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Email: [stagnesprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:stagnesprayerline@gmail.com)

Adoration Chapel, Don Able.....513-403-5242

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday : 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
Weekday: 6:30 & 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday,  
9:20 a.m. Friday - School Mass  
Holy Day: 7:00 p.m. Vigil, 6:30, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

**BAPTISMS:**

First-time parents must attend a Baptism  
Preparation Class before the child can be baptized.  
Classes are held every other month on the second  
Thursday. Call the Parish Office to register.  
Baptisms take place every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.  
except during Lent.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):**

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith  
or seeking to complete their initiation Sacraments  
should contact Paula Fritz at 431-1802 or  
[pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Confessions are heard on Saturday after the  
8:30 a.m. Mass, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the  
first Friday of the month or by calling the Parish  
Office and making an appointment.

**MARRIAGE:**

Call the Parish Office at least nine months in  
advance. At least one of the individuals must be a  
registered parishioner.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:**

For those who are homebound or sick and wish to  
receive Communion, call the Parish Office.

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Gather with fellow Brothers in Christ every Saturday  
morning, 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Saint Agnes Daily  
Mass Chapel. Enjoy fellowship and the Word of  
God.

**GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:**

Held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the  
school year. Contact Anita Dunn, 431-1802 or  
[adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com) for more information.

**PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:**

Held on Sunday during the 11:30 a.m. Mass from  
September thru April. Contact Stacey Moorhead at  
859-907-3667 or [staceyscully4@aol.com](mailto:staceyscully4@aol.com) for more  
information.

**MEETINGS:**

Athletic Boosters-3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.  
in the Parish Conference Room  
Board of Education-2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Library/Media (School) Center  
Finance Committee-1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. in the  
Parish Conference Room  
Parish Council-1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Parish Conference Room  
Pro-Life Committee-2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.  
Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec. in  
Murphy Hall  
St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd & 4th Mondays  
at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference  
Room

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Calendar

#### Sunday, May 19

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 10:30 a.m. RCIA - Parish Conf Room
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

#### Monday, May 20

- 5:30 p.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room
- 7:30 p.m. Boosters - Parish Conf Room

#### Tuesday, May 21

- 7:30 a.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room
- 10:00 a.m. CCH Baccalaureate Mass

#### Wednesday, May 22

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B

#### Thursday, May 23

- 11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick following Mass
- 7:00 p.m. NDA Baccalaureate Mass

#### Friday, May 24

#### Saturday, May 25

- 8:10 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer - Church
- 9:00 a.m. Confessions - Church

#### Sunday, May 26

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 10:30 a.m. RCIA - Parish Conf Room
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, May 19-Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Joseph Stadtmiller
- 9:30 a.m. Missy Flick
- 11:30 a.m. George & Betty Read

#### Monday, May 20-St. Bernardine

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Dolores Kocher

#### Tuesday, May 21-St. Christopher Magallanes

- 6:30 a.m. Bill & Chris Janszen
- 11:30 a.m. Agnes Oevermeyer

#### Wednesday, May 22-St. Rita of Cascia

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of James Rahe
- 11:30 a.m. Jena Dickman Bassini

#### Thursday, May 23

- 6:30 a.m. Geneva Riehemann
- 11:30 a.m. Leo Kocher

#### Friday, May 24

- 6:30 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson
- 9:20 a.m. Bill Poncer
- 11:30 a.m. Jack Kaelin

#### Saturday, May 25-St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

- 8:30 a.m. William J. Roth Family
- 4:00 p.m. Joe Smith & Middendorf Family

#### Sunday, May 26-Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Intention of the Schneider Family
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Sargent Daniel Tyler Lee
- 11:30 a.m. Jack & Ann Beth Collett

### Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for May 25th & 26th

#### Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Volunteers
- 7:30 a.m. Volunteers
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers
- 11:30 a.m. Volunteers

#### Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-S Gleeson, C-S Osterhage
- 7:30 a.m. G Harpen
- 9:30 a.m. K Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. L-J Lawrie, C-M Nutter

