

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recap: I was blessed to participate in the conference for priests hosted by the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Brant Pitre, and Dr. John Bergsma all presented throughout the week on various aspects of priesthood as found in the Sacred Scriptures. It was very renewing for me to share in this conference with 200 other brother priests from around the country. I heartily recommend the St. Paul Center and these three great teachers as excellent resources to help grow in your knowledge of God's Word.



The following week, I was able to serve as a chaplain at Catholic Youth Summer Camp at the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus in Centerburg, Ohio. We are incredibly blessed to have this amazing opportunity and facility in our back yard. There will be a growing number of retreat opportunities for youth and adults throughout the year and I look forward to sharing these with you. I am so grateful for that we have over 20 students attending CYSC this summer. One week can truly change a life and these young disciples are experiencing a life-changing experience. I have asked them to bring home the fire with them and to help me "bring camp home." For all the families who have a young person who has experienced camp, I encourage you to allow your camper to help strengthen the faith life of your family through increased family prayer, etc. Our increased participation in camp is part of our overall effort to seek the renewal of the parish.

Looking ahead: This fall, we will have many opportunities to grow in our faith. I am asking that every parishioner participate in at least one faith formation activity and one activity that puts our faith into action in addition to faithful attendance at Sunday Mass. In the coming weeks, we will be highlighting through the bulletin, parish website, facebook account, twitter, and flocknote the various opportunities to get involved. The renewal of our parish requires all of us to be willing to step out in faith and open our hearts in new ways. These various opportunities are also a way for us to strengthen our community. Among the opportunities that we will have this year include the RCIA program for those seeking to enter the Church or to have a refresher course on the Catholic Faith, Alpha, the women's Bible Study Walking with Purpose, our men's group Band of Brothers, Financial Peace University, and First Friday Family Night. Our annual trips to the Catholic Men's Conference, Catholic Women's Conference and our annual mission are also a great help. And, of course, becoming an Adorer is a great way to grow in faith as you spend an hour with the Lord each week. In addition to growing in your faith, I encourage you to seek ways to put your faith into action through involvement in various service related ministries in our parish. Please consider the St. Vincent de Paul Society, helping to clean the church or maintain the grounds, singing in the choir, becoming active in one of the liturgical ministries, volunteering in our school, helping to provide food for and/or serving our bereavement luncheons, or assisting with the religious education of our youth. The men of the parish are encouraged to consider the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

Please open your hearts to getting to know more parishioners and to allowing the parish to truly become more and more a parish family where we journey together to the Lord and with the Lord. You can contact the parish office if you wish to have more information about how to get involved in any of these opportunities. While we have much going on here, we aren't doing all we can. If the Lord puts another ministry or faith growing opportunity on your heart, please let me know!

Mark your calendars: We have two great community building events coming up. The first is the annual Blessed Sacrament Festival on Saturday, August 26, starting with 4:00 p.m. Mass and concluding at 11:00 p.m. I plan on being in the dunk tank at some point, so you don't want to miss this! The next is our parish picnic on Sunday, September 10th, starting with a special Mass at St. Peter and Paul Retreat Center at 12:30 p.m. As always, I will try to win the corn-hole tournament!

A new fiscal year: Close readers of the bulletin will notice that we began a new fiscal year on July 1st. I want to thank all of our parishioners who gave so generously during this past fiscal year to our parish offertory, our Centennial Building fund, and toward the restoration of our Church in our Capital Campaign "To Restore All Things in Christ." I am happy to report that we met all of our financial obligations, were able to maintain our monthly "mortgage" payments on our debt, are on track with our Capital Campaign payments, and ended the year with a slight surplus! Our new year brings with it an increased goal for our offertory. This increased goal represents the reality that our costs continue to go up and that we are hoping to continue to be able to grow the faith of the parish. Please consider a modest increase of 5% of your current giving to help with the increased costs. We remain critically in need of a full-time Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister and your continued generosity and increased giving will help make that possible!

