

C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter



The Feast of the Presentation Of Our Lord Jesus in The Temple At Jerusalem, Wednesday, February 2, 2022
 February 2nd is also CANDLEMASS - bring your candles to be blessed - see the instructions on page 6.

**Columbus Catholic Women's
 Conference**

Saturday, February 19

See inside for special arrangements to be provided at Church of Our Lady for those who do not find it possible to attend in person at the Expo Center.

And

**The 25th Annual Catholic Men's
 Conference**

Saturday, February 26

COOL Logistics for the Men's Conference are still in work. Stay tuned.

A PRAYER FOR HEAVENLY TREASURES

King Jesus, rich in heavenly treasures,
 You Who chose to embrace earthly poverty,
 Now look at Your eternal glory!
 Riches are indeed the root of all evil,
 Poverty being the road to eternal life.
 Teach me to embrace a life of poverty,
 To endure with the bare necessities.
 If an over-abundance arrives my way,
 Send Your needy children to gather it.
 Enrich my soul with heavenly treasures,
 Withdrawing its desires for earthly good:
 I trust in Your spiritual providence!



First Friday Adoration
February 4, 2022
From 9:45am to Noon

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday's from 9:45am to 10:30am



OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS



One day in the year 1582, a young nun prayed before the Blessed Sacrament in the choir of her convent in Quito, Equador. Suddenly, she heard a terrifying rumble and saw the church enveloped in a thick, smoke-filled darkness. The main Altar alone remained illuminated, as if in broad daylight. There, the Tabernacle door swung open and our crucified Lord came forth, nailed to a life-size cross. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist, and Saint Mary Magdalen stood by, as on

Calvary. Our Lord was agonizing.

The young nun heard a voice: "This punishment is for the twentieth century." Then she saw three swords hanging over Our Lord's head, each with an inscription. On the first was written, "I shall punish heresy"; on the second, "I shall punish blasphemy"; and on the third, "I shall punish impurity."

Then the Blessed Virgin addressed the young nun: "My daughter, do you wish to sacrifice yourself for these people?"

"I am ready," responded the nun. At that, the three swords plunged into the nun's heart, and she fell dead by the violence of the pain.

Is this a fairy-tale? An incredible allegory? The fantastic figment of someone's fertile imagination? No, these are facts.

God occasionally visits the Earth with the touch of His omnipotence. By Divine discretion He makes an exception to the earthly standards of everyday and introduces the extraordinary. We learn of His interventions and miracles as if the veil of faith is lifted a little, and we get a glimpse of Heaven, helping us feel closer to our celestial home.

Many claim to have received this "touch", yet just a few bear the august mark of authenticity, which is usually a purifying process of the favored soul through acute suffering.

To read more about the life and mystical experiences of Sr. Mariana of Jesus Torres y Berriochoa, a nun of the Conceptionist Order, go to: www.tfp.org/a-victim-for-the-twentieth-century/



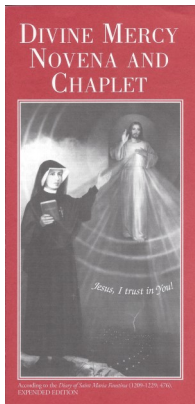
February Feast Days

- February 1 - St. Bridgid of Ireland
- February 2 - **The Presentation of the Lord / OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS / CANDLEMASS**
- February 3 - St. Blase, Bishop, Martyr & St. Ansgar, Bishop
- February 4 - First Friday & St. Veronica
- February 5 - First Saturday & St. Agatha
- February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions
- February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest / St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- February 9 - Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich
- February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin (St. Benedict's twin sister)
- February 11 - **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
- February 14 - St. Valentine & Sts. Cyril and Methodius
- February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- February 18 - St. Bernadette Soubirous
- February 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church - **Begin the Novena In Honor of the Holy Face -see page 5**
- February 22 - Chair of St. Peter (U.S. Calendar)
- February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

**2022 54-DAY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The Novena begins on Tuesday, March 1 and continues through Saturday, April 23.

