

## St Bernadette Parish

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## St Mary Parish

602 Marietta Street (740) 569 • 7929  
BREMEN, OH 43107



### The Virgin Appearing to St Philip Neri

The virgin because it is May, Mary's month.  
St Philip, "the second apostle of Rome," because his feast is this Friday, May 26.  
But also because today's first reading tells the story of another St Philip,  
one of the first seven deacons, a man with the heart of a missionary.

*an altarpiece painted (1614) in oil on canvas by Guido Reni (1575-1642)  
Church of Santa Maria in Valicella (aka Chiesa Nuova), Rome*

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

MAY 21, 2017

## our parishes

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## sacramental life

### BAPTISM

To have a child baptized, you must register and attend a class as a couple (unless attendance just isn't possible, in which case some discussion with Kathy Kehnast will be necessary). Sessions are held quarterly for both parishes. Try to take the class before the child is born. If you are expecting, call Kathy to register for the class.

Please don't ask if you "have to go." This is an opportunity to meet with parents of children about the same age as your little one; those parents are in the same wonderful boat as you are.

At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic. Both godparents need to be practicing Catholics. If you don't attend Sunday Mass regularly (a major component of being a practicing Catholic), there is something you can do about it: Start coming to Sunday Mass.

### PENANCE

The priest is available for Penance

- at St Bernadette Saturdays at 3 PM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM, and
- at St Mary Bremen on Sunday at 8 AM.

In addition to Advent and Lenten Penance Services, every Catholic priest is available whenever there is a need. There are Penance opportunities for parochial school children **four times during the year so that they will learn the beauty of frequent confession**. The Church's law requires us to receive the sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

### ANOINTING AND CARE OF THE SICK

The Sick receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when dangerously ill, facing major surgery, or suffering from the ravages of old age. We celebrate the sacrament communally at a Sunday Mass before Advent and during the Easter season so that we can all pray with you for "health of mind and body."

And, we are happy to bring Penance, Anointing, and Holy Communion to the homes or hospitals of the sick or shut in. It is very helpful to call the parish office to let us know before a hospitalization or when it has been too long since the sacraments were last available.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples wishing to marry should contact the parish office six months before they wish to celebrate the sacrament. Why so long? Because **this sacrament, not just the ceremony, requires serious preparation**. And the Church needs to be involved in that preparation.

Remember, Catholics who marry outside the Church have left the sacramental life and need to change that situation before receiving the other sacraments.

The Church wishes to support couples **through the years** of their married life. That's why our diocese offers programs to enhance married life. To learn about these programs, watch the weekly bulletin.

## belonging to the Church

If you actually live in the neighborhood of one parish and go to church in another parish for a good reason, register where you worship. But don't go shopping for a parish home the way you might decide which grocery serves you best, has the best produce or the best prices. Our commitment to the Lord and his Church must never be reduced to a matter of consumer shopping. It is more a matter of blooming where you are planted. Our permanent membership is in the Catholic Church; parish membership needs to be registered with the parish where we worship each Sunday. Our "home parish" is important to us,

but, if we don't live there anymore, it is not likely to be our actual place of worship on anything like a regular basis. For purposes of baptism, first Communion, confirmation, marriage, sacramental sponsorship, burial, and such, the parish where we have registered and where we ordinarily worship is the one that counts. This has been the practice of the Catholic Church for a very long time, but it only becomes obvious when people grow up, establish a home, and sometimes have to move to another place. Whether it is here or there, register in the parish where you worship on Sundays!

## praying with the Church

### at Mass today

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,  
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relieve in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### with the pope in may : for christians in africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the merciful Jesus,  
may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

### the regina coeli

Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia:  
For He Whom you did merit to bear, alleluia,  
Has risen as He said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

*Let us pray.*

O God, Who gave joy to the world  
through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
grant we beseech Thee, that  
through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother,  
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.  
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### may is Mary's month

Mary is the mother par excellence! She is the Mother of God and our Mother. Making May her month is a fairly modern step; it isn't found in the ancient liturgical calendars, although there is a feast of the coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven (May 31). But if you were casting around for a time to celebrate a month for Mary, May would be a good choice. It is a beautiful month. Winter is decidedly over, the fields and trees are green, lots of flowers are in bloom, cattle are back in the fields. It is **a month of new life and of hope**. That fits.

