



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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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, 1st 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

PASTOR’S COLUMN

This week’s First Reading prompts us to “Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near,” and the Responsorial Psalm assures us “The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.”

The Practice of Faith from [At Home with the Word 2017](#) tells us that some may form a relationship with Jesus Christ later in life (than those who were baptized as babies and grew up in the church), and are baptized in our communities according to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Still others live a Christian life in another denomination and then discern a call to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Like the workers in the vineyard, some cradle Catholics might see those joining us more recently as late comers. But, most welcome them with joy. New Catholic Christians refresh us and our Church. Learn more about the process of Christian initiation, visit uscgb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/. Call me at the parish if you have returned to the Church as an adult, and wish to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In his September 2017 PEP Newsletter, Tom Sweetser, SJ, highlights Pope Francis’ urgent call to us to leave the security of the church and connect with those on the streets and in the margins. Following his suggestion, the Outreach Commission of an Ohio parish decided to locate those who were not coming to church and find out what was keeping them away. As a way to find them, one person suggested visiting every parishioner who was on record.

When I read this, I thought, what a beautiful way to evangelize in our day of technology and instant information. Please encourage one another to Seek the Lord! Allow yourself to be an instrument of welcoming!

As I mentioned in last week’s column, 18 priests from our diocese have died over the last two years, and this is going to affect all the parishes in our diocese. Blessed Sacrament Parish is very blessed at this time, and we need to work very closely with our neighboring parishes to provide the best service possible for the Catholics in our area. Bishop Murry and I would certainly appreciate your prayers and cooperation during the months and years to come.

Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, has appointed me to the position of Advocate for Senior Priests in the Diocese of Youngstown. I will continue to serve as your pastor at this time, and will also be responsible for maintaining contact with the senior priests throughout the year. I plan to be in the parish office several days each week, and on the road other days. I will announce when I will be available for appointments with you.

Please know that I am very grateful to Fr. Joseph Witmer and Fr. Thomas McCarthy who served in a similar position before me; they laid the groundwork for the work I will continue. Please pray for me and our parish during this time of transition and learning. I am sure God’s wisdom and grace will ultimately surprise us!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 23

4:00 p.m. Joseph Carillio (Family);
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Harry Daugherty (Tom & Karen Lazor)
11:30 a.m. Eleanor Verba (Olga Hoffman)

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

8:30 a.m. Michael & Janet Christin (Helen Christin)

Wednesday, September 27

8:30 a.m. All Living & Deceased Members of
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Nick Sostaric)

Thursday, September 28

8:30 a.m. Joseph Flaviani (Michael Verich)

Friday, September 29

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, September 30

4:00 p.m. Dominic White (Joanna Landor)

Sunday, October 1

9:00 a.m. Mary Burns (Elizabeth Prokop);
All Parishioners Living & Deceased
11:30 a.m. Adeline Meanor (Letson Family)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Ez 18: 25-28 / Phil 2: 1-11 / Mt 21: 28-32

MARRIAGE BANNS

I Carmen Altobelli, Kimberly Sylvester

BAPTISM

This weekend, we welcome **Lucy Noelle Givens**, daughter of Andrew & Jennifer, through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please keep her and her family in prayer!

Next Baptismal Preparation Session

Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 1 p.m. in the Parlor

If you wish to have a child baptized in the next few months and have not yet registered for baptismal preparation, please call the parish office to let us know you plan to attend the next session. If you are expecting a child, why not attend a session before your child arrives and get another thing “out of the way?”

Anointing of the Sick

IN OCTOBER ANOINTING OF THE SICK WILL TAKE PLACE DURING ALL MASSES the weekend of OCT 14/15; please see the insert in today’s bulletin. There will NOT be a separate anointing on October 28, the fourth Saturday.

VOCATIONS

“Seek the Lord while He may be found...” While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a deacon, priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, September 23

- 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 11:00 a.m. 2nd Annual Taste of Warren
(Courthouse Square, Warren)
- 12:30 p.m. Voices in Action (Prov Ctr & grounds)
- 5:00 p.m. Anointing of the Sick follows 4pm Mass

Sunday, September 24

- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Sessions (JFK Classrooms)
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (HFH)
- 10:15 a.m. Givens Baptism (Church)
- 12:00 p.m. Buddy Walk (Eastwood Field)
- 12:00 p.m. Faith & Family Festival (Walsh Univ/Canton)

