

*From our Pastor. . .* Congratulations to all our children who are receiving First Communion at the 11:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday. The First Communion children are usually in the Second Grade and around the age of Seven. A bit of history: in 1910, Pope Pius X lowered the age of the reception of first communion from the age of the 12 to the age of 7, or the age of discretion. Saint Pope Pius X appears in a stained glass window near the Mary's altar of our church.

As we see our young people receive the Eucharist for the first time, we can remember the words of the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's gospel: "*My flesh is real food; my blood is real drink.*" The reality of Jesus' Eucharistic presence raises many questions. Here are just a few:

**If the Lord is giving me his Body and Blood, then what will I give Him?** Sure, we are called to be stewards of time, talent and treasure. Are we stewards of our sufferings, our thoughts, joys, and our quiet moments? If all of our life is a gift, then how can we give God the small parts of our lives? No one has ever accused Jesus of Nazareth of being stingy or cheap.

Jesus flips over the tables of the "quid pro quo/this for that" approach to religion. "*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.*" Maybe we have to receive the Eucharist for a long time before we learn to imitate Jesus' generosity.

**If the Lord is giving me his Body, what does this imply for my body?** Can I give the Lord both the good and bad of my bodily existence? We all need to take care of our health. Young people sometimes take their bodies for granted or get caught up in self-absorption. Older people can get depressed that their bodies are not what they used to be. The miracle of the Eucharist is that Jesus blesses each one of us in our present bodily state every Sunday in our reception of Holy Communion.

**If the Eucharist is real, then how can I make the most of it?** Pope Francis says that the best part of his day is an hour he spends with the Blessed Sacrament each evening. We offer times of Eucharistic adoration on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Church is open during daylight hours on most days. The parish offers the celebration of Mass daily.

We congratulate our families on the First Communion of their children. We thank Sr. Rosella Uding and the teachers of our grade school and PSR for their work to prepare our young people for this day.

— Msgr. Paul Hudock



### The Joy of the Gospel Study Group.

Msgr Paul will be leading a 4 week study of Pope Francis' Document "Evangelii Gaudium," The Joy of the Gospel (Each participant is asked to get his/her own copy of this document). We will discuss the Pope's vision on how we are to share the Good News. May 12, 19, and June 2, at 6:30 pm. Contact Msgr. Paul for details.



The Catholic Sharing Appeal, or the CSA, is an annual appeal that offers funds to a variety of

ministries, services and programs throughout our diocese, as well as the needs of our parishes. Please make the CSA part of your yearly stewardship plan. 50% of our parish goal of \$35,875.00 will be returned to our parish. After we reach our goal, 100% of additional money will be returned to the parish. Please pray for the success of the appeal.

-- Msgr. Paul Hudock



### OHIO VALLEY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:

will be held Thursday, May 5, at Wheeling Park Amphitheater at 6:30 pm (Rain location: Christ United Methodist Church, 1232 National Road, Wheeling). For more information, go to: [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

**RELIGIOUS GIFT ITEMS:** The Christmas House, located at 1128 National Road in Wheeling, has a variety of gift items available. They carry religious statues, Pope Francis gifts, rosaries, First Communion and Confirmation gifts and more. For additional information, call: 304-905-0899, or visit: [www.thechristmashousewheeling.com](http://www.thechristmashousewheeling.com)



**ROSARY:** The rosary will be prayed before 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 8, 2016

### First Communion Sunday, May 1, 2016

We welcome these children to the Table of the Lord:

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| Christopher Alkhouri | Brandon Miller   |
| Evan Baller          | Elijah Nickerson |
| Jeffrey Donzella     | Emma Nickerson   |
| Isabella Ewing       | Addison Payton   |
| Joseph Hall          | James Potts III  |
| Lilah Jidestig-Hays  | Vincent Rodak    |
| Hunter Kerr          | Monti Smith      |

Marcus Ludolph

***Please Pray For...*** Abby McGowan, Cindy

Botizan, Juliana Hatgy, Betty Petri, David Hamm, Carol Orlofsky, Nick Stephan, Kay and Mark McGee, Mary Ann Fowler, Barbara Kubiszak, Mary Fisher, Brian Cox, Kathleen Benedetto, Joan Bliss, Jean Lauffer, Stryker Jaquay, Susie Beazel, Maddox Marti, Patricia Millward, Russell Knight, Mark Slater, Grace Neidert, Christine Edge, Betty Zinn, Linda Galloway, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Ruth Yuhase, Will Nickerson, Patricia Bock, Lynn McCloskey, Sylvia Trenton, Tom Weishar, Caleb Hlebiczki, John Voscavitch, Charles Vanyo, Jayne Benson, Julianne Stewart, Bernadine Elias, Patty Glanding, George Bridges, Bonnie Starkey, Louis Havel, Daniel Bauer, Patricia Boyd, Vincent Parisi, Shirley Seamon, Josephine Wilson, Shawna Warner, John Ullom, Michael Frank, Kevin Gallaway, Matt Koval, Megan Herschell, Jack Savage, Joyce Peluchette Donnellan, Fred Chipkar, Lori Plants, Laura Ryan, Benjamin Elswick, Kathy Wagner, Mark Bungard, Betty Allen, Martha Hohman Carpenter, Phyllis Allen, Rick Terry, Mary Plants, Judy Glatz, Michalene Munas, Lou Frasnelli, Jamie Orth, Tamara Luff, Mary Ciripompa, Maggie Conley, Pete Ricker, Jim Albert

