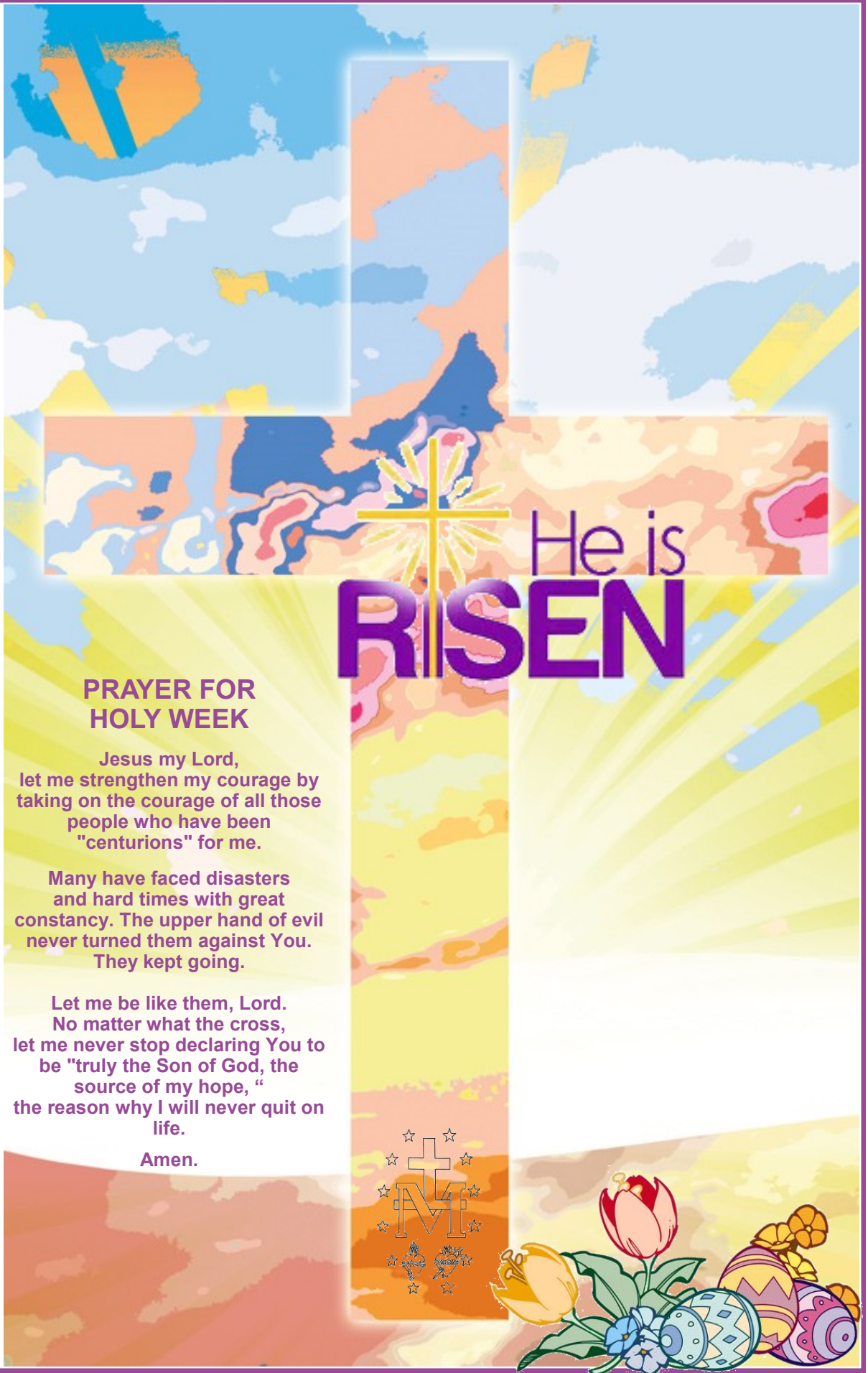


C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter



He is
RISEN

**PRAYER FOR
HOLY WEEK**

Jesus my Lord,
let me strengthen my courage by
taking on the courage of all those
people who have been
"centurions" for me.

