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MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS: MARCH

Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each; only one offering per Mass. All Masses are scheduled by calling the Parish Office; intentions will be listed as below.

MASS, LITURGY, AND SACRAMENT SCHEDULE; MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 20 ~ Vigil Mass

5:15 p.m. The Intentions of Fr. Ryan Schmitt

Sunday, March 21 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33

8:00 a.m. The Intentions of Rick & Codi Konkos

10:30 a.m. The Soul of Walter Dembinski, Jr.

12:30 p.m. The Intentions of Bobbie Meyers

5:15 p.m. The Living and Deceased Members of the Cathedral

Monday, March 22

Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8: 1-11

7:30 a.m. The Soul of Sherry Simental

12:05 p.m. The Intentions of Phil Renico and Family

Tuesday, March 23 ~ *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo*

Numbers 21: 4-9; John 8: 21-30

7:30 a.m. The Soul of Rosemary Hill

12:05 p.m. The Intentions of Bishop Brennan & Chancery Staff

Wednesday, March 24

Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8: 31-42

7:30 a.m. The Soul of Naomi Stickle

12:05 p.m. Percy Escaffi

5:15 p.m. For the Priests of the Diocese

Thursday, March 25 ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Hebrews 10: 4-10; Luke 1: 26-38

7:30 a.m. The Soul of Jack Stickle

12:05 p.m. The Intentions of Devan Kline

Friday, March 26 ~ Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)

Jeremiah 20: 10-13; John 10: 31-42

7:30 a.m. The Soul of Beatrice Rauck

12:05 p.m. The Intentions of Sarah Wilson

Saturday, March 27 ~ Vigil Mass

5:15 p.m. Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary FIH

PLEASE KEEP THESE PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS: Tim Acton, David Battocletti, Christopher Clark, Larry Edwards, Dr. Lianna Goetz, Ruth Harper, Chris Katanyuta, Anna Katanyuta, Denise Lager, Mary McNellis, Sharon Merhar, Rose Marie Naseman, Maria Paras, Linda Pauley, Barbara Ritchey, Susan Bateman Severs, David Simmons, Katie Finneran Slattery, Sandra Valencia, Mark Watkins, Matthew Watkins, and Dora Zweydorff

Regular Schedule of Masses, Liturgies, Sacraments

Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:15 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday: 12:05 p.m.

Masses on Holy Days of Obligation and on Holidays will be listed, as they occur.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Tuesday 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ~ Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. Mass, Confessions and Holy Hour following the Mass

Daily Server / Lector for the week of March 22	7:30 a.m. Phil Renico	12:05 p.m. Fred Shoen	Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Jim Desmond
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THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 20 & 21					
	Vigil ~ 5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	5:15 p.m.
MC					
Altar Servers	Bonnie Maupin	Steve Peishel	Nick Chmielewski Eric Anderson	Laura Battocletti	Brett Adema
Lector – One	Michele Kenefic	Mark DelAguaro	Nico Franano	Josie Gonot	Juliet Williams
Lector – Two					
Eucharist		Angel Still		Bobbie Meyers	Lisa Dalton
Lead Hospitality	Kathleen Tourgeman	Helen Leppla	Steve Horner	Peggy Frank	Jim Desmond
Hospitality/Ushers	Trish Kehl	Bryce Still Trey Still	Evelina Horner Judy Bateman		Lisa Dalton

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 27 & 28					
	Vigil ~ 5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	5:15 p.m.
MC					
Altar Servers	Lisa Dalton	Steve Peishel	Brett Adema	April Taylor	Jim Desmond
Lector – One	Josie Gonot	Mark DelAguaro	Sharon Reichard	Peggy Frank	Christina Fergus
Lector – Two					
Eucharist		Helen Leppla		Bobbie Meyers	Ed Hueckel
Lead Hospitality	Kathleen Tourgeman	Helen Leppla	Judy Bateman	David Battocletti	Ed Hueckel
Hospitality/Ushers	Trish Kehl			Laura Battocletti	

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Saint Joseph Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Columbus! We are glad that you are here and invite you to become part of our parish family to be nourished by both Word and Sacrament, and also to become involved in one or more of our parish ministries. To become a registered member you can pick up a form by the main entrance of our historic church, stop by the Sacristy after Mass, visit our web site, or contact us through the parish office. Welcome!

