

September 22, 2024 • Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 7:00 & 11:45 a.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m., Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. &
12:00 Noon (ad orientem)
Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 6:30 p.m.,
7:00 & 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 Noon (ad orientem), 6:30 p.m.

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CONFESSIONS Monday-Friday, 12:15 p.m. until all are heard Saturday: 4:00 p.m. • Sunday: thirty minutes before each Mass

DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary follows the 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Masses daily. The Dominican Rosary is prayed at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Novena to St. Margaret of Castello (with the veneration of her relic) follows the 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Masses on Wednesdays.

Holy Hour with Benediction, 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Fridays.

Fatima Devotions follow the 7:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturdays.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Life: Third Friday of the month from 8:00 p.m. until Benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, with recitation of the Holy Rosary at a local abortion facility following the Saturday 7:00 a.m. Mass.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations: Fourth Friday of the month from 8:00 p.m. until Benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Stations of the Cross (during Lent), 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

The St. Gerard's Mothers Blessing and enrollments in the Angelic Warfare Confraternity and the Rosary Confraternity are scheduled three times during the year after all Masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Sundays at 1:15 p.m. Please contact the parish office to schedule your child's baptism. First-time parents must attend a baptism class on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please contact the parish office at least nine months before your intended wedding date to fill out a Marriage Request Form. Non-parishioners must receive the permission of their pastor before scheduling their wedding at St. Patrick's.

PASTORAL CARE OFTHE SICK Parishioners experiencing a medical emergency requiring the sacraments for someone in danger of death should call 614-224-9522, and press "8" to contact the priest on duty. Homebound parishioners who would like to schedule monthly visits from a priest and/or weekly visits from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Homebound should contact the parish office.

DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT MARGARET OF CASTELLO, O.P.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please submit bulletin items a minimum of one week in advance of publication to office@stpatrickcolumbus.org.



Last week, I mentioned that we will be implementing the singing of the seasonal Marian antiphons in place of our regular closing hymns for Mass, which will then be followed by the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. While last week was a chance to go over the logistics of what will happen each Sunday, I wanted to use this week as more of a catechesis on why these practices are important.

The Blessed Virgin Mary stands as the greatest and most honored member of the Church, for she carried the Lord Jesus in her womb. She is the Mother of God, giving birth to the Word Incarnate, and by extension, she has become the Mother of the Church, watching over and protecting all of us, who are members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Mary intercedes for us in heaven, and desires to draw us always closer to her Son.

There are many ways that we can show devotion to Mary — I'd imagine that the Rosary is our favorite Marian devotion, but there are others, like the Angelus, or special Marian prayers like the Memorare. However, while devotions can vary among different cultures and local areas, the Church has particular regulations on the sacred liturgy. Things cannot be changed or added randomly to the Mass. In the liturgy, there are certain Marian elements approved by the Church, such as certain feast days or Mass texts for Masses in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This allows the Church to shows its devotion in a proper liturgical setting.

As I mentioned last week, because Mass ends when the priest blesses the people and dismisses them, there is no requirement for what takes place during the recessional. It could be a hymn, as we've been doing. It could be instrumental music, as we have had on some Sundays. It can be total silence, as we do on weekdays or have been doing on the Sundays of Lent. Or, it could be some other legitimate option, like the Marian antiphons, which allow us to integrate the Church's devotion to Our Lady to the conclusion of Mass, but done in an orderly, even liturgical way. The fact that the Church gives us different antiphons for the different seasons shows that our devotion to Our Lady is meant to correspond to her place in the life of Jesus, which is expressed at the different times throughout the liturgical year. As the Mass concludes and we are dismissed, the first person we turn to after that dismissal is Mary, the Mother of the Church. We ask her to help us grow deeper in our love for Jesus, and to help us go forth in building up the Church, which we are sent out to do every time we go to Mass. It is also a fitting way to conclude our celebration of Mass, honoring in a distinct way the one from whom Christ took His flesh.

Following upon our devotion to Our Lady is our devotion to the angels. The angels are messengers of God, pure spirits without any body, but nonetheless created beings, possessing an intellect and a will like us humans. Because of their great intellects, the angels know when we are in danger, and come to our aid and protect us. The angels are looking out for us, and among the choirs of angels, the archangels stand out for the special mission they were given. Saint Michael, a name meaning "who is like God" is seen throughout Scripture (notably in the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation) protecting and defending God's people (which in the New Testament, we understand to be the Church).

