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The Upper Room

scene of today's gospel reading

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

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cover picture: **The Upper Room or Cenacle**

The room in Jerusalem which is said to be **the site of the Last Supper** (and thus of the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders), **of the appearance to the Eleven** apostles on Easter Sunday evening (and thus of the institution of the sacrament of Penance), and **of the descent of the Holy Spirit** on the disciples on Pentecost (and thus of the institution of the sacrament of Confirmation). It is also the place where King David is said to be buried.

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sacramental life.

Where

Our parishes are where Catholics worship. We can receive the Anointing of the Sick at any appropriate place from the appropriate minister. First reception of Eucharist and of Penance as well as reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and Matrimony may only be **in one's own parish church**, unless with good reason the pastor deems it **necessary** to do otherwise.

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 attend before the child is born. If you are expecting (or already have) a newborn or if you somehow haven't gotten around to having an older child baptized, call Kathy to make plans now.

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.

Every Catholic priest is **available whenever there is a need**. There are Penance opportunities for St Bernadette School children four times in 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 priest gives the Anointing of the Sick to one who is 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."**
- The priest brings Penance, Anointing, and Holy Communion to 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 a wedding. Why so long? Because **this sacrament, not just the ceremony, requires serious preparation**. And the Church needs to be involved in that preparation. 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.

At Prayer with the Church

The Church Prays at Mass today

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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.

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.

It is prayed by Catholics, as the Angelus is prayed, at sunrise, noon, and sundown. Only the Regina Coeli is used during the Easter season. It is a great prayer for busy families: You do have time for this!

Mass Intentions This Week

Apr 16, Monday	8:20 AM	at St Bernadette	Leon Sevigny
Apr 17, Tuesday	8:20 AM	at Bremen St Mary	Mel Smith
Apr 18, Wednesday	8:20 AM	at St Bernadette	Paul Dwyer
Apr 19, Thursday	6 PM	at St Bernadette	Jeffrey Huber
Apr 20, Friday	8:20 AM	at St Bernadette	Mazzoli family

Belonging to the Church

It makes sense that Holy Mother the Church expects that we will worship in the parish where we live. There are exceptions: military people, college students, people visiting or caring for relatives, and the like. But we all live somewhere and have neighbors. Ordinarily we go to the Church there, with them. If you have moved to another place (or from another place), for more or less all of the foreseeable future, **you should register in the parish** in the new place. If you are going to be a practicing Catholic, you will most likely practice your faith with the people who live nearby and in the church that is nearby. We shouldn't dismiss the connection to the local parish lightly.

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**.

We are not like some Christian denominations for whom membership in a congregation is a matter of taste preferences and is permanent. **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!

Hear God's Word

Apr 15 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Acts	3:13-19	Ps 1	4 John 2:1-5	Luke 24:35-48
Apr 16, Monday Saint Bernadette Soubirous Patroness of our parish	Acts	6:8-15	Ps	119	John 6:22-29
Apr 17, Tuesday	Acts	7:51-8:1	Ps	31	John 6:30-35
Apr 18, Wednesday	Acts	8:1-8	Ps	66	John 6:35-40
Apr 19, Thursday	Acts	8:26-40	Ps	66	John 6:44-51
Apr 20, Friday	Acts	9:1-20	Ps	117	John 6:52-59
Apr 21, Saturday Saint Anselm, bishop & doctor of the Church	Acts	9:31-42	Ps	116	John 6:60-69
Apr 22 4 th Sunday of Easter	Acts	4:8-12	Ps 1	118 John 3:1-2	10:11-18

Both Parishes

Rice Bowl

It's **not too late** to return your Rice Bowls in the collection.

Help for Recovering Churches

Today we take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. **Your support restores the Church** and builds the future in this region. Prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

St Bernadette Parish

Still Friends after All These Years

Join the **Friends Forever** gathering on Thursday, Apr 19, as they meet for lunch at Main Street Bistro. Contact Ann Essman at (740) 654-1893 for information.