During the month of May, at both our parishes, we will pray the **Rosary before Mass on Sunday mornings**. Join in Mary's prayer

- at 8:30 AM at St Mary in Bremen or
- at 10:30 AM at St Bernadette.

### God's word ... at sunday Mass

<i>Sunday, May 21,</i>	Acts 8:5-17	Psalm 66
<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	1 Peter 3:15-18	<b>John 14:15-21</b>
<i>Sunday, May 28,</i>	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47
<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	Eph 1:17-23	<b>Matt 28:16-20</b>

#### ... during the week

<i>Mon, May 22</i>	Acts 16:11-15	Ps 149	<b>John 15:26-16:4</b>
<i>Tues, May 23</i>	Acts 16:22-34	Ps 138	<b>John 16:5-11</b>
<i>Weds, May 24</i>	Acts 17:15-18:1	Ps 148	<b>John 16:12-15</b>
<i>Thurs, May 25</i>	Acts 18:1-8	Ps 98	<b>John 16:16-20</b>
<i>Fri, May 26</i>	Acts 18:9-18	Ps 47	<b>John 16:20-23</b>
<i>Sat, May 27</i>	Acts 18:23-28	Ps 47	<b>John 16:23-28</b>

### let us adore Him

Spend a **holy hour** with our Lord in the presence of his Blessed Sacrament in either of our parish churches. Or spend a **few holy**

**minutes**. We try to keep both churches open all through the daylight hours. Anybody can come, any time. Perhaps you could.

### the feast days this week

May 22 Saint **Rita of Cascia**

May 26 Saint **Philip Neri**, priest

May 27 Saint **Augustine of Canterbury**, bishop

## in both parishes

### christian initiation

Keep praying all through the Easter season for the new members of the household of faith, **Ralph Mohler** and his son **Bryant** of Bremen St Mary, and **Jennifer Palmer** of St Bernadette. They were baptized and confirmed and received Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil at St Bernadette Parish at the Great Easter Vigil liturgy of the Lord's Resurrection. And pray for **Dick Usilton** of St Bernadette Parish who made a profession of his Catholic Faith, was confirmed, and received Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. His sacramental reception was different because he was already a baptized Christian. Please welcome all of our new members. And please be thinking now about **who you are going to invite to join the Church in the coming year**.

### baby bottles

Participate in the PDHC's **Baby Bottle Campaign** by collecting your loose change **from Mother's Day to Father's Day** to help local parents and would-be parents in need. Spare change from baby bottles goes a long way to continue offering free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material assistance and life-affirming programs to strengthen families. Grab a bottle and bring it back on Father's Day. Let us give thanks to our father and mother for choosing life and help a local family do the same.

### envelopes for youth

Children and youth have **a responsibility to support the Church**. Most of them don't have access to much money (or do they?), so their contributions are necessarily small. But this is the time to teach them their responsibility. Contribution envelopes are ready to be picked up in the school vestibule at St Bernadette and the main entry vestibule of St Mary.

### vacation church school

St Mary's Vacation Church School happens this summer at Schmelzer's Grove on the evenings of June 26-30. Catholic children from both parishes are invited, no make that urged, to attend. And so are any of their friends in other parishes. Anyone interested in helping should contact Angie Kerns at (740) 654-2588. The next two planning meetings for Vacation Church School happen on Monday, May 15, and Sunday, May 21, at St Mary Bremen, both at 7 PM.

### contribution envelopes can travel

If you happen to attend **Mass at another parish**, put your home parish collection envelope into the basket. It will be sent to that parish to be included in their collection count. Thank you for giving generously ... wherever you are!

