

Pastor's Corner...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pastor's Corner Hiatus: Close readers of the Pastor's Corner will note that that I have not yet written a Pastor's Corner in 2016. Tempus Fugit! Time flies! Today, I am attempting to resume my weekly pastor's corner. The lack of a pastor's corner reflects the truth that I have been extremely busy. So, given my best intentions to resume this article, if, in the future, you notice no pastor's corner, please say a little prayer for me. And, for that matter, when you do see my pastor's corner, please say a little prayer for me. I need all the prayer I can get.

Parish Website: I am happy to announce that we have resumed regular updates to our parish website. Some of you may have noticed that the website was "put on ice" for a time. You can check our parish website at www.blsac.net for upcoming events and you will find the latest bulletin as well.

March for Life Recap: As I announced at Mass, our trip to the March for Life was cancelled due to snow. I am happy to share that we were able to come up with a good alternative for our high school students who had planned on going to DC. They met on the Thursday before the March to watch the National Vigil Mass for Life on EWTN and they journeyed together to St. Joseph Cathedral and the Statehouse on January 22nd and took part in local pro-life activities. All of the children who signed up for the March were given the option of a full refund or to apply their payment to next year's March. All additional funds that were raised in our fundraisers will be applied to future trips to the March for Life. Thanks to all who supported our March for Life fundraisers!

Marriage Encounter and World Marriage Sunday: I want to thank all who organized our second annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance as we observed "World Marriage Sunday" last weekend. It was a great event and I am hopeful will become a great parish tradition. And, I want to thank Josh and Liz Caton for speaking at the end of all the Masses last weekend and encouraging all the married couples of the parish to consider a Marriage Encounter weekend. For all married couples who are looking to strengthen your marriage, please visit the marriage encounter website at www.wmme.org to learn more.

For Married Couples in Crisis: For all couples experiencing difficulties in marriage, I encourage you to visit the Retrouvaille website at www.retrouvaille.org. Retrouvaille is a weekend designed for couple experience difficulties or crisis in marriage and has helped to save hundreds of marriages. All of us, regardless of whether we are married or not, are called to support married couples as it is a particularly difficult time to be married. If you know a couple who could benefit from either a Marriage Encounter Weekend or a Retrouvaille weekend, please consider sharing this information.

Catholic Women's Conference and Catholic Men's Conference: I am grateful that once again we are hosting busses to each of the two conferences. The women's conference is this weekend (and will have happened by the time you are reading this article), the Men's Conference is February 27th. It is not too late to register for the Men's Conference at www.columbuscatholicmen.com. You can call the parish office for information regarding the bus. Thanks to all who helped to organize this year's trips and who participated. These conferences are a great way for us to experience deeper renewal in our life of faith.

Alpha: I am happy to announce that we have over 60 people signed up for our 10 week Alpha Course that began this past week on February 18th. This course is designed to help participants grow in their relationship with Christ and in their openness to the Holy Spirit. Please keep all who are participating in this inaugural Alpha at Blessed Sacrament in your prayers! Thanks to all who are helping to lead this course and who will be assisting in the meals!

The "Fish Fry Guy" names Blessed Sacrament's Lenten Dinners #1 in the Diocese: Thanks to the Holy Name Society for again hosting Lenten Dinners. These dinners are a great way to build community during the Lenten Season. In case you missed the announcement that the "Fish Fry Guy" has rated us the #1 Lenten Dinner in the diocese, here is an excerpt from the February 8th edition of the Catholic Times: "One parish in the Diocese of Columbus has its fish fry on Lenten Wednesdays, and it's the one that tops Mendenhall's [aka "the Fish Fry Guy"] 2015 ratings. 'As I've often said there's no such thing as a bad fish fry, and the churches, schools, and Knights of Columbus halls I visited each have outstanding features,'" he said. "But the one church I went to last year that stands out for me above the rest is Newark Blessed Sacrament. On a scale of one to five stars, I give it a six all around." The Holy Name Society provides a rotating menu during Lent. Come each week and enjoy the great food and community! Thanks to Deacon Bob and the great team of the Holy Name Society for their great work and dedication to these meals.

