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TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN...May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH... The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Any noise that our little ones make during Mass is pleasing to God's ears. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

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Sunday-Friday 6:00am-12:00am Saturday 6:00am-4:00pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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Confession

Tuesday 7:30pm Thursday 7:00pm Saturday 9:00am



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This Week

Sunday, September 1st: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
11:00am Holy Mass (Grace Cafarella) 4
5:00pm Holy Mass (Eileen Kaltenecker)

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day: Office Closed/No School 8:00am Holy Mass (Hal Ridenour)

Tuesday, September 3rd: St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

7:00pm Holy Mass (Jeanne Herbert)

7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, September 4th

9:00am Holy Mass (Margaret Petrosky)

Thursday, September 5th

8:00am Holy Mass (Sandra Weaver)

7:00pm ADORE Night

Friday, September 6th

8:00am Holy Mass (Hal Ridenour)

Saturday, September 7th

6:30am Women at the Well 8:30am Holy Mass (Bill Harvey)

9:00am Confessions

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH • 5:00PM

Fr. Bob's Mass of Installation with Bishop Fernandes



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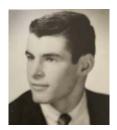
"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 3 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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Matt	Rachel	Estee
Judy	Suzy	Margie
Christine	Jeff	Luke
Jim	Brian	Charmonique
Tracy Keaton	Isabella and Jackson	Kamil
Avery	Tara	Bobby
Sarah	K's Daughter	Lee

May They Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



John Louis Murphy April 29, 1939 - August 21, 2024

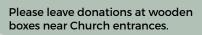
John Louis Murphy, age 85, passed away on August 21, 2024 in Grove City, Ohio. He was a graduate and class President St. Charles Preparatory School, class of 1957; graduate of The University of Notre Dame, class of 1961 and attended Seminary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (1961-1968). He was employed by Nationwide Insurance, Ohio Bell and was President of The Murphy Company.

Longtime member of St. Catharine Catholic Church and most recently Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, he was very active in the church especially as a RCIA Volunteer. He was very involved in the central Ohio community including Gladden Community House, Franklinton Board of Trade, Mount Carmel Board of Directors, Printing Industry of Central Ohio, Suicide Prevention Hotline, and was also the Bexley Gun & Rifle Club State Champion.

He is preceded in death by his wife Barbara Murphy; parents, Louis and Verna Murphy; sister, Theresa Murphy and brother James Murphy. He is survived by his sons, John (Lisa) Murphy, Kevin (Julie) Murphy, Brian (Jennifer) Murphy and Timothy (Kayla) Murphy; grandchildren, Kali Murphy; Amelia Murphy; Brynna Murphy; Thomas Murphy; William Murphy; Adalynn Murphy; Isaac Murphy, brother Richard (Anne) Murphy; sister, Patty Demkovich and sister-in-law, Barbara Murphy; greatgranddaughter, Scarlett Murphy; numerous nieces & nephews.

August Food Pantry Need

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Youth Ministry Update

High School Kick-off: Sun, Sept 8th • 6pm-8pm Middle School (6th-8th) Kick-off: Sun, Sept 15 • 6pm-8pm

Picture this: a nerdy homeschooled high school student, printing pictures and quotes of Pope St. John Paul II, taping them up onto walls, mirrors, journals, you name it. Yep, that was me. I've been captivated by the words of Pope St. John Paul II since I was 14. There is something so beautiful and deeply meaningful about the way he describes universal things that we all long for: love, meaning, belonging, peace, happiness, freedom. What caught my attention when I was 14, and what still catches my attention now, is what he had to say on happiness:

"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

I've spent my whole life longing for this or that—hoping that the dreams for my life will come true, that I could do something great, adventurous, and good. I've gone searching in so many places, seeking happiness and longing for freedom. But every time I think "if I could have this" or "be like that" or "do that" etc., "then I'll be happy" —I am always left still longing for more. But what I've noticed is that Jesus is the only one that has ever truly satisfied. Through all the years, it's only ever been Him.

I love the youth because when we are young, we are full of hopes and dreams and longing. It's a gift! We're drawn to beauty, we thirst for fullness, we have a natural desire to do something great—and that is good! If you feel like those longings have faded with time, ask God for more! If you feel overwhelmed by all your desires, ask God for clarity and peace! When we let our happiness be found in Him, we experience freedom—the freedom to be ourselves, to be better disciples, and to become saints.



Wherever you are, whatever your heart longs for, know that Jesus is the one you are seeking. He is waiting for you, when nothing else satisfies, when nothing else fills you. He will always be waiting with open arms, no matter how many times you look for satisfaction in the wrong places. Run to the Eucharist, dive into the Word, go to confession—He waits for you there, and He loves to pour out His love on you. Be not afraid!

Christiana Lee, Youth Minister

Baptisms

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."

