

Congratulations, Henry!

For being accepted into the Order of Instituted Acolytes by Bishop Fernandes. (Details inside)



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The Ascension of the Lord

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

~ Mt 28:19a, 20b

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM

DAILY MASS

MON & WED

5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI & SAT

8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY

6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY

9 AM

Parishioners may schedule an appointment for Confession with one of the priests by calling the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM

614.876.1272

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Evan Ray Dickson
Jonathan Robert Intrieri
Joseph Maxwell Daniel Intrieri

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

stbrendan.weadorehim.com

TUES 9 AM – 10 PM

WED 7 AM – 5 PM
Holy Hour 6–7 PM
Confessions available

THURS 9 AM – 10 PM

FRI 9 AM – 10 PM

SAT 9 AM – 1 PM



MASS INTENTIONS MAY 22-28

MON	5:30 PM	Jan Martin
TUES	8:00 AM	Rick Zengler
WED	5:30 PM	Babs Thissen
THURS	8:00 AM	Rick Zengler
FRI	8:00 AM	Giovanna Giuliani
SAT	8:00 AM	Jan Martin
	5:30 PM	Harry Shaia
SUN	7:15 AM	Wayne Lichwa
	8:45 AM	Bob Bridges
	10:45 AM	David Herold
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish

DIOCESAN COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Communication Campaign helps the Church to spread the Gospel message in the USA and in developing countries using modern media tools to inform, inspire, and enlighten. To contribute, please leave your gift in the giving basket at Mass or scan the QR code to make an online gift (<https://ppay.co/ihMKqNsNXY8>). Thank you for your generosity.



NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will now be closed every weekday from 12-1 PM, so our staff can eat and recharge to better serve our parishioners! The parish office hours are now Monday-Friday, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM.

SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-4 PM

New Members – All are Welcome!

Email receptionist@stbrendans.net or call 614.876.1272
Request a packet at stbrendans.net/become-a-member

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at stbrendans.net/baptism

Baptism Preparation Classes

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM (2 classes required).
See website for details or email baptism@stbrendans.net

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Brown at frbrown@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing & Bulletin Request

Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing
Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail request to the Parish Office with \$10 (due when the request made).

Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention (cost is \$75). Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Ministry of Care for our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jennifer at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

Open most Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News

Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaQ account to automatically begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. To have Sunday worship materials & bulletins emailed weekly to you, go to tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids



A MESSAGE FROM FR WELDIT

CATHOLIC "RITE" EXPLAINED...

A rite represents an ecclesiastical tradition about how the sacraments are to be celebrated. As the early Church grew and spread, it celebrated the sacraments as would be best understood and received in the context of individual cultures, without ever changing their essential form and matter. The early Church sought to evangelize in the major cultural centers

of the first centuries A.D. These centers were Rome, Antioch (Syria), and Alexandria (Egypt). All the rites in use today evolved from the liturgical practices and ecclesiastical organization used by the churches in these cities.

According to the 1990 Code of Canons of Oriental Churches, a rite is "the liturgical, theological, spiritual and disciplinary patrimony, culture and circumstances of history of a distinct people, by which its own manner of living the faith is manifested in each Church *Sui iuris*." (also spelled *Sui juris*, this is a Latin term meaning "in one's own right.")

The Ge'ez Rite based in Ethiopia is closely associated with the Coptic rite. Missionaries from Alexandria spread the faith in Ethiopia in the 4th century. The Alexandrian Rite is divided into the Coptic and Ge'ez Rites with the main distinction being between the Coptic and Ge'ez languages.

Ge'ez is the liturgical language of the Orthodox and Catholic Churches in Eritrea and Ethiopia. It is one of the first few ancient languages the Bible was translated into as early as the 4th and 5th centuries. In recorded history, Christianity became the state religion of the Axumite Empire (the cradle of Ethiopian and Eritrean civilization) in the 330's. In the centuries which followed, monasticism was introduced from Egypt and liturgical practices developed. Both the monastic lifestyle and the liturgical practices have made very little changes throughout the centuries.

