



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Deacon Patrick:** Deacon Patrick has recently had rotator cuff surgery and is recovering well. Thankfully, he was able to assist at our Parish Picnic last weekend. Please keep him in your prayers for a continued and complete recovery. Thanks!

**Christmas Schedule:** I want to update you on a slight change to our Christmas Mass schedule. Our Christmas Vigil Masses will be at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on December 24th. "Mass at Midnight" will remain at Midnight, and, our Christmas Day Mass will remain at 10:00 a.m. Christmas this year falls on a Sunday, but we will follow this revised Christmas Schedule. The following Sunday will be January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We will maintain our usual Saturday Evening and Sunday Mass Schedule for January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). I have consulted with the Liturgy and Spiritual Life Committee regarding this change. The primary reason for the change is to eliminate us being the earliest Mass in town. Three other local Catholic Churches have a 5:00 p.m. Mass. If you have family or friends who do not regularly join us but visit at Christmas, please let them know about this change.

**What happened to the Communion Hymn?** Recently a parishioner asked me why we have not been singing a Communion Hymn. After sharing my answer, he suggested that others might like to know as well. We have stopped having a Communion Hymn for some time. Our current practice is the cantor (or choir) chanting the Communion Antiphon and then the organist provides some background playing during the distribution of Communion. When the choir can, they are also welcome to sing a choral piece of music during this time. The primary reason for this change is to focus our attention on prayer. For those who are receiving Holy Communion, they are invited to spend the time before Communion in prayerful preparation and after in prayerful communion with the Lord. For those not receiving Holy Communion, they are invited to make a "Spiritual Communion" by inviting the Lord into their hearts and spending the time in personal prayer. Our faith is a balance between a personal and communal relationship with the Lord. By carving out more personal time for prayer, it invites all of us into a deeper personal relationship with the Lord. We have grown accustomed to the "Four Hymn Mass" (Entrance, Offertory, Communion, and Recessional). While there is nothing wrong with this, there is no requirement for this either. The Roman Rite envisions a chanted Entrance Antiphon and Communion Antiphon. Hymns may replace these Antiphons. By custom, we are permitted to add an Offertory and Communion Hymn. I realize that when we "sing well," we "pray twice." So, there is certainly a strong argument for the Communion Hymn and, it might very well come back some day. Thanks for your understanding. I welcome all questions.

**Thanksgiving after Mass:** There is a long and beautiful custom of making a "Thanksgiving" after Mass. We are invited, after the recessional hymn, to kneel and to spend some time thanking the Lord for the great gift of receiving Him in Holy Communion. If this has not been your custom, I invite you to consider beginning it. For those who choose not to spend this time in prayer, I ask you to please be considerate to those who may wish to pray in the

church. Please keep your voices down as you walk out of the church and please do not engage in extended conversations in the church after Mass. Our reverence is a great expression of our belief that we remain in the presence of the Lord.

**Join the Choir:** For those who wish to sing more, and sing at Communion, I have a great solution: Join the Choir! With a few more voices, especially male voices, we will be in a position to sing more choral pieces. Please see Rick Snoor, our Music Director, about joining the choir.

**Hymn for the Year of Mercy:** You may have noticed throughout this year, periodically, the choir has sung a communion hymn that has the refrain: Misericordes sicut Pater! This means "Merciful at the Father." This hymn is the English translation of the hymn that was composed for the Universal Church during this Year of Mercy. As the choir (or cantor) sings the refrain, the congregation is invited to join in singing "Misericordes sicut Pater! Misericordes sicut Pater!"

**Festival and Picnic Recap:** This is an overdue "thank you" to all who worked and attended the Festival. I hope to publish the festival and raffle income soon. As you might imagine, we don't make lots of money on the festival. Currently, our Festival is not much of a "fund-raiser" but is a great "fun-raiser." I will be working with the Festival leadership to explore if we should keep things the same (and celebrate a great evening together) or make some changes to improve the "fundraiser" aspect. That is to say, to put the "d" (\$) back into fundraiser. Thanks to all who attended and helped at the Parish Picnic. We have a faithful group of parishioners who come every year. Again, I am wondering if we should make changes to attract more parishioners or just to enjoy our annual little gathering in the woods at St. Peter and Paul. As always, I welcome your input about the festival, picnic, or any other parish topic for that matter. You can call me at 740-345-4290, ext. 304, send me an email at [FatherWilson@bbsac.net](mailto:FatherWilson@bbsac.net), or mail me a letter at our parish office address.