Open our hearts to Christ and our neighbor! I have received some very positive feedback from guests who felt welcome at our Mass. Please do not underestimate the importance of greeting and welcoming all as we enter Church! While we maintain a prayerful silence before Mass in the church (and hopefully, someday, afterwards, too), the journey from the parking lot and back to our cars after Mass is a great opportunity to smile, say good morning, and introduce yourselves to those you don't know.

Keep up the great work!

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson



**Mass Intentions
for the Week of July 30th**

- Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor** 6:15 P.M.
Virginia Metyk by Henry and Caroline Starr
- Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest** 8:15 A.M.
Teresa Williams by Ted and Judy Quinn
- Thursday: Weekday** 8:15 A.M.
Mary A. Kreim by Mary C. Dukovcic
- Friday: Saint John Vianney, Priest** 8:30 A.M.
Sarah Molnar by David and Family
- Saturday: First Saturday** 8:15 A.M.
Latin Mass
Fr. Bernard J. McClory – Pactum Marianum
- Sunday Vigil: The Dedication of the
Basilica of St. Mary Major** 5:00 P.M.
St. Francis Class of 1953 Living and Deceased
- The Transfiguration of the Lord** 8:00 A.M.
Irma DeVault by husband, Donald
- 10:30 A.M.
For the People of the Parish





Liturgical Ministers
Schedule Week of July 30th

Daily Mass Schedule
6:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 1st – Drew Wisniewski (L),
 Donald Urban (Server)
8:15 a.m., Wednesday, August 2nd – Kathy Wilson (L),
 Donald Urban (Servers)
8:15 a.m., Thursday, August 3rd – Judy Healy (L),
 Donald Urban (Server)
8:30 a.m., Friday, August 4th – Don Montell (L),
 Donald Urban (Server)
Sunday Vigil Mass, August 5th 5:00 P.M.
 Elisa Halsey Maria Geiger Kate Erhard
Sunday, August 6th 8:00 A.M.
 Emily Tennyson Caden Wells Zachary Hampton
 10:30 A.M.
 Matthew Smith Tyler Clark Mya Stokes
 Charlotte Campbell

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sunday Vigil Mass, August 5th 5:00 P.M.
 Jodi Snider, Netti Nau (L), Deacon Patrick,
 Debbie Bickle, Caroline Starr,
 Mollie Phillips, Bev Donaldson (EM)
Sunday, August 6th 8:00 A.M.
 Josh Caton, Diane Layton (L), Deacon Patrick,
 Marge Burger, Peggy Komada,
 Nancy Ogilbee, Barb Harris (EM)
 10:30 A.M.
 Sarah Ewing, Monica Stanley (L), Deacon Patrick,
 Mike Clark, Michelle Cleland,
 Karen Gross, Chris Grieb (EM)

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Charlotte Walker, Connie Donaker, Charlie Gard, Don DeVault, Marjeanne McDonnell, Tony Sharp, Nick Duffy, Brian Hayes, Charles Bruah, Barb Rue, Ed Moats, Jan Rengert, Renee McCann, Lucy Lopez, Donald Bexstead, Mark Spinazzola, David Boldon, John Deering, Nancy Young, Michelle Darkes, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Mingo O'Rourke, Karen Addy*, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of James Ventura. May he rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

Next Week's Scripture
August 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

"The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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



Our Stewardship Collection
July 23, 2017

New Fiscal Year Budget per Week	\$	12,199.38
Offertory (166 envelopes)	\$	7,962.25
Average Auto Withdrawal (111 households)	\$	2,884.21
Loose Cash	\$	322.25
Total	\$	11,168.71
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Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	48,797.52
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	43,631.90
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	2,628.80
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,690,533.24
YTD Church Restoration Collection	\$	25,229.94
Church Restoration Loan Balance	\$	176,238.90
SVdP Collection	\$	2,600.18

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

Going on vacation this summer? *Don't forget* to use your **Vacation Make-Up envelopes**, so you don't miss out on giving the gift of stewardship while you are away!