Restoration Update: I continue to meet regularly with our Professional Restoration Team (composed of the general contractor, architect, and Diocesan Superintendent of Buildings) and a Parish Restoration Committee. There is great communication between both groups and we are making progress. We are on target to move across the street to the Annex on Monday, April 11th. Thanks to all who continue to honor your pledges or who have paid in full. All of the monies received thus far are what has allowed us to begin the preliminary work and will allow us to begin the project in earnest on April 11th.

Parish Mission: I am happy to announce that we will be hosting our annual Parish Mission April 4-6 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Each night we will begin at 7pm. We will be welcoming Fr. Thomas Blau, OP who has been designated by Pope Francis as a "Missionary of Mercy" during this Year of Mercy. The theme of this year's mission will revolve around Mercy. Mark your calendars and expect more information in the coming weeks.

In Christ,
Fr. Wilson



Next week's Scripture

February 28th – Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

"The Lord is kind and merciful."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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



**Mass Intentions
for the Week of February 21st**

Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr 6:15 P.M.
Nathan Vogelmeier (birthday) by Family

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday 8:15 A.M.
Jim Ritchey (Wedding Anniversary) by Layton Family

Thursday: Lenten Weekday 8:15 A.M.
Natalie Woolard by Dickenson Family

Friday: Lenten Weekday 8:30 A.M.
Joan Glaub Moro by Elizabeth Ridenbaugh

Saturday: Lenten Weekday 5:00 P.M.
Al Laskay by Renny and Judith Richards

Third Sunday of Lent: 8:00 A.M.
For the People of the Parish

10:30 A.M.
Jean & Mark Davino by Tim Davino

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Week of February 21st**

Daily Mass Schedule

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 23rd – Yvonne King (L),
Judy Healy, Mike Stickle (EM), School Servers

8:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 24th – Don Montell (L),
Kate Erhard, Duncan Humphries, Caden Wells (Servers)

8:15 a.m. Thursday, February 25th – Judy Healy(L),
Wyatt Conley, Courtney Hans (Servers)

8:30 a.m. Friday, February 26th – Assigned (L), Sara Moore,
Reagan Sheehan, Paul Jewett, Ed Jewett (Servers)

Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, February 27th 5:00 P.M.
Kate Erhard Joshua Hoy Kenna Hauser
Jazmyan Adkins

Sunday, February 28th 8:00 A.M.
Emily Tennyson Caden Wells Sam Anderson
Braydon Vanvelzor

10:30 A.M.
Violet Caton Taya Bigler Mya Stokes
Bailee Fleming

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

Sunday Vigil Mass, Saturday, February 27th 5:00 P.M.
Christina Priest, Ken Billig (L) Bev Donaldson,
Caroline Starr, Mollie Phillips, Mike Stickle,
Pam Rauch (EM)

Sunday, February 28th 8:00 A.M.
Kathy Wilson, Diane Layton (L), Deacon Patrick,
Peggy Komada, Nancy Ogilbee, Patrick Wesley,
Barb Harris (EM)

10:30 A.M.
Kevin Pugh, Matthew Walsh (L), Deacon Patrick,
Kelli Morrow, Maureen Pugh, Evey Fuller-Moore,
Karen Gross, (EM)

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Albert Duffy, Tom Snider, Fran Lantz, Linda Elizondo, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Geraldine Spellman, Patty Poth, Fr. Ronnie Boccali, Mingo O'Rourke, Fran Williams, Clayton Mitchell, Florence Medley, Jeff Smith, Mary Stevens, Philly Dolen, Pat Molnar, Shawn Miller, 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 Irma Smith-DeVault, Tara Bruesch and Walter Joseph Williams. May they rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

**Our Stewardship Collection
February 14th**

Budgeted per Week	\$ 11,280.05
Offertory (153 envelopes)	\$ 7,249.35
Average Auto Withdrawal (113 households)	\$ 3,421.20
Loose Cash	\$ 256.07
Total	\$ 10,926.62
Deficit	(\$ 353.43)
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$ 383,521.70
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$ 370,087.90
Year to Date Deficit	(\$ 13,433.80)
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$ 27,549.33
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$1,878,282.49
TD Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$ 534,897.60
Black & Indian Missions Collection	\$ 290.00

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward his crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

CRS Rice Bowls

As Lent is upon us, prayerfully consider giving to those in need by picking up a CRS Rice Bowl located in the Church.

