



Dear Scioto Catholic,

We would like to say THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our playground project. So far, we have been able to purchase new playground equipment suitable for 3-5 year olds and update existing swings and chains. We will be installing these items on Sept. 11th weather permitting. The Notre Dame Elementary and Preschool are still fundraising to complete this project. We are reaching out to you for help with purchasing the remaining items or any donation you are willing to give:

- Rubber mulch for the playground
- Covered areas for shade
- Fence repair

If you would like to donate, you may send funds via PayPal (use the friends and family option) to **preschool@notredameschools.com** or send donations to the elementary school:

Notre Dame Elementary & Preschool Attn: Playground Project 1401 Gallia St Portsmouth, OH 45662

All donations will go directly to the cost of adding and updating playground equipment. For more information, please contact Preschool Director, Kendra Rutman at krutman@notredameschools.com

Thank you for supporting our Tiny Titans!

The Notre Dame flementary & Preschool Jeam



Notre Dame High School 2220 Sunrise Ave. Portsmouth, Ohio 45662 740-353-2354 Notre Dame Elementary 1401 Gallia St. Portsmouth, OH 45662 740-353-2354

Notre Dame Elementary—Movie Night



NDE 'popped' into the new school year with a Family Movie Night! Families brought in their blankets and got comfy for a showing of Raya and The Last Dragon while NDHS Cheerleaders served popcorn. A fun time was had by all! Thank you to our Titan Family Association for coordinating the event!





First Mass & Classroom Visits With Father Beal



We celebrated our first mass today at NDE with Father Beal, our new Pastor. It was a wonderful & blessed way to start a new school year!

He also stopped by this week to visit each of the classrooms. Guess what every single class wanted to know......? How tall he is, of course!









Scioto Catholic Community

RCIA *Becoming Catholic*Begins September 7th 6:30-8:00 PM Holy Redeemer Activity Center

Something missing in your life? Thinking about the Catholic faith? Do you desire to be closer to God or want to know more about the Catholic faith? Come and See! All are welcome!

ST. Mary International *Festival* September 17, 18, 19

We are having a food, fun & fellowship event which will include live free music and entertainment all weekend. Saturday's events include an antique custom car & truck show, a craft vendor show and a flea market inside the parish center. There will be food booths and a Chinese auction.



Scioto Catholic Parish Schools Of Religion *Classes*

PSR begins with a family breakfast on September 26th at 10:00am in the hall at St. Peter.

Classes:

9:00-10:15 am Holy Redeemer Center 10:15–11:30am St. Peter Hall

Confirmation *Classes*Beginning September 12th
Sundays:
10:15-11:45 am in John Paul II
room at St. Peter.
7:00-8:30 pm in the Holy
Redeemer Activity Center.

Oktoberfest/Halloween Party St. Peter October 16th Mass at 4:30 pm

Josh Stewart Band will be performing. There will be hayrides, food, & drinks. Halloween Party (No witches, demons, etc. @ Mass please), kids games and more.

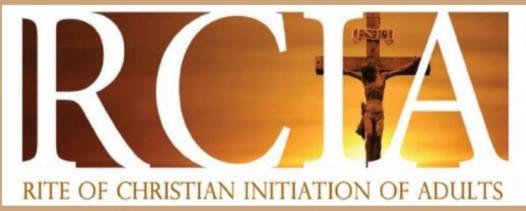


All *Saints Day*Holy Day of Obligation

November 1st - Mass Times 10:00 am—NDHS All Schools Mass 12:00 pm—St Mary 7:00 pm—Holy Redeemer

All Soul's Day 12:00 pm—Mass @ St. Mary

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Becoming Catholic

AN INVITATION TO THE JOY OF CATHOLIC LIFE

TUESDAYS / 6:30 - 8:00 PM HOLY REDEEMER ACTIVITY CENTER

For More Information fatherpatrickesciotocatholic.org

OUR FAITH IS OUR LIFE

Through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) we come together as a Family to deepen our understanding of the catholic faith and strengthen our relationships as well.

