

PASTOR'S COLUMN

A meditation from The Word Among Us *The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness.*

(Rom 8:26)

St. Paul spends much of the eighth chapter of his Letter to the Romans teaching about the Holy Spirit. Yet for all of Paul's words, the Holy Spirit can often be an afterthought in our daily lives.

What does the Spirit do? Paul says that the Spirit is our source of life (Rom 8:11, 13). He says that the Spirit lives in us and shows us how to live for God (8: 4-6, 9). He says that the Spirit reminds us that we are God's children (8:16). Best of all, he says that the Holy Spirit "comes to the aid of our weakness" (8:26).

We all have weaknesses, don't we? One weakness we face is the way we respond to suffering or hardship. Temptation, sickness, addiction, division in families, financial problems, natural disaster -- any of these challenges can leave us fearful and overwhelmed if we try to face them on our own. But with the help of the

Spirit, we can start to see things from God's perspective and find the strength we need to keep moving forward.

Another weakness can be our struggle with prayer. The Spirit loves to help us pray! He helps us speak to God from our hearts and not just through rote prayers. He gives us a desire to pray for our loved ones. And He gives us the reassurance that our prayers have been heard.

It's easy to think that it's "just us" -- that we are doing it all by ourselves. But this is just not true. Every holy thought that we have and every loving action that we take have their origin in the Holy Spirit. Every day, in good times and bad, the Spirit is with us, teaching us to ask God for what we need and filling us with grace.

So when you find the strength to push onward in a trying time, a renewed desire to love people, or a new insight into how to solve a problem, rejoice! It's the Holy Spirit coming to your aid.

"Come, Holy Spirit!"

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 23

9:00 a.m. Kenneth J. Furniss (Ruth Crowe)

11:00 a.m. Larry Prince (Olga Hoffman)

Monday, July 24

8:30 a.m. Dr. Charles Norchi
(Martin & Nancy Kinnavy)

Tuesday, July 25

8:30 a.m. Margaret George (Mary Grace Kraft)

Wednesday, July 26

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

Thursday, July 27

8:30 a.m. Vincent & Cesedia Fiore (March Family)

Friday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, July 29

1:30 p.m. Sauer / Chromchak Wedding

4:00 p.m. Eleanor Campbell (Roy & Judy Stanfar)

Sunday, July 30

9:00 a.m. Robert Broadbent (Susan Broadbent);
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

11:00 a.m. George Winger (Red Hat Group)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12 / Rom 8: 28-30 / Mt 13: 44-52

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pauline J. Levero**. May she rest in peace.

MARRIAGE BANNS

III Matthew Sauer, Danielle Chromchak

III Aaron Wilson, Catherine Campbell

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome **Henry Stephen Boyle**, son of Stephen & Sarah, through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please keep him and his family in your prayers!

Baptismal Preparation Session

Sunday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor

If you wish to have a child baptized and have not yet registered for Baptismal preparation, please call the parish office to register for the next session.

Please keep in mind that godparents are to help the parents as they raise their child in the Catholic faith, so godparents are to be Catholic and there is to be one male and one female godparent.

Baptismal Preparation is not just for those bringing their first child for Baptism. We strongly encourage parents to attend a session in preparation for EACH child's Baptism. The one-hour session gives time to reflect on where you are as a family today and how that impacts your hopes for this child.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament will be available immediately following the 4:00 liturgy on Saturday, July 29. Those desiring to be anointed should move to the area near the piano after Mass has ended. *This sacrament is primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. Anointing of the Sick is available after Mass the fourth Saturday of each month throughout the year.*

VOCATIONS ... "The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought." Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chris Luoni at 330.744.8451 or by email at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 23

11:00 a.m. Boyle Baptism

Monday, July 24

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

1:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk (Labyrinth)

5:30 p.m. Zumba (Gym)

6:30 p.m. Troop 101 Scouts (Scout building)

Tuesday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk (Labyrinth)

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

Wednesday, July 26

1:30 p.m. Women's Journey of Grace (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. Zumba (Gym)

Thursday, July 27

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

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, July 28

10:00 a.m. Set up for Saturday event (Reagan Hall)

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday, July 29

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

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

11:00 a.m. Wilson / Campbell Wedding

1:00 p.m. Set up for Sunday event (HFH)

1:30 p.m. Sauer / Chromchak Wedding

Sunday, July 30

12:00 p.m. Validation / Celebration (Church / HFH)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

LOOK FOR THE TREE IN GATHERING SPACE!

BACKPACK COLLECTION

Look for a large box in our gathering space for collection of new and/or gently-used backpacks. At the end of July, these packs will be delivered to Emmanuel Community Care Center in Girard, and filled with basic school supplies...from there, they will be distributed to area students for the 2017-2018 school year. Your help is needed and so very appreciated!! Thank you from The Charity Fund committee.

