

A PARISH-WIDE PROCESS: RECOMMENDING PERSONS TO SERVE ON OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL:

In the life of our parish communities, the Pastoral Council plays an important, unique role. Based upon the Mission Statement of the parish, the Pastoral Council, working with the Pastor, plans for the spiritual growth of our parish community. It is vital that the members of the Pastoral Council develop as a faith community, which includes prayer and faith sharing.

The Pastoral Council develops and recommends plans for spiritual growth in key areas of parish life, such as Evangelization, Christian Formation, Worship, Social Dynamics, Stewardship and Ecumenism. This group is visionary in nature. A number of groups in our parishes are primarily task-oriented, such as the Finance Council, a Grounds and Maintenance Committee, the Liturgy Committee and other groups that perform vital ministries. A parish cannot function effectively without these groups.

A basic goal of pastoral planning, which is the work of the Pastoral Council, is to enable more and more persons to have a growing sense of ownership in the life of our parish communities. The Pastoral Council works to find individuals who are willing and able to assist in developing and implementing plans for spiritual growth in our parishes. Pastoral Council members need to avoid falling into the pit of acting as though they can accomplish all that is envisioned by themselves. In this way, they will avoid getting burned out.

Some plans for spiritual growth, e.g., marriage enrichment, can be carried out more effectively when our parish works collaboratively with other parishes. In this situation, it is important that pastoral council members be willing to work with leadership persons from other parishes, such as in our Deanery.

Please pray for an awareness of persons whom you sense would serve well on our Pastoral Council. On the weekend of Oct. 28th & 29th, each registered parishioner, 18 years and older, will have the opportunity to recommend persons whom they believe would serve well on our Pastoral Council. You will be requested to indicate the gift(s) that each person whom you recommend has to offer. If you are attracted to a visionary and planning role in the life of our parish, please feel free to recommend yourself, indicating the gift(s) you have to offer. We will distribute recommendation sheets to be filled out and returned within Mass on that weekend. For those who will not be present on the weekend of Oct. 28th & 29th, recommendation forms will be included as a bulletin insert on the weekend of Oct. 21st & 22nd. These need to be filled out and returned to the parish office by Sat., Oct. 28th. Three vacancies exist for our Pastoral Council. Persons receiving the highest number of recommendations and then going in descending order will be contacted about serving on our Pastoral Council. Persons who accept the invitation to serve on the Pastoral Council will be invited to attend the next Pastoral Council meeting. The new terms will begin on January 1st and run for 3 calendar years. Terms are not renewable. The following persons are presently serving on our Pastoral Council: Lew Birmelin, Jennifer Bishop, Judy Hess Pompei, Dorie Ford, Therese Litt, Chris Maurer, Pam Milano, Patrick Rall and Chris Studer. Therefore, please do not select any of them.

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on our selection process.

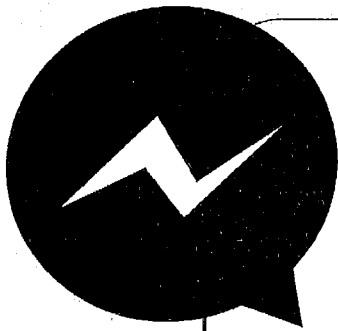
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Nelson Beaver – Pastor




WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2017

CHAT with POPE FRANCIS

CHAT with POPE FRANCIS using your Facebook Messenger App to learn more about his Missions. PRAY and GIVE generously on WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.



