

From our Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Congratulations to Bob and Jody Contraguerro who will receive papal honors at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on March 17th. Bob and Jody are receiving the "**Benemerenti Medal.**" Meaning "well merited," the Benemerenti Medal is an honor awarded by the pope to members of the clergy and laity for notable service to the Catholic Church. We thank the Contraguerro family for their many years of substantial support to the operations of St. Vincent de Paul parish and grade school.

Greenbacks Sweepstakes and Dinner: On March 17th, the same evening that Bishop Bransfield will celebrate a Mass for papal honors at St. Joseph Cathedral, our community will honor Fr. Jim LaCrosse at the Greenbacks Dinner at the White Palace. Additionally, the boys' high school basketball finals are in Charleston that weekend. Fr. Jim LaCrosse has promised us that after the basketball tournament, he will drive from Charleston back to Wheeling to attend Greenbacks. We are still on track to have a wonderful and successful evening. We have sold \$10,000 worth of raffle tickets already, and we expect to continue to sell more raffle tickets.

I ask as many parishioners as possible to purchase a ticket to the Greenbacks Dinner/Dance/Auction/Raffle! Please come out and support our grade school at our biggest event of the year. Please come out to support Fr. LaCrosse. After all the Masses this weekend, we will have people selling both raffle and dinner tickets.

Roof Update: Bishop Bransfield has signed the contract with Kalkrueth Roofing to replace our roof on St. Vincent's church and rectory for \$145,300. We are waiting for the Kalkrueth Roofing company to give us a start date for the replacement work to begin.

Change of Mass Times: The new Sunday Mass schedule, which was implemented last weekend, went well. We had no major problems. Many people commented to me how much they enjoyed seeing a larger crowd at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. I encourage people to try the Mass at Our Lady of Seven Dolors. The distance from St. Vincent church to Our Lady of Seven Dolors mission is 2.1 miles. Seven Dolors is a beautiful chapel and the regular attendees are quite welcoming. The new schedule is to be considered a temporary fix for the Lenten Season and Easter Sunday. After Easter we will evaluate the effectiveness of this schedule.

God Bless You All, Msgr. Paul Hudock

DIOCESAN LENTEN PILGRIMAGE:

There will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage in Wheeling:
• **Wednesday, March 7**, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Fr. Justin Blanc, Homilist

There will be opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning at 6:00 pm.
Eucharistic Liturgy at 7 pm.

For more information, contact the Office of Worship and Sacraments at 304-233-0880, x 289.



GO BEYOND THE ORDINARY THIS LENT. Join us for a one hour Lenten experience to awaken your senses.

Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 3-4 p.m.

Give witness to the crucifixion of Christ and honor his ultimate sacrifice for us. The hour includes breaking bread, reviewing the crucifixion, essential oils and a short meditation. Please call Mary (304-242-6799) for more information and to reserve your oils.



Marriage Preparation Workshops:

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring one day workshops for engaged couples preparing for marriage here in Wheeling at St. Michael Parish. Cost is \$40 per person. Next workshop is March 17, 2018. Register online at:
wvmarriage.org/RegisterPFCM



Upcoming Events for Lent

- **Stations of the Cross:** will be held each Thursday afternoon at 2:00 pm (with our SVS students) here at St. Vincent's Church.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors
- **Living Stations of the Cross:** Thursday, March 22, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm (at St. Vincent's)
- **Our Lady of Seven Dolors Fish Fry:** Each Friday of Lent (with the exception of Good Friday), from 11:00 am—5:00 pm (or until sold out).
- **Communal Penance Service** (in conjunction with St. Michael's) will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00 pm at St. Michael's.



Please Pray For Those who are sick... Lora

Bishop, Barbara Brayec Fred Chipkar, Tom Clatterbuck, 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, 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 Wiczorkowski,



OLSD BUS TRIP: Our Lady of Seven Dolors Altar Society is planning a Bus Trip to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, St. James Church, in Charles Town, WV on May 15 and 16, 2018. We will be accompanied by Msgr. Paul Hudock as our Spiritual Director.

Cost is \$170 per person and includes dinner and breakfast, and one overnight at the Priestfield Pastoral Center.

Reservations must be made by March 15.

