

# Our Family News

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## A PERMANENT DEACON FOR OUR PARISH

We welcome Mr. Robert Mintus as a permanent deacon for our parish beginning in September. Bob is a life-long resident of Warren and a 1982 graduate of Warren JFK. He has a degree in electrical engineering and works in the Massillon area as an Electrical/Controls Engineer. He is married to Renita and they have four children: Allison, David who is married to Sarah, Elizabeth and Scott. They are eagerly awaiting the birth of their first grandchild! Bob enjoys music, singing and playing guitar, doing odd jobs, and working on cars. He also follows all of the Cleveland sports teams. He was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in 2008 and has served in a number of ministries including youth and prison ministry. He is looking forward to serving our parish as deacon. While our parish has had a rich history of permanent deacons serving in the past, it has been quite a while since having one serve here. As a "refresher" the following few paragraphs explain the role of permanent deacons in the Church.

In 1968 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



petitioned the Holy See for permanent deacons "to enrich and strengthen the various diaconal ministries at work in the United States." This request was approved on August 30, 1968. In 1971, the United States Bishop's published guidelines for the formation and ministry of permanent deacons and the Diocese of Youngstown, the Pastoral Council and the Senate of Priests formally recommended to Bishop James W. Malone that a program for permanent deacons be established in 1973. In 2002, the Pastoral Council and the Priests Council recommended the continuation of the permanent diaconate reflecting the content of many revised and updated guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Since then permanent deacons have functioned in parishes throughout the diocese and there are currently 77 active permanent deacons in our diocese.

The *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* speaks of three areas of diaconal service. "in communion with the bishop and priests, deacons serve the People of God in the

*ministry of the liturgy, of the word and of charity"* (#29). In the context of the Church's public worship, the ministry of the Deacon in the threefold service of word, liturgy and charity is uniquely concentrated and integrated. The Deacon participates as an evangelizer and teacher in the Church's mission of heralding the Word. The Deacon strives to transmit the Word in his life explicitly or merely by his active presence in the life of the Church. Liturgically this is exemplified by the Deacon proclaiming the Gospel and he may also preach the homily. Furthermore, the Deacon is involved in catechetical instruction and religious formation. Beyond Mass, the Deacon can also celebrate baptism; witness marriage; bring viaticum to the dying; and, preside at funeral and burial services. Finally, the Deacon's service in word and liturgy would be severely deficient if his exemplary witness and assistance in the Church's ministry of charity and justice do not accompany it. His role is grounded in the mission of the Church and in service to those in need. The Deacon sacramentalizes the mission of the Church in his words and deeds by responding to Jesus' command of service.

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## ...FROM THE PASTOR



“This summer has been a welcomed reprieve, a unique time of rest and quietness at the parish.”

~Fr. Balash

August is upon us and soon another school year will be starting. The air will turn crisp, days will get shorter and Friday nights will be filled with football games and halftime shows! Here at Saint William many of our parish activities and meetings will soon be starting after the summer hiatus. Our parish groups and organizations are beginning to plan their events and activities for the upcoming year and I hope that you will be a part of the many good and exciting opportunities that happen at our parish during the year. You are always welcomed and encouraged to participate in any group or organization. Your talents and gifts are deeply appreciated and valued and we need you!!!

This summer has been a welcomed reprieve, a unique time of rest and quietness at the parish. By comparison, the past two summers were filled with the construction of our new office complex and last year, much time was dedicated to the auction and burning of the old office rectory. To have a bit of quiet and uneventfulness at time this year has been an appreciated respite. However, with the start of school and the return from vacations, that will all change quickly. There is a multitude of activities and events planned for this upcoming year that I hope you will take advantage of by attending and participating in many of them. Your presence in the educational, formational, and social activities throughout the year is truly a blessing to all of us and serves as visible witness to the faith commitment we have. Thank you for your on-going support and commitment to all the happenings of our parish

As mentioned in the Sunday bulletin over the past few weeks, I am happy to welcome Mr. Robert Mintus to serve in our parish as a permanent deacon beginning in September. Bob and his family have been part of our parish since 2017 and I welcome him to this new ministry. (To learn more about permanent deacons and their role in the church see the accompanying article in this newsletter.)