The complete schedule will be noted in the March COOL News. Our intentions for this year are: for the United States of America and our Holy Mother the Church: for the truth to prevail, flaws to be mended, corruption to be exposed, sinners to convert, repent and atone, and for God's Will to be done and His justice to be served. Amen



Submitted by Mary Bishel



READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR



From Ascension Press Fr. Mike Schmitz is reading the Bible daily in an organized program to cover the major stories of the Bible in 365 days. The program each day takes only 30 minutes or less. He follows the Bible Timeline so there is logical progression through the Bible stories but also includes readings from the supplemental books to help us see the deeper connections of the writings.

Go to: <https://ascensionpress.com/> to sign up or search on YouTube, the Bible in a Year Fr. Mike Schmitz submitted by Francie Medary

St. Therese's Prayer for Vocations to the Religious Life

God our Father, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I ask You to bless and strengthen the spiritual renewal and vitality of all priests and religious so that Your Church may shine more resplendently and bear witness to Your presence in our world today. In particular, inspire many men and women to respond to Your Son's call to "Come, follow Me" as members of those communities which are living the religious life according to the mind of the Church. I ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Submitted by Mary Bishel

Adult Ed. Update

A new program will begin on Wednesday, February 2nd at our 10:00am Bible Study. Brandt Pitre's "The Case For Jesus" - please consider joining us as we explore Catholic answers to challenges of our Faith. Join us in the rectory Adult Ed. room or on ZOOM. Submitted by Joanne Farrell



A Year -End Update

As we begin the new year, we recall the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society at Church of Our Lady in 2021. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your generous contributions and your support.

Our zip code (43232) has the largest number of requests in the Columbus area. Once a month St Vincent de Paul at C.O.O.L. makes 200 sandwiches that go to St Lawrence Haven downtown for the homeless. Earlier in the year we were making 400 sandwiches.

St Vincent de Paul could not function without your support and contributions. We can't thank you enough. This parish is very generous and the need is great.

Thank you Fr Coleman, Mary Bishel, Steve Doyle, Andy Wells and Cheryl Shroyer for making our mission possible. God has truly blessed us.

P.S. This Christmas (thanks to a generous donation) St Vincent de Paul was able to donate diapers to the Women Care Center and PDHC; gloves, hats, socks etc. to the Bishop Griffin Center. We were also able to adopt a family.

On behalf of: George Medary, President
Bob Trisket, Treasurer

Thank you all ever so much! God Bless Church of Our Lady!
Written by Mary Bishel

Stewardship Our Church - Our Home



In this year of 2022 we are called to a deeper giving than we have seen before!

If you follow the information if our weekly bulletin you will see that in our weekly collection our finances are falling very short of our needs. While Fr.

Coleman has worked with great ingenuity

to make ends meet for us we are reaching a point in which he will no longer be able to transcend this shortage.

This year we need to look beyond the everyday to what is really important in our lives and to how our Catholic Faith frames all that we do.

Give to God all you can, He did not count the cost when gave us His Son. Please pray for discernment in your stewardship support for Church of Our Lady. "Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2nd Corinthians 9:6-7.



I travel slowly, one step at a time, because I am carrying two big suitcases. One of them contains my sins, and in the other, which is much heavier, are the infinite merits of Jesus. When I reach heaven I will open the suitcases and say to God: 'Eternal Father, now you can judge.' And to St. Peter: 'Close the door, because I'm staying.'

St. Josephine Bakhita

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St. Peter Damian

Feast Day: February 21
c. 1007 – 21 or 22 February 1072 or 1073) was a reforming Benedictine monk and cardinal in the circle of Pope Leo IX. He lived in a very troubled time of the church with many schisms and challenges to the holiness of priests. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

Early Life

Peter was born in Ravenna (Italy) around 988, the youngest of a large noble, but poor family. Orphaned early, he was at first adopted by an elder brother, who ill-treated and under-fed him while employing him as a swineherd. After some years, another brother, Damianus, who was archpriest at Ravenna, had pity on him and took him away to be educated. Adding his brother's name to his own, Peter made such rapid progress in his studies of theology and Canon Law, first at Ravenna, then at Faenza, and finally at the University of Parma, that, around the age of 25, he was already a famous teacher at Parma and Ravenna.

