

From our Pastor. . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mother Teresa of Calcutta gave a talk at my seminary on December 9, 1995. I was 28 years old and in my second year of studying theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. My first impression of Mother, was how small she was, which was striking as she stood in a room of around 150 men who were studying for the priesthood. Never have I met a more charismatic person, who commanded the attention of everyone in the room. She spoke of her work with the "poorest of the poor" among the slums of Calcutta, India. She told us how her sisters gathered the sick and the dying were abandoned on the streets of their huge city. The Missionaries of Charity started a hospice for the dying where they could pass away in peace surrounded by love.

She spoke of her spirituality of doing small things with great love. We do not have to accomplish impressive achievements to serve God. When we do the smallest act of service for our brother or sister and do it with love, we serve God well. She also spoke of recognizing Jesus in those who she served. *"I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus."* Mother spoke of loving Jesus who comes to us in the *"distressing disguise of the poor."*

I think my encounter with Mother got under my skin. As the years go by I find her example to be a steady spiritual guide. This Lent, I find myself recalling a simple lesson she taught us seminarians 22 years ago. *"Use the five fingers of your hand to count out these prayers: (1) I want, 2) I will, 3) With the help of God, 4) To be, 5) Holy."*

As you have heard me preach recently, repentance is a change of mind, and subsequently, a change of heart. To grow in holiness is to grow in forming our thoughts to think more like Christ. So, I have been using my fingers and my prayers to guide my thoughts the right direction. *"I want – I will – With the help of God – To be – Holy"* (or humble, truthful, merciful, pure, consistent, kind, patient, focused, generous...) There are many virtues in which I need to make progress.

God Bless You,

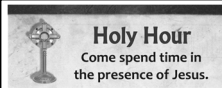
Msgr. Paul Hudock



Please pray for our Elect who will Receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil: *Chyanne Bennett and Christopher LaFollett, and Adam LaFollett*

Pray for our Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic Church who will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil: *Lindsey Contraguerro, Ronald Ross*

Pray for our Candidates for Confirmation who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil: *Jeremy Bennett and Mary Beth LaFollett*



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: On Sunday, April 15, from 2:00 p.m. to

3:00 p.m., a **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for the Priesthood in Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston** will be offered at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Msgr. Paul Hudock will be preaching during the Holy Hour on the "Gift of the Priesthood." The purpose of the event is to petition our God to call men to serve as priests to our local Churches and to foster a love of the priesthood among the people. After the Holy Hour, there will be refreshments in our St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre and an "Ask Father" panel discussion with the priests who are present. This event is for all the faithful (men and women, young and old), and is open to all the parishes of the Wheeling Vicariate. For more information contact St. Vincent de Paul Parish Office at (304) 242- 0406 or the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Office of Vocations at (304) 233-0880 ext. 442.



Upcoming Events for Lent

Stations of the Cross: each Thursday at 2:00 pm (with our SVS students) here at St. Vincent's Church.

- **Stations of the Cross** - each Friday at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolours
- **Living Stations of the Cross:** Thursday, March 22, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm (at St. Vincent's)
- **Our Lady of Seven Dolours Fish Fry:** Each Friday of Lent (except Good Friday), from 11:00 am—5:00 pm (or until sold out).
- **Communal Penance Service** (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, Fred Jaquay, Marcia Laughlin, Lee Merinar, 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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday—March 11

Youth Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday—March 13

Meditation Class 10:00 am Petri Library

Thursday—March 15

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

Friday—March 16

Fish Fry 11:00 am OLSD

Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm OLSD

Saturday—March 17

Greenback Dinner/Sweepstakes 6:00 pm White Palace

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Tuesday—March 20

Meditation Class 10:00 am Library

St. Vincent de Paul Society 6:30 pm Caveney Rm

Communal Penance Service 7:00 pm St. Mike's

Thursday—March 22

Living Stations 2:00 pm St. Vincent's

Soup Supper 5:30 pm Main Hall

RCIA 6:30 pm Caveney Rm

Living Stations 7:00 pm St. Vincent's

Friday—March 23

Fish Fry 11:00 am OLSD

Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm OLSD

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



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

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 March 26**



SIGN UP SHEETS: The Sign Up Sheets for Holy Week will be posted soon. We will need Altar Servers, Lectors, Liturgical Ministers, and Greeters for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. We are also looking for people to sign up to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday.

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.

Parish Sacrificial Giving

March 4, 2018

Collection \$7,816.00
WeShare: \$ 882.00
Head Count: 488

Thank you!

St. Vincent's School and Youth News

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FORUM: St. Vincent de Paul

School offers a wonderful education for children preschool through grade 8. We had 6 families visit our school during the Open House held in early February. On **March 22nd**, SVS will host an Early Childhood Education Forum. This will feature our teachers, experts in their field, as well as several guest speakers from the local community. A round robin discussion format will take place with SVS parents and parents of potential students to participate in cutting edge discussions regarding ECE and receive an up close, inside look at our amazing *Preschool, Transitional K and Kindergarten* Programs. Parents will also have the opportunity to check out grades 1 and 2 and take a "walk through" the rest of our building! More information and details will follow...please mark your calendar and invite friends who are interested in a quality ECE program for their child! Remember....St. Vincent de Paul School - a quality Catholic education is just minutes from your home!



