



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*The heavens were
opened for Him*

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January 11, 2026



WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Served by the Mercedarian Friars USA (www.orderofmercy.org)



PARISH OFFICE, 588 W. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215

OpenMonday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Main No.....614-221-4323 Fax No: 614-221-9818

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PERSONNEL STAFF

Father Michael J. Donovan, O. de M...Pastor

Father Daniel Bowen, O. de M.....Vocation Director

Brother Kevin Cush, O. de M.....Seminarian

Secretary.....Mary Gamble

Maintenance.....Tim Kearns

Music Director / Organist.....Shawn Kenney

OCIA (RCIA) Coordinator.....Linda Hamilton

Religious Education.....Sr. Bozena Tyborowska LSIC

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers – Br. Kevin Cush, O. de M., Director

Confraternity of Christian Mothers – Rita Martinez, President

Diocesan Center for the Guard of Honor

of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Rebecca Rector, Zelatrix

Eucharistic Adoration – Sarah Hill, Coordinator

Holy Family Young Adults – Bear Bates, Coordinator

Hospitality – Kathy McKinniss & Linda Hamilton, Coordinators

Knights of Columbus – Br. Kevin Cush, O. de M., Grand Knight

Liturgical Ministry – Linda Hamilton, Coordinator

Mercedarian Lay Third Order – Fr. Michael J. Donovan, O. de M.,
Spiritual Director

Respect Life – Aurelio & Rosalinda Morales, Coordinators

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Sr. Bozena Tyborowska, Dir.

SOUP KITCHEN – (backyard of Parish Center building)

Donations....Monday – Friday

8:00am – 12noon, preferred (back of building)

12noon – 3:00pm, optional (please call in advance)

Main No.....614-221-4323

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Email.....Dennis Shope, Director

soupkitchen@holyfamilycolumbus.org

maintenance@holyfamilycolumbus.org

BAPTISM

Call the Parish office to schedule a Baptism. Children over the age of 6 will require some special instruction.

MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding.

Diocesan Pre-Cana and Natural Family Planning classes are required and six meetings with the priest.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office during general office hours. Otherwise, call Parish Office and select “Sacramental Emergency” option.

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Those who desire Holy Communion at home should call the Parish Office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 12:15pm

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Convent of St. Birgitta – 40 N. Grubb St., Columbus

Weekly: 7:00 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs. Friday

4:00 p.m. Wednesday

(Each day is open to the public)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Holy Family Church

Weekly: 1:00 p.m. Thursday – 12 Noon Friday

First Friday Adoration in Reparation to the

Sacred Heart – 8:00 p.m. – 8:45 a.m. First Saturday

Please contact Sarah Hill at 740-418-0517 or

thehills1936@gmail.com if you have interest in being scheduled weekly or monthly in either location

Convent of St. Birgitta (CSB)

40 N. Grubb St., Columbus

Weekly: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tuesday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mass Wednesday

4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. following 4pm Mass

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Friday

MOST HOLY ROSARY

Weekdays: 11:30 am (Tuesday is Respect Life Rosary)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows Rosary

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. before 9:00 a.m. Marian Mass

8:15 a.m. before 9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. (before Mass)

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be scheduled to lead before 9am Saturday or 9am; 5pm Sunday Mass.

REGULAR DEVOTIONS



Each Tuesday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass there are Devotions to **St. Anthony of Padua**.



Each Saturday Novena Prayers to **Our Lady of Mercy** following 9:00 a.m. Mass.



On First Wednesday of each month a 7:00 p.m. Mass is offered in honor of **Good Saint Joseph**.



On First Friday of each month following the 12:15 & 7:00 p.m. Masses there is **Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

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MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 11– 18, 2026

Sun Jan 11 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 9:00 AM * People of the Parish
 11:00 AM * Deceased Members of Holy Family Alumni
 5:00 PM * Special Intention for Charles Rieper
 by Chris Ruder
 8:00 PM Repose of the Soul of Carol Lee Messerle
 by Kathy McKinniss

Mon Jan 12 First Week of Ordinary Time

- 7:00 AM CSB—Poor Souls in Purgatory
 by Bob & Natalie Wanner
 12:15 PM Tom and Louise Carter
 by Mary Sue Dempsey

Tues Jan 13 Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor

- 7:00 AM CSB—The Kevin and Emily Sellers Family
 by Emily Sellers
 12:15 PM A Personal Intention, by Kathy McKinniss