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. P Adams, J Bayer, K Middendorf, J Ward, M Pennington, M Stoeckle, N Stratman, K Willenbrink
- 7:30 a.m. J & C Brueggemann, D & B Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. T Fischer, C Jacober, C Mullen, D & G Small, C Smith, D Witt, W Witt
- 11:30 a.m. B Thamann, D Able, L Clements, P Fritz, J & M Crowe, R Lawson, P Johnston

#### Servers

- 4:00 p.m. N Romes, J Collins, E Dowd
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. P Maier, W Melching, D Nader
- 11:30 a.m. J Lawrie, J Lawrie, M Russell

#### 6:30 a.m. – Servers:

May 20th-Jim Bramlage May 28th-Tony Eilerman

#### Rosary, Sunday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m.: Fran Lee

#### Highland Crossing, May 26th: Don Able

#### Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Steve & Becky Ruwe
- 7:30 a.m. Mike & Ginny Ruberg
- 9:30 a.m. Bill & Pat Metzger
- 11:30 a.m. Ron & Jeanne Lawson

#### Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Beatrice Cornett A-Kathy Bell
- 7:30 a.m. F-Judy Anderson A-Tom Arnold
- 9:30 a.m. F-Jim & Pat Bramlage  
A-David & Maria Kathman
- 11:30 a.m. F-Fay & Allison Dilbert A-Bob & Tracy Ink

## Staff Article

### **Love One Another. As I have loved You, so you also should love one another.**

Jesus chose His apostles, even with their flaws. Judas betrayed Him. Peter denied Him three times. Thomas doubted Him. Yet, Jesus loved them all the while.

Throughout the gospels we see Jesus heal, bless, and forgive those who were not always living a life following God's way. Most of these stories are presented during Lent to focus our attention on change needed in our own lives. The one from the 5th Sunday in Lent fits in with Jesus' experience with His apostles. People brought the woman they wanted stoned for her adultery. Jesus said, 'Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' Yet all left without doing so. Jesus' replied, "Neither do I condemn you."

We too, must heed His words and the new commandment. We must look at ourselves before condemning and taking love away. Today, the world seems eager to be like those who brought the woman. If all lived with Jesus' words and new commandment think of how wonderful the world would be.

We are all created by God to be with Him in heaven. Sadly, many, using the free will given by God, choose their own ways and do not follow the commandments or Jesus' words. God loves us regardless, but He is saddened that we disobey at times. We must know judgement comes before heaven. Just as with our children when we punish them to remind them of right ways, so must God, Our Father.

Thinking over the message of Jesus, my mind kept jumping to "How do I love you? Let me count the ways."

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's

Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;  
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.  
I love thee with a passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints, --I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life --and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

These words ring true today of full love of Christ. I especially like the words "I love thee with the passion put to use in my old griefs". Think of being angry and upset. What energy we have and, boy, it usually comes out! If we lived with that passion directed at loving, instead of 'throwing stones', what a great world we would have. No worries either about judgement time!

See Christ in each person. Love them as Christ has loved you.

Anita Dunn, DRE



## Parish Worship

### **Faith Sharing Questions**

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus gives His disciples the commandment "Love one another as I have loved you!"**

Adults: What would this world be like if we all followed Jesus' commandment to love one another? Among the people you know whose wholehearted self-giving inspires you to be a "better lover?"

Teens: Do you know any people or communities that try to follow Jesus' commandment and His example to love one another? Can others tell by your example that you are trying to follow Jesus?

Children: How can you show love to your family, your friends, and those you really don't like?

**Next Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C**

During the Easter Season, in all three years (Cycle A, B and C) the First Reading comes from The

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Acts of the Apostles and we read about the early, post-resurrection days of our church. In Cycle C years, the Second Reading is from the Book of Revelation. On the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter, the Gospel reading is an excerpt from the Lord's discourse and prayer at the Last Supper from John's Gospel. (In our province—the Louisville Province—we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on the Seventh Sunday and so use the readings for that feast.)

