Confirmation Preparation – During his visit earlier this year, Bishop Campbell mentioned his willingness to come here annually to celebrate confirmation. The team responsible for preparing this year’s class was thrilled. Because the Bishop has already confirmed this year’s seventh-graders, though, we won’t have an eighth grade class to be confirmed next year. Instead, we will begin preparing next year’s seventh-graders to receive confirmation early in 2017, roughly halfway through their eighth grade. Beginning this fall, therefore, we shall be devoting two academic years of our religious education curriculum to the adequate preparation of our young folks for confirmation during the winter of their eighth grade. This means that parents (and godparents!) expecting their children to be confirmed the next time Bishop Campbell visits must be certain that their children participate in this year’s seventh grade program. For children enrolled in the school, parents need not do anything. Parents who send their children to our religious education classes, however, must enroll their children in this year’s seventh grade program if those children expect to be confirmed in the eighth grade.

It’s not too early to start putting good usable clothing, small appliances and bedding aside for the St. Vincent de Paul and Knights of Columbus Clothing Drive on October 17th and 18th. Everything collected will go to the St. Francis Food and Clothing Center in McArthur, Ohio. Vinton County is one of the largest and poorest counties in Ohio and St. Francis is the only center for the poor in the county.

Riverside Hospital Visits – If you are a patient at Riverside and would like to receive a visit from Fr. John, please let us know. Currently Riverside is unable to let us know who among our parishioners is a patient there. Please contact Fr. John at olpppastor@rrohio.com or call the church office at 263-8824, ext. 202, so that he may find you on his visits there. Hopefully, they will get their system updated soon but in the meantime, please let us know.

Keeping Students in College connected to the Catholic Church. The newmanconnection.com website provides information on more than 1,300 Catholic campus ministries, Mass times and scheduled activities. Check out this website, too, if you are headed off to college next year and wish to be active in campus ministry.

Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose, led by Matthew Kelly, invites us all to identify God’s voice in our lives and the specific purpose for which we’ve been created. Join one of the Passion & Purpose events at St. Brendan, 4475 Dublin Road, on September 19, from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost is $39.00. Doors open an hour before the event. It is suggested you arrive at least a half hour before the event to check in and collect your materials. Meals are not served. Please feel free to bring a snack for the breaks. Visit dynamiccatholic.com/events for more information and to order tickets. This one day will change your life!
Please help us by volunteering your time at this year’s Our Lady of Peace Parish Festival, July 17 and 18! It’s a great way to meet new people within our community! Please check sign-up page at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C054FAFA72FA4FB6-2015/11820778.

The winner of the first Early Bird drawing for the OLP Festival Raffle Ticket Sale is Father Johnson! He has won $50.00! Our second Early Bird drawing will be announced next week. Also, during both nights of the Festival, July 17 and 18, there will be two winners for $250.00 each and a grand prize $1,000.00 winner. Thank you for supporting the Raffle Ticket Sale and Festival!

**Silent Auction at the Festival**

Wall of Wine – New this year and sure to be a hit! Buy a ticket at the Silent Auction and select from a wide array of wrapped “mystery” bottles valued up to $60.00! In order for this to be a success, we are in great need of newly-purchased bottles of wine ranging in price from $10.00-$60.00. Will you please help?

Spritz and Spirits – A crowd favorite, “adult beverage” baskets will again be available at the Silent Auction. We need your help! Please consider donating newly-purchased bottles of wine, liquor, and specialty beers. Cheers!

Theme Baskets – Get in touch with your creative side and donate a theme basket to the Silent Auction! Examples include, but certainly are not limited to: car wash, pet, date night, movie night, Lego, sports, Mexican fiesta, coffee, golf, ice cream, martini, margarita...the sky is the limit! We will gladly wrap your basket if you’d like.

You may drop off any of the above items (please include price tag or receipt) at the parish office or call Emily Badertscher (330-7814) or Leslie Kraus (582-3876) to arrange pick-up.

Cleaning Baskets – Back by popular demand, cleaning and laundry baskets will be available again this year at the Silent Auction! Please consider donating any of the following: laundry basket, laundry detergent, bleach, cleaning caddy, mop bucket, sponges, paper towels, Windex, multipurpose cleaner, microfiber cloths, etc. Supplies may be dropped off in the bins marked “Silent Auction” in the church gathering space.

Baskets and Containers Needed – The next time you are out shopping, please consider purchasing a basket or decorative container and donating it to the Silent Auction. We have lots of fabulous items that need homes! Baskets may be dropped off in the bins marked “Silent Auction” in the church Gathering Space.

**Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY, JULY 4
4:00 p.m. Tom Rosemarin (Mary Lee Butts-Horn)

SUNDAY, JULY 5
8:30 a.m. Special Intention (Erin & Jason Wright)
10:00 a.m. Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Margaret Bracaloni (Mary Bernardo)

TUESDAY, JULY 7
5:30 p.m. Anna Loffler (Nieces & Nephews)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
8:30 a.m. Mary Louise Gideon (Mark Gideon)

THURSDAY, JULY 9
8:30 a.m. Sr. Barbara Kolesar (OLP, SVDP)

FRIDAY, JULY 10
8:30 a.m. Terry Deibel (Martha Deibel)

SATURDAY, JULY 11
4:00 p.m. Ridenour & Rozum Families (Fran Ridenour)

SUNDAY, JULY 12
8:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Terry Deibel (Tom & Mary Flynn)
11:30 a.m. Tom & Veronica Garrity’s 40th Wedding Anniversary

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CRISTO REY COLUMBUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. If you know of any family who desires to send their child to Catholic High School but is unable to do so because of financial reasons, please refer them to Cristo Rey. Cristo Rey is a college-prep high school with a rigorous academic curriculum in addition to a unique professional work-study program. For more information, please contact the admissions department at 223-9261, ext. 12008.

Bethesda Healing Ministry – Are you hurting in silence over your abortion experience? We’ve been there and know what you have been feeling. Our ministry offers a safe and comforting place for you to connect with Jesus and start your healing journey. Join Bethesda Healing Ministry the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month to share in the healing experience. Confidential Ministry lines are 614-309-0157/614-309-2651.