

Rejoice and
be glad,

for your reward will
be great in heaven.

Matthew 5:12a

Solemnity of All Saints
November 1

Commemoration of All
the Faithful Departed
November 2



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.

MASS AND CONFESSION 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

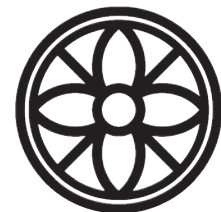
RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 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 and select "Sacraments and Prayer."

For **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**, please call 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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: Oct. 26 Vigil, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 p.m. Joe DiPietro

Sunday: Oct. 27, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. Stella Amicon Pardi
 9:15 a.m. Floyd Miller
 11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

Monday: Oct. 28, Saints Simon and Jude
 6:30 a.m. Fr. Steve Baumbasch
 8:30 a.m. Lloyd Mallett

Tuesday: Oct. 29, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Gregg Kantak
 8:30 a.m. Charles Tomlinson III

Wednesday: Oct. 30, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Dale Petrill
 8:30 a.m. Lloyd Mallett

Thursday: Oct. 31, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Leslie Pelino
 8:30 a.m. Julie Minnig Broom

Friday: Nov. 1, Solemnity of All Saints
 6:30 a.m. Scott A. Smith
 8:30 a.m. Rita Melaragno
 12:15 p.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 7:00 p.m. Catherine Bucher

Saturday: Nov. 2, All Souls' Day
 9:00 a.m. Jack O'Handley

Vigil, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Heft/
 Schumacher Families

Sunday: Nov 3, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 9:15 a.m. Harold Simmons
 11:00 a.m. Michelle Pappa

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Kerry Quick and John Kelly (3)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS?

You can schedule Mass Intentions in one of three ways:
 1) Stop by the office during business hours and schedule in person. 2) Mail your request to the parish office (1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220, attn: Mass Intentions) and include the stipend for each Mass request. 3) Email preferred dates and times to Jen Wenzke, jwenzke@standrewparish.cc and either mail in or drop off the stipend. We will do our best to honor the dates & times requested, but no date/time can be guaranteed. The stipend is \$10/intention.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Friday, Nov. 1, is All Saints' Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses for the Holy Day will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (all school Mass), 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. There is no vigil Mass on Thursday, Oct. 31 (Halloween).

The rules for observing holy days of obligation can be confusing because certain holy days may be dispensed in certain circumstances, which means that the feast is observed as a solemnity, but the obligation of attending Mass is lifted. That isn't the case with the feast of All Saints this year, so you should plan to fulfill your obligation by attending Mass on November 1.

Looking ahead to December, please note that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Monday, Dec. 9. This feast usually falls on December 8, but that is the Second Sunday of Advent, which has a higher priority, so the feast day is moved to December 9. Whenever this happened in the past, the obligation to attend Mass was dispensed, which means that the feast was observed on December 9, but Catholics were not obliged to attend Mass, rather it was considered optional. Last week, we learned that this is no longer the case. The Vatican Dicastery for the Interpretation of Legal texts has declared that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even when it is transferred to December 9. We were not planning for December 9 to be a holy day, so we have hastily revised our Mass schedule and added Masses at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., in addition to the regularly scheduled 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Masses. I wanted to let you know about this surprise declaration so you can plan ahead to fulfill your obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

I visited Fr. DeVille last week and he told me he is praying to "all the saints" to help him be able to return to St. Andrew by All Saints Day. He is making slow progress and he is able to move about fairly well with the help of a walker. I know he appreciates your prayers, so please continue to pray for him.

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney



ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will collect for the **"Support Our Seminarians"** campaign following all Masses **this weekend** (Oct. 26/27). This annual collection promotes priestly vocations within our Diocese, providing financial support to form and educate future priests. If you prefer to donate electronically, visit **tinyurl.com/SAP-SOS2024** or use the **QR code**. Thank you for your support of this program!



