

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE
SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —



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**ST PETER
ST JOAN OF ARC**

Come and see what God can do

September 14, 2025
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saint Peter Campus
6899 Smoky Row Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Saint Joan of Arc Campus
10700 Liberty Road South
Powell, Ohio 43065

Phone: 614-761-0905
Family Catechesis: 614-761-0903

MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT PETER CAMPUS

Sunday, September 14 –

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. † Patricia Fromholt

11:00 a.m. † Mary Carlucci

1:00 p.m. (Español) People of SPSJOA

5:00 p.m. † Miguel Perez Tapia

Monday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

5:30 p.m. † Thomas Johnson

Tuesday, September 16 – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

5:30 p.m. † Terry McKeown

Wednesday, September 17 – Saint Robert Bellarmine

5:30 p.m. † Victor Sharron

7:00 p.m. (Español) Priest's Intention

Thursday, September 18

5:30 p.m. † Frank Orth

Friday, September 19 – Saint Januarius

5:30 p.m. † Mary Carlucci

7:00 p.m. (Español) Priest's Intention

Saturday, September 20 –

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang

No Mass

Sunday, September 21 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Herbert Grentzer

11:00 a.m. † Peter and Miguelina Hagedorn

1:00 p.m. (Español) People of SPSJOA

5:00 p.m. † Joshua Buda

SAINT JOAN OF ARC CAMPUS

Saturday, September 13 –

Vigil of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

4:00 p.m. † Paul Imhoff

Sunday, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. † Oscar Solera

10:00 a.m. Intentions of the SPSJOA Festival Sponsors

12:00 p.m. † Phyllis Banas

Monday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 a.m. † Frank and Pat Polczynski

Tuesday, September 16 – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

8:30 a.m. † Joseph and Karolina Gasiorek

Wednesday, September 17 – Saint Robert Bellarmine

8:30 a.m. † Phillip Willeke

Thursday, September 18

8:30 a.m. † Mary Susan Kollar

Friday, September 19 – Saint Januarius

8:30 a.m. † Katherine Kelley

Saturday, September 20 –

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang

8:30 a.m. † Anne Kennedy

Vigil of the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Jeffrey McCort, Jr.

Sunday, September 21 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Rich Richardson

10:00 a.m. † John Boyle

12:00 p.m. † Lynn Bauer

PRAYER LIST

Saint Peter Saint Joan of Arc Parish Prayer List

Nolo Avancena	Michele Holtfreter	Trent Robinson
JoAnn Brown	Maddie Horvath	Carolyn Rowland
Petra Butkovich	Dave Lawrence	Sam
Vicki Charyn	Tom Lolli	Joyce Scardina
Christine	Kim Nguyen	Emily Scullion
Doreen	Michelle Orzo	Ron Spiers
Yetzer Family	Angelita Pagulayan	Diana Zinkhon
Gloria	Vickie Picirillo	
Rachel Gumto	Diane Rice	

To add a name to the Prayer List, please call 614-761-0905 or email info@spsjoa.org

Personal names are published for a period of 4 weeks.

Persons must give their permission for publishing.

All our men and women in service to our country and our first responders, especially:

DC2 Colin Burns	CAP. Eric Luttrell
Major Marshall Callahan	Kevin McEnney
1st Lt. Joe Coogan	Sgt. Timothy Meahl
ATC Christopher DeGroot	MIDN 3/C Cooper J. Rathburn
PO2 Jalen Emrick	CW4 Daniel Raymond
PFC Talan Emrick	1st Lt. Jack Ruess
AWS2 Cameron Fiala	CAP. Daniel Stuhldreher
1st Lt. Dante Leary	

All those in religious formation to become priests, permanent deacons, and consecrated religious:

Adam Boehnlein	Peter Mallampalli
Tom Brady	Jacob Pagulayan
Br. Nathanael Campion	Michael Rhatigan
Dcn. Nathan Frankart	Dcn. Andrew Vickery
Sr. Clare Joseph of the Cross	

Please pray for the recently deceased:

† Stephen King

CLERGY INFORMATION

Fr. David Schalk, Pastor

Fr. Tomas Carvajal Basto, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Joseph Rolwing, Parochial Vicar