5th Sunday Collection

Members of the **St Vincent de Paul Society** will take a **collection at the church doors** on Apr 28 and 29, the 5th Sunday this month. Please be generous. The society helps the needy in the Lancaster area. They operate on income from their store and from your donations.

Open House

St Bernadette School is hosting a **Spring Open House** today, Sunday, Apr 15, from noon to 2 PM. Tour the building, meet the staff, enjoy refreshments and door prizes, and inquire about enrollment possibilities and financial assistance. For information, call the school office at (740) 654-3137.

Saint Bernadette, Our Patroness

On Tuesday, Apr 16, St Bernadette Parish will celebrate *our patronal feast day*.

Marie Bernarde Soubirous was born on Jan 7, 1844, in Lourdes, a poor village in an isolated area in the mountainous southwest of France. The oldest of six children, she was known as Bernadette. She suffered from *asthma* and other illnesses. Her family sank into *poverty* and her education, even her *religious education, was neglected*.

At fourteen, not yet having received Holy Communion and being regarded as *a slow pupil*, she received *her first apparition of Our Lady* in a nearby grotto on *Feb 11, 1858*. There followed a series of apparitions during the next few months. The apparitions and the popular excitement that accompanied them gradually drew attention to Lourdes, but for Bernadette, *apart from the spiritual consolation of these visions*, they meant embarrassment from the ceaseless and indiscreet questionings, which *allowed her no peace*.

In 1864 she offered herself to the *sisters of Notre-Dame in Nevers*, a city in central France, about 450 miles away. Illness postponed her departure from Lourdes, but in 1866 she was able to join the novitiate there. Her poor health continued, but soon she recovered enough that she was able to take care of other sick sisters and later to serve as sacristan. Asthma remained a problem for her and she suffered with *breathing problems* and related complications for all of her *brief remaining years*.

As news of the appearances she had had in Lourdes spread around France and around the world, she became an internationally known celebrity. But in the convent, some of the sisters became jealous of this simple sister's fame. She kept a *child-like simplicity* and her peasant sanity, likening herself to a broom: "*Our Lady used me. They have put me back in my corner. I am happy there.*"

Though her heart was always in Lourdes, she had no part in the celebrations connected with the consecration of the great basilica in 1876. From her cell at Nevers she wrote: "Oh, if only I could see without being seen!" But *she would never freely do anything that would attract to herself the notice of other people*.

Sister Mary Bernard died on Apr 16, 1879. In 1933 Pope Pius XI canonized her a saint. But the Church remembers her as St. Bernadette.

—from Butler's Lives of the Saints

St Bernadette School offers a full day **kindergarten program** that fosters the academic, social and emotional growth and development of each child in a very family-friendly environment. Studies show that the advantages of a full-day program far outweigh a half-day, including but certainly not limited to, full-day kindergartners learning more literacy and mathematics than those in half-day programs.

St Bernadette Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, from 9 AM-2 PM in the parish hall. There will be lunch and cupcakes—and other pleasant surprises!—for all our donors. Since the first birthday drive in 2007, **we have collected over 1000 units of blood**, saving up to 3000 lives. Call (740) 974-5040 or go to www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or sign up to donate. The need for blood is constant—every two seconds someone in the US needs blood. Each day the American Red Cross must collect approximately 14,000 units of blood to meet the needs of patients at 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers.

