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THE 2025 JUBILEE PRAYER

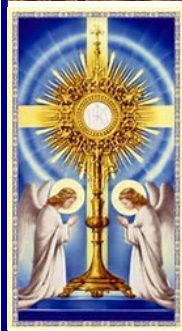
Father in Heaven, may the Faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new Heaven and a new Earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of Heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the Earth. To You our God, eternally blessed, by glory and praise for ever. Amen



*We wish everyone at Church of Our Lady a very Blessed and Happy New Year!
From: Fr. Leo, Fr. Sunder, Fr. Petros and Our Lady's parish staff!*



JANUARY ADORATION SCHEDULE

First Friday: January 3rd from 10:15 till Noon!

Other Fridays in January: from 10:15 to 11:00^{am}

Adoration closes with Benediction

ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS & PARISH COUNCIL!

Sunday, January 12th is our next meeting.

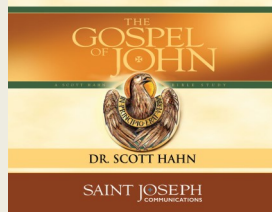
This will be an important meeting as we will discuss **STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND** and our approach this year. We will also be outlining our activity for the coming year.

Thanks to everyone for your participation!

Adult Bible Study Update:

Bible Study starting Sunday, January 19, 2025 (15 Sessions)

Sundays 11:15^{am} – 12:30^{pm} (after 10^{am} Mass)



You'll learn:

- What are the important concepts addressed in John's Gospel
- The true meaning of the cleansing of the Temple
- Why the early Church fathers believed the wedding feast at Cana was so significant
- The crucial role of St. John the Baptist in the fourth Gospel
- How Christ is the Light of the World
- The underlying meaning of signs in the Gospel
- Why Christ answered Nicodemus in the way He did
- The implications of Jesus curing on the Sabbath
- The meaning of the multiplication of the loaves

Join us as we follow Dr. Scott Hahn in his presentation of the Gospel of John!

ZOOM Meeting # 226 966 6248 - Passcode: 80V9a1

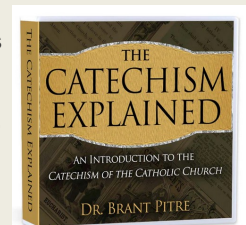
FEAST DAYS IN JANUARY 2025

- January 1 - Solemnity of Mary [Holy Day of Obligation]
- January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Church Doctors
- January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus & First Friday
- January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious & First Saturday
- January 5 - Epiphany of the Lord & St. John Neumann, Bishop
- January 6 - St. Andre Bessette, Religious
- January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- January 12 - Baptism of the Lord
- January 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- January 16 - 24 **NOVENA FOR LIFE!**
- January 17 - St. Anthony OF Egypt, Abbot
- January 18 - Traditional Feast of the Chair of St. Peter
- January 18 - January 25 - Prayers for Christian Unity
- January 20 - Pope St. Fabian & St. Sebastian
- January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
- January 22 - St. Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, Martyr & Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- January 23 - St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- January 24 - 2024 National March For Life
- January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
- January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
- January 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church
- January 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesdays 10:30^{am} – Noon (after 9:30^{am} Mass)

The Catechism Explained by Dr. Brant Pitre

In 1992, St. John Paul II published the official *Catechism of the Catholic Church* -- the first universal catechism to be promulgated since the *Catechism of the Council of Trent*, way back in 1566. Like the Catechism of Trent, the new Catechism was published by a pope in the wake of an ecumenical council. Unlike the Catechism of Trent, the new Catechism includes the major developments in Catholic doctrine that have taken place in the last 400 years. In this new series, Dr. Brant Pitre explains the origins, significance, and contents of the new Catechism. This program begins on Wednesday, January 15.



Submitted by Joanne Farrell

9 Days for Life | Respect Life x +

Prayer booklets will be available in both lobbies!

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MEN'S SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

FROM 9:00 TO 11:00^{AM}

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

FELLOWSHIP WITH LIKE-MINDED MEN OF FAITH

2025 JUBILEE YEAR INFORMATION

In the December 15th Catholic Times, Fr. Paul Jerome Keller, OP, S.T.D. director of the diocese's Office of Divine Worship, indicated that two churches are named in the Columbus Diocese for gaining the 2025 Jubilee Indulgence: the St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus and the Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption.

The faithful can receive a plenary indulgence, or remission of the temporal punishment due for sins that have already been forgiven, by making a pilgrimage to a sacred Jubilee site during the Jubilee Year.