Dcn. Fidel Pitones, Permanent Deacon

Dcn. Todd Tucky, Permanent Deacon

Dcn. Phil Paulucci, Permanent Deacon (retired)

Dcn. Hector Raymond, Permanent Deacon (retired)

Dcn. Thomas Berg, Sr., Permanent Deacon (retired)

Dcn. Hank Orlik, Permanent Deacon (retired)

Dcn. James Rouse, Permanent Deacon (retired)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

ST. PETER ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH
AUGUST 31, 2025

Weekly Offertory (Cash, Checks, Online Giving):

\$ 60,979.65

Weekly Budgeted Offertory: \$ 68,850.00



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On September 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. It is an invitation to ponder the central mystery of Christianity: our Savior's death on the cross achieved for us eternal life. Jesus' holy cross was the chosen instrument of our redemption, and it has given us a new perspective on life's difficulties. With faith and love, we now give thanks to God for opportunities to carry the cross with Christ each day.

In addition to celebrating the Exaltation of the Cross, there is a lot happening in the life of our community this weekend. Parishioners are visiting the Ministry Fair after Mass to learn more about our parish's ministries. Related to the Ministry Fair is our Stewardship of Time and Talent Campaign. Individuals and families are taking the month of September to discern how they will share their time and talent at Saint Peter Saint Joan of Arc. Also, the Fall Food Drive is kicking off this weekend, and the Rescue Project is launching on Wednesday. We are blessed with a parish that is active, growing, and on fire with the Holy Spirit!

To conclude, I want to draw your attention to two amazing activities taking place next Saturday, September 20. After the 4:00 p.m. Mass, we will have our annual Eucharistic Procession from Saint Joan of Arc Church to Saint Peter Church. Please join us as we walk, pray, and give witness to our Catholic faith in the neighborhood. After the procession, everyone will be invited to stay for the Multicultural Festival. The food and dance at that celebration will bring joy to your heart! Come to one or both of these events, and bring a friend.

Father David Schalk

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 614-761-0905

Family Catechesis Office: 614-761-0903

PARISH OFFICE HOURS AT BOTH CAMPUSES:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Closed Tuesdays 12:00-2:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CONFESSION TIMES:

Saint Joan of Arc Campus

Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. until all are heard

Saint Peter Campus

Monday-Friday 6:00 p.m. until all are heard

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saint Joan of Arc Campus

Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m.
 *10:00 a.m. (livestream)
 12:00 p.m.

Saint Peter Campus

Monday-Friday 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.,
 *11:00 a.m. (livestream)
 *1:00 p.m. (Spanish, livestream)
 5:00 p.m.
 *Incense may be used.

PRIEST CONVOCATION: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

The biannual Priest Convocation for the Diocese of Columbus will take place Monday, September 22, through Friday, September 26. We will have 8:30 a.m. Mass on Monday, September 22, and 5:30 p.m. Mass on Friday, September 26. All other daily Masses will be canceled that week. (Note that Saint Paul the Apostle Church in Westerville will offer some weekday Masses during the convocation because of the availability of a retired priest in that community.) Please pray for our bishop and the priests of the Diocese of Columbus during their time away.

SAINT PETER SAINT JOAN OF ARC: NEW MASS SETTING

A Mass setting is the music that accompanies the unchanging texts of the Mass, also known as the Mass Ordinary. Our musicians have begun introducing a new setting, *Mass of Peace*, at the Sunday Masses. This new setting will be introduced slowly over the course of several months, beginning with the Gloria. We invite you to listen and follow along in the worship aid as these new sections are being introduced. Thank you in advance for your effort and patience as our parish learns this new setting. If you would like to have a YouTube link to listen to the Mass of Peace setting at home, please contact the Director of Sacred Music, Crystal Bensonhaver, at cbensonhaver@spsjoa.org.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Our Caregivers Ministry respects that we may have different opinions, different experiences, and have made different choices on our caregiving journeys. The facilitator is a role model for nonjudgmental responses, acceptance of feelings, and active listening. A Christian community will surround you here! Our next meeting is on Saturday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Saint Peter, in the Red Room. The next meeting at Saint Joan of Arc, Rooms 19 and 20, is Tuesday, October 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Janet Hellmann at caregivers@spsjoa.org.



CRAFT SHOW!

