

*From our Pastor. . .*

**Dear Parishioners**

One of my favorite passages of the Gospel of Mathew is when Jesus calms the storm on the Sea of Galilee. *“Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?’ Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, “What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?””*

What a fitting passage for the times in which we find ourselves. The revelations concerning the sexual abuse crisis make us all angry and confused. Much work has been done to make the church a safe place for children and vulnerable adults. Our local parishes and schools remain beautiful communities where miracles of faith and charity occur daily. We are a good Church. We just need to continue to be the sons and daughters of God that we are made to be and do the hard work to reform ourselves on all levels. Here at St. Vincent’s good things continue to happen. The school year has resumed and enrollment is up at our grade school. Over 80 people have signed up for small groups. Considering that we had around 450 participants at Mass last Sunday, 80 people equals almost 20% of our congregation. Small groups will begin to meet around the second and third week of September. If you signed up for a small group, you should be hearing from your small group leader soon. With all the turmoil in the Church these days, small groups can play an important role for us to be a strong Church on the local level. We need to encourage and support each other. My prayer is our parish community will be a place of justice in that we always do the right thing to protect children and vulnerable adults. I also pray that we will be a community of mercy whereby even the worst sinner can find redemption. Ultimately, the reason we are Catholics is not because of the priests, or because of the bishops. Everything goes back to our Lord Jesus. He is in the boat with us. Ultimately, he will quite all our storms. Let us be faithful to him and to each other.

Sincerely, Msgr. Paul Hudock

**RCIA SESSIONS TO BEGIN**

Are you someone or do you know someone who. . .



- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?

St. Vincent’s Parish offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children and younger teens. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Sister Rosella at 304-242-0406.

**RCIA sessions will begin here at St. Vincent’s on Thursday, September 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Caveney Room in the office area of the Marist Centre.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Catholic* 2018  
**Sharing**  
*Appeal*

St Vincent's has more parishioners participating in the **Catholic Sharing Appeal** than any other parish in the

diocese! 206 households have made gifts totaling \$124,805. At this stage, your gift to the CSA will be free of diocesan assessments and will be matched by the diocese.

Help us to **Pay the Priest, Protect Education, Pave the Lot,** and reach our goal of \$227,000 by the end of the year. You can give online at: [www.dwc.org/csa](http://www.dwc.org/csa)

**We have reached over half of our parish goal!**

Thank you to all who have participated!

**“REBUILT” DISCUSSION CLASS:** Msgr. Paul will be leading a discussion on September 12, 19, and 26 in the Youth Room starting at 6:30 pm; to discuss the book **“Rebuilt.”** Copies of the book are available in the priests’ sacristy.



**Please Pray For Those who are sick.** . Lora

Bishop, Patricia Bock, Barbara Brayec, Jodie Ferrera Bricker, Fred Chipkar, Tom Clatterbuck, Maggie Conley, Urban Danahey, Kathy Dietrich, Gerald and Louise Elliott, Janet Ferrera, Tom Flatley, Edna Foose, Lou Frasnelli, Bob Hughes, Fred Jaquay, Elena Kime, Phyllis Kosem, Mary Jane Langmyer, Marcia Laughlin, Lee Merinar, Mary Ellen McCann, Linda Melko, Harold Miller, Kathleen Miller, Denise Mull, Bill Meyers, Lois Naegele, Mike Perring, Bill Palmer, Darren Reed, Shirley Seamon, The Petruccioli Family, Lori Plants, Maddie Russell, Nick Stephan, Austin Strawn, Anita Tankovits, Chester Jay Taylor, Rick Terry, Wilma Thomann, Jim Tighe, Chuck Vanyo, Kathy Wagner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, S.M.; Mitzi Wiczorkowski

**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. John Beckley, S.M. on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, beginning at 8am with a continental breakfast (registration at 8:30am) and ending with Mass (around 5pm). This Day of Reflection will be held at Saint Vincent de Paul's Marist Centre in Wheeling. Cost is \$30, which includes breakfast and lunch. For more info, call Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 or visit the website at: <http://www.laymensretreatleague.org/>

**SMALL GROUPS AT ST VINCENT PARISH:** Small Groups are forming quickly. Act now to be part of a group on the day and time you prefer.  
**Who-** You are invited to join a Small Group  
**What-** We will read, study, converse and reflect upon the Sunday/Saturday Readings, Gospel Reading & Homily. We will strive for 10 people per Small Group (open to ALL people)  
**When-** We will meet for 90 minutes per week for 6 weeks (Beginning the week of Sept 16<sup>th</sup> time & exact day to be determined (TBT))  
**Where-** The first meeting will be located at the home of your Small Group Leader (TBT)  
**Dave Soloninka; Director Small Groups—**  
**304.780.1692 (txt) or**  
**email: [davidsoloninka5@gmail.com](mailto:davidsoloninka5@gmail.com)**

**Parish Sacrificial Giving**

*Aug. 26, 2018*

Collection	\$8,100.00
WeShare	1,388.00
Attendance	453

**UPCOMING EVENTS - This Week**

**Monday—September 3**

Labor Day — Parish Office Closed

**Pastoral Council—Tuesday, Sept. 4 6:30 pm**

**Mass at OLSD for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows: Saturday, September 15, at 10 am**

**Finance Council—Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30 pm**

**Reflection for September 2:** Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17).

The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service? — Dr. Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

## St. Vincent's School and Youth News



### “KNIGHT” AT THE RACES:

It's Post Time!! We've got the best event in town on Saturday, September 15! CCHS Senior Class parents join the St.

Vincent Warriors for a “Knight at the Races!”