Finally, I remain ever grateful and thankful to all of you for your continued support, kindness, and generosity shown to our parish over the past years. On August 1 I began my twelfth year as pastor and I continue to be amazed each day at your spirit, enthusiasm and commitment. There are many great things happening at our parish due to your generous spirit and dedication. Saint William Parish continues to be a remarkable and special place filled with the spirit and life of the Gospel message! May God's blessings continue to be bestowed on all of us, our families and friends, and on our wonderful parish! THANK YOU and enjoy these last days of summer and the upcoming beautiful season of Autumn!

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## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

### **THE PARNELL FAMILY**

*Tom, Veronica,  
Mackenzie, William, & Logan*

**ANDREA HEATON**

**MARY HEATON**

**AMELIA KNAPICK**

**NOREEN DUNLAP**

### **THE VAN NIEL FAMILY**

*Jason, Diane & Dominic*

## **BAPTISM**

### **Genevieve Marie Devanny**

*Daughter of Justin & Courtney Devanny  
Granddaughter of Nick & Melanie Zappia  
Great-granddaughter of Ron & Marilyn Shay*

## SUMMER SAINTS

by Therese Tuttle

Yes, there is a patron saint for a favorite summer pastime - BBQ. Before you heat up the grill, think of Saint Lawrence! In 257 AD, when St. Sixtus became Pope, he ordained Lawrence deacon, the first of seven deacons who served in the Church of Rome. Lawrence's duties were to secure the treasures of the Church and to distribute its revenues among the poor. That same year, the Emperor Valerian published his edict of persecution and commanded all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons be put to death immediately. Valerian ordered Lawrence to turn over the treasures of the Church. Instead of presenting the Prefect with gold and silver, Lawrence brought forth the poor showing Valerian that the people of the Church are its treasure. Valerian was enraged. He sentenced Lawrence not only to death, but death by torturous grilling; the executioners barbecued Lawrence to death on a gridiron. This act led to Lawrence's greatest claim to fame. After a few minutes of being roasted, Lawrence turned to his executioners and said, "This side's done, turn me over and have a bite." As you're grilling your hot dogs and hamburgers or barbecuing pork, can't you just hear St. Lawrence joking when the food is done, "Turn them over!



They're done on that side!" We celebrate St. Lawrence's feast day on August 10.

Saint Medard is the patron saint against bad weather, which makes him the patron saint of sunshine by default. Legend says that when he was a child, Medard was once sheltered from the rain by a hovering eagle. He was born at Salency, in Picardy, about the year 457 to good and pious parents.



From his childhood he exhibited the most tender compassion for the poor. In 530 he was ordained to the priesthood and became Bishop of Augusta Verumanduorum at age 33. Medard endured persecutions with patience in a

time where his diocese was ravaged by the Huns and Vandals. In 544, the Queen of France received the religious veil from Bishop Medard's hands and she was made a deaconess of the church. King Clotaire allowed himself to be guided by the counsels of

Bishop Medard. Pray to St. Medard for sunny days and good weather for all your summertime fun! We celebrate his feast day on June 8.



"How's the grilling? Should I call in pizza yet?"

# MISSION TRIP

by Representatives of Warren Area Catholic Teens

One of the themes of Catholic social teaching is the Call to Family and Community Participation. God created us for fellowship! Warren Area Catholic Teens have spent one week in each of the past five summers answering this call to fellowship. After traveling to Milford, Ohio and helping God's people in the Cincinnati area for four years, a few teens expressed the desire to help God's people right here in Warren, and thus, the local Summer Mission Trip was born.

Twenty-three students from seven parishes spent one week of their summer vacation immersed in volunteer work and learning a little more about themselves and their Catholic faith. We could not have accomplished this undertaking without the help of the dedicated parents, adult chaperones, and seminarian, Chad Johnson. During their "free" time, teens were engaged in listening to and speaking with Chad on matters of faith. As one parent commented, "my son came home and said he felt as if he learned more about the Catholic faith and religion in that one day than he had his whole life." Experts say that we learn by doing, which is perhaps why Jesus told his disciples, "go and make disciples."