The Holy Father granted that the faithful who are repentant, free from affection for sin and moved by a spirit of charity can participate by visiting a designated holy site. **To receive the indulgence, an individual must also receive Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, pray for the Pope's intentions and engage in works of mercy and charity.**

According to Father Keller, the pope also said the faithful can receive a plenary indulgence twice in a day by performing an act of charity for the souls in Purgatory and receiving Holy Communion a second time (at a second Mass) that day and applying it to the deceased. The Holy Father recognized the act as a "praiseworthy exercise of supernatural charity."

Faithful who cannot participate, the elderly, the sick or prisoners, can obtain the Jubilee indulgence under the same conditions by uniting themselves in spirit with the faithful who take part in person. Such individuals must also recite the Our Father, Profession of Faith and other prayers, offering up their sufferings or hardships of their lives.

Forgiveness is an important aspect of the Jubilee Year!


For more information on the 2025 Jubilee Year, visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>




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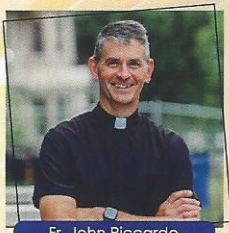
COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE | 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Ohio Expo Center – Kasich Hall



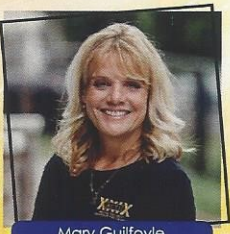
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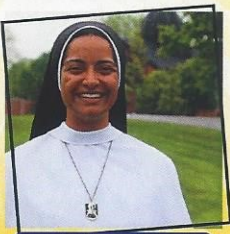
Sarah Swafford




Fr. John Riccardo



Mary Guilfoyle





Sr. Mercedes



Emcee: Jennifer Rice

columbuscatholicwomen.com

Music: The Vigil Project

All registrations are online. Go to: <https://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/> to register.

Scholarships are available.

This year will include the Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:00pm!

ST. MARIANNE COPE (1838-1918)

Virgin, Professed Sister of St Francis,
Missionary to leprosy patients.

Barbara Koob (now officially "Cope") was born on 23 January 1838 in SE Hessen, West Germany. She was one of 10 children born to Peter Koob, a farmer, and Barbara Witzenbacher Koob. The year after Barbara's birth, the family moved to the United States.

The Koob family found a home in Utica, in the State of New York, where they became members of St Joseph's Parish and where the children attended the parish school.

Sisters of St Francis

Although Barbara felt called to religious life at an early age, her vocation was delayed for nine years because of family obligations. As the oldest child at home, she went to work in a factory after completing eighth grade in order to support her family when her father became ill.

Finally, in the summer of 1862 at age 24, Barbara entered the Sisters of St Francis in Syracuse, N.Y. On 19 November 1862 she received the religious habit and the name "Sr. Marianne", and the following year she made her religious profession and began serving as a teacher and principal in several elementary schools in New York State.

She joined the Order in Syracuse with the intention of teaching, but her life soon became a series of administrative appointments.

God had other plans

As a member of the governing boards of her religious community in the 1860s, she participated in the establishment of two of the first hospitals in the central New York area.

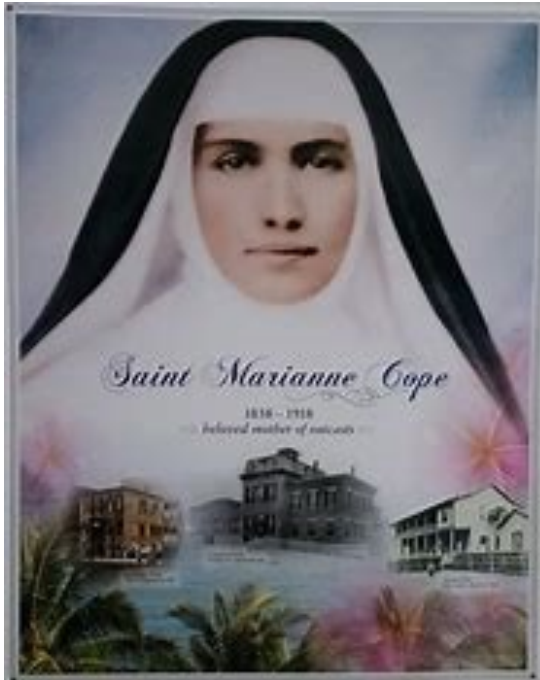
In 1870, she began a new ministry as a nurse-administrator at St. Joseph's in Syracuse, N.Y., where she served as head administrator for six years. During this time she put her gifts of intelligence and people skills to good use as a facilitator, demonstrating the energy of a woman motivated by God alone.

Although Mother Marianne was often criticized for accepting for treatment "outcast" patients such as alcoholics, she became well-known and loved in the central New York area for her kindness, wisdom and down-to-earth practicality.

