

# C.O.O.L. NEWS

## Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter

### CONSECRATION OF THE FAMILY TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Lord Jesus Christ, Who,  
being made subject to Mary and Joseph,  
hallowed domestic life by Your ineffable virtues;  
grant that we, with the assistance of both,  
may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family  
and may attain to its everlasting fellowship;  
Who lives and reigns world without end.

Amen.

(Source: Catholic Family Handbook, The by Rev. George A. Kelly, Random House, Inc., New York, 1959.)

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*We wish everyone at  
Church of Our Lady a  
very Blessed and Happy  
New Year!*

*From: Fr. Leo, Fr.  
Cyprian, Fr. Sunder and  
Our Lady's parish staff!*



## JANUARY ADORATION SCHEDULE

**First Friday: January 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 till Noon!**

**Other Fridays in January: from 10:15 to 11:00<sup>am</sup>**

**Adoration closes with Benediction.**



## FEAST DAYS IN JANUARY 2024

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Church Doctors

January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

January 5 - First Friday & St. John Neumann, Bishop

January 6 - First Saturday & St. Andre Bessette, Religious

January 7 - Epiphany of the Lord & St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

January 8 - Baptism of the Lord

January 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**January 16 - 24 NOVENA FOR LIFE!**

January 17 - St. Anthony OF Egypt, Abbot

January 18 through January 25 - Prayers for Church Unity

January 18 - Traditional Feast of St. Peter's Chair

**January 19 - 2024 National March For Life**

January 20 - Pope St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

January 22 - St. Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, Martyr & **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

January 23 - St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

January 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin

January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church

January 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest

### ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS & PARISH COUNCIL!

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting.**

This will be a very important meeting as we will determine what/how we will conduct our **ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP EVENT** on the first weekend of February.

Please mark your calendars and gather all your information from last year's event. This is one of many agenda items we will be discussing.

Thanks to everyone for your participation!

### The Duty Priest!

**If you need a priest or to schedule a home visit -**

On weekdays, during office hours, you can call the parish office at Our Lady 1-614-861-1242 as you have done previously.

After regular hours, be assured that you can reach a priest through a dedicated phone number at Seton if you should have an immediate need.

The Seton priests, Fr. Cyprian, Fr. Sunder and I, rotate weeks of having duty. The Duty Priest has a cell phone that receives emergency calls that come in after office hours and during the weekend.

At COOL, when a call comes in, and it is an emergency, the answering machine gives a number to call. The Seton Emergency Number is 1-614-671-1839. When the call is answered, the caller is directed to press a certain extension to leave a message for the priest to return your call.

Depending on the nature of the emergency and availability, the Duty Priest will return the call or he may contact another priest to respond if he is unable.

Fr. Leo Connolly



### Adult Ed. - Bible Study continues in the New Year!

We will resume "The Psalms" on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The Wednesday Bible Study resumes on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Monday evening session resumes on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Joanne Farrell



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**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**Pray to Protect Human Life!**

January 16 - 24, 2024

Copies of the Novena booklet are available in both lobbies.

Mass - Monday, January 22, at 9:30<sup>am</sup>

Go to: <https://www.respectlife.org> for more information.

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.




**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**  
**JANUARY 19, 2024**

Even with the wonderful blessing of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, thus allowing more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life in America is not finished. Rather, the focus is different. Sadly, the number of abortions annually is still well over 900,000 each year. Many national legislative battles loom, including even keeping longstanding Hyde protections, which limit government funding for abortion on annual appropriation bills. The march will continue every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America.

The related events will be held on Friday, January 19, 2024, in Washington, DC. At 12 ET, noon at the National Mall, the March for Life Rally will be held. This FREE event features a live concert and inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders – sharing how to stay involved in the pro-life movement all year long. The event will be live-streamed on [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org) and also on their [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#) channel. The actual March will begin immediately following the rally – usually beginning around 1 p.m. – starting between 12th and 14th Streets. It will proceed peacefully up Constitution Ave. to the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building. Afterwards, participants can consider attending the **Silent No More** testimonies outside the U.S. Supreme Court or visiting their representative to advocate for life.