To reserve your spot, please call Vera Powell at 304-242-1134.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND: Global Catholic tours is sponsoring a trip of 9 days in the Holy Land from October 8—16, 2018. Cost is \$3,340 and includes 1 night in Tel Aviv, 2 nights in Galilee, 3 nights in Jerusalem. Spiritual Director is Fr. Terry Crone from Newman, GA. For brochures or more information, contact John Tagnesi at 1-888-544-4461, of jag1964@verizon.net

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 Wheeling. Facilitator is Deacon Doug Breiding, and this event is sponsored by Mt. Calvary Cemetery. **Next gathering is February 26**



Parish Sacrificial Giving

February 18, 2018

Collection \$9,054.00
WeShare: 946
Head Count: 456

Thank you!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday—February 27

Meditation Class 10:00 am Petri Library
Women's Faith Sharing 7:00 pm Petri Library

Thursday—March 1

RCIA 6:30 pm Caveney Rm
Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm St. Vincent's

Friday—March 2

Fish Fry 11:00 am OLSD
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm OLSD

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday—March 4th

Lenten Experience 3:00 pm Youth Rm
No Holy Hour

Monday—March 5

Communal Penance Service 7 pm Corpus Christi

Tuesday—March 6

Meditation Class 10:00 am Petri Library
Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Petri Library

Wednesday—March 7

Diocesan Pilgrimage 6:00 pm Cathedral

Thursday—March 8

Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm St. Vincent's
RCIA 6:30 pm Caveney Rm
Pastoral Council 6:30 pm Youth Room

Friday—March 9

Fish Fry 11:00 am OLSD
Early Childhood Open House 11:00 am SVS
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm OLSD

Saturday—March 10

Men's Retreat 8:00 am Main Hall
RCIA Retreat 8:30 am St. Alphonsus
1st Reconciliation 10:00 am St. Vincent's



MEN'S RETREAT: The

Laymen's Retreat League would like to invite all Catholic men of the area to a Day of Reflection with Rev. William Matheny on Saturday, March 10, at Our Marist Centre—beginning at 8 am with a continental breakfast (registration at 8:30) and ending with Mass (around 5 pm). For more information, contact Don at 304-280-4626.


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

UPCOMING IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION DATES:

- **Sunday, Feb. 25:** Rite of Election for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates (Cathedral)
- **Saturday, March 10:** First Reconciliation for our 2nd graders in the Church—10 am
- **Saturday, March 31:** Celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates during the Easter Vigil
- **Saturday, April 7:** Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 5:00 pm
- **Saturday, May 5:** First Communion Retreat in the Marist Center Main Hall and practice in the Church
- **Sunday, May 6:** Celebration of First Communion during the 11:30 am Mass

Parent Information Regarding Tuition Assistance: The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is Applying for FACTS is easy and affordable. Applications are made online. Go to www.factsmgmt.com. Click on "Grant and Aid Assessment" and log in. If you do not have access to internet, contact your school office.

 **We have Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 2nd Sunday of each month during 9:00 Mass**

- Next gathering will be March 11.

Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important CCHS Dates:
Tuesday, March 6 is Freshman Registration Knight. 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Great Hall
Thursday, March 22 is the CCHS Reverse Raffle, sponsored by the Boosters! Call the school or any booster for tickets!

Food Preparation for the Catholic Neighborhood Center. We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to cook 6 lasagnas to be served for the evening meal of around 60 people at the Catholic Neighborhood Center. The Center would like us to use their aluminum pans and deliver them on February 26. For more information contact Msgr. Paul Hudock.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): Upcoming Schedule:

Feb. 25 Family Day
(Breakfast followed by Session)
March 4 Class



GREENBACK SWEEPSTAKES AND DINNER — Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day at GREENBACKS!

The countdown is on! If you have not purchased your tickets for our Greenbacks Gala - you don't have much time!! Join your SVS family for a night of dancing, dinner, dessert and the BIGGEST and BEST Auction in Wheeling.

Doors open at 6:00

Honoree: Father James LaCrosse, S.M.
Appetizers, Dinner, Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks and a Decadent Dessert Bar included
Specialty Drink: The Fuzzy Leprechaun (\$3...unlimited refills)
Cash Bar

Music to Dance the Night Away - DJYelenix

Bid on Fabulous Baskets created by Jen Kinkade and her awesome crew!