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): Upcoming Schedule:

March 11 Class
March 18 Class



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

If you are wondering whether to attend, what to wear or will there be a good family movie available on Netflix that night - **THE TIME IS NOW TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!** Our Greenbacks Dinner/Dance/Auction/Raffle is next Saturday, March 17th! We want to see YOU there!!! With a little more than a week away - the Greenbacks Event is the biggest fundraiser for our school. Tickets are only \$25 - that is 1/2 and 1/3 the price of similar affairs in the Ohio Valley that do not offer nearly as much as Greenbacks! PLEASE come out and support YOUR school! If you remember Father Jim LaCrosse - come and say "hello!" Tickets are available in the school or parish offices or give Susie Newmeyer or Debbie Davis a call!



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER: St. Vincent's Confirmation Class of 2018 is sponsoring a Soup Supper on Thursday, March 22, from 5—6:30 pm in the Main Hall of the Marist Centre. Menu includes: soup, salad, bread and butter, desserts, coffee, tea, lemonade and water. "Free-Will" offering requested (either monetary or non-perishable food items). Donations benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Take out is available!



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

- Next gathering will be April 8



Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important CCHS Dates:

- **Thursday, March 22** is the CCHS Reverse Raffle, sponsored by the Boosters! Call the school or any booster for tickets
- **We are now scheduling** students for Shadowing at CCHS. To schedule a Shadow Day, contact John Yelenic at 304-233-1660.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Greenbacks!

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
A Special Shout Out to our teachers and staff

Silent Auction—Over 75 Fabulous Baskets and Specialty Items.

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 through 8th grade** — will enjoy the spacious Youth Center and Arcade at the White Palace.
- **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!

Mass Schedule

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (March 17/18, 2018)

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday **March 10 (4th Sunday of Lent)**
5:00 pm Michael Witsberger
Sunday **March 11 (4th Sunday of Lent)**
9:00 am Grace Neidert,
Alphonse Brak and Leonard Subasic
11:30 am (OLSD) Dr. Charles Porter
For all the People of our Parish

Masses This Week

Monday **March 12**
7:50 am No Mass (Msgr. Paul Away)
Tuesday **March 13**
7:50 am No Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena before 5:30 pm Mass
5:30 pm Alberta Zinn
Wednesday **March 14**
7:50 am Hope Wagenhoffer
Thursday **March 15**
7:50 am Sharon Stenger (B)
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday **March 16**
9:00 am Margie Fitzpatrick
6:00 pm (OLSD) Stations of the Cross

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday **March 17 (5th Sunday of Lent)**
5:00 pm Flo and Sonny Merritt
Sunday **March 18 (5th Sunday of Lent)**
9:00 am Thunder Storch and Jim Schreyer
11:30 am (OLSD) Sr. Marion Bianco and Stacie
Manter

Saturday—5:00 pm

Servers: Angelina Robrecht, Riley Chiazza
Greeters: Sarah and Chris Hortert
Lector/Announcer: Barbara Roberts
Eucharistic Ministers: Vickie Joseph, Wally
McMasters, Jeannie Miller, Jim Roberts,
Michele and Tom McFadden, Jim Baller

Sunday - 9:00 am

Servers: Patrick Childers, Laura Tighe,
Jada Gornik
Greeters: Julie Thorn, Patsy McGlumphy,
Lynn Hetzel
Lector/Announcer: Richard Oswald
Eucharistic Ministers: Ty Miller, Brenda and
Dennis Beiter, Marilyn Delbrugge, Bev
Vanaman, Paul and Derek Dimmey

Sunday - 11:30 Mass (OLSD)

Servers: Lliam and Abigail Gerney
Greeters: Joann and Rachel Drnach
Lector/Announcer: Dave Soloninka
Eucharistic Ministers: Janie Fox, Barb
Napple, Rachel Drnach

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:
This weekend— Catholic Relief Services

UPDATE!

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 April 7.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

We are now in the process of working with
a person who has no furniture or small
appliances. He is sleeping on the floor.
Some basic needs are: Bed and bedding (either
twin or full); living room furniture, dining room table
and chairs, microwave, coffee pot, or toaster. If you
are able to help with any of the above items, please
contact Bill Gibson at 304-242-4570. Thank you!



A very special thank you to
all my St. Vincent's Family
for the cards, flowers, and
remembrances for my moth-
er, Bernadine Elias. These past few months
have been very busy and stressful for us, but
the grace of God and the support of a wonder-
ful parish community has made it much easier.
I appreciate everything you do, and your
patience with the tax letters and Minister
Schedule. Thank you so much! Love, Debbie



YOUTH MASS: The Next Youth Mass will be on Sunday, April 8th 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).