

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend as you know I spoke at all the masses concerning our window project. To reiterate the point, this is something that needs to be done in order to protect our priceless stained-glass windows. We are blessed with the past sacrifices made by our parish ancestors who provided beautiful stained-glass windows to adorn our church. It is now our time to make the necessary sacrifices to preserve and protect these beautiful heirlooms. What is expected of us is not a terrible burden but is something that is well within our abilities to accomplish.

In order to accomplish this important mission, we have been rather successful. One key element has been the *Capital Improvement Envelopment* in our monthly offertory packet. The funds collected with this envelopment have come in handy in taking care of several capital repairs in the parish. We have replaced two air-conditioning units in the north bell tower and one at the east side of the church. We have resurfaced our parish parking lot which was in dire need of repairs. We had the funds and we were able to undertake these projects. So, for all who have been faithful to this collection, Thank You.

Still with funds from the Capital Improvement Fund we have also been successful in raising monies by applying and receiving grants from the Catholic Foundation and the Rogge Foundation. Our present challenge is to raise the remainder of funds that will cover the rest of the cost to complete the window project.

As I stated in my remarks this weekend, the overall project will cost approximately \$196,000.00 (not including any possible unforeseen repairs etc.). As stated, we will replace all the Plexiglass/Lexan coverings on the outside of the church. The present coverings were anchored into the wooden window frames (not the best option), they are terribly discolored, weakened and definitely need to be replaced. The new windows will be laminated glass and mounted in their own vented aluminum frames. The present wooden window frames, where the old protective coverings were anchored will be repaired or replaced and painted as needed. The work will be done with lifts and scaffolding. The work will begin the week of October 20th. It will be completed by Thanksgiving. At this time the aluminum frames are being formed.

Now the good news; our part in coming up with the remaining necessary funds. With the Capital Improvement Fund, and the grants from the Catholic Foundation and the Rogge Foundation, we have about 75% of our target. This means that we need to come up with about \$50,000.00. My dear people, we can do this without breaking a sweat. I mean it. All I am asking is that you take the Capital Improvement Envelope and make your generous offering. I ask that you make a sacrifice and give generously for the next three months. We are not talking about spare change. We are talking about a generous gift. If we all do our part, we can do this. Again, we can do this. I have every confidence in the good people of St. Nicholas.

Lastly, since I am on the topic of money... if you will notice the offertory report in the bulletin over the last couple months, we have been running in the negative for our weekly expenses. It has been several years since I brought this to your attention. The last time I brought this up our parishioners responded very well. I would like to encourage you to increase your weekly offering. Most weekly contributions fall between ten and twenty dollars a week. This may seem to be a lot but in

reality, it really isn't. Think of it, people pay more to go to the movies. If this is the "widow's mite" or result of a very tight budget, we understand very well. For the rest of us we need to do better in this important financial matter. Times have changed and the bills we deal with at home have increased as you well know. This is also true for the parish. I try my best to be a good steward of our parish funds. For me this is a sacred trust. I would not make this request of you unless I am willing to do so myself. I have and I do every year. So, if you have not increased your weekly offering in several years, I ask that you do so at this time. If we are all committed to this, it will make an incredible difference in the parish. The one pressing truth is that we cannot be slowly draining our parish savings. That would be irresponsible and foolish. Your help in this matter is good for the parish.

Have a great week.
Father Ralko

This week we pray Week IV of the Liturgy of the hours.

Next weekend, September 28 & 29, St. Vincent de Paul will be "Holding the Hat" after all Masses as a 2nd collection.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

It is not too late to join us!! If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for RCIA. We meet in the Parish Office building meeting room, upper level. Call Patty Boggs at 453-0597 if you have any questions.

Surviving Divorce

Is anyone in your family divorced? Please give them a copy of this bulletin or invite them to the twelve-week Surviving Divorce program. Meetings are Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office. It is not too late to join us. The program brings hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing. Experts in the series include Rose Sweet, Surviving Divorce producer and author of *Healing the Divorced Heart*; Dr. Ray Guarendi, clinical psychologist, Catholic author, and host of Ave Maria Radio's *The Doctor Is In*; Fr. Mitch Pacwa, priest, biblical scholar, and author; Fr. Donald Calloway, priest, author, and popular EWTN host; Fr. Steve Porter, priest, biblical scholar, and spiritual director; and Christopher West, Catholic speaker and expert on St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. Please join us. This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel, and clarity after divorce. For more information about the Surviving Divorce program, visit AscensionPress.com/Divorce.

