

From Our Pastor. . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus and the Sick. The Gospel readings at Mass for the next three Sundays will remind us that Jesus had a special love for the sick. This Sunday Jesus cures a man who suffers from “an unclean Spirit.” Who knows what type of affliction this might have been. With the help of modern psychology, we are aware that there are many types of treatable mental illnesses. All who suffer from clinical depression, anxiety, addictions or other mental illness can take consolation in the healing story that we hear this week.

When we care for the sick, we are fulfilling Christ’s instruction: “*I was sick and you visited me.*” (Mathew 25) When we ourselves are sick, we can take consolation that Christ shared in our human weakness. “*Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted*” (Isaiah 53)

World Day of the Sick. February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858, Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old miller’s daughter from the town of Lourdes in southern France. Since that time, thousands of people have experienced healings that have been medically documented at the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. Millions of pilgrims visit the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes every year. In a way, the healing presence of Jesus has been renewed in our time by the message of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Universal Church has declared the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes to be the “World Day of the Sick.” On this day in our parish, we will have a communal celebration of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Those suffering from serious illnesses, or have grown weak under the burden of old age, are invited to attend this anointing.

Sincerely in Christ,
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).

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.



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, Bernadine Elias, 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, Jim Repep, Henry Schmitt, Nick Stephan, Anita Tankovits, Chester Jay Taylor, Jamie Orth Taylor, Rick Terry, Jim Tighe, Chuck Vanyo, Kathy Wagner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, S.M, Mitzi Wieczorkowski, Sue Yahn, Betty Zinn



From the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Mary's Elm Grove

Conference: We have just turned in our end-of-year report to our state

council, and we are happy to report that our parishioners have once again come through by donating more than \$10,000 to the poor box during the year 2017. Along with a similar amount from the Thrift Store, we used this money to help people in the Wheeling area with utility bills, groceries, cleaning and hygiene products, and sometimes rent. Without your generous donations, many people in our community, including children, would be cold and hungry, and would not feel the impact of God's love in people who show they care. We were able to help over 200 families, a total of 800 people, and we delivered 60 beds, complete with linens, blankets, and pillows to people who were sleeping on the floor. Again, we can't thank our church family enough for supporting this important ministry. You are such an inspiration and we wouldn't exist without you!

CLEANING OF SOCIAL HALL AT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS:

Our Lady of Seven Dolors' Altar Rosary Society will meet on Thursday, February 1, at 10:00 am in OLSD Social Hall to clean for the upcoming Fish Fries. All members are asked to come and help.

Parish Sacrificial Giving

January 21, 2018

Collection \$10,139.00
WeShare: 846.00
Head Count: 546

Thank you!

EVENTS THIS 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 Petri Library

Thursday - February 1

Cleaning of Social Hall 10:00 am OLSD
 RCIA 6:00 pm Caveney Rm
 Mass of Prayer for Opioid Addiction 7:00 pm St. Michael's

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday - February 6


Meditation Class 10:00 am Petri Library
 Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Petri Library
 Women's Faith Sharing 7:00 pm Petri Library

Thursday - February 8

RCIA 6:00 pm RCIA

Saturday - February 10

Health and Wellness 10:00 am Youth Rm
 World Marriage Day 6:00 pm Main Hall

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 February 26



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.

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



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SVS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK HAPPENINGS:

- **Sunday, January 28** *Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Mass* - 11:30 am. We would like all families to attend. There is a special program for grades 6 - 12 to follow in the Parish Center.
- **Monday - January 29: Celebrating Your Community -- Career Day/Community Helpers:** Students will dress in clothes that represent what they want to be as adults. Parents to speak about careers; and Crafts
- **Tuesday - January 30: Celebrating the Nations:** \$1 Dress Down - proceeds to be given to the Red Cross. Students dress in Red, White and Blue. Activities to celebrate our country.
- **Wednesday - January 31: Celebrating our Students:** Inflatables at the YMCA from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Dress in your favorite sport's team's attire.
- **Thursday - February 1: Celebrating School Spirit:** Students dress in Spirit clothing; 8th Grade Volleyball Game.
- **Friday - February 2: Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers:** Mass at 9:00 am, Dress Up Day; Vocations Day. Noon Dismissal
- **Saturday - February 3: Celebrating Families:** Family gift sent home on Friday.

CCHS NEWS: Seats for the Class of 2022 are filling up: Go online to:

www.cchsknights.org and apply.

Monday, February 5th - Online applications due for early admission

Tuesday, February 6th - Winter Open House 6:00-8:00 PM

February 12th - 23rd - Get Knighted - Ceremonies to recognize those accepted to the Class of '22.

Tuesday, March 6th - Freshman Registration Knight 6:30-8:00 PM

Sunday, April 8th - Scholarship Essay Day Writing and Math assessments will be conducted at local Catholic grade schools in the Spring.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR):

Upcoming Schedule:

Jan. 28 Class

Feb. 4 Class

(Volunteers plan Family Day)



We have Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 2nd Sunday of each month during 9:30 Mass

- Next gathering will be February 10.



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.

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.

Mass Schedule

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (February 3/4, 2018)

Masses This 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

Masses This Week

Monday Jan. 29
7:50 am Bea and Louis Marquart

Miraculous Medal Novena before 7:00 pm Mass

Tuesday Jan. 30
7:50 am No Mass
7:00 pm Charles Nolte and Jerry Jacobs
Wednesday Jan. 31 (St. John Bosco, Priest)
7:50 am John George (Anniv)
Thursday Feb. 1
7:50 am Sam Elias (B)
Friday Feb. 2 (Presentation of the Lord)
9:00 am Joseph Latz

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday Feb. 3 (5th Ordinary Sunday/Vigil)
5:00 pm McCann Family
Sunday Feb. 4 (5th Sunday in Ord. Time)
8:00 am Timothy Kuntz
9:30 am Mary F. Hay
11:30 am Dr. Chuck Porter
10:30 am (OLSD) Janice Kalo

Saturday—5:00 pm

Servers: Abby and Joey Hall
Greeters: Betsy Martin and Rose Loborec
Lector/Announcer: Cindy Perring
Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Roberts, Nancy LaBrosse, Michele and Tom McFadden, Rita Gallo

Sunday - 8:00 am

Servers: Austin and Christian Nestor
Greeters: Carol Harris, Dorothy Merinar, Rea Stein
Lector/Announcer: Debra Toland
Eucharistic Ministers: Maggie Childers, Susie and Matt Koval, Katie Kreitzer, Bob Krajewski

Sunday - 9:30 am

Servers: Brandon and Luke Miller
Greeters: Lynn Hetzel and Becky DiSaia
Lector/Announcer: Need Someone
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Bishop, Garry Ferrell, Dorothy Dudzik, Lynn Hetzel, Janet Bole, Mary and Bill Gibson

Sunday - 11:30 Mass

Servers: Thomas and Luke Minor, Ivaniel Lopez-Prianti
Greeters: Julie Thorn, Maggie and Derek Reed
Lector/Announcer: Jo Terry
Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Thomas, Mary Lou Kent, Judy Stadler, Richard Oswald, Dave Soloninka



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BLESSING OF THROATS:

Next weekend, February 3 and 4, Throats will be blessed after each Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Blasé.



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.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING SERVICE:



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