Ministry at Mass at St Bernadette

+	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion
Apr 14, at 4 PM Saturday, Vigil 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Sandy Landefeld	Kendall Cox, Becca Fuller, Addy Myers	Terry Carpenter Bob & Angie Christy Kathy Kehnast Jim & Becky Kuhn
Apr 15 at 11 AM 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Teresa Scarpitti	Jack Tencza, Brooke & Bryson Vogel	Pat Gins John & Teresa Hartig Jean Robertson David Shonk Becky Wickham
Monday, 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Kyndra Nagle, Daschel Neighbor	Pat Dreyer Kathy Kehnast
Wednesday, 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Silus Hopkins, Isabelle Lazar	Angie Christy Mary Jane Vajen
Thursday, 6 PM	Kathy Kehnast	Hyde O'Rielly, Olivia Reynolds	Lee Guinan Paul Lonergan
Friday, 8:20 PM	Jim Merk	Morgan Cox, Amelia Robertson	Rita Merk Mary Jane Vajen
Apr 21, at 4 PM Saturday, Vigil 4 th Sunday of Easter	Teresa Carpenter	Mallory, Mason & Mitchell Ortiz	Susan Garrett Joyce Guenther Lee Guinan Denise McGuire Craig Shaw Mickey Steyaert
Apr 22, at 11 AM 4 th Sunday of Easter	David Shonk	Collin & Emma McCrary, Caroline Messerly	Pat Dreyer Pat Gins Ben Peters Anna Sevigny Mary Jane Vajen Amy Woo

Entering St Bernadette School

St Bernadette School **invites you to register your children now** for grades preschool through 5th for the 2018-2019 school year. Private tours and classroom observations are available at any time. Want to send your children to a fine Catholic school like St Bernadette, St Mary's middle school, or Fisher Catholic High School, but you wonder about the cost? Assistance is available. For information, call the school office at (740) 654-3137.

The **preschool program** offers a progressive learning approach, and kindergarten-readiness goals, within a flexible schedule. **Elementary grades** (full-day kindergarten through 5th grade) offer a highly respected program of academic excellence and positive experiences.

Bremen St Mary Parish

Vacation Church School

St Mary Parish will host children from parishes all over our area for a week of fun, learning, and prayer at a very special Vacation Church School again this summer, on the evenings of June 18-22, at Schmelzer's Grove. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon at St Mary in Bremen. Anyone interested in helping (from either parish!) should attend the meeting or contact Sarah Borah at (740) 569-7788.

Ministry at Mass at St Mary

+	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Communion	gifts	sacristan / usher
3 rd Sunday of Easter Apr 15 at 8:30 AM	Pete Kunkler	Brooke Holt, Carly Kunkler	Irene Kunkler, Joe & Cathy Young	Pete Kunkler family	Ralph Mohler
4 th Sunday of Easter Apr 22 at 8:30 AM	Linda Qualls	Alex Schmelzer, Jillian Wilkinson	Pam Redding, Dismas Schmelzer, Jim Schmelzer	James Noll Jr family	Chris Redding

Diocese of Columbus

Why Do We Believe?

St Mark Church presents Fr Thomas Blau OP speaking on the theme *Why We Believe in the Resurrection* on Apr 15, 16, and 17 at 7 PM.

The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring, Tra La

The St Mary Teacher Association **Spring Flower Sale** takes orders until Apr 16. Order forms are available on their website: www.saintmarylancaster.com or at the school office at (740) 654-1632. Orders can be picked up at St Mary School on Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5. All proceeds benefit St Mary School tuition.

Irish Alumni Golf

Alumni of St. Mary, Bishop Fenwick and Fisher Catholic High Schools will play at Pleasant Valley Golf Course on Saturday, June 9, at 9 AM at \$150 per team. For information and to check availability contact Molly Neighbor at (740) 654-1231 or mneighbor@cducation.org.

With a Little Bid O'Luck

Donations are being gathered for the live and silent auctions at the **Bid O'Luck dinner auction** happening on Saturday, Apr 28, with the theme of *Saturday Night Irish Fever*. Contact Milea Quaintance at (740) 689-3288 to **donate goods, cash or services**. Bid O'Luck **raffle tickets are now on sale** for one \$7,500 prize and five \$500 prizes. Tickets (\$100 each) can be purchased after Mass today or by contacting Kellie Shonk at (740) 654-1231 or keshonk@cducation.org. Buy a raffle ticket for yourself, or gather your friends and split the cost.