OUTREACH TO HELPING THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

Twice-Daily Food Distribution at Saint Joseph Cathedral ~ (614) 224-1295
 Saint Lawrence Haven, on the grounds of Holy Cross Church ~ Heather Swiger at
 hswiger@columbuscatholic.org
 Joint Office for Inner-city Needs (J.O.I.N.) ~ (614) 241-2530

SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL MUSIC

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES: ISABELLE DEMERS, ORGANIST SUNDAY, March 21 at 3pm

OFFICES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

For Diocesan offices, please call (614) 228-2457 during regular business hours,
 or visit www.columbuscatholic.org.

From the Rector's Desk...

In today's Gospel, we have an encounter between some Greeks and Jesus' disciples, Philip and Andrew. Jesus has already entered Jerusalem just prior to his Passion. The Greeks are probably Gentiles, or non-Jews, who are in Jerusalem for the Passover. They possibly converts to Judaism or interested in Judaism. They seek out the Apostle Philip who is of Greek origin and thus speaks their language. They have heard about Jesus and want to meet him. When they finally meet Jesus, he gives them a strange response: "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit." We all know that a seed must be buried in the ground if it is going to become a plant and bear fruit. It is interesting analogy for Jesus own death and burial. He dies so that we might have the fruit of his resurrection. What a beautiful symbol for us to contemplate. Jesus is willing to die so that we might have a share in his risen life. Jesus shows us the depth of God's love for us. He is willing to give himself unto death so that we might have risen life. There is, however, a corollary to Jesus' analogy. We must follow him in this action by living a life of sacrificial love, seeking the live the truth that only Jesus teaches us. Sometimes this means suffering or giving oneself for the good of the Gospel. In this Gospel account, Jesus says: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." This is where we can find the Lord. Jesus also tells us: "the Father will honor whoever serve me." In other words, we will share in the resurrection. As in last week's Gospel, Jesus says "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." He is referring to his crucifixion. This is glory in John's Gospel. Why? Because it shows the greatness of God - his willingness to give his life for all of humanity, even though some may reject this life.

Our Lenten season is soon coming to a close. Before we do that, we have another solemnity to celebrate. This coming Thursday, March 25th, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The feast celebrates the angel Gabriel greeting the virgin Mary and giving her God's proposal that she bear a son who "will be called Son of the Most High (God)," and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father (the messiah). This feast may seem out of place during the season of Lent but it is really connected to our preparation for Jesus' passion. The Son of Man gave his life on the cross so that we might have eternal life but first the Son of God surrendered his divinity to take on our humanity, beginning with his conception in the womb of Mary. And so we praise God for his wonderful ways and honor Mary for saying yes to the Lord. This Solemnity is a day of celebration, a day when we can suspend some of our Lenten penances and fasts.

Cathedral cleaning

Tomorrow, Monday, March 22nd, from 6 pm to 9 pm, we will be cleaning the Cathedral in preparation for Holy Week. Your help would be much appreciated. Pizza and sandwiches will be provided. You can sign-up in the back of the Cathedral or call the parish office.

Holy Week Liturgies

See the bulletin for the complete liturgical schedule for Holy Week. As you know, because of the need for social distancing during the pandemic, we have limited seating at the Cathedral reducing our space to approximately 140 seats. Therefore, for some of the liturgies, we will require you to reserve a seat ahead of time. Also, the Tenebrae service on Good Friday, at 8 pm, requires a reservation. The liturgies that you need to reserve a seat are Palm Sunday, 10:30 am Mass only and all of our Easter Sunday Masses (8 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 5:15 pm). You will need to arrive ten minutes before the Mass to claim your seat and you can come as early as 30 minutes before the Mass begins to get in. We will have overflow seating, approximately 50 seats, in the Cathedral undercroft for those who come late or who do not have a reservation. The liturgies will be live-streamed on a big screen for those who are seated in the undercroft and Holy Communion will be brought down at Communion time. Please go to our website: saintjosephcathedral.org to reserve a seat for you and your family. Additionally, all the Triduum Masses: Holy Thursday at 7:30 pm, Good Friday at Noon, the Easter Vigil at 8 pm; the 10:30 am Palm Sunday Mass and 10:30 Easter Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from the Diocesan website: columbuscatholic.org. Additionally, NBC4 will broadcast Easter Mass from the Cathedral at 10:30 am on Easter Sunday. If, after signing up for a particular Mass, you are not able to attend, please let us know. You can call the parish office or send us an e-mail webmaster@saintjosephcathedral.org.

