

Pastor's Corner...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Confirmation: This weekend is a time of great grace for us at Blessed Sacrament Church as we welcome Bishop Frederick Campbell. Bishop Campbell is a successor of the apostles who shepherds the Church in the 23 Counties of the Diocese of Columbus.

This is a weekend of great grace as our young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We call them "Confirmands." This literally means "Those needing to be strengthened." Our young people preparing for Confirmation are "needing to be strengthened" by the Holy Spirit. As they enter into their adolescent years, already difficult enough, they are doing so in a culture that is increasingly more secular, confused, and hostile to the values of our faith. Given the pervasive influence of our culture through television, radio, magazines, Internet, social media, music, video games, etc., it is no surprise that they are deeply influenced by this culture. They need, we all need, the Gift of the Holy Spirit to discern what is true, good, and beautiful in this culture and to reject what is false, evil, and ugly. They need, we all need, the Gift of the Holy Spirit to have the strength to speak the truth, choose the good, and live according to the beauty that is the will of God for us. These young people will emerge as adults in an America that is increasingly foreign to the America I grew up in. Just one generation ago, there was a cultural assumption of Christianity and Christian values. Now, Christians are increasingly outsiders. These young people will be called to be witnesses to Christ to a generation that will be the most ignorant on matters of Christian faith than any previous generation in our nation's history. They may be called to give heroic witness. They need our prayers. They need our witness. The good news is that through the Gift of the Holy Spirit given at Confirmation they will have, all the Confirmed have, the necessary strength to be a light, to live the faith, and to bring the love of Christ to others. I pray that their Confirmation brings a grace of renewal to all of us. May all of us rely in a deeper way on the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Restoration Update: For the past six months or so, I have been meeting regularly with the Architect, General Contractors, and Superintendent of Buildings for the Diocese of Columbus. During these months, we have made steady progress in identifying what we would like to do and how much it will cost. We have also engaged in the difficult work of selecting what we want to do now, where we have to cut back, and what will have to be postponed. We are in the final stages of finalizing the details of the budget.

Along with these meetings, I have also been meeting regularly with a group of six parishioners (3 men and 3 women) of varying ages and backgrounds to offer parishioner input on the various decisions we have to make. There has been a surprising amount of peace in this process which I attribute to the prayers of our parishioners. We are steadily working towards a start date of April 11th with a goal of completion by Christmas of 2016.

I wish to extend my gratitude to all parishioners who have made a pledge and continue to make payments on your pledges. For those who have not made a pledge, the campaign remains "open" as there are always more ways we can expand and improve upon our project. For those in a

financial position to pay off your pledge early, I also ask you to consider that. Early pay-off will help our project in three ways: It will help us to reach the 50% cash on hand we need to begin the 1.2 million dollar project, it will lower the cost associated with the "redemption" phase of our campaign, and it will reduce the interest we will owe on the short-term loan we will need to take out to begin the project.

Funeral Plans: November is a great month to ponder the last things. As we have celebrated All Saints and prayed for All Souls, we are also confronted with our own mortality. Are your affairs in order? Do you have a will? Do you have a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Decisions (and not a "Living Will" which is really a "Death Will")? Have you informed your family of your wishes to have a funeral Mass? Have you prayerfully considered leaving 10% of your estate to the parish and to charity? Have you informed your family of your wishes to have a priest called if you are gravely ill? With more and more adult children choosing not to practice the Catholic faith, it is more important that you express your wishes to your family. I am always saddened when a lifelong practicing Catholic does not have a funeral Mass because their children don't see the value or don't want to be uncomfortable. In our tradition, the funeral Mass is primarily for the deceased and secondarily for the mourners. The greatest thing we can do for our deceased loved ones is to offer a Mass for them. Please make sure that those who will be making your final arrangements know of your desire to have a funeral Mass.

Missing Parishioners: Have you noticed a parishioner who has not recently been at Mass? Has someone you know "disappeared" from regular attendance at Mass? The responsibility to be a community rests on all of our shoulders. I am asking you to call those who you haven't seen and reach out to those who have "disappeared." Sometimes we just need to know that someone cares. When someone notices our absences, misses us, and lets us know, it can make all the difference. If you become aware of a parishioner who has experienced difficulties and is in need of my pastoral care, please let me know. We are all called to share in the shepherding ministry of Christ.

