

Blessed Sacrament Parish

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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A STEWARDSHIP COMMUNITY

The Roman Catholic Community of Blessed Sacrament, centered in Eucharist and the Word of God, seeks to witness the love of Jesus Christ to one another, and to all the world through servant leadership, Christian formation, commitment to Catholic social teaching, and stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

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MASSES

Regular Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.;

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

Summer Schedule: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.;

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend)

Spanish Mass, 3rd Sunday, monthly, 9:00 a.m. at Providence Center

FAITH FORMATION:

Pre-K thru Grade 8,
Sunday 10:10-11:20 a.m.

SACRAMENT of PENANCE:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Communal celebrations are held during Advent and Lent.

Consolation Ministry: Two times yearly. Fall – single session. Spring – a multi-week session. Call the Parish Office to register.

Infant Baptisms: (No Baptisms in Lent) Baptisms normally are celebrated the fourth weekend of the month during Mass. Parent preparation sessions are required and are held in January, March, May, July, September and November. Advance registration required.

Marriages: Contact the pastor at least six months in advance to arrange for a wedding date. Plan to attend the marriage preparation program.

Christian Initiation of Adults: Any adult or child interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic faith is invited to be a part of this process. For further information, contact the Parish Office.

Ministry to the Sick and Aged:

Eucharist: Parish staff are available for visitation to the sick as requested. Lay ministers from the parish are also available to bring Eucharist to homes.

Anointing of the Sick: One weekend in the fall we celebrate the Anointing of the Sick during all weekend Masses. The sacrament is available following 4:00 p.m. Mass on the fourth Saturday of each month in the church.

Visitation of the Sick: Notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

Altar Servers: Students in grade four and up are encouraged to become weekend Mass altar servers for the parish. Training takes place in the fall. Adults are also welcome to become altar servers for weekend Mass or for funerals.

Adult server training takes place throughout the year. Contact the parish office for specific information.

The Transportation Committee provides volunteer transportation to persons who cannot drive, due to age, infirmity or economic restrictions. If you would like to help or know of someone in need of transportation to weekend Mass, contact Judy Stanfar at 330-369-4908.

Registration: New parishioners may register after all Masses on the third weekend of each month, in the Gathering Space. If preferred, please call the Parish Office for an appointment during the week to register your family.

Nursery: Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the nursery, which is available during the 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. (11:00 a.m.) Masses.

Prayer Chain: Please contact Roselyn Spano at 330-372-4370 with your prayer requests.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 Noon

My sincerest thanks to Bishop Murry for leading the celebration of liturgy and the celebration of Catholic Schools Week this past Tuesday in our community. Bishop Murry reminded the community of our responsibility to share and grow our faith always. Learning all we can about our faith and becoming all we can be in this world -- becoming who Jesus meant for us to be for Him -- should serve as our guide.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS from At Home with the Word 2018

Today's readings remind us of our constant need for healing and of the salvation that can be found in Jesus. The Greek word for salvation is *soteria*, meaning "rescue," "deliverance," or "wellbeing." In the First Reading, Job, once a wealthy and highly respected man, now finds himself undone through no fault of his own. His oxen and asses were stolen, lightning killed his sheep, and a great wind blew down his house while his kids were partying inside, and everyone was killed. Now he has come down with the worst case of boils that anyone could imagine! And so he laments his very existence and the apparent meaninglessness of life.

THE CATHOLIC EXPONENT

The readings today focus on human brokenness, so poignantly expressed by Job, and God's healing, as noted in the Psalm and described in the Gospel. All of us experience brokenness -- physical, emotional, or spiritual -- at various times in our lives. If we are wise, we look to the Lord, who, in the psalmist's words, "heals the

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brokenhearted" and "binds up their wounds." We all need to look for

God's healing through the Church and in our heart. Stay connected with the Lord. Subscribe or renew your subscription to The Catholic Exponent newspaper. Use the envelope in your packet, or call 330.744.5251 or email exposubscriptions@youngstowndiocese.org to request subscription information.