We all belong to the family of God. We are members in the community of the faithful, our brothers and sisters. We share our faith, our joy, our love, and we sustain and support each. Thomas Merton says "We are already one. But we imagine that we are not.

And what we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are"

So, my dear friends our faith is our life. God has given us the gift of faith to nurture and protect. We share the gift of faith by words and actions. As St. Faustina says "Act in a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God".

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" John 3:16, thus let us deepen our understanding of the faith and share it for it is our lie.

RCIA the year 2021/2022 will be on Tuesdays – 6:30pm – 8:00pm; Venue: Holy Redeemer Activity Center.



Rev. Patrick Watikha, AJ Director RCIA fatherpatrick@sciotocatholic.org 740 354 4551

Scioto Catholic Community

Blessing of the *Animals* Holy Redeemer Park October 3rd at 2:00 pm

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we invite you to join us at Holy Redeemer Park. Please bring your pet to be blessed.

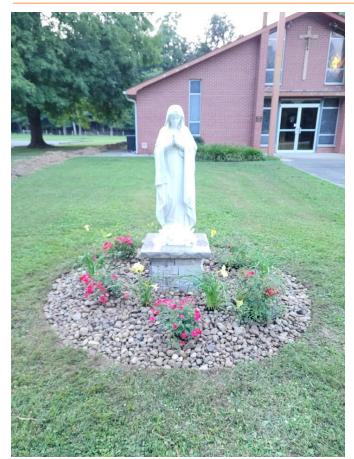
We ask that you have your pet on a leash and please clean up after them.

(Bring your scooper & poop bags.) \bigcirc





Mercy Hospital's Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Refurbished and Relocated to Holy Trinity Parish



For many years, a Blessed Virgin Mary statue stood behind SOMC's Madonna Hall, formerly known as Mercy Hospital. Now, the statue has a new home to stand tall for many more years.

Through monies from SOMC and the estate of Richard J. Bess, Portsmouth Monument refurbished the statue and prepared it to be moved to its new location.

At the onset of the project, Father Joe Yokum, former pastor of the Scioto County Catholic Consortium, accepted the statue to be placed on the property of Holy Trinity Parish in West Portsmouth,

The statue joins a list of other monuments and items donated back to the Catholic community from Mercy Hospital. The altar from Mercy Chapel is now at St. Peter's Parish in Wheelersburg, OH and the windows of Mercy Chapel are in Holy Redeemer Parish Hall in Portsmouth.

Although Mercy Hospital is no longer in operation, its legacy lives on through the monuments and pieces that are now proudly located in Catholic churches around the community.

"It was an honor for the SOMC Development Foundation to be a part of this project," said Angela Wells-Coburn, SOMC Director of Community Relations and Development. "From Mercy Hospital to Holy Trinity Parish, this statue has a rich legacy in our community that will continue for many years to come."

Getting To Know Father Brian Beal

Father Brian Beal grew up in Hermitage, PA and says he has admired priests since childhood. He attended Ohio Dominican, and has undergraduate and master's degrees in theology. He has ran two non-profits in Pennsylvania: Pro-life of Mercer County and Missionaries of Purity.

"I didn't start seriously considering the priesthood until my mid 20's," says Father Beal. "But the doors didn't open for me until I was 37 and then I made my move toward the seminary."

He reached out to Father Noble who considered him a strong applicant. Bishop Campbell declared that He only had to attend four years of seminary due to his multiple degrees in theology and work experience. He attended Pope St. John Seminary in Boston, which is specifically for priesthood candidates aged 30 and above.

"I am 44 years old and considered a second career guy. I am so glad to be given the chance to share the news that older, experienced fellas out there can consider the priesthood like me." Father Beal added that 20% of the 70 men he studied with in Boston were married before and either widowed or received an annulment before entering seminary.

Father Beal was ordained a priest in 2019 and was appointed vicar of a consortium that included Chillicothe St. Peter, Waverly St. Mary, and Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne churches. Chillicothe St. Mary Church was added to the consortium and the Washington Court House parish became a congregation with its own pastor in 2020.

