

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

The Season of Lent begins
this Wednesday, February 14,

Ash Wednesday. We will offer two Service of the Word opportunities, at 7am and 12pm, and will distribute ashes during these times. We will offer the Celebration of Mass at 8:30am with the JFKCS community, and at 7pm; both of these liturgies also include distribution of ashes.

Lenten programming information is found as an insert in today's bulletin; brochures can also be found in the gathering space. Please join us as often as possible!

Consider taking an active part in Catholic Relief Services' programs offered in our community this Lent. Information about Helping Hands and Rice Bowls is in our gathering space.

Our **Annual Parish Volunteer Appreciation Brunch is on Sunday, February 25, following 10am Mass.** Invitations have been sent to parishioners who participate in our many parish ministries. If you served the community during 2017 and did not receive an invitation, please contact the parish office. Let our Parish Pastoral Council and staff thank you for all you do for our parish community. Please be certain to RSVP by the deadline in order that we may have sufficient quantities of food and beverages.

Rite of Election ... Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continued Conversion of the Candidates on the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, at St. Columba Cathedral at 1:30pm and at St. Joseph Church, Canton, at 6pm. Earlier

PASTOR'S COLUMN

in the day at our own parish, we will bless our RCIA participants on to that part of their journey at the cathedral, during the Rite of Sending at the 11:30am Mass.

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens (*unbaptized*) **Nicole Pettenati, Michael and Kelley Platt and children Tyler, Connor and Sydney**, and for our Candidates **Danielle Lindsay, Brittany Perich, Robert Plizga, Eric Sanata and Kole Tarary**. Catechumens will receive all three sacraments during the Easter Vigil, and Candidates will receive Eucharist and Confirmation.

Bishop's Appeal ... Jesus reminds us that what we do for the least among us, we do for Him. This past year, thousands of people -- many of whom live and work in your community -- came to Catholic Charities Regional Agency for assistance with food, shelter, clothing, utilities and other basic needs. Because of your support for the Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, these individuals and families received the help and hope they needed for a better tomorrow.

Please help Catholic Charities help the poor by making a commitment to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal, which begins this week, on Ash Wednesday. Catholic Charities continues to focus on providing help and creating hope for families. More information will be provided.

This year, our parish goal is \$89,693.00; as always, no gift is too small to make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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)

Monday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Aaron Briston Johnson (Family)

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Barney Macali (M/M Pat Migliozi)

Wednesday, February 14

8:30 a.m. Diana Belanger (Theresa Verbosky)

7:00 p.m. Sandra Luscher (Family)

Thursday, February 15

8:30 a.m. Donald Parise, Jr. (Dom & Bernie Marino)

Friday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 17

4:00 p.m. Patrick Liste (Marge Camarata);
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Ryan Mullee (Tom & Marion Mullee)

11:30 a.m. Gloria De Santos (Josephine La Duca & Family)

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Karl (Robert Karl & Family)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Gn 9: 8-15 / 1 Pt 3: 18-22 / Mk 1: 12-15

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Virginia Fulmer**; of **Concetta M. Korda**, mother of Rev. James Korda of our diocese; of **Ross R. Griffin**, son of William and Kim Griffin, and grandson of Daniel and Darlene Crouse; of **Rev. Daniel P. Cipar** of our diocese; and of **Patricia King**, mother of Sandra Green, and grandmother of Brooke Steines. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome **Payton Grace Graham**, daughter of James & Jacquelyn, through the sacrament of Baptism. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, AT 1PM IN THE PARLOR

Parents are REQUIRED to attend a baptismal session prior to their child's Baptism. *Families need to be registered members of the parish. REMEMBER THAT WE DO NOT BAPTIZE DURING LENT.*

VOCATIONS

"Come & See Weekend -- St. Mary Seminary - April 6-8

"Do everything for the glory of God." Your vocation is to give glory to God through your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest, consecrated religious or a deacon?