Let us pray for those in the military on active duty and overseas:

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| Douglas Chacey, Air Force | Nathan Hall, Navy |
| Lucas Chacey, Air Force | Chase Meldau, Marines |
| Edward Wilson, Navy | Brandon Medley, Army |
| Joshua P. Brown, Air Force | Bob Yanka, Army |
| Foxx Schneider, Marines | Jayden Kelley, Navy |
| Catherine Wagner, Air Force | |
| Rudy Snider, Air Force Academy | |
| Christopher Severino, Air Force | |
| Connor Severino, Air Force Academy | |
| David L. L'Esperance, Army | |

If you wish to submit names for this list, please call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Our Parish & School Events

Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of August

- **Universal:** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** That all those hurt by members of the Church in any way, including clergy, would experience healing and reconciliation.

Adorers Needed!

We are in need of Adoration Adorers to spend an hour with our Lord on Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., and on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, 2:00-3:00 p.m., and 4:00-5:00 p.m. Contact Caroline Starr at hcstarr@roadrunner.com to sign up for one of these hours.



Annual Festival Raffle Tickets

Thanks to everyone who has purchased or is selling Festival raffle tickets! Tickets are \$5.00/each or a book of 6 for \$25.00. Place ticket stubs and money in the small return envelope and drop it in the weekend collection basket or at the parish/school office. The final drawing is on Saturday, August 26th. If you would like to purchase/sell tickets, or for more information, call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound Needed!

"I was sick and you visited me." It is a great privilege both to carry our Eucharistic Lord and to befriend our homebound parishioners who cannot attend Mass due to health problems. We have a very small team of EMs who distribute the Eucharist to the homebound. Too small. We are asking you to join the team, even if you are not now an EM who distributes the Eucharist at Mass. Also, you have the bonus of Eucharistic Adoration as you drive. If you hear the call of Jesus, "I was sick and you visited me," please contact Ann Selby at (740-670-2792 or the parish office. We will provide needed training.



Blessed Sacrament Parish Festival

Join us for an evening of FUN at the Blessed Sacrament Festival on Saturday, August 26th, from 5:00-11:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, great food, kids games, inflatable's, raffles, and much more!

We also need your help to make this year's Festival a success! We can use *donations of pop* (both cases of cans and 2 liters), prizes for the kids games and your time! If you can volunteer to help in anyway, please contact Nancy Griebel, Volunteer Coordinator, at zrimpala@aol.com, or Courtney Baesmann, your Festival Chair, at 740-641-7914. If you have a high school student in need of National Honor Society or other volunteer hours, please contact us! We can use their help, too!



This Week

Sunday, July 30

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:15 a.m. "The Wild Goose" Faith Formation – Shepherd Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, July 31

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 1

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Band of Brothers – Cafe

Wednesday, August 2

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration until 12:00 midnight
- 7:00 p.m. Combined Committee Meeting, *Liturgy, Renewal, Finance, School Advisory*, Shepherd Hall

Thursday, August 3

- 8:15 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 4

- 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 5

- 8:15 a.m. 1st Saturday Latin Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Reconciliation
- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:15 p.m. Baptisms – Oti Twins

Centennial Building Collection

Sunday, August 6

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:15 a.m. "The Wild Goose" Faith Formation – Shepherd Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Mass



Just as in Rome... As you come to church, especially during the summer months, please remember to dress modestly.

Praying and Caring for our Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners

If you or a member of your family is either homebound or hospitalized, or will be in the hospital or homebound, please contact the parish office and let us know. The prayers of our parish family will be there to help them, and this will help us insure that our Clergy or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be able to visit and bring the Lord in Holy Communion as an extension of the Holy Mass.

St. Michael Safety and Security Committee

St. Michael Safety and Security Committee is in need of volunteers to help at the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass. Duties include greeting and helping parishioners in and out of the church (i.e., opening doors, helping parents keep little ones from running into E. Main Street after Mass). If you want to volunteer or have any questions, contact Danny Mullins at 740-763-2910 or the Parish office.

Handling Spiritual Consolations and Desolations

Okay, so this week's theme is going to be rather different, though related to what we have previously discussed. Often Christians endure hardships and not infrequently do these hardships seem to be beyond one's ability to understand or survive. So too, in our spiritual lives can it seem that we are not being heard by God or that we just can't cut it in our prayer and our work. These feelings are normal, but not at all accurate. God allows us to cycle through periods of spiritual desolations and consolations. These both serve the purpose of bringing us closer to God.