The annual raffle basket & buckeye pre-sale has begun. This year's basket is filled with handmade products

MADE IN OHIO and valued at **\$425!**

The Women's Club is collecting presale orders for buckeyes and selling raffle tickets. All buckeye orders will be available for pick up the weekend of the Craft Show.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SAINT JOAN OF ARC



Did you know all these products were **MADE IN OHIO?**

BASKET CONTENTS:

- WHEAT PENNY VODKA
- M & O SPIRITS BOURBON
- CALDERONE OHIO RED WINE
- BRIDGE'S END BREWERY (\$40) GIFT CARD
- BROWNWOOD FARM CHERRY BBQ SAUCE & FAMOUS KREAM MUSTARD
- GIRARD'S CAESAR & CHAMPAGNE VINAIGRETTE SALAD DRESSINGS
- WOEBER'S HORSERADISH SAUCE
- G. HUGHES FAMOUS CLUCKIN DIPPIN SAUCE & TERIYAKI MARINADE
- THE GOURMET FARM GIRL TORTILLA SOUP
- ROOT 23 VANILLA SIMPLE SYRUP
- TONY PACKO'S SWEET HOT PICKLES & PEPPERS
- FLAVOR & FIRE DARK CHERRY CHIPOTLE SALSA
- MRS. MILLER'S BACON JAM
- SIMPLE GOURMET BLACK RASPBERRY & PECAN
- GLAZE & CINNAMON STICKY BUN SYRUP
- MENDOCINO MAPLE HORSERADISH MUSTARD
- AMISH WEDDING BREAD N BUTTER PICKLES
- STOREHOUSE EARL GREY TEA
- CRIMSON CUP ARMANDO'S BLEND MEDIUM ROAST DECAF
- SMART LIFE PROBIOTIC DARK CHOCOLATES
- ONE T MIXCRAFT ZESTY JALAPENO BEER BREAD MIX
- MADE WITHOUT GRAIN PIZZA DOUGH MIX
- TROYER MICROWAVE POPCORN
- KREMA NUT COMPANY SNACK MIX
- STOER FARM RASPBERRY CHOCOLATE CREAMED HONEY
- OHIO MAPLE SYRUP
- ROOT LAVENDER CANDLE
- ELDER FOREST CALENDULA BAR SOAP
- CARDINAL PIN
- STATE OF OHIO W/ BUCKEYE ORNAMENT
- ETCH A SKETCH (ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AND MADE IN OHIO)
- UNO CARD GAME (ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AND MADE IN OHIO)
- BASKET CONTAINER

Scan the QR code to purchase your Buckeyes and raffle tickets today!

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Are you looking for a way to be more involved in the parish?

Did you sing choir in school and miss it?

Do you enjoy singing, but haven't had an opportunity to develop and share your gift?

Do you have a desire to help beautify the liturgy?

Are you looking to grow in your relationship with the Lord?

Choir rehearsals are every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. starting Thursday, September 4.

Come and Try the SPSJOA Choir!

Contact Crystal Bensonhaver, Director of Sacred Music, for more details at cbensonhaver@spsjoa.org



FALL FOOD DRIVE

BENEFITTING
 Home for Families
 Help My Neighbor
 People in Need Inc.
 St. John Food Pantry

FOOD BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE
 FOR PICKUP AT BOTH CAMPUSES
 SEPT. 13-14 AND SEPT. 20-21.

DROP OFF BOXES 9/27 & 9/28

**SEE FOOD BOX INSERTS
 FOR SUGGESTED
 DONATION ITEMS!**



You are **not** required to fill your box or purchase every item on the list! Any amount is appreciated!

MONETARY DONATIONS

CHECKS - payable to **Home for Families**
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Helping You Find Peace, Power, and Passion During Separation & After Your Divorce

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It 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 hope, and begin authentic healing. This video-based series 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. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

For Men and
Women
Seeking
Healing from
Separation &
Divorce

Surviving Divorce will help you:

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

Starting on Thursday,
September 18, for 12 weeks.

We will gather from
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Join us at the Saint Joan of
Arc Campus - Rooms 11 & 12

For more information or to register, please email



KICKOFF

Sunday, September 21
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
at Saint Peter
6899 Smoky Row Rd.