Many have faced disasters
and hard times with great
constancy. The upper hand of evil
never turned them against You.
They kept going.

Let me be like them, Lord.
No matter what the cross,
let me never stop declaring You to
be "truly the Son of God, the
source of my hope, "
the reason why I will never quit on
life.

Amen.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm Thursday, April 1, 2021



GOOD FRIDAY is a day of



FAST AND ABSTINENCE!

NO MEAT! - NO SNACKS!

Good Friday Liturgies - Friday, April 2

2:00pm - Prayers for the World and

Veneration of the Cross

(There is no Holy Mass anywhere in the world on Good Friday!)

7:00pm - Stations and Veneration of the Cross

EASTER MASSES

Vigil - 8:30pm Saturday, April 3rd

Sunday - 10:00am Mass, April 4th

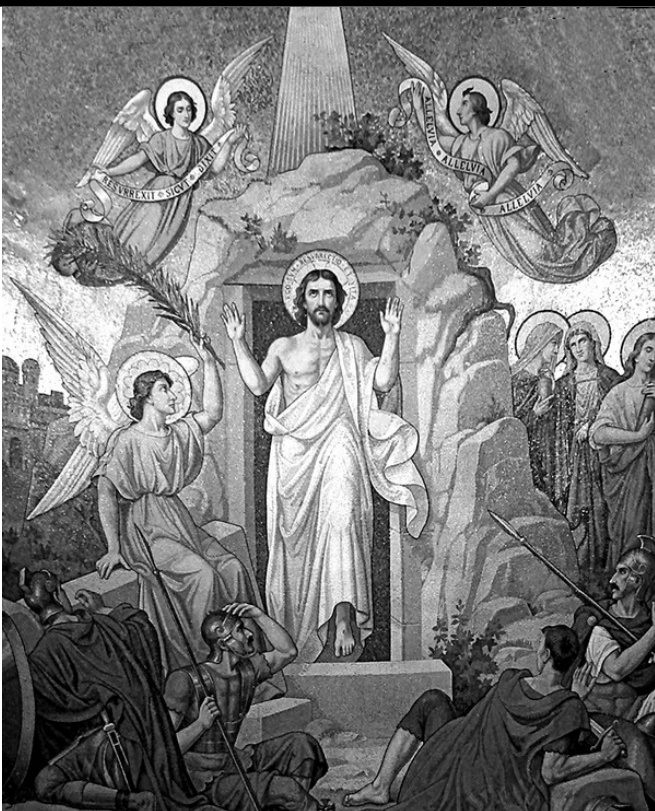
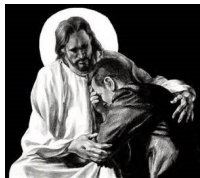


RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, March 29: from 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Prepare your soul for Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. Take advantage of this additional opportunity to go to Confession and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ALSO, THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE EXPOSED!



APRIL 9, 2021

FIRST FRIDAY

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
FROM 9:45AM TO 1:00PM**

FEAST DAYS IN APRIL

April 1 - HOLY THURSDAY

April 2 - GOOD FRIDAY

(St. Francis of Paola, Hermit)

April 3 - HOLY SATURDAY

April 4- EASTER SUNDAY

(St. Isidore of Seville, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

April 8 - St. Julia Billiart

April 11 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

(St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
and St. Gemma Galgani)

April 13 - St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr

April 21 - St. Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

April 23 - St. George, Martyr

& St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

April 27 - St. Zita

April 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr &

St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Our Lady of Quito, Ecuador

April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

April 30 - St. Pius V, Pope

Saturday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker
& 1st Saturday



**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION
FROM VILNIUS LITHUANIA**

ON EWTN Sunday, April 11, 2021
at 10:00am (60 Minutes)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Confessions 2:00 - 3:00pm

Divine Mercy Devotions

3:00 - 4:00pm

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA

500 South Gould Road,
Columbus, OH

THE FEAST OF MERCY

This Novena can be made any time, but Our Lord especially wished that it be made beginning Good Friday in preparation for the Feast of His Mercy, which is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