God does not desire the suffering of anyone be it physical trials on earth nor the eternal suffering of Hell. Yet God permits us to endure trials that we might come closer to him and learn to trust all the more. Setbacks allow us to grow and mature if we are willing to face them and, with the help of our brethren and by trusting in the Holy Spirit, work to overcome them. What Satan often wants is for us to cower in fear before our strife or to pass the buck to someone else. I always hated math and would try my best not to do math homework, especially algebra. It was beyond frustrating for me. So, there were times when I would put off the work or try to get other people to do the problems for me. It took nearly failing a semester of high school to force me into having a tutor. While I resisted his aid at first, in the end I was able to get a passing grade in algebra. The same goes for our spiritual lives. We often encounter dryness and frustration. St. Ignatius called these times spiritual desolation.

Spiritual desolation is a time when nothing in our spiritual lives seems to be working. Prayer seems mundane and boring; the Mass seems like a chore, works of charity don't offer us any real feeling of peace or accomplishment. During these times it is easy to feel defeated and want to give up. Yet God is silently shouting the exact opposite! These times are times for us to keep to our tried and true spiritual practices, which have been nourishing us. Whether it is a daily rosary, some litany, or simply some silent time before the LORD we must persevere, especially during these dry periods. The spiritual life is not about feeling; feelings come and they go; the spiritual life is about the deep and personal nature of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Anyone who has ever seriously dated before, and certainly anyone who is married, knows that relationships will get difficult at times, but that doesn't mean we run away! Jesus wants us to come to him in humbleness; sometimes to help us along we need to learn to ask for help.

Spiritual consolations are those times when we feel a palpable presence of our LORD in our pray and apostolic works. These are times for rejoicing, while simultaneously seeking an even greater humility and openness. Consolations are a great gift from God which sometimes won't come for a while. Mother Theresa went forty years without once feeling anything noticeable from God in her prayer. Yet did she turn her tail and run? Of course not! When we have a deep calm in our prayer before the

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Blessed Sacrament or hear God speak to us we realize that God is undoubtedly with us! He is not rewarding us nor is He saying that now we are holy or better than the person next to us. What he is saying is that in this moment he wants to show you his love in a most noticeable way so that you will be strengthened for the next phase of your prayer journey. Taking note of these moments of consolation in a prayer journal can give us a powerful tool to make the times of spiritual desolation more tolerable. Reminding ourselves of how God has comforted us should also inspire us to welcome others into the fold by serving our communities and be beacons of God's light.

Finally we can take a lesson from Saint Peter. When he, James, and John were on the mountain with Jesus and Jesus transfigured himself before them, they saw Moses and Elijah beside Jesus. Peter said that it was good to be there and that they ought to make tents for them. Jesus rebuked Peter and called the disciples back down to the city. The passion soon followed. When we are in spiritual consolation, as Peter was during the transfiguration, we can get complacent and fail to realise the real point of the consoling moment. Peter, as we know would soon be in a deep desolation, perhaps beyond what most of us can fathom when he denied Jesus at the Sanhedrin. After the resurrection he would make his three-fold repentance and would be given a new peace, with which he would lead the infant Church. As we endure the trials of this world, whether it be a most frustrating algebra class, a co-worker that tests every bit of patience that we have or a long period of dryness in prayer God is always present and he wants us to trust him more and more. Sometimes like Peter we have to learn the hard way.

Let us pray then that we would ever remain humble before our LORD at all times. May we experience his love in the way that he has called us to experience it. May we be open to the gifts he desires to pour out to us. May we remember the times that we have felt God working in our lives and when life and prayer seems to not be worth it might we cleave to God ever more and persevere in prayer.

As always I thank you all for your time in reading these little letters of mine. I pray that the Holy Spirit has made them efficacious for you. Please do not hesitate to let me know any ideas or criticism that you may have. Many blessings for a great week!!