Mt. Olive Cemetery has a part time position available. Duties would include mowing, weed eating, helping to open and close graves, help pouring footers for headstones and snow removal. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 453-0597.

PRE-JORDAN CLASS

St. Nicholas will hold a Pre-Jordan class for parents and godparents who wish to have their infants and small children baptized. The class will be on **Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Office Building. Please call Patty Boggs at 453-0597 to register.

Recent Booster Mania Winners: \$25.00: Monica Bearer, Jeff Jalbrzikowski, Bobbie Saunders, Steve Dillon, Linda Bearer, Bob & Shirley Neel and Ed Middaugh

Neighbor Helping Neighbor - Saturday, September 28th

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Volunteers will be available to help with fall projects, yard work and minor home repair. In the past volunteers have washed fences & windows, painted, cleaned garages, cut up downed trees and helped with minor home repairs. Volunteers meet at St. Nicholas Teen Center at 9:00 a.m. to receive work assignments. Students must have Permission Slips. Adults must have Protecting God's Children and a background check. If you have a job for our volunteers or want to be a volunteer, please call the St. Nicholas Parish Office, 453-0597. We will be happy to put you on the list. Download the permission slip here: <https://zanesvillecatholic.wixsite.com/zanescatheens>

In the spirit of friendship, the Daughters of Isabella, Circle #586 Fidelis Regina, is sponsoring a reception for the **Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity** in honor of their 150th Anniversary. Please join us in the St. Nicholas Church Social Hall on **Sunday, September 29** from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the many years of dedicated service which the sisters have provided to our community. Light refreshment will be served.

The Women's Spirituality Group will resume meeting **Monday, September 30th**, at the parish office from 3:30 p.m. until around 5:00 p.m. We meet on the last Monday of the month from September through April except for December. We will be using the book, *Becoming More Than A Good Bible Girl*. We invite the women of the parish to join us for an exercise in deepening our faith. If you can join us or have any questions, please call Judi Peterson at 740-453-5288.

Fall Card Party, Tuesday, October 15. A Sandwich, Soup & Dessert dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Games begin at 6:00 p.m. \$5.00 per person includes games and the meal! St. Nicholas Church Basement. ALL ARE WELCOME! Hosted by the Daughters of Isabella.

Men of The East - Traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection

St. Mary's Catholic Church Nashport will host the Men of The East for a traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection on Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m. All men of the twelve-parish consortium are invited and encouraged to participate in these once a month Holy Hour's. For more information about Men Of The East contact Mike Musselman at 453-9806 or to sign up for our Quarterly Newsletter visit www.MenOfTheEast.com

OCTOBER- MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October has long been observed as the month of the Holy Rosary. **October 7** is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary means a crown of roses; a spiritual bouquet for the Blessed Mother and is a favorite prayer of many of the saints. St. John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer after the Holy Mass and Liturgy of the Hour. The Rosary is a very powerful prayer whether prayed alone or with others. During the month of October, as for many years, St. Nicholas parishioners will pray the Rosary together before each Mass. The leader will announce what mysteries will be prayed. This year in each pew will be packets including, a rosary and pamphlet on 'how to pray the rosary'. If you don't have a rosary with you, please use the one in the packet and if you like, you can also use the pamphlet to refresh your memory on the mysteries. If you don't have a rosary at home, or if you are not very familiar with praying the rosary, please feel free to take the packet home with you at the end of October.

2019 ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH BAZAAR

Just a reminder our 2019 bazaar is **November 9th**. We will again be accepting gift cards from any restaurants, stores, gas stations, etc. for a raffle prize. Just put in an envelope marked bazaar and drop in the collection basket. Donations may be left beside the steps downstairs. Thanks to everyone who helps us out in any way; working, donating, or purchasing. God bless. Questions? Call Mary at 740-607-6386.

Bishop's Athletic Association Golf Outing

Bishop's Athletic Association Outing will be held at 9:00 a.m. **Sunday, Oct. 13** at Green Valley. Cost is \$40 per player or \$160 per four-person team and includes golf, cart, food and beverages on the course. There are cash prizes to the top three teams, and closest to the pin prizes of \$25 per hole. For more information, call Todd Rock at 740-408-1475.

