

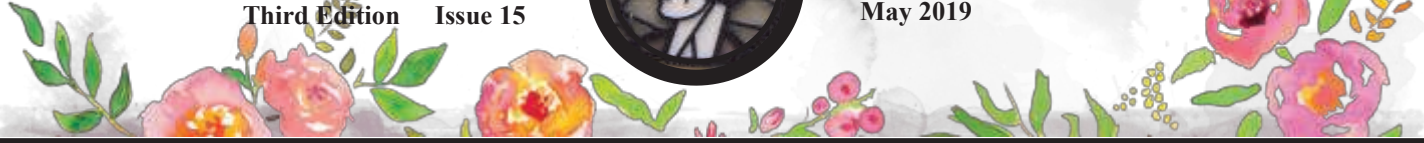
# Our Family News

St. William Catholic Church

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## ZACH SHOAF IS ON "HIS" WAY

FOLLOWING THE WAY OF CHRIST  
by Cathy Poponak

The earliest followers of Christ in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East referred to themselves as "People of the Way" based upon the well-known statement by Jesus: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* -John 14:6. His followers most likely held fears about their safety, as they pursued their chosen way of life in a dangerous and tumultuous political setting. The same might be said today for residents and visitors of Israel and the Holy Land. Many of us wish to see the holy and historical sites but fear the terrorists' threats in the area.

St. William parishioner and 2016 JFK graduate Zach Shoaf recently travelled to Israel for his undergraduate studies at Youngstown State University. Any apprehensions he may have had about his safety were overridden by his desire to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity. YSU faculty in coordination with the US embassy and the tour company had a safety and contingency plan in place, which helped to lessen some of his family's concerns. Recognizing that Zach is an intelligent and sensible young man, allowed his mother to go along with the plan. Ironically, there was a short range rocket launch directed at Tel Aviv from the Gaza strip while

Zach was visiting there. Fortunately, it was intercepted by the Iron Dome air defense system. Overall though, Zach emphasized that he felt very safe during his travels because of such heightened security.

A criminal justice major, Zach learned about the YSU study excursion from his professor who



ZACH SHOAF ENJOYING HIS 2019  
TRIP TO ISRAEL

planned and coordinated the trip for students to experience another country's criminal justice system firsthand. The itinerary included attending a court proceeding in the Israeli Supreme Court building, visiting a prison and police academy, and meeting military personnel. Also encompassed were visits to Western Galilee College and Hebrew

University of Jerusalem to dialogue with students and establish partnerships and exchange programs. Zach encountered no communication barriers, as citizens speak fluent English as their secondary language. Primary languages are Hebrew and Arabic. He found the people open and friendly, and especially curious about his life in Ohio. He learned that the legal and penal system is very comparable to ours, with the exception that the death penalty is not imposed on even the worst offenders due in part to Jewish religious law based on the Torah. He talked with a number of military soldiers too. Interestingly, Israeli Defense Forces are comprised of mixed-gender units with both Jewish and Christian Arab soldiers, as well as a number of Druze and Circassian men. Jewish soldiers wear a Star of David pendant around their neck, while Christian soldiers wear a cross.

Zach and his group also experienced a snippet of domestic life when invited to a Jewish family's home for a Shabbat meal. Shabbat is considered a day of peace and holiness and begins every Friday night at sundown and continues until Saturday evening at sundown. Shabbat traditionally includes three required meals: Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch, and the third meal in late afternoon. Candles are lit, children are blessed, and special Shabbat prayers are read from the

*Shoaf (Continued on page 14)*



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*~Fr. Balash*

Since our last newsletter there has been an abundance of activities and events happening at our parish. We are on the cusp of another summer season that brings with it a time to relax, recharge, and refresh ourselves from the last few months. Hopefully, this summer will be filled with warmth and sunshine, fun activities, long days and cold glasses of iced-tea!

Here at the parish things are also slowing down (*finally!*) after a busy winter and spring. Soon we will bring to a close the 50 days of Easter with the Feast of Pentecost. Our Lenten season was one of “*grace and gladness*” for sure! It was highlighted by our inspiring and encouraging Lenten Mission presented by television soap-star Frank Runyeon. He gave us a wonderful opportunity to once again renew our faith through the stories from Luke’s gospel. Our annual celebrations of Holy Week and Easter were uplifting and prayerful and our Easter season has abounded with new life all around us. In addition, our annual Fish Dinners were a great success and our parish ministries continue to flourish. Special thanks go to the many volunteers who worked at our “Fabulous Fish Dinners” this year. It was another great year of serving the “Best Fish Dinner” in the area and our patrons are always amazed and grateful for our good food and welcoming workers. Great job once again Saint William Parishioners!