### catholic communication campaign

A special collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) will be held today. The CCC helps spread the Good News to you – and focuses on new and existing ways to communicate Jesus' gospel message, making it available to both the faithful and

those seeking the faith. The CCC supports both national and diocesan communication efforts that provide news, discussions, and special events and programs. Please be generous in the collection and support this important work.

## the bishop's annual appeal

### Bishop's Annual Appeal 2017

**"LIVING THE GOSPEL IN FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY"**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal **has begun at St Bernadette and at St Mary**. It's time for us to do what we can to support the programs and ministries that benefit both our parishes and the wider community. The Appeal **supports our parish schools of religion and the education of our future priests and deacons, and many families in need of our help**. Your gift and your prayers will help to make this year's appeal a success. Here are the goals, the amounts we have been asked to raise:

Diocesan goal	\$ 6,500,000
St Mary Parish	\$ 12,443
St Bernadette Parish	\$ 42,210

Every contribution counts; every dollar that we raise over the stated goal will be returned to our parishes to benefit our communities directly. Last year St Bernadette pledged slightly over and collected slightly under the goal. Bremen St Mary pledged well over the goal and has received the rebate of \$4,947 from the diocese. So we know we can do this if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, every one of us gives according to our ability. We are blessed with much; let us remember the needs of others.

### baa prayer

Heavenly Father, we are always thankful for all you have given us. We are especially grateful that you have sent to us your Son to be our Savior. That is the true Good News: that you love us and call us to yourself. Help us to live this Good News, this Gospel, in Faith, Hope, and Charity. Help us to respond generously to your love by sharing our material blessings for the good of all in our diocese. Send your Spirit to dwell in our hearts, so that all we do may give praise and honor to your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## at st bernadette parish

### Mass intentions at st bernadette

Monday,	May 22	8:20 AM	Eileen Clark
Wednesday,	May 24	8:20 AM	John & Ann Muetzel
Thursday,	May 25	8:20 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving for the school year
Thursday,	May 25	6 PM	Fred & Virginia Guenther
Friday,	May 26	8:20 AM	Don & Louise Mathias (anniversary)

The Church requires the pastor to offer Sunday Mass for good of the people of the parish.

### Mass at the closing of the school year

The school year at St Bernadette will conclude with a *Mass of Thanksgiving this Thursday at 8:20 AM*.

### a new teacher for st bernadette school

St. Bernadette School is accepting resumes for a **third-grade** teaching position, to begin the 2017-18 school year. The candidate must

- be a practicing Catholic, well versed in the Catholic Faith;
- hold an appropriate Ohio teaching license (1-8, K-8, K-3; professional, provisional, permanent, or resident educator) or be eligible to obtain one by August 2017;
- have current BCI&I and FBI background checks;
- have attended or be willing to attend a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Safe Environment seminar;
- completed the online teaching application for the Diocese of Columbus.

Contact Principal Pam Eltringham by e-mailing resume and letter of interest to peltring @ cdeducation . org.



## ministry at Mass at st bernadette

	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion		
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Becky Kuhn	Mallory, Mason & McKenzie Ortiz	Joyce Guenther Kathy Kehnast	Jim Kuhn Denise McGuire	Mickey Steyaert Shelia Taylor
<b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>	Amy Woo	Logan & Tori Loy, Diana Woo	Jim & Rita Merk	Nancy Griffith Jean Robinson	Larry Sanford Anna Sevigny
Monday, 8:20 AM	Kathy Kehnast	Jack Gentile, Brianna Hilyard	Patricia Dreyer	Kathy Kehnast	
Wednesday, 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Carley Matson, Mitchell Ortiz	Kathy Kehnast	Mary Jane Vajen	
Thursday, 8:20 AM	Robin Sanders	Gunner Robertson, Sarah Woo	Ms Eltringham	Mrs McGuire	Mary Jane Vajen
	6:00 PM	John Hartig	Anna & John Hartig	Lee Guinan	Paul Lonergan
Friday, 8:20 AM	Jim Merk	Joey Mannella, Lexi Utz	Jim & Rita Merk		
<b>next Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Jennifer Spiegel	Gus & Olivia Spiegel, Cady Tipple	Terry Carpenter Rosalie DeFillippo	Susan Garrett Marguerite Grimm	Craig Shaw Kathy Wagner
<b>next Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>	Scott Wood	Anna Hartig, Samantha Kerns, Addy Myers	John & Teresa Hartig	Tara Craaybeek Patricia Dreyer	Patrick Gins Ben Peters