Religious Life

About 1035, however, he gave up his secular calling and, avoiding the compromised luxury of Cluniac monasteries, entered the isolated hermitage of Fonte Avellana, near Gubbio. Both as a novice and as a monk, his fervor was remarkable but led him to such extremes of self-mortification in penance that his health was affected, and he developed severe insomnia.

On his recovery, he was appointed to lecture to his fellow monks. Then, at the request of Guy of Pomposa (Guido d'Arezzo) and other heads of neighboring monasteries, for two or three years he lectured to their brethren also, and (about 1042) wrote the life of Romuald for the monks of Pietrapertosa. Soon after his return to Fonte Avellana he was appointed economus (manager or housekeeper) of the house by the prior, who designated him as his successor. In 1043 he became prior of Fonte Avellana, and remained so until his death in February 1072.

Subject-hermitages (under the direction of a bishop) were founded at San Severino, Gamogna, Acerreta, Murciana, San Salvatore, Sitria and Ocri. A zealot for monastic and clerical reform, he introduced a more-severe discipline, including the practice of flagellation ("the disciplina") into the house, which, under his rule, quickly attained celebrity, and became a model for other foundations, even the great abbey of Monte Cassino. There was much opposition outside his own circle to such extreme forms of penitence, but Peter's persistent advocacy ensured its acceptance, to such an extent that he was obliged later to moderate the imprudent zeal of some of his own hermits.

Another innovation was that of the daily siesta, to make up for the fatigue of the night office. During his tenure of the priorate, a cloister was built, silver chalices and a silver processional cross were purchased, and many books were added to the library.



Reformer

Although living in the seclusion of the cloister, Peter Damian closely watched the fortunes of the church, and like his friend Hildebrand, the future Pope Gregory VII, he strove for reforms in a deplorable time. After almost two centuries of political and social upheaval, doctrinal ignorance and the petty venality among the clergy had reached intolerable levels. When the scandalous Benedict IX resigned the pontificate into the hands of the archpriest John Gratian

(Gregory VI) in 1045, Peter hailed the change with joy and wrote to the new pope, urging him to deal with the scandals of the church in Italy, singling out the wicked bishops of Pesaro, of Città di Castello and of Fano.

Extending the area of his activities, he entered into communication with the Emperor Henry III. He was present in Rome when Clement II crowned Henry III and his consort Agnes, and he also attended a synod held at the Lateran in the first days of 1047, in which decrees were passed against simony.

After this he returned to his hermitage. Damian published a constant stream of open letters on a variety of theological and disciplinary controversies. About 1050, he wrote Liber Gomorrhianus addressed to Pope Leo IX, containing a scathing indictment of the practice of sodomy, as threatening the integrity of the clergy. Meanwhile, the question arose as to the validity of the ordinations of simoniacal clerics (those who paid for their benefices). Peter Damian wrote (about 1053) a treatise, the Liber Gratissimus, in favor of their validity (supporting the pope's authority), a work which, though much combatted at the time, was potent in deciding the question in their favor before the end of the 12th century. Pope Benedict XVI described him as "one of the most significant figures of the 11th century, ... a lover of solitude and at the same time a fearless man of the Church, committed personally to the task of reform."

source: Wikipedia

Quotes: "The best penance is to have patience with the sorrows God permits. A very good penance is to dedicate oneself to fulfill the duties of everyday with exactitude and to study and work with all our strength."

"Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through our face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth."

"For the wisdom of the flesh brings death, but that of the spirit brings life and peace, since the wisdom of the flesh is the enemy of God; it is not subject to God's Law, nor can it be. And since the wisdom of the flesh is unable to bear the yoke of God's Law, it cannot look upon it either, for its eyes are clouded with the smoke of pride."

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

The decorating crew came together to make our Altar and sanctuary beautiful for Christ's birth! Thanks to our many volunteers for their cheerful hearts and willing hands!



Do you see all the wise men?