Hang out with friends and share in the Luck of the Irish!

Raffle Winners Announced - win your share of \$20,000

BABYSITTING/CHILDSITTING AVAILABLE
Enjoy the annual Greenbacks Gala with no worries about your Children! SVS will offer a **KIDS NIGHT OUT** from 6:00-10:00 at the White Palace!

Children - age 2-8th grade — will enjoy the spacious Youth Center and Arcade at the White Palace. Our adult and student leaders will be "Safe Environment" certified and equipped to create a fun night for our children.

- **The \$8 cost per child includes.....** Pizza, drinks, dessert and snacks throughout the night. Also, each child will receive a bag of quarters to be used in the arcade. Special activities include SVS Got Talent, a coloring contest and Olympic Events - with prizes! Reservations are required! Please email John Yelenic at: jyelenic@stvincentschool.org by **March 10th**. Student fee can be paid on the night of the event!

Mass Schedule

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (March 4, 2018)

Masses This Weekend

Saturday Feb. 24 (2nd Sunday of Lent)
5:00 pm Helene Pokorny
Sunday Feb. 25 (2nd Sunday of Lent)
9:00 am James Brookover
Bill and Elizabeth Hawkins
11:30 am (OLSD) Claudio Vecchio
Gerald Kase (B)

Masses This Week

Monday Feb. 26
7:50 am Beatrice Marquart
Tuesday Feb. 27
7:50 am No Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena before 5:30 pm Mass
5:30 pm Mary Ellen Griffiths
Wednesday Feb. 28
7:50 am Dorothy George (Anniv)
Thursday March 1
7:50 am Jennifer Kalo (B)
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday March 2
9:00 am Jack Sr. and Madeline Belby
6:00 pm (OLSD) Stations of the Cross

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday March 3 (3rd Sunday of Lent)
5:00 pm Felicia Montagnor
Larry DeGasperi (Anniv)
Sunday March 4 (3rd Sunday of Lent)
9:00 am Mary Kuntz and John Fitzpatrick (Anniv)
11:30 am (OLSD) Dianne and Andy Wensel



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 March 10.

Looking to get healthy, lose a few pounds and learn how to prevent chronic diseases—like diabetes and heart disease? Join us at Howard Long Wellness Center for our class/game—**Take It Away!** Take away the weight, the risk (of chronic disease) and the stress. Annie McKenna, registered dietitian and nutrition navigator leads this 8-week class starting Tuesday, March 13 and every Tuesday until May 1 (8 weeks). 530-630pm at HLWC. \$100 for members. \$200 non-members (includes membership at the gym for 8 weeks). Call 304.242.WELL to register.

Saturday—5:00 pm

Servers: Abby and Joey Hall
Greeters: Rich Maltese and Nancy LaBrosse
Lector/Announcer: Vickie Joseph
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara and Jim Roberts, Andrea Witzgall, Nancy LaBrosse, Rita Gallo

Sunday - 9:00 am

Servers: Zac and Kara Bole, Vincent Rodak
Greeters: Lois Naegele, John Dudzik
Lector/Announcer: **Jeanne McKeets**
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Hetzel, Amy Bishop, Garry Ferrell, Dorothy Dudzik, Janet Bole, Mary and Bill Gibson

Sunday - 11:30 Mass (OLSD)

Servers: Jack and Lucy Klug
Greeters: Judy Goudy and Jim Sengewalt
Lector/Announcer: Mark Drnach
Eucharistic Ministers: Janie Fox, Karen Bates, JoAnn Drnach, Rachel Drnach, Need Someone

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

On the Third Sunday of Lent, March 3-4, 2018, the annual collection will be taken for the Priests Health and Retirement Association (PHRA). Your contribution to this collection will fund the medical benefits of active priest and the retirement benefits of retired priests in the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston.



Vespers
a service of prayer, listening, and sacrament
Lenten Vespers: The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, will hold Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours) each Sunday during Lent (including Palm Sunday) at 6p.m. In addition to the prayers and music, there will be a guest priest each week who will offer a Lenten Reflection.



YOUTH MASS: The Next Youth Mass will be on Sunday, March 11th at 9:00. The Praise Band will return to accompany the liturgy. The praise band musicians are Ezra Hamilton (guitar), David Tangamo (bass), and Jason Birch (drums).