First Week of Lent: Hungering for Opportunity

This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family – and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Our Parish & School Events

Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of February

- **Universal: Care for Creation.** That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations.
- **Evangelization: Asia.** That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.
- **Father Wilson's Intention** That all struggling marriages would find renewal and healing.

This Week

SVdP Collection

Sunday, February 21

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 9:15 a.m. CCD Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Mass w/ CCD in attendance

Monday, February 22

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m.
in the Church
- 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts – Annex
- 6:30 p.m. BSS Girls Group – Cafe

Tuesday, February 23

- 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, February 24

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until midnight
in the Church
- 4:30 p.m. HNS Lenten Meal till 7:00 p.m.
Cafe

Thursday, February 25

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 1:55 p.m. BSS Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m. Alpha Team Meeting Library
- 6:30 p.m. **ALPHA – Cafe**

Friday, February 26

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. **Stations & Benediction**

Saturday, February 27

- 6:30 a.m. **Bus leaves for Columbus Catholic Men's Conference**
- 9:00 a.m. Drama Annex
- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

HNS Coffee & Donuts after Masses – Cafe

Sunday, February 28

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
- 9:15 a.m. CCD Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

Blessed Sacrament Funeral Luncheon Committee is asking for help with food donations which include: buns, prepared dishes such as: pasta, hot potato, salad, fruit, vegetable, deviled eggs or a dessert. We are also always looking for people to help serve. Our goal is to have enough people on the list so that we call each person only every 3rd or 4th funeral. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of the ministry! To donate, serve or for more information, call Ruth Herbert at 614-562-5396, Molly Allyn at 740-828-3481 or the Parish Office at 740 345-4290.

Attention, Men: *That Man Is You* Men's program has begun the Spring Session. Meet with us each Saturday morning in Shepherd Hall to help you become a better man. 6:30 a.m. coffee & meal, completed by 8:00 a.m.



HNS Lenten Dinners

“Fish Fry Guy” names us as new favorite in the Columbus Diocese and we received a 6 Star rating out of 5 stars! Join us as Blessed Sacrament Holy Name Society sponsored **Lenten Dinners are each Wednesday through March 16th, in Shepherd Hall from 4:30-7:00 p.m.** Enjoy delicious meals each week; February 24th – Fish Fry; March 2nd – Pasta Buffet; March 9th – Panini Sandwich & Soup. Our last Lenten meal is a Fish Fry on March 16th. The cost is \$9.00/adults; \$26.00/family; \$8.00/kids (4-12 years) & Senior's (65 years plus). Kids 3 years & under eat *free*. Desserts are needed and can be dropped off in the cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the Blessed Sacrament School Education Fund. For the success of these meals, **volunteers are needed each evening for a variety of positions. If you are available to volunteer or would like more information call HNS President Tom Koch at (740) 929-9903.**



Spiritual Adoption

Month 5 “Mommy felt me kick today!”

This month marks the half-way point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and his mother can feel him move and stretch, particularly when she is resting. He is big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. Up to now, although he swam with ease in his watery world, he was too small for her to detect because the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. Babies born at this age have survived.

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.

Blessed Sacrament School

family fund Day!