Life After Abortion

Bethesda Healing Ministry helps **mothers and fathers who have suffered the experience of abortion**. You are invited to *Rich in Mercy*, a special Bethesda Healing Ministry **benefit event**, on Thursday, Apr 26, at St Agatha Church. Mass is at 5:30 PM followed by dinner and a program. The celebrant and speaker will be Bishop James Wall, bishop of Gallup, NM. Featured harpist is Mrs Kathleen Tully, director of music at St Patrick Church. An appeal will be made at the dinner for your help in continuing this ministry of hope and healing. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased at bethesdahealing.org or by calling Diana Davis at (614) 718-0277.

Jail & Prison Ministry Conference

The **Living as Missionary Disciples** conference is for both experienced prison ministers and those interested in prison ministry. It happens on Saturday, April 28, from 9:30 AM to 3 PM at St Elizabeth Church in Columbus. Keynote speaker is Ron

Zeilinger, executive director of Dismas Ministry, a national Catholic prison outreach. Conference topics include restorative justice, models of ministry, reentry ministry, and advocacy. Cost is free. Register by Apr 24 at www.columbuscatholic.org/prison-ministry-criminal-justice or call (614) 241-2540.

Weekly Confessions & Masses

But these times sometimes change, so to call ahead!							
parish	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Penance
Bremen St Mary		8:20 AM					8 AM Sun
Lancaster St Bernadette	8:20 AM		8:20 AM	6 PM	8:20 AM	9 AM 1st Sat	5:30 PM Thu, 3 PM Sat, 8:30 AM on First Sat
<i>Lancaster St Mary</i>	7 AM	9 AM	7 AM	9 AM			4 PM Sat
<i>Lancaster St Mark</i>	8 AM	8 AM	6 PM	8 AM	8 AM		5:30 PM Sat
<i>Sugar Grove St Joseph</i>	VARIES	NOON	7 AM	NOON	NOON		½ hour before Mass
<i>Circleville St Joseph</i>	9 AM	7 AM	9 AM		9 AM		4 PM Sat
<i>Logan St John</i>	8 AM	8 AM	9 AM		8 AM	9 AM	4 PM Sat
<i>Fisher Catholic HS</i>					2:40 PM		2 PM on First Fri

Our Franciscan Friends Celebrate May

The Franciscan Sisters TOR invite you to celebrate their 30th anniversary at an **Open House and May Crowning** on Saturday, May 19, at their monastery at 369 Little Church Road, Toronto, Ohio. This family fun day includes pony rides, hayrides, a petting zoo, and face painting, along with a "Battle of the (Praise) Bands" from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Bands from various area churches will perform. Lunch is free. May Crowning will be held outdoors at 1:30 PM and the Pentecost Vigil Mass at 4 PM. No reservations necessary; donations are gratefully accepted. For information, visit www.FranciscanSistersTOR.org or call (740) 544-5542.

Keeping the Lord's Day Holy

It is a good idea. And it is the law. These days there are a lot of pressures to ignore this **most generous of divine commands**. Here is a simple plan for recovering a God- and family-centered Lord's Day that a US senator spoke of the other day.

We turn off social media at our house on Sundays, usually. So, on Saturday nights we try to become focused on where we are and turn off "distance." We have teenage kids and we impose this on them.

You could try it. Perhaps you would begin the restoration of divinely mandated leisure, something vital in your family life.

The Hills Are Alive!

The Hocking County Children's Chorus presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical drama *The Sound of Music* on May 19 at 7 PM and May 20 at 3 PM at the Logan High School Theater. The director of the play, Teresa Karnes, wife of our business manager, Steve Karnes, promises that the children will be sure to sing and dance their way into your hearts as they present this treasured classic. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased in advance or at the door.

The Diocese of Columbus: A Heritage of Grace

A Diocesan Celebration !

Join Bishop Campbell and the clergy and people in celebrating the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the diocese of Columbus on Sunday, Apr 22, at 5:15 PM at St Joseph Cathedral. All members of the diocese are invited to this special Mass of Thanksgiving. For information about 150th anniversary activities, visit columbuscatholic.org/150th-commemoration.