Jesus to Sr. Faustina, **“My daughter speak to the world of My inexhaustible Mercy. I desire that this feast be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. The very depths of My Mercy will be opened on that day. I will pour out a sea of graces upon those souls that will approach the fount of My Mercy on this day.”**

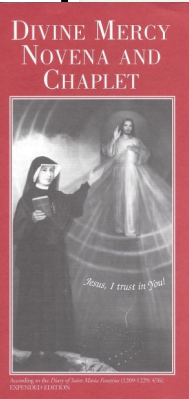
“The souls that will go to Confession in preparation, and Communion on the day will obtain a complete remission of all sin and all punishment.”

“Let no soul fear to come to Me, even if its sins be as scarlet. This feast emerged from the bosom of My Mercy and is founded in the depths of My Mercies. I desire that it be celebrated with great solemnity of the first Sunday after Easter.”

The remarkable grace of the Feast of Mercy is also very much akin to the grace of Baptism. The Sacramental grace of Baptism received by an adult is not only the removal of original sin but is also the forgiveness of all personal sins and any punishment due to them so the soul cleansed on the Feast of Mercy is like the soul of one newly baptized in the promises mentioned, however, Christ joined the forgiveness of all sins and punishment to the Holy Communion received on the Feast of Mercy.

In other words so far as that matter is concerned He raised It (Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy) to the rank of a second Baptism.”

Source: Handbook of Devotion to Divine Mercy



Special Apostolic Blessing for Saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament!

In the book “beautiful MERCY” Experiencing God’s Unconditional Love So We can Share It with Others, published by Dynamic Catholic, is a section which describes the graces we can receive and request for others. I was literally awestruck! This is an excerpt from Chapter 5, Visit the Sick, written by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC:

....He (Jesus) also said that when we say the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in the presence of the dying, **“I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior.” “At the hour of their death, I will defend as My own glory every soul that will say this Chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same.”**

St. John Paul II recognized the awesome power of this prayer by imparting a special Apostolic Blessing “to all the faithful who, during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and for all those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour.”

We are indeed living in a time of special grace! Our prayers are magnified beyond imagining in the very few minutes it takes to pray the Chaplet! I hope that by understanding the depth of grace available, you will be moved to spend more time in Adoration and that you will make the Chaplet a part of your daily prayers.

Submitted by Elaine Sturm

54 Day Novena of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, 2021

Intentions of this Novena plus any you would like to add:

For the United States of America and Our Holy Mother the Church: for the truth to prevail, flaws be mended and justice be served.

Continuing through March and ending April 10; Divine Mercy Sunday is April 11.

The following dates show the corresponding Divine Mercy Prayer for that day:

	5 th Chaplet	6 th Chaplet
1 st Day	March 24	April 2
2 nd Day	March 25	April 3
3 rd Day	March 26	April 4
4 th Day	March 27	April 5
5 th Day	March 28	April 6
6 th Day	March 29	April 7
7 th Day	March 30	April 8
8 th Day	March 31	April 9
9 th Day	April 1	April 10

If you have not participated in the 54-day Novena, you absolutely can participate in the yearly Divine Mercy Novena which begins on Good Friday, April 2, 2021, through Saturday, April 10, 2021. Do not deprive yourself of the opportunity to make a clean slate of your soul!

GO TO MASS & RECEIVE JESUS!

Be sure to check *The Catholic Times* for a listing of churches offering Divine Mercy Devotions OR go to <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/DailyMass> to live-stream the event.

Spend Time with Mary on Holy Saturday



Mary's Seventh Sorrow

The Burial of Jesus: "Now there was in the place where He was crucified, a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein no man yet had been laid. There, therefore, because of the pasceve of the Jews, they laid Jesus because the sepulcher was nigh at hand" (John XIX: 41-42).

Meditation: Consider the sighs which burst from Mary's sad heart when she saw her beloved Jesus laid within the tomb. What grief was hers when she saw the stone lifted to cover that sacred tomb! She gazed a last time on the lifeless body of her Son, and could scarce detach her eyes from those gaping wounds. And when the great stone was rolled to the door of the sepulcher, oh, then indeed her heart seemed torn from her body!

source: <http://olrl.org/pray/msorrows>

Catholic Men's Ministry
PRESENTS

An ON-LINE and
IN-PERSON EVENT!