In 1883, Mother Marianne, now the Provincial Mother in Syracuse, received a letter from a Catholic priest asking for help in managing hospitals and schools in the Hawaiian Islands, and mainly to work with leprosy patients. The letter touched Mother Marianne's heart and she enthusiastically responded: "I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor islanders.... I am not afraid of any disease, hence, it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned "lepers".

A mother to the lepers

She and six other Sisters of St Francis arrived in Honolulu in November 1883. With Mother Marianne as supervisor, their main task was to manage the Kaka'ako Branch Hospital on Oahu, which served as a receiving station for patients with Hansen's disease [leprosy] gathered from all over the islands.



The Sisters quickly set to work cleaning the hospital and tending to its 200 patients. By 1885, they had made major improvements to the living conditions and treatment of the patients.

In November of that year, they also founded the Kapi'olani Home inside the hospital compound, established to care for the healthy daughters of Hansen's disease patients at Kaka'ako and Kalawao. The unusual decision to open a home for healthy children on leprosy hospital premises was made because only the Sisters would care for those so closely related to people with the dreaded disease.

St. Damien of Molokai and Mother Marianne

Mother Marianne met Fr Damien de Veuster (canonized 2009) St.

Damien is known as the "Apostle to Lepers") for the first time in January 1884, when he was in apparent good health. Two years later, in 1886, after he had been diagnosed with Hansen's disease, Mother Marianne alone gave hospitality to the outcast priest upon hearing that his illness made him an unwelcome visitor to church and government leaders in Honolulu.

In 1887, when a new government took charge in Hawaii, its officials decided to close the Oahu Hospital and receiving station and to reinforce the former alienation policy. The unanswered question: Who would care for the sick, who once again would be sent to a settlement for exiles on the Kalaupapa Peninsula on the island of Molokai?

In 1888, Mother Marianne again responded to the plea for help and said: "We will cheerfully accept the work...". She arrived in Kalaupapa several months before Fr Damien's death together with Sr. Leopoldina Burns and Sr. Vincentia McCormick, and was able to console the ailing priest by assuring him that she would provide care for the patients at the Boys' Home at Kalawao that he had founded.

Optimism, serenity, trust in God

Together the three Sisters ran the Bishop Home for 103 Girls and the Home for Boys. The workload was extreme and the burden at times seemed overwhelming. In moments of despair, Sr. Leopoldina reflected: "How long, O Lord, must I see only those who are sick and covered with leprosy?"

Mother Marianne's invaluable example of never-failing optimism, serenity and trust in God inspired hope in those around her and allayed the Sisters' fear of catching leprosy. She taught her Sisters that their primary duty was "to make life as pleasant and as comfortable as possible for those of our fellow creatures whom God has chosen to afflict with this terrible disease...".

Mother Marianne never returned to Syracuse. She died in Hawaii on 9 August 1918 of natural causes and was buried on the grounds of Bishop Home. She was canonized in 2012.

source: https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_20050514_molokai_en.html

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Did you know that according to lifenews.com, the latest statistics reported by the CDC (Center for Disease Control), that in 2022 (latest year statistics are available) there were 613,383 reported abortions in the US. The reporting requirement is voluntary and it has been estimated that the abortion numbers are probably closer to 800,000 for 2022. It should be noted that many abortions are induced by a 2-pill regimen, commonly known as chemical abortion, often at the woman's home. The number of these abortions are generally not reported. Many of the clinical abortions were performed by Planned Parenthood, which according to its own most recent annual report, received a staggering \$699.3 million in taxpayer funds in the fiscal year 2022-2023.

While there has been a downward trend in the number of abortions in recent years following the overturning by the US Supreme Court of Roe v. Wade as several states have enacted laws to ban or limit abortions, the procedure is permitted by law or state constitutional amendment in many other states.

Much work needs to be done, along with needed prayers, to protect the lives of all unborn children. Women need to know that there are a number of **Pregnancy Centers** and other organizations that stand ready to help women in difficult circumstances with material, financial and other assistance. Adoption is also an option for moms who feel unable to provide for their unborn child. According to lifenews.com, it has been estimated that at least one million families are waiting to adopt infants in the United States. Please also remember that counseling and abortion healing is available for those who have had abortions. As Catholics we have recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation through which those who have had an abortion, or assisted in any way, can receive Jesus Christ's mercy and forgiveness.

In commemoration of the Roe v. Wade decision, which was thankfully overturned by the US Supreme Court, the day is still observed (until abortion is illegal in the US) with the March for Life activities in Washington D.C. This year the March will take place on January 24, 2025, preceded by the National Prayer Vigil, Jan. 23-24, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, including Mass at 8^{am} prior to the March. Also, Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass on January 23rd at 1:30^{pm} at the John Paul II National Shrine in DC.

