

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners,

Our Grade School Teachers will be at 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 14, for our STAR (Students, Teachers,, Administrators, and Religious). Please encourage all families connected to the school to participate in the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday.

Mr. Michael Hamilton is no longer serving our parish as the Director of Music and Organist. We wish Michael well in his future endeavors and we thank him for two and a half years of service to our community. We are actively looking for a new full-time music minister to work in the parish and teach in the school.

This week's STEPS message is on "Engaging in Small Groups." Over 90 people have signed up for Small Groups, and we are getting a lot of positive feed back on this experience.

I will be out of town next weekend for a family wedding in New Jersey. I look forward to seeing you on the weekend of October 20 and 21st.

Sincerely,  
Msgr. Paul Hudock



**RCIA:** 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 are being held on Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. in the Caveney Room in the office area of the Marist Centre.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

## STEPS Message

**Series:** will continue this week with the homily focusing on taking the next **STEPS** in the walk of discipleship. Message topics for the following 5 Sundays are:



- 10/07 **E**ngage in Small Groups;
- 10/14 Practicing **P**rayer and Sacraments;
- 10/21 **S**haring the Faith. Those participating in small groups will have an opportunity to continue the discussion. Stay tuned for the next installment of our message series. How is God calling you to take the next STEPS in your walk of discipleship?



**YOUTH MASS AND BONFIRE:** On Sunday, October 28, in conjunction with St. Michael's Parish, we invite

5th grade through high school to a bonfire at the old "Thomas More Center Hill."

Mass will be at 5:00 pm at St. Vincent's Church and Bonfire will follow at 6 pm—complete with hot dogs and marshmallows! Plan to join us!



**Sunday, October 14,** there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Vincent's beginning at 1:00 pm in the Church. Benediction/ Closing Prayer will be at 5 pm.

Please plan to join us!



**VETERANS DAY PRAYER SERVICE:** St. Vincent de Paul School will again sponsor a Prayer Service for Veteran's Day on Monday, November

12, at 9:30 am in the church.

There are forms in the pews and in the vestibule to honor our veterans. Fill out the name and branch of service and place them in the collection.

*Catholic* 2018  
**Sharing**  
Appeal

**We are very proud that** St Vincent's has more parishioners participating in the **Catholic Sharing**

**Appeal** than any other parish in the diocese! 214 households have made gifts totaling \$152,279. 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)

Thank you to all who have participated —  
We are now at 67% of our Parish Goal!!!



*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, Samara Edmund, 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, Bill Palmer, John Powell, Darren Reed, Shirley Seamon, The Petruccioli Family, Lori Plants, Maddie Russell, Nick Stephan, Austin Strawn, Anita Tankovits, Joe Tankovits, Chester Jay Taylor, Rick Terry, Wilma Thomann, Jim Tighe, Chuck Vanyo, Kathy Wagner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, S.M.; Mitzi Wiczorkowski

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, at 6:30 pm in the Caveney Room.**

**SMALL GROUPS AT ST VINCENT PARISH:**

Over 90 people have signed up for Small Groups in our parish! These groups

- Are Open to all adults
- Read, study, converse and reflect on the Sunday Readings and Homily.
- Plan to meet for 90 minutes per week for 6 weeks - time and date is up to each leader
- These meetings/gatherings will be located at the home of your Small Group Leader

**For more information, contact Dave Soloninka; Director Small Groups—  
304.780.1692 (txt) or  
email: [davidsoloninka5@gmail.com](mailto:davidsoloninka5@gmail.com)**

**EVENTS AT AREA CHURCHES:**

- **Spaghetti Dinner at Our Lady of Lebanon Church**, Eoff Street in Wheeling: Sunday, October 14, 11:30 am—4:30 pm in the parish social hall. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. There will also be raffles and a bake sale.
- **Meat Loaf Dinner:** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Church in South Wheeling—November 4 from 11 am—4 pm. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6—12. Under 6: free! For carry out, call 304-232-1777.

**UPCOMING EVENTS - This Week**

**Thursday—October 11**

RCIA 6:30 pm Caveney Rm

**Saturday—October 13**

Third Order of Mary 10:00 am Caveney Rm

**Sunday—October 14**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm (Benediction at 5 pm)

**Reflection for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question. The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1–4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

**Divorce violates** the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

**Marriage, He reveals**, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

**That's why today's Gospel** moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

**Marriage also is a sign** of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalms 8:5–7). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1–17).

**Through the union of Christ** and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21–32). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see Genesis 3:20). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning. The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

— Scott Hahn, PhD

## St. Vincent's School and Youth News

### ATTENTION!

Get an early start on your Christmas Shopping, or just make plans to enjoy a Saturday with your friends at St. Vincent's! Fall and holiday items are ready for you to check out or take home to enjoy with your family. **The Halloween Costume Contest is back!** Our vendors will have treats for the kids. **NEW this year:** food trucks and an outdoor market (weather permitting). Mark your calendars now!