Have a blessed week.
Fr. Kitsmiller

HOLY WEEK

AT

SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

Sunday, March 28 ~ Palm Sunday

- Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 27, 5:15 p.m., preceded by Confessions at 4:00 p.m.
- Masses: 8:00 a.m. | *10:30 a.m. | 12:30 p.m. | 5:15 p.m.
- Vespers Sunday at 4:45 p.m.
- * Reservations Required

Monday, March 29

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 12:05 p.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 4:00-7:00 p.m. ~ Confessions

Tuesday, March 30

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. ~ Confessions
- 12:05 p.m. ~ Daily Mass

Wednesday, March 31

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 12:05 p.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 5:15 p.m. ~ Daily Mass
- 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. ~ Holy Hour & Confessions

Holy Thursday, April 1

- No weekday morning or midday Masses
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ~ Confessions
- 7:30 p.m. ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Please note: The Church permits only one Mass to be celebrated on Holy Thursday

Good Friday, April 2 (a day of fast and abstinence)

- 12:00 Noon ~ Good Friday Liturgy: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- Confessions heard following the Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- *8:00 p.m. ~ Office of Tenebrae, Saint Joseph Cathedral Choir
- * Reservations Required

Please note: No Masses are permitted to be celebrated on Good Friday.

Holy Saturday, April 3
8:00 p.m. ~ Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4
Masses: 8:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12:30 p.m. | 5:15 p.m.
Vespers Sunday at 4:45 p.m.

Please note: All Masses for Easter Vigil and Easter require reservations.

To reserve your seat go to our website at <https://www.saintjosephcathedral.org/>

Praise God For The Great St. Joseph

FR. ED BROOM, OMV



Theologians attribute to God the cult of Latria—that of adoration. Then to Mary that of Hyperdulia—the highest veneration. To the saints is attributed Dulia—the cult of veneration. Finally, good Saint Joseph has the special class of homage and veneration titled that of Protodulia—this means, the first in the cult of veneration! In a certain sense, Saint Joseph is in a class by himself, because of his holiness, his greatness, and his sublime mission!

Saint Bernardine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales point out that God will always give to each person the specific graces necessary to carry out with faithfulness his specific mission or vocation in life. The Sacrament of Marriage will endow the couple with sufficient graces to love one another until death do they part, to be faithful until the end and to accept and raise children in the Fear of the Lord and love for His holy will. The Sacrament of Holy Orders will capacitate the man to carry out his priestly duties of preaching, celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and reconciling souls to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation with grace and perfection. Of course those who receive such Sacraments must correspond faithfully to the specific graces related to those Sacraments.

St. Joseph & His Mission

Given that good Saint Joseph was called to a most sublime mission, as a result of this God certainly endowed Saint Joseph with corresponding graces commensurate with his most lofty mission. In other words, God will never command anybody to carry out a mission—be it small or sublime—without endowing that person with sufficient graces to carry out that mission faithfully and with great love.

Saint Joseph's Two Sublime Obligations in His Unique Mission and Vocation

After Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, nobody was ever given such a sublime mission and vocation as holy Saint Joseph. Actually, Saint Joseph was given two of the most sublime obligations in the history of humanity! What were these? Saint Joseph was called to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Saint Joseph was also called by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the Son of the living God. What a sublime mission and vocation, that of good Saint Joseph.

The Best of Two Worlds

This being the case, Saint Joseph was by far the best husband in the history of humanity. Therefore, all men who have chosen that most sublime vocation of Holy Matrimony should humbly implore good Saint Joseph for the grace to live out their vocation as husbands. Without a shadow of a doubt, if any man has chosen the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and humbly invokes and calls upon the intercession of good Saint Joseph, this holy Saint will attain for him extraordinary graces.

Saint Teresa of Avila says that all the saints have power to help us. However, she never recalls Saint Joseph to have failed her upon invoking his holy presence. Moreover, Saint Teresa says that some saints delay in their intercession, but not so with good Saint Joseph. He acts quickly and efficaciously!

Best of Fathers

Not only is Saint Joseph the best of all husbands, he is also the best of all fathers. Once again, men who have chosen the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony and the openness to life, that of procreation and having children, must strive to be the best of fathers. For this reason, these men should humbly cry out and implore the good Saint Joseph for the grace to carry out with love, dedication, sacrifice, and a willingness to suffer, their sublime vocation as fathers. The primary obligation of Christian fathers is to help their children and, of course, their wife to arrive safely home in heaven.