SAINT MONICA CLUB MONDAY, OCT. 28

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

Give up worry and turn to prayer! All are welcome to this once-a-month study. St. Monica represents persistent, unending 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 **amyli14@gmail.com**.



WHAT YOU CAN SPARE, OTHERS CAN WEAR



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's

Winter Clothing Drive is the weekend of

November 2/3. Clothes, coats, blankets, shoes, boots, towels, and linens are the items most needed. Your donations will

go to the SVdP Free Clothing Center in downtown Columbus. Please bring your gently used or new, bagged items to the truck in the McCoy Road parking lot before or after each Mass. Thank you for making this clothing drive a success.



SUNDAY OFFERING

| | OCT 13 | YTD |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| ACTUAL | \$ 21,605 | \$ 451,777 |
| BUDGET | \$ 32,692 | \$ 490,384 |
| LAST YEAR | \$ 28,405 | \$ 438,715 |

Thank you to all who are responding generously to our financial need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We encourage you to consider Online Giving, which is safe, secure and convenient. To sign up, visit osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds or contact Business Manager Thomas Conigy at tconigy@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 106.



DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS SEMINARIAN SUPPORT FUND

With the desire to support the ongoing formation of seminarians and future priests in the Diocese of Columbus, the Office of Vocations has established a new annual second collection. **The Seminarian Support Fund collection**, which marks the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week, will be held **November 2-3, 2024**. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes is grateful for your ongoing support of the future priests of our diocese. You may donate by scanning the QR code.



ALL SAINTS' DAY FRIDAY, NOV. 1

Mass times:
**6:30 AM, 8:30 AM (all school Mass),
 12:15 PM and 7:00 PM**

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE HEARING LOOP SYSTEM DURING MASS?

For those who experience hearing loss and use hearing aids, St. Andrew Parish offers the telecoil, or T-coil, hearing loop system in the church. The T-coil hearing loop system reduces most background noise and improves understanding of speech and music.

If you would like to take advantage of the T-coil function in the church, you will need to ask your Hearing Care Provider (HCP) to add it to your device. After this, simply press the button on the back of your hearing aid and select the program that your HCP has assigned to T-coil.



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. At 8:45 p.m., Adoration concludes with Compline (end of day prayers) followed by 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); Women of St. Andrew (third Tuesday); Men of the Parish (fourth Tuesday).

DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11275

will be remembered at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, Nov. 2** in commemoration of All Souls' Day. Family members are encouraged to join us. Prayer cards with the names of all deceased members will be available at the church entrances.



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER is a special time in our Catholic tradition for remembering our departed loved ones. Please join us on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 3:00 p.m. in the church for a special service of Evening Prayer and Song in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away.

The service will include psalms, choral anthems, congregational hymns, readings, and reflections of remembrance, hope, and consolation. For those who cannot attend, the service will be livestreamed at StAndrewParishLive.com. All are welcome!

ROSARY FOR LIFE: ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



St. Andrew Parish

Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

SATURDAY, NOV 9
9 AM - 2:30 PM
NUGENT PARISH HALL

Mark your calendars for the **ANNUAL BUCKEYE-MAKING WORKSHOP**, which will be held in Nugent Parish Hall on **Wednesday, Oct. 30** (rolling and dipping), and **Thursday, Oct. 31** (dipping and packaging), in the parish hall **beginning at 9:00 a.m. both days**. All are welcome and no previous experience is needed. We will provide snacks and lunch. You can drop by anytime during the workshop and stay for as long as you'd like. For more information, contact **Denise Kish** at **614-679-2897**.



CALLING ALL BAKERS! The Bake Sale during the Holiday Bazaar is a St. Andrew tradition. Please share your homemade treats of pies (pecan and apple are always popular), cakes, breads, cupcakes, candies or cookies. Bring your baked goods to the parish hall on Friday, Nov. 8, anytime throughout the day, or by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9. Items may be left on a table near the kitchen. Please label items that contain nuts.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED at the bake sale, in the kitchen to distribute boxed lunches, at the kids' cookie decorating table, and to sell raffle tickets. Shifts are from 8:45-11:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and 12:30-2:15 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up online at tinyurl.com/Bazaar-Volunteer-2024 or contact **Mary Beasecker** at mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.