Bev Kook from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish spearheaded the service work of our first two days with Basement Ministries. We are most grateful to parishioners at each Warren parish for donating a mountain of food, paper products, personal care items and basic clothing needs. The first mission of the week was to sort and package all of these items for Basement Ministries. Pastor Julia Wike, the Director of Basement Ministries, was completely overwhelmed when she arrived at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to see the fruits of the generosity of our parishes. On Tuesday, her heart swelled with emotions once again as we delivered all of the donations to Basement Ministries. It was a humbling experience for all to witness. The teens could not wait for the moment when they would be able to actually hand out bags of groceries to those in need after serving dinner at the Basement. Pastor Julia sent the most heartfelt thank you letter to each of our parishes. *"Thank you for the donation of the many in-kind items, and thank you for sending the awesome Warren Area Catholic Teens and the wonderful adults who accompanied them to help us at our community outreach at Trumbull Homes and at The Basement Outreach Family Meal. Everyone who gave and served was an expression of God's love. Your hard work of preparation, the monetary donation, and the many in-kind donations, is truly the demonstration of the genuine love of*



Seminarian Chad Johnson (circled) and Mission Trip Participants



*God, the very heartbeat of the Father for the poor and the demonstration of obedience of a true servant of the King.”*

Wednesday was spent being the hands of Christ at Bella Women’s Center, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Inspiring Minds and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership Laird Community Garden. As chaperones, we were so inspired by the willingness of the teens to do whatever they were asked to accomplish as well as their enthusiasm completing each task. Whether gardening under the unforgiving sun, scrubbing toilets, trimming bushes, or sorting clothing, the teens were fully engaged in the task at hand. We could not be more proud of their giving spirit in answering the call to community participation.

Carrie Lynn Leonard, DRE of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and her husband Roy, opened their hearts and home to us by planning a day of retreat at their Feather Haven Farm. Teens rotated throughout the day gardening, making a cross in woodshop, then decorating the cross in mosaic art, tie-dyeing, cooking and painting their angel. Carrie Lynn arranged to have a relic of the true Cross of Christ and each of us spent time in adoration. Religious Sisters from the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Notre Dame Sisters were on hand to share faith with our teens. As they had been with Chad all week, it was beautiful to witness how hungry they are to learn more about their faith and what it means to live as a Catholic Christian.

After a long week, the fun continued as St. William hosted an overnight retreat. Teens spent time in prayer and were given the opportunity to spend time reflecting on everything they had experienced throughout the week. After a fun scavenger hunt, we headed back to the church to pray the rosary. With only the light of each glow stick as we prayed the rosary, this quiet time in prayer was a beautiful contrast to the busyness and excitement of the week.

“My favorite part was definitely just getting to do service in my own community with people who also care about giving back. It was so great to see that mostly everyone was from my own school. It shows how much of an impact my school has on its students.” (*Sophia, St. Mary parishioner and senior at John F. Kennedy Catholic School*) On Tuesday, a handful of teens walked a neighborhood delivering hot meals. “Hands down, walking in the neighborhood delivering meals was the best part of the week for me. This is the reason I wanted to be part of the week, to help people in my own community.” (*Liam, Blessed Sacrament parishioner and sophomore at John F. Kennedy Catholic School*) Liam one of the young men who asked if we would consider putting together a local mission triph had this to say about the weeks events, “Thank you for listening to us, for organizing all of this so

that we could help our local community.” Our hearts are so full and blessed to be able to work with the young church! We couldn’t say it better than the staff of Bella Women’s Center, “We also want to take a moment and say a huge thank you to those in group #2 that stayed to help clean up our yard from the storm! Your help was priceless to us! What hard workers you all were in that heat. What an incredible group of young men (and women)!” All for the greater glory of God!



# MY NCYC EXPERIENCE

by Bridgette DePascale

My experience at the National Catholic Youth Choir was one of the best things that I have ever done, and I honestly wish that I could've done it all four years of high school. I was super excited to once again go and sing with people who also have the same passion for singing. It was amazing to be able to go and participate with a bunch of kids around the same age and sing. In our church, there's not that same feeling. There aren't many kids my age, if any, who like to sing, and who are passionate about singing. Every spare moment there was always somebody singing. Everyone there had amazing talent, and they were all willing to share it with the people that we sang for.