Devotion to St. Michael the Archangel has grown in the life of the Church, because we see in him a strong defender of the Church in the midst of struggle and persecution. He fights back against the Devil and his fallen angels, defending us in the process. We must not ignore spiritual evils, or think that we are always safe from them – the Devil wants nothing more than to bring us down. But St. Michael defends God's people; he will not let the Devil get near us. Praying to St. Michael immediately after Mass has concluded gives us a spiritual "boost," you could say, as we prepare to go out into the world and face the evils of this life. In our own day, these evils just seem to get worse, and parents are likely fearing how they will protect their children from the attack of the enemy. The Prayer to St. Michael allows us to entrust our cause to a powerful archangel. As a devotion, it will come after Mass; but as a devotion following Mass, it will prepare us to go forth from Mass in greater peace, knowing that an archangel is watching over us and protecting us. How important this is, as the Devil tries to lurk silently and bring us down when we least expect it.

I invite all of you to join Kathleen Tully and me this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Aquinas Hall for an adult catechesis session on the Marian antiphons and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. May Our Lady and St. Michael always watch over and protect us as we go forth from Mass, ready to share the Word without fear! How could we fear when we have these great intercessors praying for and watching over us? God bless you,

Fr. Paul, O.P.

BULLETIN DEADLINES – October

Deadline for October 6 is September 27 Deadline for October 13 is October 4 Deadline for October 20 is October 11 Submit at: office@stpatrickcolumbus.org

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 21

5:00 p.m. +Gilbert F. McGovern

SUNDAY, September 22 – 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

9:00 a.m. +Constance Magnacca 10:30 a.m. +Jonathan Walden 12:00 p.m. +Michael O'Keefe, Sr.

MONDAY, September 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina, (M)

7:00 a.m. +Marcel and Ann Tonneman

11:45 a.m. Deceased Parents, Benefactors, Familiars,Brothers, and Sisters of Order of Preachers

TUESDAY, September 24

7:00 a.m. +Fr. Kevin Anthony McGrath, O.P.

11:45 a.m. + Jerry Freewalt

WEDNESDAY, September 25

7:00 a.m. Fr. Thomas Blau, O.P.

11:45 a.m. +Mark Kunkler

THURSDAY, September 26 – SS. Cosmas and Damian

7:00 a.m. + Jerry Bricker

11:45 a.m. Emmanuel Okoroafor

FRIDAY, September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul, (M)

7:00 a.m. The Calderon Family

11:45 a.m. +Frank Kreber

SATURDAY, September 28 – SS. Dominic Ibanez,

Lawerence Ruiz, Alphonsus Navarette, and Companions

7:00 a.m. Kelly Birnbrich

5:00 p.m. +Constance Magnacca

SUNDAY, September 29 – 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 a.m. +Ruth Higgins

9:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Dinovo

10:30 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

12:00 p.m. +Molly Vargo

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Wednesday Women's Book Club is back! Join us as we study Dr. Edward Sri's *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* from September 11-November 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, text Christine Blank at 860-235-4421 or email cmblank91@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, September 22

St. Gerard's Mothers' Blessing after all Masses

40 Days for Life – Information Table

10:15 a.m. CCD – Session 2

Baptism: Wells Taylor/Peter Vance (Gallery)

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (PH, Lib., CH)

7:00 p.m. Adult Catechesis (Aquinas)

7:30 p.m. AED Training (Kolbe)

Wednesday, September 25

9:30 a.m. Women's Book Club (Aquinas)

7:00 p.m. Choir (Patrick Hall)

7:00 p.m. Martha-Mary Circle (Kolbe)

7:00 p.m. OCIA (Aquinas)

7:30 p.m. Catholic in Recovery (Lib., DePorres)

Thursday, September 26

9:30 a.m. Martha-Mary Sewing (Kolbe)

7:00 p.m. Christ in the City (Church)

Friday, September 27

9:00 a.m. CGS (Aquinas, 2nd fl., Basement)

8:00 p.m. All Night Vigil for Vocations (Church)

Saturday, September 28

7:30 a.m. That Man is You (Planks)

Sunday, September 29

AWC Enrollment after all Masses

Second Collection: Little Margaret's Charity

10:15 a.m. CCD Session (Patrick, 2nd Floor)

11:45 a.m. Confirmation Parent's Meeting

Baptism: Josephine Bair/Elian Ferguson (Gallery)

THE ANGELIC WARFARE CONFRATERNITY

September 28/29 in church immediately following EVERY Mass. All are welcome. The Angelic Warfare Confraternity is a supernatural fellowship of men and women bound to one another in love and dedicated to pursuing and promoting chastity together under the powerful patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a wonderful aid to the virtue of chastity. If you have not joined the AWC already, please consider being enrolled after one of the Masses the weekend of September 28/29.