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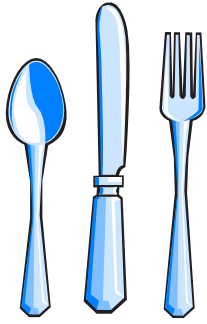
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Sunday, February 21, 2016

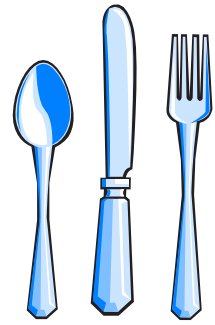
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Blessed Sacrament 2016 Lenten Dinners



Wednesdays

February 17th through March 16th

4:30 to 7pm

Blessed Sacrament Shepherd Hall/Cafeteria

394 East Main St. Newark

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6 Star Rating 2015!**

DINNER MENU SCHEDULE

Wednesdays

February 17th - Walt's Beef/Chicken & Noodles

February 24th - Fish Fry

March 2nd - Pasta Buffet

March 9th - Panini Sandwich & Soup

March 16th - Fish Fry



COST

\$9 - Adults

\$26 - Family Rate

\$8.00 - Kids (ages 4-12) and Seniors (age 65 plus)

50/50 DRAWING EVERY EVENING

These Events are Sponsored by The Blessed Sacrament Holy Name Society
Supporting Blessed Sacrament School Education Fund



Protecting God’s Children Seminar

Blessed Sacrament is hosting a **Protecting God’s Children Seminar** on **Saturday, March 19th 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.



Bethesda Post Abortion Healing Ministry

Are there times of the year, sounds, images, and memories from a past abortion that do not seem to go away? Call Bethesda Healing Ministry to speak to someone who has been there and can help. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential phone lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit bethesdahealing.org

The next **Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club** session features Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., pastor of St. Patrick church in Columbus and Dominican Friar of the Province of St. Joseph. His inspirational talk will be on “Mercy and Justice.” Join us at St. Patrick Church, downtown Columbus, on Friday, March 4th. Holy Mass is at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and Fr. Dosch’s talk until 1pm. No reservations necessary. \$10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men’s Luncheons, contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President, at htm@ejhlaw.com.

For all young adults (age 21-34), the Columbus Frassati Society at St. Patrick’s Church is again hosting Christ in the City, an evening of prayer and fellowship. Contemplate the wellspring of Christ’s love through a night of adoration and confession, concluded with Compline (Night Prayer). Feel free to join in singing the contemplative chants with us or to quietly gaze upon Our Lord during this time. We will go out for drinks afterward. The event will be held on **Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Patrick’s Church**, 280 N. Grant Avenue, Columbus.

Local Events of Interest

Lenten Penance Services

St. Edward the Confessor, – Granville

Tuesday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Buckeye Lake

Sunday, March 13th, 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis deSales – Newark

Monday, March 14th, 7:00 p.m.



Lenten Morning of Reflection:

“Mercy Upon Mercy”

Jesus proved His love for us by giving His life for us. Come and pray, listen, reflect and share with others as a response to his love on Saturday, March 19th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The cost is \$20.00, which includes a Continental Breakfast. Facilitated by Sr. Louis Mary Passeri, join us at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road, Newark. Visit www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com, info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org or call (740) 928-4246 to register today!

Around the Diocese

Respect Life Conference: The diocesan Respect Life Conference is Saturday, March 5th, at St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main Street, Plain City. The theme is “Being Pro-Life in the Year of Mercy.” Keynote speaker is Fr. Kevin Lutz. Other speakers will cover the spectrum of care and concern promoting the dignity of human life. Conference 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration is \$20.00 and includes lunch. To register, send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For details, call [614-241-2540](tel:614-241-2540) or socmailbox@colsdio.org.

“24 Hours with the Lord”

A Day of Prayer and Reconciliation

In union with our Holy Father, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 9633 E. State Street, Rt. 37, Sunbury, Ohio, invites you to participate in the many opportunities for mercy this event, 24 Hours with the Lord, provides. On March 4th at 4:00 p.m. there will be Adoration, Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross, Lenten Reflection Presentation, and Reconciliation. March 5th: Adoration, Mass, and Reconciliation. Plan to spend one hour with our Lord and encourage others to join you and share in the many blessings available during these special 24 hours. For more information, contact Amy Davis, Adoration Coordinator, at amymdavis@hotmail.com or 614-579-9874

Until Death Do Us Part

Your marriage will be more ready for the long haul after taking a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! The next weekend is April 22nd-24th in Central Ohio. For information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit www.wmecolumbus.org.