An Endless Desire to Show Mercy

The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads, and welcome the outcast. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father’s infinite mercy.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

Reflection: Have you ever had someone take the initiative in loving and welcoming you? What did it feel like? How did it change you? Where can you boldly take initiative?

This Week in Alpha: Week 8

This week in Alpha: How Can I Resist Evil?

“Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)

Where does evil come from?

Triple alliance:

– World—the enemy around
– Flesh—the enemy within
– Devil—the enemy above

How do we defend ourselves?

– “Be strong in the Lord…Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” (Ephesians 6:10-11)

 Didn’t make this session of Alpha? We’ll be offering another session in the Spring!

Pre-register for the Spring session at the parish website:

http://www.olp-parish.org/

Masses

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.;
Sunday – 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days:
Holy Day Eve – 5:30 p.m.;
Holy Day – 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Weekdays:
Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.;
Wednesday-Friday – 8:30 a.m.
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 23, 2016

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
Parish Council meets monthly to advise Father Johnson and the parish staff on the operation of the parish, including all of the ministries of the parish. At our last meeting we continued our consideration of membership on Parish Council. We are looking to add several new members to Council, including At-large members to give us a broader representation. We reviewed the Alpha program currently underway and the plans for future Alphas. Also, each parish ministry will be considered to see how it contributes to our evangelization efforts and to assign our limited resources. Mrs. Gruber, interim principal, gave us an update on the first month of the new school year. Contact Parish Council member Paul Casper (614-296-1196) if you have a topic you would like council to consider.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
40 Days for Life: Our Lady of Peace Church will be participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign this fall.
40 DFL is a coordinated, national campaign to bring continuous prayer to local abortion clinics in more than 500 cities across the world. In Columbus, the program is sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life. The vigil will be held at Founders’ Women’s Health Care (1243 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205). Our Church has adopted Saturday, October 29, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are asking that a minimum of two volunteers sign up to pray at the clinic for each hour-long shift. Please email or call Bob Giesken (gieskenaia@aol.com or 614-262-7555) to sign up for an hour. If you cannot pray on our adopted day, please volunteer for another time during the 40 Days at www.40DaysforLife.com/local-campaigns/columbus.

DON’T FORGET THE BLOOD DRIVE
WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
WHERE: OLP Old Rectory
Schedule online at redcrossblood.org
Call 1-800-733-2767
Walk-ins are welcome.

CYO Basketball
High school boys and girls basketball players: the Diocesan Recreation Association wants you! It is time to begin forming your parish CYO basketball team. Girls and boys in grades 9-12 are eligible to play; games will be played on weekends, beginning December 3/4. All teams must be formed by Tuesday, November 22, and the High School Sport Information Sheet (found at www.cdeducation.org/diocesanrecreation) must be submitted to hold your spot. Questions? Please contact Marty Raines at 614-241-2580 or mraines@columbuscatholic.org.

Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club Event
Friday, November 4, 2016
The next Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club session will feature John Howard, former Catholic Man of the Year and present parishioner at St. Matthew the Apostle Church in Gahanna. John will speak about Prison Ministry from his own unique point of view. Please join us for this talk on Friday, November 4th at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus! Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and John’s talk until about 1:00 p.m. No reservations necessary. $10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!
For information on Catholic Men’s Luncheons, visit www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President, at htm@ejhlaw.com.

BISHOP WATTERSON NEWS
Watterson HS Band Fund Raiser at Roosters
Enjoy dinner with family and friends while supporting the band boosters. A portion of receipts goes to the bank when the coupon is presented.
Wednesday, November 2, 3370 Olentangy River Road. Dine-in or carry-out.

Fall Dinner
Bishop Watterson Mothers’ Club will hold its Fall Dinner on Tuesday, November 15 at Wedgewood Country Club. Social hour: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m. We invite all past, present and future BWHS moms to join us! Proceeds benefit need-based scholarships for BWHS students. Registration available at bishopwatterson.com.

Mass of Remembrance
On Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Our Lady of Peace Parish will celebrate a special rite of remembrance during the 5:30 Mass.

Offertory Totals for October 16, 2016
Regular ............................. $ 8,556.28
Electronic ................................ 47, 4: 063
Total .................................. $44,484.09
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May God continue to richly bless you for your generosity and faithfulness!

Our Sincere Gratitude
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Prayer Shawl Blessing
Saturday, October 29, 2016, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
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Fall Dinner
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Dinner on Tuesday, November 15 at Wedgewood Country Club. Social hour: 6:00-7:00 p.m.; "Flppgt2 9-22" r 0 0' Y g' lpqkg' cnyf r cuv' r tgucpgv cpf' hwwmg DY J U"o o u'"qy'f lhq# Rtqegf u' u'gppgf dczgqf 'uej qrf"t k u'lq' Dy j U"uwr gwu0T gi kovkvp cxkckddg"cvdljr qy y cwquvpqgo.

Mass of Repose On Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Our Lady of Peace Parish will celebrate a special rite of remembrance during the 5:30 Mass.
Parent Corner | Action Step #15 | Show Interest

What are your child’s top three interests? Take a shot at listing them in priority order from one to three:

1. 
2. 
3. 

How certain are you that you have this right? The degree to which you get this list right is the degree to which you have power to effectively connect with your child. The things that matter most to your child are your keys to connecting with your child in a meaningful way.

Here are just a few ways to work with this list:

- Talk about these things to get clues about your child’s God-given purpose.
- Use these things as motivators when your child has something important to learn or do.
- Ask a lot of open-ended questions about these topics to spark some great conversations. Avoid giving advice, except for when your child is really looking for it.
- Look for the good parts and possibilities associated with these top interests even if they are not your interests.
- Try to connect your child with a trusted mentor who has some expertise related to something on the list.
- Explore lots of ways that these interests can be turned into a career.

Just to be sure, check in with your child to see if your list is accurate.
What is Conscience?

In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (no. 17), the Catholic Bishops of the United States Conscience remind us:

“The Church equips its members to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience. ...Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”

Conscience is a judgment of practical reason that helps us to recognize and seek what is good, and to reject what is evil (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778, 1796).

The Second Vatican Council wrote:

“Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16).

Conscience does not simply “come to us”!
Throughout our lives, we have to spend time *forming our consciences* so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular situations.

**How Do I Form My Conscience?**

As the bishops note in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, we need to form our consciences in an ongoing manner. How do we do this?

1. When examining any issue or situation, we must begin by being open to the truth and what is right.
2. We must study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church.
3. We must examine the facts and background information about various choices.
4. We must prayerfully reflect to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults adds:

5. The prudent advice and good example of others support and enlighten our conscience.
6. The authoritative teaching of the Church is an essential element.
7. The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us develop our conscience.
8. Regular examination of conscience is important as well (p. 314).
Reflections on Conscience

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

1777 Moral conscience,¹ present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil.² It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

1778 Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law.


Reflections on Conscience Formation

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

1784 The education of the conscience is a lifelong task. From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law recognized by conscience. Prudent education teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults.

The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart.

1785 In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path,³ we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.⁴


Reflection Questions

1. What is conscience?
2. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
3. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
4. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to regularly form my conscience? What more should I do?

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