For more information about this year's Bazaar, contact Judy McCombs at judyzumba09@gmail.com, or call 614-446-4812 (leave a message).

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*The Respect Life Program is a year-round, nationwide effort to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. A new cycle begins each October (Respect Life Month) and continues through the following September. For more information about the Respect Life Ministry at St. Andrew Parish, contact **Deb McEllistrem** at dmcellistrem@yahoo.com.*

AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY

(ASAP): St. Andrew Knights invite all parishioners to participate in ASAP. Through the program, the Knights of Columbus offer support to pregnancy resource centers in Columbus. Use the **QR code** to lend financial support to the Women's Care Center or Pregnancy Decision Health Center. The National Knights of Columbus Council will match each council's \$500 donation with an extra \$100 up to a maximum of \$400.



BOTTLES FOR LIFE 2024: The St. Andrew Respect Life Ministry has partnered with St. Andrew School and PSR to bring this year's "Bottles for Life" campaign to St. Andrew Parish. This is the last weekend to support the annual campaign and help Pregnancy Decision Health Centers continue to provide ultrasounds and loving support to each of their clients. Fill an empty bottle (found in the baskets in the vestibule) with loose change and return it to St. Andrew by October 31, or use the QR code to donate online.



ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

is scheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 3**. We are in need of host families for the NET Ministry Missionaries doing the Retreat. Hosting will count as your child's service requirement.

There will be **NO CLOW** scheduled on **Sunday, Nov. 3**, **during the 11:00 a.m. Mass** because of the Confirmation Retreat.

JOIN THE PSR TEAM! We are looking for a few people to fill some available positions within the department:

- First Grade Classroom Aide
- Third Grade Catechist
- PSR Administrative Assistant

For more information, contact **DRE Kathy Dowler** at 614-451-2855, ext. 305 or kdowler@standrewparish.cc.

ST. ANDREW SCHOOL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM
MONDAY, NOV. 11 // 8:30 A.M. // SCHOOL GYM

The Students and Staff of St. Andrew School would like to **HONOR THE VETERANS OF OUR PARISH** during the annual Veterans Day assembly. This program will last 45 minutes. Family members are welcome to attend as well! Students have a special project they would like to share with you.

Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, Nov. 7, to **Natalie Bookheimer** at nbookheimer@cducation.org. Please include **YOUR NAME** and **YOUR GUESTS NAMES** when you RSVP.

THE FIGHT OF FAITH equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Biblical identities will emerge to inspire heroic lives of service to a calling greater than ourselves. **JOIN US 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. To learn more about THAT MAN IS YOU!, visit www.TMIY.org.



MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: Join us as we discuss the first and second books of the Maccabees each **Friday from 7:00-8:00 a.m., in the Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room**. Learn more about the Maccabees, martyrdom, intercession, and persecution in this 31-week Bible study series for men of all ages! The study combines commentary from renowned theologian Scott Hahn with time-tested interpretations from the fathers of the church. No homework or reading is required between meetings. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **John Schechter** at 614-565-0824 or jedwardschechter@gmail.com.



BULLETIN AND EPOST ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Send requests to bulletin@standrewparish.cc by Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming issue. 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.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

FRI, NOV 1: All Saints Day

12:15 PM Mass

- Elizabeth Carpenter EMHC-B - B1
- Rita Wanner EMHC-B - B2
- Cathy Covarrubias Lector - A
- Tom Levenick..... Lector - B
- Cecilia Petitti..... Altar Server
- VOLUNTEER NOW Altar Server