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Place:** St. Vincent Parish Marist Hall

Tickets are \$15 each

Sponsor a horse: \$25 Sponsor a race: \$100

**Grand Champion Package:** \$50—includes 2 tickets, 1 horse, and \$10 in Racing tokens (a \$15 savings!)

**Winners Circle Package:** \$100— a table for 6 people, \$25 in betting tokens, and a shout out during the event (Priceless!)

Join us for a “knight” of horse racing, great food, friends and the chance to win some cash!

### Diocese Safe Environment Program:

Anyone who volunteers for church or school and may be in contact with children (directly or indirectly) is required to complete the three components of the Safe Environment Program:

- Policy Relating to sexual abuse of children
- Background Check
- Awareness training session (online or class)

Our Lady of Peace will also have a live session Monday, September 13, at 6:00 pm at the school. Call the school office for more information.



### **Parish School of Religion (PSR):** St.

Vincent de Paul Parish School of Religion (PSR) will begin on Sunday, September 16, 2018

10:15 – 11:30 a.m., in the Marist Centre.

Parents with children already participating in the PSR program should have received the registration form(s) for their children in the mail. Please return these forms **NOW** so that materials can be ordered and the catechists can prepare for their classes. If you have not received the form(s), please call Sister Rosella or stop by the parish office.

All children of the parish (K-8) attending public schools should be attending the PSR program and not just for sacramental preparation. Special Note: All first graders of the parish attending public schools must attend PSR classes in first grade in order to prepare for the sacraments of reconciliation and first communion in the second grade. This is a diocesan policy.

Also, we have a 2 year preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. All 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade youth are to be attending class this year, and next year to be confirmed in the spring of 2020 as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church there are copies of the PSR schedule and also registration forms for new students.



Join us for our 2nd annual Fall Craft and Vendor Festival! We have over 45 vendors, delicious food, and much more!! Come out and get your holiday shopping done early—items for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas available!

**When:** Saturday, October 27

**Time:** 10 am—2 pm

**Where:** St. Vincent de Paul School Gym

No admission fee.



### CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

Welcome Back!

- **Mark your Calendars for PARENT KNIGHT**—Thursday, September 13, at 6:30 pm. Par-

ents can walk through their students' schedules, meet teachers, and explore the school. Please plan to attend!

## Mass Schedule

## Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (Sept. 8/9, 2018)

### Masses This Weekend

**Saturday Sept. 1 (22nd Ord. Sunday/Vigil)**  
5:00 pm Stanley and Mary Gornik  
**Sunday Sept. 2 (22nd Sunday in Ord. Time)**  
9:00 am Chuck Delbrugge  
11:30 am Adelaide Chilia and Rudolph Mattioli  
10:30 am (OLSD) People of the Parish

### Masses This Week

**Monday Sept. 3 (St. Gregory the Great,  
Pope/Doctor of the Church)**  
7:50 am Agnes DiChiazza  
**Tuesday Sept. 4**  
*Miraculous Medal Novena before 5:30 pm Mass*  
5:30 pm James Guerriero  
**Wednesday Sept. 5 (St. Teresa of Calcutta)**  
7:50 am Smith and Comer Families  
**Thursday Sept. 6**  
7:50 am **No Mass Today**  
**Friday Sept. 7**  
9:00 am Commemorative Mass Assoc.

### Masses Next Weekend

**Saturday Sept. 8 (23rd Ord. Sunday/Vigil)**  
5:00 pm Dr. Charles Porter  
**Sunday Sept. 9 (23rd Sunday in Ord. Time)**  
9:00 am Margie Fitzpatrick  
11:30 am Madeline Belby (B)

### Saturday—5:00 pm

**Servers:** Abby and Joey Hall  
**Greeters:** Rea Stein and Carol Harris  
**Lector/Announcer:** Barbara Roberts  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** GERALYN Hemmann,  
Patti Snyder, Dave Taylor, Tom and Michele  
McFadden, Nancy LaBrosse, Need Someone

### Sunday - 9:00 am

**Servers:** Cecilia and Marguerite Demasi,  
Patrick Childers  
**Greeters:** John Dudzik, Bernie Gaus, Rich  
Maltese  
**Lector/Announcer:** Griffin Stenger  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori Buchanan, Linda  
McGlumphy, Christine Anghie, Derek and Mary  
Rose Dimmey, Need 2 Ministers

### Sunday - 11:30 Mass

**Servers:** Harrison and Hayden Leech,  
Ivanuel Lopez-Prianti  
**Greeters:** Julie Thorn, Maggie and Derek  
Reed  
**Lector/Announcer:** Dave Soloninka  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barb Napple, Janie  
Fox, Karen Bates, Bob Morgan, Richard Oswald

### Special Collection September 9:

#### Diocesan Scholarship

The DSA was established in 1961 to encourage students from our diocese to attend Wheeling Jesuit University. Since its inception, the DSA has assisted hundreds of students attend Wheeling Jesuit University where they received an excellent education at West Virginia's only Catholic institution of higher learning. Please be generous! To donate online, use fund "DWC Diocesan Scholarships."

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



**GLEANING!** We will continue to collect fresh Produce each weekend through the beginning of October. Food will be taken to Catholic Neighborhood Center by 12:30pm each Sunday.

**Sunday, October 14,** we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 1:00 pm in the Church. Benediction will be held at 5 pm.

**NEW MINISTER SCHEDULE:** The new Liturgical Minister Schedule will be coming out soon. If there are any dates during October, November, December or January that you are not available, please let Debbie know **no later than September 10.** Thank you!

**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.