## at st mary parish

### memorial day at sacred heart cemetery

We will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10:30 AM on Memorial Day, May 29, at Sacred Heart Cemetery, a few miles south of Bremen. This is in keeping with a long-standing tradition of worship at that place, the site of the original churches of our predecessor parish, Sacred Heart in Geneva. Mass has been celebrated there frequently since the mid-1850s. Many of our ancestors or loved ones are buried there; still more have received the sacraments there over the past 160-some years. **You don't have to have relatives associated with Sacred Heart to join us for the Mass.** You just have to have loved ones buried somewhere. It wouldn't hurt to come if you have someone who died in the service of our country whom you wish to

memorialize on Memorial Day. And it is a good idea to bring a folding lawn chair.

As usual, there is a fallback location for Mass in case of inclement weather. If it is really bad, we will meet at the pavilion at Schmelzer's Grove.

### st vincent de paul at bremen

For people in a financial jam, the season of need seems to go on throughout the year. So, the St Vincent de Paul Society in Bremen takes up a **collection after Mass on the first Sunday** of every month. **New members** are always welcome. For information, call Angi Skinner at (740) 438-0027.

### Mass intention at st mary

The Church requires the pastor to offer Sunday Mass for good of the people of the parish. Tuesday morning Mass will be celebrated for David Stretton.

### sunday at Mass at bremen st mary

	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion	gifts	sacristan / usher
<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	Paul Kunkler	Caden & Cody Fyffe	Irene Kunkler, Leo Kunkler Sr, Pam Redding	Paul Kunkler family	Nikki Schmelzer
<b>next Sunday</b>	Linda Qualls	Sydnee Rogers, Nicole Terry	Dismas Schmelzer, Jim Schmelzer, Angi Skinner	Catherine Noll April Schmelzer	Jim Schmelzer

## in the deanery

### deanery Corpus Christi celebration at bremen st mary

A deanery-wide Corpus Christi celebration will be held on the feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 18, from 1-4 PM **at St Mary Church, Bremen.** The deacons of the deanery and St Mary Parish invite everyone to attend this celebration of the most generous gift God has given to his Church. The program is simple: exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, readings and reflections, with a Eucharistic procession, rosary, and Benediction. Please be sure to pray with us for some or all of that Sunday afternoon.

### lay people meet religious life

Do you desire a stronger sense of community and prayer? Do you find yourself asking how you can develop **more of a consistent quiet time with God**? Can you have more of a monastic way of life and keep your day job? What is **the difference between a lay Franciscan, Benedictine, Dominican, Cistercian and Carmelite** anyway? **How does God desire you and your family to order your lives**? Come and **learn about the opportunities** to join lay associates and oblates from the Columbus and Lancaster area. Discover if God may be drawing you to him through a deeper connection with one of these lay orders. This presentation will be held from 7-9 PM on Wednesday, June 21, at the Spirit Center of St Mary Parish in Lancaster. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Lisa for information at [lmreshad@gmail.com](mailto:lmreshad@gmail.com).

### irish alumni golf

**Alumni of St Mary, Bishop Fenwick and Fisher Catholic High Schools** will play golf at **Pleasant Valley Golf Course**, Coonpath Rd, on Saturday, June 10, at 9 AM. Cost is \$150 per team, with a 3-player scramble format. Send your check, payable to **A One Events**, to: A One Events, Box 961, Lancaster, OH 43130. Be sure to include player names, class year, email or phone. For information contact Mike Wolshire at (740) 687-0055 or [mike@miller-lewis.com](mailto:mike@miller-lewis.com).