7:00 PM Mass

- Judy O'Brien EMHC-B - B1
- Peter Kleinhenz EMHC-B - B2
- Dee Pellissier EMHC-B - B CHOIR
- Jacob Decot Lector - A
- Ciara Decot..... Lector - B
- Jan Ajuseh Altar Server
- Janelle Ajuseh..... Altar Server
- Adriel Ajuseh..... Altar Server

SAT, NOV 2: Vigil, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Mass

- Jeff Wenzke EMHC-B - B1
- Patricia Irsik..... EMHC-B - B2
- Mary Frecker..... Lector - A
- Angela Bonfante..... Lector - B
- Parker Maurer..... Altar Server (Sub req.)
- Noah Wenzke Altar Server

SUN, NOV 3: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass

- Mary Kaminski..... EMHC-B - B1
- David Varda EMHC-B - B2
- Randy Doherty Lector - A
- Jason Mays Lector - B
- Liran Mays..... Altar Server
- Elise Mays Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

- Deborah McGlumphy EMHC-B - B1
- Bob Chambers..... EMHC-B - B2
- Don McNeal EMHC-B - B CHOIR
- Colin Bellantis EMHC-B - B3
- David Tague EMHC-C - C1
- Megan Bellantis EMHC-C - C2
- Elizabeth Carpenter EMHC-C - C CHOIR
- Linda Daley..... EMHC-C - C3
- John Schechter Lector - A
- Tom Levenick..... Lector - B
- Joseph Kaleta..... Altar Server
- Grant Davis Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

- Martha Radtke EMHC-B - B1
- MaryAnn Sylvester..... EMHC-B - B2
- Ann Pratt..... Lector - A
- Damion Faulkner Lector - B
- Jonathan Koeninger Altar Server
- Kellen Slater..... Altar Server

To volunteer, visit www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus, or use the QR code here. If you need help with your username or password, contact the Parish Office, 614-451-4290.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SACRED HEART CONGRESS is scheduled for **Saturday, Nov. 9, 8:00 a.m. to noon, at St. Paul the Apostle Church** in Westerville, Ohio. This year's congress offers a unique opportunity to encounter love, hope, healing, and renewal through the Sacred Heart. Children are welcome! The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus will provide a special youth program (K & Up). Fr. Nathan Cromly of the St. John Institute is our keynote speaker, along with insights from Fr. Jonathan Wilson and Fr. Stash Dailey. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will celebrate the Mass. All are welcome! To register, visit www.WelcomeHisHeart.com.

EGAN-RYAN FUNERAL HOME IS SPONSORING THEIR ANNUAL VETERANS DAY FOOD DRIVE to help our local needy veterans and their families. Nonperishable food items, personal care items, and monetary donations can be dropped off at either of Egan-Ryan's two location at 403 East Broad Street, or 4661 Kenny Road, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning November 1 through 10. Call 614-221-6665 with questions.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF COLUMBUS IS WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS! The Christ Child Society of Columbus is a nonprofit organization of volunteer members dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Central Ohio children. Volunteers donate their time in direct service and fundraising. 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 information, contact Laurie Knight at 614-581-8588 or visit www.ChristChildSociety.org.

PREGNANT? NEED A FRIEND?

Contact Birthright of Columbus. We provide emotional support, pregnancy tests, pregnancy information and referrals. All Services are FREE!
614-221-0844
columbusohmain@birthright.org

ST. CHARLES ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE:

Attention prospective St. Charles Cardinals and families: You are invited to see our campus and learn about the school during our Open House program taking place on **Sunday, Nov. 3**, starting at 1:00 p.m. The program includes a presentation by Principal Richard Ey '94, tours of campus, and opportunities to learn about and speak to members of our many teams, clubs, and organizations. There will also be refreshments to enjoy in the company of your fellow future Cardinal families. Register for the Open House today at stcharlesprep.org/admissions.