The 2021 Conference will be an amazing experience of virtual presentations, personal small groups, and Christian fellowship.

The 24th Annual
CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE

**CALLED
TO BE
SAINTS**

FEBRUARY 27th, 2021

As a response to the Columbus Catholic Men's Conference, the new Men's Prayer Group met for the first time on Saturday March 13th.

About a dozen men of the parish discussed the Conference and the challenges facing Catholic men today. Patrick Shroyer gave a presentation on **"How to Pray"**

P – Praise: Read the Psalms, Recite the Miracles, Proclaim how great God is.

R – Repent: Confess the times you fell short, reflect on your struggles (Still go to Confession)

A – Ask: Present your petitions to the Lord, for yourself and others, Let Him hear your needs.

Y – Yield: Listen for the voice of the Lord or the Holy Spirit. He wants to talk to you too.

T - Thanksgiving: Have a grateful heart.

The Men of the Medal will meet on the second Saturday of the month, the next meeting is April 10th from 9:00 -11:00 am in Don Ross Hall, mask and social distancing will be in place. All men of the parish are invited.



Photo courtesy of Paul Mitchell

RCIA UPDATE -

Debbie and William continue their journey to the Sacraments. This picture was taken at the Second Scrutiny (the Man Born Blind) on Saturday, March 13, at the 4:00pm Mass.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Church of Our Lady - Tuesday, April 27 - from 1:00-6:00pm. Please consider giving a "Pint-of-Life" to help someone who is in need of a transfusion. *This is a great opportunity to perform a corporal work of mercy.*



ALTAR DÉCOR

Easter is almost here. **I am asking for assistance in decorating the Altar on Good Friday, April 9. Dan Hueckel will arrive after the evening service.** Once people have left the sanctuary, we can start. Come help in the transformation of the Altar. Dan always has the perfect eye to make our church beautiful. Come be a part of the transformation.

Blessings on all of you.
Mary Bishel



April 21, 2021

Fr. Coleman's
- 71st Birthday! -



Prayer of St. Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

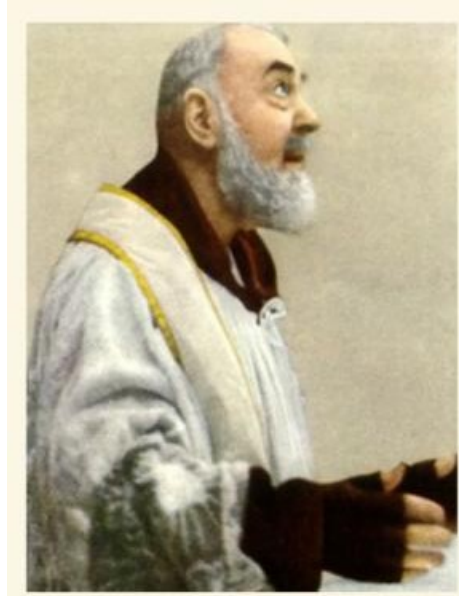
Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You.



It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows.

O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You.

Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by Communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for Divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. *Amen*

Submitted by Mary Bishel

How does the Columbus Diocese use the monies collected from the Bishop's Annual Appeal?



Education programs, student and school assistance (30%)
Catholic school tuition assistance, parish religious ed programs, campus ministry, young adult and youth ministry programs.

Priest, Deacon and Seminarian Education (21%) Education

and professional development of seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders, and also funding to promote vocations.

Parish Life Enhancements (18%) Supports parishes in the realm of Liturgy and Sacramental preparation, coordination of all Liturgies presided at by the bishop, marriage preparation and life enrichment programs for families.

Spiritual & Pastoral Programs (17%) Catholic Ethnic Ministries to promote education, spiritual growth, and evangelization of our multiethnic Catholic communities and parishes serving them.