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

Thank you so much for your support last weekend for the Church Overseas Combined Collection for ministries to needy people. Thank you for your participation in this important collection. If you did not have the opportunity to respond last week, there is still time to contribute to this combined collection. Please drop your envelope in the weekly collection basket, or stop at the parish office with your financial support.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES REGIONAL AGENCY

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, which begins this month, enables Catholic Charities Regional Agency to extend the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to those in our six-county diocese who are poor, vulnerable, and without hope. Through tangible assistance and other essential services, Catholic Charities affirms human dignity, meets basic human needs, strengthens families, builds communities, and empowers others to transform their lives. Please be generous in your support for this year's Bishop's Appeal.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 3

4:00 p.m. Richard R. Norton (John & Connie McCarthy)

Sunday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Daniel Parise (Parise Family);
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

11:30 a.m. Joseph Flaviani (Chester Dovidio Jr.)

Monday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Roberta M. Squirric (Patti Bartoto)
10:15 a.m. Gillette
William McCarthy (Ed & Kathleen Vennetti)

Tuesday, February 6

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions (Lillian Hinkson)

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 a.m. Carol Hallahan (Family)

Thursday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Sandra Luscher (Family)

Friday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 10

4:00 p.m. Larry Prince Sr. (John Keegan)

Sunday, February 11

9:00 a.m. Brian Kuklinca (Family)
11:30 a.m. Anna Lazor-Steib (Jim & Natalie Grayson)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46 / 1 Cor 10: 31-11: 1 /
Mk 1: 40-45

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **James P. Dietl**. May he rest in peace.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, AT 1PM IN THE PARLOR

Baptisms are normally celebrated on the fourth weekend of the month. Parents are **REQUIRED** to attend a baptismal session prior to their child's Baptism. The preparation session offers an opportunity to discuss the Sacrament of Baptism in the life of this child. It is not simply a "rehearsal" of the rite itself. *Families need to be registered members of the parish. It is our hope that they regularly participate at Mass, considering themselves to be members of the parish community.*

Also, in choosing godparents, they should be Catholic, as they are to help the parents in raising the child in the Church.

REMEMBER THAT WE DO NOT BAPTIZE DURING LENT.

VOCATIONS

"Everyone is searching for you."

Is your search for the Lord leading you to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If this is your calling, contact Fr. Chris.

Come & See Weekends --

Pontifical College Josephinum -- Mar 15-17
St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland -- Apr 6-8

Contact Fr. Christopher Luoni to discuss vocations, 330.744.8451, or at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER
ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, February 3

- 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 5:00 p.m. EPIC teens / Souper Bowl collection (GS)

Sunday, February 4

- 9:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (RH/Covelli K)
- 10:15 a.m. FFS (JFKCS-LC classrooms)
- 10:15 a.m. EPIC teens / Souper Bowl collection (GS)
- 12:30 p.m. EPIC teens / Souper Bowl collection (GS)

Monday, February 5

- 10:30 a.m. AA meeting (Providence Center)
- 5:30 p.m. Zumba (Reagan Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. First Reconciliation (Church / HFH)
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Troop 101 meeting (RH / Prov Ctr)

Tuesday, February 6

- 8:30 a.m. Mass with JFKCS-LC community (Church)
- 1:30 p.m. Chair Yoga (Library)
- 6:00 p.m. Parents Together / Loss of Child (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Scripture Study (Parlor)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)

Wednesday, February 7

- 5:30 p.m. Zumba (Reagan Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Prison Ministry (Rm 103)
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council mtg (Library)

Thursday, February 8

- 9:00 a.m. AA meeting (Providence Center ML)
- 4:00 p.m. Recorder Consort Rehearsal (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Troop 101 mtg (RH / PC)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Parish Library)

Saturday, February 10

- 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)

Sunday, February 11

- 10:15 a.m. FFS (JFKCS-LC classrooms)
- 10:15 a.m. First Eucharist Parent mtg (Chapel)
- 10:15 a.m. Graham Baptism (Church)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Make plans now to join us for any or all of the Fridays.