Monday, September 25

- 10:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 1:00 p.m. Library Cleanup (Library)
- 2:20 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (Gym)
- 5:30 p.m. Zumba (Gym)
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Troop 101 (Scout Bldg)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Troop 101 (Providence Center-ML)
- 6:30 p.m. Warren Civic Chorus Potluck Dinner (RH)

Tuesday, September 26

- 8:30 a.m. JFKCS-LC School Mass (Church)
- 1:30 p.m. Chair Yoga (Library)
- 2:20 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (RH)
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Court of Honor (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Mtg (Pope Francis Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Empty Nest Study (Church/Parlor/HFH)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)

Wednesday, September 27

- 8:00 a.m. JFKCS-LC Pictures (HFH)
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Journey of Grace (Chapel)
- 2:20 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (Gym, RH)
- 5:30 p.m. Zumba (Gym)

Thursday, September 28

- 8:00 a.m. JFKCS-LC Pictures (HFH)
- 9:00 a.m. AA meeting (Providence Center ML)
- 2:20 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (Gym)
- 4:00 p.m. Recorder Consort Rehearsal (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Troop 101 (RH/PC)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Library)

Friday, September 29

- 2:20 p.m. JFKCS-LC Enrichment (Gym, RH)

Saturday, September 30

- 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 9:00 a.m. Mahoning Valley Heart Walk (YSU-WATTS)
- 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
- 6:00 p.m. Someplace Safe Quarter Auction (RH)

Sunday, October 1

- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Sessions (JFK Classrooms)
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (HFH)
- 2:30 p.m. Trumbull County Life Chain (WGH/Elm Rd)

WELCOME!

A warm Blessed Sacrament Parish welcome is extended to our new parishioners, **Eric and Mary Santa and son Brennen**. See you at Coffee & Donuts!

DURING SEPTEMBER, PRAY WITH ST. FRANCIS

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

2017 FESTA!! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

6-11 p.m. -- *Trumbull Country Club* --

Celebrate the Naples / Amalfi Coast of Italy with fine foods, homemade dolci fellowship, dancing, raffles!
Dinner/Dance Tickets available in parish office!

New additions to our traditional Basket Raffle...featured will be amazing baskets, "Scratch-Off Lottery Tree", "Picture-Perfect Assorted Gift Cards", and a "Wine Pool."

The FESTA committee seeks donations -- scratch-off lottery tickets, gift cards (any \$ amount/merchant), and bottles of wine. Goal is 100 bottles of wine! Drop donations at the parish office **thru 9/30**. Thank you for your continued support!!

Proceeds benefit parish ministries.

GLOBAL MIGRATION CAMPAIGN

CALLS CATHOLICS IN THE U.S. TO PRAYER AND ACTION

In support of our brothers & sisters who have fled their homes seeking a decent & safe life for their families, Pope Francis will launch a global campaign called "Share the Journey" from Rome on WED 9/27. Following Pope Francis' action, Bishops across the globe will take up his call & demonstrate their solidarity with the campaign while turning the world's attention to the people whose lives are caught in states of limbo & need.

With this global mobilization, we hope to dispel fear and understand why so many people are leaving their homes at this time in history; to inspire communities to build relationships with refugees & migrants & act to support their brothers & sisters in the U.S. and around the world. Migration is a very old story but our two-year campaign aims to help communities see it with new eyes and an open heart.

The campaign is sponsored by Caritas Internationalis, the Church's global charitable network. In the U.S., the campaign is being sponsored by USCCB/Migration & Refugee Services (MRS), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA).

In the United States, the Bishops will be calling for a week of Prayer & Action 10/7-10/14.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"So the last will be first and the first last." Mt 20: 16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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 \$13,945.91 in the Offertory for the weekend of September 16 & 17, 2017.

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

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-date:	\$ 193,152.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 182,107.43
Amount short of needed goal:	\$ 11,044.57
Children's Stewardship:	\$ 31.50

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

SPECIAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23 4:00 p.m.
Readers: M. Malys, D. Elston
E.M.H.C: A. & P. Hietikko, R. Fenstermaker,
 J. & L. Sanders, J. Crawford, K. Mariani, S. Campbell
Altar Servers: L. Wilson, B. Freeman, A. Thompson
Greeters: R. & N. Rappach

