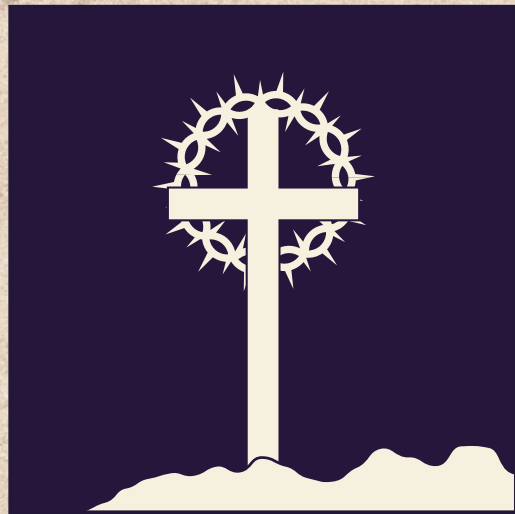




LENT

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March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

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MASS INTENTIONS



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Making Disciples and Disciple Makers

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, March 17 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent – Saint Patrick’s Day

- 4:45pm Vigil** Special Intention: Bob and Dianne Goodrich – 50th Wedding Anniversary
8:30am People of the Parish
11am † Michael T. Grady, Sr., (Family)

Monday, March 18 – Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6pm** Special Intention: Mike and Chris Close (Fr. Dave Sizemore)

Tuesday, March 19 – Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 12pm** Special Intention: Declan Hamilton (Hamilton Family)

Wednesday, March 20 – Lenten Weekday

- 6:30pm** Those who have fallen away from the Faith (St. Monica Club)

Thursday, March 21 – Lenten Weekday

- 9am** † Joyce Zimmerman (St. Francis Class of 1958)

Friday, March 22 – Lenten Weekday

- 9am** † Harry Sanger (Wilda Bormann)

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 4:45pm Vigil** † Mary Kay Ryan (Kathy)
8:30am People of the Parish
11am † Deceased Loved Ones (Grieving With Great Hope Members)



NOTICE OF SCHOOL AND PARISH CLOSURES:

Spring Break for our school is Monday, 3/18-Friday, 3/22. School will again be closed Good Friday, 3/29 and will resume classes Tuesday, 4/2.

The Adoration Chapel will close Wednesday, 3/27 at 9pm and will resume on Tuesday, 4/2 at 5am. Parish offices will be closed Good Friday, 3/29 and will reopen Tuesday, 4/2.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection March 29, 2024
This collection supports the people of the Holy Land and the pilgrims who visit. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides Humanitarian, Liturgical, Pastoral, Archaeological, Charitable, Educational services, as well as care for the Holy Places. Donations of any amount are appreciated!

AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM FR. DAVE – The Sacrament of Anointing at St. Francis

On February 11, 2024, Bishop Fernandes offered some clarifications on practices surrounding the reception of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Here are some important points to keep in mind regarding the reception of this Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick here at St. Francis:

1. Canon Law and the Ritual stipulate that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for those who, having reached the age of reason, are in danger of death, whether as a result of illness or old age (c. 1004). Those who do not meet these criteria, such as infants, young children prior to the age of reason, and those who lack a serious illness that places them in danger of death, are not to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This includes even those who, though undergoing elective surgery, are not seriously ill. The administration of anesthesia does not constitute a grave illness.
2. The aged and infirm may be anointed on account of the danger of death or the beginning of the danger of death.
3. Some types of mental sickness are now classified as serious. Those who are judged to have a serious mental illness and now would be strengthened by the sacrament may be anointed.
4. The appropriate sacraments for dealing with “interior woundedness” are the Sacrament of Penance and the Holy Eucharist.
5. Anointing within Mass is to be celebrated strictly according to the norms found in PCS, 131-134. In particular:
 - a. Not all in attendance at Masses where the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated are to be invited indiscriminately to be anointed but only those whose illness is of a serious nature.
 - b. Only those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are proper subjects for the sacrament.

We will follow these clarifications when we are called upon to visit parishioners in the hospital, nursing homes, the homebound, and when we offer this Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during a weekend Mass. Please note that we will no longer be offering the quarterly anointings after Mass, but will announce when a special anointing does occur.