Excerpted from [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)

Submitted by Tom Crosby




**CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY WITH US!!**

**ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MINI CONCERT AT THE END OF THE 10:00AM MASS.**


**OUR COMBINED FRENCH AND ENGLISH CHOIRS WILL PRESENT A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONGS. AFTER THE FINAL BLESSING AND CLOSING SONG, WE WILL CONTINUE THE EPIPHANY CELEBRATION WITH A PIZZA AND DONUT RECEPTION IN DON ROSS HALL.**

**PLEASE NOTE: MASS ON JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> WILL LIKELY BE LONGER THAN USUAL.**



submitted by Anne Grossman-Peters

Bienvenue dans le Quartier  
**Welcome to the Neighborhood**



*Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal*

5225 REFUGEE ROAD  
 Saturday Mass 4:00 pm  
 Sunday Mass 10:00 am  
 Youth Classes 11:15 am

**30 Nations One Faith**

**EVANGELIZATION PROJECT AT OUR LADY**

This project is in progress as the newsletter goes to print. We will follow up in the February issue with results. For now, we want to make you aware of the desire to bring more families to Our Lady!

On Saturday, December 9, several souls gathered to place door hangers on the front doors of the new housing development east of our church and also at the apartments directly behind us. Ninety-eight residences were visited!

We ordered 500 more with the hope that we could deliver/hang on doors on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The goal is in getting people to our Christmas Masses.

We will have greeters in the foyers before Mass definitely on Sundays but need Saturday Mass greeters to volunteer. Here is an opportunity for outgoing personalities to participate! We want to keep the greeters going after Christmas! Stay tuned as this project moves forward! And, keep these potential families in prayer!

*Thanks to everyone, Joe Cardamone*

The 27th Annual  
**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**CALLED TO BE SAINTS**  
THE EUCHARIST: GO DEEPER

**Saturday † February 24, 2024**  
**Kasich Hall † Ohio Expo Center, Columbus**

FEATURING:

John Edwards      Chris Stefanick      Fr. Burke Masters

Adoration † Reconciliation † Holy Mass  
Breakfast & Lunch † Faith Organizations

[www.CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://www.CatholicMensMinistry.com)

**PRAYERS FOR THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY NATIONS**

A few weeks ago, Joel came to our Ministry Meeting asking for prayers for the African nations in battle. He named several African countries. Many of our parishioners come from these countries; they have families and friends still living there. We prayed at the time and I continue to pray for them. We have included them in the after Saturday Mass decades of the Rosary. I came across this prayer below the other day. It seems to encompass the African nations, Israel, Ukraine, Mexican Cartels, Haitian terrorists and any countries you might add. And even the evils happening here in the USA and around the world. In the next to the last line, in place of "to defend me and drive far from me", in place of the "me" you may state your own intentions. May the two prayers below be of aid in helping to stop the violence throughout the world.

**MAJESTIC QUEEN OF HEAVEN**

Majestic Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the Angels, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of hell.



"Who is like unto God?"  
O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love.

O Mother of God, send forth the holy angels to defend me and drive far from me the cruel foe.

Holy angels and archangels, defend us and keep us.

Source: [Catholic Online Prayers](http://CatholicOnlinePrayers)

Also, this prayer:

Mother of God, pray for us sinners, spread the effect of grace of Thy flame of love over all of humanity, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Source: <https://flameoflove.us/>

Blessings, Mary Bishel



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic Revival**

"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."  
- St. Augustine

source: <https://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/tes/a7.html>

**Mary's Corner**

**GREETING CARDS & HOLY CARDS**

Hi All,  
I am continuing to collect your donated greeting cards (get well, sympathy, birthday, holiday or whatever) and your religious items too.