One Hundred Fifty Years

In 1808, Father Edward Fenwick, a Dominican priest, was asked by Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore to visit the Dittoe family living near Somerset about 15 miles east of "New Lancaster", Ohio, along the Zane Trace. The family had written to the bishop asking for a priest to visit and minister to them and other Catholic families in the area. When he found the Dittoe family, Father Fenwick began the first Catholic ministry in Ohio at what would become the town of Somerset. Eventually, St Joseph's Church was built and then blessed on Dec 6, 1818. The oldest Catholic parish in Ohio, St Joseph's remains in Somerset served to the present day by Dominican fathers.

As the Catholic population of Ohio grew, its first diocese was founded in Cincinnati in 1821, with Father Fenwick becoming her first bishop. And the Catholic population in Ohio kept growing during the 19th century. At a time of decisive events (three years after the end of the American Civil War, just prior to the convening in 1869-1870 of the Church's first ecumenical council in over 300 years, and the conquest and final suppression of the Papal States by the king of Italy in 1870), Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Columbus on March 3, 1868.

The Columbus 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 comprised 32 parishes and 40 missions. About 41,000 Catholics called the new diocese home. Columbus' first bishop was Sylvester Rosecrans.

During the late 19th and early 20th 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 19th 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, such as 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 less of a problem, as older immigrants came to understand English, and their children spoke English almost exclusively. The ethnic nature and patterns of diocesan parishes gradually 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.

Through the 20th century, the rural population of the diocese declined, with a major shift to urban life beginning in the 1920s. After World War II, the Columbus city population began another major shift, from urban to suburban. 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. And 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. In the 21st century, 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, and 281 sisters.

Sylvester Rosecrans, first bishop of Columbus

Born Feb 5, 1827, in Homer, Ohio, Sylvester Rosecrans grew up in northern Licking County. Tradition has it that he was baptized by a Methodist minister. He studied at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. In 1845 he converted to Catholicism at the urging of his brother William (later a very important general in the US Army during the Civil War). Young and enthusiastic, Sylvester left Kenyon and enrolled at Fordham University, New York, from which he graduated with high honors.

Sylvester then expressed to Archbishop John Purcell his desire to be a priest (at that time the counties composing the Diocese of Columbus were part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati). Archbishop Purcell sent him to the College of the Propaganda in Rome, Italy, where he earned a doctorate in theology with honors. He was ordained a priest on June 5, 1852, in Rome.

Father Rosecrans served as a pastor in Cincinnati and also taught at the diocesan seminary. In 1856 Archbishop Purcell appointed him president of the newly opened college for Catholic youth in connection with the seminary.

In late 1861, Pope Pius IX named Fr Rosecrans (age 34!) auxiliary bishop of Cincinnati and titular bishop of Pompeiopolis. Archbishop Purcell consecrated him on Mar 25, 1862, in St Peter's Cathedral. In 1867, Bishop Rosecrans was appointed pastor of St Patrick Church in Columbus as a preliminary step in the erection of the Diocese of Columbus. The Holy Father formally erected the Diocese of Columbus on Mar 3, 1868, and named Bishop Rosecrans the first bishop.

Bishop Rosecrans established the many institutions required in the new diocese, including parishes, schools, and orphanages. In 1875 he started the first newspaper of the new diocese, the *Catholic Columbian*. During this time, with valuable help from his brother, he also oversaw construction of St Joseph Cathedral, which he consecrated Oct 20, 1878. A day later, Oct 21, 1878, he died. He is entombed in the undercroft of St Joseph Cathedral.