MAGNETIC PULL

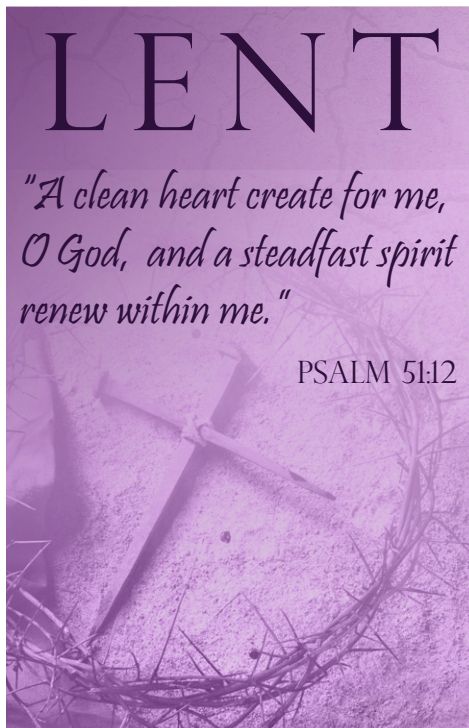
Reflection on John 12:20-33

In the story of Abraham, we encounter faith as obedience to the summons of God; faith as a venture, a journey, where God is present in the midst of our historical lives, in the realm of concrete events and personal relationships.

This is clearly the God we encounter in today's readings, in the prophecy of Jeremiah, who tells us that God is written into our hearts, and in the Christ of the Gospel, who is even now drawing all hearts to Himself. Our hearts are like magnets, drawn by their very design to the source and power of love that is God. Christ is doing the drawing; He is the magnetic field, if you will. And our lives are a journey, like Abraham made, to that place of blessing promised to us by God. We walk by faith, our obedience to facing the demands of the journey.

Jeremiah unveils a certain truth, a key to the mystery of obedience along the journey with Christ. The prophet says, "No longer will they have to teach their friends and kinsfolk how to know the Lord. All, from least to greatest shall know me, says the Lord." The leap into the light, the illogic that is faith, is not unknown to us. It is written into our very hearts, our very beings, if only we would allow Christ, the magnetic pull of God's love, to draw us to Himself.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

Monday, March 18, 2024

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22, 2024

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28

Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

Jn 11:45-56

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

Loving God,

*You have heard my
complaints, my impatience.*

*Sometimes I become
frightened when I move
away from You.*

Guide my heart back to You.

*Help me to think beyond my
own wants and to desire only
to do Your will.*

*Thank You for the many
blessings in my life and
for the ways I feel Your
presence.*

PARISH NEWS





SOCIAL HOUR
 Sunday, 3/17
 Johnson Hall
 Following the Masses

Celebrating
Fr. Mike's Birthday
 & the Feast of
St. Patrick

ADULT CONFIRMATION: COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Are you a baptized, practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, but somehow missed the Sacrament of Confirmation? All eligible adults 18+ who have not received this Sacrament of Initiation are invited to come forward. There will be a preparation session scheduled for Candidates and Sponsors based on interest. Confirmation deepens our baptismal life and calls us to be witnesses of Jesus Christ. Through Confirmation, our personal relationship with Christ is strengthened and we receive the message of faith in a deeper, more powerful way.

Contact Kimberly Sherman at 740.345.9874 x242 or ksherman@stfrancisparish.net
 David Clay at 740.345.9874 x241 or dclay@stfrancisparish.net.

Haven't filed for 2023 taxes yet? → **Turn your taxes into scholarships!**



LOOKING FOR A PERMANENT HOME

The Turban Project and Newborns In Need are both looking for a permanent home in or near Newark. These two wonderful organizations of volunteers are willing to share a space that is at least 2,500 square feet in size (larger would be even better!) that could be their "forever home."

The Turban Project is a 501c3 non-profit organization that produces free headwear and reusable medical face masks for men, women, and children. Check out their website at turbanproject.com or contact Founder/Director, Kathy Braidich at turbanproject.com or by calling 740.504.6133.

Newborns In Need is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides assistance to newborns and preemies in need, and for those dealing with fetal demise. They provide free hand-made blankets, clothing and more. Newborns In Need is an international organization with a local chapter in greater Newark that can be found on Facebook or contact Marty Rupp at grnewark@newbornsinneed.org or by calling 614.774.4150.

A new space is needed now! Please contact these ladies if you have information or suggestions.

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Online:

Visit www.emmausroadscholarship.org or scan the QR code above. Be sure to designate St. Francis School, Newark. You can make a lump sum gift or set up smaller recurring gifts.