Sunday, September 24 9:00 a.m.
Readers: J. Hamilton, J. Sylvester
E.M.H.C: S. & K. Bungo, K. Clark, R. Malanga, R. Green,
 L. Amadei, C. Faulk
Altar Servers: B. Faulk, K. DeCarlo, D. DiPaolo
Greeters: Cordell Family
CLOW: A. DeCarlo
10:15am Baptism Helper: M. Blasse

11:30 a.m.
Readers: A. Rohrer, A. Kelly
E.M.H.C: A. Steines, C. Kloboves, J. Sabat,
 S. & K. Kelly, D. Crockett, P. Orsinelli
Altar Servers: S. Brown, A. Litton, C. Mijavec
Greeters: M. Rossi, L. Spano
CLOW: M. Gintner

Saturday, September 30 4:00 p.m.
Readers: K. Thompson, J. Bokone
E.M.H.C: L. & L. D'Amore, B. Thompson, A. Klotz,
 R. Green, D. Bokone, R. Fenstermaker, C. Craig
Altar Servers: B. Freeman, F. Pishotti, M. Seikel
Greeters: G. Baran, M. Desport

Sunday, October 1 9:00 a.m.
Readers: B. Marino, J. Lyda
E.M.H.C: D. Woolensack, J. Gabele, T. Lussier-Hurlbert,
 A. McLeod, B. Lyda, K. Clark, R. Green, L. Amadei
Altar Servers: C. Clark, A. Olesh, N. Jaros
Greeters: K. Anerino, J. Potashnik
CLOW: L. Anderson

11:30 a.m.
Readers: B. Antenucci, S. McGee
E.M.H.C: D. Crockett, D. Timko, P. Orsinelli, G. Machin,
 R. Green, J. Sabat, E. Economos
Altar Servers: S. Brown, J. Conde, A. Daley
Greeters: J. DeSalvo, A. Kemble
CLOW: K. Sylvester

Blessing of a Child in the Womb
At All Weekend Masses October 7 and 8

At each of the weekend Masses on October 7 and 8, the priest will conclude the Universal Prayer with the Blessing of a Child in the womb:

*God, author of all life,
 bless, we pray, these unborn children;
 give them constant protection
 and grant them a healthy birth that is the sign of our
 rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven.
 Lord, who has brought to these women
 the wondrous joy of motherhood, grant them comfort in
 all anxiety and make them determined
 to lead their children along the ways of salvation.*

All are invited to fill out a prayer card to include any loved ones or friends who are expecting a child but will not be with us on the weekend. All our parishioners, family of parishioners and friends are invited to come forward for this very special blessing at any Mass on the weekend of October 7 and 8. During October, "Respect Life" month, we take time to honor the lives being brought into the world and to thank God for the gift of life.

PRAYER FOR ALL WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD
Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 7pm

During October, Respect Life Month, all are invited to join in prayer for all who have lost a child. We will join together for evening prayer in the chapel. All are welcome to this very special evening prayer. If you have experienced this unimaginable loss, please attend. If you love someone who has experienced this great loss, please join us. If you want to pray for the comfort of the parents left behind, please come. *Prayer cards will be available in the gathering space. Please fill out a card for anyone who has lost a child at anytime in that child's life – from miscarriage through the loss of an adult child.*

THE LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPT / OCT / NOV 2017 IS "LIVE"!
<https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/web-terminal/login/ReevesRoad>

If you have questions, please contact Pat Campbell in the parish office or contact your ministry coordinator. **PLEASE continue to request subs when you cannot serve in your assigned place. PLEASE REMEMBER:** If you are scheduled for a Mass, arrive more than **ten minutes** before the Mass is scheduled to begin. Deadline for next schedule -- Dec 17, Jan/ Feb 18 is TUES 10/17/17. You can add available dates to your profile page at any time!

Music Ministry Rehearsals
Thursdays, 7 – 8:45 p.m. in the Parish Library
New Members are always WELCOME

Contact Pat Campbell, Director of Music and Worship, at the parish office (330-372-2215, x106) or at pcampbell@bspcc.org for more info, or to let her know you will be attending. **There will be no rehearsal on Thursday, Oct 5.**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross and Blessed Sacrament Parish extend sincere thanks to the community for your support of last week's blood drive! Here are the Sept 15 results ...

Goal: 26 pints # donors with appointments: 19
 # people who checked-in to donate: 24
 # people deferred: 5 # double-red donations: 2
 total pints collected: 19

NEXT BLESSED SACRAMENT DRIVE:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

PET BLESSING IN OCTOBER

Bring your pet to be blessed on Saturday, October 7 at 11am at the Memorial Brick Plaza (OR Reagan Hall, if due to inclement weather).