**Gospel (John 14:23-29):** In this reading Jesus is addressing His disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus speaks of how following Jesus' teaching ("keeping His word") is the way in which a disciple loves Jesus. He readily admits that His teaching—"His Word"—is not His own, but rather the Word of the Father. Jesus' "hour" (His "glorification" in the Gospel of John—His passion, death and resurrection) is fast approaching. Jesus tries to comfort His disciples, telling them they should rejoice to have Him return to the Father and thereby fulfilling the Father's will, since the Father is even greater than He. The Gospel of John emphasizes the divinity of Jesus much more than the other three Gospels, particularly by often describing the relationship of unity that exists between Jesus and the Father.

**First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29):** A great turning point in Church history is when Paul and others began to "turn to the Gentiles" and allow the Gentiles to become Christian, without first becoming Jewish, as was the original practice. It is important to remember that the very early church was a sect within Judaism that practiced Jewish Traditions (epitomized in circumcision). This reading states the problem. It then skips over the account of the Council of Jerusalem where this issue was discussed. This reading then takes up with the promulgation of the result of the Council of Jerusalem. Some consider this the first ecumenical council of the Church. It shows the leaders of the early Church gathering to discuss and decide a very important pastoral issue. As such, it also expanded the Church's understanding of itself.

**Second Reading (Revelation 21:10-14,22-23):** This reading continues the description of a vision begun in last week's reading, that of the "Heavenly Jerusalem," a magnificent and brilliant city. But this "heavenly Jerusalem" has no Temple "for its Temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb." For those suffering persecution (as the Church was at the time the Book of Revelation was written) this is a city worth keeping one's hopes up for and worth enduring suffering for in order to become a citizen thereof.

### Adoration of Our Lord

Why Eucharistic Adoration? To adore Him and give Him the honor which is due to Him, as we confess His supreme dominion over all things and the absolute dependence of everything upon Him who is our One and Last End! Please commit to an hour with Jesus in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



### Bulletin Picture

The church and the dogwood tree earlier this spring. Photo by Ginny Ruberg.

### Weekday Rosary

The Rosary is prayed in Church every weekday at 11:00 a.m.

### Stewardship

#### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 05/13/19)	\$1,117,253
Budgeted Collections (July thru 05/13/19)	\$1,121,742
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2018/2019)	\$1,258,000



## Stewardship continued

### 2019 DPAA

***Our Citizenship is in Heaven.*** (Philippians 3:20)

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift and/or completed a pledge form for our 2019

Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. As of May 9,

Saint Agnes had

\$129,816.90 in donations and pledges from 340 households (24% of parish) toward our parish goal of \$158,400. This leaves a balance of \$28,583.10.



If you need a donation/pledge card/envelope, there are some in the tables in the foyers of church, or call the parish office (431-1802). –

Thank you, Father Mark Keene

### Donating Stock? Let us know!

Several parishioners help to financially support our parish by donating shares of stock directly to the parish, thereby avoiding having to pay any capital gains tax. Such donations are handled through our diocesan finance office. The shares are sold and the proceeds forwarded to Saint Agnes.

IT IS IMPORTANT for persons making such donations to contact our parish business manager, Patricia Cunningham, to alert her about the donation so she can look for the funds to come from the diocese. The diocese accepts these donations of stock but often has no way of knowing which parish is to receive it.

The diocesan finance office sends acknowledgments to donors for all donations and lets donors know that the proceeds from their donation have been sent to Saint Agnes. If you have arranged to make a donation of stock but have not received such an acknowledgment from the diocese, please contact Patricia Cunningham or Father Keene. Also, remember that stocks can be donated to the Diocese Parish Annual Appeal as well. –Thank you, Father Keene

### IRA Required Minimum Distributions, Tax Law and Donations to Saint Agnes AND to the 2019 DPAA

The new federal income tax law that went into effect last year substantially raised the standard deduction, so much so that many may no longer benefit from itemizing their deductions. However, those who are age 70 ½ and taking qualified distributions from their IRA's can reduce their taxable income by arranging for distributions to be made directly to charities of their choice, including Saint Agnes and the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. Consult with your financial planner about this possibility.