COLUMBUS FRASSATI SOCIETY INVITES THOSE IN THEIR 20'S AND 30'S TO THIS EVENT

Christ in the City – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 26th Come for Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and Dominican Compline (night prayer) followed by fellowship at a nearby restaurant.

EXPANDING ADORATION AT ST. PATRICK'S

Are you interested in expanding our hours of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick? We've heard from many that interest is high! We're seriously considering adding Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday, beginning after the 11:45 a.m. Mass, concluding at 8:00 p.m., and we are looking for a start date to coincide with the beginning of Advent, the season of waiting and expectation for the Nativity of Our Lord. If you are interested in signing up for a regular committed hour, please contact Steve and Amy Zehala (contact information below). We will be working with a web-based program and app, Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP), which many of our parish ministries already use. You will be able to sign up for a regular hourly time period, or substitute as needed. For more information or to sign up for a weekly hour of Adoration, please contact Amy by text at 330-717-0367, Steve by text at 614-274-5000, or both by email at sjzamz830@gmail.com, and let them know if you are interested in coming to adore our Eucharistic Lord!

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024 – SPEAKER: THE MOST REVEREND EARL K. FERNANDES, BISHOP OF COLUMBUS

Please join us on Friday, October 4 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring the annual address from his Excellency Bishop Fernandes. The October luncheon is sponsored by The Catholic Foundation. More information about The Catholic Foundation is available at https://catholicfoundation.org/. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact David Kilanowski at dkilano@aol.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Don't miss our next luncheon on Friday, November 1, 2024, featuring Brian Hickey, Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Ohio, who will speak about The Catholic Conference of Ohio. Because the November luncheon is on All Saints Day (A Holy Day of Obligation), Mass will begin at 12:00 noon instead of the usual 11:45 a.m. start time and the luncheon will follow at 1:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar to attend.

TMIY

Men of the parish, you are invited to TMIY fellowship on Saturday mornings in Aquinas Hall at St. Patrick Church in Columbus! We start at approximately 7:40 a.m., right after the 7:00 a.m. Saturday Mass (please note on First Saturdays of each month, we will start at approximately 8:25 a.m., after Fatima Devotions in the church). Grow in faith & friendship with other men striving to know the Lord better! Any questions, call Kevin McNamara at 614-598-8405.



YOU ARE CHARITABLE, BUT IS YOUR GIVING CATHOLIC?

The Catholic Foundation helps individuals support Catholic organizations like St. Patrick Church. By investing donations in alignment with Catholic teachings, the Foundation can effectively enhance the resources that support St. Patrick's faith-forming work. This ensures that the divine life continues to grow deeper for us, our children, grandchildren, and future generations of Catholics.

St. Patrick Church has an endowment fund that The Catholic Foundation manages. An endowment fund is a long-term investment designed to provide our parish with a perpetual source of income outside of the weekly offertory. There are various ways to support the St. Patrick Parish Endowment Fund so that you can share your blessings with St. Patrick both now and in the future. If you want to learn how you can "give Catholic" and make a permanent impact on the future of St. Patrick, please contact Christy Steffy at 614-443-8893, ext. 1100 or csteffy@catholic-foundation.org.

MOTHER'S MINISTRY STARTING AT ST. PATRICK

A Mothers' Ministry is starting at the parish, meeting every first Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., during the middle school youth group meeting. There will be Adoration and Confessions in the church from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a talk at 8:00 p.m. in Aquinas Hall, followed by a small group discussion, fellowship, and snacks. Please bring a snack to share if you are able. Mothers with nursing babies are welcome. The first meeting will be Thursday, October 3rd.

In the month of October, Emily Sellers, mother of eight, will be our speaker, and will be speaking on the power of a praying mother.

The parish is exploring the option of making this group a charter of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. For questions, please contact Emily Sellers at 614-565-6851.



CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Library. Catholic Sacramental recovery resources for those seeking freedom from alcoholism and drug addiction. For more information, please visit: www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Jon at circolumbus@gmail.com or 614-588-4022.

If you cannot meet on Wednesdays, please join us at St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus, OH 43235 on Monday evenings from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

MARTHA-MARY CIRCLE – JOIN US!

Wednesday evenings/Thursday mornings The Martha-Mary Circle meets Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m./Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room on the 2nd floor of

the Parish Center. We are not just a sewing group. We make rosaries and do other crafty activities. Children welcome with their parent or guardian. Call or text Eunice for information at 740-403-2960.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO START OCIA!