Another thing that I found pretty enjoyable was the director of the choir. He's an amazing teacher, and he connects with the kids. He had fun with us, sang with us, and joked around with us. There was never a dull moment when he was around. But I would say what made the experience truly worth it, was meeting everyone. I met some of the same friends from last year, and made a bunch of new



ones. I'm a fairly shy person, but because we were all there for the same reason, it was easier to open up and make some new friends, and I still talk to a lot of them. There is even a large group chat on a couple of apps that we use quite often. I'm actually really sad that I won't be able to go back next year.

The days that we went on tour were a bit different depending on how far we had to go that day. One day, it was a three hour bus trip down to Superior,

Wisconsin, and on the same day we went to Duluth, about two hours and forty-five minutes away, and the day before that we went five minutes away to the girls' college of St Benedict and had a mini concert for the nuns there. On the day that we went to Duluth, we walked around and looked at whatever shops we found interesting to us. We had to walk in groups, and in the group I was in, there were some old friends, but also some new ones. Even though we went here last year, it was a whole new experience because it was with different people. The cathedrals that we went to perform at were so beautiful, it was breathtaking. When the choir sang in the open cathedrals, it echoed and sounded so beautiful, as well as heavenly. At one place, we didn't exactly give a concert because we sang for their Saturday mass, but everyone who was there really appreciated hearing us sing, and they loved it. And even after the mass, we gave a smaller concert with about half of our music.

I loved being a part of the National Catholic Youth Choir, and this experience once again taught me so much. I'm so happy that I was fortunate enough to be able to go back one last time!

## GUESS WHO???



Bill & Dorothy Sauer

# PSR

by Carol Timko



Looking at the calendar, it is hard to believe that PSR will be starting soon. Our first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year will be on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Registration will be held at the conclusion of this meeting. A meeting for parents of students Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be held at the same time.

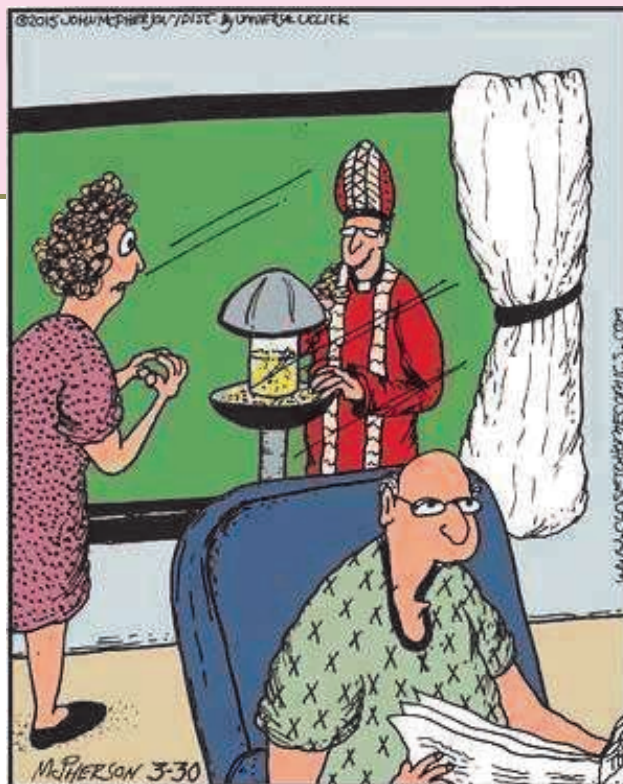
Don't forget about our Make a Difference Day Service project on Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. You would be surprised at how much fun and satisfaction you can derive from helping people who have difficulty helping themselves. Last but not least on our list, the first FFC for the year will be on Sunday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

We will hold the first of two Parent Meetings for First Reconciliation on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30

a.m. The Confirmation Informational Meeting for all Grade 8 and 9 students and parents will take place on Sunday, September 22 at 9:30 a.m. The Preschool Stories and Scriptures class for all children 3-5 years old and their parents will begin on Sunday, October 13 at 9:30 a.m.

We are searching for helpers to aid in keeping our program strong and vibrant. If you are interested, or just want to know how you can help make a difference in the lives of our students, please contact me at [ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org) or call 330-847-8677.

**PSR TEACHERS:** Our St. William teacher meeting will be held Sunday, August 25 at 11:30 a.m. All PSR teachers and anyone interested in helping with PSR will need to attend this meeting. Please contact me if you have any questions.



"So there's a cardinal at the feeder. Big deal. If I've seen one cardinal, I've seen a hundred of 'em."

