

Community May 2017 Connection



Thank You!

CARDS TO HOMEBOUND

“A very special thanks to our Pastor & our Deacons for arranging for our service and announcing it. Thanks to those who volunteered and gave up their Saturday to make this occasion a success, and to those who came. Together we will be mailing 38 **THINKING OF YOU** cards to our shut-in parishioners.”

*Very Heartfelt Gratitude,
Sr. Mary Urban, csj*



THE DEACON'S BENCH

Wasn't the church beautiful this Easter? I think so. That is why I want to thank all of the people that came out to help with the decorating of the Church, for this glorious Easter season. I have said before in previous letters, this is your Church. Now as we proceed forward this coming year we need more people to help out in all of the ministries that we have in the Church to make things like this happen again. If you have any God given talents to help in our Church we really need your help to move forward in the coming year. Again it just goes to show, that when we as a Faith Community pull together, we can make things like this happen! It makes the Church joyful, beautiful and inviting to others. It is your Church!

*Your Friend in Christ,
Deacon Bob Brazier*



THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

Preparing Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers to Serve the Church since 1829

Lay Formation Through The Athenaeum Of Ohio

Is God calling you to deeper discipleship? The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is sponsored by the Archdiocese and equips lay Catholics with the knowledge and skills you need to evangelize, teach and serve more effectively. Evening and Saturday classes, flexible components and part time studies let you maintain family and work commitments while you discern God's call and prepare for new opportunities. Graduate and non-degreed options are available. Cincinnati locations include the main campus in Mt. Washington and Good Shepherd Community in Montgomery, with classes beginning in late August. Call 513-231-1200 for information or to set up an interview.

Project Rachel is a Ministry of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that serves anyone who has experienced a loss of a child due to abortion. There are a variety of ways persons can engage in this ministry for healing from a recent loss or a loss that occurred decades ago: one-one-one conversation with a peer, priest or deacon, consultation with a priest (we can accommodate a need for consulting in Spanish), a day of reflection for anyone who has experienced loss (mother, grandparent, father, sibling, friend, etc.) support groups and retreats for mothers who lost their child due to abortion. For more information, contact Noreen Wendeln at nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513-784-0531 for information. All conversations and email are confidential.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

DON'T JUST GO TO CHURCH. BE THE CHURCH.

This is a call for all to hear. The Church is in need of Liturgical Ministers. When I say this, I mean Lectors, Eucharistic Distributors, Ushers, and Greeters. We need your help to fill these very important positions, so I am calling on all of you in the Parish to consider joining this incredible ministry. Lately we have had unfilled positions and I would like to fill them with parishioners such as yourself. So please discern and think of what you can do for your Church because it is YOUR Church. If you think that you can help, please call or e-mail me, 752-2080 Ext. 144 bbrazier@sttm.org or Deacon Michael mthomas@sttm.org - 753-2549 and let us know what you can or want to do. Training is available for all positions. Please consider this call and help your Church. Thank You.

*Your Friend in Christ,
Deacon Bob Brazier*



Little Sisters of the Poor

Caring for the Elderly Poor throughout the World

DISCERNMENT AND VOCATIONS ANSWERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

On Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm, Reverend Thomas J. McQuillen, M.A., Dean of Men at Mt. St. Mary's Seminar, will present a program designed for young people and religious vocation choices.

The evening begins at 6:00 pm with the Rosary in the Chapel at St. Paul's Home, 476 Riddle Road, Clifton 45220. St. Paul's Home is operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Cincinnati for the elderly poor of all race and religions. Fr.

McQuillen will speak at 7:00 pm and answer questions until 8:00 pm. For more information, contact Sarah at prcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org.