Are you or is someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly entering the Church? Do you long for happiness and for closeness to God? Do you want to participate fully in the grace of the sacraments and the life of the Church? Join us for the next OCIA meeting:

Wednesday, September 25th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. All sessions are held in Aquinas Hall. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Albert Dempsey, O.P., at 614-240-5919 or email him at fralbert@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

We invite all parishioners to join us on this spiritual journey. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Kolbe Room on the second floor of St. Patrick Church. To receive news and emails, please sign up for the Flocknote Rosary Confraternity group. For more information, please contact Beth Atkinson at bethaatkinson@msn.com or call 740-404-1913.



INTRODUCTION TO HUNTING SESSION

Open to parishioners at least 18 years of age, the Knights of Columbus Council 11207 is yet again presenting an introduction to hunting class! With added information on the variety of things to do with your game after you have success. Getting you a budget-friendly approach to hunting, a license earned, and setting you up with somebody to go out with for the first time is our goal. In order to have enough materials,

Friday, October 25, 2024, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Aquinas Hall.

please RSVP to Trevor Wolf, althib1985@gmail.com. Please note this is an informational seminar.

NO WEAPONS, FIREARMS, OR AMMUNITION ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE CLASS.

PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR **CHORUS ANGELORUM BEGINS SOON!**

St. Patrick's Children's Choir will be starting rehearsals October 19, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Young people age 8 thru high school are welcome. Come learn some beautiful music from the treasury of the church. It is a great way to lend your voice to the sacredness of the Mass. We rehearse each Saturday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. and sing once a month at 9:00 a.m. Mass and the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. The spring season begins February 8 and finishes with First Communion Mass on May 10. Please register with Barbara Magree at 614-940-7720 or barbaramagree@gmail.com.



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) AND FIRST AID TRAINING

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, October 3, 2024, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick and the Columbus Division of Fire, Capt. David Trainor, will be offering an important informational training session on the proper usage of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid to help increase our awareness and preparedness. The more aware we are of how to handle a potentially chaotic situation, the more helpful we can be to each other and the First Responders in a crisis.

We encourage all members of ministries and in our parish community at large to participate in this training event. Folks of all ages and physicality are welcome. For the benefit of all, we ask that you make room in your schedule to accommodate a training session.







TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 614-240-5910, or office@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

40 Days for Life: Wednesday, September 25th

Our church will be participating in the 40 Days for Life (40DFL) program this fall from September 25th through November 3rd. 40DFL is a coordinated, national campaign to bring continuous prayer to local abortion clinics in more than 1,000 cities in 63 countries. In Columbus, the program is sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life.

This fall, the vigil will be held at Planned Parenthood (3255 E. Main Street). Our church has adopted Wednesday, September 25th from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. We are asking that a minimum of two volunteers sign up to pray at the clinic for each hourlong shift. Please consider an hour at the Calvary of our day, for this is truly where Jesus, in the least of these – our preborn neighbors – dies each day. The more of us there on the sidewalk, the more light we can bring to the mothers arriving and leaving there. Prayer on the sidewalk does save lives! Dozens of babies have been spared in Columbus with prayer on the sidewalks! Please join us! A sign-up table will be set up in front of the St. Patrick statue this weekend, September 22nd. If you cannot pray on our adopted day, you are still welcome to volunteer for another time during the 40 days at gcrtl.org/40-days-forlife. Please contact Gabriel Vance at 740-972-2579 or gabriel@ catholicsforlife.us for more information.



THE APPEAL 2024



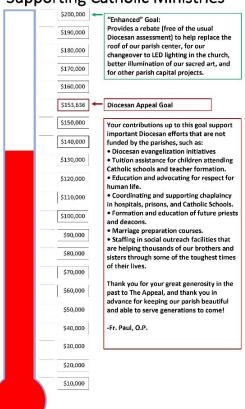
Your gift to the 2024 Appeal is vital to the success of this diocesan-wide campaign and can benefit our parish.

We are off to a good start with 116 pledges totaling \$133,795.01 thus far toward our parish goal of \$153,636. Thank you to all those families who have made a gift or pledge. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Please pray for the success of *The Appeal* and remember no amount of giving is too small. Visit columbuscatholicgiving.org.



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The Appeal 2024 Supporting Catholic Ministries



BOOK SIGNING & PRESENTATION

with Paul T. Mascia

Author of Nazar's Journey

Weds, Oct 2nd • 7:00pm St. Catharine Parish Center Free & Open to the Public



A St. Catharine Parishioner, Paul T. Mascia is a graduate of Yale University, where his senior thesis was an in-depth analysis of the reformer and Medieval mystic, St. Catharine of Siena. Paul and his wife, Theresa, reside in Columbus and have five adult children and seven grandchildren. Nazar's Journey is Mr. Mascia's first novel, and his first piece of historical fiction.