As we enter into summer, many groups and organizations are beginning to wind down their activities and meetings, however, events are already being planned for the upcoming autumn and winter seasons. As always your help, support and gift of time and talent is sincerely welcomed and appreciated. All of the many good things happening at our parish are a result of the faithful and dedicated commitment of so many of our parishioners. Thank you for another wonderful and exciting year of ministry, outreach, fun and care that happens in so many ways.

Finally, this spring brings the retirement of three dedicated and faithful parishioners from their parish duties: Marcia Kane, Bob Kane and Ann Sprague. Together they have served the parish in a formal capacity as Bookkeeper/Secretary, Bulletin Editor and Liturgy Coordinator for a combined 67 years! Our parish has been truly blessed with the dedicated service they have provided us over these many years. In addition they have been an invaluable help to me for the last 10 years in so many ways. I am sure you join me in thanking them for their hard work, dedication, and faithfulness to our parish and wish them well in their new chapter of life.

Thank you, once again for all that you do for our parish and community. Enjoy the summer season and may God continue to bless you, your family and our wonderful parish of Saint William!

*~Father Balash*

## Our Family News

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James & Jacquelyn Graham

Bette Lloyd

WEDDING

James Toth & Melissa Sobocinski

March 30, 2019

DECEASED

Richard Hudak

GET WELL SOON!

Sr. Mary Cora underwent surgery to remove two large cysts from her back on June 3 at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center in Cleveland. Cards can be sent to Sister Mary Cora Skrivan, Sisters of Notre Dame, 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon, OH 44024-9934



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We congratulate and offer our best wishes to Marcia Kane, Secretary/Bookkeeper for 32 years; Bob Kane, Bulletin Editor for 17 years; and Ann Sprague, Liturgy Coordinator for 18 years. We thank them for their commitment and dedication to our parish over these many years.

Although they are formally retiring from their "official" duties, look for them to remain faithful to the many ministries and activities they participate in. Join us for a Special Retirement Celebration on Sunday, June 30, 2019 following 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Social Hall!



# ORIGINS OF THE EASTER BUNNY

by Therese Tuttle

I remember as a young girl getting up Easter morning, having breakfast with the family, then getting dressed for Mass. My sisters and I always had new Easter dresses, new lace socks and white shoes waiting for us. Mom would fix our hair up in glittery bows and barrettes, and Daddy would buy us flower corsages to wear like bracelets around our little wrists. My little brothers would don their new blue or black suits with blue ties – how handsome they would look. All seven of us would load up in the station wagon and head to Church. After Church we would go home, change our clothes and make the trek to Granddad's and Momma Anne's house for Easter dinner. Momma Anne was an old fashioned southern cook who could baste a ham like no other. She always had every kind of vegetables you could imagine and desserts galore of every flavor. But what we kids enjoyed the most was



the Easter egg hunt. Our grandparents and parents would hide eggs throughout the yard and in the house and then invite all the children in the neighborhood to join us in the Easter egg hunt. In our little minds there had to be thousands of eggs – some hard boiled and decorated with stripes or dots and some plastic with pennies and candy inside them. If we got lucky, we would find a chocolate bunny hidden in a tree or bush. Growing up I never really thought about the origins of the Easter Bunny or its eggs, only that they were in my grandparents back yard somewhere, and I was going to find them. So, just what is the origin of the Easter Bunny? Easter is the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, and nowhere in the scriptures are chocolate eggs and the rabbit who delivers them found. Bunnies, eggs, Easter gifts and fluffy, yellow chicks in garden hats all stem from pagan roots. The exact origin of the Easter bunny (or Easter hare for some folks) is a bit of a mystery.



According to the University of Florida's Center for Children's Literature and Culture, the origin of the Easter Bunny can be traced back to 13th-century, pre-Christian Germany, when people worshiped several gods and goddesses. The rabbit, in pagan tradition, represents the festival of Eostre (goddess of fertility) and the rabbit symbolizes energetic breeding, fertility, and new spring.

The first Easter Bunny legend was documented in the 1500s when Roman Catholicism became the dominant religion in Germany, with the Easter Hare playing the role of a judge, evaluating whether children were good or disobedient in behavior at the start of the Easter season. The two religious beliefs were merged: – Catholicism's view

*Bunny (Continued on page 15)*

Vacation Bible School  
June 10-13  
9:00am - Noon  
June 13  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Closing Program and Lunch  
Blessed Sacrament Parish  
3020 Reeves Rd NW, Warren OH 44483  
Students in Grades Pre-K (age 4)  
through 5th Grade  
\$10.00 per child/\$15.00 max/family

**Jesus Saves the World**





## FIRST COMMUNION 2019

On April 28, 2019 four PSR students joined us at the Lord's Table for the first time. Congratulations to (l to r) Sophia Garito, Milania Shaker, Markus Greb, Dean Harriman.

