FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

One of the queens in Through the Looking Glass observes that one must run as fast as one can just to stay in the same place. To get anywhere, one must run twice that fast. This often seems true in parish life. Lots happens all the time, and who can keep up with it? This week and over the next two weeks, I have to share with you some of what is happening here at Our Lady of Peace. By the time I’ve finished, it will all be “old news”; and gales of “new news” will have blown in to take its place.

Today’s “news” is bittersweet: Nathan’s wife is nearly finished with her doctoral studies, and she has won a “dream job” in her field. That’s the sweet part. The bitter part is that the family will be moving, probably to Atlanta. This means that Nathan will be leaving us in mid-June. He came to us by accident or (in my view) by Providence: what passes for a snow storm in Columbus closed Watterson, and one of his Watterson voice students who knew me from my days at St. Brendan thought I might allow Nathan to give the lesson in our church. Tom, our Business Manager, overheard the lesson and mentioned that we were looking for a Director of Liturgical Music. Nathan was interested and there we were. He and the other talent he has been able to attract have provided us with spectacular music at our liturgies and with glorious concerts. The work Nathan has done with our children’s choir is amazing: in how many parishes do grade-school children feel comfortable in singing solos at Sunday Mass?

By summer, we shall have to say “good-bye” to Nathan and Alex and Baby Henry (who grows more adorable by the minute). In the interim the parish will be on the prowl again for a Director of Liturgical Music. God blessed us richly with Linda and then with Nathan. I pray that His next blessing will be equally good.

Most Sincerely,
Reverend Monsignor John G. Johnson

PRAYER LINE – If you have a petition for which you would like the Prayer Line to join in praying, please call Chris at 614-906-0129. Prayer requests are kept confidential.
An Important Project
We have been asked to consider creating a pictorial Parish Directory. We are looking to help establish the proper processes for this project. If you are interested, have time and would like to help, please contact the Parish Office or Ed Price. Some of the areas that we could use help with are strong organizational skills, design or page layout, publishing and editing.

American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life
The Spring Community Blood Drive will be April 29, 2018, from 9:00 A.M until 2:00 P.M. The Blood Drive will be held in the OLP Old Rectory (door to the right of main church doors). To schedule an appointment, please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or book online at redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome.
Give the gift of life, GIVE BLOOD!

YOU'RE INVITED
JOIN US ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH FOR AN ALPHA DAY OF REFLECTION
TIME: 8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
YOU'RE CALLED NOT JUST TO BELIEVE, BUT TO BELONG – LEARN HOW!
CURIOS ABOUT THE ALPHA EXPERIENCE? WE CAN HELP!
ENJOY BREAKFAST WHILE VISITING WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS.
Reserve your spot – RSVP to TONI tonettes916@gmail.com by April 23rd.

SANDWICH MAKING TODAY AFTER 8:30 A.M. MASS
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Come join us today in the LARGE Room of the Old Rectory to make sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven.
Come get together with a group of parish friends to complete the sandwiches, load the Carskadon’s vehicle and then they are off to feed the hungry in downtown Columbus!
All are welcome to come!

BISHOP WATTERSON and OUR LADY OF PEACE congratulate these students for their outstanding academic achievement. Third Quarter Honor Roll for the 2017-2018 school year.
Samantha Badertscher, Lydia Brickley Emma Coleman, Marie Dock Andrew Fassbender, Adrienne Ferguson Riley Fortkamp, Katelyn Hunter Elizabeth Kozak, Charles Kuypers Eliza Narsavage, Chloe Pi Lily Rosati Yoos, Spencer Ruff Sophia Ruff, Parin Sensenbrenner Abigail Swint, Rachel Weithman Tessa Whittaker, Jacob Zerkle Thomas Zerkle
Our Lady of Peace Community,

Thank you for the wonderful Ash Wednesday collection. We are grateful to be a part of this generous and compassionate diocesan community. We appreciate that you have shared your blessings, as do the neighbors we serve.

Grace and Peace,
Lisa Keita
J.O.I.N.

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**Christ Child Society Layette Fund Drive**

Our members assemble gift packages (layettes) of baby care items which are distributed to needy mothers and their babies. In honor of Mother’s Day, a layette may be purchased ($35.00 per layette – check payable to Christ Child Society of Columbus) in honor of or in memory of your mother, grandmother, aunt, daughter, sister, friend, or another dear one. To order a layette, please contact Janey Davies at 614-885-9058 or jdavies1349@gmail.com or go to www.ChristChildSociety.org to access the order form. **Orders must be received by Friday, April 27 to ensure timely delivery of the Mother’s Day card.**

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**Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry**

If you are suffering the loss of a loved one and are looking for friends to share in your grief and healing, please join us at our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meetings. This is a Christ-Centered peer support group that meets for six consecutive weeks, four times per year.