## in the diocese of columbus

### catholic men's luncheon

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by historian Ed Quickert. Join them on Friday, June 2, at St Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for Ed's talk, "**The History of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club.**" Mass is at 11:45 AM and will be followed by lunch and Ed's talk until about 1 PM. Reservations aren't needed; \$10 covers lunch and the meeting. Bring a friend.

June's luncheon is sponsored by **Angels Nurture & Disciple (AND, Inc.)** which is an organization that seeks **to inspire, empower, and facilitate significant improvement in the educational, career, financial, and spiritual well-being of single mothers who have chosen life for their child.** AND, Inc. fills a void for the single mothers who our culture seems to have forgotten by creating an environment in which they can thrive. For information about Angels Nurture & Disciple, go to [www.angelsand.org](http://www.angelsand.org) contact Tim Welsh at (614) 419-6985 or [tim@angelsand.org](mailto:tim@angelsand.org).

A reminder, there will be no luncheon in July and August. The next CMLC will be Sept 1. For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc) or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President at [htm@ejhlaw.com](mailto:htm@ejhlaw.com).

### project DAWN

It is no secret that there has been an overwhelming surge in opiate overdoses and fatalities within our communities. Mount Carmel Outreach and the Mount Carmel Mobile Medical Coach have joined forces with Project **DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone)**, a community-based overdose education and Narcan (naloxone) distribution program. The Project DAWN program provides Narcan kits free-of-charge to those without health insurance and limited financial means. Narcan is a safe medication that can reverse an overdose caused by prescription pain medication or heroin and save lives. For information, visit <http://www.mountcarmelhealth.com/projectdawn> or call (614) 546-4200.

## may is mental health month

One out of every four families experience mental illness. The National Catholic Partnership on Disability offers **parish resources on mental health**. Prayers, background information, and parish tools can be found at <http://www.ncpd.org/ministries-programs/specific/mentalillness>.

## face forward

Developed for the **Vocations Office** of the Columbus Diocese, Face Forward app contains valuable information for Catholics right at their fingertips. It includes such features as the **verse of the day, pray for priests, care for the common home, saint of the day and the Face Forward blog**. Face Forward give young folks something meaningful to read when they power up. Discerning what God is calling you to do can be a long journey full of many questions. Having **easily accessible information is invaluable to the discernment process**. This new app provides just that. Face Forward will continue to add fresh and relevant content to the app daily with the goal of getting users to come back each day for new offerings. With the repeat visits and usage of the app, the hope is that users will gain more love, knowledge and understanding about the Catholic faith and **clarity about what God is calling them to do**. Face Forward is a program of the Office of Vocations that allows for interaction with the youth in the Columbus Diocese and provides platforms for communication, events and opportunities to learn more about the Catholic faith and a life in vocations. There are currently over 12,000 people within the Face Forward community. For information about the Face Forward App, contact Anne Harkin at (614) 787-2377 or [anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com](mailto:anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com).

## marriage preparation volunteers

Looking for a way to serve in 2017? Engaged couples in our diocese need your help. Volunteer to serve on the diocesan **Marriage Preparation Team** as a speaker and presenter. Present virtues-based topics to engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. **If you are currently married, and have wisdom and experience to share**, you already qualify. For information, contact Kathleen Hall at [khall@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:khall@columbuscatholic.org) or (614) 241-2560.

## bulletin deadline

**Bulletin notices** must be to the parish office by 9 am on the Friday that is one week prior to the Sunday you wish your notice to appear. For example, bulletin notices for the June 18 bulletin are due by 9 am on Friday, June 9.

**Mass announcements** (when these are really necessary) must be given to the parish office by 9 am on Friday.

## diocesan senior citizens celebration

On Tuesday, June 6, **senior citizens will be honored** at St Joan of Arc Church in Powell. Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 AM, and a luncheon will follow. Registration is \$10; send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For information, call (614) 241-2540 or email [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org). Registrations are needed by June 1.