By Check: Mail a check payable to Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund to Office of Catholic Schools, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Please indicate on your check that you wish your donation to go to St. Francis School, Newark.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

17 Sunday	<p><u>Fifth Sunday of Lent - Saint Patrick's Day</u> OCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231– 9:30-10:45am St. Patrick's Day Social – Johnson Hall – 9:30-1pm Seeds of Faith – Jr. High Classroom #233 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Vanguard Board of Directors – FFC Conf. Room – 12:30-1:30pm Baptism Prep Class “B” – St. Francis Room – 12:30-2pm Grieving With Great Hope Luncheon – Murphy Hall – 12:30-2:30pm Reach More “Point” People – Jr. High Lab #230 – 4:30-6pm Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Made for More: Mindset for a Healthy and Holy Life - Murphy Hall – 6:30-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm</p>
18 Monday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm Cub Scouts Meeting – Scouts' Room – 5:30-6:30pm Rescued: Lent with the Lamb of God – Frassati Room – 6:30-8pm Walking With Purpose – FFC – 6:30-8pm</p>
19 Tuesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Liturgy Committee Meeting – FFC Conf. Room – 5:30-7pm Abide Young Adult Men's Group – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:30pm As By A New Pentecost – Murphy Hall – 7-8:30pm Parish Council Meeting – FFC Conf. Room – 7-9pm</p>
20 Wednesday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm School Staff Meeting – Murphy Hall – 3-4:30pm Reconciliation – Church – 5:30-6:15pm Surrender the Secret – Off-site– 6:30-8:45pm Traditional Choir Practice – Choir Loft – 7-8pm St. Monica Club – FFC Conf. Room – 7:15-8:30pm Melchizedek/Avow – Rectory/Frassati Room – 7:15-8:30pm</p>
21 Thursday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-10pm Grandparent Ministry – Murphy Hall – 10-11:30am Blessing Bags Assembly – Murphy Hall – 4:30-5:30pm 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting – St. Leonard Parish – 6-9pm Eucharistic Revival Small Group – Johnson Hall – 6:30-8:15pm OCIA via Zoom – 7-8:15pm</p>
22 Friday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-11pm Vanguard Fish Fry – Johnson Hall – 4-7pm Stations of the Cross – Church – 7-7:30pm Catholic in Recovery – FFC Conf. Room – 7-8pm</p>
23 Saturday	<p>Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 5am-12pm That Man Is You – Murphy Hall – 7:30-9am OCIA Easter Retreat – Johnson Hall – 9am-12pm Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 3:15-4:30pm Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Rosary for Peace – Church – 4:20-4:35pm Alpha Marriage – Murphy Hall – 6-9pm</p>
24 Sunday	<p>OCIA Catechumenate Session – Jr. High Classrooms #230/#231– 9:30-10:45am Seeds of Faith – Jr. High Classroom #233 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Palm Branch Cross Crafting – Johnson Hall – 12-2pm Elevate Middle School Youth Ministry – Gym – 6-8pm Summit High School Youth Ministry – Johnson Hall – 6-8pm Made for More: Mindset for a Healthy and Holy Life – Murphy Hall – 6:30-8pm Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel – 7-10pm</p>

PARISH NEWS

Palm Cross Making CRAFT & LUNCH

Sunday, 3/24
12:15pm | \$5
Craft & light lunch included

Save a spot at
stfrancisparish.net/Register



PALM SUNDAY CROSS

Come join your fellow parishioners in a craft that will create lasting memories. This beautiful palm cross will bring you Easter joy long after the season ends. Our own Jennifer Nguyen will be instructing this class!

Due to the nature and design of the project, this is best suited for ages 8 and older. Our younger Pre-K-7years will have activities of their own.

A light lunch will be provided.

Reservations required by Wednesday, 3/20. Aged 8 and up \$5 pp. and Pre-K -7 free!



Gift of Being Grand

Grandparent Ministry

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10am

Murphy Hall



PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, AND FRANCE

Travel with Fr. Dave Sizemore and fellow Catholics on a trip of a lifetime!

June 15-June 28, 2024 – 14 Days – 21 Meals

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quaint mountain village of Montserrat, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, the Basilica of Sacré Coeur de Montmartre, and more!

We are filling a second coach, so come join in the adventure. Brochures are available in the church and the parish office.