**QUO VADIS CAMP:** What is Quo Vadis? “Quo Vadis” is Latin for “Where are you going?” Boys in grades 6,7,8 are invited to come to Camp Bosco June 20-June 23 for days of spiritual talks, prayer, celebration of Mass, and discussion about how God guides us throughout our lives. Enjoy hiking, swimming, horseback riding, and canoeing. One day will include a service project in Webster County. This camp is staffed by laypeople, priests and seminarians from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Contact: Rick Teachout at: rteachout@dwc.org or call (304) 233-0880, ext 442. You may go online at www.wvpriest.org. Directions to Camp Bosco: www.bhpc-dwc.org/map.php

**Parish Sacrificial Giving**

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| <b>Regular Collection:</b>                  | 9792.00  |
| <b>2nd Collection (Debt Reduction)</b>      | 1270.00  |
| <b>Mass Attendance ( April 24)</b>          | 542      |
| *****                                       |          |
| <b>Estimated Weekly Expenses for April:</b> | \$11,000 |
| <b>Weekly school subsidy:</b>               | \$4,000  |

Thank you!

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday—May 1**

First Communion 11:30 Mass

**Tuesday—May 3 through Thursday—May 6**

Priests’ Convocation in Charleston. No Masses on these days

**Thursday—May 5**

SVS Flower Order Pick Up

**Friday—May 6**

May Crowning 9:00 Mass



**EVENTS NEXT WEEK**

**Tuesday—May 10**

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am—3 pm


**Saturday—May 14**

Third Order of Mary 10:00 am Caveney Rm

Confirmation Practice 1:00 pm Church

**Sunday—May 15**

Confirmation 11:30 Mass

 **ST. VINCENT’S SUMMER CAMP:** Mark your calendars for Summer camp! St. Vincent Summer Camp will be held June 19—25 at Camp Bosco in Huttonsville, WV. Forms are available to print out from the Camp website. There are applications for campers, volunteer positions and camper/counselor registration. Check out the website: svscamp.com.

 **WOMEN’S FAITH SHARING GROUP:** Women's Faith Sharing group will not meet in May. Please join us in attending Msgr. Paul’s study on the Joy of the Gospel.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS AT MT. CALVARY:** All are welcome to attend the monthly First Friday Mass celebrated at the Bishops’ Chapel in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. For the month of May, our Mass will be Friday, May 6, at 5:30 pm. Please invite family and friends to join us for the holy sacrifice of the Mass to remember our beloved dead who are buried within the cemetery.

**NEEDED -- New Members of a St. Vincent de Paul Parish Maintenance Committee:** You are invited to give of your time and talent to improve our buildings and grounds. Restoration and maintenance projects include cleaning and painting, weekly grass cutting, clearing brush and solving drainage problems. For more information, contact Msgr. Paul Hudock at the parish office or Derek Reed (304) 242-8156

# School News

## CATHOLIC FORENSIC TOURNAMENT St. Vincent's Placed 1st Place overall!!!

### Team - Drama:

Laura Tighe - 1st place  
Mariam Dhahir - 2nd place  
Kayla Irwin - 2nd place

### PROSE:

Rumer Beazel - 1st place  
Cecilia Demasi - 1st Place  
Adriana Schellhase - 1st place

### DECLAMATION:

Mary Derrow - 1st Place  
Hannah White - 1st Place/Perfect Score  
Katelyn Bailer - 1st Place

### POETRY:

Natalie Archer - 1stPlace/Perfect Score  
Daisy Reasbeck - 1st Place/Perfect Score  
Mariana Alkhouri - 1st Place

### IMPROMPTU:

Patrick Childers - 1st Place  
Thomas Minor - 1st Place

### MULTIPLE READINGS:

Maria Peroni & Peyton Smith - 1st Place  
Ellie Reasbeck & Molly Brown - 2nd Place  
Leah Weimer & Andrea Figaretti - 3rd Place

### A Big "Thank You" to our coaches and Alumni of SVS!!!

Harry Weeks    Maggie Kloss    Marguerite Demasi

### Commemorate Your Child's Confirmation with Flowers!

To make our church beautiful for the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, May 15, we would like to offer families a chance to purchase a potted flower both to decorate the Altar and to take home after the Mass as a remembrance of your child's special day.

Please consider making a \$20 donation to purchase a commemorative plant. Please give your donation to Sr. Rosella by Sunday, May 8th.