FAMILY Rosary Day

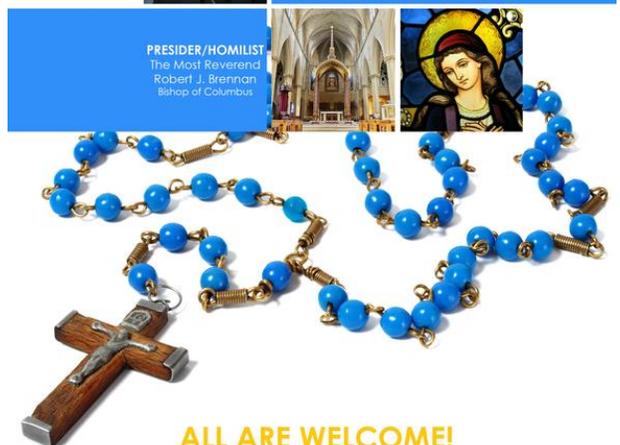
A TIME FOR DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 13, 2019, 3 P.M.

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL
212 E. BROAD ST., COLUMBUS OH 43215

PRESIDER/HOMILIST
The Most Reverend
Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Columbus



ALL ARE WELCOME!

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

It is your responsibility to find a substitute if needed.

**September 29, 2019
26th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday, September 29 @ 5:15 p.m.

Cantor: Jim Gable
Lectors: Tom J. Pitcock, Adelaide Pitcock
Servers: Justin Ewart, Charles Peterson
Eucharistic Minister – Coord: Margaret Kronenbitter
Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Karen Robinson, Dan Snider
Eucharistic Ministers: Alan Burns, Vicki Burns, Paula Peterson, Scott Peterson

Sunday, September 30 @ 8:15 a.m.

Cantor: Janet Moses
Lector: Bill Sullivan, Susan Thompson
Servers: Logan Pratt, J. D. Wilson
Eucharistic Minister- Coord: Tim Hoffer
Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Laurie Harmon, Jim McKee
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Haswell, John Haswell, Jim Hillis, Sue Hillis

Sunday, September 30 @ 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sr. Bernadette Selinsky
Lectors: Stephanie Bridwell, Sam Palleschi
Servers: Thomas Bernath, Will Bernath
Eucharistic Minister - Coord: Sandy Black
Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Erin Roush, Jeff Shawger
Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Arnold, Diana Dunn, Claire Tiberio, Gerald Tiberio

Our thoughts and prayers remain with those serving our country currently and with their loved ones at home. We pray for a safe homecoming and that the world may one day be at peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. NICHOLAS PARISH IN YOUR WILL. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 453-0597 FOR MORE DETAILS.

Please join us each Monday at St. Nicholas Church at 2:00 p.m. as we gather to pray the Rosary asking Our Lady's Intercession for the many needs of our nation, community, and parish.

Church Support

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019	
OFFERTORY	\$12,633.00
Diocesan Tax	\$(770.00)
Fenwick Subsidy	\$(2,635.00)
Rosecrans subsidy	\$(485.00)
Available for Parish Operations	\$8,744.00
Parish Operating Expenses	\$(7,825.00)
Religious Education Expenses	<u>\$(890.00)</u>
Other Income	<u>\$1,855.00</u>
Weekly surplus	<u>\$1,884.00</u>

May God bless you for supporting your parish!

What's Happening in Our Parish

MONDAY, September 23

8:00 a.m., Mass: **Rose Holden**, Church
7:00 p.m., *Surviving Divorce*, Parish Office meeting room

TUESDAY, September 24

8:00 a.m., Mass: **Debra A. Sturcevic**, Church
9:30 a.m., Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Parish Office
7:00 p.m., *Pre-Jordan Class*, Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, September 25

8:10 a.m., School Mass: **Nancy Davis**, birthday, Church
7:00 p.m., *R.C.I.A.*, Parish Office, upper level

THURSDAY, September 26

NO MASS

FRIDAY, September 27

8:00 a.m., Mass: **Audrey Ralko**, Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, September 28

9:00 a.m., *Neighbor Helping Neighbor*, meet at Teen Center
4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m., *Confessions*, Church
5:15 p.m., Mass: **Charles E. Rock**, birthday, Church

SUNDAY, September 29

8:15 a.m., Mass: **Knights of Columbus**, **Msgr. Linus J. Dury Council #505**, Church
9:15 a.m., Religious Education, Bishop Fenwick School
10:45 a.m., Mass: **St. Nicholas Parishioners**, Church

Readings for Week of September 23

Mon.	Ezr 1:1-6	Lk 8:16-18
Tues.	Ezr 6:7-8	Lk 8:19-21
Wed	Ezr 9:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Thurs.	Hg 1:1-8	Lk 9:7-9
Fri.	Hg 2:1-9	Lk 9:18-22
Sat.	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a	Lk 9:43b-45
Sun	Am 6:1a, 4-7	Lk 16:19-31