

Pastor's Corner...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am really excited to share that we will be having a program called ALPHA starting soon. We have had a team of parishioners working since last fall planning and experiencing this program so it can be presented to you. Please read the insert included in this bulletin which explains this program. Next weekend we will have an introductory video and sign-ups, along with sharing information about ALPHA, in Shepherd Hall after all Masses. I hope all of you will stop by to learn more about ALPHA.

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson

**Mass Intentions
for the Week of January 3rd**

Tuesday:
St. John Neumann, Bishop 6:15 P.M.
Newark Catholic Kairos Team by Mike Stickle

Wednesday:
St. André Bessette, Religious 8:15 A.M.
Steven Rosenbery by Robby & Jean Perlick

Thursday:
St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest 8:15 A.M.
Jim Ritchey (Anniversary) by George & Judy Kaercher

Friday:
Christmas Weekday 8:30 A.M.
Deceased Members of the Biela Family by Ann Selak

Saturday:
Christmas Weekday 5:00 P.M.
Helen Dechesne by Amore Family

Sunday:
The Baptism of the Lord 8:00 A.M.
Gussie Ernest by Theresa DiBlasio
10:30 A.M.
For the People of the Parish

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for Fr. Ronnie Boccali, Mingo O'Rourke, Fran Williams, Joseph Williams, Clayton Mitchell, Helen Fracker, Florence Medley, Jeff Smith, Alan Hall, Tom Snider, Erin Kennedy, Mary Stevens, Philly Dolen, Pat Molnar, Shawn Miller, Irma DeVault, Debbie Ridenour, Jeff Erhard, Lisa Fleming, Karen Addy, Lou Ann Fleming, Erin Selfe, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our love, prayers and sympathy for the family and friends of Ella Courson, Patricia & Donald Curry. May they rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Week of January 3rd

Daily Mass Schedule

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, January 5th – Judy Healy (L)
Rita Shonebarger, Caroline Starr (EM)
School Servers

8:15 a.m. Wednesday, January 6th – Don Montell (L)
Sarah Snider, Braydon Vanvelzor, Tyler Clark (Servers)

8:15 a.m. Thursday, January 7th – Yvonne King (L)
Mark Jewett, Emily Grabo, Gabriel Cervantes (Servers)

8:30 a.m. Friday, January 8th – Assigned (L)
Bailee Fleming, Paul Jewett, Matthew Smith,
Michael Snider (Servers)

Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, January 9th 5:00 P.M.
Holy Name Society (x5)

Sunday, January 10th 8:00 A.M.
Valerie Bowman Emily Tennyson Caden Wells
Sam Anderson Braydon Vanvelzor

10:30 A.M.
Taya Bigler Lacey Holman Duncan Humphries
Emily Brown Emma Genuske



Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, January 9th 5:00 P.M.
Holy Name Society (x2) (L), Deacon Patrick,
Holy Name Society (x4) (EM)

Sunday, January 10th 8:00 A.M.
Kathy Wilson, Diane Layton (L), Deacon Patrick,
Rita Shonebarger, Glenna Bowman,
Kathy VanWy, Marge Burger (EM)

10:30 A.M.
Monica Stanley, Sarah Ewing (L), Deacon Patrick,
Maria Bigler, Jacob Langwasser,
Sharon Van Horn, Kelli Morrow (EM)



**Next Week's Scripture
January 10th**

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
"O bless the Lord, my soul."

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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



Our Stewardship Collection December 20th

Budgeted per Week	\$11,280.05
Offertory (168 envelopes)	\$ 6,769.00
Loose Cash	\$ 241.00
Average Auto Withdrawal (111 households – average weekly giving)	\$ 2,513.41
Total	\$ 9,523.41
Weekly Deficit	(\$ 1,756.64)
St. Vincent De Paul Collection	\$ 3,270.00

*Collections for Christmas and December 27th
will be in the next bulletin.*

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

Respectful Silence Before Mass: Our custom at Blessed Sacrament Church is to maintain strict silence before Mass so that parishioners can come and pray. We would like all parishioners to have the opportunity to come early and encounter a silent space with the Lord. Speaking before Mass should be whispered, brief, and absolutely necessary. Please show respect for the Lord and your fellow parishioners by maintaining Sacred Silence in church before Mass.

Our Parish & School Events

Scheduling an Event or Activity

Every event or activity scheduled at Blessed Sacrament must have an Event Planning Sheet completed and returned to the parish office for approval before the event/activity can be added to the parish/school calendar. You can find the Event Planning Sheet on our web page www.blsac.net, click on the tab "Forms" or call/stop by the parish office. Once the form is completed you are welcome to drop it in the collection basket, stop by the parish office, mail, or email to office@blsac.net. If you would like more information, call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Cold and Flu Season

As the weather changes, it is a reminder that we are approaching the cold and flu season. Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances of the Church and if you have cold or flu symptoms or are contagious with any "bug," please stay at home. Legitimate doubt about whether or not you are well enough to attend Mass is a sufficient reason to be dispensed from your Sunday obligation.

Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of January

- **Universal: Interreligious Dialogue.** That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.
- **Evangelization: Christian Unity.** That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.
- **Father Wilson's Intention.** That all nonpracticing Catholics in the parish would return to the practice of the faith.



This Week

Centennial Building Collection HNS Coffee and Donuts after Masses – Café The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 4

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m. – *In the Church*
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Name Meeting – Library

Tuesday, January 5

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m. – *in the Church*
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 6

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration until midnight – *in the Church*
- 7:00 p.m. Respect Life Meeting – Marian Room

Thursday, January 7

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 1:55 p.m. BSS Virtue of the Month & Crusaders

Friday, January 8

- 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, January 9

- 10:00 a.m. Drama – Annex
- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass w/HNS

Introduction to ALPHA – Shepherd Hall after all Masses

Sunday, January 10

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Blessed Sacrament School
Crusader News**



Blessed Sacrament School is a Catholic, Christ-centered community whose mission it is to educate the whole child – body, mind, and soul – in order to form lifelong disciples of Christ who love the Truth, practice the Faith, and live virtuous lives. *Mark your calendars for our Open House on January 24th, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.* Come see what we have to offer for your child. Meet our staff and tour our classrooms with our current families and students. Look for more information as we come closer to January 24th.

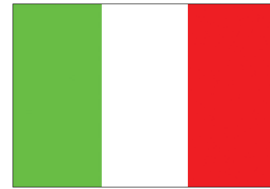
To be a part of our special school family, call 740-345-4125 to schedule a time to tour our school. As always enrollment at Blessed Sacrament School is open year round. You can also find us on the web at blsacschool.net.



Respect Life Meeting will be Wednesday, January 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room. We will be making snack bags for the March for Life bus riders at our meeting. Please join us while we compile goodies for those traveling to the March from our local parishes and schools. You can bring items to include in the baggies or you can just come and help. This is a great way to get involved in parish activities, meet others and support life! All are welcome and encouraged to come. Contact: Melissa Stack (614 893-5499 or Melissaraestack@yahoo.com).

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Just a reminder: When Blessed Sacrament School is canceled due to the weather, Eucharistic Adoration is also canceled. Watch the local news, listen to the radio, check the local newspaper online to find out if school is canceled or call the parish office at 740-345-4290 if you are unsure.



2016 Pilgrimage to Italy

One More Trip! Because of several requests we are taking another pilgrimage to Italy. We will be in Rome toward the closing of the Year of Mercy in November and have an audience with our Holy Father Pope Francis. Our trip includes Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Loppia and Venice, an 11 day trip. Brochures are available. Call Deacon Bob Ghiloni at 740-345-1122 or 740-258-4912 for information and your reservation. Limited seating available.

**Spiritual Adoption
Month 4 "I had a dream!"**

The baby's brain has begun maturing – a process that will continue until she is about 14 years old. Her eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at 7 months. Her taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by her mother are passed on to her in an hour or two. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to the baby's parents can be seen at this time. This month, REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded, a sign of dreaming.

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.



Protecting God's Children Seminar

Blessed Sacrament is hosting a **Protecting God's Children Seminar** on **Saturday, January 16th at 9:00 a.m.** in the school cafeteria (394 E. Main Street, Newark). In keeping with VIRTUS policy, no one will be admitted to this session after the first video has started. Go to www.virtus.org to register for this session. **Please remember that in order to work with or volunteer around children of our parish, school and Diocese, you must attend a session of Protecting God's Children and have a background check on file with the School and/or Parish Office.** For more information, contact the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Alpha is coming to Blessed Sacrament!



ALPHA - WHAT IS IT?

Alpha is a unique program designed to encourage the pondering on the purpose of life and the existence of God. It will nurture personal faith growth and development of a new and/or stronger relationship with Jesus as it provides information and reflection on Christianity.

ALPHA - WHO IS IT FOR?

- for those seeking direction/purpose in life
- for those seeking a deeper faith life
- for those seeking a stronger relationship with Jesus
- for those seeking a way to encourage others on their faith walk
- for those seeking . . .

Alpha is for everyone!

ALPHA - WHEN IS IT?

Alpha Session starts on Thursday, February 18th, 2016 and will be offered for 10 weeks. Each session will be on: **Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm 9:00 pm in Shepherd Hall (cafeteria).**

On January 9th and 10th after each Mass there will be a *Come and See* video in Shepherd Hall. Learn more about Alpha and get your questions answered!

Sign up as a guest. Guests will gather in a relaxed setting for dinner, view a video presentation, and meet in informal, small groups in a comfortable, non-threatening setting to discuss a video. Guests are expected to attend all 10 weekly sessions and the retreat.

Sign up as a Host or Helper. A Host leads a small group, but does not teach, quote Bible, or call on anyone. Host facilitates a conversation as the group discusses a video.