Locally, in Columbus the day is commemorated on Monday, January 27, with the Diocesan Respect Life Mass at 10^{am} at the Cathedral, celebrant is Bishop Fernandes. Typically, Greater Columbus Right to Life has a Roe Remembrance at the statehouse following the Mass. The information for this was not available at press time. Please check the bulletins of Church of Our Lady for information on this as the day draws closer. Keep praying for the protection of the unborn!

Submitted by Tom Crosby

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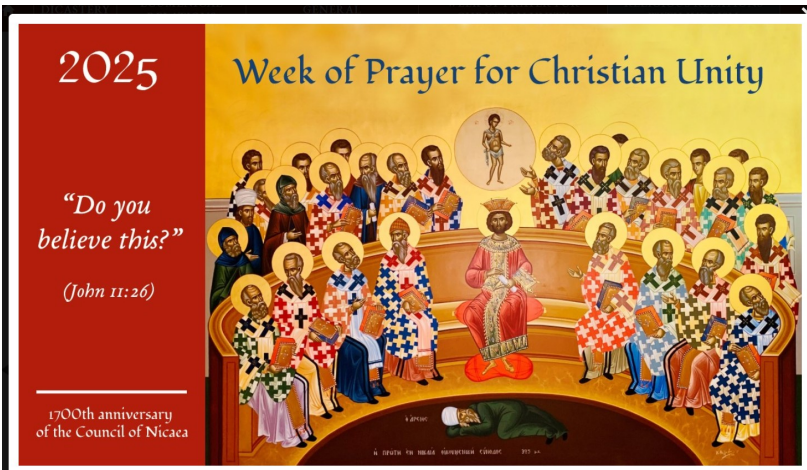

MARCH FOR LIFE

JOIN US ON
JANUARY 24, 2025 IN
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person.

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... **TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.** We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. Theme – Life - Why We March

<https://marchforlife.org/theme2025>
<https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>



St. Thomas Aquinas Relic



View from the middle aisle.

<http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/news/2024/2024-05-20-wpcu-2025.html>

Each year in January, from the 18th through the 25th the Catholic Church participates with the World Council of Churches in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the Faith that unites all Christians.

The theme of the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025* is based on a text from the Gospel of John: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). The prayers and reflections have been prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. As usual, an international team appointed jointly by the DPCU [Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity] and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches worked with the authors to finalize the materials.

The year 2025 will mark the 1,700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians as expressed in the Creed formulated at that Council. The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025* is an invitation to draw on this common heritage and to enter more deeply into the Faith that unites all Christians.

Prayer pamphlets are available in both lobbies.

On the weekend of December 7th and 8th the relic of St. Thomas Aquinas was on display at St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Avenue, Columbus. The relic, the skull of the saint, was displayed in the Church for public veneration throughout the weekend.

The relic is ordinarily kept beneath the Altar at the Church of the Jacobins in Toulouse, France.

This visit coincides with the jubilees of his canonization (700 years in 2023), death (750 years in 2024), and birth (800 years in 2025).

The visit of the relic to St. Patrick's is part of an international tour that includes the visiting and veneration at a variety of Dominican parishes and priories throughout the Province of St. Joseph.

Submitted by Tom Crosby



SUNDAY,
JANUARY 5, 2025



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Close-up of the reliquary!

Knights News

Council 11188 will be selling meatball subs for Super Bowl LIX for only **\$5 per sandwich**, consisting of Italian meatballs on a fresh bun covered with mozzarella cheese and marinara sauce.

Orders will be taken after weekend Masses on Saturday, January 25, Sunday, January 26, Saturday, February 1, and Sunday, February 2.

Cash, check, and card payments will be accepted. So, cheer on your favorite team in this year's Super Bowl while enjoying some delicious meatball sub sandwiches.

KofC SUPERBOWL LIX MEATBALL SUBS



MEATBALL SUBS



Wow! The parish has outdone itself! Look at all of the gifts and they **continue to arrive!** I can't thank you all enough. I praise God for the generosity of this parish. I know Women's Care Center, PDHC and the Bishop Griffin Center truly appreciate these gifts. From warm and dry babies to a stocked kitchen, each gift will be used. You are all a blessing! *Mary Bishel*



A big thanks to all who donate to the Bishop Griffin Center. This is our George Medary, loaded and ready to take latest truck load to the center.



All of the kitchen items, clothes, towels, etc. are so very much appreciated. I need to add that gently used shoes are also needed. Some of the 700 families coming in weekly are wearing flip flops.

Again, thank you all so much. *Mary Bishel*

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