Protector of Wife & Children

One of the highlights of the life of good Saint Joseph was that he not only provided for the Holy Family, but he also protected them. This is seen most clearly when the wicked and jealous King Herod proposed to eliminate all the male children two years and under in Bethlehem and its vicinity. Herod did so unto many Holy Innocents! However, good Saint Joseph, warned in a dream by an angel, rose quickly in the depths of the cold night, and taking both Mary and the Child Jesus, fled to Egypt until the King died and the danger was over.

Saint Joseph Help Us: Husbands and Fathers

Now, more than ever, there are so many dangers and perils for the family, that we truly need good Saint Joseph more than ever. Just a few of the dangers and extreme perils that modern fathers must confront and vanquish with the help of good Saint Joseph are the following: materialism, hedonism, pornography, despair, gang-activity, the gay-agenda, the divorce mentality, euthanasia, agnosticism and militant atheism, rebellion and disobedience (especially among the young), rampant liberalism, moral relativism, and massive confusion.

Now more than ever, men who are called to family life, men who are called to love their wives, men who are called to love and defend their children, must lift up their eyes, their mind, their heart and their soul to the Glorious Saint Joseph.

Never was it known that anyone who fled to the protection of Glorious Saint Joseph was left unaided!

Confidence in Great Saint Joseph

So may we all turn to this great saint, who has been given so many glorious titles—Patron of fathers, Patron of husbands, Patron of families, Ornament of the domestic life, Model for workers, Model of patience and purity, Master of the Interior Life (that of prayer), Terror of demons, Model of obedience, and Patron of a holy and happy death—and humbly implore him to turn to Mary, his wife and our spiritual Mother, and to Jesus, our Lord God and Savior, and beg for us the most special grace of protection from all evil, especially that of sin, and the grace to live holy lives and die a holy death.

May we be with you, Saint Joseph, in heaven to praise and glorify the Trinity forever and ever. Amen.



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Surrender Yourself to Freedom

VICKI BURBACH



Learn to follow the movements of grace, and thou wilt know how easy is the law of Christ; for it will carry thee rather than thou it. — St. Claude de la Colombière, The Spiritual Retreat

When I was in college, I taught swimming lessons for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Every session with new swimmers would begin the same way. After a hesitant slip into the pool, my beginner students would hold on to the edge with white-knuckled little hands, shivering and scared, but with wide, wary eyes they signaled a great desire to break free of the wall. They wanted so desperately to glide across that pool with their arms outstretched and their legs strong and free. Only one thing held them back: fear.

One at a time, I would coax those little ones out into the water with me, and they would wrap their arms around my neck and cling for dear life. It never failed that the most challenging skill to teach them was to float on their backs. I'd hold out my hand and gently encourage a student to turn over, tilting his head back against the surface of the water, with his legs outstretched, but relaxed, and I would support him gently beneath the small of his back, coaxing him to surrender his fears and his need to be in control, that he might relax upon the surface of the water.

To say that effort was an exercise in patience would be an understatement. But finally, there came a moment, a turning point, if you will. From that point, a student could make considerable progress. That moment came precisely when my student realized that he could get along much better in the water by surrendering his control, by allowing his body to rest comfortably amid the gentle sway of the water, trusting that my hand would stay securely beneath him as long as necessary, until he could begin to work with me toward all the other skills he sought to acquire.

One day when I was frustrated by my inability to make progress in the spiritual life, I realized that those of us who struggle are like those new swimmers I worked with so long ago. This is especially true when we think our environment is out of our control. Rather than trust in God, we believe that in order to find security, we must maintain exacting control over everything in our personal lives. We strain to stretch our legs in precise angles, contorting our arms just so, and we lift our heads to see whether we are doing things correctly. And what happens when a swimmer lifts his head while trying to float? He sinks. That's what we do. We sink. We try so hard to control every movement, to be exacting and precise. And we forget that we would find everything we are searching for if only we would surrender our control to our Heavenly Father.

It is a mistake to believe that salvation is dependent on human endeavors and that if only we can be determined enough, disciplined enough, focused enough, holy enough, we can, in effect, earn our way to Heaven or buy God's favor by our efforts. Those who believe this are non-swimmers who spend anxious and frustrated lives condemned to the side of the pool, never knowing the peace, joy, and freedom that come with trust and surrender.

We are not to place our faith in our human nature and our capacity to control our environment, our desires, our actions, or our thoughts; rather, we are to cooperate with God's grace. It is not about our power to save ourselves, but about His power to save us.