We will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent beginning February 16, the first Friday of Lent. We will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. each Friday, through March 23. Usually led by one of our commissioned Lay Leaders of Prayer, we gather in the church and travel from station to station, following the small wooden crosses under the windows on the south side of the church (to correspond to our stations of the cross displayed outside).

Volunteers are invited to read part of each station's reflection and we all join in a response as well as in singing a short refrain at each station. This devotional prayer is a wonderful way to mark the Fridays of Lent. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - Way of the Cross will be led by Deacon Bob and the youth of the parish.

BAG IT -- BRING IT

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society encourages your assistance during February, March and April with this drive to fill the pantry shelves for SVdP. Take a grocery sack from the gathering space this weekend or next, and return it with items needed on the weekend of Feb 17/18.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Evening Prayer at Blessed Sacrament

Evening Prayer will next be prayed this Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. We will mark the Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs. Join with others to pray this beloved prayer of the Church. The prayer, including Scripture, song and petition, takes less than a half an hour.

BE SURE TO PLAN TO TAKE PART IN Evening Prayer next Tuesday, February 13, when we include the Burning of Palms to make the ashes we will use on Ash Wednesday, February 14! Join us in the chapel and then move with us out to the Memorial Brick Plaza to burn the palms.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY FOR PEACE

Join us the first Tuesday of the month – **February 6** – to pray the Stations of the Cross for peace. Simply meet in the church at noon. (We'll meet near the bell tower and pray the outside stations if the weather is warm!) This prayer will involve spoken prayer along with simple singing. Here is a way to join with others to give voice to your desire for peace in this complicated world.

Questions? Call Pat Campbell at the parish office.

OHIO EXECUTION SCHEDULED

The State of Ohio has scheduled the following execution during February ...

Raymond Tibbetts

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Please pray for the victims of violent crimes and their families, and for the imprisoned. If you would like to walk in solidarity with others in opposition to the death penalty on the morning of the execution -- contact Pat Rogan at pnr317@msn.com to discuss.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” Mk 1: 35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes -- healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of \$13,981.40 in the Offertory for the weekend of January 27 & 28, 2018.

Fiscal Year-to-date Information (7/2/17—6/24/18):

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-date:	\$ 498,976.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 492,747.89
Amount short of needed goal:	\$ 6,228.11
Children's Stewardship:	\$ 41.60
Retirement for Religious:	\$ 4,875.70

SPECIAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

<p>Saturday, February 3 4:00 p.m. Readers: J. Weston, L. Lowman E.M.H.C.: D. Timko, L. D'Amore, J. & L. Sanders, S. & J. Delaquila, R. Green, P. Mangiarelli Altar Servers: D. Carey, B. Shanovich Greeters: C. & J. Potashnik</p>	<p>Saturday, February 10 4:00 p.m. Readers: K. Sauer, K. Thompson E.M.H.C.: J. Crawford, L. & L. D'Amore, K. Mariani, A. Klotz, R. Green, S. Campbell Altar Servers: B. Freeman, A. Thompson, F. Pishotti Greeters: P. Bartolo, J. Florio</p>
<p>Sunday, February 4 9:00 a.m. Readers: J. Sylvester, J. Hamilton E.M.H.C.: C. Faulk, D. & J. Falcione, S. Letson, J. Gabele, D. Lazor, C. Hosack, B. Lyda Altar Servers: A. Lytle, A. Birmingham, J. Birmingham Greeters: S. & K. Bungo C.L.O.W.: A. Birmingham</p>	<p>Sunday, February 11 9:00 a.m. Readers: G. Ciuba, P. Rossi E.M.H.C.: C. Dzanko, S. Bungo, R. Malanga, M. & C. Klaben, R. Green, G. DiPaolo Altar Servers: B. Faulk, D. DiPaolo, A. Olesh Greeters: B. Marino, S. Smith C.L.O.W.: L. Anderson</p>
<p>11:30 a.m. Readers: G. Quinones, M. Schaefer E.M.H.C.: E. Economos, M. Schaefer, M. Schaefer, C. Kloboves, D. Crockett, J. Sabat, P. Orsinelli Altar Servers: N. Muscarella, C. DelliQuadri, C. DelliQuadri Greeters: J. & J. Satterfield C.L.O.W.: H. Scott</p>	<p>11:30 a.m. Readers: B. Antenucci, S. McGee E.M.H.C.: S. & K. Kelly, D. Crockett, M. Schaefer, M. Schaefer, R. Green, J. Sabat Altar Servers: S. Brown, A. Litton, A. Daley Greeters: G. Quinones, M. Quinones C.L.O.W.: T. Payton</p>