Cleaning and polishing up so everyone has a great view.

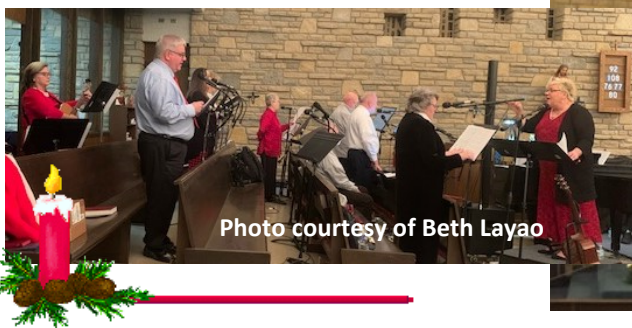


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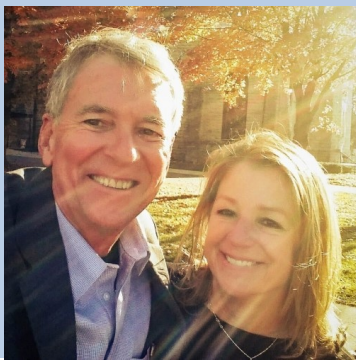
DIVINE MERCY FOR AMERICA

Have mercy on us and on the whole world

Check out this website dedicated to spreading the Divine Mercy message and promoting prayers for America through the writings of St. Faustina: praying for our country as St. Faustina prayed for Poland. Go to: <https://divinemercyforamerica.org/action-plan/> You will find a wonderful collection of prayers that we can send to Heaven to help us.



Thanks to Char Forrest for bringing this website to our attention.



Hello,
We are Dave and Joan Maroney, initiators and campaign directors of Divine Mercy for America. Since 1999, we have dedicated our lives to helping Catholic parishes and schools learn about, live, and spread The Divine Mercy message and devotion as [Mother of Mercy Messengers](#). In our personal, as well as our missionary lives, we have encountered thousands upon thousands who have been incredibly transformed by Divine Mercy and we are convinced that it is the most important message and devotion for our times. The promises are unparalleled and the gift too great not to make known to one and all.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN

"See how I suffer. Nevertheless, I am understood by so few. What ingratitude on the part of those who say they love Me. I have given My Heart as a sensible object of My great love for man and I give My Face as a sensible object of My sorrow for the sins of man. I desire that It be honored by a Special Feast on Tuesday in Quinquagesima [*Shrove Tuesday - the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday*]. The Feast will be preceded by a Novena in which the faithful make reparation to Me, uniting themselves in participating with Me in My sorrows." (*Our Lord Jesus Christ to Sister Maria Pierina*)

The Novena begins on Monday, February 21st. Pamphlets are available on the tables in both lobbies.





Bethesda Healing Ministry is a Catholic Christian Ministry of hospitality and healing. Through a community of love and acceptance, all men and women suffering the effects of an abortion are invited and supported.




If you (or someone you know) is struggling from a past abortion experience, please call:
614-309-0157



1 in 4 women will have an abortion by age 45.

While you are not alone, how you came to the decision to have an abortion is unique. Bethesda Healing Ministry recognizes that your path for healing will be unique as well.

Get help and information at: <https://bethesdahealingministry.wildapricot.org>



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NO PRIEST, NO EUCHARIST!


Serra Club is a lay apostolate dedicated to fostering and affirming vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life for the Diocese of Columbus. We invite you to join us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: INFO@SERRACOLUMBUS.ORG OR VISIT SERRACOLUMBUS.ORG

**CANDLEMASS
CANDLE BLESSING
ON WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 2ND!**

Please bring the candles you want blessed to church **BEFORE Wednesday, February 2nd and be sure to put your name on them. Father will bless the candles on Wednesday at the 9:00am Mass. You can retrieve your candles the following weekend, the 5th & 6th.**

Columbus Catholic Women's Conference



REKINDLE
...the gift of God that is within you
February 19, 2022

Church of Our Lady will host a LIVE-STREAM EVENT of the 2022 Columbus Catholic Women's Conference in Don Ross Hall on Saturday, February 19th.

