

C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter



August 2nd - Monday - OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

August 15th - Sunday - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 22nd - Sunday - QUEENSHIP OF MARY

In support of the Bishop Brennan's initiative to help us grow in the Faith, Fr. Coleman is introducing weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here at Church Of Our Lady!



WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and BENEDICTION ON ALL FRIDAYS (except First Fridays)

after Mass until 10:30am.

First Friday Adoration remains from 9:45am till 12:00 Noon



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INDULGENCE

AUGUST 1ST - 2ND

"BRETHREN, I WANT TO SEND YOU ALL TO HEAVEN!"

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Pamphlets available on the lobby tables.

Adult Ed Update:



Bible study at the Rectory Adult Ed Room has resumed! Monday night sessions start at 6:30pm. Wednesday sessions start at 10:00am. Both events are also made available via ZOOM for those who prefer to stay home but want to participate.

All Adult Ed activities are free of charge! Some events may have a companion book that you may elect to purchase, but this is not required.

What I learned from St. Joseph - The Hidden King: King Herod knew that he was an illegitimate king and so he had the Temple records destroyed for the lineage of David and the Levite priests which could validate a true king of the Jews, thus eliminating any challenge to his throne. He unwittingly protected Joseph's family by doing this!
Elaine Sturm



RCIA Update:

Order of Christian Initiation

YOU ARE INVITED!

New sessions for RCIA are being planned, beginning the second week of September.

Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? Please pray!

Could your own faith journey use a boost?

Do you know someone who is just curious?

All are welcome! Call the Parish Office to register or sign-up sheets are located on the tables in both lobbies.

Submitted by Elaine Sturm

CALL FOR CONVERSION PRAYER

I plead the Precious Blood of Jesus over the entire United States of America and every soul living here. Over our Holy Mother the Church, from the pope down to the lowliest religious, including our seminarians and anyone entering religious life. For all of our churches, our monasteries and all religious gatherings.

In Jesus name I pray:

For God's truth to prevail;
Our flaws be mended;
Corruption be exposed;
Sinners to convert, repent and atone for their sins; and
God's will be done and His justice be served.

I pray this through the Precious Blood of Jesus, He who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen

Submitted by Mary Bishel



AUGUST FEAST DAYS

August 1 - St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
& Feast of the Chains of St. Peter (Portiuncula Indulgence)

August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop & St. Peter Julian Eymard,
Priest, & **Feast of Our Lady of the Angels** (Portiuncula Indulgence)

August 3 - St. Lydia

August 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest

August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Our Lady of the Snows) in Rome

August 6 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD & FIRST FRIDAY

August 7 - FIRST SATURDAY & St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions,
& St. Cajetan, Priest

August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest Religious Founder

August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr (Edith Stein) and
her sister Rosa Stein

August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, **Our Lady of Las Lasjas**

August 13 - St. Pontian, Pope, Martyr; St. Hippolytus, Priest & Martyr

August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

August 15 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary & St. Joachim, Father of BVM

August 17 - St. Hyacinth, Priest

August 18 - St. Helena

August 19 - St. Eudes, Priest & 104th Anniversary Our Lady of Fatima

August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope

August 22 - Sunday - QUEENSHIP OF MARY

August 23 - St. Rose of Lima. Virgin

August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 25 - St. Louis of France, Married Man & King & St. Joseph Calasanz,
Priest, Educator

August 26 - St. Caesarius of Arles, bishop & patron of the unmarried

August 27 - St. Monica

August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

August 29 - Passion of St. John The Baptist

I Cannot Know

By Dcn. Steve

I cannot feel a gentle breeze,
see billowing clouds,
Or hear the roaring of the seas;

I cannot feel a gentle rain,
hear rustling leaves,
Or see a frosted window pane;

I cannot smell the scent of flowers,
see soaring birds,
Or hear the town clock toll the hours;

I cannot hear a laughing child,
a cry of grief,
Or see a mother's loving smile;

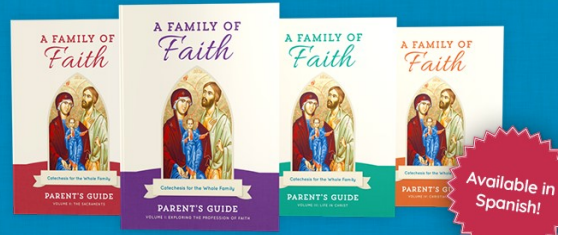
I cannot know the pain of defeat,
the joy of winning,
Or hear a drummer's different beat;

I cannot know things large or small,
without knowing
The presence of my God in all.