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

THE WEEK AHEAD**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)

Monday, February 12

10:30 a.m. AA meeting (Providence Center)

5:30 p.m. Zumba (Reagan Hall)

6:30 p.m. Scout Troop 101 meeting (RH / Prov Ctr)

Tuesday, February 13

1:30 p.m. Chair Yoga (Library)

2:00 p.m. SVdP Society mtg (Providence Ctr ML)

3:00 p.m. JFKCS-LC Parent/Teacher Conf (School)

5:45 p.m. NEOCAHT mtg (Parish Library)

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Chapel)

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 a.m. Service of the Word w/ Ashes (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. Mass w/ distribution of Ashes (Church)

12:00 p.m. Service of the Word w/ Ashes (Church)

5:30 p.m. Zumba (Reagan Hall)

7:00 p.m. Mass w/ distribution of Ashes (Church)

Thursday, February 15

9:00 a.m. AA meeting (Providence Center ML)

1:00 p.m. JFKCS-LC Valentine's Party, Dance (RH/Gym/School)

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Troop 101 mtg (RH / PC)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Parish Library)

Saturday, February 17

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

9:00 a.m. SVdP Family Soup Kitchen (Niles)

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

4:00 p.m. White Mass for all Health Professionals (St. Columba Cathedral)

Sunday, February 18

11:30 a.m. RCIA Rite of Sending

4:00 p.m. Evening Mass during Lent

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. 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.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Families interested in registering as parishioners of Blessed Sacrament are invited to meet with Welcoming Committee members next weekend after Mass.

4pm Jean Lemaster**9am Kathy Brown****11:30am Rocky & Renee Maiorca****THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS****Evening Prayer at Blessed Sacrament**

Evening Prayer will next be prayed this Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. We will burn palms out in the Memorial Brick Plaza in the middle of the prayer which begins and ends in the chapel. The ashes from the burning of last year's palms will mark us as we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Bring your coat and, if you haven't brought them in yet, bring your blessed palms. The prayer, including Scripture, song, petition AND palm burning, takes less than a half an hour.

Our next Evening Prayer will take place on Monday, February 26 at 7 p.m.

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 pmr317@msn.com to discuss.

BLESSED PALMS

Blessed palms may be brought to church and placed in the baskets in the gathering space through Tuesday, February 13. The palms will be burned and their ashes used on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We'll do this at Tuesday's evening prayer in the chapel at 7pm, and, weather permitting, will move to the Memorial Brick Garden to burn the palms. **Plan to join us!**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

Cor 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

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 \$15,952.10 in the Offertory for the weekend of February 3 & 4, 2018.

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

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-date:	\$ 515,072.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 508,699.99
Amount short of needed goal:	\$ 6,372.23
Children's Stewardship:	\$ 45.00

SPECIAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

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
10:15am Baptism Assistant: E. Spano

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

Saturday, February 17 4:00 p.m.
Readers: S. DeLeo, L. Rossi
E.M.H.C.: S. Campbell, L. D'Amore, D. Bokone, A. Hietikko, R. Fenstermaker, B. Thompson, P. Mangiarelli
Altar Servers: L. Aggarwal, C. Potashnik
Greeters: M. Desport, C. Gilson

Sunday, February 18 9:00 a.m.
Readers: E. Hlad, M. McLeod
E.M.H.C.: M. Bugos, S. & K. Bungo, C. Dzanko, R. Malanga, T. D'Amico, K. Clark
Altar Servers: C. Clark, N. Jaros, K. DeCarlo
Greeters: J. & B. Lyda
C.L.O.W.: L. Amadei

11:30 a.m.
Readers: A. Rohrer, G. Quinones
E.M.H.C.: E. Economos, M. Schaefer, M. Schaefer, G. Gray, K. Gray, M. Gray, R. Green
Altar Servers: N. Muscarella, C. Mijavec, J. Conde
Greeters: J. DeSalvo, B. Shanovich
C.L.O.W.: L. Fowler

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY!