The Ge'ez liturgical hymn (ziema) is credited to Yared who lived around the 6th century. He is known as Mahletaty Yared (which means "Yared the Composer"). The Ge'ez Christian tradition kept the liturgical dance and the drum part of its sacred ritual as part of its celebration, which is markedly African. This is a clear testimony of its unique African identity and antiquity. In Eritrea and Ethiopia, Christians make up to 50% of the total population, the majority of whom being of the Orthodox-Tewahdo tradition. Though Ge'ez is no more a spoken language, it is used for liturgical services, which can rightly call Ge'ez the sacred language of this ancient African Church. Ge'ez is an ancient court language from the period when Ethiopia first adopted Christianity. It carried down as the liturgical language even as it fell out of use otherwise and is regarded with pride as a symbol of the ancientness and rootedness of the faith in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Much like Latin in the West, many lay people do not understand the language, so several parts of the Ge'ez rite, like the readings, are in local languages.

The Catholic Church is truly universal since it unites so many diverse rites, whose members share a common faith. ~ Fr Weldit

In case you didn't already know... Fr Weldit resides at St Brendan and is the Parochial Vicar in holy service to the Eritrean Catholic Community of Columbus – Ge'ez Rite. To learn more, visit www.stbrendans.net/geez-rite



CONGRATULATIONS TO HENRY SZABO!

Henry Szabo has been accepted into the Order of Instituted Acolytes by Bishop Fernandes. This will allow Henry to exercise more ministry at the altar and to the sick, in addition to the work he already does so generously.

We are very happy for Henry to receive this ministry which is not something that he has sought but that the Bishop himself recognized and affirmed. Henry will be instituted into this role at a future Mass to be determined by the Bishop's schedule.



PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 25
12-3 PM
 IN THE MPR
 FOLLOWING THE 10:45 AM MASS
FOOD PROVIDED:
 BURGERS, BRATS, HOT DOGS & DRINKS



SAVE THE DATE!



ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends or family **who are hospitalized** or are **ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones, please email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net. Or visit our online Prayer Wall and make your request for any other intentions at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch	Peter Kim
Bill Brake	Doris Kopac
Mary Brake	Jim Logue
Chris Carrino	Jane Lumen
Eugene Chervenak	Mary Pat Marchion
Linda Clark	Jill Markey
Patricia Crane	Joe Martin
Tom Crane	Becky Moyer
Chuck Destefani	Grant Nuss
Mary Jo Flickinger	Pamela Theado
Mary Frick	Mitzie Toth
Don Johnson	Marilyn Wiggins
Bob Kienle	

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Aaron Grieshop	Jackson Maassel
Sam Imwalle	Alec Moyer
Christopher Keck	Rick Shonkwiler
Cody Longstreth	Rob Shonkwiler

Please continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call 614.876.1272

NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a friend or family member who is no longer practicing the faith, visit the Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk and our ministry will pray for their return back to the Church.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 22

9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
9:30 AM	Lord Teach Us How to Pray/SoulCore	Grotto
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
7:00 PM	Lord Teach Us How to Pray/SoulCore	Grotto

TUESDAY, MAY 23

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Road Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration: Confessions Available	Church

THURSDAY, MAY 25

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

FRIDAY, MAY 26

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY, MAY 27

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Road Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	The Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Church
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	SVdP Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (w/patio)
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, MAY 28

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Road Meeting Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	ROOTS Core Team Formation	OFF-SITE

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION CALENDAR

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	○ Painting of Church					
	○ Demolition of 5th Grade and MPR Hallway Flooring					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Painting Completed					
	Flooring Extraction Completed					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Parish Picnic	○ New Flooring in Church					
VBS Begins	○ Repaving of Parking Lot (weather permitting)					

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
						Mass in MPR
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	New Flooring Completed					
	Parking Lot Completed and Painted					
Mass in MPR						Mass in MPR
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	○ Installation of 5th Grade and MPR Hallway LVT Flooring					
	○ New Lighting in 1st Grade Classrooms					
Mass in MPR	○ Installation of Baptismal Font					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	1st Grade Lighting Completed					
	○ Installation of Choir and Organ Platform					
	○ Installation of Carpet in Gathering Space					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	5th Grade and MPR Hallway Flooring Completed					
	○ Installation of New Organ					
30	31					

ST BRENDAN FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration opens on Monday, May 22 for St Brendan's 2023 football! All boys in the parish entering grades 6-8 are eligible to play in the Diocese's tackle football league. Boys entering 5th grade have the choice of playing tackle or flag and boys entering 4th grade can participate in Diocesan flag football. We take great pride in our football program and strive to create a fun, safe and highly competitive atmosphere.