THE ST. CHARLES DRAMA DEPARTMENT presents *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (abridged) by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield on **November 14, 15, & 16 at 8:00 p.m.**, and **Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 p.m.** in the St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad St. Adult tickets are \$15 each, and student tickets are \$10 each. Reservations may be placed by visiting the St. Charles website, www.scprep.org » Buy Tickets button. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

BISHOP READY OPEN

HOUSE: Join us on **Sunday, Nov. 10**, at Bishop Ready High School (707 Salisbury Road, Columbus, OH 43204) from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to find out what it takes to be a Silver Knight. Explore our halls and find out what a Catholic education at Bishop Ready has to offer. All students and their families from grade 6 and higher are welcome to attend. For questions, contact **Mrs. Jennifer Gramlich '94** at jgramlic@cducation.org.

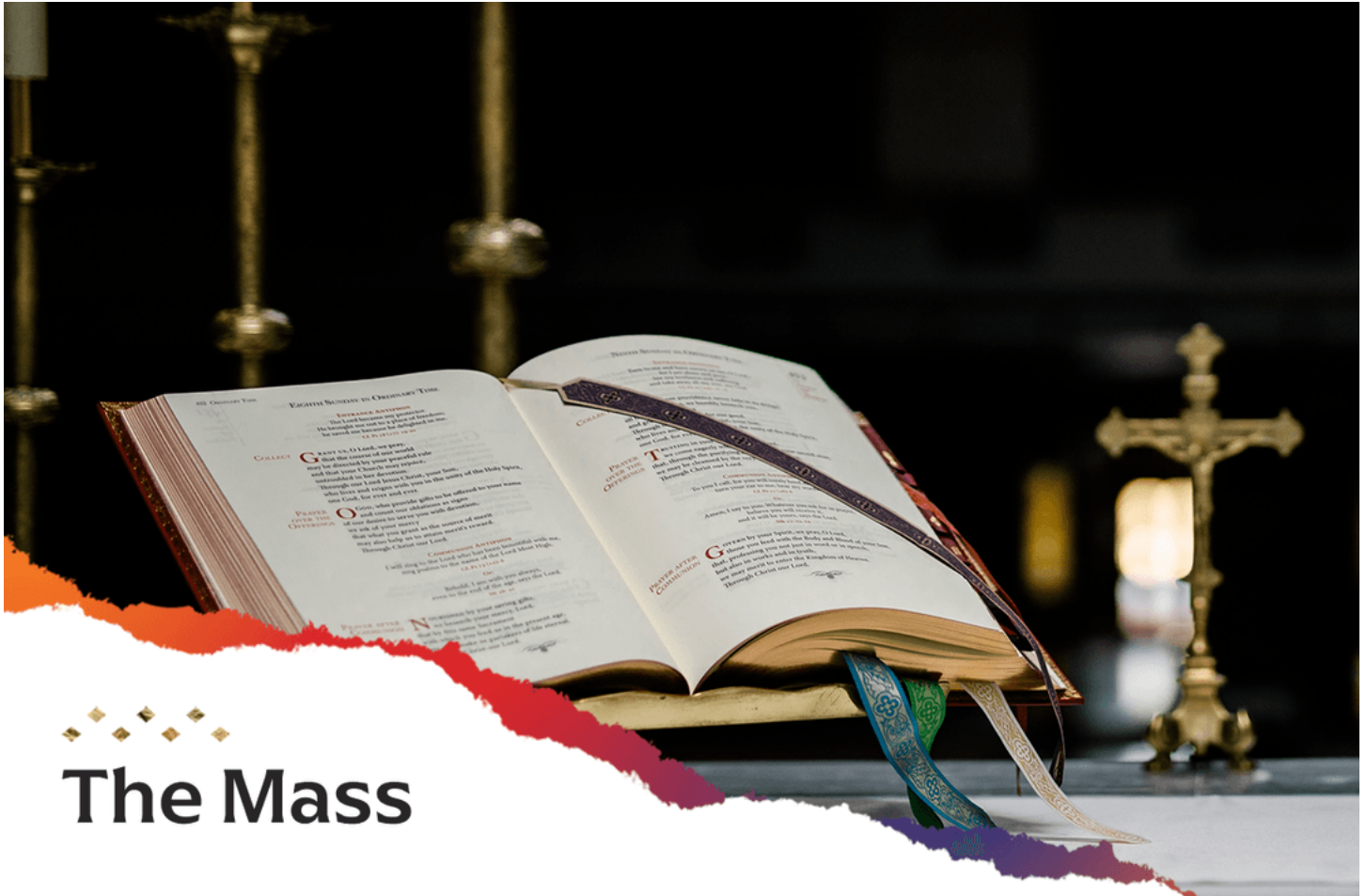


BISHOP WATTERSON OPEN HOUSE:

Save the date for Bishop Watterson's Open House! **Sunday, Nov. 24**, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., 99 East Cooke Road, Columbus. Register now to attend an information session with Principal Deacon Chris Campbell. Seating is limited for information sessions with Deacon Campbell so sign up today at bishopwatterson.com.



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The Mass

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

Fr. Luke Spannagel

✠ **Part 44: The Preface As Thanksgiving** ✠

Last week, we took a closer look at the opening dialogue of the **Preface**, and especially how it invites us to give thanks to God. As we said earlier, the word Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” Charles Belmonte indicates that the preface is an appropriate beginning of the Eucharistic prayer, since it “is basically an act of thanksgiving in a literary form between prayer and hymn. It seeks to move the faithful to praise and joy” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 128).

Thanksgiving for Every Day of the Year

For me as a priest, the Preface is one of my favorite parts of the Mass, especially when I take time to really pray through the phrases. The Preface is one of the variable parts of the Mass, where there are many options that can change from week to week. Our current Missal has about 50 regularly used Prefaces grouped together, including ones for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Sundays of Ordinary Time, Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, Funerals, and some “Common” Prefaces that can be used on days