PSR Update:

The planning for the 2021 - 2022 sessions is underway. The program this year will come from Sophia Press. I like the solid content and that it focuses on getting the entire family involved in the learning and provides a variety of activities for children of different age groups!

**A FAMILY OF
Faith**
Catechesis for the
Whole Family



If you have not already done so, please fill out the registration form with all your child's updates and your signature before the end of August. Parents need to fill out paperwork and pay fees at the time of registration. COVID grants are available to assist with payments. Registration forms are located in the west lobby and we will also be announcing registration events after Masses in the coming weeks. Having accurate information about the number of children and their needs will help greatly in the planning for our activities.

Information events will be announced as we get closer to the start of sessions. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS** to help with student activity for those who will be here at church for the sessions. Please call Rea Okerberg (614) 699-2351 to put your name on the list to help or if you have questions.

Submitted by Rea Okerberg, PSR Coordinator

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

1572 - 1641

Feast Day: August 12

Patron Saint of widows and parents separated from their children.



Her father was president of the Parliament of Burgundy, and leader of the royalist party during the League that brought about the triumph of the cause of Henry IV.

In 1592 she married Baron de Chantal, and lived in the feudal castle of Bourbilly. She restored order in the household, which was on the brink of ruin, and brought back prosperity. During her husband's absence at the court, or with the army, when reproached for her extremely sober manner of dressing, her reply was: "The eyes which I must please are a hundred miles from here". She found more than once that God blessed with miracles the care she gave the suffering members of Christ. St. Francis de Sales's eulogy of her characterizes her life at Bourbilly and everywhere else: "In Madame de Chantal I have found the perfect woman, whom Solomon had difficulty in finding in Jerusalem".

Baron de Chantal was accidentally killed by a harquebus (first gun fired from the shoulder) while out shooting in 1601. Left a widow at twenty-eight, with four children, the broken-hearted baroness took a vow of chastity. In all her prayers she besought God to send her a guide and God, in a vision, showed her the spiritual director He held in reserve for her. In order to safeguard her children's property, she was obliged to go and live at Monthelon in the home of her father-in-law, who was ruled over by an arrogant and wicked servant. This was real servitude, which she bore patiently and gently for seven years. At last her virtue triumphed over the ill will of the old man and house keeper.

During Lent, 1604, she visited her own father at Dijon, where St. Francis de Sales was preaching at the Sainte Chapelle. She recognized in him the mysterious director who had been shown her, and placed herself under his guidance. Then began an admirable correspondence between the two saints. Unfortunately, the greater number of letters are no longer in existence, as she destroyed them after the death of the holy bishop. When she had assured the future security of children, and when she had provided the education of Celse-Bénigne, her fourteen year old son, whom she left to her father and her brother, the Archbishop of Bourges, she started for Annecy, where God was calling her to found the Congregation of the Visitation. She took her two remaining daughters with her, the elder having recently married the Baron of Thorens, a brother of St. Francis de Sales. Her son, Celse-Bénigne, impetuous like those of her race, barred his mother's way by lying across

the threshold. Madame de Chantal stopped, overcome: "Can the tears of a child shake her resolution?" said a holy and learned priest, the tutor of Celse-Bénigne. "Oh! no", replied the saint, "but after all I am a mother!" And she stepped over the child's body.

The Congregation of the Visitation was canonically established at Annecy on Trinity Sunday, 6 June, 1610. Its aim was to receive, with a view to their spiritual advancement, young girls and even widows who had not the desire or strength to subject themselves to the austere ascetical practices in force in all the religious orders at that time. St. Francis de Sales was especially desirous of seeing the realization of his cherished method of attaining perfection, which consisted in always keeping one's will united to the Divine will, in taking so to speak one's soul, heart, and longings into one's hands and giving them into God's keeping, and in seeking always to do what is pleasing to Him. "I do always the things that please him" (John 8:29). The two holy founders saw their undertaking prosper. At the time of the death of St. Francis de Sales in 1622, the order already counted thirteen houses; there were eighty-six when St. Jane Frances died; and 164 when she was canonized.