Ash Wednesday is February 14!

Check the table in the gathering space 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. Stop by the table 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.)

Eucharistic Bread Bakers Needed

Are you willing to help prepare eucharistic bread for our Sunday liturgies during the Lenten season? Please mark your calendar and join with other bakers in the kitchen beginning **Saturday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m.** We'll work together to prepare batches for our weekend liturgies. We will meet all the remaining Saturdays of Lent (February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24) and on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28, at 5 p.m. (to prepare Eucharistic bread for Holy Thursday).

This is a great activity for students soon to receive their First Holy Communion. Please consider bringing your child one Saturday this Lent for an "up close and personal" look at Eucharistic Bread.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018

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

DEADLINE FOR OUR NEXT SCHEDULE – Mar/Apr/May 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.

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!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith & Family Night

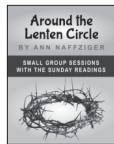
Join us for Youngstown Phantoms' Hockey **Faith & Family Night, Thursday, February 22 at 7:05pm.** \$4 from every \$14 ticket sold will go back to Catholic Charities Diocese of Youngstown. Great incentives for ticket sellers & attendees! Visit ccdoj.org for *all* the details!!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWLS AVAILABLE!

Join our faith community -- and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the U.S. -- in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the gathering space! During the 40 days of lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

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. Packets and change containers are available in the gathering space. Call Brenda or Brooke in the parish office for more information!



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!

SUNDAY, 4 -5PM	Des and Jim Laux	Off-Site
TUESDAY, 1 - 2PM	Kathy Lattanzi	Parlor
WEDNESDAY, 1:30 - 2:30PM	Brenda Antenucci	
	(Women's Journey of Grace)	Parlor
THURSDAY, 5:45 - 6:45PM	Mark Gorse	Parlor
SATURDAY, 9 - 10AM	Samm Lewis	Parlor

Sign up in the gathering space or call the parish office. Materials for those in a small group, or for those who would like to participate by "Independent Study" are available at the table in the gathering space or in the parish office.

CATHOLICISM Book Available for Purchase

During the Lenten Season we will be offering three Tuesday sessions on the wonderful series by Bishop Robert Barron, "Catholicism." Fr. McCarthy recommends the book and looks forward to the three parts of the DVD series we will be looking at during Lent. In paperback, \$12.86; Kindle book is \$12.99. **The three evenings: Deacon Bob Green Feb 20, Brenda Antenucci Feb 27 and Fr. Tom McCarthy Mar 6.**

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, and return it with items needed on the weekend of Feb 17/18.

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_cymbsp](https://twitter.com/brooklyn_cymbsp)
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 youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/eagle-of-the-cross-awards.html. Nominations are due by 3pm Eastern Time on FRI FEB 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.

"RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD -- THE BATTLE IS REAL"

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will be the Honorary Chairman for this year's Gathering of Catholic Men at the **6th Annual Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference, Saturday, March 3, at St. Thomas Aquinas High School.** By virtue of our common Baptism, all Catholic men, including those in Knights of Columbus, Cursillo, Renewal Teams, Bible Study groups, and any other men's clubs or organizations, are already in fellowship with one another. Therefore, the title "Catholic Men's Fellowship" encompasses all of us. CMF is comprised of men from all walks of life who are committed to spreading the Gospel of Christ. The mission of CMF of the DOY is to support Catholic men in need of encouragement. Visit cmfdoy.org for details, and share with others!

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. Read in today's column some of the concerns about Christianity today.