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The Sacrament of Holy Orders marks the Deacon and configures them to Christ who made himself the 'deacon' or 'servant of all.' Ordination calls the deacon to Christ's ministry and mission of service. It constitutes the deacon as a sacred minister, with a distinct identity and integrity in the Church that marks him as neither a lay person nor a priest, rather, the deacon is ordained to a service to God's people in communion with the bishop and priests. "The principle function of the deacon, therefore, is to collaborate with the bishop and priests in the exercise of a ministry, which is not of their own wisdom but of the Word of God, calling all to conversion and holiness" (*Directory for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons*, #23). We welcome Bob to this new ministry at our parish!





SAVE THE DATE



Welcome

*New Member Welcome Luncheon*  
*Sunday, September 22, 2019*  
*Following the 11:00am Mass*  
*Room 103*

# VBS

by Christina Pacurar

This M-I-S-S-I-O-N, the official title for vacation bible school, started in May with planning meetings centered around how to turn Reagan Hall in Blessed Sacrament into our solar system while relating all of the fancy decorations and cute ideas to our real mission: teaching the children about the mission of Jesus. With careful preparation, lots of cut out stars, and a TON of tape, we were ready on June 10 for our official BLAST OFF! I was in the unique position to be a group leader as well as a parent on this journey. Each day, we led the children through an opening daily ceremony centered around song and prayer, five awesome centers (explanations to follow,) and a closing ceremony to review all that they had learned.

At the craft center, the children created a different craft each day centered around the message of the day. For example, one day, the children planted sunflower seeds and learned about John 12:24 which states, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

At the activity center, the children participated in various games that encouraged team work and fun! One of my son's favorite games was when they broke into teams and used a combination of tricycles,



scooters, giant bouncing balls, and hula hoops to retrieve the gifts from the Wise Men for Jesus. There was a lot of laughter that day!

At the music center, our very own Tina McCue led the children in worship through singing. Each day, the children learned a new song and sang the bible verse from that day as well. When asked about her personal experience at vacation bible school, Tina stated, "It fills my heart with joy making music with the youngest members of our church. I love their enthusiasm and energy! M-I-S-S-I-O-N nearly blew the roof off of Reagan Hall!"

Through story time, the children brought bible stories to life by acting them out. Regarding story time, my son Anthony said, "I learned that Jesus believes in us no matter what!"

Last, was the science/exploration center. Anthony's favorite activity of the week was when the leaders showed (using water and colored dye) how sin stains us. However, by allowing Jesus into your life, he could take away your sin (as demonstrated by adding bleach). The children were all blown away!

What an experience to see so many adults and teens come from many different parishes to spread the message. I am already looking forward to next year! I hope to see you all there!





## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Panorama of the Old Testament

Offered March 3 through April 6

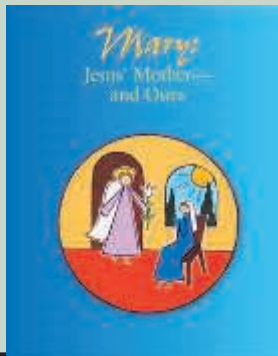


Explore the sweeping saga of God's people and their sacred journey. Panorama of the Old Testament surveys the variety of books found in the Old Testament. Uncover interwoven themes, the background of familiar characters and God's overall plan of salvation. A perfect way to begin a great adventure or step back and see where you have been in your study of the Bible. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer

and access to recorded lectures are included. 4 sessions. Registration begins in August.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
FUTURE STUDIES:

*Mary: Jesus' Mother – and Ours*  
will be offered November 4-18 and  
January 27-February 3-10



## MUSIC MINISTRY

by Pat Maciejewski

"God's time is near. . . God's time is near." The time IS near to once again resume our music groups at St. William after our summer break. We recently sang Bernadette Farrell's, "God Has Chosen Me," at mass. Has God chosen YOU to be a part of St. William Music Ministry?



As we begin this fall season of rehearsals, please feel most welcome to join our Folk Group meeting on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. and the Adult Choir meeting Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact our music minister, Pat Maciejewski, before these first fall rehearsals with your interests, or see her after any weekend mass to provide your contact info. A yearly schedule will be posted in the gathering space bulletin board with dates and times of rehearsals.