> **Sunday, August 25th** Galilee Guadalupe DeMatte



The Catholic Church and Politics in Ohio

Have you heard of the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO)? The CCO is the second-oldest state bishops' conference in the United States and serves as the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on matters of public policy and government relations.



As stated in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, "While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates." The CCO is non-partisan and does not endorse any candidates.

On behalf of the Catholic bishops of Ohio, the CCO advocates for laws and legislation in Ohio that align with a Catholic vision of a moral and just society by:

- Collaborating with Catholic dioceses across Ohio to champion Church teachings that advance the common good.
- Forming consciences of Ohio legislators on matters of public policy.
- Testifying in support of or opposition to proposed legislation in the Ohio House of Representatives or Senate committees.
- Equipping Catholics to get involved and support public policies that uphold their beliefs and values through a monthly newsletter, action alerts, and advocacy events.

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"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass



Part 63: Exchanging the Sign of Peace



Continuing with the Rite of Peace, how do we exchange the sign of peace? For a little more background on this part of the Mass, the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "This prayer reaffirms the holiness of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. The Church, insofar as She is the Bride of Christ, is holy and without blemish. While the Church remains holy, Her members are prone to sin and error, and so we beseech our Lord to look upon His Church with favor and grant us the peace and unity of the kingdom of heaven. Upon asking our Lord for this peace, the priest extends this peace to the congregation as he says: 'The peace of the Lord be with you always!' [The people reply] 'And with your spirit.' [The Deacon or Priest then says: "Let us offer each other the sign of peace."] According to local custom, we exchange with one another a sign of peace. Typically, in the United States, the normative gesture is a handshake to those around us" (A Study of the Mass, p. 18).

An Expression of Christian Community

For more description of what happens after the words from the sanctuary, the Catholic Encyclopedia states, "It is then that the people of the assembled community turn to their immediate neighbors and exchange a greeting, a shake of the hand, or other sign of peace and friendship. This need not be an elaborate exchange. There are no ritual words to be said, some preferring to say: 'Peace be with you' or 'the Peace of Christ be with you' or 'God bless you.' The response may be equally simple. This kiss of peace, both as a sign of recognition of fellowship, respect, or friendship is essentially a sign of reconciliation, of expressing the mutual regard of Christian for Christian... St. Paul recognized this sign of peace as an expression of Christian community (Rom 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12). And St. Peter considered this greeting a sign of union with Christ, or Christ-like togetherness (1 Pt 5:14)" (Catholic Encyclopedia, p. 465).

Practical Gestures of Peace

While the deeper meaning of this gesture may be more clear for us, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal included a new paragraph addressing the practical gesture itself, which says, "As for the actual sign of peace to be given, the manner is to be established by the Conferences of Bishops in accordance with the culture and customs of the peoples. However, it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest" (GIRM, 82). So, what is the norm for us? While we don't have a defined standard, as mentioned previously, our typical local norm is a simple handshake with people that are nearby. Certainly, spouses, families, and others may have more intimate exchanges of peace such as a hug or a kiss. During times when people are being more cautious about illness and contact, a simple bow or a wave and a smile can be fine gestures of peace as well. Generally, I would encourage people to choose the sign that is comfortable for people around us. The main thing we want to remember is to make the gesture a real sign of peace, while at the same time not being too carefree or moving throughout the church, where we might risk being disrespectful to Jesus present on the altar (which is also why we shouldn't have conversations at this time).

For a few more summary thoughts, the Diocese of Peoria says, "This rite of peace acknowledges a few things: forgiveness, humility and community. In Matthew, Chapter 5, our Lord taught us we must first be reconciled with one another before approaching the altar. We approach the altar to receive the Prince of Peace; His command is that we be peacemakers ourselves by forgiving others and asking pardon for our sins... It is also a gesture of the communal Spirit which resides in the Church. The gesture of peace signifies this 'ecclesial bond' that with Christ we are a community of believers and children of the same Father" (A Study of the Mass, p. 18). The next time you offer the Sign of Peace at Mass, whether a hug, kiss, handshake, simple bow, wave, or smile, think about what it truly means—what you truly want to offer to those around you—and how it helps prepare your heart for Jesus truly present in Holy Communion.

- 1. Review the New Testament passages which feature a "holy kiss" or "loving kiss" as a greeting within the early Church (Rom 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Thes 5:26; 1 Pt 5:14). Ask the intercession of those in the Communion of Saints who have shared this gesture throughout Church history for peace within the Church today and the extension of Christ's peace in our mission to the world.
- 2. As part of your preparation the next time you participate in Mass, pray Psalm 122, which celebrates the gift of worshipping in God's "house" and includes the phrase, "Peace be with you."



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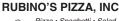
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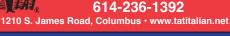
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