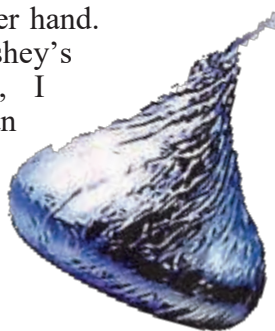


## A DIFFERENT KIND OF MINISTRY

by Lynn Valentino

Very recently, I met three friends for lunch at the Olive Garden. As we sat perusing our menus, we were approached by an elderly gentleman. He started by telling us that he was a 94 year-old veteran of World War II. He gave us a very brief biography of some of the places he had served. The man then told us that he had a goal. It was to give a kiss to every pretty young lady that he saw. Of course, he asked permission to give us each a kiss. That's when I noticed one of my friends holding out her hand. The veteran immediately dropped a Hershey's kiss into her waiting hand. Then, I remembered that some time back I read an article in the newspaper about this man. I had to tell him that although I am a big fan of chocolate, I was a little disappointed. I had at least hoped to get a hug out of the deal. After all, hugs are in short supply for ladies who live alone. Also, I am not really a young lady. I have to utilize every opportunity. Guess what?? I got my hug!

This, however, was not the end of the story. I was so in awe of this gentleman, that I texted an account of the incident to a few friends. I was surprised when one of them texted me the name of the man: Jack Elston. It turned out that he golfs every Tuesday with her husband. Supposedly, Jack out golfs the husband. I gave up golfing years ago. This year, I gave up bowling. Maybe I should use Jack's example to motivate myself to get back to the gym.



Can we find a lesson in this brief encounter? There just may be more than one. When I finish this article, I'm going to do a few stretching exercises. Who knows where that will lead? More importantly, Jack Elston made my day! He buys and hands out 900 kisses a month. That is a lot of chocolate! He jokingly told us that his kids complain that he is spending their inheritance. You see, my day was made not just by a piece of chocolate; it was the humor, the smile, the sharing and the affection that touched me. The joy he experienced during his small act of kindness was contagious. Four women sat smiling and thanking him for his service. I think we all felt a little happier as he returned to his family. I can't help but wonder how many others he has touched and motivated during his ministry. Yes, it is a ministry. You don't need special training to touch another soul. We would all do well to smile more and to use our words in more positive ways. Sometimes it is a little thing that can change a life.

*[Editor's Note: Jack Elston was featured in the Tribune Chronicle in the Local News on September 25, 2017. The article by Marly Kosinski was primarily about Jack's service in WWII. However, the Hershey Kisses did play a prominent part in his story. Jack is now 94 and, apparently, still going strong! The Tribune Chronicle story can be found at <https://www.tribtoday.com/news/local-news/2017/09/wwii-veteran-recalls-service-in-europe/> or a link to the story will appear with this story by Lynn Valentino on our parish website and Facebook sometime during the month of June.]*

# SPRING HAS SPRUNG

by Therese Tuttle

The cold, snowy months have finally ended with an early spring. Flower gardens are blooming with new young flowers, and the trees are budding. The Women's Guild ended the long, cold winter months with the February meeting and a free program called Life and Estate Seminar. The topics covered were the Church's position on end of life issues, wills and the probate process, pitfalls of joint tenancy, and health care power of attorneys and living wills. Also discussed were charitable gift annuities, advantages of charitable giving, creative uses of life insurance, and how to leave a legacy.

In March, the WG's program was A Very Merry Un-birthday Celebration. The women were asked to bring a wrapped gift, and the hostesses provided us with a unique and fun way to exchange them. This is always one of our favorite programs. Our spring events began with our April working

meeting. We talked, ate pizza, and worked on decorations for our annual card party which was held April 7. Families gathered to socialize, play games, and enjoy a mouthwatering display of rich foods. The Easter Kolachi bake also happened in April. These sweet treats require a lot of time and help to make.

New officers took their pledges to the Women's Guild on May 1. The event was held at Enzo's restaurant at 6:00 p.m. We enjoyed great food and a fun cake walk. If interested in any of our events, please contact one of the officers. She will be able to explain how you can be part of something wonderful.

Looking ahead to August, we have three fun

upcoming events. The annual rummage sale will be held August 1, 2, and 3. Following will be the parish picnic on August 11. Bishop Murray will visit on August 17 and the WG will be hosting a reception after mass. All women of the church are members of the Women's Guild. There's no need to join; just come and have fun with us!