BLESSED PALMS

Blessed palms may be brought to church and placed in the baskets in the gathering space through Tues, Feb 13. The palms will be burned and their ashes used on Ash Wednesday, February 14. This year we will hold Evening Prayer on Tuesday, February 13, at 7pm, and will include the burning of the palms. We'll begin prayer in the chapel at 7pm, and, weather permitting, will move to the Memorial Brick Garden to burn the palms. **Plan to join us!**

LENT IS FAST APPROACHING

Ash Wednesday is February 14! Yes, Valentine's Day!
 Lent begins in just 10 DAYS.

Check the table in the gathering space beginning next week for booklets to assist you on your Lenten journey. There will be our regular fare of Little Black Books and Pax Christi Reflections. You will also find many other daily reflection booklets available. Plan to stop by the table before or after Mass beginning February 3 and 4 to see what appeals to you.

INCENSE AND LENT

Please note that we will use a small amount of incense during the weekend Masses of Lent. Incense, a regular part of Roman Catholic liturgy, will be used at the Presentation of the Gifts – as the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins (following the collection and before we stand for the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer).

If you'd like to help with the incensation during one of the weekend Lenten liturgies please contact a member of the Worship and Spiritual Growth Commission, one of our sacristans or Pat Campbell. Your help would be greatly appreciated. (Your help is also needed for carrying the cross in the entrance procession. Let a sacristan know, if you'd like to help.)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JAN & FEB 2018

(<https://www.secure.rotundasoftware.com/ll/web-terminal/login/ReevesRoad>)

DEADLINE FOR OUR NEXT SCHEDULE – Mar/Apr/and May 2018

will be Tuesday, FEBRUARY 13, 2018.

Remember that you can put your “cannot serve” dates in at any time!

PLEASE NOTE: MINISTERS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY (Feb 14) and for TUESDAY, 5:45pm Masses during February – the 20 and 27 – and for our Lenten 4:00pm Sunday afternoon Masses (Feb 18 and 25).

ALL OF THIS OCCURS BEFORE THE NEW SCHEDULE IS PREPARED, so please offer your services, if you are available!

The ministry schedule that runs through February 2018 is on the Ministry Schedule Pro site. You can access it via Ministry Scheduler Pro. If you do not have internet access, you should have received your scheduled serving dates and, should you have questions, contact Pat Campbell at the parish office.

If you cannot remember how to log in, please contact Pat Campbell at the parish office. She will re-send the log-in info so that you can be sure you are scheduled according to your needs.

PLEASE continue to request subs when you cannot serve in your assigned place. PLEASE REMEMBER: If you are scheduled for a Mass, PLEASE be sure to arrive more than ten minutes before the Mass is scheduled to begin.

RETURN PYX TO PARISH OFFICE

Have you used a parish pyx to take Holy Communion to someone at home? If so, and you have not returned this vessel to the parish, please return it as soon as possible.