LABYRINTH WALKS

The Blessed Sacrament Labyrinth is always open. We encourage you to explore on your own, with a small group or as part of our published "group walks." Next week, walk the path with Pat Campbell on **Monday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m. AND Tuesday, July 25 at 9 a.m.**

WOMEN'S JOURNEY OF GRACE

Women's Journey of Grace prayer group will meet **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 at 1:30pm** in the chapel.

All are welcome to attend!

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, PRAY ALONG WITH OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ...

That lapsed Christians, our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

EXECUTION ALERT

The State of Ohio has scheduled the execution of Ronald R. Phillips on Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

Please pray for the victims of violent crimes, for those awaiting execution on death row, and their families.

For information on Catholic teaching on the death penalty, visit ohiocathconf.org.

If you are interested in standing in opposition to the death penalty, join with others at Warren's Courthouse Square on the morning of scheduled executions. Contact Pat Rogan at pmr317@msn.com for information.

*Our Summer Mass Schedule Continues THROUGH Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 3, 2017. Masses are at 9:00 a.m. and **11:00 a.m.***

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."

Mt 13: 24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship, we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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 \$11,991.41 in the Offertory for the weekend of July 15 & 16, 2017; for the weekend of July 8 & 9, 2017 -- \$17,209.02; for the weekend of July 1 & 2, 2017 -- \$15,424.91.

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

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-date:	\$ 48,288.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 44,625.34
Amount short of needed goal:	\$ 3,662.66
3 weeks Children's Stewardship:	\$ 82.30

Thank you for Giving First Fruits & Taking a Step!!

SPECIAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**Saturday, July 22****4:00 p.m.****Readers:** D. Elston, M. Malys**E.M.H.C.:** A. Klotz, J. & L. Sanders, B. Thompson, K. Mariani, S. & J. Delaquila, S. Campbell**Altar Servers:** L. Wilson, F. Pishotti, A. Lamota**Greeters:** J. Florio, P. Pierce**Sunday, July 23****9:00 a.m.****Readers:** J. & D. Laux**E.M.H.C.:** L. Amadei, C. Dzanko, T. Lussier-Hurlbert, M. Bugos, M. Lyle, D. Woolensack, J. Gabele, J. Falcione**Altar Servers:** C. Clark, A. Olesh, M. Menci**Greeters:** A. & J. Solich**CLOW:** C. Myers**11:00 a.m.****Readers:** B. Steines, A. Economos**E.M.H.C.:** S. & K. Kelly, M. Schaefer, J. Sabat, G. Gray, M. Gray, R. Green**Altar Servers:** N. Muscarella, C. Delliquadri, C. Delliquadri**Greeters:** B. Shanovich, L. Spano**Saturday, July 29****4:00 p.m.****Readers:** L. Rossi, D. Zock**E.M.H.C.:** D. Rossi, S. & J. Delaquila, A. & P. Hietikko, R. Fenstermaker, P. Mangiarelli**Altar Servers:** F. Pishotti, L. Wilson, J. Fonagy**Greeters:** C. & J. Craig**Sunday, July 30****9:00 a.m.****Readers:** S. Battison, K. Lattanzi**E.M.H.C.:** K. Clark, B. Lyda, J. Gabele, M. & C. Klaben, R. Green, C. Hosack**Altar Servers:** M. Menci, A. Birmingham, J. Birmingham**Greeters:** G. & S. Fiore**CLOW:** A. Birmingham**11:00 a.m.****Readers:** J. Bedich, L. Machin**E.M.H.C.:** E. Economos, D. Crockett, G. Machin, K. Gray, L. & L. D'Amore, J. Sabat, D. Timko**Altar Servers:** S. Brown, C. Mijavec, B. Wilson**Greeters:** L. Bright, A. Pagano**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE --****July 31 -- for the September/Fall issue!****AUGUST****STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR PEACE**

We usually join together to pray the Stations of the Cross for Peace the first Tuesday of the month. Please note that we will pray the stations together in August, on **Tuesday, August 1**. Thank you for your continuing prayer for peace in our world.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

For all choir members who will be in town, our August rehearsal takes place **Thursday, August 3 at 7 p.m. in the parish library**. See you then!

Ministry Schedule for JUN/JUL/AUG is LIVE

PLEASE go to the Web Terminal

<https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/web-terminal/login/ReevesRoad>.

Those without internet who have questions should contact Pat Campbell or their ministry coordinator.

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

Our next schedule -- covering Sept/Oct/Nov -- will be created by the third weekend in August, Aug. 19/20. Deadline for changes is TUESDAY, AUGUST 15! You can log in and add "unavailable" dates at any time. Thanks!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- August 15 – Holy Day of Obligation**

Please note that Tuesday, August 15 is a holy day of obligation -- the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have two Masses in church that day:
8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical ministers are asked to go into Ministry Scheduler Pro to offer their services at either of the Masses. If you want to help out and do not have internet, please call Pat Campbell at the parish office or contact your ministry coordinator to offer your services. Thank you!