**FREE
CONDADOS :)**



RSVP is not required, but
helps with food quantity :)



Daughters of Veronica

A NEW MINISTRY FOR GIRLS!!!

This is a new opportunity for girls in Middle School and High School to draw closer to Mary and learn about the beauty of the Mass and the Liturgy. Our mission is to explore and offer training for the various liturgical ministry roles.

The participants will learn how to be Sacristans, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Gift Bearers, Greeters, and assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, September 18, from **6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.** in the Red Room at Saint Peter. During each monthly meeting, there will be food, fellowship, formation, and a training session on the liturgical roles.



Sign your daughter up for this opportunity to learn about different ways she can serve in the Church.



Learn more by contacting our parish office at info@spsjoa.org



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2025 STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Offering Our Gifts of Time & Talent

You are encouraged to reflect on how you can return your time and talents to God in gratitude. By making an intentional commitment to prayer, participation in parish life, spiritual growth, and service to others, you live out your call to stewardship.

Commitment Weekend September 27 - 28

Complete your Sign Up Sheet and bring it to Mass to present it as an offering to God.

SCAN TO
COMPLETE THE
SHEET ONLINE



OUR FAITH IN ACTION, OUR GIFTS AT WORK

the
RESCUE
project



FOOD



FELLOWSHIP



FAITH



DON'T MISS OUT! BRING A FRIEND!
OPEN TO ALL, REGARDLESS OF FAITH

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17

Wednesdays

St Joan of Arc

6:30-8:30 pm

St. Peter

12:00-2:00 pm



Questions: info@spsjoa.org



PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY

Bishop Fernandes has a desire to hear from as many of the Christian Faithful in the Diocese of Columbus about their perspective on his four priorities of pastoral concern:



VOCATIONS



EVANGELIZATION



**CATHOLIC
EDUCATION AND
FORMATION**



**SOCIAL
OUTREACH**



Please take the brief survey
with the QR code.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY UPDATES

SEPTEMBER, 14



ST PETER
ST JOAN OF ARC
Marriage Ministry



What's so great about Catholic Marriage?

Couples often wonder why they should get married in the Church. To many, a destination wedding on the beach seems far more romantic. Others just want a simple civil ceremony at the Justice of the Peace (followed, of course, by a big reception).

The idea of a Catholic wedding seems outdated and irrelevant, and the Church's requirements for marriage preparation seem burdensome.

Why should anyone go through the hassle of getting married in the Church? Could a Catholic wedding really be that much better?

The answer is: Yes.

A Catholic (i.e. sacramental) marriage is completely different from (and better than) a non-sacramental marriage. When two baptized Catholics are joined together sacramentally, God pours his grace into their hearts so that they can love each other with a divine love. He promises to be with them and to live in their love, so that they can love each other as Christ loves the Church. He gives the couple a supernatural energy—his grace—which empowers them to remain faithful to one another in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, and to love and to honor one another all the days of their life.

Marriage is beautiful, but it is also remarkably difficult—ask any married couple you know! It requires patience, sacrifice, and heroic perseverance. And that's exactly why Jesus transformed it into a sacrament. He wanted to empower couples to love and sacrifice for one another with his own, divine love. Through the sacrament of holy matrimony, he enables husbands and wives (who remain faithful to his grace) to love one another “to the end,” in the same way that he emptied himself out of love for mankind on the cross (Jn 13:1).

This is the kind of love for which you were created. And this is the kind of love that the Lord wants you to experience. That's why it makes sense to get married in the Church. It will absolutely be worth it.

By: Father Joseph



MARRIAGE CHALLENGE:

Talk about what you remember most from your Wedding Day.

BONUS:

Look up (and re-read!) the Scripture Readings from your Wedding Day.

FOR QUESTIONS, TO BE ADDED TO OUR CONTACT LIST, OR TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT KARRI BRADY
KBRADY@SPSJOA.ORG



Dear Parish Community,

It is with deep gratitude and great excitement that I introduce myself to you as the founding principal of our new parish school targeted to open in August 2026.

My name is Dottie Flanagan, and I am honored to be called to serve in this mission of building a Christ-centered, Catholic learning community for our children and families. I come to you with 35 years of experience in education, having served as both teacher and administrator, and my greatest joy has always been walking alongside students as they grow in faith and knowledge.

