still considered myself Catholic, was not practicing my faith. One day, six months before I retired from my job, I felt a nudge to return to the Church. Where this nudge came from, I don't know; it happened suddenly and persisted.

Six months later when I retired, I had no idea how to come back to the Church. I didn't have the confidence to just walk through the doors and come back and felt that I was a horrible sinner, not worthy to return. Then, something happened that changed everything. I was driving by St Brendan's and saw a big banner in the front yard that said "Inviting Catholics Home, classes begin..." and thought, "Surely that is not what that sign said." I drove by it several more times and sure enough, that's exactly what it said. That sign by the roadside was the SIGN I needed to come back to the Faith. And that's how my journey Home began!

Inviting Catholics Home Ministry walks with catechized Catholics on their journey back Home. We are the hand that someone can hold when they are not sure what they need to do next. We answer questions, accompany them to Mass so they are not alone, provide encouragement, direction and support.

The last few years have been really disruptive for all of us in many different ways. During this time, I kept hearing people talk about their loved ones who left the Church, were no longer practicing or going to Mass, grandchildren who were not baptized, etc. At the same time, The Inviting Catholics Home ministry was experiencing a dry spell regarding class participants... people were no longer interested in coming back to the Church by attending our classes. We, as a ministry, felt we needed to do something different that everyone could benefit

from. That "something" was to pray! We also were searching for someone who could lead us in this new direction, and St Monica's story provided the perfect inspiration needed. Saint Monica (c.331-387) is the patron saint of conversions, perseverance and mothers and her story is about faith and trust in the Lord. St Monica is the mother of St Augustine, her wayward worldly son who would eventually become one of the Doctors of the Church. After 17 years of prayer, pilgrimages, fasts, almsgiving, sacrifice and many tears, this faithful mother's prayers were finally answered for the conversion of her son and her husband. God was listening and in God they all found rest.

Our ministry began putting out prayer boards at St Brendan events and Mass to encourage people to write down the names of their loved ones who had left the Catholic faith. We continue to do this and pray every day for those names and for everyone who is away from the Church. Praying for them puts God back in control, not us. How reassuring it is to realize that God knows best how to bring His lost sheep back!

The month of August at St Brendan is set aside to focus on all those who are away from the Church. We will pray for them at:

- **First Friday Evening Prayer** on August 4, 7 PM
- **First Friday Perpetual Adoration** on August 4-5
- **A Nine-Day Novena** that begins on August 18
- **St Monica Prayer Service** on Sunday, August 27 at 3 PM

(on St Monica's feast day), in the Adoration Chapel
At the prayer service, we will pray together for all of our loved ones written on the prayer boards, prayer wall, and in all of our hearts. There will be more announcements throughout the month of August in the bulletin, online and in the Navigator News. God has a plan for all of us, especially when we don't see it coming. He gave us prayer to talk to Him. He knows what we need and what is in our hearts. It is up to us to be deliberate in prayer and be open to His plan and in HIS time!

~ Janet Walsh, Inviting Catholics Home Ministry Leader

Please join us at one of the events below during August as we focus our prayers on those who have left the Church.

August 4 | 7 PM

FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

FOLLOWED BY

PERPETUAL ADORATION

August 4/5 | Friday, 9 AM – Saturday, 1 PM

Sign up at stbrendan.weadorehim.com



AUGUST 27, 3 PM

Join Inviting Catholics Home Ministry at the **St Monica Prayer Service** August 27, 3 PM in the Adoration Chapel, to pray for all Catholic families and friends no longer practicing our Faith. Learn how persisting in prayer can bring loved ones back into the Fold through St Monica's example. Join us in praying a Novena that begins August 18, found at www.stbrendans.net/ich

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.*

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

Parish: **St Brendan, Hilliard**
School: **St Brendan School**

INSTAGRAM

Parish: **@stbrendanhilliard**
School: **@saintbrendanschool**
Vine: **@stbvine**
Roots: **@stb_theroots**
Young Adults: **@stbya**



WHY YOU NEED TO PRAY

ON FORMED

Chris Stefanick talks about how the most important thing for our relationship with God is to talk to Him. St Brendan parishioners use code 6FGQHZ on **formed.org** to access this program and more for FREE!