1 Open the FACEBOOK MESSENGER APP on your mobile phone.

2 Go to the  TAB and select SCAN CODE.

3 SCAN the code above to CHAT WITH THE POPE about his Missions for World Mission Sunday – and throughout the year!

St. Peter's Fall Gala Live & Silent Auction: Nearly 100 items will be up for bid at the St. Peter's Fall Gala! Everything from a trip to Florida, local staycations, tickets to sporting events and so much more. It all takes place on Saturday, October 21, at 6 pm in the Franciscan Activity Center at St. Peter's. Included this year is a raffle for a vintage diamond ring valued at \$2,500. It's a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Can't make the event? You can still bid on the silent auction items and purchase raffle tickets online. Learn more about how you can participate by visiting www.stpetersgala.org

TREK OR TREAT 5K. St. Peter's Boy Scout Troop 121 will sponsor the 7th annual run/walk 5K on October 29, 2017. The event will start at Holy Trinity Church, 525 W. Cook Rd, Mansfield, Ohio. Please see the bulletin board for an entry form.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: 75th Anniversary Celebration, in Richland County, is hosting Fr. Leon Patalinghug, host and founder of Grace Before Meals, with special guest, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, VIP reception 5-6 pm, dinner and program 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. See further information in the front vestibule.

Catholic Charities in Mansfield is seeking individuals interested in serving as volunteer guardians, clerical/office support/receptionist, and in the HOPE Food pantry. Whether you are available to serve a couple of hours a week or just a couple of hours per month, your help is greatly appreciated! Without our volunteers, we would not be able to serve the many needs of the community. We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give and thank you for your support. Please contact Catholic Charities Volunteer Coordinator Michael Szuberla at 419-214-4950 or email mszuberla@toledodiocese.org for information about volunteer opportunities.

Next week we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to "Chat with the Pope" to learn more about his mission. Scan this year's World Mission Sunday poster using Facebook Messenger for your mobile device, or learn more at ChatWithThePope.org

On World Mission Sunday, October 22, 2017, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate the 10:00 am Liturgy at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Parishioners of the many cultures represented in our diocese are invited to participate in their native garb, as a living sign of our support of the Mission efforts. Contact Sister Nancy Mathias, OSU at 419-214-4920 or nmathias@toledodiocese.org if you and/or families would like to participate in the liturgy.

All are invited to a prayer service commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The event, **Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion**, will be held on Monday, October 16 at 7:00pm at the Jack and Deb Miller Chapel at Ashland University, on the corner of College, King and Claremont. Sponsored by the Ashland University Office of Christian Ministry, St. Edward Catholic Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, the service offers an opportunity to look back on the past five centuries in confession and thanksgiving and look ahead, committing the churches to a common witness and continuing their journey together. Leading the liturgy will be Father Rod Kreidler of St. Edward and Pastor Eric Riesen of Trinity. Lessons, prayers and songs will be led by a number of other people. A reception will follow the service. For more information, please contact Nate Ediger at 419-289-5906 or nediger@ashland.edu.

If you missed the chili cook off, you missed a fun evening. A huge thank you to our chili cookers, Georgie Hess, Dan Fletcher, John Lapeer, Linda McKenna, Pat Shoup, Dorie Ford, Pam Milano, and Chris Maurer for all the delicious chili. **The best chili prize, the coveted spoon award, went to John Lapeer.** Way to go John! Next year John must return the coveted spoon and enter the competition to see if he can again create the best tasting chili. We had around 100 people attend the chili cook off and we thank you for supporting this event. Hopefully we will see you at the next chili cook off. Also a big thank you to the Knox family for all their help with the cleanup. *The Christian Formation Committee*

COLLEGE COOKIE BOXES: Would you like your college student to receive cookies from our parish during the school year? We would like to keep the young adults of our parish close while they are away at college. Sending them cookies from, their parish will hopefully remind that we care about them and pray for them. So parent, fill out the form below and drop it into the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. The Christian Formation Committee will send your college student cookies to help remind these young women and men that our parish community cares about them.