Using Bernadette's words as we sing and play and pray together let us: "bring good news to the poor and set alight a new fire!" We encourage you to share your musical talent. "God's time is near . . . God's time is near."

## SUMMERTIME MIRACLE

by Cathy Poponak

Summertime is the perfect time to head to the beach, and this year we traveled to Ocean City Maryland. My



husband and I love to bring home souvenirs from any destination we go to. We're pushovers in the t-shirt and sweatshirt shops. We always bring one home for everyone in our family.

This year, looking for something special for our grandson Collin, we came across a large cage of hermit crabs. Their shells brightly painted, we knew he would like such a creepy, crawly little pet.

The shop owner told us hermit crabs survive better if they are not alone. "Best to buy two" he said. Not wanting Collin's hermit crab to suffer from loneliness, we purchased a small one and a medium sized one as well as a cage, food, and all of the little things needed to make a perfect dwelling place for the pair.

Alas, two days after receiving his Ocean City souvenirs, "Big Mama" escaped. Searching Collin's room and the rest of the house came to no avail. His mother, not thrilled about our gift in the first place, walked around in fear, while expecting a terrible odor to finally alert her to where it was.

Eight days later, "Big Mama" was clinging to the outside of the cage, apparently trying to get back in with her buddy. I guess hermit crabs really do get lonely. Later that night, Collin was overheard saying his evening prayers. "Thank you God, you keep blessing me over and over!"



## FAITH FORMATION

by Tina McCue



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has named the catechetical theme for 2019-2020 as “Stay With Us.” I find this very fitting as the Catholic Church faces the crisis of more and more baptized Catholics falling away from the church. Bishop Robert Barron, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has this to say in his welcome message, *“We live in an increasingly secularized society, which powerfully influences our young people, often compelling them to leave the Church altogether. Sociologist Christian Smith, renowned for his investigation of the phenomenon of disaffiliation, notes that many of the young people who have stopped identifying as Catholics tended to have “weak signs of attachment to the church” in the first place. In other words, they were not formed very well in the faith.”*

In our effort to be a light to each other and to the world, St. William is offering a wide variety of opportunities for the faithful of all ages to be formed in their faith. I pray that you will not only take advantage of these opportunities, but that you also have the courage to invite a friend to walk the journey of faith formation with you. Many of us have adult children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family members who have not yet embraced the call to worship and remain active in the Catholic Church. You just might be the change that someone needs, the hand that someone is looking for to lead them home. While I believe that the faithful are doing the work of our Lord in the world, I also see that they have perhaps forgotten the importance of taking time from “doing” in order to just “be” with our Lord. The music minister in me cannot help but be reminded of the words of our Savior, “Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.” I invite you to “Stay With Us” as another year of our Lord unfolds. Stay and grow in love and knowledge of our God.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE...

The Offices of Religious Education, Evangelization and Youth, Young Adult Ministry, and Diocesan parishes, sponsor programs throughout the year to help the good people of the Diocese of Youngstown grow in love and knowledge of God. Please watch the bulletin, the parish website, and the bulletin board for postings from around the Diocese. We will do our best to keep you informed of the many opportunities offered to help you along the faith journey.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### FAITH FORMATION

The Youth Ministry team is looking for enthusiastic youth, young adults, and catechists to help build a vibrant Youth Ministry program. Youth Ministry is faith formation for high school aged teens. It is our hope to put together service learning modules that will help our teens make the connection to live their Catholic faith and stay rooted in the Catholic Church. If you would like to be a part of this innovative team, please contact Tina McCue at [tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org).

## FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN

The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown is an organization in our Diocese that sponsors a monthly luncheon and speaker on matters of faith. The board does an excellent job of providing speakers in a wide range of topics to engage the faithful. The luncheon series is held typically on the first THURSDAY of each month at Avion on the Water Banquet Center in Canfield from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$18.00. Watch the bulletin for further information.

## IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

**Summer Mass Schedule Ends  
~ Sunday September 1 ~  
11:00 a.m. Mass returns on  
Sunday, September 8th**

# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

by Tina McCue

**Hot Dogs+S'mores+Ice Cream+Twizzlers+Sleeping Bags+Popcorn+Glowsticks = FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!**

Families gathered together for an evening of fun as we shared a simple supper of hot dogs, chips, and watermelon, made s'mores and ice cream sundaes for dessert, then settled down on sleeping bags and in cozy camp and lounge chairs to watch Disney's "Ralph Breaks the Internet." No movie night could be complete without tons of candy and popcorn and of course glow sticks for all! Laughter could be heard by both children and adults as the one-liners and internet puns were in ample supply. Among the laughter, Disney included life lessons such as honesty, true friendship, internet safety and the importance of being true to yourself. Save the date for the next Family Movie Night, on Saturday, February 22, 2020!



# FAMILY GAME NIGHT

by Tina McCue

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is a happy talent to know how to play." St. William certainly has some talented, happy people! It was great fun getting together for Family Game Night in July. In our fast paced world, it was delightful to spend time with friends to play. Family game night was more than just getting together; it was a reminder to us how fun it is to play and the importance of having play in our lives. Laughter has such healing properties and for a few hours, laughter filled the air as friendly games of Disney Trivia, Farkle, Catch Phrase, Corn Hole, Operation and Connect Four were played throughout the evening. Oh – and let's not forget Monopoly – the classic of all board games!

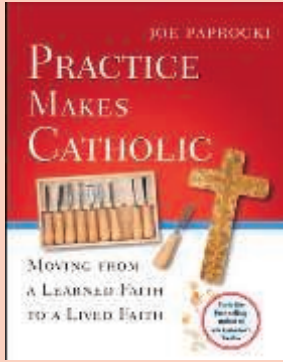


This was so much fun that we will be looking into a winter game night; so, dust off those board games and keep watch for the date to be announced!



## PRACTICE MAKES CATHOLIC

### MOVING FROM A LEARNED FAITH TO A LIVED FAITH



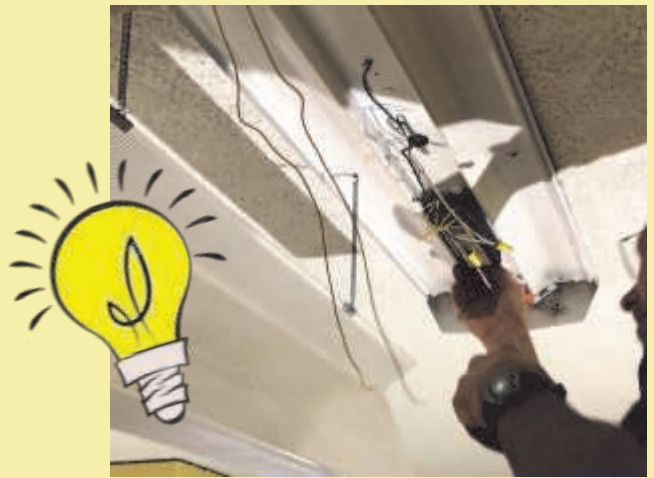
It is said that practice makes perfect, but what else does practice make? If you ask Joe Paprocki, he'll say that practice makes Catholic—that is, there are certain distinct practices that make us essentially Catholic. The problem is that many Catholics don't understand—or at least misunderstand—why we engage in the many practices we do.

In *Practice Makes Catholic*, Paprocki addresses the all-important “why” of many Catholic practices by articulating five key characteristics that form our Catholic identity: a sense of sacramentality, a commitment to community, a respect for the dignity of human life and commitment to justice, a reverence for tradition, and a disposition to faith and hope rather than despair. Under each of these categories, he explores and explains multiple Catholic practices, then describes how following each one can make a profound difference in our faith and in our lives.

Parents of all ages are encouraged to watch the bulletin for upcoming sessions which explore the five key characteristics that form our Catholic identity. These sessions are ideal for people in every stage of life, especially if you would like to be a sponsor for confirmation or godparent for baptism.

## LET THERE BE LIGHT! (part 2)

In August new LED lights were installed in the Social Hall and soon the main hallway, kitchen, and Adult Meeting Room will also be completed. The new high energy efficient LED lighting replaces the current bulbs that are becoming no longer available. In addition, the parish is eligible for a rebate on the purchase of these new bulbs. The only sections of the building remaining are the vestibule and short hallway outside the Adult Meeting Room and classrooms. We are currently waiting for the appropriate bulb size to fit the fixtures in the vestibule and hallway to be manufactured. The classroom lighting will be replaced in the near future and it is hoped to have the entire building changed out by the end of the year.