As we lay the foundation of our new school, my work is clear: to support the parish vision in the creation of a school rooted in the teachings of Christ, guided by academic excellence, and centered on forming disciples who will lead with faith and serve with love. I believe Catholic education is one of the most powerful ministries of the Church—and I am committed to ensuring that every child who walks through our doors is known, loved, and challenged to become the person God created them to be.

In the months ahead, I look forward to meeting many of you, hearing your hopes for our school, and building strong partnerships between our parish, families, and community. Please keep me—and the future students of our new school—in your prayers as we begin this important and exciting journey.

Thank you for your prayers and support. I am truly blessed to walk this path with you.

In Christ,
Dottie Flanagan

ST. TERESA'S OUTREACH MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER

Save the Date for the inaugural St. Teresa's Outreach Fundraiser on Fat Tuesday – February 17, 2026

Help plan the first ever event to raise funds for the charitable outreach ministry of our parish – St. Teresa's Outreach. Join us on Thursday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Room at Saint Peter for our planning meeting and to learn more about the event. All adults are welcome to join numerous planning committees such as food/beverage, entertainment, décor, publicity and logistics to name a few. This is a great way to meet other parishioners and have fun planning this important Friendraiser/ Fundraiser for our outreach ministry! Interested in helping out? Please RSVP to rruehlen@spsjoa.org.

RADIO FUN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU SMILING

Father Joseph will be on the radio on Thursday, September 18 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. He will be on AM 820 rallying support for our local Catholic radio station while competing in a live radio game. For every donation made in his name prior to or during the AM 820 radio event, Father Joseph's team will receive additional shots. To make a donation, call 614-459-4820 or go online to StGabrielRadio.com.

FALL LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2025-2026 lecture series will begin with a presentation by Russ Breault, President and Founder of The Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. In his image-focused presentation, "Shroud Encounter," Mr. Breault will cover key findings of the scientific investigation of the Shroud, relate new dating techniques, and explore the Crucifixion and Resurrection based on the Shroud image. The lecture will be held Monday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please call 614-985-2274 or visit www.pcj.edu/lecture.

WEDDING BANNES

We are pleased to announce the following weddings:

Mr. Brian McGoven and Ms. Catherine Kovell
will be married on October 4, 2025.

Mr. Leo Amani Mazula Tungaraza and
Ms. Inmaculata Benedict Maro will be married
on December 13, 2025.

If there are any known impediments to these unions,
please contact our Parish Office.

We wish these couples God's blessing
as they celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage.



Marriage Ministry Social *Sunday, September 21*

Couples married 10 years or less, come enjoy a relaxing evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Join us on Sunday, September 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Since dinner and babysitting are provided and space is limited, registration is required; please scan the QR code to the right. If you have questions or to volunteer, please contact kbrady@spsjoa.org.



EMHC / LECTOR / HOMEBOUND MINISTER TRAINING

Is God calling you to be an Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion (EMHC), Lector, or Homebound Minister? Or are you a current volunteer who will benefit from ongoing training? You are invited to one of our sessions later this month.

- Saturday, September 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Saint Peter
- Monday, September 29, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Joan of Arc

1st hour: Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

2nd hour: Training for Lectors OR Homebound Ministers

Note: Homebound ministers who are not serving as an EMHC at Mass will only need the Homebound training.

Questions? Contact Becky Rubal, brubal@spsjoa.org.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

During the month of October, altar server training will be offered at our parish. At the Saint Joan of Arc Campus, training will take place on Saturday, October 4, at 11:00 a.m. At the Saint Peter Campus, potential servers are invited to come on Saturday, September 20, at 11:00 a.m. One-on-one training is also available by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP.



Middle School Girls Join us for BLAZE!

Girls in their tween/teen years are filled with questions. They have doubts, they desire clarification, and they want to share their thoughts in a space that will allow them to build a personal, meaningful relationship with God.

Blaze provides a safe place for this growth.

BLAZE, a Walking with Purpose ministry for tween/teen girls, is an antidote to bullying, feeling anxious, and body-image issues.

The mission of BLAZE is to use Scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth and beauty.

A new session of BLAZE will be starting soon here at Saint Peter Saint Joan of Arc! BLAZE will be offered to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls.