Sacrifice & Surrender

Surrender is the abandonment of our wills to God's will. It is allowing ourselves to be vulnerable — to trust in His providence. Surrender is about accepting what comes rather than perfectly juggling those balls that are your spiritual, physical, familial, and community obligations. Surrender is trusting God with all the balls, rather than trying to juggle them all by yourself.

So sacrifice, while it may seem from afar to be all about tying your hands and binding your feet, forbidding all freedom and enslaving yourself (in a bad way), in fact, your body and soul will be most free and most happy when you surrender yourself completely to God. Let Him direct your path. Let go of your misguided notions about your control, as these are based in pride, which will not only cause you to fail but will undermine the very gifts you wish to give. God is our beginning and our end; He created us and also, by His grace, will welcome us into His house for all eternity.

But letting go can be hard. Particularly in our fast-paced, hyper-scheduled, jam-packed culture. The fact is that surrender is a concept diametrically opposed to the American spirit.

After all, we are a nation founded on phrases such as Patrick Henry's famous "Give me liberty or give me death." Echoing heroically in the recesses of our minds are the words of Winston Churchill — that half-American Brit with a deeply American stubborn streak — "We shall never surrender!"

So how do we go about achieving the discipline that allows us to align our wills with the will of God while surrendering our own desires, plans, dreams — in fact, our very lives — to God? That's a tall order. Surrender doesn't come cheap — particularly in certain areas of life.

What must we do? We must be open to God's grace in our lives. We must be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. We must prepare ourselves to be ready when the opportunity to cooperate comes along.

But how do we prepare ourselves?

Love: The Great Motivator

Sacrifice is easiest and most efficacious and most authentic when it is a pure gift of love. When we offer gifts for love of Christ alone, whether forgoing a sin that seems to hold our affections or giving up a material good that we enjoy, our sacrifices are best made out of love for God and complete trust in Him.

According to St. Claude de la Colombière, "They that deliver themselves up liberally to God shall renew their strength, they shall take wings, as eagles, they shall fly and not be weary."

Love makes sacrifice easier. If you have children, just think about how much you would be willing to sacrifice for them. How much do you sacrifice for them already? How often do you cook, clean, comfort, discipline, work, and suffer for your kids without even giving it a second thought? That's what love does. It causes us to sacrifice as a gift — without even thinking twice about it. We must cultivate love in our hearts in order to be able to sur-render all to God.

When everything we do is done with the sole purpose of pleasing God out of love, sacrifice becomes not a chore, not a discipline, but a gift that is just an outgrowth of love. And re-member, anything done out of love, no matter how small, is of inestimable value in the eyes of God.

There is no freedom like the freedom of a man who has re-leased the weight of the world from his shoulders. And that is the freedom that comes with surrender. To surrender means to trust God. And in that trust, we need no longer live in fear. Trust breeds inner peace, no matter the chaos or tragedy that might threaten us. Instead of stressing over things beyond our control, we can offer them to God. Just like the swimmer flailing away at summer camp, handing over that control is the first and most important step toward growth. Ultimately, surrender will allow us to grow in holiness. We will no longer need to struggle but will be able to make wonderful sacrifices grounded in love alone. Rather than stress about things that are beyond our control, we can choose to trust God, and we will be free to love — free to sacrifice. "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor. 3:17).

The Art of Sacrifice

God is holding His hands out to You. He would like nothing more than for you to turn to Him for every need and to seek His help at all times. He desires that you live without anxiety, that, in trust, you unite your will to His, that you might learn to live a life of sacrificial love. Are you ready to surrender? If not, spend some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from complete surrender. What are you holding on to that prevents you from giving yourself completely?

Action

Ask God what He would like you to sacrifice right now. It may be something as simple as setting time aside to spend with Him. It may be as challenging as giving up a strong attachment that you've been clinging to. Whatever it is, ask Him to help you make that offering in love. If you can't quite bring yourself to make the sacrifice, keep trying. And keep asking.

Editor's note: This article is adapted from a chapter in Vicki Burbach's latest book, *The Lost Art of Sacrifice: A Spiritual Guide for Denying Yourself, Embracing the Cross, and Finding Joy*. It is available as an ebook or paperback from Sophia Institute Press.