Social Concerns (10%) - Social justice education and advocacy programs addressing current issues as they pertain to Catholic Social Teaching and local liaisons for national programs such as Catholic Relief Services and the Campaign for Human Development.

Kick off date is April 24, 2021.

A Poem on Easter

Poem of Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus

Poet & Bishop of Poitiers

Circa: 540 - 609AD

The seasons blush varied with the flowery, fair weather, and the gate of the pole lies open with greater light. His path in the heaven raises the fire-breathing sun higher, who goes forth on his course, and enters the waters of the ocean. Armed with rays traversing the liquid elements, in this brief night He stretches out the day in a circle. The brilliant firmament puts forth its clear countenance, and the bright stars show their joy. The fruitful earth pours forth its gifts with varied increase, when the year has well returned its vernal riches. Soft beds of violets paint the purple plain; the meadows are green with plants, and the plant shines with its leaves. By degrees gleaming brightness of the flowers comes forth; all the herbs smile with their blossoms. The seed being deposited, the grain springs up far and wide in the fields, promising to be able to overcome the hunger of the husbandman. Having deserted its stem, the vine-shoot bewails its joys; the vine gives water only from the source from which it is wont to give wine. The swelling bud, rising with tender down from the back of its mother, prepares its bosom for bringing forth. Its foliage having been torn off in the wintry season, the verdant grove now renews its leafy shelter. Mingled together, the willow, the fir, the hazel, the osier, the elm, the maple, the walnut, each tree applauds, delightful with its leaves.

Hence the bee, about to construct its comb, leaving the hive, humming over the flowers, carries off honey with its leg. The bird which, having closed its song, was dumb, sluggish with the wintry cold, returns to its strains. Hence Philomela attunes her notes with her own instruments, and the air becomes sweeter with the re-echoed melody. Behold, the favor of the reviving world bears witness that all gifts have returned together with its Lord. For in honor of Christ rising triumphant after His descent to the gloomy Tartarus, the grove on every side with its leaves expresses approval, the plants with their flowers express approval. The light, the heaven, the fields, and the sea duly praise the God ascending above the stars, having crushed the laws of Hell. Behold, He who was crucified reigns as God over all things, and all created objects offer prayer to their Creator. Hail, festive day, to be revered throughout the world, on which God has conquered Hell, and gains the stars!

The changes of the year and of the months, the bounteous light of the days, the splendor of the hours, all things with voice applaud. Hence, in honor of You, the wood with its foliage applauds; hence the vine, with its silent shoot, gives thanks. Hence the thickets now resound with the whisper of birds; amidst these the sparrow sings with exuberant love. O Christ, You Savior of the world, merciful Creator and Redeemer, the only offspring from the Godhead of the Father, flowing in an indescribable manner from the Heart of Your Parent, You Self-Existing Word, and powerful from the mouth of Your Father, equal to Him, of one mind with Him, His fellow, coeval with the Father, from whom at first the world derived its origin!

You suspend the firmament, You heap together the soil, You pour forth the seas, by whose government all things which are fixed in their places flourish. Who seeing that the human race was plunged in the depth of misery, that You might rescue man, Yourself also became man: nor were You willing only to be born with a body, but You became flesh, which endured to be born and to die. You undergo funeral obsequies; Yourself the author of life and framer of the world, You enter the path of death, in giving the aid of salvation. The gloomy chains of the infernal law

yielded, and chaos feared to be pressed by the presence of the light. Darkness perishes, put to flight by the brightness of Christ; the thick pall of eternal night falls. But restore the promised pledge, I pray You, O power benign! The third day has returned; arise, my buried One; it is not becoming that Your limbs should lie in the lowly sepulchre, nor that worthless stones should press that which is the ransom of the world. It is unworthy that a stone should shut in with a confining rock, and cover Him in whose fist all things are enclosed. Take away the linen clothes, I pray; leave the napkins in the tomb: You are sufficient for us, and without You there is nothing. Release the chained shades of the infernal prison, and recall to the upper regions whatever sinks to the lowest depths. Give back Your face, that the world may see the light; give back the day which flees from us at Your death. But returning, O Holy Conqueror! You altogether filled the Heaven!

