

January 26, 2025



## SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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Columbus, Ohio 43220  
Parish Office (614) 451-4290  
[www.standrewparish.cc](http://www.standrewparish.cc)



**Our Open House  
is this Sunday!  
January 26  
noon-2 pm  
Please Join Us!**

**...or call the School  
office for a Tour!  
614.451.1626**

2025 Catholic Schools Week



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### OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.  
The Church is open daily 6:00 AM-8:30 PM.  
For more information, visit [www.standrewparish.cc](http://www.standrewparish.cc).

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 PM  
Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM  
Weekdays - 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM  
Saturday Morning - 9:00 AM

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:15-4:15 PM or by appointment at 614-451-4290

To learn more about **SACRAMENTS**, call the Parish Office or visit our website, [www.standrewparish.cc](http://www.standrewparish.cc) and select "Sacraments and Prayer."

For **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**, please contact a priest at the Parish Office and choose "Sacramental Emergency" from the list of options or press 3.

We welcome **NEW MEMBERS!** To register or learn more about St. Andrew Parish, please contact our office by phone, or email Jen Wenzke at [jwenzke@standrewparish.cc](mailto:jwenzke@standrewparish.cc).

### OUR MISSION

*St. Andrew Church is a community of Catholics committed to serving God by living our faith. We exist to fulfill the mission of the Roman Catholic Church at the local level by continuing the saving work of Christ. We accomplish this through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaiming and living the Gospel, reaching out to others in justice and charity, and providing all parishioners abundant spiritual, educational, and social opportunities to be known as a faith-filled, engaged, and generous parish.*



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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday: Jan. 25 Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:30 p.m. Dr. Joseph Banks

**Sunday: Jan. 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 a.m. Jeanne Grady Davis  
 9:15 a.m. Norma Johanni  
 11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

**Monday: Jan. 27, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members  
 of the VonderEmbse Family  
 8:30 a.m. Bob Durbin

**Tuesday: Jan. 28, St. Thomas Aquinas**  
 6:30 a.m. Carolyn Foster  
 8:30 a.m. Michael G. Cantwell

**Wednesday: Jan. 29, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. John Zamana  
 8:30 a.m. Bill Harder

**Thursday: Jan. 30, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. John and Paul Gallagher  
 8:30 a.m. John Germaine

**Friday: Jan. 31, St. John Bosco**  
 6:30 a.m. Mary Katherine White  
 8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Rosary Group

**Saturday: Feb. 1, Weekday Mass**  
 9:00 a.m. Michael Cantwell

**Vigil, The Presentation of the Lord**  
 4:30 p.m. Jim and Margaret Saffell

**Sunday: Feb. 2, The Presentation of the Lord**  
 7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish  
 9:15 a.m. Polly Kubalak  
 11:00 a.m. Michael Zazon

### BAPTISMS

**Theodore Owen Teetor**  
 son of Matthew and Alyse

**Vincenzo Jo Stampler**  
 son of Jordan and Hannah

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY

**Joe Emsweller**  
**George Pirrie**

### FACILITIES AND ROOM RESERVATIONS

If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces or halls at St. Andrew Parish, please contact Jen Wenzke, [jwenzke@standrewparish.cc](mailto:jwenzke@standrewparish.cc), or Greg Price, [gprice@standrewparish.cc](mailto:gprice@standrewparish.cc). The event calendar can be viewed at [standrewparish.cc/calendar](http://standrewparish.cc/calendar).



## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are enjoying the new lighting in the church! Even though the project is not entirely complete as I write this, I am already very pleased with the improved lighting. The new lighting illuminates our beautiful church and accentuates its architectural details. The gloom and shadows are dispersed. The sanctuary altar and nave are all bathed in light once again! I thank all of you for your patience as we waited for the completion of this project, and for any inconveniences during these last two weeks. We are resuming all the regular events that take place in the church, especially the daily 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses, and Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 p.m. I also want to repeat my thanks for those generous donors who contributed to cover the cost of the lighting project, in particular Marlene and Joe Berwanger. "God said, 'Let there be light and there was light.'" (Gen. 1:3)

This week, we also observe Catholic Schools Week. This is a time for all Catholic school students, families, teachers, and supporters to celebrate our pride in our Catholic schools and all that makes them great! St. Andrew School is the pride and joy of our parish, and the heart and soul of our parish as well! Catholic Schools Week is our chance to tell everybody how blessed we are to be a part of our Catholic schools! That goes also for our Catholic high school students attending Bishop Watterson, St. Charles, and other diocesan Catholic high schools. Hooray for Catholic schools!

May God bless you all during these cold January days and keep you safe.

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney

## SAINT MONICA CLUB

MONDAY, JAN. 27

6:00-7:00 PM // PARISH HALL

All are welcome to this once-a-month study/discussion. St. Monica represents persistent, unfailing prayer for fallen-away family members. The Saint Monica Club includes all devoted parents who have experienced the pain of a child leaving the faith and have prayed ceaselessly for their return. For more info and to RSVP, contact **Amy Tague**, at [amyliss14@gmail.com](mailto:amyliss14@gmail.com).



## KICK OFF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WITH DONUT SUNDAY!

All parishioners are invited to Donut Sunday on **January 26 in the parish hall after all Masses** to enjoy a sweet start to Catholic Schools Week! Hosted by the St. Andrew School, you can enjoy donuts, coffee, juice and visit with school students, teachers and parents.




SAINT ANDREW SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

# WINTER OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY

# JANUARY 26

NOON – 2:00 PM



We invite all parishioners with school-age children to come and see what an excellent Catholic education is all about. This is a great opportunity to tour the school facilities, meet students, school parents, teachers and staff, and get answers to your questions.

For more information about the Open House, contact **Jen Wenzke** at [jwenzke@cducation.org](mailto:jwenzke@cducation.org).

## SUNDAY OFFERING

|                  | JAN 12    | YTD        |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>ACTUAL</b>    | \$ 20,796 | \$ 943,069 |
| <b>BUDGET</b>    | \$ 32,692 | \$ 915,384 |
| <b>LAST YEAR</b> | \$ 17,667 | \$ 976,205 |

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](https://osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds) or contact Business Manager **Thomas Conigy** at [tconigy@standrewparish.cc](mailto:tconigy@standrewparish.cc) or 614-451-4290, ext. 106.



## 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).

»**LOS ANGELES WILDFIRE RELIEF:** Please help families recover from the devastation. Make an emergency donation to Catholic Charities USA today that helps provide lifesaving resources. 100% of your gift will be sent where it's needed most! Catholic Charities USA is the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, providing critical support to devastated communities, before and after disaster strikes. To give today, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Help-LA-fires2025>.

»**DO YOU ENJOY MEETING AND CONNECTING WITH NEW PEOPLE?** Join the St. Andrew Hospitality Ministry. **Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room.** This ministry provides a welcoming community for guests and parishioners through fun, engaging activities and volunteer opportunities. Hospitality Ministry members will help with new parishioner registration, host Donut Sundays and a parish potluck, serve as greeters, and much more. For more information, contact **Jacob and Ciara Decot** at [jdecot284@gmail.com](mailto:jdecot284@gmail.com).

## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2024 parishioner contribution statements are available upon request! To receive a copy of your statement via email, send a request to [accounting@standrewparish.cc](mailto:accounting@standrewparish.cc) with "statement" in the subject line, and your name and/or envelope number in the message. For more information, or if you prefer to pick up your statement in the parish office or receive it by mail, contact Business Manager **Thomas Conigy** at 614-451-4290 or [tconigy@standrewparish.cc](mailto:tconigy@standrewparish.cc).

If you donate online only, you can print your annual giving statement through the Online Giving website: [www.osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/giving/funds](https://www.osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/giving/funds).



