



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

**RITE OF
CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Please welcome and congratulate our new parishioners -- who were fully welcomed into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil.

Danielle Lindsay	Brittany Perich	Robert Plizga
Eric Sanata	Kole Tarary	Nicole Pettenati
Michael Platt	Kelly Platt	Tyler Platt
Connor Platt		

Our welcoming work continues!
Praise God -- who welcomes each of us into His loving and forgiving arms! Join us to celebrate the entire Easter Season! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus offers peace once again to the disciples, as we heard Him offer last Sunday. The disciples do not believe it is He. Jesus recognizes that they are troubled, and invites them to see His hands and feet for themselves. Easter joy fills the disciples. Jesus eats with them and breaks open the Scriptures for them. Their growth in faith continues. Ours must, too, in Easter Time as we strengthen ourselves for life-long witness to the Risen One.

Let us go out into the world to proclaim the Gospel, to drive out demons, to speak the language of faith, and to heal the sick. Jesus sends us to do nothing less.

Each Sunday of Easter Time may we exit through the church doors in mission taking the message of Easter with us to the streets, our workplaces, and our places of recreation. Let us, children, youth, and adults alike witness to Resurrection in our families, to our friends, and yes, to those we encounter but do not know.

from 2018 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays

Spring is a time we often associate with the reception of sacraments. Baptisms will once again be celebrated, and we rejoice in welcoming new Christians into our community! Pray for these Baptism families. Next weekend we welcome Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. to Blessed Sacrament Parish to confirm our young people. Please remember our students in prayer, as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Celebrate with them the important decision they have made in taking responsibility for their continued faith formation. Many couples are planning their weddings as they anticipate professing their commitment to be united in the Sacrament of Marriage. Our prayers of support are encouraged!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, April 14**
 4:00 p.m. Mary Burns (John Burns)
- Sunday, April 15**
 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Kenneth Furniss Family (Dennis & Jeanette Falcione)
 11:30 a.m. Ozzie Tentler (Jaros Family);
 All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- Monday, April 16**
 8:30 a.m. Gloria Tascione (Nick Tascione)
- Tuesday, April 17**
 8:30 a.m. Deceased members of Lavelle Family (JFKCS Family)
 11:15 a.m. Shepherd
 Constance Ciolli (Joyce & Jay Austin)
- Wednesday, April 18**
 8:30 a.m. Timothy Hallahan (Family)
- Thursday, April 19**
 8:30 a.m. Tom Natale (Natale Family)
- Friday, April 20**
 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Saturday, April 21**
 4:00 p.m. Daniel Parise (Frank & Gina Petrich);
 All Parishioners Living & Deceased
- Sunday, April 22**
 9:00 a.m. Bernard Daczkowski (Ruth Crowe & Mary Grace Kraft)
 11:30 a.m. George Mack (Dave & Nancy Mack)
 2:30 p.m. Rev. Daniel P. Cipar and
 Rev. Bernard R. Schmalzried Jr.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 4: 8-12 / 1 Jn 3: 1-2 / Jn 10: 11-18

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ruth McVettie**, grandmother of Becky Lyda; of **Dennis Songer**, grandfather of Sarah Smith; and of **Steven S. Novak**, husband of Susan DeLeo-Novak. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS

Next weekend, we welcome **Camila Ammauri Ciuba**, daughter of Joao & Ammauri, and **Lucas Ryan Keller**, son of Randy & Rachele, through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please keep these and their families in your prayers!

BAPTISMAL PREP SESSION -- Sunday, May 6, 1 pm
 Are you expecting a child? Baptismal preparation sessions are scheduled 6 times/year (Jan-Mar-May-Jul-Sep-Nov) and parents need to attend a session before scheduling the Baptism. Call the parish office to register.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament will be available immediately following the 4pm liturgy on Saturday, April 28 (near the piano.)

VOCATIONS ...

“Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments.” Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood, consecrated life or the diaconate? If so, call Fr. Chris Luoni at 330.744.8451, or email cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

THE WEEK AHEAD**Saturday, April 14**

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

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

Sunday, April 15

10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Sessions (JFK classrooms)

10:10 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (HFH)

10:10 a.m. First Eucharist Retreat (Reagan Hall)

1:30 p.m. First Eucharist practice (Church)

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (HFH/Chapel/JFK/Lib)

Monday, April 16

8:00 a.m. JFKCS-LC Kindergarten screening (Gym)

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

2:15 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (Gym, RH)

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

6:30 p.m. Scout Troop 101 (RH, PC)

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

7:00 p.m. Worship & Prayer (HFH)

Tuesday, April 17

8:30 a.m. JFKCS-LC Mass with parish community

8:30 a.m. JFKCS-LC Counseling (Parish Library)

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

2:15 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (Gym, RH)

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

7:30 p.m. Scripture Study (Parlor)

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

Wednesday, April 18

2:15 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (Gym, RH)

5:00 p.m. First Eucharist Pictures (Church)

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

6:00 p.m. Eagle of the Cross Awards Banquet
(Off site)**Thursday, April 19**

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

11:30 a.m. All Seasons 55+ Lunch (St. Nick's, North Rd)

2:15 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (Gym, RH)

3:00 p.m. Music mtg (Parish Library)

6:30 p.m. Troop 101 Cub Scouts (RH, PC)

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

Friday, April 20

9:00 a.m. JFKCS-LC May Crowning (Church, GS)

2:00 p.m. Set up for Confirmation Reception (HFH)

2:15 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (Gym, RH)

Saturday, April 21

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

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

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

2:00 p.m. Set up for Confirmation Reception (HFH)

5:00 p.m. New Parishioner Registration (Gath Space)

Sunday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Ciuba Baptism

10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Sessions (JFK classrooms)

10:15 a.m. New Parishioner Registration (Gath Space)

10:15 a.m. Keller Baptism

12:30 p.m. New Parishioner Registration (Gath Space)

12:35 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal (HFH, Church)

2:30 p.m. Confirmation (Church)

3:45 p.m. Confirmation Reception (HFH)

A Note from Fr. Tom McCarthy --

Recently, a ground floor apartment became available at the Priests' Retirement Home in Hubbard. After much thought, prayer, and consultation, I have decided to take advantage of the opportunity and move there in early summer.

For a number of months my mobility has been getting worse. General health has been good, but steps and inclines are difficult. I have been very fortunate to preside at Mass here at Blessed Sacrament because of the arrangement of the church.

My attachment to the Warren community has been long and blessed, making a nearby residence with the necessary accommodations attractive. I hope to continue some ministry activities in the area to the extent that I am able.

We will have time over the next few months to share stories and memories. My time with you has been absolutely delightful.

Fr. Tom

WELCOME!

A warm Blessed Sacrament Parish welcome is extended to our new parishioners, **Ricardo & Alexis Beltran and children Sophia and Ricardo**. See you at Coffee & Donuts!

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Families interested in registering as parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish are invited to meet with members of our Welcoming Committee after all Masses next weekend, April 21 & 22...

4pm	P. Mokros
9am	K. Parana
11:30am	S. McGee

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...”

Luke 24: 36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

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 \$17,593.50 in the Offertory for the weekend of April 7 & 8, 2018.

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

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-date:	\$ 659,936.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 647,917.84
Amount short of needed goal:	\$ 12,018.16
Children's Stewardship:	\$ 20.00

SPECIAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

<p>Saturday, April 14 4:00 p.m. Readers: L. Rossi, S. DeLeo E.M.H.C.: S. Campbell, A. Klotz, J. Crawford, R. Fenstermaker, A. Hietikko, R. Green, L. D'Amore Altar Servers: L. Wilson, F. Pishotti, M. Seikel Greeters: P. Bartolo, M. Desport</p>	<p>Saturday, April 21 4:00 p.m. Readers: D. Elston, M. Malys E.M.H.C.: K. Mariani, T. D'Amico, S. & J. Delaquila, A. Klotz, D. Rossi, B. Thompson, N. Grayson Altar Servers: S. Campbell, D. Carey Greeters: R. & N. Rappach</p>
<p>Sunday, April 15 9:00 a.m. Readers: D. Laux, J. Laux, S. Battison E.M.H.C.: C. Dzanko, M. & C. Klaben, S. & K. Bungo, R. Green, J. Falcione Altar Servers: A. Lytle, N. Jaros, B. Faulk Greeters: D. DiPaolo, M. DiPaolo C.L.O.W.: L. Anderson</p>	<p>Sunday, April 22 9:00 a.m. Readers: K. Lattanzi, J. Solich E.M.H.C.: J. Jones, D. Woolensack, M. Klaben, C. Faulk, A. McLeod, L. Stirling, J. Falcione Altar Servers: A. Lytle, J. Birmingham, A. Birmingham Greeters: Cordell Family C.L.O.W.: C. Myers</p>
<p>11:30 a.m. Readers: G. Quinones, J. Bedich E.M.H.C.: D. Crockett, G. Machin, S. & K. Kelly, A. Steines, R. Green, E. Economos Altar Servers: N. Muscarella, B. Wilson, S. Brown Greeters: M. & S. Shader C.L.O.W.: B. Antenucci</p>	<p>11:30 a.m. Readers: S. McGee, A. Rohrer E.M.H.C.: D. Timko, P. Orsinelli, V. Orwig, G. Gray, K. Gray, M. Gray, G. Machin, J. Sabat Altar Servers: S. Brown, C. DeliQuadri, C. DeliQuadri Greeters: J. & J. Satterfield C.L.O.W.: M. Gintner</p>

Join the Spring Scripture Study

Don't miss this spring's Scripture Study. **There is still time to join the group – call the parish office Monday or simply show up Tuesday evening!** Welcome!

For six weeks we will break open the Scriptures as they impact our **“Relating to Others as Jesus Would.”** The study began Tuesday, April 10 and ends Tuesday, May 22 (no session April 24). Join in Evening Prayer at 7:00 in the chapel and the study (which includes group discussion) follows at 7:30 p.m.

2018 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church meets basic human needs, strengthens families, builds communities, and empowers others to transform their lives. Please be generous in your support of this year's Bishop's Appeal -- opportunities continue through 5/20.

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS FOR EASTER

The Diocese of Saginaw offers a daily reflection book for the Easter Season called "Little White Book for Easter." Copies may be purchased in the gathering space or in the parish office for \$2. ("large print" copies \$4.) These will take you through from the Monday after Easter until Pentecost. Each day offers a six-minute reflection.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for SPECIAL EVENT!!**

Please call the parish office if you are willing to share your gift of hospitality in planning & coordinating an afternoon social for Father Tom Eisweirth, as he prepares to retire as Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

We have set aside the date of Sunday, June 24, for this special event. A meeting is being planned to discuss details, please join us!!!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

IS NOW "LIVE"

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

The ministry schedule that runs through May 2018 is now on the Ministry Schedule Pro site. If you cannot access your schedule on-line, contact Pat Campbell at pcampbell@bspcc.org and she will send you new log-in information.

PLEASE continue to request subs when you cannot serve in your assigned place.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If you are scheduled for a Mass, you need to arrive more than **ten minutes** before the Mass is scheduled to begin.

We were recently asked – who are you talking about when you say, “Liturgical Ministers”? - This means ALL lectors, altar servers (adult and student), extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, hospitality ministers, sacristans, priests, deacons, pourers, children’s liturgy of the word (CLOW) catechists and sacristans.

**DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE/JULY/AUGUST
SCHEDULE: Tuesday May 8.
YOU CAN ENTER “cannot serve” dates ANY TIME.**

BAG IT, BRING IT

Please remember to take home a grocery bag and return it next weekend for our St. Vincent de Paul pantry. This ministry provides grocery items to many local community residents...please be generous!!

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CONTEST TIME ... As part of Earth Day, we are encouraging everyone to Care for all of Creation as God wants us to. For children up to the age of 12 we are holding a coloring contest. For high school students, we have an essay contest. And for all groups in schools, parishes and organizations we are encouraging you to form your "Care for Creation Teams." Forms can be found on Catholic Charities website ccdoy.org, or by contacting Nikole at 330-744-8451 or email nkelley@youngstowndioocese.org. Deadline: 4/27. We are looking forward to receiving a lot of great entries and participation. There are prizes for your great work! This year's theme: A WORLD WITHOUT PLASTIC POLLUTION."

