

From our Pastor. .

Dear Parishioners,

This is commitment weekend for the 2018 Catholic Sharing Appeal. After the homily this weekend we will ask you to make a commitment to the CSA. Every dollar you give will be returned to the parish 100%.

I have heard some questions concerning Catholic Sharing Appeal. Please allow me to answer some of these questions.

Q: Why doesn't the Diocese pay for projects like the roof replacement, parking lot improvements and for priest salaries? The Diocese has enough money, why do we have to give?

A: The responsibility for the staff and buildings belongs to the parish. To not accept responsibility for the cost of our basic operations would be an indication that we have become, as a community, spiritually comatose. Have you ever met an adult who is a "trust fund baby?" This is a person who lives off their parents or grandparent's money. Trust fund babies are usually unmotivated and spoiled. We do not want to be community of "trust fund babies." If we are a community of growing, active disciples of our Lord, we must take responsibility for obligations.

Q: What about Wheeling Hospital and Wheeling Jesuit University? Can't they help local parishes?

A: Wheeling Hospital has expanded in the last few years. I am not an expert on their operations, but I would imagine that they are re-investing their profits back into healthcare in our area. Wheeling Jesuit is in a "rebuilding stage." In the Spring of 2017, the university sold its campus to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and will subsequently lease back that campus. In exchange, the diocese paid off the university's bond debt, which was substantial.

Q: Can we do more fundraisers to support the parish?

A: I am open to any fundraiser that a group of dedicated laypersons would like to organize and execute.

Q: Does our St. Vincent de Paul Parish really need the money? Everything looks O.K. to me.

A: Our Mass-going congregation is shrinking by an estimated 4% a year. As the congregation gets smaller, it becomes difficult for the parish to support the St. Vincent Grade School. I estimate that our parish/school budget shortfall is around \$150,000 per year. Your parish staff works to keep the church space tidy and to provide good liturgies on Sunday. However, the community is at risk of seeing our school and parish diminish. For the parish to be vibrant, we must support the operations of the parish.

—Msgr. Paul Hudock



TOWN HALL MEETING: On Sunday April 29th at 1:00 p.m., there will be a Town Hall Meeting in Marist Centre. We have invited Mr. Chad Carter, the Chancellor of the Diocese to attend. He will be discussing the changing demographics of the city of Wheeling and an update on the numbers of priests in the diocese. We will also talk about our efforts to improve our Sunday liturgies and to protect Catholic education and the future of Our Lady of Seven Dolours Mission.



CONSECRATION OF CHILDREN TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE:

The Marist Laity will again sponsor the consecration (born and unborn) on Sunday, May 27, 2018 after the 11:30 Mass. Anyone who wishes to have a child or children consecrated is welcome to attend. For more information, contact the parish office at 304-242-0406, or Jean Hohman at 304-242-3295.



CSA Prayer

God of all Creation
We give you thanks for the majestic beauty

That you have bestowed on the state of West Virginia.

In the wonderful mountains, rivers, and forests
We see a reflection of your infinite goodness.
Help us to be good stewards of the gifts you have given to us.

Help us to continue to build the Church through our ministries in this beautiful state.

As members of the Body of Christ, may our participation in the Catholic Sharing Appeal be a sign of our thankfulness and enable us to serve the needs of all who call our Mountain State home.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Please Pray For Those who are sick... Lora

Bishop, Barbara Brayec Fred Chipkar, Tom Clatterbuck, Urban Danahey, Kathy Dietrich, Sammi Eimer, Janet Ferrera, Mike Greenwood, Bob Hughes, Fred Jaquay, Phyllis Kosem, Mary Jane Langmyer, Marcia Laughlin, Lee Merinar, Mary Ellen McCann, Linda Melko, Steve McCollam, Denise Mull, Bill Meyers, Mike Perring, Bill Palmer, Shirley Seamon, Mark Slater, Evelyn Tellitocci, The Petruccioli Family, Lori Plants, Louise Repep, 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

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Our Monthly Wellness Series continues the **second Saturday of each month** from 10 am—12 noon. Next meeting is May 12. **There will be no weekly Meditation Classes during the Month of April.** Next Class will be announced.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:
Finance Council - April 26 - 6:30 pm Caveney Rm

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. Facilitator is Rev. Mr. Doug Breiding. Sponsored by Mt. Calvary 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.