The remainder of the saint's life was spent under the protection of the cloister in the practice of the most admirable virtues. If a gentle kindness, enlivened and strengthened by a complete spirit of renunciation, predominates in St. Francis de Sales, it is firmness and great vigor which prevails in St. Jane Frances; she did not like to see her daughters giving way to human weakness. Her trials were continuous and borne bravely, and yet she was exceedingly sensitive. Celse-Bénigne was an incorrigible duelist. She prayed so fervently that he was given the grace to die a Christian death on the battle-field, during the campaign against the Isle of Ré (1627). He left a daughter who became the famous Marquise de Sévigné. To family troubles God added interior crosses which, particularly during the last nine years of her life, kept her in agony of soul from which she was not freed until three months before her death.

Her reputation for sanctity was widespread. Queens, princes, and princesses flocked to the reception-room of the Congregation of the Visitation. Wherever she went to establish foundations, the people gave her ovations. "These people", she would say confused, "do not know me; they are mistaken". Her body is venerated with that of St. Francis de Sales in the Church of the Visitation at Annecy. She was beatified in 1751, canonized in 1767.

Source: Catholic Encyclopedia

Quote: "When all else has forsaken us, it is then that we are least forsaken by God."

Father Coleman requested that Deacon Steve's Memorial Day Service readings be made available for those who were not able to attend the service on Memorial Day. He hopes you find this reflection helpful and the prayer meaningful.



We the People. Three simple words boldly proclaimed in the introduction to our *Constitution of the United States*, telling the world just who they're dealing with. As the text rolled on further, as ideas emerged that the world had never before heard expressed, a nation of laws was born – fair laws that were meant to protect every citizen of our new-born republic, as well as every legal visitor. For nearly a quarter of a millennium, the laws derived from the *Constitution* served to allow us to grow and develop, to become the most powerful, yet most caring land the world had ever seen, a land of liberty and justice. We became

a nation proud of our accomplishments, our industry, our technical ingenuity, our creative genius – a nation that shares all that with other nations in need. We fought on THEIR soil for THEIR freedom, many of us giving OUR lives for THEM. Some were grateful; some were not. But we continue doing it because that is who we are.

Today, there are those among us who do not share that purpose, that resolve. They seek to tear down what has stood strong for 245 years as a beacon of liberty, a bastion against tyranny. They dishonor those who have given their all to protect what we so valiantly fought for over the years. They destroy the monuments erected in their memory, along with other historical artifacts they deem offensive. They attempt to silence those of us who speak out against their lawless acts, who call out their treason.

Today, in anticipation of Monday, May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day, we will not be silenced. Today, ***We the people*** speak out to one another, and we speak out to God, praying for those who, indeed, give their all, dying on battlefields across the globe. **Their souls are in the hands of God; their memories are in our hearts.**



Long may she wave!

Heavenly Father, it is with sad but grateful hearts that we pray this day in memory of all those who so bravely gave their lives for all, and who are thus united, as it were, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who gave His life that all might live. Grant them eternal peace in the Kingdom You created for us. Hold them gently in Your loving embrace, that they may know that their sacrifice has not been forgotten, nor made in vain, but will be remembered forever. Grant us the grace and the strength to remain strong in the face of adversity, both abroad and within our own borders, that the men and women we honor today may continue to be solid symbols of a nation built on the values You fostered in us.

Let us also remember this Memorial Day the little ones whose lives, whose futures, were taken from them because of the lack of respect for life. Although they will never have the opportunity to lay down their lives for others, grant them a place in Your Kingdom; for they, too, are martyrs for the cause of freedom.

And, lastly, O Lord, continue to fill us with the love that only You can give, a love that leads to life everlasting. We pray as always in the Name of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

By Dcn. Steve

**Covid 19 didn't stop the flood of sacraments that Church of Our Lady had this year 2020-2021!
Thank you Father Coleman, Rea Okerberg, Marie Mirville**



Photo sent by Rea Okerberg

Congratulations to our PSR students, Myriam Andapongo Marianne Khandi, Yollande Beatrice Phakaloko, Georgia Laurie Phakaloko, Precieuse Dondo, Gloria Emmanuella Phakaloko, Hedy Grace Phakaloko, Yaarsennehn "Yaya" Davay, Akaoma Eneh, Nneka Eneh, Mariella Milano and their wonderful families as their wonderful little girls have taken their next steps in their faith journey! May God's richest graces and blessings shower down on you all as you continue to draw ever-closer to Him. We love you very, very much, and look forward to seeing you all grow in your faith! submitted by Rea Okerberg

The following students made the following sacraments 2020-2021 school year.