The first meeting will be September 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Scan the QR code
to know more!



Learn more by contacting Chelsea Coleman at blaze@spsjoa.org. You can also visit their website online at walkingwithpurpose.com/blaze.



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Saturday, September 20



JOIN US FOR THIS POWERFUL EVENT!

WHAT TO BRING

- Walking Shoes
- A Friend!
- Your Favorite Rosary
- A Joyful Spirit!



4:00 p.m. | Mass at Saint Joan of Arc

5:00 p.m. | Public procession down Smoky Row Rd from Saint Joan of Arc to Saint Peter

6:30 p.m. | Benediction, then Multicultural Festival

SPSJOA

MULTICULTURAL Festival

We want YOU to represent YOUR culture this year!
Interested? Contact Gloria Cardenas at
gcardenas@spsjoa.org

Saturday, September 20
6:30 p.m.
 Immediately following the Eucharistic Procession!

ENJOY A FUN FILLED EVENING WITH FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT FROM AROUND THE WORLD!



August 27, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters who have sought refuge in Ohio,

We, the Bishops of Ohio, offer you the peace of Christ, a peace that surpasses worldly understanding. That same peace which Pope Leo XIV announced during his first appearance to the world as successor of St. Peter, "... the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally."

Many of you face significant hurdles to experiencing peace due to precarious circumstances in your countries of origin and an uncertain future in Ohio, despite your efforts to navigate the complex and rapidly changing immigration processes to obtain legal status. Our brother bishops in your home countries continually express the need for humanitarian relief from the conditions that forced you to flee in the first place, including Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Cameroon, Ukraine, and other areas of the world.

It pains us to hear that our brothers and sisters, even those with lawful immigration status, live in fear of going to work, worshiping at the local parish, or participating in community events. Daily routines now needlessly bring angst of the unknown and the threat of being detained. Additionally, long-term visa and green card holders have faced forced departure without due consideration for their circumstances. We regret that our nation's immigration system has failed to offer predictability and stability to those living as law-abiding residents and supporting themselves and their families.

As we visit parishes and communities across Ohio, your priests, friends, employers, and some public officials share that you are valued community members. Your work strengthens society, and your prayers and service build up the body of Christ. We thank you for your contributions to our parishes and the common good of Ohio through your faith, work ethic, and cultural enrichment of our communities. We also thank those who have welcomed and accompanied you.

St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians, chapter 12, "there are many parts, yet one body... if [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it." The possibility that you may be forced to return to your home countries while perilous conditions persist there deeply grieves us. As you suffer in this uncertainty, our communities and the Church suffer with you.

In reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan, Pope Leo XIV recently shared, "God has looked upon us with compassion; he wanted to walk our same path and come down among us. In Jesus, the Good Samaritan, he came to heal our wounds and to pour out upon us the balm of his love and mercy." We pray that the same compassion that moved the heart of the Father and now moves us may also motivate policymakers to recognize your circumstances and contributions to society and establish reasonable pathways for you and your loved ones to fully integrate as Ohioans.

Please know of our spiritual closeness to you and your pastors as they accompany you in navigating uncertainty. May our parishes continue to be a refuge from your sorrows, where the faithful welcome you in your time of need. Hold onto the peace of the risen Christ and let us all bear witness to the unity and reconciliation found in the Gospel, remembering that we are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).

May Our Lady of Consolation attend to your every need.

In Christ's peace,



The Most Rev. Robert G. Casey
Archdiocese of Cincinnati



The Most Rev. David J. Bonnar
Diocese of Youngstown



The Most Rev. John Michael
Botean
St. George Byzantine Catholic
Diocese



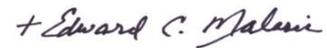
The Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of
St. Josaphat in Parma



The Most Rev. Earl K. Fernandes
Diocese of Columbus



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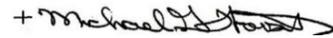
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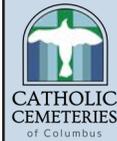
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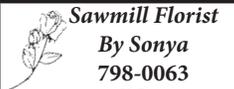
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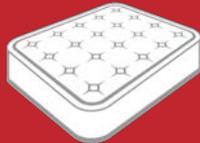
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