**2019-2020 Women's Guild Officers**

Cathy Poponak, Jamie Taneri, Linda Horn, Theresa Craiger



## EAGLE OF THE CROSS

This year Saint William Parish celebrates two recipients of the Eagle of the Cross Award. This award was given to Miss Bridget DePascale and Mr. Scott Mintus on April 30, 2019 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica in Youngstown. The Eagle of the Cross, created by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, is given each year to a group of extraordinary high school juniors and seniors who model Christian discipleship and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works and Christian leadership in their school and parish communities.

Bridget is the daughter of Joe and Christine DePascale and is a senior at Champion High School. She serves as a cantor, choir member, and altar server for the parish. She has also participated in three summer mission trips and has been chosen twice to be a member of the National Catholic Youth Choir.

Scott is the son of Robert and Renita Mintus and is a junior at John F. Kennedy Catholic High School.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has earned two Catholic Scouting Religious awards. He is an altar server and has been part of the youth "Celebrate" weekends.

*Congratulations Bridget and Scott!*



# Music Ministry

by Pat Maciejewski

I would like to thank everyone who participated during our recent Holy Week and Easter celebrations. St. William is truly blessed to be led in prayer by our various groups. Our Folk Group includes: Denny Durno, Gary Gates, Chris Cooney, Tina McCue, Bob Mintus, Christy Graham, Ann Sprague, Maureen Scott, and Brian McCue. The Adult Choir consists of Roger and Diane Canatsey, Rachel Canatsey, Michelle Rable, Sam Weeks, Patty Hovanic, Pat Scanlon, and Bridget DePascale. Thanks to those who are brave enough to serve as cantors. The youth in our Music Ministry include Dean Herriman, Sophia Garito, Markus Greb, Milania Shaker, Bridget DePascale, Jacob Potts, Noah Mooney, Jacob Karafa, and Frank DePascale. Our instrumentalist is Carole Baniak on flute. My heartfelt

thanks to all of you, you helped to make our Easter services especially moving this year.

In addition, our Resurrection Choir offers support and prayer to grieving families at funeral masses. Plans are being made to resume our St. William Singing Angels Choir. Parents, we need your input as to weekly rehearsal days and times. This choir will sing once a month and for Christmas and Easter. It does involve a commitment of family time and effort, but we can do it. Choir positions will be available beginning in September for grades 2-8. Parents, please contact Mrs. M with your suggestions so we can schedule a meeting soon. Her e-mail address can be found at the end of the article.

If you'd like to become more involved in parish life, please consider joining one of our music groups. Schedules are posted yearly from September through Pentecost. Openings

are always available. Our more relaxed Folk Group plays at Mass twice a month rotating between 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Rehearsal is on the previous Wednesday. The Adult Choir, which is more choral centered, sings twice a month. Rehearsals are on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Both groups are open to youth is grades 8-12. Everyone in Music Ministry joins in combined rehearsals and performances for special celebrations.

Please contact Mrs. Maciejewski at [pmaciejewski@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:pmaciejewski@stwilliamchampion.org)



## CONGRATULATIONS!

On Sunday, June 2 several parishioners celebrated milestone anniversaries at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown with Bishop Murry. Pictured below are: Leon and Robin Walk (25), and John and Barbara Robinson (50). Not pictured: William and Pat Scanlon (50), and Draper and Theresa Eltman (55).



## Guess Who?

Spread throughout this newsletter are five pictures of St. William parishioners. Can you guess who these parishioners are today? Hints are given to help you. Answers are on page 15

1. These sisters are rarely far apart
2. You can see them helping at Fish Dinners and the yearly Rummage Sale
3. The donkey's name was \_\_\_\_\_!



# FAMILY FAITH CELEBRATION 2019

by Carol Timko

The 2018-2019 St. William Parish School of Religion (PSR) enjoyed a fun-filled Family Faith Celebration (FFC) on March 24. Students and their parents took part in Faith in the Future, the theme for the activities and fellowship at this exciting event. Throughout the school year, the students and teachers designed and built miniature churches. This project was designed to coincide with the Diocesan 75th Anniversary Year Celebration, "Pride in the Past, Faith in the Future." The students began by researching Catholic Saints, they evaluated which Saint appealed to them the most, and then designed a church dedicated to that saint. Students built their churches out of styrofoam, cardboard, popsicle sticks, etc., and each grade presented theirs at the FFC. Each classroom gave a report about the saint that they chose and why. The miniature churches were on display in the vestibule for parishioners to enjoy after all Masses that weekend.