Tartarus lies depressed, nor retains its rights. The ruler of the lower regions, insatiably opening his hollow jaws, who has always been a spoiler, becomes a prey to You. You rescue an innumerable people from the prison of death, and they follow in freedom to the place whither their leader approaches. The fierce monster in alarm vomits forth the multitude whom he had swallowed up, and the Lamb withdraws the sheep from the jaw of the wolf. Hence re-seeking the tomb from the lower regions, having resumed Your flesh, as a warrior You carry back ample trophies to the heavens. Those whom chaos held in punishment He has now restored; and those whom death might seek, a new life holds.

Oh, Sacred King, behold a great part of Your triumph shines forth, when the sacred laver blesses pure souls! A host, clad in white, come forth from the bright waves, and cleanse their old fault in a new stream. The white garment also designates bright souls, and the Shepherd has enjoyments from the snow-white flock.

The priest Felix is added sharing in this reward, who wishes to give double talents to his Lord. Drawing those who wander in Gentile error to better things, that a beast of prey may not carry them away, He guards the fold of God. Those whom guilty Eve had before infected, He now restores, fed with abundant milk at the bosom of the Church. By cultivating rustic hearts with mild conversations, a crop is produced from a briar by the bounty of Felix. The Saxon, a fierce nation, living as it were after the manner of wild beasts, when You, O Sacred One, apply a remedy, the beast of prey resembles the sheep. About to remain with You through an age with the return of a hundred-fold, You fill the barns with the produce of an abundant harvest. May this people, free from stain, be strengthened in Your arms, and may You bear to the stars a pure pledge to God. May one crown be bestowed on You from on high gained from Yourself, may another flourish gained from Your people.



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Source: www.newadvent.org/

How to obtain a Plenary Indulgence during Holy Week



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By CNA Staff

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A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin.

The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized.

A plenary indulgence can be obtained during Holy Week for oneself or for a deceased person if one of the following works established by the Church is performed.

Holy Thursday

1. If during the solemn reservation of the Blessed Sacrament (typically on a side altar), which follows the Mass of the Lord's Supper, you recite or sing the Eucharistic hymn "Tantum Ergo."

2. If you adore the solemnly reserved Blessed Sacrament

for a half hour.

Good Friday

1. If you venerate the Cross in the solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion.

2. If you piously participate in the Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

1. If two or more people pray the Holy Rosary.

2. If you attend the celebration of the Easter Vigil at night and renew your Baptismal Promises, which is part of the Liturgy of that Mass.

Conditions in all cases:

In order to obtain the plenary indulgence, in addition to performing the specific works mentioned above, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

A plenary indulgence requires that the individual be in the state of grace by the completion of the acts, and have complete detachment from sin. The person must also sacramentally confess their sins and receive Communion, up to about 20 days before or after the indulgenced act.

A single sacramental Confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences.

For each plenary indulgence that is sought, however, a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.

The prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father is left up to the choice of the individual.

Source: CatholicNewsAgency

A Series of Groaners:

1. My goal for 2016 was to lose just 10 pounds. I now have only 15 to go.
2. I had a salad for dinner . . . it was mostly croutons & tomatoes . . . really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce . . . and cheese . . . okay, fine, it was a pizza . . . I had a pizza for dinner.
3. How to prepare tofu in two steps: 1) Throw it in the trash; 2) Grill some meat.
4. I did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
5. I don't mean to brag but . . . I finished my 14-day diet meals in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
6. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
7. Kids today don't know how easy they have

- it. When I was young, I had to walk nine feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.
8. Senility has been a smooth transition for me.
9. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside they closed school? Me neither.
10. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented . . . I forgot where I was going with this.
11. Even though I'm over 70, I learn something new every day . . . however, I forget 5 other things.
12. A thief broke into my house last night and was searching for money . . . when I woke up, we searched together.