## crs spring luncheon meeting

The annual luncheon of the Catholic Record Society happens on Sunday, May 21, at St Elizabeth Church, Columbus. This year's luncheon will be held in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St Elizabeth Parish. The speaker will be Monsignor Robert Noon, founding pastor of St Elizabeth, whose talk consists of memories and reminiscences of the early days of the parish. The schedule of events includes 11 AM Mass, noon luncheon, 1:45 PM speaker and business meeting, and 3:30 PM Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction. Cost is \$21 per person. For information contact Chairman Mike Finn at [fcoolavin@aol.com](mailto:fcoolavin@aol.com) or (614) 268-4166.

## jubilee of anniversaries 2017

This celebration will be Sunday, June 25, at St Matthew Parish in Gahanna. Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass at 2:30 PM, and an informal reception will follow. Parishioners celebrating **significant wedding anniversaries** (25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and any year thereafter) are invited. For questions, call the Marriage & Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560. RSVP by June 16.

## a bishop reflects on silence in church

“People have enough, indeed, far too much, noise in their lives and the pilgrimage to church on Sundays should be peaceful, restful and refreshing. **Churches should be a spiritual oasis** in the midst of our secular desert.”

Bishop Thomas Tobin of Providence, RI, July, 2009

## st. gabriel radio

St. Gabriel Catholic Radio is on am 820. Enjoy **solid Catholic programming** that will help in your journey to know, love, and serve the Lord.

## confessions & weekday Mass nearby

These times sometimes change, though, so be sure to call ahead!

	<i>Bremen St Mary</i>	<i>Lancaster St Bernadette</i>	<i>Lancaster St Mary</i>	<i>Lancaster St Mark</i>	<i>Sugar Grove St Joseph</i>	<i>Circleville St Joseph</i>	<i>Logan St John</i>
<i>Monday</i>		<b>8:20 AM</b>	7 AM	8 AM	8 AM	9 AM	8 AM
<i>Tuesday</i>	<b>8:20 AM</b>		9 AM	8 AM	NOON	7 AM	8 AM
<i>Wednesday</i>		<b>8:20 AM</b>	7 AM	6 PM	6:30 PM	9 AM	9 AM
<i>Thursday</i>			9 AM	8 AM	NOON		
<i>Friday</i>		<b>8:20 AM</b>		8 AM	8 AM	9 AM	8 AM
<i>Saturday</i>		<i>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday only 9 AM Mass</i>				10 AM	9 AM
<i>confessions</i>	<b>Sunday @ 8AM</b>	<b>Thursday @ 5:30 PM Saturday @ 3 PM &amp; @ 8:30 AM on 1st Saturday only</b>	Saturday @ 4 PM	Saturday @ 5:30 PM	½ hour before Mass	Saturday @ 4 PM	Saturday @ 4 PM

# What you might not know about the Diocese of Columbus

*These days we are asking people to respond with a pledge for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The appeal is in support of the works of the Diocese of Columbus. But you may not know much about the diocese. So here is a little bit of background.*

*Father Kessler*

In 1808, Father Edward Fenwick, a Dominican priest, was asked by Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore to visit the Dittoe family living about 15 miles east of New Lancaster, Ohio, along the Zane Trace. They had written to the bishop asking for a priest to visit and minister to them and other German Catholic families in their vicinity. Upon finding the Dittoe family, Father Fenwick began the first known Catholic ministry in Ohio at what would become the town of Somerset, Ohio. Eventually, St Joseph's Church was built and then blessed on December 6, 1818. The oldest Catholic parish in Ohio, St Joseph's remains in Somerset serving its people to the present day under the Dominican fathers.

As the Catholic population of Ohio grew, its first diocese—the Diocese of Cincinnati—was erected by the Vatican on June 19, 1821.