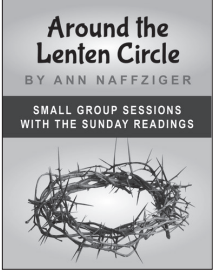
FAITH FORMATION NEWS INTER-FAITH TEA

Interfaith Women of the Valley will sponsor the 71st Interfaith Tea at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at St. Columba Cathedral and hall, 159 W. Rayen Ave. The tea will be hosted by the Catholic Women, and the guest speaker will be Sister Norma Raupple, coordinator of English language learning and outreach. The event is free. Many faiths are represented. If interested in this event, it is being cosponsored by Mahoning Valley Association of Churches. Call Brenda about attending and carpooling from Blessed Sacrament!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWLS AVAILABLE!

Join nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. in prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. Together, we will serve our brothers and sisters most in need around the world while forming families and faith communities in global solidarity. Take action to build the culture of encounter as missionary disciples with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) this Lent.

- Through **prayer**, we encounter Christ, present in the faces of every member of our human family, so often still walking that long road to Calvary.
- Through **fasting**, we encounter our own obstacles, those things about ourselves that prevent us from loving God and neighbor.
- Through **almsgiving**, we encounter our brothers and sisters around the world, asking what we can give up so that others might have life to the fullest.



Around the Lenten Circle
BY ANN NAFFZIGER
SMALL GROUP SESSIONS WITH THE SUNDAY READINGS

Join a small group for Lent to read and reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings. Group **meeting days, times and places are posted in the gathering space** as we encourage everyone to take part.

Would you like to be part of the group without leaving your home? We will happily include you in the e-mails (or mailings) that go out with the materials, even if you cannot physically join a group. You will receive the materials and reflect on them each week. The homily we hear on the weekend will further "Break Open" the Word!

CRS HELPING HANDS

Interested in hearing about a "hands on" meal packaging project, taking place on Sunday, March 11, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now? This project brings Catholics together from our Trumbull County parishes. Call Brenda or Brooke in the parish office for more information!

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH LENTEN BROCHURE

Be sure to get your copy of the Blessed Sacrament Lenten Brochure for 2018. Take a look at the many offerings for the season. Take a few extra copies to pass along to friends and family. Take advantage of the way the Lenten season can become a life-changing part of the year!

YOUTH MINISTRY / E.P.I.C. TEENS

Get connected! -- Paper Trail: Schedules in the Gathering Space *** **E-mail:** bsteines@bspcc.org *** **Phone:** 330-372-2215 x104; **Social Media:** **Facebook:** Blessed Sacrament Parish E.P.I.C. Youth Ministry; **Instagram:** BROOKLYN_CYM_BSP; **Twitter:** brooklyn_cymbasp
YOUTH MINISTRY — UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 23 -- Warren Area Catholic Teens (Grades 7-12)

Teen Stations of the Cross at BSPCC, 7-8pm
Pizza Dinner 8-9pm, Bowling 9-10pm, Cortland

Mar 3-4 -- Kairos Retreat @ Villa Maria (Grades 9-12)

Warren Area Catholic Teens
5th Annual Kairos Retreat at the Villa.
Leader: Anastasia McLeod

Mar 11 -- Warren Area Catholic Teens (Grades 7-12)

CRS Helping Hands @JFK Upper Campus Cafeteria
2-5pm -- Helping Hands: helpinghands.crs.org/
Catholic Relief Services Helping Hands -- ALL Warren Parishes involved!

EAGLE OF THE CROSS NOMINATIONS DUE

If you know an outstanding high school junior or senior in our diocese, be sure to nominate him/her for the 2018 Eagle of the Cross Awards. The form has been posted at youngstownnoyyam.weebly.com/eagle-of-the-cross-awards.html.

