

From Our Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners,

Rite of Christians Initiation for Adults: We are still welcoming those who are discerning joining the Catholic Church for the first time. Sr. Rosella leading a team of people who teach RCIA, which meets on Thursday evenings.

Buildings Report: The cold weather has taken a toll on our heating systems. At the grade School we have had 3 heat exchangers (radiators) and a small furnace break. We have temporarily repaired them and we are waiting for insurance money to come so that we can have these heat exchangers replaced. Our beautiful church hall and parish office building was completed in 2002. The new building has 5 heating units – 2 of which have died. We have heat in the church hall and youth room, but we do not have heat in the church offices, the Petri Library, or the Caveney Room. We hope to have 2 new heating units for the church offices soon. We continue to make plans to replace the roof of the church in spring using funds raised by the CSA in 2017.

January 22 Day Of Prayer For The Legal Protection Of Unborn Children: The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. The new Missal that is used for Mass designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.” As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. For more information visit the usc.cb.org
Msgr Paul Hudock



YOUTH MASS: The Next Youth Mass will be on Sunday, February 11th at 9:30. The Praise Band will return to accompany the liturgy. The praise band musicians are Ezra Hamilton (guitar), David Tangamo (bass), and Jason Birch (drums).



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL: Raise the Roof!

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2017. 132% over goal! Congratulations to all the people of the parish for exceeding our parish goal of \$170,000 which was needed for a new roof for the rectory and the parish. **We raised \$224,500 which is 132% of our goal.** We especially thank the Paul and Virginia Blake Foundation that gave the parish a gift of \$70,000. Msgr. Hudock is working with the parish finance council to determine the best use of extra money raised. Most likely it will be used for needed improvements of our main parish parking lot. A list of the projects funded by the CSA is on our parish website. Again, thank you for your participation in the 2017 Catholic Sharing Appeal.



Special Mass to Pray for the Opioid Epidemic

On February 1, 2018 at 7pm, all are invited to a special Mass at St. Michael Church to pray for healing and an end to the overwhelming opioid epidemic that is plaguing our area, our state and our country. As well, we will remember in a special way all whose lives have been impacted by drug abuse and those who have lost their lives due to the effects of drugs. Please come and pray for God’s mercy and healing.

This Mass is a joint project of St. Michael Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Parish.



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

Our New Monthly WELLNESS SERIES continues the **second Saturday of each month** from 10:00-12:00. Next meeting is February 10.



Please Pray For Those who are sick... Lora

Bishop, Barbara Brayec Fred Chipkar, Urban Danahey, Kathy Dietrich, Sammi Eimer, Janet Ferrera, James Guerriero, Fred Jaquay, Marcia Laughlin, Mary Ellen McCann, Linda Melko, Steve McCollam, Denise Mull, Bill Meyers, Mike Perring, Shirley Seamon, Mark Slater, Barb Smith, Evelyn Tellitocci, The Petruccioli Family, Lori Plants, Henry Schmitt, Nick Stephan, Anita Tankovits, Chester Jay Taylor, Jamie Orth Taylor, Rick Terry, Jim Tighe, Kathy Wagner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, S.M, Mitzi Wieczorkowski, Sue Yahn

Deceased: Fr. Bill Seli, S.M., Mickey

YARN NEEDED: Our Prayer shawl Ministry is in need of skeins of yarn to make more shawls. All colors are welcome, as well as gift cards to craft stores where we can purchase yarn. We make shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets. Yarn may be dropped off to the parish office during regular business hours. Also, if you know someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, please call the parish office and let us know. Thank you!