Wed Jan 14

- 12:15 PM Repose of the Soul of
 Tedros “Teddy” Aregai Hishe, by Mary Zacks
 4:00 PM CSB—Repose of the Soul of Jorge Toyohama
 by Yvette Reategui

Thurs Jan 15

- 7:00 AM CSB—Amanda Ballantyne, by Family
 12:15 PM Nathan Dyke, by Sheree Dyke

Fri Jan 16

- 7:00 AM CSB—A. J. Bozzarelli, by Family
 12:15 PM Brother Aloysius and Brother Adam
 by Kristi Ziegler

Sat Jan 17 St. Anthony, Abbott

- 9:00 AM Matthew “Mooch” Randolph
 by The Mark Smith Family

Sun Jan 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

- 9:00 AM * Christian Unity
 11:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Michael A. Haney
 by Kathy McKinniss
 5:00 PM People of the Parish
 8:00 PM Intentions of The Mercedarian Friars
 by Christian Mothers

** Incense will be used at this Mass.*

Mass Intention Envelopes are available next to bulletins. Please place envelopes with your intention(s), contact information and stipend in the offertory basket. The requested amount is \$10 per Mass. Questions, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Airman William Harding Marable, US Air Force
 Airman Lucas JY Tortora, US Air Force
 Col. Timothy W. Grady, US Air National Guard
 Specialist E4 Logan Christ, US Army Active Duty
 1st Lt. John M. Kennedy, US Army Active Duty
 1st Lt. Michael V. Dickerson US Army National Guard
 2nd Lt. Nicholas C. Kennedy US Army National Guard
 SPC Brian A. Marsh, US Army National Guard
 SPC Trinity P. Roach, US Army National Guard
 SPC Zach Sowers, US Army National Guard
 Active Duty Trey Warner, US Army National Guard
 Lt. Col. Stephen Hueckel, US Army Reserve
 SGT Liam A. Smith, US Army Reserve
 BM2 Joseph Flynn, US Coast Guard
 Capt. Michael “Mich” Rector, US Marine Corps.
 LCpl. Brendan Thomas, US Marine Corps.
 Lt. Michael Bellavia, US Navy
 Lt. Rockford Bowman, US Navy
 SCPO Zachery Cook, US Navy
 Lt. Andrea Rae Kaltenbach, US Navy
 Active Duty Dan Severance, US Navy



Saturday + February 28, 2026
 Kasich Hall + Ohio Expo Center



Matt Birk



Father Robert Spitzer



Justin Fatica

www.CatholicMensMinistry.com



LECTOR SCHEDULE



January 11

9:00 am Mary Gamble
 11:00 am Rebecca Rector
 5:00 pm Tom Martello

January 18

9:00 am Susan Lau
 11:00 am Kendy Troiano
 5:00 pm Brian Bishop

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Matching Gift to the Capital Improvement Campaign

We are pleased to announce that a parishioner has generously pledged up to \$40,000 in matching contributions for all donations received between December 1 and January 15. All matched funds will be allocated exclusively to the building fund designed for repairs. Let's do our best to be able to receive the entire pledge!

Remember, you can give multiple ways to the campaign:

On-line Giving – You may use our on-line giving system, Pushpay, to contribute to the campaign either on a one-time or a recurring gift. Your gift can be charged to a credit card, or can be taken directly from your checking or savings account. To access the on-line giving system, you may use the QR code at the bottom of this letter, or go to our website at holyfamilycolumbus.org and click on Parish Life, then Giving, then the On-line Giving button. This will take you to Pushpay: select how you want to give; the Frequency; when to start; and under Fund, select Capital Improvement Needs.

Check – You may give by writing a check to Holy Family Church and dropping it in the offertory basket, or mail it to the office. In the memo field, please note Capital Improvement Needs.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) – For those who are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution from their IRA, you have the ability to send that RMD to a charitable organization and the distribution will be non-taxable. To do this, please talk to your financial advisor or investment company and direct them to send your contribution directly to Holy Family Church with a designation that the donation go to the Capital Improvement Needs Campaign.

Donor Advised Funds – Some of our families contribute to our parish through their Donor Advised Fund, often held at the Catholic Foundation. To donate to our Campaign through this method, please contact the Catholic Foundation directly.

Steeple Fund – Several years ago, the Parish began collecting funds for the replacement of the church steeple. Fr Michael and Parish leadership has determined that this project is not a need for the parish. Therefore, we would like to redesignate these funds to repairing the church roof. We would like to make this redesignation in January 2026. If you contributed to the Steeple Fund and object to this redesignation, please contact Bill Davis, Accountant, at accountant@holyfamilycolumbus.org to arrange for time to discuss your gift and objection.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.