Prayer Intentions for April, 2018

Please pray for the sick and those in need of healing, especially:

Angie Abel	Barbara & Joe Difilippo	Isaiah Hurd	Patty Mohler	Sherri Sheets
Mark Amato	Olivia Grace	Chuck Huston	Gabriel Moore	Barb Smelzer
		Debbie Hyme-Bixler	Daniel Morris	Tom Smith
Nancy Bailey	Dreyer		Betty Carol Moschetta	Helen, Sue & Nicole, Smith
Sr. Sharen Baldy	+	Becky Jewel	Patrick Murnane	Mary Lee Snoke
Luke Ball	Cooper, Dylan, & Rachel Echard	Jim Jewett		Deb Stinehelfer
Heather Baskin		Leon & Mary Johnson	Louie Niemann	David Strohmeier
Jolene Beatty	Anthony Ellis	Theresa Junciewicz		Marci Studer
Christen Beck	Betty Estep		Lynda O'Brien	Jeff Stuyvesant
Anthony & Tracie Binetti	Brooke Evans	DeAnn Kirkwood	Ava O'Dell	Jenny Sutherland
Barron	+	Greg Klopfer		
& Rita Black	Bill Fisher	Stacy Knight	George Palmer	Chad Thurkettle
Joan Black	Laura Fox Fonseca	Carol Knotts	Aubree Parsons	Clark Thurmond
Toni Blanchard	Mike Ford	Tiffany Kohler		Rose Trout
Sharon Bloom	Meredith Frear	Steven Kress	Mary Rice-Patt	Elizabeth Tucker
Hayden Brothers			Zane Peters	
Marcie Brown	Regina Gallagher	Kelly Lambert	Karen Phillips	
Kathleen Butler	Christine Gentry	Samantha Lamp	Kate Prentice	Allen & Betty Underwood
	Agnes Gins	Edna Lee		Michelle Unger
Aaron Capretta	Jim Griffith	Adrianne Leith	Norman Ream	Derek Upp
Milissa Casto		Nina Lombardo	Donna & Bill Roark	
Tate Chancey	Marilyn Haag	Barbara Lorey	Tony Ross	Mary Jane Vajen
Ray Clark	Donte Hall		David Roundhouse	
Jeanne Corsi	Becky Hams	Brian Mahon	Vivian Rowntree	Robert Waits
Jennifer Craiglow	Pat Hanna	Nancy Mason	Sam Runco	Bea Ward
Deacon Bob Crook	Luke Hay	Larry Mattox	Keary Ryan	Phil Weldon
	Timothy Heck	Susan McClellan		Elizabeth Wellington
Irene D'Amore	Julia & Mark Hedges	Fred Menigat	Brent Sanford	Matthew, Michael & Scott Whitehead
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Denny Daugherty	Doug & Paul Hockman	Bob & Shirley Miller	Shirley Schambach	Rose Wilson
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Parishioners have also asked that we pray

- for all the deceased, and for the comfort and consolation of their families
- for an increase in vocations
- for guidance for Pope Francis, Bishop Campbell, Father Kessler, and all our clergy and religious leaders
- that Mary, the Holy Mother of God, will continue to care for our parish and lead us to her Son
- with praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of the Resurrection!

Please contact the parish office at (740) 654-1893 or stberparish@yahoo.com to keep this list current.

Together ... Alone with God

Life is hectic. This spring, slow down and spend a quiet weekend with Our Lord. Attend an **Alone with God** retreat at Catholic Familyland in Bloomingdale, Ohio. A **women's retreat** is Apr 26-29. Step away from the intensity of daily life to rediscover your Father's love in the silence. Retreat includes inspiring conferences to deepen your knowledge of God, spiritual direction for your

journey of faith, abundant graces given through the sacraments, and rest. Learn more or register at afc.org.

Pope Francis Asks Us to Pray This Month

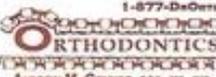
that those responsible in economic matters may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Healing in the Opiate Addiction Epidemic

For **resources and suggestions** for families, schools, and parishes to respond to the opiate addiction epidemic in Ohio, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/drug-awareness or contact the Social Concerns office at (614) 241-2540.

Put a Spring in Your Step

That's what you'll have after a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend**. The next two weekends in Central Ohio are July 13-15 and Sept 14-16. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. For information or to apply, contact Paul or Marilou Clouse at (614) 834-6880 or visit www.wmecolumbus.org.

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