**When:** Saturday, October 27

**Time:** 10 am—2 pm

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

**\*\*We are currently at capacity** with crafters and vendors. Thank you to Kristy Schwanker for her amazing work!

**CRAFT  
& vendor SHOW**

### NEWS FROM CENTRAL CATHOLIC:

- **CCHS Hockey Steak Fry** will be held on Saturday, October 13 at Sonneborn Shelter. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in the main office, at the Hair Loft in Fulton or by calling 304-232-5340.
- **CCHS OPEN HOUSE:** On Sunday, October 21, from 12:30—3:30, come to our Open House! It's Always "knight Time" at CCHS. [www.cchsknights.org](http://www.cchsknights.org)

**NEWS FROM SVS 2ND GRADE:** Here are some highlights from SVS second grade:

- We enjoyed creating 3d images of an imaginary country. The countries included new concepts of landforms including plains, plateaus, canyons, valleys, isthmus, and islands.
- Additionally, we started learning the fundamentals of multiplication via skip counting and repeated addition, (instead of rote memorization).
- We baked and ate delicious arrays of sugar cookies to demonstrate the commutative property of multiplication.
- Finally, our weeks have ended on a highlight by having the students conduct science experiments. So far, we have grown radish seeds with and without light and inflated balloons with baking soda and vinegar

### SVS UPDATES:

- **If you drop off students** in the morning, please pull your car all the way down the block, so The bus drivers are having difficulty getting the buses around the cars.
- **Athletics:** As always, we thank Adam Shinsky, our athletic director, and Coach Beltz for all the hours that they give freely to SVS each year.
- **National Recognition:** St. Vincent de Paul School was recently recognized as receiving the "Poetic Achievement Award." This national award is given to schools who have a large number of students enter the contest and demonstrate that over 50% of the entries are accepted for publication. Hundreds of schools enter this contest. **SVS is among the small percentage recognized for having an "excellent Language Arts Program."** SVS was one of only 2 schools recognized across the state of West Virginia and one of 5 Catholic/private schools honored in 2018. Special recognition to Christy Spanos and Christine Anghie, our excellent educators who motivated our young writers!
- **Last week,** members of St. Vincent's Parish—spearheaded by the 8th grade students — went out and distributed bags throughout Elm Grove as part of a canned food drive for Catholic Neighborhood Center. It was STEPS in action! The Neighborhood Center received 2,390 lbs of food from this drive! Particular thanks need to be extended to 8th grade students, parents, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society members including: Carole Wack, Mary Lou Kent, Bill and Mary Gibson, Bill and Lori Buchanan.
- **We also thank:** Jonette Bauer, Mary Beth Chiazza, Joann Drnach, Dave and Nancy LaBrosse, Tom Stenger, and Carol Harris.



### GREENBACKS DINNER, DANCE, AUCTION

Saturday, March 30, 2019 White  
Palace, Wheeling Park

#### Honoring the wonderful Sisters of St. Joseph

Raffle tickets available in early December

Reservations will begin in January

Raffle tickets - \$20 (greenback)

Event Ticket - \$30 (dinner, dance, auction, prizes)

## Mass Schedule

## Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (Oct. 13/14, 2018)

### Masses This Weekend

**Saturday Oct. 6 (27th Ord. Sunday/Vigil)**  
5:00 pm Lucia Schramm Purpura  
**Sunday Oct. 7 (27th Sunday in Ord. Time)**  
9:00 am Pete Langmyer (B)  
11:30 am All the People of the Parish  
10:30 am (OLSD) Dianne and Andy Wensel

### Masses This Week

**Monday Oct. 8**  
7:50 am Pam Ammirante  
**Tuesday Oct. 9**  
*Miraculous Medal Novena before 5:30 pm Mass*  
5:30 pm Dr. Charles Porter  
**Wednesday Oct. 10**  
7:50 am Cecil Comer (Anniv)  
**Thursday Oct. 11**  
7:50 am Ann Nolte  
**Friday Oct. 12**  
7:50 am Grant Golden

### Masses Next Weekend

**Saturday Oct. 13 (28th Ord. Sunday/Vigil)**  
5:00 pm All the People of the Parish  
**Sunday Oct. 14 (28th Sunday in Ord. Time)**  
9:00 am Smith, Comer, and Jamie Families  
11:30 am John Konzelman  
1:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:00 pm Benediction

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Catholic Charities' Neighborhood Center on 18th Street in Wheeling, needs volunteers—especially back-up drivers to deliver meals. Through the meal delivery program, the Neighborhood Center feeds about 170 people each day. For more information, call Keith at 304-650-9608

### Parish Sacrificial Giving

Sept. 30, 2018

Collection	\$7,570.00
WeShare/Online Giving	1,149.00
Attendance	404

Thank you!

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



### Saturday—5:00 pm

**Servers:** Chloe Ratcliffe, Riley Chiazza  
**Greeters:** Jeannie and Dave Miller  
**Lector/Announcer:** Barbara Roberts  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom and Michele McFadden, Nancy LaBrosse, Jim Baller, Patti Snyder, Andrea Witzgall, Rita Gallo

### Sunday - 9:00 am STAR MASS

**Servers:** To Be Announced  
**Greeters:** To Be Announced  
**Lector/Announcer:** To Be Announced  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** To Be Announced

### Sunday - 11:30 Mass

**Servers:** Brooke Porter and Landon Prager  
**Greeters:** Nancy Freeman and Jean Hohman  
**Lector/Announcer:** Dave Soloninka  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barb Napple, Janet Thomas, Mary Lou Kent, Susie Newmeyer, Janie Fox

**THANK YOU!** The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank all the people who so generously donated yarn to us. We are so grateful! We have used up much of what we have, so if anyone has yarn to donate, or gift cards to buy some yarn, it would be greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your continued generosity!

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Oct. 21 Universal World Missions



**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. Everything is kept confidential. Facilitator is Deacon Doug Breiding. **Next gathering is October 29**

**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.