## HAVE YOU...

*...been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?*

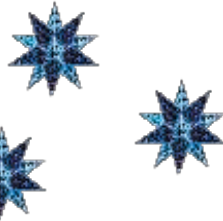
*...been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?*

*...joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?*

*...felt God leading you and want to find out where that might be?*

If any of these apply to you, your spouse, a family member, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions, we would love to help you on your journey! The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (RCIA) is an informative and comfortable way to seek answers and discover more about the Catholic Church and our faith. It provides a spiritual opportunity to learn and discuss various aspects of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you or someone you know has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith we would love to help you on your journey. Join us for “muffins and coffee” on Sunday, September 22 at 9:30 a.m. or call the Parish Office for more information.





## RUMMAGE SALE

by Therese Tuttle

With all the wonderful help we had this year the Rummage Sale ended with a bang. Not only did we make a little money for the church, we also had fun doing so. The week it takes to get things organized and priced is time well spent catching up with old friends and making new ones. We met a couple of ladies who volunteered for the first time this year - working the Rummage Sale is a great way to put a face to a name. This year's Rummage Sale was successful thanks to all the wonderful people who generously gave their time, energy and treasures. No one person can run an event such as this without the support of the parish; it takes many hands and suggestions to make it run as smoothly as it can. Thank you everyone, we hope to see you next year.





# Parish Picnic 2019



## FROM NANCY'S KITCHEN:

This has been a fantastic summer! I will let you in on a little secret...every summer is a fantastic summer! Warm weather, cook-outs, picnics with family and friends, and lots of sunshine! When I was growing up my grandmother always made this "cake" because she didn't have to turn on the oven and make her house warmer than it already was. I offer this recipe to you in memory of her. It tastes delicious and your family will love it!

*Love ~ Nancy*

## Strawberry Jell-O Cake

1 ring Angel Food Cake (store-bought), torn into chunks  
6oz pkg Strawberry Jell-O  
2 cups boiling water  
1 regular container Cool Whip  
16 oz container of frozen strawberries in sugar, thawed

1. Put half of the Angel Food Cake chunks into the bottom of a 9x13 pan. In a bowl, mix Jell-O and 2 cups boiling water. Add strawberries and mix. Stir in Cool Whip. Spoon half of mixture onto Angel Food Cake chunks.
2. Repeat Layers and refrigerate for several hours. Cut into squares to serve. Keep refrigerated.



## MY CHAOS; MY BLESSING

By Cathy Poponak

My daughter Erin recently planned a play date for her baby, Cecelia Margaret, with the Giel family triplets; Carter, Rowan, and Cecelia Rose. The triplets belong to Erin's college friend, Heather, and her husband Matt. Erin and Heather met at Walsh University and have been dear friends ever since.



Having also been invited, I was in my usual state of awe. Four (23 month old) babies, Heather's seven and five year old sons, and my grandson Collin were all playing in the enclosed backyard. Though they played wonderfully together, would-be dangers were always around the corner. Lunchtime was especially challenging, but Heather seemed undaunted.

I recalled the story of when Heather and her husband, both from large Catholic families, decided to have a third child. The baby might even be a girl they thought, which would be the icing on the cake. They met at the doctor's office for the initial sonogram where the doctor broke the news to them; not one baby, not two babies, but three babies. Two girls and a boy were on their way! Heather cried all

of the way home, wondering how she would manage five children, while continuing to teach school. Her husband stopped to pick up a case of beer, thinking this was the last pleasure he would ever be able to afford.

Fear transformed into joy once the babies safely arrived. The big brothers turned into excellent helpers and will surely be wonderful fathers someday. They are given that extra attention they need to know they are important, too. Heather handles her brood in stride. "My chaos; my blessing" is the mantra that she repeats every day. May God continue to bless this beautiful family!



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sept. 8 ~ PSR Begins

Sept. 15 ~ Catechetical Sunday

Sept. 22 ~ Opening Confirmation Session

Sept. 22 ~ Muffins and Coffee ~ RCIA

Oct. 5 ~ Blessing of Pets

Oct 19 ~ DoY Ministry Conference

Oct. 26 ~ Make A Difference Day

Nov. 12 ~ Women's Guild TNT Night



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