Father Fenwick was named Cincinnati's first bishop. The Catholic population in Ohio grew during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, leading the Vatican to erect the Diocese of Cleveland in 1847 and the Diocese of Columbus on March 3, 1868. The new diocese included counties in central, south central, and southeastern Ohio, roughly running from the Scioto River on the west across to the Ohio River along the east. The fledgling Diocese of Columbus comprised 32 parishes and 40 missions. About 41,000 Catholics called the new diocese home. Columbus' first bishop was Sylvester Rosecrans (1868-1878).

During the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the diocesan population grew steadily. By 1900 there were 60,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus, and by 1940 there were 137,000 Catholics. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the diocese coped with a tremendous influx of immigrants from Europe who were settling in the eastern counties near mining and mill towns. Each cultural group, like the Poles, Slovaks, Italians, Hungarians, Lithuanians, and so forth, wanted parishes where their language was spoken and their culture was understood.

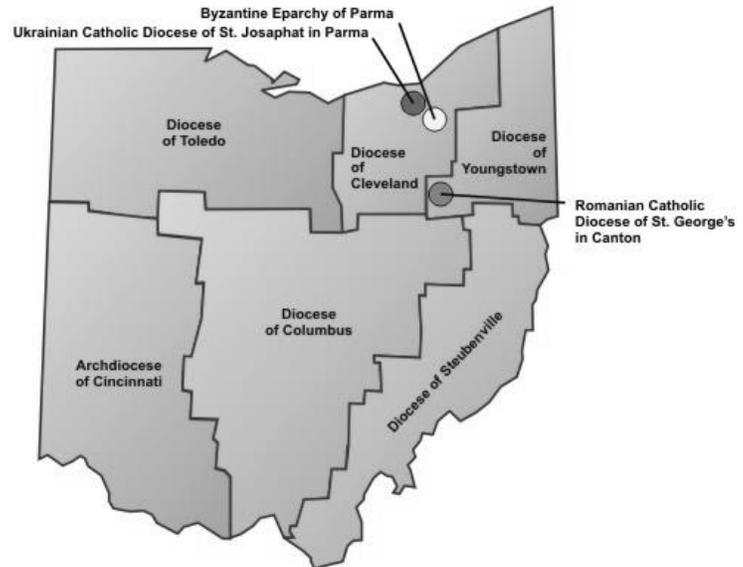
By the 1940s, language barriers were not as much of a problem as older immigrants came to better understand English and their children spoke English almost exclusively. Over time the ethnic nature and patterns of diocesan parishes became blurred. Today only two ethnic parishes remain in the Diocese of Columbus: Santa Cruz (Spanish) and St John the Baptist (Italian), both located in Columbus. All other parishes serve geographic regions.

Throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the rural population of the Diocese of Columbus declined, with a major shift to urban life beginning in the 1920s. After World War II, the Columbus city population began a major shift from urban setting to the suburbs. With these shifts came changes in parishes. As the people moved, the Church moved as well. Parishes in some areas where the population dropped would be closed or consolidated occasionally and new ones opened in areas where the population boomed.

In 1944, the Vatican erected the new Diocese of Steubenville from the Ohio River counties on the eastern side of the Diocese of Columbus. Additionally, a small strip of the eastern part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati was transferred to Columbus, giving the Diocese of Columbus its present configuration of 23 counties in central and south central Ohio.

The post-World War II years brought tremendous growth, and the 1960s brought many changes, both culturally and in the Church as a result of the Second Vatican Council. As the 20<sup>th</sup> century ended and a new millennium dawned, the Diocese of Columbus was the fastest growing in Ohio, with the Catholic population approaching 300,000 and served by 106 parishes, 219 priests, 90 deacons, 281 sisters, and countless lay ministers as of 2008.

*Text from the Columbus diocesan website [www.colsdioc.org/](http://www.colsdioc.org/), and map from the Ohio Catholic Conference website, [/www.ohiocathconf.org](http://www.ohiocathconf.org).*



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