We see in the West today real difficulties in the ordinary experience of the church. We see signs of weariness, fatigue, and discomfort on the faces of those who make up the Christian community. Christianity seems to have lost its momentum, to the point that many now wonder about its future, about the survival of Christianity in the West. We need only note the titles of some recent French publications: Maurice Bellet's *The Fourth Hypothesis: On the Future of Christianity*; Marc Lienhard's *Does Christianity Have a Future?*; Christian Duquoc's *Christianity: Memory of the Future*; and Albert Rouet's *The Chance of a Fragile Christianity*. Each of these authors asks, in one way or another, the same question: "Are we perhaps the last Christians?" In seeking to discern whether Christianity can survive in the West, each of them emphasizes that one of the conditions essential for the future of Christianity is the full understanding of the value and the meaning of the Sunday Eucharistic gatherings. The conviction that emerges from these texts is that this gathering is an essential experience that must never be abandoned, because it is a constitutive element of Christianity and its identity.

Please take a few moments to reflect on this. It is a question most present-day Catholics have asked and that members of Blessed Sacrament often ponder. Just as children learn from their adults' example, good or bad, in so many areas of life, the Church has always invited the assembly to learn what it means to be a Christian from the experience of liturgy and worship. Is that realistic today? Without a hunger for a deeper faith, a closer relationship with the Lord, there will not be growth in faith nor the passing on of beliefs and practices!

Here at Blessed Sacrament there are many opportunities to learn more about our Catholic faith throughout the year, yet most adults choose not to check out any of these varied opportunities to nurture adult faith. Mass is not the place for lessons on "The Mass," so how do we grow our faith? No easy answers!

NEW BOOKS AT DIOCESAN LIBRARY

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

Access collection 24/7 at doylelib.folettdestiny.com

Lent with St. Francis: Daily Reflections. Houdek, Diane
M. Franciscan Media, 2013. 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. This book leads you along the 40 steps of a Lenten pilgrimage. It is a manual for holy mountain climbing.

**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.

SHARE THE LOVE WITH FEMALE MILITARY

We have learned of a request for "girly" things for female soldiers and Marines in the Mid East from Fr. (Major) Jonathan Morse, Chaplain, US Army. Items needed include:
Single-use facial masks Make up (all skin tones)
Hair elastics (to hold buns in place) Small cream/lotion
Small body wash Purse-size hand sanitizer
Chap stick / lip gloss Single-use foot soaks
Colorful socks for off duty Hand-written note/support

Bring to gathering space by February 25!!

Find us on Facebook! Check out our parish Facebook page and give us a 'like!'
<https://www.facebook.com/bspcc/>

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.

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.

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Visit redcrossblood.org to register for the Blood Drive at Blessed Sacrament Parish on FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2:30-6:30pm. Hosted by JFKCS Scholarship Team.

**SAVE THE DATE!!
FESTA! 2018 WILL BE HELD SAT. 10/6/18!!**

CATHOLIC EXPONENT

“Do everything for the glory of God,” we hear from St. Paul in his first Letter to the Corinthians -- the second reading for today’s Mass. Yet, with work, school, family, and everything else it’s easy to think about everything but God and His glory. The Catholic Exponent helps you to “keep your eyes on the prize.” Subscribe today! 330-744-5251 or exposubscriptions@youngstowndiocese.org to request info.

CASINO NIGHT AT BSPCC -- SATURDAY MARCH 3 5:30PM COVELLI GYM

St. Thomas the Apostle ... Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras trip to Wheeling Casino, TU 2/13. Leave 9am, return approx 7pm. Judy 330.448.4865. Trip cost \$25; incentive \$25 in free play.
St. Rose and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Ytn ... Italian language classes, TH evenings, 6-8pm; \$60. Info 330.545.1525.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Austintown ... DivorceCare Support Group, 12-wk course/discussion group for those going thru or have gone thru separation or divorce. Offered Mondays 6:30-8:30pm beginning 3/5. Info ihmmargie@gmail.com.
St. Stephen Parish, Niles ... Luck of the Irish Dinner/Reverse Raffle, SAT 3/17 at Ciminero’s. Info 330.652.4396.

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