**Update on the Church:** The church restoration continues to go well. They have just about completed the installation of the tile. We have installed ceramic tile throughout the church. The nave has an earth-tone color and the sanctuary is a diamond pattern of white and black large tiles. This style is very traditional in churches. In fact, I was pleased to see the same style of black and white tiles when I visited Notre Dame Church in Paris! So, we can say this style has been "in style" in churches since about 1,300 AD. The statues are in the process of being completed in Germany. The decorative painter will be painting the pattern on the back wall of the sanctuary and painting some other areas of the church as well. We heard that due to some changes in the scope of the work we won't have the pipe organ until February. So, we will use our temporary organ until the pipe organ is completed. We can expect a much more lively acoustical environment than we had before with the addition of tile and certainly more than we have now with our temporary church wrapped in sound absorbing material. The tabernacle, a gift of the children of Blessed Sacrament School from 1928, has been restored and it is beautiful! The original baptismal font has been restored and shipped back as well. The tower has been painted and all loose slate is fixed. We are finalizing the date when the project will be complete and I am working with the chancery to schedule a time Bishop Campbell can come to dedicate the new altar and rededicate the church.

In Christ,  
Fr. Wilson



**Mass Intentions for the  
Week of September 25th**

**Tuesday: Weekday** 6:15 P.M.  
Mike Mallonee by Debby Shelly

**Wednesday: Weekday** 8:15 A.M.  
Susie (Sandra) Molnar by David & Family

**Thursday: Weekday** 8:15 A.M.  
Marjorie Burger by son

**Friday: Weekday** 8:30 A.M.  
Connie Harkin by Blessed Sacrament School

**Saturday: First Saturday**

**Latin Mass** 8:15 A.M.  
Fr. Paul Smith by Pactum Marianum 5:00 P.M.  
Mary Tiburzio (Wedding Anniversary)  
by Tiburzio & Priest families

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** 8:00 A.M.  
Kate & Bob Sensabaugh by Bob & Pat Schwartz 10:30 A.M.

For the People of the Parish



**Remember in your prayers** all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Mary Ann McMannis, Richard Spellman, Hunter Wells, Ken Freeman, Dcn. Patrick Wilson, Pat Molnar, Tegan Wise, Linda Elizondo, Jean Luzio, Richard Spellman, Sharon Carpenter, Michelle Darkes, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Patty Poth, Mingo O'Rourke, Clayton Mitchell, Florence Medley, Karen Addy, Lou Ann Fleming,* and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of Fran Williams and Clara Cannon Boggs. May they rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule  
Week of September 25th**

**Daily Mass Schedule**

**6:15 p.m. Tuesday, September 27th** – Yvonne King (L),  
Assigned Servers

**8:15 a.m. Wednesday, September 28th** – Don Montell (L),  
Ashton Humphries, Lacey Holman,  
Braydon Vanvelzor (Servers)

**8:15 a.m. Thursday, September 29th** – Mike Back (L)  
Mary Snider, Nicholas Richards, Elisa Halsy,  
Paul Jewett (Servers)

**8:30 a.m. Friday, September 30th** – Judy Healy (L)  
Ilana O'Neil, Moni King, Matthew Smith,  
Caden Wells (Servers)

**Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, October 1st** 5:00 P.M.  
Holy Name Society (x4)

**Sunday, October 2nd** 8:00 A.M.  
Nicholas Richards Emily Tennyson Jacob Koch  
10:30 A.M.  
Nick Jewett Ed Jewett Paul Jewett  
Mark Jewett



**Next week's Scripture  
October 2nd, 2016**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:3-4

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14.

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

*This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours  
Seasonal Proper II*



**Our Stewardship Collection  
September 18th**

Budgeted per Week	\$	11,618.46
Offertory (135 envelopes)	\$	6,815.00
Average Auto Withdrawal (108 households)	\$	3,373.69
Loose Cash	\$	402.50
Total	\$	10,591.19
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$</b>	<b>1,027.27)</b>
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	139,421.52
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	130,164.59
<b>Year to Date Deficit</b>	<b>(\$</b>	<b>9,256.93)</b>
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	8,798.97
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,825,390.31
TD Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	718,261.27
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$	2,211.00

*The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?*



**Sunday Lector &  
Eucharistic Minister's Schedule**

**Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, October 1st** 5:00 P.M.  
Holy Name Society (x2) (L), Deacon Patrick,  
Holy Name Society (x4) (EM)

**Sunday, October 2nd** 8:00 A.M.  
Mike Shonebarger, Patricia Laughman (L),  
Deacon Patrick, Rita Shonebarger, Glenna Bowman,  
Kathy VanWy, Tricia Robinson (EM)

10:30 A.M.  
Kevin Pugh, Matthew Walsh (L), Deacon Patrick,  
Kelli Morrow, Michael Burger, Phil & Sue West (EM)



**Spiritual Adoption**

Our parish is participating in a Spiritual Adoption Program until June 2017. Take a moment to see our fetal development poster that will change monthly following the progress of your spiritual baby. We will celebrate the impending birth of our spiritual babies with a baby shower in May that will support our local pregnancy resource center: Heartbeats.

*Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood. You also shared our time in the womb. While still God, while worshiped and adored by the angels, while Almighty and filling every part of the universe, You dwelt for nine months in the womb of Mary. You were our Redeemer in the womb, our God who was a preborn child.*

*Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.*

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**First Friday Family Night**

**You're not alone in trying to raise a faithful family in today's world! Join us for First Friday Family Night!** Everyone is invited to join us every **First Friday**, from **6:00-8:00 p.m.**, for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship with other Blessed Sacrament families! First Friday Family Nights are designed to support and encourage Catholic families striving to live the faith. The night includes lively praise and worship, a family meal, "kid friendly" Eucharistic Adoration plus fun and games for the children. Our next gathering is **Friday, October 7th**. A potluck dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendar for future gatherings: November 4th, December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd. For more information, call Josh or Lizz Caton at (740) 366-8283.

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**Band of Brothers**

All Men are welcomed to attend Blessed Sacrament Catholic Men's Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4th, in Shepherd Hall. Join us as we watch Fr. Larry Richards, Men's Strengthening Summit video, "*Living as a Temple of the Holy Spirit.*"

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**Local Events of Interest**

**The Our Lady of Mount Carmel K of C** is holding a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 1st, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall (5133 Walnut Road, Buckeye Lake). Dinner includes spaghetti with meatballs, breadstick, salad, beverage, and dessert. Take-outs are available. Cost is a donation. **All proceeds benefit the OLMC Knight of Columbus General Charity Fund.**

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**ARC – Active Retired Citizens**

ARC is back for another year! Join us on Monday, October 3rd, at St. Francis Church/Johnson Hall (40 Granville Street). *Note the new time* – 3:30-5:30 p.m. Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Bingo, Euchre, door prizes and refreshments. Anyone 55 and older is welcome. Bring a friend and make new ones. For information, call Deb at 740 366-6924 or Chris at 740-364-0449.

**Fall/Winter Clothing Drive!**

St. Francis de Sales (40 Granville Street) is holding a Fall and Winter Clothing Drive to benefit the St. Francis Outreach Center in McArthur, Ohio on October 7th-9th. Small appliances, bedding, linens, toys and other small household items are also appreciated. Volunteers will collect your donations at the drive-thru drop-off in the parking lot behind the church on Friday, October 7th, from 3:00-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 8th, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, October 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If the truck is full, it may leave earlier than 2:00 p.m. For more information, call Sandie Wendelgest at 740-763-0177.

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**Around the Diocese**

**Bethesda Post Abortion Healing Ministry**

God still heals today! Every time our Bethesda program meets with the people who participate with varied situations and circumstances, we leave the evening *knowing* without a doubt that His mercy was in and with us. Bethesda Healing Ministry sessions occur on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Call Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines at 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at [bethesdahealing.org](http://bethesdahealing.org). **"Like" us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BethesdaHealing](http://www.facebook.com/BethesdaHealing).**

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**The Spiritual Day Spa at St. John Neumann**

Join Fr. Wagner in Sunbury, Ohio, on October 8th for Catholic Spiritual Day Spa as he presents "Harvesting Hope." Your Spa day includes Examination of Conscience, Penitential Prayer of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, Confession. Votive Mass to Mary as well as a catered lunch benefiting adult survivors of human trafficking. Go to [www.spiritualdayspa.com](http://www.spiritualdayspa.com) to register.

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**Our Lady of Consolation Shrine**, (315 Clay Street, Carey, OH), is offering a **Healing Mass** on Friday, October 21st, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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**"Open Doors Presents: Series On Persecution.**

Every First Saturday at Mother of Joyful Hope Convent – 40 N. Grubb Street, Columbus. **October 1st speaker is Fr. Jonathan Wilson.** *Topic: Know Your Enemy; Love Your Enemy.* Day Prayer begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Children of Mary at 614-867-8334 or visit <http://www.childrenofmary.net/opendoors.shtml>.



**Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Event**

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature the Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, with his annual address to the men's luncheon club. Join us Friday, October 7th, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus! Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and Bishop Campbell's talk until 1:00 p.m. No reservations necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, visit [www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com](http://www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com) or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President, at [htm@ejhlaw.com](mailto:htm@ejhlaw.com).