I have started to accept Mass cards. If I donate these, I will black out the Mass intentions, if possible. I do not wish the person who may receive any of these cards to believe a Mass is being said for them and this not be true. Some of the Mass cards contain such beautiful pictures or prayers, I would like to send them out to people in need. My collection bin is on the metal shelves in the west lobby, as shown in the picture.

The religious items stay here in our church to be given out to PSR, OCIA or for persons. The items containing third class relics also stay here at the church. What I send to the Bishop Griffin Center is always greatly welcomed and appreciated.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

I want to thank all of you who brought in food at Thanksgiving for those in need. We were able to help two families from the parish and stock our little pantry at the parish. Love those hearty soups and foods with the pull tab tops. They are just what we need when someone arrives at the church hungry and in need of food.

I know times are tough and budgets don't allow for many extras. But if you see a non-perishable product on sale or even clearance items that someone might enjoy, please consider buying the product. Bring it to the church and place in the black St. Vincent de Paul bins in either lobby. Food recipients remain anonymous.

Please help however you are able; all food donations are appreciated. Our Lady's future is uncertain, but we are still here and want to feed people both spiritually and physically. Blessings upon all who gave or would have liked to have given food. Please pray for those in need.

Your servant Mary Bishel.

Fr. Coleman says "Thank You" for his new car!!!



2022 Toyota Corolla - with a manual transmission!

Remember to bless your house on the Feast of the Epiphany. Materials will be available at our Epiphany celebration on January 7.

## St. Agnes of Rome

Feast Day: January 21

Patron saint of girls, chastity, virgins, victims of sex abuse, and gardeners. Her feast day is 21 January.

According to tradition, Agnes was a member of the Roman nobility, born in AD291 and raised in an early Christian family. She suffered martyrdom at the age of twelve or thirteen during the reign of the Roman emperor Diocletian, on 21 January 304. A beautiful young girl from a wealthy family, Agnes had many suitors of high rank. The young men, slighted by her resolute devotion to religious purity, submitted her name to the pagan authorities as a follower of Christianity.


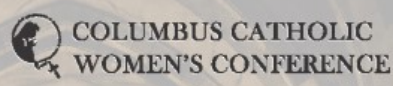
The Prefect Sempronius condemned Agnes to be dragged naked through the streets to a brothel. In one account, as she prayed, her hair grew and covered her body. It was also said that all of the men who attempted to rape her were immediately struck blind. The son of the Prefect was struck dead but revived after she prayed for him, causing her release. There commenced a trial from which Sempronius recused himself, allowing another figure to preside and sentence St. Agnes to death. She was led out and bound to a stake, but the bundle of wood would not burn, or the flames parted away from her, whereupon the officer in charge of the troops drew his sword and beheaded her, or, in some other texts, stabbed her in the throat. It is also said that her blood poured to the stadium floor where other Christians soaked it up with cloths.

A few days later, her foster-sister, Emerentiana, was found praying by her tomb; she claimed to be the daughter of Agnes' wet nurse, and was stoned to death after refusing to leave the place and reprimanding the people for killing her foster-sister. Emerentiana was also later canonized. The daughter of Constantine I, Constantina, was said to have been cured of leprosy after praying at Agnes' tomb.

**Veneration:** Agnes was venerated as a saint at least as early as the time of St Ambrose, based on an existing homily. She is commemorated in the Depositio Martyrum of Filocalus (AD354) and in the early Roman Sacramentaries.

Saint Agnes' bones are conserved beneath the high altar in the church of Sant'Agnese fuori le mura in Rome, built over the




**You're Invited!**

February 17, 2024 • 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Ohio Expo Center – Kasich Hall

**Speakers:**

- Fr. John Burns
- Heather Khyrn
- Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.
- Claire Dwyer
- Fr. Timothy Anastos
- Emcee: Jennifer Rice
- Music By: Marie Miller

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catacomb that housed her tomb. Her skull is preserved in a separate chapel in the church of Sant'Agnese in Agone in Rome's Piazza Navona.