Parish Sacrificial Giving
April 15, 2018
Collection: Not Available
WeShare: Not Available
Head Count: Not Available
Thank you!

EVENTS THIS WEEK
Tuesday—April 24
Women’s Faith Sharing 5:30 pm
Good Shepherd
Thursday—April 26
OLSD Altar Society 11 am Parish Centre
Finance Council 6:30 pm Caveney Rm
EVENTS NEXT WEEK
Sunday—April 29
PSR Closing Ceremonies
Tuesday—May 1
Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Petri Library
May 1, 2, 3 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thurs.)
No Daily Mass
Thursday—May 3
SVS Awards Night 7:00 pm Church

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Appeal
Our parish has already satisfied our CSA obligation to the Diocese, so every dollar you give will be returned 100% back to St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Our theme is: **Pay the Priest, Protect Education, Pave the Lot;** and our parish goal is \$227,000. Bishop Bransfield has pledged to lower our parish debt by every dollar raised until we reach our goal of \$227,000.
• **Pay the Priest:** the first \$127,000 will pay for the salary and benefits of your current priest and paying down remaining debt on past priest salaries.
• **Protect Education:** the next \$50,000 will be used to meet our parish obligations to Wheeling Catholic Central and to support St. Vincent de Paul Grade School.
• **Pave the Lot:** The next \$50,000 will be earmarked to pave our main parking lot at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.
This weekend we will have a lay speaker at all Masses who will speak about the CSA.

St. Vincent's School and Youth News

CONGRATULATIONS! St. Vincent's School is very proud of our Aquinas Medal Winner: **Austin Nestor!** Austin will receive his medal at the Bishop's Cross Dinner on April 22. We also congratulate our Silver Apple Award winner: **Mrs. Lori Buchanan.** Congratulations — We are proud of you!

THE AMAZING RAISE! Yes—Raise the Roof! Shout from the mountaintops! Tell your friends, neighbors and relatives in other cities and states. . . Our St. Vincent de Paul Parish School is on the list of recipients this year! We are planning to renovate a classroom and make it 21st Century STEM for our students!

To make this possible, we will need to upgrade our WIFI, Firewall and Server. These are BIG plans for our 2018-2019 school year, but ... TOGETHER WE WILL!

Mark your calendar for May 1st. We will be raising funds through The Amazing Raise—a 24 hour online giving event. We will share more details with you as the event gets closer. Watch the local news and commercials for more information on this event.

SVS LETTER OF INTENT: In preparation for the 2018-19 academic year - letters of intent to return were sent home last week. We are planning for all of our students to be with us again next year. The letter is only necessary for budget purposes. It will ask you to list the names of the children and grade level for next year. There is a slight increase in the registration fee for next year - our fee will be \$40 per child attending SVS. This money is reserved in the operating budget for the purchase of supplies and equipment that the administration and staff need to provide the very best academic program for our children. **We ask that letters are returned to the school office no later than May 1st.**

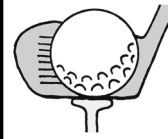
SVS DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Awards Night:** May 3 — 7:00 pm (Church)
- **First Communion Retreat:** May 5 — 9:00 am (Church) **First Communion Practice:** May 5—11:00 am (Church)
- **First Communion:** May 6—9:00 Mass
- **Last Day of School—**May 23



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): Upcoming Schedule:

April 22 Class
29 Closing Ceremonies



Attention all Catholic Men! The Knights of Columbus 504 would like to invite all Catholic men to join our golf club. We play every Thursday morning from May through September at the Crispin Course. It is a scramble format so individual skill or lack thereof are not important. Forward tees are used for players over 70 or 80. Lunch is provided afterward at the K of C building on Edgington Lane, and quite possibly a game or 2 of Euchre!. So — if you are retired, semi-retired, or off on some Thursdays, come and check us out! For more information, contact Bob Morgan at 304-242-5404, or Chuck Wagner at 304-242-3273.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Dates for St. Vincent's Summer Camp this year are June 17—23.