- We focus on coaching the fundamentals and team concepts of football the right way. We honor current safety standards set by USA Football and the NFHS. Your child will be exposed to outstanding coaches who have played and coached at the highest levels of football.
- We believe in promoting fun not just through the experience of spending time with friends but by working with those friends to achieve goals. We embrace competition and will work to help our young athletes achieve individual and team success.
- Football is the ultimate team sport. It's an avenue for helping boys develop not only into great players and teammates but role models in their homes, schools and communities. We embrace what it can do for our players and will promote and uphold values that are consistent with OUR PARISH & OUR FAITH.

Please visit www.stbrendans.net/athletics to register today. Registration ends July 31. For questions about the program, please email Ben Lamielle at brlamielle@yahoo.com

2023 PARISH FESTIVAL

DONATE AN EXPERIENCE!

If you have tickets to sporting events, vacation time-shares, or other "experience" types of items that you are interested in donating to the 2023 St Brendan Festival Silent Auction OR if you are in contact with a business that would like to donate items, or participate as a festival sponsor, please contact Mike Lynch at 614-264-0314 or festival@stbrendands.net. For other donation opportunities, watch for the giving tree coming in June.



Join Bishop Fernandes for the Eucharistic Revival Processions

06.02

St Peter, Worthington
7 PM Mass, followed by procession
9 PM Reception

06.03

St Margaret of Cortona
4 PM Mass, followed by procession

06.04

Basillica of St Mary of the Assumption
11:15 AM Mass, followed by procession

06.05

St Matthew, Gahanna
6 PM Mass, followed by procession

06.06

Holy Redeemer > St Mary's, Portsmouth
12 PM Mass, followed by procession
2 PM Luncheon

06.07

St Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville
7 PM Mass, followed by procession

06.08

St Leo Oratory
6 PM Mass, followed by procession

06.09

St Vincent de Paul
5:30 PM Mass, followed by procession

06.10

St Paul, Westerville
8:30 AM Mass, followed by procession

06.11

St Joseph Cathedral
10:30 AM Mass, followed by procession

06.11

Sts Simon and Jude
3 PM Mass, followed by procession

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States, is gearing up for Year Two – the Year of Parish Revival (2023-2024). The Eucharistic Revival is an important national movement to help the faithful fall further in love with Jesus, especially in the Eucharist, and be inspired and equipped to share that love with others. In the nine days leading up to the **feast of Corpus Christi (June 11)**, Bishop Fernandes will be offering Mass and leading Eucharistic processions throughout the Diocese. Please mark your calendars to join him at one of the dates and locations listed above.

MAKE YOUR APPEAL PLEDGE TODAY!

The Appeal 2023 will benefit Catholic education, evangelization, social concerns and services of the Diocese and vocations, including the growing list of seminarians (like our own Keith Bray!) starting this Fall. All gifts, large and small, are important. Participation is the key to success. The parish goal is \$263,000 and all funds received above goal will be applied towards renovating our lighting system in the sanctuary – a much needed update! Please pledge to *The Appeal* today. Return your envelopes to the giving lockbox in the gathering space, mail to the church office, or pledge online by visiting ColumbusCatholicgiving.org/appeal (or scan the QR). Thank you for your generosity!



The Appeal
Supporting Catholic Ministries



LORD TEACH US SERIES – SOULCORE

All are welcome for SoulCore Rosary prayer with gentle strength, stretching and movement Monday, May 22 with two sessions in Wellnitz Hall: 9:30 AM and 7 PM. Please bring a mat or towel for ground-based exercise. If the weather is nice, we will head to the Marian grotto to pray. The movements are invitations, not requirements, so you may be seated in a chair and pray. Men, women, and children, all ages and fitness levels, are welcome as we give thanks for our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary together in Our Lady's beautiful month of May. Questions? Contact Lori Crock at lori.writtenimpact@gmail.com



ST BRENDAN YOUNG ADULTS – 2023 KICKOFF

Calling all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Join us on Wednesday, June 7 for an evening to get to know other young adults in the parish. We will be starting off with Adoration and Confession from 6-7 PM followed by a social event in Wellnitz Hall 7-9 PM (snacks and drinks provided). Questions? Contact Kayla at kaylastucke@gmail.com



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY – MAY 31

Discover what it means to "Be Saved." Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the time it was written. Presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans — Salvation. The Bible Study begins May 31, 7 PM in Davidson Meeting Room B. To register, visit www.stbrendans.net/adults or find the Summer Bible Study form on ParishStaq. Questions? Contact Phil Petrella at papetrella@gmail.com

NEW EAGLE SCOUT ALUMNI CHAPTER

Boy Scout Troop 859 is starting a new Eagle Scout Alumni chapter at the parish! The chapter would come together to help service the Troop and parish, provide mentoring to younger Eagle Scouts, and hold a couple of social events annually. If you earned the rank of Eagle Scout, you have a lot to share, so please reach out to Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net to let us know if interested.