**Patronage:** Because of the legend around her martyrdom, Saint Agnes is patron saint of those seeking chastity and purity. She is also the patron saint of young girls and girl scouts. Folk custom called for them to practice rituals on Saint Agnes' Eve (20–21 January) with a view to discovering their future husbands. This superstition has been immortalized in John Keats's poem, *The Eve of Saint Agnes*.

**Iconography:** Since the Middle Ages, Saint Agnes has traditionally been depicted as a young girl with her long hair down, with a lamb, the symbol of both her virginal innocence and her name, and a sword (together with the palm branch an attribute of her martyrdom). The lamb, which is agnus in the Latin language, is also the linguistic link to the traditional blessing of lambs referred to below.

**Blessing of the lambs:** On the feast of Saint Agnes two lambs are traditionally brought from the Trappist Abbey of Tre Fontane in Rome in order to be blessed by the pope. In summer the lambs are shorn, and the wool is used to weave the pallia which the pope gives on the feast of Saint Peter and Paul to the newly appointed metropolitan archbishops as a sign of his jurisdiction and their union with the pope. This tradition of the blessing of the lambs has been known since the 16th century.

source: excerpted from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agnes\\_of\\_Rome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agnes_of_Rome)



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 2024

This year's theme comes through the combined efforts of the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches and the Christian churches of Burkina Faso. Much of the coordination of this ecumenical project was done by the community of *Chemin Neuf*, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people, particularly through their local community in Burkina Faso, a country in the Sahel region of West Africa.

Luke 10:25-37 tells the story of how Jesus is asked by a lawyer, "What must I do to inherit everlasting life?" and Jesus responds, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer responds, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Then Jesus says to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But then in order to justify himself, the lawyer says, "And who is my neighbor?" which leads Jesus to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan.

It is a theme rich in charity, mercy, justice and unity. We hope it will facilitate powerful ecumenical prayer and homilies in the 2024 commemoration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

source: [https://geii.org/week\\_of\\_prayer\\_for\\_christian\\_unity/theme\\_announcement\\_2024.html](https://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/theme_announcement_2024.html)

## DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

**Jan 18: Other Sheep**

**Jan 19: Eastern Orthodox**

**Jan 20: Anglicans**

**Jan 21: All Protestants**

**Jan 22: Christians in America**

**Jan 23: Lapsed Catholics**

**Jan 24: The Jewish People**

**Jan 25: That Missionary zeal will conquer the world for Christ.**

### Daily Prayers

Eternal Father, by Thy infinite mercy, and by the infinite merits of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, make Thyself known and loved by all souls, since it is Thy will that all should be saved. *Glory be...*

Through the sacred mysteries of human redemption, send, O Lord, laborers into Thy harvest, and spare Thy people. Eternal Word Incarnate, Redeemer of the human race, convert all souls to Thyself, since for them Thou wast obedient, even to the death of the Cross. *Glory be...*

Through the merits and intercession of Thy most holy Mother, and all the angels and saints, send, O Lord, laborers into Thy harvest, and spare Thy people. O Holy Spirit of God, by the infinite merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, diffuse Thy most ardent and all powerful charity in all hearts, that there may be one Fold and one Shepherd throughout the world, and that all may come to sing Thy Divine mercies in Heaven forever. Amen. *Glory be...*

### Prayer to the Queen of Apostles

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and all ye angels and saints, pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest and spare His people, that we may all rejoice with Him and the Father and the Holy Ghost forever, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Immaculate Mother of God, Queen of Apostles, I know that the Divine precept, by which I am bound to love my neighbor as myself, obliges me to procure by every possible means, not only my eternal salvation, but also that of my neighbor. But I confess that, through my sins, I am not worthy of the grace to labor effectually and constantly for the eternal salvation of my soul and of the souls of my relations and neighbors; much less am I worthy of the grace to promote good works, and to increase the means, both spiritual and temporal, of restoring faith and rekindling charity among Catholics, and propagating the truth throughout the world. Do thou then, O Mother, obtain for me this grace through the mercy of God and the infinite merits of Jesus Christ; and in union with the heavenly court and all the just, who are or will be in the Church of God, from henceforth I intend to offer these same merits of Jesus as a thanksgiving, in anticipation of this grace obtained by Thee for us, as Thou didst obtain it for the holy Apostles.