MARY: MODEL DISCIPLE & MOTHER OF THE CHURCH --- Lay Ministry Formation Course ... Fr. John Jerek will teach this Easter Season 4-part series, exploring the Church's approach to and appreciation of Mary thru the ages. Focus on ancient & contemporary Mariology and Marian Spirituality, + Scripture & Tradition's witness to Mary. April 23 & 30, May 14 & 22. \$40 (sponsoring parish covers \$30; discount available with 3+ participants). Register with Pete Schafer 330.744.8451, X275 or pschafer@youngstowndioocese.org.

ELDER CARE & CAREGIVER SUPPORT ... Do you have parents or relatives in their 80's or 90's? Are you anxious about the care they may need? Do you have questions about assisted living, nursing homes, and home care? Are you seeing memory problems, medicine problems, and financial security issues? Do you need others to help with some very important conversations that need to be had? This may be the answer to your questions. **Consider attending a panel presentation at Blessed Sacrament Parish on Wednesday, April 25, at 6:30pm in Holy Family Hall.** The hope is to answer your questions and hear about what others have experienced in similar situations. Please call Terry Supancic at 330.219.6243 with questions and to register.

ANNUAL TASTE OF THE FAITHS FESTIVAL OF THE MAHONING VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
The Annual Taste of the Faiths Festival of the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches will take place on Monday, May 14, 5:30pm at St. Charles Church, Boardman. Tickets are \$15. Call MVAC at 330-788-5914 or email execdirector_mvac@gmail.com, leaving name and phone number! Come, taste lots of good food as your evening meal, & celebrate faith!! If you would like to donate cookies as part of our Blessed Sacrament family, please let Brenda know in the parish office!! Brenda will be attending, leaving the church at 4pm. Please let her know ASAP if you're interested!

DAY OF REFLECTION -- "THE MONDAY CONNECTION: THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION" The Cursillo community of the DOY invites you and your friends to their annual Day of Reflection, SAT 4/21 at Rosetta Hall, St. Rose Parish, Girard. Registration 8:30am, retreat thru 3pm. Guest speakers include Fr. Chris Cicero and Keith Corso. Learn how you can live a more joy-filled life while helping others to encounter Jesus. \$17 includes continental breakfast, lunch. Contact Janet 330.565.1911. Open to everyone! Registration & payment to PO Box 3196, Youngstown OH 44513.



FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN

Help prepare and serve a meal at the St. Vincent de Paul dining hall, Niles Road, Warren, this **Saturday, April 21**. Share your gifts of hospitality & service: meal prep 9am, shared lunch with the guests who come to us hungry that day, then clean up. Contact Jim Brutz 330.856.4927 or Rocky Maiorca 330.637.8991 to volunteer. *Any provision of baked goods that will complete the Saturday meal is greatly appreciated...please bring your dessert item to the parish office by 1pm Friday!* **Join us again on the third weekend in May.**

YOUTH MINISTRY / E.P.I.C. TEENS GET CONNECTED!

Paper Trail: schedules in Gathering Space

E-mail: bsteines@bspcc.org **Phone:** 330-372-2215 ext 104

Social Media:

Facebook: Blessed Sacrament Parish E.P.I.C. Youth Ministry

Instagram: BROOKLYN_CYM_BSP;

Twitter: brooklyn_cymbps

YOUTH MINISTRY — UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 15 -- Last Confirmation Class at 6-7:45pm. Candidates & Sponsors. Homework due Pgs 269-296.

Apr 22 -- Confirmation Rehearsal at 12:35pm; students & sponsors. Confirmation Mass at 2:30pm. Students. Confirmation families, please call Brooke 330.372.2215 X 104 if you have any questions about Confirmation, or if your teen needs more service hours.

"200 CLUB" Tickets on Sale!!

A fundraiser for the benefit of the BSPCC General Fund operations and ministries

\$10,000 in total cash prizes!

- Grand prize \$7,000
- First of 3 - \$200 monthly prizes drawn Monday, April 23rd.
- Only 200 tickets sold; cost \$100 each.
- Grand Drawing June 2 after the 4pm Mass. Tickets available after Masses this weekend or at Parish office Monday-Friday.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE: FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018.

Kindly submit your articles, photos, kudos, etc. to the parish office by 4/20!