From the archives of Orv Potts

**The Divine
Mercy Chaplet
will be sung
after both
Masses on the
weekend of
April 10th and
April 11th.**

City Wide

Praise Adoration



Saturday, April 24th 10:00am-Noon

MASS - WORSHIP ADORATION - PRAYER MINISTRY - TEACHING
CONFESSION

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

5225 REFUGEE ROAD, COLUMBUS - 614-302-3960

Musician: Michael Melliere

Sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal
under the authority of Bishop Robert Brennan

Covid directives observed

Prayer Shawl Ministry News

Our Thanks to Barbara Clayton, who recently passed away, and the women who have served on the Prayer Shawl Ministry. These women have made hundreds of crocheted prayer shawls while praying for the recipients. Many have been blessed by their love and their prayer in this beautiful ministry. They have received donations and have recently purchased some items for the church. These include baptismal clothes and palls for our chalice. We pray many blessings for these women.



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

If you are interested in joining this ministry call the office for information.

DAILY PRAYER GROUP AT COOL

Did you know there is an unofficial prayer group that stays after the 9:00am weekday Mass to say prayers?

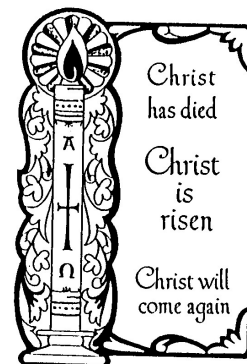
For many years the group has been routinely staying after Mass to offer prayers for our parish, our families, general intentions, souls in need, etc.

This is not a formal group; all who wish to stay and pray are welcome.

Because of Bible Study on Wednesday mornings we stay only briefly to say the Litany of Reparation of the Blessed Sacrament. The prayers on Wednesday are said as a part of the Bible Study program conducted on ZOOM.

All are welcome to join us any day!

Submitted by Elaine Sturm



**Truth
Love
Goodness
Beauty
Home**

**The human soul has five
supernatural desires.**

(Fr. Spitzer)

Knights' News



The members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 11188 want to thank everyone who participated in this year's Take-Out Lenten Fish Fry's. Overall, they turned out to be more financially successful than expected.

The Knights also want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding that experienced excessive waiting times. While our order/delivery system was not quite as efficient as that of the local McDonalds, we learned a lot from these take-out events and hope to be more efficient next year, if we have to do take-out next year.

KNIGHTS ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

The KofC Mother's Day Geranium & Hanging Basket Sale will take place in 2021, with the first orders to be taken the weekend after Easter. As in the past, the flowers are being provided by Thorsen's Nurseries.

There will be opportunities to see flower samples and place orders after all Mass in Don Ross Hall on April 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th, & 25th.

OTHER OPTIONS TO PLACE YOUR ORDER - we are making order forms available in two places:

- 1) obtain a copy of the order form from the west lobby, or
- 2) from the weekly COOL e-mails.

Then, simply complete the form, place it in an envelope marked "KofC Flower Order" with your payment (cash or check), and place it in the Sunday basket at church.

All flowers will be available for pickup from Don Ross Hall (use west lobby entrance) from 3:00pm to 6:00pm on Friday, May 7th.

2021 K of C State Council's **Annual People of the Year Award Program**, nominations for Council 11188 (scaled back this year)

The Knights nominate the following individuals for their service and devotion during 2020:

- Chaplain of the Year: Fr. James Coleman
- Knight of the Year: Mike Jacobs
- Family of the Year: Tony and Mary Bishel Family
- Youth of the Year: To Be Determined

SECRETS OF THE CROSS



An earthly day without its afflictions
Would surely appear to be a heavenly day.
Crosses come and go as showers and downpours,
Light and heavy, most abruptly and unforeseen.
To the majority of the faithful believers,
Crosses appear to be ongoing nuisances,
Their existence not worthy of being present.
Yet, all what God has permitted serves a purpose!
Although often disguised during their occurrences,
Their intentions are subsequently revealed.
While your crosses may appear to be a burden,
Consider the spiritual benefits to your soul,
Ascertaining what you have gained from them.
If you are blind to the personal progress
That has been derived from your trials,
Then, you have failed to see the hand of God,
Silently and wisely guiding you in life,
Nurturing you as a parent teaches a child.
For every cross holds a secret behind it!

Happy Easter

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