STEAK & ALE – JUNE 10

Men's Club is hosting a Steak and Ale social event on Saturday, June 10 at 7-11 PM. Cost is \$20 per person if paid in advance or \$25 at the door. Advance tickets will be available after all Masses beginning May 28. Select a steak, head to the grills, and cook it the way YOU like it. Appetizers, sides, and beverages are also included. All men of the parish are invited, 14 years & up. Extend your fellowship with other men of the parish as well as diocesan friends, sons, nephews, and grandsons. Also, enjoy Cornhole, Euchre, and other fellowship-filled activities! Questions? Contact Fred at joc93@yahoo.com



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Ohio



DISABILITY AWARENESS: SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Through a shared experience and love of sports, Special Olympics Ohio creates a sense of connectedness in an inclusive culture. We provide a space for individuals, families, and community partners to come together as we focus on the courage, strength, and skill of our athletes. Because the need for belonging is always urgent, our signature sports and community-based fundraising events take place throughout the year so that everyone has the opportunity to contribute and be valued members of their communities.

Special Olympics Ohio supports over 20,000 athletes and over 110 local programs across the state of Ohio. Special Olympics Ohio provides a lifetime of opportunities to athletes of all ages, at no cost to them, through the transformative power of sport. Many people are surprised to learn that our core programs of Sports, Unified Champion Schools, Young Athletes, Healthy Athletes, and Athlete Leadership go beyond sporting events, to drive social change that enables whole community participation for people with intellectual disabilities. We are so thankful for the Knights of Columbus and their over 30 years of support!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS COLLECTION: MAY 27/28

Next weekend, parishioners will have an opportunity to financially support Special Olympics Ohio, through a special collection at Mass, with a portion being donated directly to the Hilliard Special Olympics. Your gift can be made via check (made payable to St Brendan KofC with "Measure Up" written on it) or scan the QR code (ppay.co/io8GmFrPTak) to donate online. Thank you for your generous support!



ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

family faith formation 

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the 2023-24 school year will open in mid-late May. Watch the bulletin, *Navigator News*, and social media channels for announcements.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The last Children's Liturgy of the Word is this Sunday, May 21. Have a great summer and we'll see you back in the Fall!



A promotional graphic for the 2023 Vacation Bible School (VBS). It features a sun icon with the text 'COST \$25 PER CHILD', a cloud with 'JUNE 25-30', and another cloud with 'NEW PROGRAM!'. The central text reads 'JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 VBS'. There are several small photos showing children participating in activities, and a central illustration of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child.

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Totus Tuus – New VBS program this year! Cost is \$25 per child. The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire and equip young people to encounter the truth of Jesus Christ through witnessing a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and a total openness to their vocation.

Day Camp: Monday-Friday, June 26-30, 9 AM-2:30 PM for children entering grades 1-6. You must send your child with a packed lunch for the day. We will provide a morning snack.

Youth Nights: Sunday-Thursday, June 25-29, 7-9 PM for children entering grades 7-12

Potluck: On Wednesday night in the MPR at St Brendan, to give your family a chance to meet the Totus Tuus Missionaries.

Volunteer: We are still in need of volunteers, dinner hosts, and host families to help make this year's VBS successful. These positions are open to anyone entering 8th grade and older. We need at least two Safe Environment certified adults with each grade level during the day camp. To volunteer, visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public

Register at <https://bit.ly/stbtotustuus> or scan the QR code to the right.

Questions? Contact jdoran@stbrendans.net



GRADUATING SENIORS & FAMILIES

Join us Sunday, June 4 at the 5:30 PM Mass for a special blessing of all grads with a dessert reception to follow. Unable to make it? We want to keep in touch with you and pray for your new adventures! Please send your contact info and your plans to Jennifer at jrice@stbrendans.net

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Trinity Preschool at St Margaret of Cortona is accepting registrations for next school year. If you have a child 3-5 years old (age 3 by Sept 30) and are looking for a preschool that shares your Catholic values, look no further than Trinity Preschool. As an affiliate of St Brendan School, Trinity Preschool is located nearby at 1600 N Hague Ave. To schedule a tour, or to register, visit stmargaretcolumbus.org/trinity-preschool or contact Andrea Boyd at aboyle@cducation.org



A poster with a dark blue background and a woman's face in profile. The text reads: 'Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio'. Below this, it says: 'A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women.' Further down: 'As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life.' At the bottom right is the logo for the Catholic Conference of Ohio.