RELAY FOR LIFE

- Next team meeting: **TH April 26, 6:30pm**, in the Parish Library.
- Relay for Life at Courthouse Square is **6pm Friday May 11-4pm Saturday, May 12!! ALL WELCOME!**
- Come and support our TEAM at our N. Park Avenue tent location, which we will share with the Ancient Order of Hibernians!!
- Come and support the American Cancer Society in their quest to fight cancer!!

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." This section of Chapter Five, "The Sacrament of the Assembly," is entitled "God Enters into a Covenant with His People."

Here is a taste from pages 122 and 123...

Saint Augustine, in another homily says, "What you receive is what you yourselves are, thanks to the grace by which you have been redeemed." And again: "Believers know the body of Christ, if they do not neglect to be the body of Christ."

To become what we receive — this is the *mandatum eucharisticum*, the "eucharistic commandment." For this reason the expression *communio* does not refer solely to the act of eating the eucharistic bread but also to the reason, the purpose for which Christians eat it: to be church-communion, to become one body in Christ. John of Damascus writes: Communion [*koinonia*] is spoken of, and it is an actual communion, because through it we have communion with Christ and share in His flesh and His divinity; through it, we have communion and are united with one another."

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Do we realize this? How can we come to understand the *mandatum eucharisticum* instead of seeing communion as a special "Jesus and me" time? Jesus wants me to **become** the body of Christ – and that means I am to look around and really see the others in the body, not put my head in my hands and cover my eyes. It is a very different understanding of communion than most of us experience each week.

67th TRUMBULL COUNTY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sponsored by Trumbull County Prayer Movement

Prayer breakfast at National Packard Museum, Warren, begins 7am. Speaker President William McKinley (as portrayed by Mike Wilson); Special Music by Brenda Jarvis. \$12* tickets available at Trib Chronicle, Warren First United Methodist Church, or by phone 330.841.1696 thru 4/27. (* donation)

Evening Event at Packard Park Shelter House, Warren, 6pm. Speakers Paul Dunleavy (Dunner) & President McKinley. Refreshments 6pm; program 6:30pm. Free family event.

JOHN F. KENNEDY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

New student applications are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 school year at both our Lower Campus (PK-5) and Upper Campus (Grades 6-12)! Visit and see why our families CHOOSE KENNEDY -- 1:1 technology, a rigorous academic program, meaningful testing practices, and a focus on Christian values and positive behavior. Submit your application online by visiting warrenjfk.com under "Apply" or call Mrs. Judi LaPolla at 330.369.1804 with any questions and/or to schedule a tour.

PRAYING FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Thank you for continuing to pray for our service people and for their families. Your prayers are appreciated.

PRESENTLY DEPLOYED TO MIDDLE EAST

- TSgt Holly Falcione (Air Force)**
Daughter-in-law of Dennis & Jeanette Falcione
- CPT Daniel Maselli (Army)**
Brother of Monica Pishotti
- Father Jonathan Morse, Army Chaplain**
Friend of Pat Rogan
- SPC James Wollet (National Guard)**
Son of Jeff & Renee Wollet

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

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries will be honored at a wedding anniversary celebration at St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, June 3, at 2pm. The celebration includes Mass with Bishop Murry, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple, and a reception for the couples and their families. A second anniversary celebration will take place at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist Church in Canton, on Sunday, October 21 at 2pm. Couples may register for the date most convenient for them. **Registration information is available in the parish office; for the June celebration, registration deadline is April 20.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities is currently looking for volunteers to assist with basic office work at the administrative offices. We are grateful for any time you have to spare. Call Nikole for more information 330-744-8451, ext. 323.

LOYOLA UNIV / LIMEX GROUP FORMING --

Pursue your Masters Degree, or Certificate, in Religious Education or Pastoral Studies! Currently 7 people already applying and several more are discerning. LIMEX is a local small group format that meets one day/evening per week for ~ 3hours. Discussion-centered learning style. Scholarship money may be available to qualified individuals.

PROJECT RACHEL -- There is no sin, including abortion, that is greater than the Divine Mercy of Jesus.

There is Hope and Healing available. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel of NE Ohio* 888.259.4806 or support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com.

HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY --

Hospice of the Valley holds ongoing programs for those who have experienced loss of any kind ... some are social in nature, others designed to meet more specific needs. Contact Karen 330.549.5900, or Kim 330.549.5901 for program information to meet your current needs.