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

6:00 PM - DOORS OPEN

7:00 PM - PLAY BEGINS

NUGENT PARISH HALL

Cost is \$25/person and includes food, soft drinks and euchre. All skill levels are welcome. Win cash prizes!

**Participants must be 21 and older.**

For more information or to register, contact **Joe DelTosto**, 614-371-7901 or [jdelto43@gmail.com](mailto:jdelto43@gmail.com).

*Proceeds support K of C charities.*



## ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE 2025 EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION** will be held on Saturday, February 22, during the 4:30 p.m. Mass. We look forward to sharing this special sacrament as a parish community. Please note that seating during this Mass will be limited and several pews will be reserved for the students and their families. **The Mass will be livestreamed at [www.standrewparishlive.com](http://www.standrewparishlive.com).**

For more information, contact DRE **Kathy Dowler** at 614-451-2855, ext. 305 or [kdowler@standrewparish.cc](mailto:kdowler@standrewparish.cc).



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### *NEW!* Men's Weekly Bible Study on the **MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY**

*Do you want to grow your understanding  
and devotion to the Rosary?*

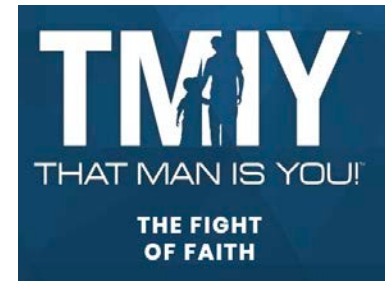
Dr. Ben Akers of the Augustine Institute presents this **five-session video series: "A Bible Study on the Mysteries of the Rosary."** Join us on Friday mornings as we walk through the biblical mysteries and endeavor to grow in understanding and love for Christ through the Holy Rosary. The series begins **Friday, February 7, from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room.** No homework or preparation is required between sessions. Bring your rosary. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **John Schechter at 614-565-0824 or jedwardschechter@gmail.com.**



### **TMIY IS BACK FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE FIGHT OF FAITH PROGRAM**

#### **TMIY THE FIGHT OF FAITH** Program

equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in their daily lives. Biblical identities will emerge to inspire heroic lives of service to a calling greater than ourselves.



**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON SATURDAY MORNINGS** at the Bryce Eck Center. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. for fellowship and breakfast, followed by a presentation and group discussion at 7:00 a.m. Each session ends by 8:00 a.m.

For information or to register, contact **Colin Bellantis** at 440-728-4166 or **colinbellantis@gmail.com.**

#### **»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 meet the second Monday of each month. Our next prayer meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Feb. 10, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church.** For information about this prayer ministry, contact **Amy Tague** at **amyliss14@gmail.com.**

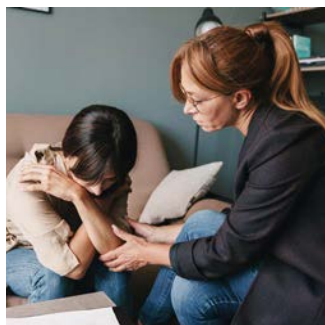
**»THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS:** Join us for our winter book study **every Tuesday (through March 25), 7:15-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.** We'll unveil the mystery of the sacraments and their foundation in

Sacred Scripture. The videos and participant guide are optional to purchase through the St. Paul Center website. If interested in learning more or purchasing, visit **tinyurl.com/winter-study-2025** or use the QR code. For additional information, contact **Kathy Miller** at **Kathy.Miller725@gmail.com.**



**»WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP)** is a women's ministry with a mission to help every Catholic woman encounter Jesus Christ through Bible study. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more information about this ministry or to register, email **wwpstandrewcolumbus@gmail.com.**

**»RESPECT LIFE:** Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn more about this with "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": **<http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>**



**»WOMEN OF ST. ANDREW:** Are you planning to attend the Catholic Women's Conference on **Saturday, Feb. 15?**

If so, you are invited to carpool to the conference and sit with other women of St. Andrew Parish. For more information about carpooling, contact **Amy Tague** at 614-499-1902 or **amyliss14@gmail.com.** For more information about the conference including registration, visit **[www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com)**





THE  
**CATHOLIC**  
FOUNDATION

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOLARSHIP** is a multi-year \$2,000 scholarship to any rising ninth grade student who is attending a Catholic high school in the 2025-2026 school year. Awards from the Nativity of Mary Scholarship are \$2,000 per year. Provided that the student remains in good standing and continues to attend a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus, the scholarship will be renewed each year until that student graduates. To apply, visit <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-nativity-of-mary-scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is February 28.

**THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST SCHOLARSHIP** awards \$800 to a student (rising eighth grader through rising high school senior) who plans to attend or is currently attending a Catholic high school during the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants will need to show a financial need via FACTS tuition assistance information and provide a letter of recommendation from a community leader (clergy, youth minister, teacher, etc.) confirming active involvement in the applicant's Catholic faith formation. This is a single year scholarship. To apply, visit <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-hands-and-feet-of-christ-scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is February 28.

**FLORENCE MOSES NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** is a one-time \$1,000 award to a Diocese of Columbus Catholic high school senior who has been accepted to and enrolled in the Mount Carmel College of Nursing. To apply, visit <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/florence-e-moses-nursing-scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is February 28.

Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarships empowering hundreds of young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For more information and to apply, please visit [catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/](https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/).

If you have any questions about the scholarship process, please feel free to contact **Dan Kurth**, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or [dkurth@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:dkurth@catholic-foundation.org).

## LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

### SAT, FEB. 1: Vigil, The Presentation of the Lord

#### 4:30 PM Mass

Stuart Sprigler..... EMHC-B - B1  
Lynda Guenther..... EMHC-B - B2  
David Varda..... Lector - A  
Mary Frecker ..... Lector - B  
Ava Busch..... Altar Server (Sub. req.)  
Drew Busch..... Altar Server (Sub. req.)  
Miriam Devine ..... Altar Server

### SUN, FEB. 2: The Presentation of the Lord

#### 7:30 AM Mass

Linda Daley ..... EMHC-B - B1  
Deb McEllistrem..... EMHC-B - B2  
Jason Mays..... Lector - A  
Randy Doherty..... Lector - B  
Elise Mays..... Altar Server  
Adeline Mays ..... Altar Server

#### 9:15 AM Mass

Herm Mollmann ..... EMHC-B - B1  
Suzanne Meyers ..... EMHC-B - B2  
Kathy Cowen..... EMHC-B - B CHOIR  
Martha Radtke ..... EMHC-B - B3  
Mark Pardi ..... EMHC-C - C1  
Abigail Meyers..... EMHC-C - C2  
Debby Murphy ..... EMHC-C - C3 (Sub req)  
Mary Kasberg..... Lector - A  
John Schechter..... Lector - B  
James Patti ..... Altar Server  
Gus Patti..... Altar Server  
George Patti ..... Altar Server

#### 11:00 AM Mass

Dave Shiddenhelm ..... EMHC-B - B1  
Jeff Wenzke..... EMHC-B - B2  
Jim Macklin ..... Lector - A  
John Pashke..... Lector - B  
Mary Jaminet ..... Altar Server  
Ty Moore..... Altar Server  
Ethan Train ..... Altar Server

To volunteer, visit [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus), or use the QR code here. If you need help with your username or password, contact **Mary Beasecker** at [mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc](mailto:mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc) or 614-451-4290 ext. 104.



## BULLETIN AND EPOST ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Send requests to [bulletin@standrewparish.cc](mailto:bulletin@standrewparish.cc) by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** for the upcoming weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location, and contact name. If Monday is a holiday, all submissions must be received the Friday before. Submissions may be edited for clarity or space.