College Student Outreach

Student Name _____

College Attending and address where cookies should be sent

WE NEED "COLLEGE COOKIE BAKERS". If you enjoy baking, please help us with the "College Outreach Program". Sign up below to bake goodies to send to our college students while they are away from home. We want these young people to know that while they are away at college, they are still a part of our parish family. You will only have to bake twice during the school year. So if you are willing, please let the Christian Formation Committee know by dropping the coupon below in the collection basket at a weekend Mass. Thank you! **PARISH COOKIE BAKER:**

NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

St. Mary's Parish/School is now selling bags. We have white kitchen bags, 65 to a roll, yellow bags for garage usage, 25 to a roll and extra-large blue bags, 16 to a roll. Each roll is \$12 and can be purchased in the parish/school office from 8-2:30 Monday through Friday.

Bakery Needed: St. Mary's continues to ask for desserts for the Alpha Program. We are asking for desserts, such as cookies, brownies, cookie bars, cakes, pies, anything you would like to bake and donate to the Alpha cause. There are 5 sessions remaining, all Wednesdays, from October 18th through November 15th. If you can help, please drop the baked goods at St. Mary's on any Wednesday. Thank you so much for any help you can give. We would like to add a **huge "Thank you"** to everyone who has provided dessert to this point.

The Alpha Team

If you have not received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and would like to be fully initiated into the Church, there is an easy process to accomplish this. Call Judy Hess Pompei at 419-566-7335 or speak with Father Beaver. Father and I would both like to have you received the sacrament.

COME AND ENJOY BREAKFAST and a lively discussion of women's spiritual issues with guest speaker, Pat Odey-Murray, an adjunct professor of theological studies at Lourdes College in Sylvania, Ohio. Sponsored by Resurrection Parish on Saturday, November 4th, from 9-10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. See the bulletin board for further information.

Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Joseph Scholl Council 4448 of the Knights of Columbus. You may already know some of the Knights from our council here or from some of our 15,000 councils worldwide. The nearly 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus form the largest Catholic fraternal group in existence. As Knights, we serve our parish and community while working each day to create a better world through charity. If you are looking to live out your faith in the spirit of charity by helping others, our Knights of Columbus council welcomes you to join us. Membership is open to any Catholic gentleman over the age of 18 and in communion with the Holy See.

Over the past decade, men like you have enabled the charitable donations of the Knights of Columbus to reach more than \$1.5 billion dollars and individual Knights have donated more than 682 million volunteer hours to charity.

Since its founding in 1882 by the Venerable Servant of God – Father Michael McGivney, the first principle of the Order has been charity, our council and those around the world actively assist the Church and our neighbors in need.

We were also founded to protect the livelihood of Catholic families and that commitment means that we continue to provide our members and their families with top quality life insurance and annuity products.

Today we would like to offer you the opportunity to join us in our work for God and neighbor. Our council has undertaken many activities such as:

Service to St. Mary's and the community for over 50 years.

Our activities/services include:

Faith Formation – we maintain a Catholic literature rack in the parish vestibule.

Prolife Outreach – We maintain a weekly presence in prayer outside the local Planned Parenthood office.

Volunteerism – Our members help with the doughnut Sunday each month and parish dinners as requested. Also, Knights volunteer at parish activities such as the Festival, the Stations of the Cross, as Eucharistic ministers and lectors and volunteer to support persons with disabilities at Mid-Ohio races.

Youth Outreach – Our council holds a basketball free throw contest for individuals with special needs throughout Richland County. Additionally, we reward our school students for good performance through our student of the month awards.

Charitable donations – We have made contributions to the diocesan vocations office, the Culture of life, the diocesan education office, Richland Pregnancy Services, Kroger gift cards, donated to Catholic Charities, the local YMCA and financial support to a seminarian in the Toledo diocese.

New Year's Pork and Sauerkraut dinner raises money for the diocesan vocations program.

Annual matching funds campaign that provides financial support to the Diocese for audio/visual training materials.

Annual Measure-Up campaign to support the special needs population at the local and state level. Our share is donated to Richland New Hope.

For more information contact Grand Knight, Jerry Kline at 419-589-9466.

A Brother Knight will be in the main vestibule after each Mass the weekend of October 14th and 15th to answer any questions.