Our doors will open at 7:45. Fr. Coleman will celebrate Mass at 8:00am. We will follow the speakers and activities until 3:00pm at which time we will close so that the space may be prepared for Reconciliation and Mass at 4:00pm.

A continental breakfast of fresh fruits and individually wrapped snacks, coffee, tea, etc. will be provided. Please bring your own sack lunch. We have plenty of room in the fridge if your food needs to be kept cold. We also have a microwave available. **The cost to register to attend our live-stream event here at Church Of Our Lady is only \$10.00.**

Sign-up events will be conducted after Masses in the west lobby February 5 & 6, and February 12 & 13. Scholarships are available.

Speakers will include: Sr. Tracey Dugas, Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, Janelle Foligno, with Emcee Sr. Ana Gonzalez, O.P. and music by Tori Harris.

For those who are attending in person:

Time 8am - 4:30pm

Price: General Admission - \$45

Students (ages 23 and under) - \$35

Religious sisters - Free

Location: Kasich Hall near Ohio Expo Center
Live Stream - \$15

Registration to attend in person is through the website: columbuscatholicwomen.com/

If there is anyone who is planning to attend in person and would like to carpool to the Expo Center, please contact me so that I can help you coordinate your availability with other persons who might want to attend in person:
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Knight's News

SUPERBOWL SUB SALE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #11188



JUST IN TIME FOR THE SUPER BOWL LVI

Super Bowl LVI - February 13, 2022.

You still have a chance to purchase as many meatball sub sandwiches as you can eat, just in time for the big Super Bowl game on February 13.

Subs are only \$5 per sandwich and can be ordered after the Masses on Saturday, February 5 and Sunday February 6.

And, if you do place an order for Super Bowl subs, please remember to pick them up after Masses on Saturday, February 12, or on Sunday, February 13. The sandwiches will be in a refrigerator (look for the signs) in Don Ross Hall with the names on the bags. Members of the Knights will be available if you need any assistance.

Proceeds from both of these fundraisers support the charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus.

CENTERED ON CHRIST * CALLED TO BE SAINTS * INSPIRED BY ST. JOSEPH



We are awaiting the final determination for access to the 2022 Catholic Men's Conference.

The challenges with COVID have caused those organizing the event to change their approach more than once!

We saw the blessings we received from last year's live-stream and we hope that once again that will be an option. We encourage the men of our parish to come forward to support the conference.

Until we have definite information, please check out the website at: <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/?lightbox=dataItem-jsjdcOnw2>

Patrick Shroyer & George Medary, Co-Captains

Lenten Fish Fries – 2022

Due to Covid, the 2022 Fish Fry dinners will be take-out only, again. And, due to current economic conditions, the meals will be a little more expensive this year (Lenten sacrifice).



There will be four fish fries taking place on every Friday in March: the 4th, the 11th, the 18th, & the 25th, right after Stations of the Cross.

The menu will consist of freshly fried fish, choice of fries or mac-n-cheese, and green beans. Drinks, desserts, salads, and condiments will not be available as part of the meal.

The cost will be \$10/dinner, payable by cash or credit card. The Squires will be selling pop and chips, separately on the side, at a cost of \$1 per item.

Orders can be placed in the lobby, by driving up to the west lobby entrance of the church, or by calling ahead to 614-531-7998. All orders will be freshly prepared, packaged, and delivered to you or to your car by a Knight or Squire.

We wish Miroslav farewell!

We have to say “goodbye” to Miro who is moving on to a new life in Florida at the beginning of February. He came to Church of Our Lady in 2008 when Fr. DeVille was pastor.



The areas he has enjoyed most in working at Church Of Our Lady are maintenance and mechanical repair. In the 13 years he has worked here only one time was the tractor taken to the shop because he could not fix it! (A very good record!)



Pictures by Cheryl Shroyer

We will all miss his smiling face, good nature and his terrific accent! And I know Fr. Coleman will miss his wonderful breakfasts!

Submitted by Elaine Sturm

Fr. Coleman's Calendar