We have Children's Liturgy of the Word each Sunday during 9:00 Mass. Four year olds through 4th grade are welcome to attend.



Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important CCHS Dates:

- **We are now scheduling** students for Shadowing at CCHS. To schedule a Shadow Day, contact John Yelenic at 304-233-1660.
- **We are currently working** with students on scheduling for the 2018/2019 school year. If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's schedule for next year, please contact the office.
- **Students are currently** scheduling now for the 2018/2019 school year. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school at 304-233-0660.

Mass Schedule

Liturgical Minister Schedule Next Weekend (April 28/29, 2018)

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday
5:00 pm
Sunday
9:00 am
11:30 am

April 21 (4th Sunday of Easter/Vigil)
Harold and Eleanor Bandi

April 22 (4th Sunday of Easter)
Bill O'Leary and Helene Pokorny (B)
Grace Neidert and Stacie Manter

Masses This Week

Monday
7:50 am
Tuesday
7:50 am

April 23
Peter McDougall

April 24
No Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena before 5:30 pm Mass

5:30 pm
Wednesday
7:50 am
Thursday
7:50 am
Friday
9:00 am

April 25 (St. Mark, Evangelist)
Sam Rizzo

April 26
Roland McDougall (B)

April 27
Dr. Charles Porter

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday
5:00 pm
Sunday
9:00 am
11:30 am

April 28 (5th Sunday of Easter/Vigil)
Henry Zinn (B)

April 29 (5th Sunday of Easter)
Stacie Manter and Jack Nau
Scott Brill and For All the People of
our Parish

5:00 pm Mass

Servers: Angelina Robrecht and Riley Chiazza
Greeters: Jeannie and Dave Miller
Lector: Vickie Joseph
Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Witzgall, Jim Roberts, Rita Gallo, Jeannie Miller, Mary Rose Dimmey, Paul Dimmey, Derek Dimmey

9:00 am Mass

Servers: Zach and Kara Bole, Charlie DiSaia
Greeters: PSR Students
Lector: PSR Student
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanne McKeets, Bev Vanaman, Dennis and Brenda Beiter, Wally McMasters, Richard Oswald, Carolyn Brookover

11:30 am Mass

Servers: Jim Sengewalt, Judy Goudy, Brooke Porter
Greeters: Susie and Paul Newmeyer
Lector: Rachel Drnach
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Rose, Ted McKeets, Janie Fox, Dave Taylor, JoAnn Drnach

Please Notice This



NOTICE: During the replacement of the church roof, daily Mass (Monday through Thursday) will be celebrated in the Youth

Room in the lower level of the Parish Center, across the hall from the restrooms.

Enter the Church Hall through the glass doors nearest the parking lot.

Friday morning Mass with school children will be in St. Vincent's Church.

NOTICE: There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday May 1, Wednesday, May 2, Thursday May 3



NEWS AND UPDATES:

- **Renovations are now taking place** in the basement of Our Lady of Seven Dolours. The A waterproofing system is being added to the floor of the church hall and kitchen areas.



YOUTH MASS: The Next Youth Mass will be on Sunday, May 6, at 9:00 am.

The Praise Band will return to accompany the liturgy. The praise band musicians are Ezra Hamilton (guitar), David Tangamo (bass), and Jason Birch (drums). This will be our First Communion Mass.