**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**ANNUAL ST. CHARLES SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Join us on **Sunday, February 2, from 1:00- 6:30 p.m., in the school's Walter Student Commons.** Dinner will be prepared by the Susi Family and its staff from Berwick Manor. Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream, and a beverage. Cost is \$15 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens; \$7 for children ages 5-12 (4 and under are free). There is also a special \$60 family rate (dine-in, up to 6 immediate family members). Tickets may be purchased at the door and carry out will be available.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON:** Join us on **Friday, Feb. 7, at St. Patrick Church** in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring Fr. Joe Yokum, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and chaplain for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Grove City Police Department, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Fr. Yokum will present "Pastoral Care for Law Enforcement Officers and their Families." Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is scheduled for Friday, March 7. Bishop Fernandes will present the Catholic Man of the Year. Please mark your calendar to attend.

**MANGIA! ST. TIMOTHY'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER:** One of the oldest (and most delicious) traditions at St. Timothy returns from **noon to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2,** with homemade marinara, meatballs, pasta, and desserts. Dine in and be served by our fabulous staff of volunteers, or visit our carry-out crew in the cafeteria. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children. All are welcome to this Lenten tradition! For more information, visit <https://sttimsevents.com/event/spaghetti-dinner/>.

**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF COLUMBUS IS WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS:** The Christ Child Society of Columbus is a non-profit organization of volunteer members dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Central Ohio children. Volunteers donate their time in direct service and fund-raising. Outreach programs include providing layettes for infants; child care tuition assistance and enhanced learning programs for preschool children; new clothing for infants of mothers attending parenting classes; meals for during and after school care; tutoring elementary students; scholarships and support for foster care children and families. Members choose the service projects that interest them. For more information, contact Laurie Knight 614-581-8588 or visit the Christ Child website: [www.ChristChildSociety.org](http://www.ChristChildSociety.org).

*You're Invited!*

*Created for this moment*

**February 15, 2025**

**COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** | 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Ohio Expo Center - Kasich Hall

*Speakers:*

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| <br>Carrie Schuchts Daunt | <br>Sarah Swafford          | <br>Fr. John Riccardo    |
| <br>Mary Guilfoyle        | <br>Sr. Mercedes Torres, OP | <br>Emcee: Jennifer Rice |

*Music: The Vigil Project*

[columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://columbuscatholicwomen.com)






The 28th Annual **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**CALLED TO BE SAINTS**

**MEN: ON MISSION**


**Saturday February 22, 2025**  
Kasich Hall Ohio Expo Center, Columbus

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| <br>Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers | <br>Dr. Ray Guarendi | <br>Mark Hartfiel |
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# The Mass

## ***“Do This in Remembrance of Me”*** **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel

### ✚ Part 54: The Intercessions ✚

After the Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and our offering of Jesus to the Father along with ourselves, the Eucharistic Prayer also includes some **Intercessions**. The Diocese of Peoria teaches, “The Eucharistic prayer also intercedes or prays for various members of the Church. We always pray for the pope, the bishop and all the clergy. Intercession is also made for the Church suffering in purgatory, as we pray for the faithful departed. We pray that they soon be taken into Heaven and live in the presence of God. Intercession is also made for the entire Church, both those who are present at the Mass and those throughout the world. We pray God hears our prayers as we offer them through the Mass, we ask for His mercy and we also pray we be united so we may worship as one body as our Lord Himself desired” (A Study of the Mass, p. 16).

#### **The Three Types of Intercessions**

Diving deeper, this part of the Eucharistic Prayer brings to the forefront our unity with one another through Christ. We recall here in the presence of Christ that we are all in this together. We pray through the fruits of the Mass that each person can receive what is needed to fulfill our faithful life in Christ. What is great about the intercessions, according to Charles Belmonte, is that “the Intercessions make it clear that we celebrate the Mass in communion with the entire Church in heaven and on earth; and that we make the offering for the Church and for all her members, living and dead.” Belmonte continues, “The Intercessions are usually divided into three sections: for living Christians, for the dead, and in relation to the saints in heaven” (Understanding the Mass, p. 152-53).