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
Kindergarten-8th Grade FFS
LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

All families who have a child or children in public school should have received a letter, calendar and registration info in the mail. Call Brenda at the parish office if you do not receive a letter and have a child in public school. If you have switched schools, please notify the parish office. Extra registration forms are available in the gathering space!

There is still time to register:

Parish office 8:30AM-4:00PM Monday-Friday.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, praying and forming young disciples of Jesus!

COMMIT TO LIFELONG LEARNING

Faith formation requires a commitment to lifelong learning and openness to grow in Discipleship. Many opportunities designed to assist adults to nurture their spirituality and acquire enhanced knowledge of the faith are presented during the fall and Advent season. Should you be open to expanding your understanding of the teaching of the Catholic Church, please visit doy.org, contact the Diocesan Office of Religious Education at 330.744.8451, or speak with Brenda Antenucci for more information.

“A Journey of Grace”

Please join us for the next gathering of the Blessed Sacrament Women’s Prayer and Reflection group, “A Journey of Grace”! The format includes fellowship time, a short retreat video, scripture, reflection, and prayer. **ALL WOMEN** (age 19-100) are welcome!! Don’t be shy! You are welcome any time that you can come -- **Sept. 27 & Oct. 25!**

MINISTRY DAY 2017 -- SATURDAY, OCT 14

“To evangelize is to make the kingdom of God present in our world.”

Pope Francis

ValLimar Jansen will address a few basic questions, as she focuses on “Missionary Discipleship.” What does it mean to be a missionary disciple in today’s society? How do we respond to contemporary culture to be fully present to the experience? How do we apply our faith to the challenges of daily life, as we share with the world, “the greatest story ever told,” the story of God’s love? With a unique blend of inspiration, prayer, music and biblical storytelling, ValLimar will inspire you to celebrate the joy of our call to missionary discipleship. On-line registration available at doy.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DOY

FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE CAMPAIGN

Look for the Pack-N-Play that will be set up in the gathering space next weekend, as we take part in our annual **First Step for Change** campaign! Take a baby bottle home and fill it with spare change to assist low-income families with needed food and very basic needs for new babies/families. Details will be provided at the pack-N-play.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

Pam Beish is coordinating an ASL class on Wednesday evenings -- Oct. 11-Dec 13 at Living Lord Lutheran Church in Howland. If interested in a mixture of sessions (Levels 1 & 2), \$75/person. Contact Pam pamelabeish302@gmail.com.

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

Warren Area Catholic Teens – 7th-12th Graders -

Upcoming Events – Drive on your Own

Oct. 1 Life Chain @ 2:30-3:30pm @ Sidewalk along Elm Rd. in front of WGH ... The Trumbull County Life Chain (30+ churches) provides a visual statement of solidarity by our local Christian community that abortion is grievously wrong and that the church Christ founded is opposed to the unmerciful killing of unborn children. “Let us invest one hour to save a lifetime.”

Oct. 22 Leah Darrow @ OLMC Parish, Ytn @ 6pm ... International speaker and former reality model, Leah Darrow, will give a presentation titled, FROM TOP MODEL TO ROLE MODEL to teens and adults. Leah was on the reality show, America’s Top Model, and pursued a career as a very successful model in New York City until her world fell apart and she returned to the arms of Our Lord. She gives a very powerful witness to His love and mercy in her life. Refreshments will be provided. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be made available.

Teen-Led Mass 10/29/17 ... Any teens (7th-12th graders) interested in helping with our teen-led Mass on 10/29 for World Youth Day – please contact our Coordinator for Youth Ministry, Brooke Steines, by Oct. 6.

Away from Home Care Packages 10/22/17 ... We are looking for workers to assemble and mail packages to our college students and those parishioners/relatives in the military in **REAGAN HALL** on Sunday, **OCT. 22** at 10:10am-11:20am. All family members can fill out a form in the gathering space and we are asking for a \$7 donation or an item to be put into the packages. Interested parishioners may also donate items to be included in packages to be sent to the students. Sam’s Club has great prices on bulk items. Suggestions include: non-perishable small food items, playing cards, pens, highlighters, sticky notes, packs of toiletries, pocket Kleenex, \$1 Ohio Lottery scratch-offs, toothbrushes and rosaries. Please stay away from chips, pretzels, fruit cups, cookies and items that might get crushed. Our goal is to collect enough materials for **75 packages**. Donations toward postage are also welcomed. Please call Brooke in the parish office with any questions or to pledge a certain item.