During the spring season, are meeting on Sundays through May 13, 2018 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Avenue, Columbus, 43215 in the Parish Hall, beneath the church facing the parking lot. Registration is from 1:30-1:55 p.m. and the group shares from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

You may join us for any or all of our sessions by just showing up. And please feel welcome to bring a friend! If you have any questions, you may contact Mike Schmidt of St. Francis at michaeljamesschmidt@yahoo.com or Michael S. Julian, a parishioner from Immaculate Conception Church, at mjulian@columbus.rr.com.

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**HELP OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL**

Please sign up and help support OLP! Even if you have enrolled in the past, you must RE-ENROLL every April.

Do you shop at Kroger? If so, you could also be supporting Our Lady of Peace. Our Lady of Peace is a registered nonprofit in the Kroger Community Rewards program.

If you are a Kroger patron, register your Kroger Plus card number online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Every time you shop for groceries and swipe your card, Our Lady of Peace School will earn a rebate. If you shop at Kroger but do not have access to the online sign-up method, call (800) 837-4483 to learn about an alternative sign-up method. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

To register online, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy.

- Click on Sign In/Register. If you are a new online customer, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the “New Customer?” box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering your zip code, clicking on your favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, and agreeing to the terms and conditions. You will then get a message to check your e-mail inbox and click on the link in the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number. Update or confirm your information. Enter Our Lady of Peace (OLP ID# 81233) name from the community rewards organization list and click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, look for Our Lady of Peace name on the right side of your information page. Purchases will not count for Our Lady of Peace until after you have registered your card. For Our Lady of Peace to receive credit, each time you shop you must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger Plus card. For Frequently Asked Questions, fact sheets or additional program information, visit the KrogerCommunity Rewards information page.

Everyone needs to re-enroll to continue earning the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you have not re-enrolled this year, please take the time and do so now.
WHAT'S COMING UP AT OLP SCHOOL

Monday, April 16, 2018
Y.E.S. program – Grade 4
Partners in Conservation – Grades 1 & 7

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
All-School Mass

OLP PARISH CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 15
SVDP Sandwich Making, 9:30 a.m., Old Rectory, large

Monday, April 16
Festival Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Old Rectory, large

Tuesday, April 17
Choristers, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Old Rectory, large
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m., Old Rectory, large

Thursday, April 19
Building Committee, 6:30 a.m., Old Rectory, medium

Saturday, April 21
That Man is You!, 6:30 a.m., Old Rectory, large
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For the entire April calendar, refer to the webpage at http://olp-parish.org/ then CALENDAR (TEAMUP) LINK.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

150th Anniversary Celebration Mass. Join Bishop Frederick F. Campbell and the Clergy of the Diocese of Columbus in celebrating this important milestone in our Diocese’s history on Sunday, April 22, at 5:15 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus. All members of the Diocese are invited to attend; parking is limited. For more information about 150th Anniversary activities, visit columbuscatholic.org/150th-commemoration.

The Shepherd’s Tour. Celebrate 150 years of the Diocese of Columbus with a Pilgrimage. Take this opportunity to join Father Joshua Wagner and tour a variety of sites to venerate those Bishops who are interred within our Diocese. Tour sites include St. Joseph Cathedral; Mt. Calvary Cemetery; St. Joseph Cemetery; St. Francis de Sales, Newark; Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Newark; St. Edward the Confessor, Granville; and the Pontifical College Josephinum, with Mass at St. Turibius Chapel (tour stops subject to change). Tour space is limited. For dates and registration information, visit catholicchurchtour.com.

Autism Awareness Month. April is Autism Awareness Month. To promote greater inclusion of persons with Autism in the life of the Church and society, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/persons-with-disabilities.

Diocesan Jail and Prison Ministry Conference. Living as Missionary Disciples, Saturday, April 28, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Boulevard, Columbus. For both experienced prison ministers and those interested. Keynote speaker is Ron Zeilinger, Executive Director of Dismas Ministry, a national Catholic prison outreach. Conference topics include restorative justice, models of ministry, reentry ministry, and advocacy. Cost: Free. Register by April 24 at www.columbuscatholic.org/prison-ministry-criminal-justice or call 614-241-2540.

Responding to the Drug Addiction Epidemic. For a copy of Bishop Campbell’s pastoral letter on drug addiction and a listing of resources for families, schools, and parishes, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/drug-awareness or contact the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.