The Ceaseless Act of Love

By: The Children of Mary

Would you like to stop the constant thinking and worrying about the day to day struggles of life? Would you like to know that someone else is thinking about how to solve your problems? Did you know that Jesus asks us to let Him do the thinking and that our minds should be free from the daily stresses knowing He is handling them? Did you know that He asks us to let Him do all the thinking

and us do the loving? In this book you will learn very practical ways to increase your love for God, find peace of soul, and how to use your time here on earth in the best possible manner. And as you grow in love for God, you will be saving souls at the same time, and protecting yourself from satan. The first part of the book is the ceaseless act of love as experienced by a Sister of The Children of Mary. The second part of the book is a reprint of a booklet by Fr. Lorenzo Sales, IMC about the messages from Jesus to Sr. Consolata. Practice it; it will change your life!

To order please go to: <http://www.childrenofmary.net> and click on "New Book".

MOVED BY PROFOUND WORRY



One hundred years ago in 1917, three years into World War I, the world was in chaos. Christianity was being attacked from all sides by atheists and secular anti-church movements. The month was May and Pope Benedict XV, moved by profound worry, sent out a petition to all Catholic bishops, asking for a litany of prayer to the Virgin Mary whom he deemed The Queen of Peace." Only eight days later, on May 13, remarkable apparitions of Our Lady began in a remote area of Portugal. Mary, the mother of Christ, came to three shepherd children. Their lives were simple but filled with hope and unbreakable faith. We refer to her apparitions there as Our Lady of Fatima.

This year is the 100th anniversary of those apparitions and the world is still in chaos. The whole world has seen a century of upheavals, wars, tragedies and natural catastrophes. Our Lady's admonitions and prophecies are being fulfilled. But in spite of this, her core message at Fatima is still widely unknown and largely ignored by the majority of mankind. She told us that Russia would spread errors throughout the world, promoting wars and persecution of the Church. She advised us to expose and fight these errors by prayer, fasting, confession, receiving the Eucharist often and being devoted to her Immaculate Heart! In the end, she said her Immaculate Heart will Triumph! We pray for that moment to arrive!

Since her apparitions, the global persecution of Christians has not only increased, but is spreading to every continent. Christianity is the most persecuted religion in the world! This is according to various advocacy groups such as Open Doors USA, Center for Studies on New Religions, Philos Project and Aid to the Church in Need. Below are some of their findings:

- Nearly 90,000 Christians were killed for their faith in 2016.
- 600 million Christians were prevented from practicing their faith through intimidation, forced conversions, bodily harm or even death.
- 215 million Christians around the globe are facing some degree of persecution.
- There has been an increase in persecution throughout Asia by governments and nationalist religious movements—Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist—in such countries as Pakistan, India, Myanmar and Egypt.
- Christians continue to be targeted by ISIS radicals in Syria and Iraq.
- Christianity is also under threat in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf nations.
- Mexico's Christians face beatings and forced conversions at the hands of hybrid faiths.
- 334 million Christians in 196 countries are persecuted and discriminated against because of their religion.

It seems obvious that her prophecies have been and are being realized. In this 100th year anniversary, let's follow her advice to pray, fast, go to confession, receive the Eucharist frequently and devote ourselves to her Immaculate Heart! Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us.

~ Becky Ready, DRE



NEW PARISHIONERS

Ryan and Kennedy Volk

Michael & Jessica Phillips

Heath Millay & Sue Boberg and Aiden & Hunter Millay

Dennis, Donna, Andrew, Donald & Nicholas Browning

Carol Cannon

Jean Rider

Ethan Johnson

Jessica Daniel

Robert, Courtney & Liliana Gutierrez

Jenny and Jake, Jaden, Gabrielle & Skylar Morris

Maria and Cristy, Amelita & Luly Palacios

Gary, Joy & Joy Haberthier

John and Edith & Agnes Laney

Cheryl Puckett

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Paul Benjamin, son of Benjamin & Kate Aicholtz

Joseph Perry, son Joseph & Brittany Lauer

Ava Kathryn, daughter of Kevin & Stacey Larison

Landon Michael, son of Kevin & Stacey Larison

Myles Patrick, son of Adam & Laura Smith

Addison Quinn, daughter of Brian & Christy Faw

Raymond Edward, son of Mark & Karen Foobar

