

A Few Words from Fr. Robert



October 21, 2018

Thank You

The other day I looked at the financial reports for the first quarter (July to September) and to my surprise I saw that our offertory collections were up \$26,000 over the same period last year. I promise that we will be good stewards of your support and at the same time remain committed to all the ministries of this beautiful parish. St. Anne's is blessed to have an incredible Outreach Center/Ministry that touches the lives of so many in need. You have also built and supported our beautiful school where we are able to preach Christ Jesus to our children. Thank you for your support and vote of confidence in our parish and your friars.

Beautiful Prayerful Presence

Last week we had two powerful moments of prayer in the public square. Over 80 people gathered at Seneca to pray for an end to abortion. After the rosary many people stayed and toured the beautiful facility. There was also a sizable group of people who prayed the rosary in front of the Church of the Holy Family in downtown Columbus. While the traffic was loud God, heard our prayers and people saw our witness. I know that Catholics are a minority in the South; however, no matter what our percentage of the population may be we can't and shouldn't remain hidden from public view. Like any other American we have a right and obligation to publicly profess our faith. Thank you one and all for doing just that.

Capital Campaign

In this week's bulletin you will find a complete report on the progress so far of our capital campaign. I am amazed at the amount pledged in just over one year. What is particularly edifying is the support that our campaign has garnered in the Columbus community at large. Please continue to pray for the success of our campaign and support it in any way you can. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy for his vision and courage in starting the campaign. We also owe a debt of gratitude to St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School President Ronie Collins who helped make our campaign such an astounding success. The whole Capital Campaign Committee needs to be recognized for its hard work. I would be sadly remiss if I didn't mention one more name. Ron Stotser has served as our parish architect for many years. His commitment to the Catholic Church in Columbus and our parish and school is unparalleled. Ron is a humble man, an unassuming kind of guy, with a big heart. Please take the time to thank him for all of the work he has done for St. Anne Parish and St. Anne-Pacelli School.

The Scores Are In

I'm sure you will agree that we don't want to have an ordinary Catholic school. We want to have an extraordinary Catholic school with lots of activities; strong, faith-based, age-appropriate programs; and incredible academic scores. That's what we want and that's what we have. Our first standardized test scores for this year came in recently and they speak for themselves. Our school excelled and surpassed the national grade level norms and even surpassed the other Catholic schools in our diocese. Spread the word, tell your neighbors with kids, brag to the checkout lady at Publix. We have a great school and there isn't a better place in Columbus where our children can receive a faith and value-based, quality education than St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School.

My Email

Our email addresses have been in flux since we arrived. My new permanent email address is frrobert@stanneweb.com. I do my best to respond as soon as I can but please understand that my inbox is frequently overflowing.

Outreach News

Tuesday, St. Anne Community Outreach was visited by the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley Impact Tour. Twenty-nine business and agency personnel came to hear how we help people in great need. This is the second tour the United Way has brought to our facility and it has been a great opportunity to showcase our services.



One outcome of an earlier tour was a relationship started with Clubview Elementary. Their IB program, in partnership with Piedmont Regional Hospital, has adopted our “item of the month” program. This week they donated 138 bottles of shampoo - I am hoping our own parish can match their efforts! You may drop off your item anytime we are open. In addition to our regular hours, we open our doors on the third Sunday weekend. (Saturday Mass and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday). As always we accept gently used clothing and have a great shortage of men’s clothing and shoes at the moment.

Rosary for Life

It was a beautiful morning to pray a rosary for life with our friars at Seneca, Choices for Life on Saturday, October 13th! About 80 people came out to pray. After the rosary, those in attendance were invited to tour Seneca, Choices for Life. The non-profit organization’s mission is to reduce unplanned pregnancy and make abortion unthinkable through prevention, intervention and intercessory programs. For more information about Seneca, visit senecacfl.org.



Thank You, Altar Servers!

Shout-out to our awesome altar servers...thank you for being good stewards! Fr. Manny snapped this “group selfie” before 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 14th. Boys and girls, 4th grade and above, are eligible for this ministry. Training is required. Altar Servers assist as scheduled at weekly Masses, weddings, funerals, and school liturgies. Altar Servers arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass dressed in Sunday best ready to serve the Church and assist the priest. If your child is interested in being an altar server, please email one of our Altar Server Ministry Coordinators Adrien Rameau: papi4@hotmail.com, or Candy Poole: candyndublin@hotmail.com.



Overnight Charter Bus Trip to WASHINGTON, D.C.

Jan. 17, 2019: 8 p.m. – Jan. 19, 2019: 6 a.m.
Youth Rally, Mass, March for Life

National Mall – Washington, DC
Young Adults, College Students, Families

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