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HOLY FAMILY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #13428

We continue to collect aluminum cans for the Seminarians. All proceeds will go to these young men of Christ. Please drop the cans off at the Parish Center.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 11, 2026—Knights of Columbus monthly Council meeting in the Church Undercroft after the 11am Mass.

Sunday, January 18, 2026—Knights of Columbus Exemplification after the 11am Mass

If you are interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus, please contact **Jack Gookin at (614) 309-2519**.

HOLY FAMILY YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

HFYA (18—35) meets weekly, with a rotation of activities including prayer/spirituality, talk, adoration, and social nights. **Use this QR Code to connect with this group.**



HOLY FAMILY RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Our next meeting is scheduled **Monday February 2nd at 7pm** in the Parish Center.

Our Rosary for Life meets every Tuesday at 8:45am to 10:45am in front of Planned Parenthood Surgical Clinic. There is an opportunity to carpool by meeting in the Holy Family parking lot by 8:15.

If you are not able to go to the clinic, you can join us to pray the Rosary For Life every Tuesday, before Mass at 11:25am.

HIS INCREDIBLE SENIORS EXERCISE PROGRAM

Our upcoming class is scheduled 1:30—2:30pm **Tuesday, January 13** in the Parish Center. The next class is same time and location on **Wednesday, January 14**.

Start the new year out right and come check us out! Lose weight and gain some friends!

Holy Family Parish Office will be **CLOSED Monday, January 19, 2026** to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular schedule will begin Tuesday, January 20.

The Holy Family Soup Kitchen will be in full swing until 12 Noon. Please drop donations off behind the Holy Family Parish Center 8:30am—12 Noon. Thank you!

Columbus Young Catholic Professionals is having their Fourth Annual Gala on **Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 6:00pm-10:30 p.m.** at St. Catherine Church, located at: 500 S Gould Rd Columbus, Ohio 43209. All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited. Come enjoy a fun night out, cocktails, dinner, dancing, poker, blackjack and more! This year's theme is "Casino Royale" with formal attire requested. You can purchase your ticket at: https://ycp.glueup.com/event/ycp-2026-gala-casino-royale-night-162276/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list. YCP is America's largest young professional network.



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & LADIES GUILD

Serving the Women of Holy Family Since 1887

A Mother's Prayer to the Guardian Angel of Her Children

O holy Guardian Angels, heavenly friends of my children, I address myself with confidence to you, as the children whom the Lord has confided to me are also looked upon by you with love and care. Implore for me the grace that I may cherish for my children sentiments similar to those which You have for them, and that I may, like You, be anxious above all to educate them for God and for heaven. O that I may never appear unworthy of Your love and friendship! Obtain this grace for me. Amen

(ref. Mother Love 2023)

Thanks to all of you who so generously supported our parish through the Confraternity in 2025. Our 2026 calendar will be finalized soon. As a reminder, meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Undercroft. Our monthly Christian Mothers Mass is 11:00 AM on the third Sunday followed by the St. Gerard Blessing of expectant mothers and those who pray to conceive. Therefore, our January meeting will be on January 17th. Mass and Gerard Blessing will be January 18th 11:00 AM.

There will be a Chicken Noodle Dinner following the 11:00 AM Mass in the undercroft on February 22. Another great opportunity to fellowship as a parish. Watch for flyer with QR code to register. This event will include a raffle and silent action.

Wishing all a productive, healthy and faith-filled year.

Holy Family Confraternity of Christian Mothers Officers

Rita Martinez, President / Sondra Wright, Vice-President
Anita Van Order, Treasurer / Kendy Troiano, Secretary
Father Michael J. Donovan, O. de M. Director

Please remember in your prayers

Mary Catherine (Cat) Albright who was laid to rest this past week.



May God grant her the peace of heaven and consolation to her family.



Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on February 21, 2026! Go to www.columbuscatholicwomen.com for more information and to register. Religious always free!

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Baptism and Life

"Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we 'live'".

– Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007

2026 Hope & Healing Masses

Celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

It is with profound joy and trust in the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of Our Lady of Consolation that we announce our Healing Masses for 2026 at **11:00am in the Upper Basilica on the following Saturdays: February 7, May 2 and October 3.**

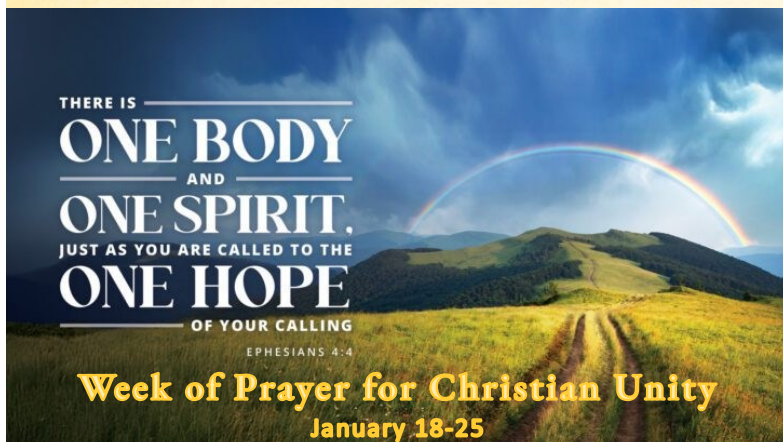
During Mass, the friars of Our Lady of Consolation will administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Those who are in need of healing from a serious illness of mind or body may come forward to be anointed. At the end of Mass, all present are welcome to come forward to receive an individual blessing with the Relic of the True Cross.

The Knights of Columbus Carey Council #1925 serves lunch in the Shrine Cafeteria from 11:30am to 1:30pm on the Saturdays when there is Healing Mass. A free-will donation of \$8 for the lunch is suggested.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
315 CLAY ST., CAREY, OHIO 43316 (419) 396-7107

A completed DMI Survey can still be turned in to the Parish Office this week. **Please note: it can only be completed now in written form.** This anonymous survey is an important tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Holy Family.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.



SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

Giving for December 22 to December 28, 2025

Offertory	
Collection	\$ 3,977
Christmas	5,409
On-Line	2,549
Mail	+ 150
Total	\$ 12,085
Less: Assessment (10%)	- 1,209
Net	\$ 10,876
Soup Kitchen	\$ 13,508

Total Capital Campaign Donations \$218,018
Donations Toward Match \$ 51,840

The Appeal Pledges \$ 62,670
The Appeal Goal \$ 82,347

Giving for December 29, 2025 to January 4, 2026

Offertory	
Collection	\$ 4,198
Solemnity of Mary	1,395
On-Line	8,598
Mail	+ 150
Total	\$ 14,341
Less: Assessment (10%)	- 1,434
Net	\$ 12,907
Soup Kitchen	\$ 13,383

Total Capital Campaign Donations \$242,809
Donations Toward Match \$ 51,840

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God Reward your Generosity

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Meditations

Let love be sincere. (Romans 12:19)

It can be so rewarding to make your love for other people “sincere” by using your God-given gifts to help them (Romans 12:9). You get to see your friends benefit from your patient and gentle listening. You deliver a well-received presentation at work or church. People rave about the cookies you drop off at an ailing neighbor’s house or about how simple you made it look when you walked them through a car repair.

But what happens when it all goes wrong? What happens when your friend rejects your advice or your presentation falls flat? Maybe your neighbor’s enthusiasm for your baking seems forced or the car repair doesn’t work. When things like these happen, you might feel a range of emotions: frustration, fear, or even anger. It’s hard to let your love “be sincere” in these situations, isn’t it (Romans 12:9)?

But think about Jesus. He had an impressive number of gifts, but people didn’t always respond positively to Him. He was an insightful teacher, but his hearers often misread or twisted His words. Not everybody appreciated His miracles—especially when they happened on a Sabbath. He was a charismatic leader, yet He died alone and abandoned by even His closest followers.

Still, Jesus never gave up. He loved His people and He loved His Father too much to abandon His calling.

Don’t worry about how good a job you’re doing. Instead treat your gifts simply as your way to love as Jesus loves: “If ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation” (Romans 12:7-8). If you’re going to serve people, then serve them! Are you a leader? A speaker? A baker? Then go ahead and lead! Speak! Bake!

A bad day does not invalidate your gifts. Neither does someone’s negative reaction to your attempts to show love and concern. Remember, God didn’t call you primarily to be successful. He called you to do His will. He called you to love, without exception and without condition. In fact, it’s precisely when things seem to be going wrong that you have the greatest opportunity to “let love be sincere” (Romans 12:9)!

***“Lord, teach me how to use my gifts
to share your complete, unconditional love.”***

- Psalm 131:1-3
Luke 14:15-24

- The Word Among Us
November 2025