In November 2018, we started a Prayer Partner Program. PSR students were matched up with adult members of St. William Parish to become pen pals. The adults and the students then sent written prayers or words of encouragement to each other once a month for the entire PSR year. At the close of our FFC 2019, the secret prayer partners were revealed to each other. The students and adults enjoyed meeting each other and discussing the letters sent back and forth between them throughout the school year. A group picture was taken with students and adults as a reminder of the connections built through this fun and faith building activity.





## FIRST COMMUNION

by Carol Timko

The 2019 Jesus Day Retreat for our First Communicants and their families was held Saturday, April 6. Students, with the help of their parents, made First Communion banners with their names, communion dates, and symbols such as the cup and grapes for First Communion Day. The banners were hung in the church during their First Communion celebration. Students practiced receiving the unconsecrated host and wine so they could get to know the texture and taste of the host and wine. We did not want any sour faces made on the day of First Communion. BTW - All four students did very well!

After practice, we performed the story of the last supper as a live action play. We had unleavened bread and sparkling grape juice as the body and blood of Christ. Joe Shaker, father of Milania Shaker, portrayed Jesus and washed the feet of the four communicants. Those four then washed their families feet. Families and teachers attended the 5:00 p.m. Mass after which they all shared in a delicious dinner of Pasta & Meatballs to conclude the fun and informative day.

The PSR program is an important part of our religious life here at St. William Parish. Helping children to understand and cherish our Catholic faith is one of the most important missions our entire parish community will ever undertake. I would like to thank all of the teachers for everything that they do throughout the PSR school year. Their dedication and willingness to serve are greatly appreciated by everyone in our parish. This program would not run as effectively without their hard work.

Looking forward to the 2019-2020 PSR school year, we will be 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 330-847-8627.



**RUMMAGE**  
**SALE**

Spring cleaning is under way! As you start your spring cleaning, please remember our **August Rummage Sale!** Please hold onto items no longer needed by your family,

but so appreciated for our sale. Once again, we cannot accept computer monitors, appliances, large TV's or large furniture. Thanks for your continued support.

**Drop Off:**

July 29 ~ 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

July 30 ~ 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

July 31 ~ 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Sale:**

August 1 ~ 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

August 2 ~ 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

August 3 ~ 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Help is needed to receive items during drop off times and to help out during the sale. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Therese Tuttle at 330-978-8333.

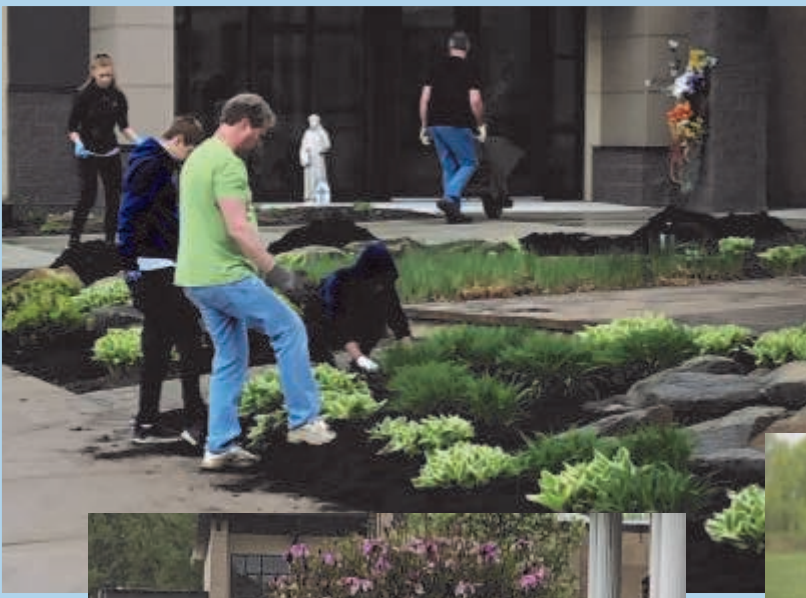


**PSR Prayer Partners 2018-2019**



## SPRING CLEANUP 2019

This year the grounds of St. William were spruced up by several parishioners and a busload of students from John F. Kennedy Catholic School. Underclassmen celebrated the Annual Day of Service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Niles, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in McDonald, St. Thomas the Apostle in Vienna, Blessed Sacrament in Warren, Saint John Paul II in Warren, St. William in Champion, and the Lower and Upper Campuses of JFK. In the spirit of servant leadership, these students wholeheartedly embraced what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ for their neighbors by spreading mulch around the church building and the rectory. Thank you to our parishioners and to these amazing young women and men!





Guess Who?