For more information, contact Collette Tours, 800.581.8942 and refer to Booking #1161671 or visit

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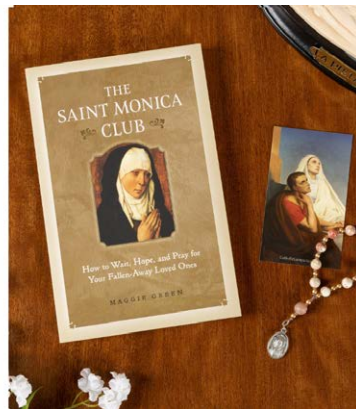
Saint Monica Prayer Club

Join us as we pray for our fallen away friends and family

Wednesday, 3/20 | 7:15pm

FFC St. Francis Room

Questions? Contact Cathy at crna91@gmail.com



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. FRANCIS PARISH?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of that specific parish. Often, people come to us and request a sacrament, ask to be a godparent, volunteer to help with a liturgical ministry, or have another need and are surprised to learn they aren't registered as an active member of the parish. Once someone is 18-25 years of age, he/she should register on his/her own in the parish even if he/she still lives at home with parents who are registered. Ministries at any parish are driven by the number of registered households and the makeup of those households. This allows the parish to make decisions about the type of faith formation, social activities, and outreach needed to ensure a thriving community. If you have questions about this, please contact the Parish Office. Staff members will be happy to check your registration status for you.



MEAL TRAIN

Father Mike and Father Dave are busy and on-the-go, but still look forward to some home-cooked meals. If you would like to volunteer to cook a HEALTHY meal for our beloved priests, please sign up. For now, they are asking for a meal just once a week, on Mondays; many cooks mean less work! Just sign up using the link shown and drop off at the Parish Office.

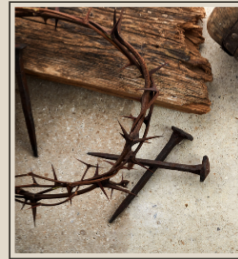
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for your cooking skills!

Visit www.stfrancisparish.net/MealTrain to sign up.

Join us weekly for

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent
7pm | Church



Holy Week

O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?

3/24 Palm Sunday

LITURGIES

4:45pm - Saturday Vigil Mass
8:30 & 11:00am - Masses

ACTIVITIES

Palm Branch Cross Making
12:15pm | Johnson Hall | \$5

RSVP Required by 3/20
stfrancisparrish.net/Register

3/27 Good Wednesday

ACTIVITIES

7pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation

3/28 Holy Thursday

LITURGIES

6:30pm - Mass

ACTIVITIES

Holy Thursday Potluck
5 - 6pm | Johnson Hall

Eucharistic Vigil Watch
7 - 11pm | Adoration Chapel

Movie: *Passion of the Christ*
8pm | Murphy Hall

3/29 Good Friday

LITURGIES

3pm - Stations of the Cross
7pm - Veneration of the Cross

3/30 Holy Saturday

LITURGIES

9am - Holy Saturday Prayer Service
11am - Walking Stations of the Cross
9pm - Easter Vigil Mass

ACTIVITIES

Easter Reception
11pm | Johnson Hall

3/31 Easter Sunday

LITURGIES

7:30am - Mass
9:30am - Mass
11:30am - Mass

ACTIVITIES

Easter Egg Hunt & Donut Social
12:30pm | Johnson Hall

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The period following the Fifth Sunday of Lent has traditionally been called Passiontide. Veiling of crosses statues and pictures is perhaps based on the notion of a “fast of the eyes.” Christ veiled His divinity during His passion. “Jesus hid himself and left the temple.” Veiling crosses reminds us of the Redeemer’s humiliation and thus imprints the image of the crucified Christ more deeply on our hearts. The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different. It can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss, and they serve as a reminder to get ready! When images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.

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HOLY THURSDAY

We invite all to a potluck in Johnson Hall on Holy Thursday, 3/28. With fasting for Mass in mind, dinner will begin at 5pm. The Parish will provide meat and drinks. We request side dishes and desserts as your donation on this evening of fellowship, prayer, and remembrance of Jesus celebrating the dinner as a Passover feast.

Holy Mass will begin at 6:30pm followed by a viewing of the movie, *The Passion of the Christ* in Murphy Hall. Pizza will be provided. If you prefer, there will also be a Holy Thursday Vigil Watch in our Chapel as noted below.



HOLY THURSDAY VIGIL WATCH

On the night of Holy Thursday, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. He took His disciples with Him, asking them to sit nearby while He went to pray. When He returned, Jesus found the disciples sleeping. He said to them, “So, you could not keep watch with me for one hour?” We are invited to keep watch with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel after the Holy Thursday Mass until 11pm, when we will conclude with evening prayer.