### Confirmation Flowers

Child's Name:

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Given by:

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**BINGO FOR BOOKS:** St. Vincent's School is sponsoring a Family Literacy Event—*Bingo for Books!*, in the Main Hall of the Parish Center on Friday evening, May 6, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Cost is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children (includes cost of games). Everyone plays BINGO—**Children must be accompanied by an adult**—If an adult in your family wins, your child will receive a book. There will be pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, coffee and a 50/50 raffle.

**ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR NEEDED:** St. Vincent de Paul Parish and School in Wheeling, W.Va., seeks a dynamic, goal oriented Advancement Director to oversee its development, enrollment management and marketing functions. Key responsibilities include assisting with parish giving initiatives, school annual fund and tuition assistance programs, coordinating special events and campaigns for facility improvement, donor communications and database management. Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, English, Business or related discipline and 5 years of experience in a professional setting required. Experience in a Catholic school environment preferred. Position requires excellent interpersonal and written communication skills, proficiency with SQL database as well as the Microsoft Office suite. Some evening and weekend work required. Minimal travel. For more information and to see a job description, visit the school website at [www.stvincentschool.org](http://www.stvincentschool.org) or [www.stvincentparish.org](http://www.stvincentparish.org). Resumes may be sent to: Monsignor Paul Hudock, Pastor  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish  
Wheeling, WV 26003



**FLOWER SALE:** St. Vincent de Paul Grade School 7th Grade will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Flower Sale. Nikki's Garden Center will be offering hanging baskets and ferns. Flowers will be delivered May 6th.

**Baskets will be available** for sale after Masses (with the exception of 11:30 Mass) the weekend of April 30/May 1.

## Mass Intentions

### Masses This Weekend

**Saturday April 30 (6th Sunday of Easter/Vigil)**  
5:00 pm Jackie Carenbauer  
**Sunday May 1 (6th Sunday of Easter)**  
8:00 am Sharon O'Leary  
9:30 am Michael Dean (Anniv)  
11:30 am First Communicants and Families  
10:30 am (OLSD) John J. and John A. Fitzpatrick

### Masses This Week

**Monday May 2 (St. Athanasius, Bishop)**  
7:50 am Pearl Shutler  
**Tuesday May 3 (Sts. Philip and James, Apostles)**  
7:50 am No Mass

*(Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary before 7 pm Mass)*

7:00 pm No Mass

**Wednesday May 4**  
7:50 am No Mass

**Thursday May 5**  
7:50 am No Mass

**Friday May 6 (First Friday)**  
9:00 am Paul Bott (Anniv)

### Masses Next Weekend

**Saturday May 7 (7th Sunday of Easter/Vigil)**  
5:00 pm Theresa Savage

**Sunday May 8 (7th Sunday of Easter)**  
8:00 am Jackie Carenbauer  
*Mother's Day Novena*  
9:30 am Leonard Subasic and Alphonse Brak  
11:30 am Josephine Ammirante  
10:30 am (OLSD) Tom George (B)

**REPAIRS NEEDED:** Our Lady of Seven Dolors is in need of repairs. Years of freezing and thawing have damaged the brick façade over the front door. We recently evaluated the deterioration of the masonry over the front entrance and have determined that we have to make emergency repairs. Work will be done to remove the top three feet of the façade in front of the rose window. Later this summer, we will complete the work of repairing the façade. This work should neither affect our ability to use the front door nor prohibit the celebration of Sunday Mass at OLSD. - Msgr. Paul Hudock

## Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (May 7/8)

### Saturday—5:00 pm

**Servers:** Katelyn Bailer and Chloe Ratcliffe  
**Greeters:** Rose Loborec and Alice Gilson  
**Lector/Announcer:** Barbara Roberts  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike and Cindy Perring,  
Vickie Joseph, Patti Snyder, Andrea Witzgall

### Sunday 8:00 Mass

**Servers:** Max, Ellie, and Daisy Reasbeck  
**Greeters:** Dorothy and Lee Merinar  
**Lector/Announcer:** Roberta Welling  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Libby Reasbeck, Teea Shook  
Katie Kreitzer, Gary McGlumphy, Maggie Childers

### 9:30 Mass

**Servers:** Kara and Zac Bole, Natalie Archer  
**Greeters:** Michelle Bole, Cliff and Debbie Hess  
**Lector/Announcer:** Rosemary Guerriero  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marilyn Delbrugge, Marsha  
and Leo Boissy, Lynn Hetzel, Amy Bishop,  
Dorothy Dudzik

### 11:30 Mass

**Servers:** Ivaniel Lopez-Prianti, Luke and Thomas  
Minor  
**Greeters:** Jean Hohman and Nancy Freeman  
**Lector/Announcer:** Bryan Minor  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Lou Kent, Janet  
Thomas, Dave Soloninka, Bob Morgan, Judy Stadler



### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **May 15** Confirmation  
11:30 Mass
- **May 22** Camp Spaghetti Dinner
- **May 26** SVS 8th Grade Graduation

## Second Collections

**This Week (May 1)** Mother's Day Novena  
**Next Week (May 8)** School Support