1. Went through RCIA in 2014
2. Often seen helping at the annual Women's Guild Rummage Sale
3. Regular newsletter contributor - *Yum!*



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### LET THERE BE LIGHT!

This past Spring new LED lights were installed throughout the Church area of the building. The new high energy efficient LED lighting replaced the former mercury light bulbs as these are becoming no longer available. In addition, a rebate on the purchase of the new bulbs was an added incentive. Eventually, all of the lights throughout the entire building will need to be replaced. Phase 2 of this project will include the Social Hall. Phase 3 will be main hallway and classrooms, day chapel and children's area in the Church. Phase 4 will be the vestibule and short hallway outside the Adult Meeting Room.



## APOSTLE OF IRELAND

by Therese Tuttle

To my surprise, St. Patrick of Ireland, known as the "Apostle of Ireland" and one of the world's most popular saints, was born not in Ireland, but in Roman Britain around the year 387 AD. He was the son Calpornius, a Roman-British deacon and Conchessa. When Patrick was around fourteen years old, he was captured by a raiding party of Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. Ireland at that time was occupied by druid and pagan tribes. During his captivity, Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty years old. After having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland and go back to Britain, he escaped and was reunited with his family. A few years after returning home, Patrick had a vision—a man coming from Ireland carrying many letters. The letters, all being the same message, cried out to Patrick to return and walk among the Irish. This vision led him to study for the priesthood in the monastery of Lerins. Two years later, he was ordained by St. Germanus. After receiving the approbation of Pope Celestine I, Patrick was sent to Ireland to spread Christianity.

On March 25, 433, Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland where he

met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes. Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and his family, opening a path for further Christian conversions. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity as he went about planting the Christian Faith throughout Ireland, converting entire kingdoms to Christianity. Over a span of forty years, Patrick preached and converted much of Ireland to Catholicism. He also constructed Catholic churches across the country; his first being in Saul. He worked many miracles and wrote of his devotion for God in Confessions. After years of living a completely apostolic life in poverty and enduring much suffering, Patrick died March 17, 461. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked with a granite stone in 1990.

St. Patrick's feast day is celebrated March 17. In the dioceses of Ireland, St.



Patrick's Day is a day of solemnity and a holy day of obligation, as well as a celebration of Ireland itself. St. Patrick's Day offers some great history of Ireland. The four-leaf clover (White Clover) is known for being a lucky charm.

This white clover plant was held in high regard by the Celts of Wales. No other clover plant regularly produces four-leaf clovers, one reason why they are so rare. Each leaf of the four-leaf clover symbolizes a piece of tradition; one is for Faith, one for Hope, one for Love and the fourth for Luck. In Irish tradition the three-leaf clover represents the Holy Trinity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. If you happen to find a fourth leaf, then that leaf would represent God's Grace.



*FROM NANCY'S KITCHEN:*

This just might be the Spring edition of the newsletter but I am totally focused on Summer...and my recipes reflect just that!

What better way to wish for the loveliness of a warm summer day than a nice cold piece of Lemon Meringue Pie or one of my Grandmother Tuttle's Famous Deviled Eggs!

To be honest, nothing says summer quite like a Banana Split, especially if it is in the form of a yummy Banana Split Cake. Wow! This is an awesome cake and it is surely guaranteed to please! Have great summer!

Love ~ Nancy Hart-Tuttle

## CLASSIC LEMON MERINGUE PIE

- 1 box Lemon Cook & Serve Pudding
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 beaten egg yolks
- 3 egg whites
- 2 ¼ cups water
- 1- 9" pie crust, baked and cooled
- ⅓ cup sugar



1. Heat oven to 350°
2. Mix pudding mix, ½ cup sugar, egg yolks, ¼ cup water in medium saucepan until blended. Add remaining water. Bring to boil on medium heat, stirring constantly. Cool 5 minutes. Pour into cooled pie crust.
3. Beat 3 egg whites in large bowl until foamy. Gradually beat in ⅓ cup sugar until stiff peaks form.
4. Spread over pie, sealing meringue to edge of crust. Bake 10-15 mins or until lightly browned. Cool completely.

