

Thoughts from the Deacon

Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

My brothers and sisters in Christ, may the peace of Christ fill your hearts in this time of unrest. An example of this unrest is the protestors that disrupted Mass for Life on January 22 at St Joseph Cathedral in Columbus. They were protesting the fact that the Church stands for the dignity of human life at all stages. In particular, they are for the killing of innocent babies in the womb. To disrupt the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is an outrage, a sacrilege, and a blasphemy of the highest order. I am amazed at how emboldened these misguided individuals are. We need to be proactive here locally. God forbid something like this or worse happens here, but we need to be prepared. Prevention is the best approach. We are having a **meeting for all the men of the parish** interested in being part of what I am calling security/ushering. The meeting is February 2nd at 7pm at St Mary. It is time to stand up and defend our faith and our Churches from the forces of evil that are becoming more bold in their confrontations.

Lent is approaching quickly. A schedule will be out this week. We are hoping to have another Mission during Lent but that is tentative as of this writing.

Just a **note of thanks to Fr Blubaugh** for all his help this past year. Remember to thank him when you see him. He is a great blessing to our parish, and although he is not in it for praise and glory, it never hurts to say thanks.

The Diocese is having **40 Days of Adoration from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday**. The fliers will be posted on the website and in the bulletin or see columbuscatholic.org/40days. A different Church in the diocese will have adoration each day. It is a wonderful way to offer Adoration to Our Lord Jesus Christ and do pilgrimages to other Churches.

Please **pray for our president** and our country. Pray that President Biden has a conversion of heart and starts to live a Catholic life, especially in regard to the dignity of human life from conception until natural death.

Viva Christo Rey!!