### **Interceding for Church Leaders**

Regarding our prayer for living Christians, part of our prayer is for the pope and for the bishop or archbishop of our local diocese. From Eucharistic Prayer II: "Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy." Our leaders in the clergy are part of the visible sign of unity we have together in Christ: we pray for and with our leaders who help organize and unite us. Belmonte refers to the Second Vatican Council when he says, "To be legitimate, each Mass presupposes union among the faithful, and of the faithful with their bishop, the pope, and the universal Church. Moreover, that solid union is made stronger with the celebration of the Eucharist and is a consequence of it" (Understanding the Mass, p. 154, cf. LG, 3).

### **Interceding for the Faithful Departed**

After prayers for the living, we then pray for those who have died. From Eucharistic Prayer IV: "Remember also those who have died in the peace of your Christ and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known." Eucharistic Prayers II and III have special sections that can be used for Masses for the Dead, where the name of the person for whom the Mass is offered could be prayed. As Belmonte continues, "In all Masses, the Church prays for the dead, so that on the basis of the communion existing among all of us as Christ's members, our petition for spiritual help may bring comforting hope for our faithful departed" (Understanding the Mass, p. 155). For me as a priest, this is one of my favorite moments of the Eucharistic Prayer, especially when there is a moment of quiet in Eucharistic Prayer I: "Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace." Following these words, there is a brief silence where I think of different family members, priests who helped me through the years, and people who recently died in my parishes. If you haven't done it before, I invite you to use that moment to think of those you love who have died in Christ. It truly is a great gift to feel united with them through the Mass!

### **Asking for the Intercession of the Saints**

After prayers for the dead, we ask for the help of those already in the presence of God in heaven. This is the part of the Eucharistic Prayer where we might hear different saint names. From Eucharistic Prayer III: "May He make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, (with Saint N) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unending help." A couple of the Eucharistic prayers have the Blessed Mother and a general reference to the martyrs and other saints. Eucharistic Prayer III (as we just saw) has an option for inserting saint's names, such as the saint of the day or a saint important to a particular parish. Of course, Eucharistic Prayer I has those two long lists of special saints... more on them to come!

### **For Reflection:**

1. As Fr. Luke suggests, prepare to enter more deeply into the intercessory power of the Mass by calling to mind your personal intentions for the living and deceased.
2. Allow the Intercessions to form your prayer by recalling these intentions at other times during the day and throughout your week.

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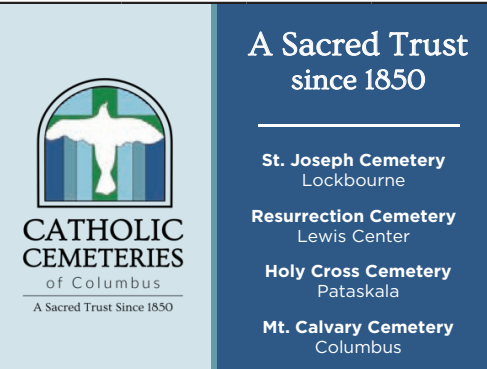
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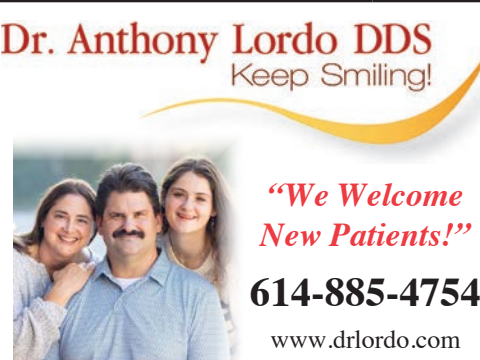
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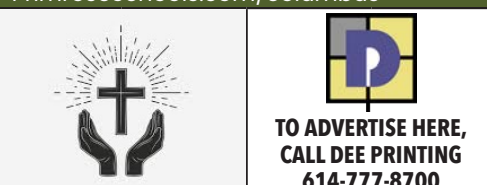
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