The dignity of life is being threatened in Ohio by a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. **Three primary concerns about the proposed abortion amendment to Ohio's Constitution are:**

1. Puts women at risk
2. Endangers preborn children
3. Enables those who pressure women into abortion

As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment unjust and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life. To learn more about the proposed amendment and to find out what you can do, visit: www.ohiocathconf.org/amendment. The website will be updated with new resources through November to help encourage Catholics to pray, learn more about the amendment and make sure to get out and vote!

HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS...

COLUMBUS DIOCESE FAMILY MONTH

To strengthen and enrich the families of our diocese, the Marriage and Family Life Office introduces *Family Month*, from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Find weekly videos and resources to celebrate the family at columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/family-ministry/family-month

Family Day at the Museum of Catholic Art and History - Saturday, June 10, from 10 AM-2 PM. Activities for the whole family, as well as the beautiful collection of the museum. Only \$10 per family! The museum is located at the Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215.

EWTV'S LIVING RIGHT WITH DR RAY

Coming to Columbus to tape four (4) LIVE programs and YOU are invited to be part of Dr Ray's LIVE STUDIO AUDIENCE! The recording dates are Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 10 at Ohio Dominican University. Each day, the first recording is at 5:30 PM and second recording is at 7:15 PM. Go to www.stgabrielradio.com for details and to register online. Attendance is FREE!

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES - MONDAY, MAY 29

St Joseph, 11 AM Mass, 12 PM Flag Ceremony
Mt Calvary, 11 AM Liturgy of the Hours
Holy Cross, 10:30 AM Flag Ceremony, 11 AM Mass
Resurrection, 12 PM Flag Ceremony, 1 PM Mass

AN EVENING WITH REBEKAH HAGAN

Join us Monday, June 12 at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, 43229 for an event benefiting the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life. Doors open at 5:40 PM and program begins at 6:20 PM. Attendees will hear the amazing story of how Rebekah's son was rescued from the abortion pill and an update on the proposed abortion amendment to Ohio's Constitution. Tickets are complimentary but must be reserved in advance at www.gcrtl.org/banquet or by calling 614-445-8508. An invitation to support the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life will follow dinner.

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN

Please help support our parish by advertising in our bulletin. Contact Kati at Dee Printing 614.777.8700 or kati@deeprinting.com

May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1: 17-23 | Mt 28: 16-20

Written by
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Actions speak louder than words. How many of us have heard or said this exact phrase? I suspect most, if not all of us are quite familiar with this old adage. In fact, this is exactly what we are being told by Jesus himself in today's Gospel when he says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Jesus continues his direction of *action* by telling us to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We are not directed to simply speak about Jesus with our families and church communities, we are told to GO among all nations and add to Jesus' flock. We continue Christ's mission when we seek to spread his love. Before Jesus joined his Father in heaven, his instructions were very clear. This is an opportunity to think about the commission we were given as part of the baptized community, and how Jesus is asking us to take action in his name.

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Easier said than done. We've all heard that one as well. It's hard to feel equipped to spread the word and the will of God. We worry our words will fail us and we will look foolish. We know we are not perfect, and wonder if that means we cannot possibly be Christ's hands and feet on this earth. However, today's reading from Ephesians provides us with the perfect prayer to give us hope and faith in the Holy Spirit as we set out to fulfill the Great Commission given to us in this week's Gospel: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him." We are challenged to act for God, but not without being given the tools to do so with confidence.

PRAY Meditate on today's second reading from Ephesians. Read it as if your priest was giving you a blessing before you head out of your house each morning. Let it fill your soul with love and awe for our Father, and let it give you the confidence you need to play an active role in building his kingdom until he comes again.

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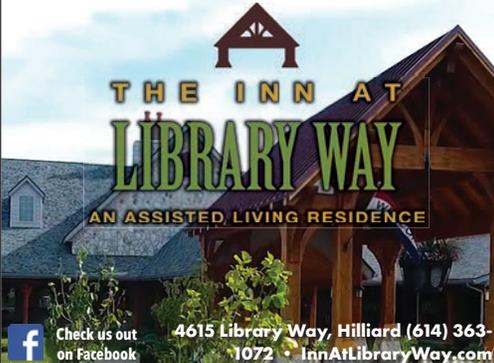
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