And so, trusting in Thy powerful intercession, I resolve from henceforth to use whatever I have from God of power, talents, learning, riches, position, health, sickness, or sorrow, for the greater glory of God and the salvation of my soul, and that of my neighbor, more especially by working for the propagation of piety and the true holy Catholic Faith throughout the world. And when all other means to this end fail me, I will never cease to pray that there may be one Fold and one Shepherd. By so doing, I hope to reach Paradise, there to enjoy the fruit of the Apostolate of Jesus Christ for all eternity. Amen.

**Three Hail Mary's and one Glory be...**

*(Plenary indulgence once a month - Pope Leo XIII; 200 days, once a day during Octave; plenary at end of Octave).*

## Knights' News

The Council has selected Gabriel Shroyer as its seminarian for the Supreme Council's RSVP Program and approved a \$500 donation for Gabriel at its December 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting. The Council has provided similar annual RSVP donations to other seminarians in the past, including Fr. Ed Shikina and Gordon Mott. The generous contributions made by the parishioners, using the yellow "Pennies For Heaven" envelopes, help make these funds available.



Bob Trisquet and Steve Doyle take a SVdP donation of diapers to the Women's Care Center on East Broad Street.

### Council 11188 is planning a lot of events to start off 2024, leading up to the Lenten Fish Fries in February.

On Sunday, January 14, from 4pm to 6pm, Council 11188 will hold its **Annual Free Throw Contest**.

- The event will be held in conjunction with St. Elizabeth Seton Council 11187 at the Seton PAC, located behind St Elizabeth Seton Church, 600 Hill Rd., in Pickerington.
- All boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 are eligible to participate.

Participants who make the most free throws after 15 attempts, in each age group of boys and in each age group of girls, win an award and a chance to advance to the District competition. The event is entirely free for all participants. Proof of age is required and parents are encouraged to attend. Bring the kids to the Seton gym on January 14<sup>th</sup> for a nice, friendly, physical competition.

### COMING IN FEBRUARY!!!

#### **Meatball Sub Sales for the Superbowl**

Superbowl LVIII takes place on February 11 and there is no better way to enjoy this event than to eat a famous Meatball Sub from the Knights of Columbus, Council 11188.

Each sub consists of a generous portion of meatballs, sauce, and mozzarella cheese on a freshly baked bun. The sandwiches must be ordered and paid for in advance after all Holy Masses on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, and on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost is still only \$5 per sandwich. The subs will be available for pickup after Masses on Saturday, 02/10 and Sunday, 02/11. So, plan to enjoy the NFL Championship game with a delicious sub from the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds support the charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus.

#### **Knights' Spaghetti Dinner Returns!**

On Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm to 7pm, the famous Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner will return to Don Ross Hall.

- The menu will feature meatballs, sauce, and pasta from Carfagna's.
- In addition, a salad and roll will be served along with a choice of beverage.
- Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children between the ages of 5-12. Kids under 5 eat for free.
- Tickets will be available in advance after all Holy Masses on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the event, and carry-outs will be available.

In addition, a Carfagna's Pasta Basket will be raffled off during the dinner. Plan to bring your family and friends to COOL on January 20<sup>th</sup> for some outstanding Italian food and friendly fellowship. Proceeds support the charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus.

#### **Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2024!!!!**

Watch the February COOL News for the details on the 2024 Lenten Fish Fries.



On December 9<sup>th</sup> the Knights construct Our Lady's beautiful manger scene.

# COOL Calendar