## TUTTLE'S FAMOUS DEVILED EGGS

- 6 hard-cooked eggs
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ½ tsp dry mustard
- 3 tbsps salad dressing or cream



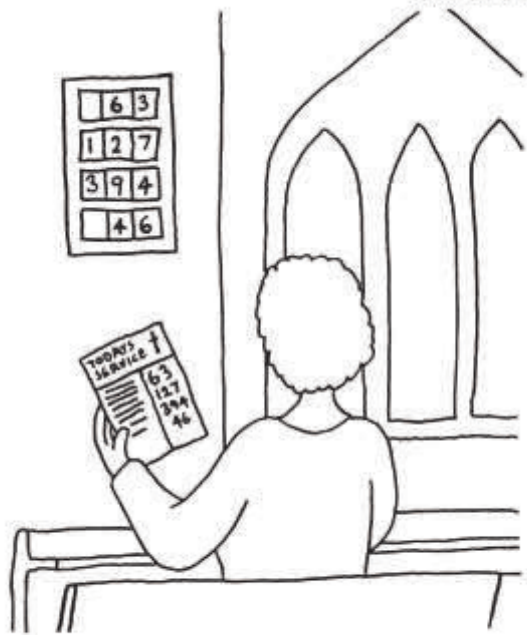
1. Cut eggs in halves. Slip out yolks. Mash yolks with fork or electric mixer.
2. Add seasonings and salad dressings/cream. Continue mashing until smooth. Refill whites with egg mixture.

## BANANA SPLIT CAKE

- 1 ½ cups Graham Cracker Crumbs
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 2 pkg cream cheese, softened
- 1 can crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 pkg vanilla instant pudding
- 2 cups cold milk
- 1 cup chopped pecans or peanuts
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 1 jar Maraschino cherries
- 4 bananas
- 2 cups whipped topping
- Chocolate syrup for drizzle



1. Mix crumbs, ¼ cup sugar, and butter. Press into bottom of foil-lined 13x9 pan. Freeze 10 mins.
2. Beat cream cheese and 1 cup sugar until blended. Spread over crust. Top with pineapple. Slice 4 bananas and arrange over pineapple.
3. Mix milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes. Stir in 1 cup of whipped topping, spread over banana layer. Top with remaining whipped topping. Sprinkle with nuts. Top with maraschino cherries and drizzle with chocolate syrup. Refrigerate 5 hours.



SHE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE SHE HAD WON ON HER FIRST VISIT TO CHURCH

### WELCOME ABOARD!

We welcome Mrs. Therese Tuttle and Dr. Dan Robinson to our parish office staff. Therese is the new parish bookkeeper and Dan is the new office manager. Both will each work 3 days a week beginning in June. *We welcome Therese and Dan!*



Guess Who?

- 1. Married (to each other!)
- 2. Two grown children
- 3. Eucharistic Ministers



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## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

JUNE 14, 2019  
7:00 pm

Hot Dogs - Games - Popcorn

8:00 pm approx.

Walt Disney presents



Six years after saving the arcade from the Cy-Bugs attack and from Turbo's revenge, the story leaves Litwak's video arcade behind, venturing into the uncharted, expansive and thrilling world of the internet - which may or may not survive Ralph's wrecking. Video game bad guy Ralph and fellow misfit Vanellope von Schweetz must risk it all by traveling to the world wide web in search of a replacement part to save Vanellope's video game, Sugar Rush. In way over their heads, Ralph and Vanellope rely on the citizen of the internet - the netizens - to help navigate their way, including a website entrepreneur named Yesss, who is the head algorithm and the heart and soul of trend-making site "BuzzTube."

You are invited to bring comfortable chairs or blankets!

Kindly Register by June 9, 2019

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! - ALL ARE WELCOME!

(Continued from page 1) Shoaf

Torah. Zach recalled the family's kindness and hospitality as well as the delicious food and wine. He gained a new respect for the resolve of the Israeli people as they attempt to maintain their customs and way of life in an area of the world where war is an always present threat.

A tour of the Holy Land was the highlight of the trip for Zach. He experienced his faith reaffirmed as he strode the pathways where Jesus walked, preached, and suffered. He visited the site of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which is identified as the place both of the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus. He offered up prayers and petitions at the Wailing Wall. Always thinking of others, he returned with water from the Jordan River to be placed in our baptismal font, and holy oil from the Mount of Beatitudes Catholic Church to share with our parish. His wish is that everyone could have the experience of visiting the Holy Land, because it can be a life changing experience.