Please Put Lectio Divina Here

~ TAKING PLACE IN OUR PARISH ~

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN OUR CATHEDRAL FOR EASTER: Please join us and other parishioners in preparing the Cathedral for the Easter celebration. A sign-up binder is located on the table at the Broad St. entrance to help with the Cathedral Easter Cleaning on Monday, March 22, 6-9 pm. A pizza, pop and sandwich supper will be ready for you at 6 pm in the Undercroft. Please sign up so we can get an accurate count for the amount of food we order.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Sunday, March 21st is the last chance to have your voice heard! Don't miss your chance to fill out the diocesan-wide Disciple Maker Index Survey through an online link or by paper copy provided by your parish or Catholic school. The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is an anonymous survey of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching and other aspects of the parish. The survey window closes on March 21, so don't miss your opportunity to participate! You can visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/kk370223ca>. **WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP IN MAKING THIS A SUCCESS, SO PLEASE PARTICIPATE!**

SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER) DURING LENT WILL BE OFFERED AT ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL Sundays at 4:45 p.m. through Pentecost, May 23. The liturgy lasts approximately 20-25 minutes and will be immediately followed by the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Vespers, commonly known as Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours and is a great way to supplement your prayer life. Through this service, we offer praise to God, pray for the needs of the world, and give thanks to God for the day.

CRS RICE BOWL serves the poorest among us through Catholic Relief Services work in over 100 countries. During this pandemic year, the 25% of the donations that stay in the diocese have supported 25 grants for local hunger programs (totaling nearly \$100,000). This year's CRS Rice Bowl donations are critical for these grants to continue as the fund's account is nearly depleted. Please support CRS Rice Bowl during Lent. Visit www.crsricebowl.org for details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent after the 12:05 p.m. Mass.

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE. For an updated listing of resources to get help, to provide help, and ways families can strengthen their faith amid the COVID-19 pandemic - www.columbuscatholic.org/coronavirus-response.

~ IN, AROUND AND NEAR THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS ~

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR. The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2021 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." For details, nomination instructions and the required online nomination form, go to www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc. Nominations will be accepted through March 31, 2021. Bishop Robert J. Brennan will announce the 2021 Catholic Man of the Year on May 7, 2021.

CONVERGING ROADS MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE: Health Care and Human Dignity. Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus. Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Diocese of Columbus, and the Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio. Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. Registration \$69 - \$149 based on CME/CNE inclusion. For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email sara@forlifeandfamily.org.

OUR LADY OF BETHLEHEM SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE is enrolling students for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten for the 2021-22 academic school year as well as a fun-filled Summer Program for children age 3 through Grade 6. Call 614-459-8285 to register and schedule a personal virtual tour!

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY: The blossom of new beginnings starts with a single, small seed. If you (or someone you know) is struggling from a past abortion experience, please call: 614-309-0157

LOW-GLUTEN* HOSTS will be served at **All Masses**. Worshippers can receive low-gluten Holy Communion from the center aisle (please identify yourself) to the Celebrant.

** contains less than 0.01% gluten content & meets the standard set by the Holy See and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.*

Update 3/15/2021

Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) ~ 2020-2021

Goal established by the Diocese – **\$55,593.71**

Enhanced Goal (additional \$44,406.29) – **\$100,000.00**

TOTAL PLEDGES TO DATE - \$ 105,047.00

WE HAVE MET AND EXCEEDED OUR GOAL BY \$5,047.00 (THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!)

Our Online Giving is available to make regular Sunday contributions to the Cathedral parish. Including your BAA contributions.

YOUR OFFERTORY IS A GIFT TO GOD: If your Offertory is not made electronically, please use your parish Offertory envelope to thoughtfully, prayerfully choose your gift. In addition, filling out an envelope or electronic statement helps us keep track of who is actively registered at our parish.

Offertory for March 13 & 14, 2021

Mail in	\$ 885.00
Credit Card	\$ 1,253.00
Regular Collection	\$ 1,683.00
6% Diocesan Tax	(\$229.26)
Total to Church	\$ 3,591.74

Online Giving Benefits

- **Secure and confidential.** No need to share payment information with the parish office.
- **Efficient.** Set up direct withdrawals from your:
 - checking account
 - savings account
 - credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover)
- **Simple.** Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- **Convenient.** No need to write a check or have cash available.



Start giving online today!

1. Visit our parish website at www.saintjosephcathedral.org and click the online giving link.
2. Create a secure account.
3. Schedule your recurring Sunday Offertory gifts.
4. Scroll down the alphabetical listing to **Bishop's Annual Appeal** and make your recurring gift.



Your contribution supports the work and operations of Saint Joseph Cathedral, our music and education programs. Please be generous in your support of these important endeavors. Your contribution can be made by sending a **text message to 614-721-4184**, or by scanning the QR code to the left with your smartphone QR Scanner Application.