AOH SCHOLARSHIP: The Bishop Whelan Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Wheeling, WV, is offering three \$1,000 scholarships:

- **Applicants must be seniors** and attending a high school in Ohio or Marshall County in West Virginia, or Belmont County, Ohio.
- **Scholarships are to be used for tuition** or school expenses only and to be used to pursue post-secondary school education, such as a two year college degree, a four year college degree, a trade school or other acceptable post-secondary education or training. All applicants must have a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Each person will be judged on his or her grades, reference letter, extracurricular school activities, knowledge of Ireland and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, civic and religious activities and the required essay.
- **Deadline for submission** of application is March 17, 2018. Application and details can be found at: <https://aohwheeling.shutterfly.com/scholarship>

Parish Sacrificial Giving

January 14, 2018

Collection	\$6,355.00
WeShare:	\$1,453.00
Head Count:	369

Thank you!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday - January 23

Meditation Class 10:00 am Library

Thursday - January 25

RCIA 6:00 pm Caveney Rm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday, January 28 through Friday, February 2

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday - January 28

Youth Mass - 11:30 am (with Praise Band)

Tuesday - January 30

Meditation Class 10:00 am Library

Thursday - February 1

RCIA 6:00 pm Caveney Rm

Mass of Prayer for Opioid Addiction 7:00 pm St. Michael's

BEREAVEMENT GATHERING: If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at 6:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Church in Center Wheeling. Facilitator is Deacon Doug Breiding, and this event is sponsored by Mt. Calvary Cemetery. **Next gathering is January 22.**



FIRST FRIDAY MASS AT MT. CALVARY: All are welcome to attend the monthly First Friday Mass celebrated at the Bishops' Chapel located in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. The First Friday Mass for the month of February will be celebrated at 5:30pm on February 2, 2018. Please invite family and friends to join us for the holy sacrifice of the Mass and to remember our beloved dead who are buried within the cemetery.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 1-800-352-6513. Report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 1-888-434-6237.

St. Vincent's School and Youth News

GREENBACK SWEEPSTAKES AND DINNER WILL be held **Saturday, March 17, 2018.**

As you know, Greenbacks is the largest fundraiser designed to support our parish school! This year we will honor **Father James LaCrosse, S.M.**, former pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish and designated pastor at Central Catholic High School. We would love to fill the ballroom at the White Palace and let Father Jim know how much he is loved. Yes, this year, the Greenbacks event will take place at the White Palace, located in Wheeling Park. **Tickets for the event are \$25** each or you can purchase a table of 8 for \$175. This wonderful evening will include an Auction Preview, Dinner, Dancing, Recognition of our Honoree, Father LaCrosse, an opportunity to win \$10,000 and a chance to take home a basket from the **BIGGEST AUCTION** in Wheeling! Tickets can be purchased in the school or parish office or by calling John Yelenic, our Advancement Director at 304-242-0406 (X 37) Please mark your calendar and make every effort to be part of the celebration!!

GREENBACK RAFFLE TICKETS: If you have not returned your Greenback Raffle Tickets, please do so by the end of January. Additional tickets are available in the school and parish Offices for \$20 each.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR):

Upcoming Schedule:

Jan.	21	Class
	28	Class

SUMMER CAMP NEWS: The dates for Summer Camp, 2018 are June 17 - 23rd at Camp Bosco in Huttonsville, WV.



RCIA: For Information on becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic religion, please contact Sister Rosella at: 304-242-0406.

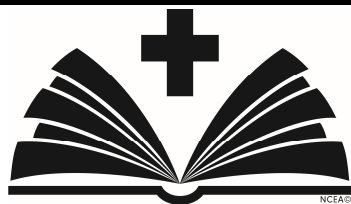
RCIA sessions are held each Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Caveney Room.



Pursuit Youth Event: will be **Sunday, January 28** beginning with a light meal after 11:30 am Mass. The event goes from 12:30 - 2:30 in the Main Hall of the Marist Centre. Middle School and High School youth and parents are invited to attend.