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Explore the “Panorama of the Old Testament” in a 5-week study beginning Tues, Oct 10. Set includes study guide/commentary. 7:30-9pm in the parlor. More info to come! Registration begins 9/30-10/1.

10/10 Intro Session

10/17 #1 - Israel’s Beginnings, Foundational Covenant

10/24 #2 - From Conquest to Kingdom; Division, Exile, Restoration

11/7 #3 - Israel’s Songs & Stories; Wisdom Tradition

11/14 #4 - Challenging Times; Hoping in the Future

Registration begins 9/30-10/1.

MENTORS NEEDED

Beatitude House announces Ursuline Sisters Scholars, a new program to provide support services to empower low-income students to succeed in post-secondary education. Each student is matched with a mentor to help her/him navigate post-secondary education. Beatitude House staff has met with Lance Grahn, Dean, and Jim Ritter, Director of Student Affairs at KSU. In order to inaugurate this new program, Beatitude House is seeking mentors. If interested, contact Maraline Kubic, mkubic@beatitudehouse.com or 330.746.6622.

THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE LITURGY

Words of Wisdom to Ponder from the Book

by Goffredo Boselli ... Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, ©2014

We continue to reflect on "Mystagogy of the Liturgy of the Word" – and this reflection includes the Communion Antiphon. This is the end of "Evangelarium and Altar, "Word of the Cross" and Eucharist," pages 67...(Evangelarium is the Book of the Gospels).

Even at the heart of the eucharistic celebration, at the moment the faithful receive the body and blood of the Lord, the liturgy reminds us of the intimate relationship between the Book of the Gospels and the altar, between the Word and the Eucharist. A synthesis of this entire liturgical dynamic is the communion antiphon. It is all that remains today of the ancient communion chant called the *Communio*. When, from the thirteenth century, the reception of communion by the faithful disappeared and with it the need for the communion chant, only this antiphon remained, retaining the significant name *Communio*.

A fragment of what it once was and so miniscule as to be habitually ignored, the communion antiphon reminds us that the connection between the *mandicatio panis*+ and the *mandicatio verbi*+, even when theological reflection forgot.

The communion antiphon is a brief biblical verse that can be read aloud by the lector or celebrant before the distribution of communion. This fragment of the word of God is proclaimed, so to speak, "over" the eucharistic bread and chalice, so that the broken Word and the broken bread form a single reality, the sacrament of the same mystery. *This reflection speaks about the communion antiphon which we now sing each Sunday before the distribution of communion begins.*

+ - forming a sort of picture="chewing" on the bread (panis) and "chewing" on the word (verbi).

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS -- EVENING PRAYER AT BSPCC

Evening Prayer here at the parish will resume Tuesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Have you wondered what it is and why we pray in this way?

Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, CPPS, in her book, *Morning and Evening: A Parish Celebration*, gives this description of praying evening prayer (part of the Church's Liturgy of the Hours) with others:

Parish Liturgy of the Hours also helps us keep a sharp distinction between our own devotional prayers and liturgical prayer, which is the prayer of the whole church. Although it is certainly possible to pray the Liturgy of the Hours alone – even desirable if the alternative is not to pray it at all -- the preferred option is to pray with the local church, the body visibly gathered. There is a kind of "dying" to actually leaving our comfortable homes or apartments in order to gather elsewhere with others to pray liturgically. Realistically our daily schedules and demands would hardly permit each of us to be present in our parish each morning and evening, yet assembling at least occasionally for daily prayer both prepares us for a more fruitful celebration of the eucharist and sustains in us its benefits. ***Make plans to take part!***

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Many thanks to the team of 14 walkers at KSU last Saturday morning for the Walk to End Alzheimer's! Thank you for your participation!! We raised over \$400 to date! Visit act.alz.org/site/TRWalk2017/OH to donate thru December!

PLEASE KEEP THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS

Thank you for continuing to pray for our service people and for their families. PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES WORKING IN AREAS OF CONFLICT, whether for the government or for non-government agencies.

We ask that you pray in a special way for the following service people who are deployed to areas in the 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

Father Jonathan Morse, Army Chaplain

Friend of Pat Rogan

SPC James Wollet (National Guard)

Son of Jeff and Renee Wollet

We are grateful to God for the safe return of our deployed loved ones.

PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY LIFE

Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, October 1... On Respect Life Sunday, Life Chains are expected to take place throughout the Diocese: Alliance, Canton, Garrettsville, Ravenna, Warren, Youngstown. Visit lifechain.net.

Loyola Retreat House, Clinton ... *I Have Called You By Name: Private Healing Retreat for Women Suffering after Abortion*, FRI 10/13 -- SUN 10/15. Facilitated by Bethesda House of Mercy, a ministry of the Community of Jesus the Living Mercy. 800.482.4100 or bethedahouse@aol.com. Confidential help: Project Rachel of NE Ohio, 888.259.4806 or support@projectrachne.zohosupport.com.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL RED MASS

Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, invites all men and women involved in the Legal and Judicial Profession across the six counties of Northeast Ohio to join in prayer for their important work for the common good of our local communities and society. All judges and attorneys, particularly those who are Catholics, are encouraged to attend the Mass on **Friday, October 6, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica in Youngstown, at 12pm**. Luncheon follows. Info 330.744.8451 X 225.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

FOR ADULTS

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults, on Sunday, November 19, at 2pm at St. Columba Cathedral. This is a special opportunity for parishioners age 18+ who have not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese. Info & registration/eligibility forms available in parish office; see Fr. Tom or Brenda ASAP to discuss!

HURRICANE RELIEF SUPPORT

We will continue to accept your financial support for families impacted by hurricanes in Texas and along the Gulf Coast, and/or in Florida and points south. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities; note "Hurricane Harvey" or "Hurricane Irma" or "Hurricane Relief" on your memo line. Or if you prefer, provide your gift of support online at ccdoy.org. Direct any questions to Adrienne Curry, 330.74.8451 ext 327. Donations accepted by the DOY will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church.

IN THE COMMUNITY...

Walsh Univ ... Lifelong Learning Academy commemoration of the 500th Anniv of the Reformation fall series: Impact of the Reformation on Faith & Civilization, WED 7-8:30pm, begins 9/27; runs thru 11/8; topics vary. Free. Info jspitzer@walsh.edu 330.244.4734, or visit walsh.edu/the-impact-of-the-reformation-on-faith-and-civilization%20.

Villa Maria Annual Harvest Day ... Sisters of Humility of Mary host event SAT 9/30, 11am-5pm, at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center, Villa Maria PA. Activities, animals, food, vendors, **everything fall!** Bring canned good(s) for donation. *Baked goods needed, drop off thru event day, call Lori 724-964-8920 ext 3208 if you will bake!* vmesc.org.

Sts. Peter & Paul ... Ladies Guild Bingo/Card Party SUN 10/1, 1-4pm. \$6. Prizes, lunch, raffles, more, 330.728.2982.

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown ... Luncheon Speaker Series, TH 10/5 at 11:30am, with Charlotte Ostermann, Catholic speaker/author/blogger/educator, on "Balance in Three Dimensions." RSVP to Brenda in parish office by 9/29 if interested in attending/carpooling from parish. \$16.

Warren-Trumbull Public Library ... Howland - host site of Ytn Historical Center of Industry & Labor's 'Sparking Memories' event, TH 10/5 at 1pm. Free. For adults. Register at 330.856.2011. Come, share memories of steel industry in OH.

Camp Luther, Conneaut ... Evangelization 101 Retreat, SAT 10/7 in Conneaut, OR SAT 10/28 at St. Anthony/All Saints, Canton, 9am-4pm. Info/register at Ofc of Lay Ministry, 330.744.8451 ext 275, or email pshafer@youngstowndiocese.org. Visit doy.org to register.

Trumbull County Domestic Violence Task Force ... Domestic Violence Roundtable, FRI 10/20, 8:15am-4pm, DiVieste's Banquet Hall. \$35 includes continental breakfast & lunch. 6.25 CE hours. Info: call Marjorie 330.399.6270 or Nicole 330.393.3003 ext 102.

St. Columba Cathedral ... 1. Ecumenical Evening Prayer SUN 10/29, 6pm, on the Occasion of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran-Catholic Reformation. Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will lead the celebration along with Bishop Abraham Allende; reception follows in Cathedral Parish Hall. 2. Marriage Prep Engaged Couple retreat Day, SAT 11/11. Reservations required. View schedule by visiting doy.org.