Andrew Wisniewski

The Wild Goose Series:

Discovering A Deeper Relationship with The Holy Spirit



Come, join us for this incredible video series by Fr. Dave Pivonka as we meet on Sunday mornings between the Masses from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Shepherd Hall. Come and enjoy donuts, coffee and fellowship as we watch one of the Wild Goose

Videos together. This is a perfect way to continue our renewal as a parish family and deepen our understanding and relationship with the Holy Spirit. Series will continue to be offered until August 20th. Make this summer truly life changing! Hope to see you there.



Band of Brothers

Band of Brothers gathering is Tuesday, August 1st in Shepherd Hall at 7:00 p.m. to watch Fr. Larry's video, "A 22:32 man is a man who needs other men to be challenge to grow." Please come bring a friend watch this great video and enjoy the great food!

LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST



Reserve your seat for **An Evening with Scott Hahn**, Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church, 66 Granville Street, in partnership with Blessed Sacrament Church. Go to blsac.net to register. Sponsored by the St. Paul Center.



Right to Life at the Hartford Fair

Licking County Right to Life is having an information booth at the Hartford Fair this August. We need volunteers to staff the booth during the fair with at least two people there during all the time slots from Sunday, August 6th-Saturday, August 12th. Sign up for a time slot (or more than one) at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094facae22a1ff2-licking> and invite others who may also like to help!



Active Retired Citizens

Join us for fun on Monday, August 7th, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Francis Johnson Hall, 58 Granville Street, Newark. Euchre, Bingo, refreshments, and door prizes will be available. This event is open to anyone 55 and older. If you have any questions, call Chris at 740-364-0449 or Deb at 740-366-6924.



Catholic Men's Ministry Meeting

All men are invited to St. Mary Mattingly Settlement, 6280 St. Mary Road, Nashport, on Monday, July 31st at 7:00 p.m. for the Catholic Men's Ministry meeting. We begin with Eucharistic Exposition, prayer, benediction then continue our discussion "Into the Breach" chapter two by Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead. If you have any questions, contact Mike Stickle at 740-258-3138 or Dave Bonifant at 740-763-4647.



Edwardians Senior Social Group

Join The Edwardians (men and women age 50 and up) from the Church of St. Edward the Confessor on Friday, August 11th for a "Back Woods Whole Hog Roast," at the Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Shelter House, 2734 Seminary Road SE, Newark. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the feast of a whole smoked hog on the grill with plenty of side dishes! The \$12.00 fee and reservation must be made by Tuesday, August 4th. Mail checks to Linda Woolard, 481 Beacon Road, Newark, 43055, or for more information, call 740-323-3105.

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Engaged and Married Couples: Learn about NFP!

Married Couples who use Natural Family Planning (NFP) report many benefits including: better communication between spouses, increased patience and emotional maturity, deeper understanding of each other, and growth in respect for God's gift of fertility. Engaged and married couples are invited to learn about NFP by visiting <http://www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning> or contacting the Marriage and Family Life office at 614-241-2560.



Women's Evening for Contemplating the Mass

All women are invited for a presentation by Fr. Dury on the Mass on Thursday, August 24th hosted by the Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus. The evening will be made up of two conferences with Fr. Dury, a prime rib dinner, and an Evening of Prayer. Registration is \$25.00 and due by Tuesday, August 1st. For information or registration, email retreatleague@gmail.com or call Sharon Gehrlach at 614-882-1946.



Save the Date! Men's Silent Retreat

The Catholic Laymen's Retreat League is hosting a Men's Silent Retreat with Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, on Friday, September 8th-Sunday, September 10th, at the St. Therese Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus. This retreat allows men to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. A contribution of \$150.00 covers the cost of the retreat. Make reservations now and consider bringing a friend! Contact Charles Kielkopf at 614-268-0175, or Eric Lutz at 614-949-5905. For more information, visit <http://www.retreatleague.org/retreats/event/4-silent-retreat>.



Bethesda Healing Ministry



There is hope; there is life after abortion. Bethesda Healing Ministry offers an open invitation to you to join us that you might experience the peace and hope that can be yours. There is a light in the window and welcome in the hearts of those who look forward to meeting you.

We have been there and understand. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines: 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