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of November 8th

- Tuesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor** 6:15 P.M.
Kayla Layton by Parents
- Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop** 8:15 A.M.
Austin Ghiloni by Deacon Frank & Peggy Innarino & the Diaconate Community
- Thursday: St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr** 8:15 A.M.
Fr. Casto Marreppese by Villa Family
- Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin** 8:30 A.M.
Jane Rubeck by Betty Finkle
- Saturday: Weekday** 5:00 P.M.
Josephine Dishon by the Layton Family
- Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** 8:00 A.M.
Esther Ghiloni by Art & Family
- 10:30 A.M.
For the People of the Parish by Pactum Marianum



Adorers

As a reminder, Eucharistic Adoration ends an hour early on days when we have an evening Mass.



Local Events of Interest

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry News

Our work at the pantry is so important and we are very grateful for all of the support. We ask for your continued support for families in need. At this time the pantry is in need of soups, laundry detergent, canned fruit and "Hamburger Helper" type meals. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul (designate Food Pantry in the memo) and mail to SVdP Food Pantry, 135 Wilson Street, Newark. The people we serve are so appreciative. Thank you for your wonderful support!

Newark Catholic Merry Marketplace will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Newark Catholic Gymnasium (1 Green Wave Drive). Over 35 vendors, crafters, bakers and more! There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle baskets! To see a complete listing of vendors and more information, visit us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ncaamerrymarketplace.

The Christ Medicus Foundation has partnered with Samaritan Ministries International to provide CMF CURO, an affordable and comprehensive health care alternative that is faithful to our Catholic values. CMF CURO is exempt from the HHS Mandate that requires payment for abortion, contraception and sterilization and meets the requirement of the Individual Mandate in the Affordable Care Act. CMF CURO is affordable for you and your family. It protects your religious liberty and allows you to give witness to the Gospel of Life. Explore and join CMF CURO today. For more information, contact Kate Allwein at 614-940-4652 or email kateallwein@christmedicus.org.

Eighth grade students who are interested in attending Newark Catholic High School in 2016-2017 are invited to spend a day at NC on Wednesday, November 11th, from 9:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For reservations and information, call Mrs. Jodi Snider at the school at 740-344-3594, ext. 227. All students of Knox/Licking Vicariate are welcome to attend. An information session for parents will be the same evening Wednesday, November 11th, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at NC High School (1 Green Wave Drive, Newark).

Eat at Chipotle and Support NC Girls Basketball

NC Girls Basketball Team is having a fund raiser at the Newark Chipotle on Tuesday, November 10th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Just tell the cashier before you pay that you are there for the NC fund raiser and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the team.

The Turban Project is running a GoFundMe campaign to raise much-needed funds to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. In less than three and a half years, we have donated almost 4,000 turbans, do-rags, knit hats, and scarves to those who have experienced hair loss due to cancer or other medical treatments. Turbans are stocked in eight hospitals/treatment centers and we have mailed many nationwide. There is never any charge for the patients. Go to www.gofundme.com/theturbanproject to donate. You may also mail donations to The Turban Project, 7871 Ridge Road, Frazeesburg OH 43822. Also "like" and share our ministry with your family, friends, and business contacts. If you have any questions, call Kathy Braidich at 740-504-6133 or Sally Oldham at 740-246-5843.

Knox/Licking Vocations Club meets Tuesday, November 10th at St. Leonard Church (57 Dorsey Mill Road, Heath) at noon. Lunch is \$5.00/person. Our speaker is Fr. Tom Kessler of St. Bernadette, Lancaster, and Bremen St. Mary. Come, bring a friend. For information, call Dee Jones at 740-522-4875 or email drjones1@columbus.rr.com.

Around the Diocese

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry Healing After Abortion. Is God calling you to take this journey with Him? Regular support group meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Call Bethesda Healing ministry for support and assistance from those who know and have been there. For confidential info/directions, call Bethesda Healing Ministry at 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651 or visit our website at Bethesdahealing.org.

The Catholic Foundation, PNC Bank, and The Catholic Foundation Professional Advisor's Committee are proud to host The John L. Sauter Estate Planning Seminar on Friday, November 13th at The Boathouse at Confluence Park, Columbus. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., followed by presentations from 8:00 a.m. till noon. A networking lunch will follow. All Columbus professionals welcome! CLE, INS, CFP, and CPA credits offered. For information, visit www.catholicfoundation.org/SauterSeminar or call The Catholic Foundation at 614-443-8893.