PARISHSTAQ URL'S

- To log in to your account: **stbrendan.ccbchurch.com**
- For information and FAQ: **stbrendans.net/parishstaq**
- For a quick guide: **tinyurl.com/parishstaq-quick-guide**
- To receive Liturgy Aids: **tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 31

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

6:00 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm 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	Men's Club: Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz, Rm 1 (with patio)
7:00 PM	Parish Festival Planning Meeting	The Carter Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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	Young Adult Group (meet first at 6 PM for Adoration!)	Wellnitz, Meeting Rms 1 & 2
7:00 PM	KofC #11208: Orientation of New Knights	The Carter Center
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	SVDP Sandwich Making for the Homeless	Wellnitz, Rm 1 (with patio)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Seniors NOW: Mass & Breakfast	Church & Hella's in Powell
9:00 AM-Midnight	Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	1st Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	Meet at School Playground

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Diocesan Collection: Latin America

Midnight (Aug 4)-1:00 PM	Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Diocesan Collection: Latin America

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 Rd Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
12:00 PM	Baptismal Preparation Class	Wellnitz, Rm 1 (with patio)

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF

Callum Randall Mack



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

In Loving Memory of Helen
Hammen, Joe Rielly Family



ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends and family **who are hospitalized or ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones, email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net. If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614.876.1272

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

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

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

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

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 www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and locate the Prayer Wall to make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk.

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ST BRENDAN YOUNG ADULTS



Join us Wednesday, August 2 at 6-9 PM. We'll start in the main church for Adoration and then move to Wellnitz Hall for our group event.

This month, Alex Milburn

will share his testimony about overcoming grief with our group. Come hear his journey through hardship and faith, as well as meet other young adults! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Mark your calendars for these events happening the first Wednesday of each month. Small groups will be starting up in September!



AUGUST 4, 8 AM 1st Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Hella's (9346 Dublin Road.)

AUGUST 14, MONDAY, 12 PM

Luncheon at the Norwich Pavilion in Hilliard. Bring a lunch, drink and chair.

No RSVP needed for either event.



REGISTER FOR DINNER CLUB

Enjoy great food and drink while getting to know fellow parishioners when you join the Dinner Club. Dinner Club members are grouped into "clubs" of 8 people who have 4 dinners together in members' homes over the course of 6 months. You set the dates, the menu, and who brings what dish to share. Register by August 26, then attend the Kickoff Potluck on September 9 at 6:30 PM following the Vigil Mass to find out who is in your Club.

For more info or questions, please contact Rhonda Timko at thetimkos@yahoo.com. Register now for the Dinner Club by visiting <https://www.stbrendans.net/the-dinner-club/>



ST PAUL'S OUTREACH

You may have heard from Alex Dluzynski at Masses last weekend. Alex is a Missionary for Saint Paul's Outreach (SPO), a group dedicated to forming lifelong disciples of young men and women on college campuses. SPO calculates that only 10% of Catholic students are attending Sunday Mass, and Alex hopes to change all that.

Together with fellow missionaries

like St Brendan's own, Natalie McFadden, SPO ministers to Catholic students across the country (including OSU and UC). Alex and Natalie are transforming lives as part of the Arizona State SPO team! Learn more about this organization providing important outreach to a generation of students at risk of losing their faith, or consider making a gift to further their efforts at <https://spo.org>

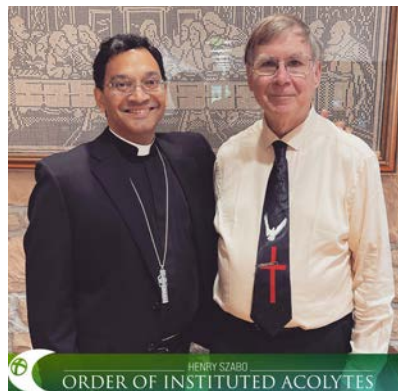
SPECIAL ELECTION NEXT WEEK, AUGUST 8

The Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Earl Fernandes, encourages Catholics to vote "YES" on Issue 1. Voters can do so at the special election taking place on Tuesday, August 8 (early voting has already begun!). Issue 1 asks if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least sixty percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment." Passing Issue 1 will help to defeat a proposed Constitutional amendment in November that would expand and enshrine abortion in our state. As Catholics, we are committed to confronting threats to human life and passionately promote the dignity of preborn children and their mothers. For this reason, Bishop Fernandes asks you to vote "Yes" on Issue 1. Read the language in Issue 1 by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/issue-one>. Learn more about the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that will be on the November ballot at www.ohiocathconf.org/amendment

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. To help, contact Jennifer Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net

CONGRATULATIONS TO HENRY SZABO!