Favorite activities and something Father Beal dreams of doing: "I like to hike the big mountains and would like to climb as many of the highest peaks in the continental U.S. as I can." Father Beal has already hiked the Presidential Range in New Hampshire and Vermont, the north rim of the Grand Canyon to the Colorado River and back up, the 36-mile perimeter of Oil Creek State Park, Mount Rainier to Camp Muir, and to the famous Observation Point in Zion National Park.

Favorite Meal: London broil roast beef brisket over sourdough bread with gravy. His favorite ice cream is Coffee.

Favorite Music: Classical, instrumental, harp, chant. "Bach is my favorite."

What does he miss about home? "I miss seeing my mom on a regular basis. She lost her husband and a daughter in 2019 so it has been tough."

Things about Father Beal that no one would guess: "I am 6'5 ½ "tall or as I like to say, 5'17 ½" but I was one of the shortest guys on my grade school basketball team. Now I am large and in charge!" Father Beal was also a professional tennis instructor and had some big wins over a #2 ranked NCAA player and a world ranked singles player. Oh, and don't forget his 135mph serve!













Parish School of Religion (PSR) is our faith formation program for children in kindergarten-7th grade. Because we want the students to experience their faith in different ways, our PSR program consists of three components.

See below for more details!

CLASSES

Classes are held twice a month, usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, from 9:00-10:15am in the Holy Redeemer Center and 10:15-11:30am in the hall at St. Peter.

SERVE SUNDAY

Because we want children to know that they were made to serve, the second Sunday of the month, families will come together for a service opportunity.

FAMILY DINNER & WORSHIP

We want children to experience a life changing encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. One Sunday a month, families will have dinner and then pray together in Adoration.

PSR begins with a family breakfast on September 26th at 10:00am in the hall at St. Peter. For a detailed calendar or to register your child, visit: https://www.sciotocatholic.org/childrensfaith

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

at Scioto Catholic

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS 2021-2022

Sunday: 10:15-11:30am in the Hall at St. Peter

Sunday: 9:00-10:15am in the Holy Redeemer Activity Center

Classes are twice a month, typically on the 1st and 3rd

Sundays; these classes follow the PSR calendar. Dates will

be given upon registration.

Note: First Communion preparation for Notre Dame students will happen during school hours

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2021-2022

Sunday: 10:15-11:45am in the John Paul II Room at St. Peter Sunday: 7:00-8:30pm in the Holy Redeemer Activity Center

Weekly beginning on September 12th

Visit www.sciotocatholic.org/childrensfaith to register your child for First Communion or Confirmation class.

ST. MARY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 18TH, 19TH

Fifth & Market Streets Portsmouth, Chio

CALL 740-354-4551 FOR MORE INFO

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

- -FOOD BOOTHS & BIERGARTEN OPEN AT 5:30
- -CONCERT FEATURING JOSH STEWART BAND

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

- -FLEA MARKET OPENS AT 8 (INSIDE CENTER)
- -ANTIQUE CUSTOM CAR & TRUCK SHOW
- -CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW
- -INTERNATIONAL FOOD BOOTHS OPEN AT 11:00
- -ENTERTAINMENT SIRIUS, WAVERLY H.S. BAND
- -KID GAMES & INFLATABES,
- -BIERGARTEN (PORTSMOUTH BREWING CO.)
- -CHINESE AUCTION & CRAFT BOOTH
- -EVENING CONCERT -CITY HEAT

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

- -MASS
- -FOOD BOOTHS OPEN AT 11:30 FLEA MARKET
- -ENTERTAINMENT ALAN REED, DOUG PARSLEY & FRIENDS, PARTY BUS DANCE BAND

- -TRACTOR SHOW
- -RAFFLE DRAWING AT 6:00











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SHELDON ROAD BAND

ST. PETER'S IN CHAINS 2167 LICK RUN LYRA, WHEELERSBURG, OH

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—Four Parishes, One Family—

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FR. PATRICK WATIKAH, A. J. PAROCHIAL VICAR
FR. DAVID GLOCKNER, G.H.M., IN RESIDENCE

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