Thank you, Father Mark Keene

## Saint of the Week

### Christopher Magallanes and Companions

If you saw the movie *For Greater Glory* then you already know the story: a ruthless government trying to crush the Catholic Church and being resisted



in various ways. If you saw the movie you will remember the character portrayed by Peter O'Toole. That character was Christopher Magallanes.

Christopher was born in Jalisco province in Mexico on July 30, 1869. His parents were farmers and he was a shepherd as a boy. When he was 19 he entered the minor seminary and was ordained in 1899 when he was 30. After serving briefly as a chaplain for a school he was appointed parish priest in his hometown in Jalisco. As the parish priest he was involved in evangelizing the indigenous people and opened a mission to serve them. He was also involved in creating schools, shops and in promoting water projects for his home area. In 1914 the government closed the seminaries. Christopher opened an auxiliary seminary, which had 17 students by 1916.

In 1926 the president of Mexico signed a law that

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severely restricted the role of the Catholic Church (as well as other churches) in Mexico. Not only did it enforce strict separation of Church and State, but also limited religious observances even to prohibiting the wearing of religious garb. In opposition to these measures approximately 50,000 Mexican people rose up in armed struggle against this law.

Father Christopher preached against armed rebellion. He was arrested on May 21, 1927 while on the way to celebrate Mass at a farm. On May 25th after having given away his few possessions to his captors and giving them absolution he said "I die innocent, and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican brethren." His feast day is May 21st, the anniversary of his capture, and he shares this day with 21 other priests and three lay companions who were killed by the Mexican government between 1915 and 1937. Saint John Paul II beatified them in 1992 and canonized them in 2000.

### Parish News

#### Parish Office Summer Hours

Effective May 24th through August 30th, the Parish Office hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and **Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon.**

The office will also be closed on Memorial Day, May 27th.

#### Family of God

We welcome into the Family of God the following infants who were baptized recently at St. Agnes:  
Isobel Marie Schneider  
Child of Chad & Megan Schneider

#### Funeral Receptions: Help Needed

Looking for men and women to help host funeral receptions held in Murphy Hall. Please consider helping your fellow parishioners when they are in need. Contact Janis Vogelpohl for more details, 859-341-3745.

#### Attention Greeters

Please send in unavailable dates for July 6th through October 27th. A response by May 31st is appreciated. The schedule will be worked on in early June. Please email your 'no' dates to the parish office at [parishoffice@saintagnes.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.com) or call Colleen at 859-445-5022. Thank you so much for your continued support of this ministry!



#### Youth Group Is Back!!!

May 19th is the return of Youth Group! Come meet our new leaders, John Griffin and Maddie Black. Help plan a special fun event! Meeting will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Grades 7 thru 9 are invited, even those soon to be 7th grade. Members from grades 10 thru 12 are invited to help kick off a new group. For other information or to get on the email list contact Mrs. Dunn at [adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com).



#### Serra Club for Vocations

The Serra Club for Vocations, Northern Kentucky, is currently selling ticket vouchers to the Florence Freedom double header on Wednesday, June 5th. Honorary first pitchers for the June 5th game include Michelle Blevins, a Postulant with the Sisters of Notre Dame, **Rev. Mark Keene, pastor of Saint Agnes Parish**, and Barry Henry, a Serra Club member who is scheduled to be ordained to the Diaconate on May 4th. Ticket vouchers are \$10 and can be purchased through the Diocesan Stewardship Office or from individual Serra Club members. To purchase tickets, please call Mike Murray at 392-1500 or email him at [mmurray@covdio.org](mailto:mmurray@covdio.org).