FRIDAYS 4 - 7pm

Dine-In & Drive-Thru Available
Pre-order at stfrancisparish.net/Register

SCHOOL NEWS



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

MEMORIES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

Our school Administrators are hoping to gather some history of our wonderful school. If you were a student at St. Francis de Sales, or have friends or relatives who attended, we would love to have your old Year Books. If spring cleaning is in your future, this may be a perfect time to look for memorabilia! Just drop off any finds at either the school office or parish office.

Thank You!



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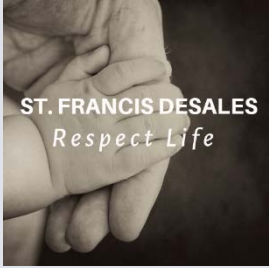


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BLESSING BAG TEAM

Please join us on Thursday, 3/21 at 4:30pm in Murphy Hall. We will be filling bags for the homeless. This is part of the Catholic Outreach Ministry. Blessing Bags containing needed items are distributed from the golf cart throughout the month in downtown Newark. Mark your calendars; anyone is welcome to be part of our team!

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ST. FRANCIS DESALES
Respect Life

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN CHILD

You might be asking, “What is the Spiritual Adoption Program?” It is very simple. The prayer (initially offered by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen) is said for a nine-month period, ending on Christmas Day. Participants pledge to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. While this child will remain unknown to his or her “spiritual family,” God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming their child helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion. It is suggested that you pray the prayer with your children. To coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation on Monday, 4/8, beginning the weekend before, prayer cards and a flyer will be placed at all church exits. Please feel free to use the flyer which shows the development of a child throughout the nine-month period. The brochure could be a helpful tool in discussing the development of a baby with your child, as it grows in the mother’s womb. Please use these to pray for and spiritually adopt an unborn child. If you want more information regarding the Spiritual Adoption Program, see a quick 5-minute video at stfrancisparish.net/respectlife.



LOVE ALWAYS WINS CAMPAIGN

“We will win and lose elections but love always wins.” The Greater Columbus Right to Life office and our own St. Francis Respect Life ministry are inviting you to join us in our *Love Always Wins* campaign. One campaign element is replacement “slips” for your Issue 1 sign (or any 26-inch wire frame). The signs share the simple message “Love Always Wins” and invites individuals to a website with pregnancy help and post-abortion healing resources and opportunities to join our cultural resistance to Issue 1. We have a limited number of wire frames and several plastic “slip” signs available in the St. Francis Parish Office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

4th DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEET AT ST. LEONARD PARISH

Join the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Bishop Michael J. Ready Assembly 0830 for the monthly meeting at St. Leonard Parish, Thursday, 3/21, 6-9pm. We will begin by praying the Rosary together in the church, followed by a potluck and business meeting. Spouses are invited.



FAMILY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT

The Sisters of Children of Mary will host a Parent-Child First Holy Communion Retreat at the Motherhouse & Retreat House, 8353 Pleasant Chapel Road, Newark, OH 43056 on Saturday, 4/6, from 8:30am to 1:30pm. The Retreat will begin with Holy Mass at 9am and will end with a pot-lunch beginning at noon.

For details, access childrenofmary.net/upcoming-events/first-communion-retreat.

Please RSVP by Saturday, 3/23. For questions or more information, please call us 740.323.1977.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

TOUR DAY AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum welcomes you to its annual Tour Day on Saturday, 4/27, from 12-3pm. Learn about the fascinating history and unique mission of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy as you explore the Josephinum grounds, main administration building, and Saint Turibius Chapel. Tours will highlight many beautiful characteristics of this historic 1931 structure, including extensive woodwork, stained glass windows, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork, and sacred art. Register online at apps.pcj.edu/tourday2024

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS WITH BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES

Please join us in walking the Way of the Cross through downtown Columbus on Good Friday, 3/29, led by Bishop Fernandes. The procession will begin at 2pm, directly following the Good Friday service in the Cathedral, and will conclude at 4pm. The route begins on the Cathedral steps and has 5 stops throughout downtown, where people carry their crosses every day. Each stop will have moments of readings, music, and poetry. The Way of the Cross is organized by the lay ecclesial movement, Communion and Liberation. For more information, please contact Alessandro at ando.scotti@gmail.com.

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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Here is an invitation to visit/join an Irish Catholic cultural organization dedicated to a united Ireland, Irish Culture and Heritage.

Since 1988, Tara Hall has been the Social Outreach for the AOH

in Columbus, Ohio and is currently located on East Innis Avenue on the Southside. For more information and a calendar of events, please access, <https://patrickpearse.com>.

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