Nominations are due by 3pm Eastern Time on FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16. Recipients will be honored at a Mass and banquet on APR 18 in Youngstown, and all nominees receive a certificate of acknowledgement.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap invites all Young Adults in their 20's and 30's to Magic Tree Pub & Eatery, South Ave., Boardman, on **Wednesday, February 21. Rachel Hrbolich, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, will speak on the topic -- Catholic Charities -- The Hospitality of Our Faith.** Join us at 7pm! Schedule: 7pm Mingle, Order; 7:30pm Prayer & Speaker, 8:05pm Eat, drink, be merry, 8:15pm Announcements, 8:20pm discussion, 9:15pm Stay, Leave.

Young Adult Collaborative on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/MahoningCountyTOT/>.
Email dredig83@gmail.com. Phone 330.519.6112.

DIVINE LOVE YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

For those ages 21-39 ... a day of reflection.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 -- 9AM-6PM

St. Angela Merici Parish, Youngstown. Info in gathering space.

NEW BOOKS AT DIOCESAN LIBRARY

Visit any time 8am-4pm M-F; or by appointment.

Access collection 24/7 at doylelib.follettdestiny.com

Lent with St. Francis: Daily Reflections. Houdek, Diane M. Franciscan Media, 2013. Take a fresh look at Lent with St. Francis as your guide. For each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, this book offers: a prayer, lectionary readings, Scripture quote, story of St. Francis, reflection tying the life of St. Francis to Gospel theme.

The Ascent of the Mountain of God. Hays, Edward. Forest of Peace Publishing, 1994. Seemingly touching the heavens, the mountain is a universal symbol for the presence of God. Cloud-covering peaks are places of pilgrimage as they are sites of awe-inspiring encounters with God. This book leads you along the 40 steps of a Lenten pilgrimage. It is a manual for holy mountain climbing.

THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE LITURGY

Words of Wisdom to Ponder from the Book by Goffredo Boselli ...
Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, ©2014

*Part Two of this book is entitled,
"Liturgy in the Life of the Church".*

Chapter Five, "The Sacrament of the Assembly," and, though we may not refer to the assembly as one of the seven sacraments of the Church, this chapter gives us insight into the importance of the role of the assembly in the life of the church.

Since WE are the assembly, this is about US!

St. Augustine of Hippo is quoted in *The Confessions* 8.4 as saying, "I will not believe that [you are a Christian], nor count you among Christians, until I see you in Christ's church."

The Liturgical Assembly Poses Questions to the Church: The liturgical assembly is the fundamental and original form of the church, for it is through the assembly that the church expresses to itself and to the world its nature, its purpose, its mission, and its role in history. The eucharistic ecclesiology expressed by the council in *Sacrosanctum Concilium* recognized that "the principal manifestation of the church consists in the full, active participation of all God's holy people in the same liturgical celebrations." (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 41.)

For this reason, to explore the theme of the assembly means to consider the essence of the Christian experience of believing, the foundation of Christianity, and the conditions of its continued existence in history.

This may not make you hurry back to this column next week, but that is the beauty of the bulletin: Read what you are interested in and skip the rest. For those who find these words to whet their appetite to reflect more on the role of Christians and the "essence of believing," read on next week!

CATHOLICISM Book Available for Purchase

During the Lenten Season we will be offering three Tuesday sessions (the first three Tuesdays of Lent: Feb 20, Feb 27, Mar 6) on the wonderful series by Bishop Robert Barron, "Catholicism." The book is NOT a requirement for those who wish to take part in the video/reflection presentations for those three weeks, but it does add to the story! Fr. McCarthy shared that each priest of the diocese received a copy of this book from Bishop Murry at Christmas, so well written did the Bishop find the book. Fr. McCarthy recommends the book and looks forward to the three parts of the DVD series we will be looking at during Lent. The paperback book is \$12.86 and the Kindle book is \$12.99. We will have a few copies of the paperback when the series begins. If you would like us to order a copy for you, please call the parish office. Lent seems like a great time to delve more deeply into our faith.