## Parish News continued

### "In Loving Memory"

Starting in June, a section on the back of the bulletin will be available to list a deceased loved one's name. The cost is \$60 per name and their name will remain on the bulletin for a year. This will help defray the cost of printing our bulletin for the entire year. If interested, please clip and fill out the slip below and put it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, contact Beth at the Parish Office ([parishoffice@saintagnes.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.com) or 431-1802).

Loved One's Name:

Your Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

(Make checks payable to Diocesan Publications.)

### For Those Interested in Volunteering

Here is what you need to do:

1. Go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and create an account.
2. Sign up for and attend a Live Training Session. Sessions are listed on the Virtus website.
3. Run a background check through Selection.com. Do this through your Virtus account by clicking on the Toolbox tab and click "Selection.com Background Check" in the upper left column.
4. Contact Deacon Bob Stoeckle at the Parish Office (431-1802) to set up a 15 minute meeting. He will give you two forms that you need to complete.



5. Once all of the above is done and the Diocese processes your forms, you will receive an email stating your account is now "active" and you will be able to volunteer.
6. To remain "active" you will be required to read a monthly bulletin and answer a question regarding the bulletin.

If you have any question about the process, please contact Beth at the Parish Office (431-1802 or [parishoffice@saintagnes.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.com)).

## Faith Formation

### FORMED

Would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and help your children to know Jesus as well? Do you know someone who has fallen away from the Church, perhaps a friend, a family member, a co-worker, and you want to reach them but you just don't know how? Our parish has received the gift of an online subscription to **FORMED**, which offers multiple Catholic resources for each of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others. **FORMED** includes faith based movies, documentaries, books, audios, and children's resources. As we move into summer and possibly have more free time, why not access **FORMED** and enjoy a summer of fun rekindling your faith and sharing it with your family and friends? By virtue of our own Baptism and Confirmation we commit our lives to Jesus and to sharing His good news with the world. In order to effectively teach our children the faith and spread the Good News in our community, we need to continue our study of the faith throughout our whole lives. **Please register for FORMED by going to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), clicking the Enter Code box in the upper left section, entering the access code 7CWP2N, and then following the instructions.** Our Church needs you and your family to spread our faith. Please start today!





Faith Formation continued

## RCIA

### Calling All Saint Agnes parishioners!

Many new Catholics were drawn into the Church through witnessing the love of Jesus lived out in the lives of Catholics. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to allow Him to live in us so that we can become the beautiful, unique persons God created us to be. Our union with Jesus, our accepting His love, will make a difference in our daily life. It will teach us how to love one another. To a person looking at your lifestyle, are you recognizable as a follower of Jesus? You are called by your baptism to bring others to Jesus, to share His love. Is there something in your life you need to change so that others will know that you belong to Jesus, and will want to know Jesus because of you?

Please continue to pray for our new Catholics, Cheryl and Larry.

**If you are a non-practicing Catholic, a baptized non-Catholic, or an unbaptized person** and you are interested to learn more about Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com).

## ***The Bible and Creation and Flannery O'Connor Education Opportunities***

The Athenaeum of Ohio is pleased to offer two summer courses beginning this May: "Biblical Theology of Creation" taught by Dr. Matthew Genung, and "Preambles of Faith: The Writings of Flannery O'Connor" taught by Dr. Tracy Jamison. Classes will be held evenings from May 20th through June 20th.

"Biblical Theology of Creation" (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) will study selected passages from the Pentateuch, Prophets, Wisdom, and New Testament texts, in order to examine the theme of creation in the Bible, its function within its immediate and canonical contexts, and its relation to salvation.



"Preambles of Faith" (Monday and Wednesday evenings) will study the compositions of Flannery O'Connor, which have attracted many people to Catholicism. The course will attempt to appreciate the inherent value of O'Connor's stories as works of art and to assess their instrumental value as preambles of faith.

The tuition cost for each course is \$870; for auditors, \$450; and for alumni auditors and senior citizen auditors (65+), \$250. To register, e-mail the Registrar at [njobe@mtsm.org](mailto:njobe@mtsm.org). Registration Deadline is May 20th.

