

**Priestly ordination set for May 18 in Cathedral
of St. John the Evangelist**

Bishop Edward Malesic will ordain Deacon Michael Garvin to the priesthood during a Mass at 10 a.m. May 18 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The ordination Mass will be livestreamed on the diocesan website and can be watched on demand after that.

Since his ordination to the transitional diaconate last spring, Deacon Garvin has been ministering at St. Joseph Parish in Strongsville. He is the son of Mary Beth and the late Peter Garvin. His home parish is St. Hilary in Fairlawn.

“I am really excited to enter into the priestly life and to begin priestly ministry. And my family is excited for me, as well,” he said. “They’ll definitely be happy to have a priest in the family.”

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Father Christopher Cox becomes pastor at St. Anselm Parish

After serving about 2½ years as administrator of St. Anselm Parish in Chesterland, Bishop Edward Malesic installed Father Christopher Cox as the new pastor of the parish during a liturgy on May 11.

Father Cox noted it had been 29 years since the parish experienced a pastor installation, that of Father Tom Sweany, pastor emeritus, who retired in October 2021. Father Sweany concelebrated the Mass along with Father Jay McPhillips, pastor of St. Helen Parish in Newbury.

Reflecting on the importance of a parish as a family, Father Cox recalled a Christmas Eve Mass during his childhood at St. Justin Martyr Parish in Eastlake.



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A promotional graphic for Camp Christopher. On the left, there are two circular logos: one for 'CAMP CHRISTOPHER Est. 1924' and another for '100 YEARS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY 1924-2024'. Below the logos is the text: 'Providing a Catholic faith-focused experience to campers through a world of adventure in nature, community, and spirit.' At the bottom, it says 'For more information: www.campchris.org'. On the right side, there is a collage of six small photographs showing campers in various outdoor settings, including a group of girls, a person on a horse, and a person reading.

Youngstown's Bishop Bonnar addresses Saint Mary Seminary grads

Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology granted 20 degrees – two doctor of ministry, three master of divinity and 15 master of arts (theology) – during its annual commencement ceremonies on May 9 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.

Youngstown Bishop David Bonnar was the commencement speaker. He was introduced by Ursuline Sister Mary McCormick, academic dean and professor of systematic theology, who shared his biographical information.

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[Our Lady of Angels' new pastor is installed on Mother's Day](#)

Mother's Day, which also was the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, had special significance this year for Father Rob Ramser and his family.

On that day – May 12 – Bishop Edward Malesic installed Father Ramser as the 11th pastor of Our Lady of Angels Parish in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood. Father Ramser, who has a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, dedicated his pastorate to Our Lady of Angels after the Mass. He placed a large bouquet of flowers below her statue and spent some time in silent prayer.

For his installation Mass, Father Ramser donned a special blue and white vestment that first was worn in 1969 by Cardinal Archbishop Karol Wojtyla of Krakow, Poland – later St. Pope John Paul II – when he celebrated Mass at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus in Cleveland.

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First Friday Club of Cleveland program focuses on the real presence, Eucharistic Revival

“Our mission of encounter is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist,” said Father Damian Ference.

Father Ference, diocesan vicar for evangelization and director of Parish Life and Special Ministries, tackled that topic during a presentation to the First Friday Club of Cleveland. The title of his talk was “The Real Presence in the Year of Eucharistic Revival.”

Introducing him was Sister Margaret Taylor, SIW, his eighth-grade teacher at Incarnate Word Academy in Parma Heights. Sister Taylor serves as congregational leader for the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament.

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Scripture reflection: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

In his weekly Scripture reflection, Bishop Edward Malesic writes that after appearing to his disciples following the Resurrection, Jesus was lifted from their sight on a cloud to take his seat at the right hand of God. In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus went to the Father making the promise that in a few days, his disciples would receive the Holy Spirit. He went so far as to call it a baptism. In other words, they would be immersed in this new gift of God's abiding presence in the Spirit and it was time for them to go out and spread the good news.

Read the entire reflection [here](#).

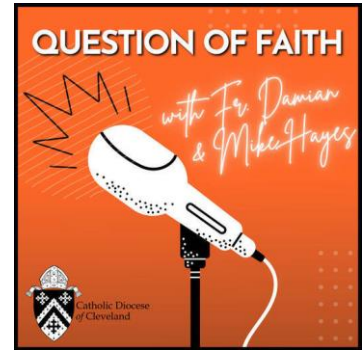




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Did you know that the [Cleveland Marathon will cause some disruption to traffic](#) in downtown Cleveland this weekend? It may impact those attending Mass at the [Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#), so it is recommended that those heading to the cathedral allow extra travel time, especially for the 8 a.m. Mass on May 19.

Here are some things to note:

- Superior Avenue will be closed 6-9:30 a.m. from East 18th Street to East 9th Street. East 9th will be closed 6-8:30 a.m. from the Shoreway to Euclid Avenue. The East 9th Street exit of the Shoreway/Route 2 also will be blocked.
- For 8 a.m. Mass, worshipers should obtain a [worship access pass](#) in advance from the cathedral or print the pass from the [cathedral bulletin \(May 12, page 10\)](#). The pass should be placed on the car dashboard.
- Those coming to the 8 a.m. Mass from the west should exit the Innerbelt/Interstate 90 at Superior/East 30th Street, take East 30th to St. Clair Avenue, go west to East 12th Street and take Rockwell Avenue to the cathedral.
- Those coming to 8 a.m. Mass and approaching from the east should exit the Innerbelt/I-90 at Superior/St. Clair, go west on St. Clair to East 12th and take Rockwell to the cathedral.
- After 9 a.m., westbound drivers should exit the Innerbelt/I-90-71 at East 9th Street and eastbound drivers should find the route clear from the east via surface streets, I-90 or Route 2.

The [Parents of Priests](#) organization in the Diocese of Cleveland has elected new officers. Those serving two-year terms (2024-2026) and their offices are: Geoff Goodfellow, president; David Swinerton, vice president; Mike Cubera (second term), treasurer; and Michelle Kelly, secretary. The outgoing officers who completed two two-year terms are Lou Trenta, president; Geoff Goodfellow, vice president; and Micki Trenta, secretary. Members of the organization have a son who is an ordained priest.

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