GUIDELINES FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for the 2018 Calendar Year will begin on August 1, 2017. Look for new guidelines and intention request forms in the gathering space or the parish office THIS MONTH!

MINISTRY DAY 2017 -- SAVE THE DATE!**"EMBRACING OUR CALL"****Saturday, October 14, 9am-3pm**St. Thomas Aquinas High School -- with **ValLimar Jansen**, Keynote --**"Making Present the Kingdom of God"**

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN

All are welcome to the FFCGY Luncheon Speaker Series on Thursday, August 3, with Gabriel Said Reynolds, M. Phil., Ph. D., Professor of Islamic Studies and Theology at the University of Notre Dame, beginning at 11:30am. \$16 per person. Event takes place at Georgetown in Youngstown. Please contact Brenda in the parish office if you would like to attend! If you'd like to carpool from BSPCC, plan to be at the parish and ready to depart at 10:45am.

LIMEX GROUP FORMING LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS INSTITUTE FOR MINISTRY

Those who attended the initial information session at St. Michael Parish Family Life Center two weeks ago are very interested in beginning their work toward a Master of Religious Education or Pastoral Studies degree. Certificate options are also available. Info about the program at lim.loyno.edu/onsite/overview. A learning group will be forming this fall. If you or someone you know is interested in LIMFlex, please contact Thomas D. Sauline, D. Min., at the Diocese of Youngstown Offices, 330.744.8451, ext 300 for details, or email him at tsauline@youngstowndiocese.org.

2017 FESTA!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 -- 6-11 p.m.
Trumbull Country Club

Celebrate the Naples / Amalfi Coast of Italy at this evening of fine foods of the regions, including homemade dolci; fellowship; dancing; raffles; and lots of fun! More information will be available soon! Proceeds benefit parish ministries.

*Volunteers are needed for planning committee...
call Linda Cetrone to volunteer!*

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

Congratulations to all graduating seniors!

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_cymbbsp

BUDDY WALK 9/24/17 Join our parish in supporting parishioner, **Lauren Jones**, on **Sept. 24!** Please sign up online or donate to this great cause in support of the **DSAV – Down Syndrome Association of the Valley.** <http://www.ds-stride.org/dsavgbuddywalk/profiles/team/3>

Young Adult Events for 20s and 30s

Mahoning County Young Adult Collaborative Our team is planning events for the year, including service projects, retreats, picnics, socials, etc. Please check out our new Facebook page for upcoming collaborative events at <https://www.facebook.com/yamahoning/>.

POPE FRANCIS

WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

Pope Francis wants to hear from High School teens, young adults (ages 19-30s), parents of teens and young adults, and parish leadership! In preparation for an international gathering of bishops (a synod), YOUR input is needed on questions related to the topic of "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment." Please take 5-15 minutes to log into www.doy.org and click on the "Synod Surveys" link to complete a survey before August 15. Your responses will also help to guide services in our own diocese.

*Info about SUMMER 2017 FESTIVALS
at diocesan parishes
is available in the gathering space!*

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY RAFFLE WINNER

The Trumbull Deanery of St. Vincent de Paul Soc Many thanks to everyone who supported the Society in this fund raiser, and took a chance at winning!! Congratulations to the winner:
JEAN VICTOR!

FATIMA CENTENNIAL TOUR -- AUG 13-27

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

During this centennial year of the Fatima apparitions, let us welcome into our area this famous image of the Mother of God under her title of Our Lady of Fatima. Come, pray, venerate and ask for the many graces and blessings we need. In our earthly words of St. Louis de Montefort, let us go "To Jesus through Mary."

More info including dates/locations of tour and to visit the statue, thefatimastatue.org, or call or email Katie Moran at 330.647.3833 / i hm51@neo.rr.com. Schedules can also be found in the gathering space.

THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE LITURGY

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

*In reflecting on the “Mystagogy of the Liturgy
of the Word” we read:*

What happens in the Nazareth synagogue liturgy is the institution of the Liturgy of the Word in the very same way that the institution of the Christian eucharistic celebration happened in the upper room in Jerusalem, at the Last Supper.

And so, the Christian reading of the Scripture and the Eucharist were instituted by him in the same way.

In Nazareth, the Word read the Scripture, and from that day, from that “today” (Luke 4:21), the reading offered by Jesus became the way Christians read the Scriptures.

Just as Christ read the Isaiah passage and interpreted it by identifying what in it “is written of me” (Ps. 40:7),

Christians have read and understood the Scriptures of Israel in their liturgical assemblies, always finding “in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms” (Luke 24: 44) “what referred to him” (Luke 24:27).