"What I propose to do in this book is to take you on a guided exploration of the Catholic world, but not in the manner of a docent, for I am not interested in showing you the artifacts of Catholicism as though they were dusty objects d'art in a museum of culture. I want to function rather as a mystagogue, conducting you ever deeper into the mystery of the incarnation in the hopes that you might be transformed by its power." —Father Robert Barron

**PRAYING FOR THOSE
SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Thank you for continuing to pray for our service people and for their families, especially during the recent holiday season. Please continue to hold them in prayer.

Please pray in a special way for all of our service people who are deployed to areas in the Middle East:

PRESENTLY DEPLOYED TO MIDDLE EAST

Lt Col Robert Cole (Kansas National Guard)

Nephew of Steve and Pat Campbell

CPT Daniel Maselli (Army)

Brother of Monica Pishotti

SPC James Wollet (National Guard)

Son of Jeff Renee Wollet

Father Jonathan Morse, Army Chaplain

Friend of Pat Rogan

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES WORKING IN AREAS OF CONFLICT, whether for the government or for non-government agencies.

Our list of parishioners and relatives of parishioners who serve our country each day is listed on our "Service Person Board" in the gathering space near the flag.

We ask you to note that in December the Sabat family celebrated the promotion of Joe from CPT to MJR.

Thank you for sharing that great news with us!

Please continue to pray for all our service people and for their families. If you know of a parishioner or the family of a parishioner who is serving in the military, be sure to remind them to keep the office (Pat Campbell) updated. Let us keep them in prayer in a special way should they be deployed. Also, keep our list of service people current by updating the list when their rank is changed.

FAMILY IN NEED OF A REFRIGERATOR!

We have received word that a local family is in need of a refrigerator. If you have one that might benefit this family, please contact Joanne Gilbert in the parish office...or contact Sr. Jean at Emmanuel Community Care Center at 330.545.4301.

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. will preside at this liturgy on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 4pm., at St. Columba Cathedral. Reception follows. Info 330.744.8451, ext 272.

PROJECT RACHEL OF NORTHEAST OHIO

Abortion ruins relationships. God's love heals.

For CONFIDENTIAL help call Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio at 888.259.4806 or visit support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com.

VILLA MARIA SEASONAL LAND SERIES

Join Barbara O'Donnell, HM, and Frank Romeo in a contemplative spirit to explore the Villa grounds as God's gift. This seasonal series will include presentations, discussion, time for personal reflection and ritual. 2-4pm on SUN, 2/11, Winter Wisdom. \$10. Visit vmesc.org or call 724.964.8886 for details.

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St. Paul Parish, N. Canton ... Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide, 6-week series for men/women seeking healing from divorce, WED, beginning 2/7. Helping you find peace, power, and passion. Register with Dave Schmidt at 330/744.8451, ext 272. Free (book available \$15). (*DivorceCare Support Group forms 3/3 for 12-wks at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Austintown*).

JFKCS High School ... JFKCS Athletic Boosters hold 23rd Night at the Races, SAT, 2/10, 6pm. \$10 includes dinner at 6:30pm, race begins at 7pm. More info, call Sarah Williams, 330.531.1082.

St. Thomas the Apostle ... Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras trip to Wheeling Island Casino, TU, 2/13. Leave church grounds at 9am, return approx 7pm. Call Judy at 330.448.4865. Trip cost \$25; incentive from Wheeling \$25 in free play.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ... Marriage Encounter Weekend, FEB 16-18, Days Inn, Richfield, OH. Visit GreatMarriagesOhio.org or call 330.305.9963 for application/more info.

St. Rose and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ytn ... Italian language classes on TH evenings, 6-8pm; \$60. Classes begin at St. Rose, 2/15, and at OLMC, 2/22. Info at 330.545.1525.

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