The author's proceeds will be donated to Aid to the Church in Need, which helps persecuted Christians and displaced peoples in global conflict situations.



It's 2014, and ISIS has captured the Nineveh Plains region in Iraq. In the ensuing chaos, Nazar, a 14-year-old Christian boy, is forced to flee his village. He embarks on a perilous journey to find his father, also a Christian, who has gone missing in the fighting.

"God searches for us to invite us into a relationship with him," said Mascia, adding that the book also explores the displacement of countless Iraqi people in the conflict. "Nazar is broken, weak, and wounded, but God gives him strength."

"I wrote the book to create a work of art — something beautiful to draw people to Christ. Theresa and I love Jesus in prayer, Scripture, and the Eucharist. The book is a way to thank God for his blessings."

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St. Patrick Altar Boy Program

MANDATORY TRAINING SESSIONS FOR

NEW ACOLYTES (grades 5-8)

MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS

Saturday, October 5th from 9:00am-12:00pm Saturday, October 12th from 9:00am-12:00pm Saturday, October 19th from 9:00am-12:00pm

PRACTICE MASS EXAM

Saturday, October 26th beginning at 9:00am (individual start times will vary)

MANDATORY TRAINING SESSIONS FOR

NEW HEAD SERVERS (grades 9-12)

Saturday, October 12th from 12:30pm-4:00pm

Pizza will be served at 12:00pm for new head servers.

REGISTER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

For more information, email Fr. Paul Marich at fraulmarich@stpatrickcolumbus.org, or call him at (614) 240-5917



LITTLE MARGARET'S CHARITY – HELPING THOSE IN NEED FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND!

Your help is needed! Please donate to this month's Fifth Sunday Collection! Little Margaret's Charity continues to assist your fellow parishioners who are struggling with various financial concerns, and downtown charities face increasing demand for their services. In 2023, donations totaled \$51,411; assistance and charitable donations expenses were \$60,451, for a deficit of \$9,040. In 2024 to date, donations have totaled just \$26,668. Parishioner requests for assistance continue, totaling \$24,073 so far. Your support is urgently needed and appreciated!

Please use the envelope in your monthly packet or the online WeShare platform: https://stpatrickcolumbus.weshareonline.org.

Some background: Inspired by Saint Margaret of Castello, O.P. the ministry known as **Little Margaret's Charity** has served as St. Patrick's charitable arm for over fifteen years.

Fifth Sunday Collections: Four times a year, during the months which include a fifth Sunday, the 2nd Collection at all Masses benefits Little Margaret's Charity.

Poor Box: Funds dropped in the poor boxes in the church also support the various causes of Little Margaret's Charity.

Donations to Little Margaret's Charity through the 5th Sunday Collection and the Poor Box support parishioners in need, as well as a number of Pro-life organizations, including Ohio Right to Life, Greater Columbus Right to Life, Women's Care Center, PDHC, and Bethesda Healing Ministry. The poor and homeless of downtown are also aided by contributions to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, Faith Mission, J.O.I.N., and the Community Kitchen.

Little Margaret's Charity also sponsors the annual **Giving Tree** at Christmas. The 2023 Giving Tree campaign enabled us to help 15 families, a total of 68 individuals, enjoy a little brighter Christmas. Parishioners donated over \$4,000 in gift cards, and nearly \$5,000 in cash, to assist these parish families.

Additionally, Little Margaret's Charity is in the process of enhancing our efforts in Corporal Works of Mercy. Volunteers are needed! Contact the Parish Office for details on how you can help!

Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

9/15/24	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Weekly Offertory:	\$19,273.07	\$25,203.00	\$(5,929.93)
Other Income (parish activities, programs):	\$863.66	\$1,470.00	\$(606.34)
Capital Repair Fund	\$53.00	\$200.00	\$(147.00)
Total Income:	\$20,189.73	\$26,873.00	\$(6,683.27)
Year to Date Offertory:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Over/Under
	\$299,754.28	\$290,966.00	\$8,788.28

Your offertory donation supports the liturgy...music, candles, vestments...all for the greater glory of God!

2nd Collections (Diocesan, Dominican, Other)

Little Margaret's Charity \$221.00
Solidarity Fund – Church in Africa \$1,289.00
Total Offerings from 2nd Collections: \$1,510.00



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