where another specific Preface isn't called for. In addition to these, there are many more Prefaces in the Missal, including some specially designed for certain Eucharistic Prayers and those that are used on specific celebrations such as Christ the King or the Most Holy Trinity. There are even some special Prefaces for civic holidays, such as Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July in the United States. Each of these Prefaces will highlight special truths of a particular celebration or season of the year.

Following the response of the people in the Preface dialogue, "It is right and just," I enjoy how the priest begins praying the Preface with, "It is truly right and just." We are encouraging each other in giving thanks. These words of the priest communicate, "Yes! Let us continue giving thanks—it is right and just!" I often will pray those words with emphasis, as we transition to the next part of the Preface that will highlight special truths for us.

Special Truths Proclaimed in the Preface

For example, Preface I of Advent says, "For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope."

As another example, in Preface I of the Most Holy Eucharist, we hear, "For he is the true and eternal Priest, who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as his memorial. As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us, we are made strong, and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean."

Since they are so good, and since we are in the Eucharistic Revival, here are the key phrases from Preface II of the Most Holy Eucharist, "For at the Last Supper with his Apostles, establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the Cross, he offered himself to you as the unblemished Lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise. Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity. And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed."

No doubt, those are prayers packed with great truths! If we aren't attentive to this part of the Mass, we could really miss out on some great highlights that help ready our hearts for the ultimate prayer of thanksgiving—the Holy Eucharist—the perfect sacrifice of Jesus offered to the Father. If you haven't noticed the Preface in a while, I give you a challenge for the next time you are at Mass: see if you can notice any of the main themes of the Preface. It is a great summary of the celebration of the day, and a fitting preparation for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer to come!

For Reflection:

1. Embrace Father Luke's challenge to pay closer attention to the Preface next time you participate in Mass. Surprise your celebrant by engaging him in conversation about the main themes of the Preface after Mass!
2. Allow the Preface to form you and shape your day by listening for one word or phrase from the Preface to carry with you after Mass.

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog





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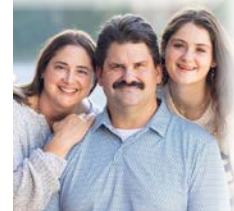
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