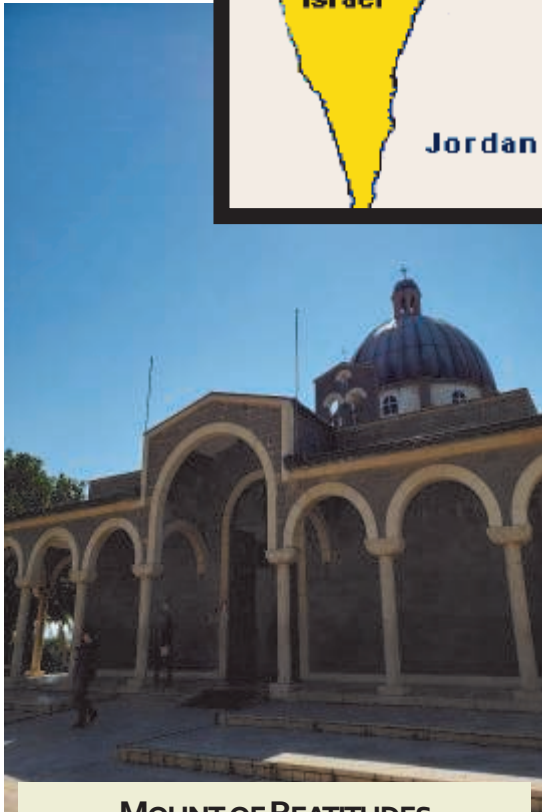
Zach Shoaf is a man following the Way of Christ; his Christian faith is at the heart of his being. It has been my pleasure to become better acquainted with this nice young man. His lofty career goal is to apply for early admission to Columbia Law School in September; his interests are in corporate or criminal law. We at St. William can feel very proud of Zach, who has faithfully worshipped with us since his boyhood, knowing that he will make his most important mark in the world as a modern day disciple of Christ.



Jordan River



Sea of Galilee



MOUNT OF BEATTITUDES



MOUNT OF BEATTITUDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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of Easter eggs as representing Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection, and an association with the Holy Trinity. The Easter Bunny is thought to have become common in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Rabbits usually give birth to a big litter of babies (actually known as kittens); thus, they became a symbol of new life. Some Christians dye their Easter eggs red, the color of blood, in recognition of the blood of the sacrificed Christ. Others use green in honor of new foliage emerging after a long winter.

A lot of us may chomp on chocolate eggs or colorful boiled eggs at Easter, but hundreds of years ago, churches had their congregations abstain from eggs during Lent, allowing them to be consumed again on Easter. Any eggs laid that week were saved and decorated to make them Holy Week eggs, which were then given to children as gifts. During the Victorian era, the Victorians adapted the tradition to include satin-covered cardboard eggs filled with Easter gifts. These traditions were brought to the United States in the 1700's with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania Dutch country. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts.

The tradition of making nests for the rabbit to lay its eggs in soon evolved into decorated baskets, colorful eggs, candy, treats, and other small gifts. Bunnies aren't the animal traditionally associated with Easter in every country. Some identify the holy season with other types of animals like foxes or Cuckoo birds. In Switzerland, Easter eggs are delivered by a cuckoo, and in parts of Germany by a fox. So, while you're scarfing down chocolate bunnies and marshmallow chicks on Easter Sunday, think fondly of the Easter Bunny's origins and maybe even impress your friends with a few trivia facts.



European Cuckoo

### Special St. William Summer Event!

Sunday July 28 ~ 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Cruise on the Nautica Queen in Cleveland*

*includes Sunday Brunch Buffet and Bus Transportation*

*\$50.00 Adults / \$37.00 Children (11 & under)*

*\$36.00 Adults / \$23.00 Children (Cruise and Buffet ONLY—No Transportation)*

*Reservation Deadline ~ June 16th*



10:30 a.m. - Depart St. William

12:00 noon - Board Nautica Queen

1:00-3:30 p.m. - Cruise and Buffet

3:45 p.m. - Depart for St. William

Family  
G<sub>2</sub> A<sub>1</sub> M<sub>3</sub> E<sub>1</sub>  
Night

JULY 13, 2019

5:00pm - 8:30pm

Mass

~ Pizza ~  
Games

*Weather permitting - indoor and outdoor games*

We will celebrate Mass together at 5:00pm then head to the Social Hall to share a simple supper of pizza, watermelon and veggies.

You are welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

- ◆ Board Games will be provided
- ◆ Minute to Win It
- ◆ Card Games
- ◆ Outdoor Games
- ◆ You are welcome to bring your favorite board game to share
- ◆ You are welcome to bring comfortable chairs



Kindly Register by  
July 7, 2019

ST. WILLIAM FAMILY  
GAME NIGHT  
ALL ARE WELCOME!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 10-13** ~ Vacation Bible School

**June 24-28** ~ Warren Teens Local Mission Retreat

**August 1, 2, 3** ~ Rummage Sale

**August 11** ~ Church Picnic

**August 17** ~ Bishop Murry Visit



### PARISH PICNIC 2019

Come enjoy the Annual Parish Picnic August 11 following the 10:30 mass. The fun includes games, fellowship, and *lots of food!*

**Menu**

Hamburgers	Hot Dogs
Corn on the Cob	Baked Beans
Chips	Watermelon
Ice Cream	Beverages

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