## **Word of Life Bulletin Brief**

"Patients need to be able to trust their doctors to always care for their lives and never deliberately cause death... Patients facing serious illness may feel hopeless and depressed, as though their lives have lost meaning. Addressing psychological, emotional, and spiritual problems is essential to palliative care. Assisted suicide alleviates none of their problems, but gives in to them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

## Christian Outreach

## **Project Rachel**

Come back to God, who is LOVE and MERCY!

Life is a gift from God, and so is His mercy. Tens of millions of Americans have been directly touched by abortion and have feelings of regret, guilt and grief.

God's healing love and mercy are always possible. Many Catholics want to help women and men who have experienced abortion, but some don't know how to begin. The Diocese of Covington, in accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, offer the Project Rachel Ministry, a confidential, compassionate journey to healing. Project Rachel help line (859) 392-1547 or [www.covdio.org/projectrachel](http://www.covdio.org/projectrachel).





## Christian Outreach continued

### Opportunities for Life

For those in turmoil due to an untimely pregnancy, Opportunities for Life offers life affirming hope and help. Go to their website,



[www.opportunitiesforlife.org](http://www.opportunitiesforlife.org) and you will find an online directory of area pregnancy care resource centers. Or, locally call the Catholic Charities at 581-8974 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Diocesan News

### Mass for the Dead

Bishop Foys will celebrate a Mass for the Dead at St. Stephen Cemetery (1523 Alexandria Pike, Ft. Thomas) on Memorial Day, May 27th at 10:00 a.m. All people of the diocese are invited to participate in this Mass and to pray for all the dead, especially loved ones who have died.

### Young Adults

Are you a young adult (18 to 39) discerning a vocation to marriage, religious life, or the priesthood? We're launching a new monthly young adult group for people like you. Meet others discerning, build community, and get the support you need to answer God's call. **Our Kick off meeting will be Tuesday, May 28th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meet in the back patio at Blinkers Tavern in Covington.** For more info contact Brad Torline, [btorline@covdio.org](mailto:btorline@covdio.org).

### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is expanding our school based mental health counseling program and we are looking for someone to join our dynamic team. If you enjoy helping children, are fun, energetic, positive, and looking for a way to improve the lives of others, this is a career opportunity for you. For more information visit [www.covingtoncharities.org](http://www.covingtoncharities.org).

### Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference

ATTENTION men, fathers and sons! The Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, June 15th, 2019 at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish. Get your ticket today for a Faith-filled half-day where men from all over the tristate will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. Speakers include Super Bowl Champ Matt Birk, Cooking Priest, Fr. Leo Patalinghug and New York Mets coach, Rich Donnelly. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com).

**SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT:** Rich Donnelly, MLB coach of over 25 years, currently with the New York Mets and 1997 World Series Champion coach of the Florida Marlins. Coach Rich coached in the Major Leagues for over 25 years, most recently as the third base coach for the Seattle Mariners. Other teams have included the Los Angeles Dodgers (2006-2007), Milwaukee Brewers (2003-2005), 14 seasons (1986-1999) for (Pittsburgh, Florida, Colorado), earning a World Series ring with Florida in 1997, first base coach for the Texas Rangers (1983-1985) and manager in the Texas Rangers minor league system from 1972-1982 where he was honored as the Western Carolinas League Manager of the Year from 1972-74.

Coach Rich has 8 children and will be sharing his heart grasping, inspirational family stories about "the chicken runs at midnight" and his daughters' first-hand experiences of surviving the Vegas shooting (a nightmare phone call no parent wants to receive.)

### Blessed Sacrament's 100th Anniversary

Blessed Sacrament Church and School are celebrating their 100th anniversary with monthly events beginning June 2019 to June 2020. Our opening celebration will be June 22nd, beginning with Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by an adult cocktail/dinner reception. Early bird pricing through May 31st is \$35 per person. After that, the cost goes to \$60 per person. Reservations can be made by going to the website [www.bscky.org](http://www.bscky.org) or calling the office at 331-4302.