A Helper welcome guests, makes sure they are comfortable and supports the group. If you have a servant's heart, this role is for you.

Use the form in the bulletin to sign up as a Guest or a Host.

Join the hundreds of parishioners who experienced Alpha. Guests reported:

"I feel more in touch with being a Christian and I see my faith more clearly now. I read the bible more and I pray more."

"Grew closer to the Lord with the support of Alpha and my small group."

"More aware of the meaning of Scripture, more at peace, more tolerant of others and more prayerful."

"Created new friends and enriched my spirituality."

Searching for more

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Alpha

Alpha Guest Sign-up Sheet

Alpha is a ten-week course where we are each invited to gather to search for answers and encounter Jesus together.

ALPHA—WHO IS IT FOR?

- for those seeking direction/purpose in life
- for those seeking a relationship with Jesus
- for those seeking a deeper faith life
- for those seeking a way to encourage others on their faith journey
- for YOU

Guests are encouraged to participate in all 10 weekly sessions and the retreat.

A meal will be provided during each session.
A free will donation will be requested.

“Teaching the faith without having had the encounter with Jesus is like planting seeds in concrete. Alpha is about helping someone encounter Jesus.”

-Father John Riccardo

Session 1: February 18	Who is Jesus?
Session 2: February 25	Why did Jesus die?
Session 3: March 3	How can we have faith?
Session 4: March 10	Why and how do I pray?
Session 5: March 17	Why & how should I read the Bible?
Session 6: March 31	How does God guide us?
RETREAT April 2	RETREAT - 9:00 – 4:00p
Session 7: April 14	How can I resist evil?
Session 8: April 21	Why & how should we tell others?
Session 9: April 28	Does God heal today?
Session 10: May 5	What about the Church?
Celebration May 12	CELEBRATION DINNER 6:30pm

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Local Events of Interest



Mark your calendars and plan on attending the Catholic Women’s Conference on Saturday, February 20th and the Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, February 27th. Brochures are available at the door entrances and in the back of our church with registration and information about each conference. We will charter a bus for each of the conferences. Look for information in upcoming bulletins!

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All are invited to an enjoyable evening as Newark Catholic Drama Department presents “West Side Story” at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 29th & Saturday, January 30th, at the Midland Theatre, downtown Newark. Tickets are \$15.00 each at the door.

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Free After-School Programs During the School Year for those with Autism, on Mondays and Thursdays Beginning January 18, 2016

Afterschool Program: Participants should have (at least) 2nd grade reading skills and they will work one-on-one with mentors in small groups.

Mondays from 4:00-7:00 p.m. children will work on non-competitive physical activities (including stations), music, dancing, yoga, crafts, games, cooking, interviewing, drama, etc., at Saint Edward Catholic Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road.

Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. children will do art projects at the SPARK facility on Elm Street in Granville, and walk across the street to Elms Pizza where they will order and pay for their suppers.

These programs were created to improve social and communication skills, to allow for sensory issues and a child’s need for routine, to develop executive skills, and to reduce anxiety with new situations and new activities and new people. These programs are sponsored by the Language Experience Center, a non-profit organization.

Preschool Classes – The preschool classes at the Language Experience Center, St. Edward Church, are still accepting children under the age of 3 who have suspected/ diagnosed speech, language, and/or hearing challenges. These classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Based on enrollment, we will add a class from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Please note: One-on-One Mentors will be trained and paid. Prospective students and mentors should contact Barbara Lechner, Ph.D, CCC, at 740-587-7214 or talkdoc43023@msn.com.

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Around the Diocese

January is Poverty in America Awareness Month. More than 46 million Americans live in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Learn by visiting www.povertyusa.org.

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Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

Healing after an abortion: Do you feel that your life or emotions are out of control? Do you frequently have feelings of depression, frustration, sadness? These thoughts are not uncommon to those who have been wounded by the abortion experience. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry to speak to someone who has been there and can help. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines are 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651 or visit bethesdahealing.org.

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Catholic Youth Summer Camp

A High Adventure Camp that fosters High Adventure Faith, Catholic Youth Summer Camp is Ohio’s one weeklong camp for students entering grades 6-12. Activities typically include: jet skis, water tubing, paintball, blobbing, go-carts, archery, zip lining, rock climbing, ropes course, mountain boarding and more! CYSC offers a truly catholic and safe environment with daily catechesis that awakens faith and builds missionary disciples. A week at camp includes daily Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, small group conversations, worship, service and authentic community. See www.cysc.com to get more information and to register.

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Make Christ Present In Your Marriage

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will show you how to renew your marriage as a sacrament, a sign of the Lord’s presence in the world. The next two weekends are on February 19-21 and April 22-24, both in Central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit www.wwmecolumbus.org.

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Respect life Mass and Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children:

Friday, January 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus. Bishop Campbell will be the celebrant. All are invited. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/prolife.

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