Why not take a few moments to reflect on “the Word reading the Scriptures”!!

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<https://www.facebook.com/bspcc/>

CATHOLIC TELEVISION

“**Spotlight**” w/ Fr. Jim Korda, 10:30 am & 8 pm, MON
“Ecumenism” w/ Fr. Joe Witmer, July 24

“**Sacraments 101**” w/ Fr. Jim Korda, 10:30 am & 8 pm, WED

“Eucharist” w/ Patricia Campbell, July 26

“**Communion of Saints**” w/ Fr. Jim Korda and Fr. John-Michael Lavelle, 10:30 am & 8 pm, TH
“Blasé, Ansgar and Agatha,” July 28

“**The Best of CTNY**” w/ Fr. Jim Korda, 9:30 am, SUN;
11 am & 8:30 pm, TUES

“Scripture 101: I & II Timothy and Titus” w/ Fr. Jim McKarns, July 23 & 25

“Scripture 101: I Thessalonians” w/ Fr. Pat Manning, July 30 & August 1

PLEASE KEEP THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS

Thank you for continuing to pray for our service people and for their families.

We ask that you pray in a special way for the following 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 Patricia Campbell

SGT Gino DeVengencie (Marines)

Son-in-Law of Brenda Antenucci

1LT Ryan McCollum (Army)

Son-in-law of David and Lisa Gysegem

Father Jonathan Morse, Army Chaplain

Friend of Pat Rogan

SPC James Wollet (National Guard)

Son of Jeff and Renee Wollet

JOHN F. KENNEDY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment is now open, Grades Pre-K -- 12!

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NEW BOOKS AT THE DIOCESAN LIBRARY

Visit anytime M-F, 8am-4pm, or by appointments.

Access collection 24/7 at

<https://doylelib.follettdestiny.com>.

That You Might Have Life: 12 Spiritual Practices to Nurture Your Call to Holiness. Haas, David. Twenty-Third Publications, 2017.

No matter where we are in our life journey, we all feel the desire for something “more,” something transcendent that gives our life meaning. Haas helps us to see that holiness is the key to our search, and holiness begins when we realize that we are God’s beloved children.

Women Deacons? Essays and Answers. Phyllis, Zagano, Editor. Liturgical Press, 2016.

The question of restoring women to the ordained diaconate surfaced during the 2nd Vatican Council and continued to resound in academic and pastoral circles well after the diaconate was restored as a permanent order in the church in the West.

HOPE FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Women are not the only ones who regret involvement with abortion. Many men regret lost fatherhood.

Do you know anyone who is suffering because of an abortion in their past?

Encourage them to seek confidential care after abortion at Project Rachel of NE Ohio, 888.259.4806; support@projrachneo.zohosupport.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY...

Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management ...
Seasonal Facility Saturday dates, SAT, 8/5, 9am-12pm.
Visit startrecycling.com or call for info, 330.675.2673.

Warren-Italian American Heritage Festival ... AUG 10-14, Courthouse Square, Warren, 4-11pm. 330.219.0186.

Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat Day ...
Diocese of Youngstown one-day retreat for engaged couples SAT, 8/12, at St. Columba Cathedral Hall. Info/registration at doy.org.

Knights of Columbus ... Golf Outing at Olde Dutch Mill Golf Course, Lake Milton, SUN, 8/13, for benefit of Akron Children's Hospital, Mahoning Valley. 8am shotgun start, 4 person scramble. \$75/person includes cart, beverages, breakfast, lunch, dinner. Info at 330.792.7745 or 330.718.2509.

St. Vincent de Paul Society ... TNT show on TUES, 9/12, at 7pm. *Belles* is a dramatic comedy told in two acts and forty-five phone calls. *Belles* visits six southern

sisters, who seek to bridge the physical and emotional distance between them... Tickets \$15, available in August. Contact John Keegan for details. Doors open 6pm, with some hors d'oeuvres served.

Walsh University ... Diocese of Youngstown's 8th Annual Faith & Family Festival, SUN, 9/24, 12-6pm, at Hoover Park. Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, will lead the closing liturgy. Praise & Worship Bands will be led by Ben Walther and PJ Chavez. Featured speaker is Ray Guarendi. Activities for kids and teens, and affordable food. Sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. More info at faithfamilyfest.org.

Canfield Fairgrounds ... Host site for 2nd Annual Run for Life, 9/30, 9am. 5K Fun Run & 1-mile Fun Walk, all ages & abilities welcome to promote the dignity of life. Sponsored by Men & Women United for Life, and DOY Office of Pro-Life, Marriage & Family. Info: contact Diane 330.727.9669 or dburke5581@gmail.com.

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