WALK TOWARD

Jonah did not simply walk away from his previous way of life. He walked toward Nineveh. The disciples did not only abandon their nets. They walked toward Jesus and to a life of discipleship. G. K. Chesterson is quoted as saying, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been tried and found difficult." Yet Christian living is also deeply meaningful. What would happen if you truly took the call to follow Jesus to heart? It isn't only about turning away from things that are counter to the Christian way of life. As it was for Jonah, the disciples at the seashore, and Saint Paul, a true life of faith is also about walking toward God, about loving God and neighbor, about risking an unknown future filled with life and goodness, holiness and grace.



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Next week is Catholic Schools Week. We have a great list of activities for each day. Stay tuned for the full itinerary in next week's bulletin!



Mass Schedule

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (January 27/28, 2018)

Masses This Weekend

Saturday Jan. 20 (3rd Ordinary Sunday/Vigil)
5:00 pm McCann Family

Sunday Jan. 21 (3rd Sunday in Ord. Time)
8:00 am Sr. Diane McCalley (Anniv)
9:30 am Alphonse Brak and Leonard Subasic
11:30 am All the People of the Parish
10:30 am (OLSD) Joan Nau

Masses This Week

Monday Jan. 22 (U.S. Day of Prayer for the legal Protection of Unborn Children)
7:50 am Timothy Perko

Tuesday Jan. 23 (St. Marianne Cope, Virgin)
7:50 am No Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena before 7:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Rose and Emilio Rizzo

Wednesday Jan. 24 (St. Francis de Sales, Bishop)
7:50 am Norma Swoyer

Thursday Jan. 25 (Conversion of St. Paul)
7:50 am Leonard Kuntz

Friday Jan. 26 (Sts. Timothy and Titus)
9:00 am Stacie Manter (B)

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday Jan. 27 (4th Ordinary Sunday/Vigil)
5:00 pm Deceased Members of Perko Family

Sunday Jan. 28 (4th Sunday in Ord. Time)
8:00 am Frank Maltese (Anniv)
9:30 am Margie Fitzpatrick
11:30 am Grace Neidert
10:30 am (OLSD) Dianne and Andy Wensel

UPCOMING TRAINING:

- **Lector Training:** Sunday, January 21, from 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm in the Church



TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2017:

If you would like a Statement of Contributions for 2017, please call the parish office at 304-242-0406. Statements are processed on request. Available by mail or pick up at the parish office.

Saturday—5:00 pm

Servers: Maddie Taylor, Need Someone
Greeters: Davie and Jeannie Miller
Lector/Announcer: Jim Roberts
Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Witzgall, Vickie Joseph, Barbara Roberts, Cindy and Mike Perring

Sunday - 8:00 am

Servers: Need Someone
Greeters: John and Vera Powell, Carol Harris
Lector/Announcer: Mary K. Bell
Eucharistic Ministers: Derek, Paul, and Mary Rose Dimmey, Carolyn Brookover, Jim Baller

Sunday - 9:30 am

Servers: Charlie and Isabella DiSaia, Jada Gornik
Greeters: Gwen Porter, Cliff and Debbie Hess
Lector/Announcer: Richard Oswald
Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda and Dennis Beiter, Marilyn Delbrugge, Bev Vanaman, Leo and Marsha Boissy, Need Someone

Sunday - 11:30 Mass

Servers: Jack and Lucy Klug
Greeters: Susie and Paul Newmeyer
Lector/Announcer: Bryan Minor
Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Soloninka, Janie Fox, Barb Napple, Karen Bates, Bob Morgan

World Marriage Day: Join us

Saturday, February 10, 2018, for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage together at St. Vincent de Paul Marist Centre. We begin by celebrating Mass together at 5:00 pm, followed by a wine and cheese social in the parish center. A candlelit dinner will follow, and one couple (pre-committed) will give a brief witness to their experience in the Sacrament of marriage. The evening ends with coffee and wedding cake served to the group. Cost of the evening is \$45 per couple.



Reservations are required and must be made **no later than Feb. 7**. For more information, contact the Beiter's at 304-238-4904 or the Reed's at 304-242-8156.