Confirmation:

Karen Pena, Sophiia Cardamone, Valerie Anigbo, Danielle Okoro, Emmanuel Massaquoi

1st Communion (in addition to those pictured):

Karen Pena, Jessica Pena, Brayan Esparza, Sopulai Uneani, Terry Udeani, Henry Dominquez, Reyna Garcia, Naomi Okere, Emma Payne, Manasse Mubadibantu, Margueritte Mubadibantu, Noella Mubadibantu, Trinity Williamson, Jonathan Doyle, Jonathan Munoz, Anthony Munoz, Timmy Tomlinson, Lila Shroyer

Baptisms:

Karen Pena, Nneka Eneh, Precieuse Dondo, Akaoma Eneh, Marianne Khandi, Mariella Milano, Yollande Phakaloko, Hedy Grace Phakaloko

Infants and children under 5 years old who were baptized in 2020-21:

Adelina Sharp, John Sharp, Kemgadi Eneh, Kosi Okolo. David Ozobia, Great Nnaemeka Chima, Jennifer Aldan, Brandon Mojica, Liliane Tonny Victor, Olivia Payne, Giovanni Mofunanya, Melody Hope Acha, Arielle Mba, Xiomara Munoz, Kamsi Okere, Maya Okoro, Chizitel Eneh

Submitted by Cheryl Shroyer



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BRING A FRIEND FOR FUN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 07, 5PM
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The **MEN OF THE MEDAL** Prayer Group met on July 10th. We watched and discussed the Chris Stefanick video from the 2021 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference. His talk was on **LIVING IN JOY**. Pope Francis said "Stop walking around like a sourpuss, like you just left a funeral. Live in a way that makes your faith attractive."



Stefanick said there are five practical Steps of Living In Joy

GIVE THANKS- Be grateful; *1 Thessalonians 5:18* "Give thanks in all things..." Enjoy your blessings. When you wake up before you open your eyes "Give thanks"; When you are aggravated..."Give thanks". Try it and see the difference.

LOVE YOURSELF- You are in a spiritual battle, a battle for your mind. The devil would have you believe you're not good enough, but satan is called an **accuser** and a liar in the Scriptures, but we have an **advocate**, that is the Holy Spirit who speaks and acts in our defense. Think of the cartoon with the little devil on one shoulder and the angel on the other. You choose the side. **You are so special that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you. Listen to the voice of truth.**

LIVE A FRIENDSHIP RICH LIFE- Make sure you have many friends (know the difference between a friend and a buddy). Studies showed that those who have a lot of good friends are healthier than those who are lonely. He used the example of the sequoia tree or the mighty redwood, the largest is the General Sherman standing 300' high and tree bark three feet deep making them virtually fireproof. A redwood has shallow but widespread roots that help it survive by intertwining with the roots of other trees around them. Intertwined root systems provide stability to these mighty trees during strong winds and floods - quite literally holding one another down. So it is with men of faith.

WORKOUT- Stefanick spoke of the need to keep in good physical shape and the discipline required doing so. Set a time and do it, start where you are and build up.

SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE – (*Colossians 3:2*) Don't focus on your problems, focus on God and His promises. What is happening now in your life is not the story of your life, it's just a page. God isn't done writing your victorious story. READ- *Philippians 4; 4-9.*

The next meeting is Saturday morning August 14th from 9-11; We will watch and share our reflections on the next talk from the Men's Conference. All men of the parish are welcome. **LIVE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL – We are called to be saints**

Submitted by Patrick Shroyer

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City Wide Mass

& Praise Adoration

Bring the
Real You,



to the
Real Jesus!

This Saturday, July 31st 9:00am-11:00am

MASS - WORSHIP ADORATION - PRAYER MINISTRY -
TEACHING - CONFESSION

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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