Tuesday, July 25, Henry Szabo was officially installed into the Order of Instituted Acolytes during our St Brendan 8 AM Mass by Bishop Fernandes. This allows Henry to exercise more ministry at the altar and to the sick, in addition to the work he already does so generously. We are very happy for Henry on his installation into this ministry which the Bishop himself had recognized and affirmed.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY, AUG 9

Registration is open for **Great Adventure: 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? Please contact Phil at papetrella@gmail.com. Register through ParishStaQ or at <https://www.stbrendans.net/adults/>

RCIA CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 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/

FESTIVAL UPDATES...

PURCHASE PRESALE RIDE WRISTBANDS!

Available now for a discounted price of \$46 for two bands (\$50 at the event) or \$23 for one (\$25 at the event). Presale Ride Wristbands are good for only one night and can be redeemed in the Ride Wristband line at the Festival. Purchase them on the Festival web page or at <https://stbrendanchurch.square.site>

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/



ADOPT A FLOWER BED

Attention, all parish and school families: "Esteemed" horticulturist, Fr Bob, is inviting you to join him in adopting a piece of our home here at St Brendan. Together with your family or friends, you can awaken your inner "green thumb" while sharing in each other's company. Build your team, select your flowerbed, choose your favorite flowers and plants, and get some fresh air. You may choose to dedicate your flower bed to a cause, intention or in memory of a loved one! If interested in signing up or to learn more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/adopt-a-flower-bed>

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 next monthly grief luncheon is on Thursday, August 17, 1-2:30 PM at La Chatelaine in Dublin (65 W Bridge Street) Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

ST BRENDAN MEN'S CLUB

As a brotherhood in which all men of the church are members, the Men's Club provides fellowship through spiritual, social, and fundraising functions. Activities include monthly meetings and a variety of special events. Join us at our next meeting scheduled Tuesday, August 1 at 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall. For questions contact Dale Bruggeman at dgbrugge@gmail.com

REGISTER FOR FALL SPORTS

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

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 A FULL-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

We are currently seeking a full-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.

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN

Help support our parish by advertising in our bulletin. Contact Kati at Dee Printing 614.777.8700 or kati@deepprinting.com

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HAPPENING AROUND

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!

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. Event parking provided at Crosswoods Center I, office park at 100 Crosswoods Blvd. Support the seminarians! Register at m3ssports.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>

ST PETER IN NEED OF BILINGUAL SECRETARY

St Peter Church in Northwest Columbus has an immediate opening for a friendly bilingual (English and Spanish) Parish Office Secretary. The successful candidate will work full time, Monday through Friday, and occasionally evenings and Sundays as needed for Parish Programs. Must be familiar with the mission of the Catholic Church and compliant in accordance with Safe Environment Guidelines. Qualifying resumes may be emailed to Father David Schalk: DSchalk@ColumbusCatholic.org

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH FESTIVAL

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1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

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It is no secret that Jesus often taught using parables; last Sunday we heard three, and today there are more. Today's parables seemed obscure until I focused on the repeating phrase "kingdom of heaven," which is likened to treasure, a pearl of great value, and then a fish net. What a contrast! But when I thought about it longer, it made perfect sense: The kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure, one that should compel us to give up everything like the person who finds treasure buried in a field or the merchant who buys the pearl, just to make sure we have it in our possession. The kingdom is also something that requires hard work, hence the analogy with fishermen throwing nets into the sea to capture fish and then sort the good from the bad. Think of that net as the predestination St. Paul mentions in today's epistle. God predestined mankind to be called to him, to be justified and glorified in his name, yet we all maintain free will to choose otherwise. So, at the end of the age, when the angels "separate the wicked from the righteous," each of us will learn how precious the treasure of heaven is according to the way we chose to pursue it during our lifetime.

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INVITATION In the first reading Solomon said to God: "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart." Take a few minutes and read Solomon's Prayer of Dedication for the temple that occurs a few verses later in 1 Kings (8:22-61). In it, he asks God to be with his people always – a prayer for us today as well.

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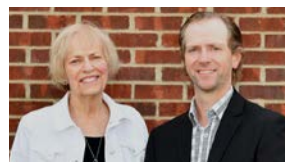
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