

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Vincent de Paul Parish,

This week you should have received a letter inviting you to participate in our end of the year parish "Advent Appeal." All money from our Advent Appeal will go to our "Raise the Roof" campaign. I am very confident that in the next few weeks we will reach our goal of \$170,000. Thank you for your generosity! Your generosity and sense of stewardship is helping us to improve our parish.

Here are few thoughts on the Catholic Sharing Appeal. The diocese uses CSA money to help parishes and schools throughout the state of WV. The CSA really does a lot of good for Catholics in the state. The CSA begins each year after Easter and concludes at the end of the calendar year. Parishioners receive regular reminders in the mail.

St Vincent de Paul Parish is using the CSA to raise the money for our roof replacement. St. Vincent de Paul Parish is obligated to raise \$17,625. After this goal is met, all money raised goes back to the parish. The money that is returned to the parish is not subject to any type of tax or assessment from the diocese. Of the \$130,000 already given to the CSA in 2017, the parish has received back \$46,075.14. This money is currently held in a CD with the diocese that earns a very good interest rate.

The parish will receive all 2017 CSA money in the Spring of 2018. The parish will be able to schedule the roof replacement in the Spring or Summer of 2018. Two local roofing contractors, Mansuetto and Kalkreuth, have given the parish estimates on the roof replacement. Both estimates are around \$150,000 for a 25-year asphalt shingle roof. The total goal of \$170,000 includes the \$17,625 that is owed to the diocese and the \$150,000 for the cost of the roof. In the interest of financial transparency, I will soon post on our parish website a list of past CSA appeal results and a list of how the money was spent.

Some people would like to give a financial gift to the parish but they would prefer not to give the CSA. In in this copy of the bulletin we are providing a "wish list" for St. Vincent de Paul School. Financial gifts to the school are not assessable to taxes to the diocese. Checks should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Grade School or "SVS."

God bless you all,
Msgr. Paul Hudock



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL:

We are now at 77% of our goal!! **Raise the Roof!**

We have collected \$130,031 of our \$170,000 goal. (As of November 28). The CSA this year will be used to put a new roof on St. Vincent de Paul Church and Rectory. We have met our initial CSA obligation of \$17,625 which will be used to support ministries throughout the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston. **At this stage, your gift will be returned directly to the parish without tax from the Diocese. Thank you for your support!**



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the flowers we use to decorate the Church for Christmas is asked to place the donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and either mail it to the parish office or placed it in the collection.



CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS: So that everyone has an opportunity to have their special intentions prayed for at Christmas time, we ask that you place your intentions on a sheet of paper and either mail it to the parish office or place it in the collection. These intentions will be compiled into a list and placed in a binder. The binder will be placed near the Altar for each of the Christmas Masses. Donation/stipend for the intention is optional.



SIGN UP SHEETS: The sign up sheets for the Christmas Masses will be placed in the vestibule next weekend (December 9/10). We are in need of Lectors/Announcers, Altar Servers, and Greeters for 7:00, and Midnight Christmas Eve Masses, and for the 10:30 am Mass Christmas Morning. We need Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses: 4:30, 7:00, Midnight, and 10:30 am. Please sign up for the Mass you plan to attend.



Please Pray For Those who are sick... Lora

Bishop, Barbara Brayec Fred Chipkar, Urban Danahey, Kathy Dietrich, Sammi Eimer, Janet Ferrera, James Guerriero, Fred Jaquay, Marcia Laughlin, Linda Melko, Steve McCollam, Denise Mull, Mike Perring, Shirley Seamon, Mark Slater, Barb Smith, Evelyn Tellitocci, The Petruccioli Family, Lori Plants, Fr. Bill Seli, S.M., Henry Schmitt, Nick Stephan, Anita Tankovits, Chester Jay Taylor, Jim Tighe, Kathy Wagner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, S.M, Mitzi Wiczorkowski, Sue Yahh

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 Basement. The next gathering is **Monday, December 18, at 6:00 pm.**

ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING: Catholic Relief services serves in more than 100 countries and territories. Our prayers and financial support with CRS continues promoting human dignity and alleviating human suffering around the world. CRS will send a note card about the gifts to the person/s you wish. Maybe relatives who are established with jobs and not in need of anything might appreciate a donation to help people in their name. The concept of alternative gift giving is not just limited to Christmas but birthdays, anniversaries, memorial of a beloved, graduate or post graduate, recognition/promotions, etc. Thank you for pondering how this might apply to your situation. Thank you for your example of generosity throughout the whole year, especially with so many natural disasters affecting so many this year. Catalogs are available in the foyer. If you would like one sent to your home, call 1-800-235-2772 or www.crs.org. The address is: 228 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Parish Sacrificial Giving

November 26, 2017

Collection: \$ 9,175.00
WeShare 1,456.00
Head Count 589

November 19, 2017

Collection \$11,155.00
WeShare 799.00
Head Count 578

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday - December 3

Giving Tree Items must be returned
Eucharistic Holy Hour 6:30 pm Church

Tuesday - December 5

Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Petri Library

Friday - December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Parish Office Closed

Masses: Thursday, December 7 6:00 pm
Friday, December 8 9:00 am
6:00 pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday - December 10

Youth Mass/Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30 am Mass

Thursday - December 14

SVS Christmas Pageant 7:00 pm School

Communal Penance Service - Tuesday, December 19, at 7:00 pm at St. Vincent's

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

Update: WOW! St. Vincent de Paul parishioners are awesome! Thanks to donations from several families, our linens have been replenished. St. Vincent's parishioners and St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town, WV Furniture Ministry's gift of 2 truckloads of beds helped us provide warm and comfortable sleep for over 80 area adults and children. We are still accepting donations of beds and bedding -- queen size and smaller. We especially needs blankets and pillows. Thank you all for sharing your blessings!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION FOR ENGAGED

COUPLES - A one day retreat, will be held Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 8:30 am - 8 pm at St. Michael Parish. Cost is \$40 per person (includes materials and 3 meals). Register and pay online at: WVMarriage.org/RegisterPFCM.

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.

St. Vincent's School and Youth News

Upcoming dates to remember:

December 14 SVS Christmas Program

GREENBACK SWEEPSTAKES AND DINNER WILL be held Saturday, March 17, 2018.

As you know, Greenbacks is the largest fundraiser designed to support our parish school! This year we will honor Father James LaCrosse, S.M.! We all know how very supportive Father Jim was of Catholic education throughout the Ohio Valley. We would love to have a large audience gather to let Father Jim know how much he is loved. **This year, the Greenbacks event will take place at The White Palace, located in Wheeling Park.** Tickets for the event will be available beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (December 3rd). Raffle tickets will be available in the vestibule of the church for all parish families beginning on December 3rd. School families will receive their tickets at school.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would like to assist with making our Greenback Dinner a wonderful event for our school and parish families -- please consider signing up to volunteer! Attend the Greenback Volunteer Meeting on Thursday, December 14, at 10:00 am in the Main Hall of the Parish Center.

CELEBRITY SERVER NIGHT AT PIZZA HUT:

You are invited to dinner! Monday, December 4, from 4 - 8 pm at the Elm Grove Pizza Hut - our partner in education. Pizza Hut will set up a delicious buffet complete with all the traditional pasta, pizza, breadsticks and salad bar. Cost is \$7.99 for adults and \$4.99 for SVS students -- free for age 3 and younger. All drinks will be \$1.

Wing Street Willie and Steve the Pizza Slice will be on hand to meet and greet you! Msgr. Hudock, Mrs. Rossell, and many of the teachers and staff will be on hand to "serve" you! All "tips" will benefit our parish school! Take a stroll down memory lane - candlelight, old pictures, and special gifts! Participate in our hourly 50/50. Make plans to join us anytime between 4 and 8 this Monday, December 4 at your friendly, neighborhood Pizza Hut!



We have Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 2nd Sunday of each month during 9:30 Mass

- Next gathering will be December 10.



RCIA: For Information on becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic religion, please contact Sister Rosella at: 304-242-0406.

RCIA sessions are held each Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Caveney Room.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR):

Upcoming Schedule:

Dec.	3 Class
	10 Class
	17 No Class



Our Giving Tree is now in the vestibule of both St. Vincent's and Our Lady of Seven Dolours' Churches.

Please consider taking a tag and return the tag to us with your gift **by noon this Sunday, December 3.** The early December deadline is in order that the Catholic Neighborhood Center has the time to sort everything and distribute all the gifts in plenty of time for Christmas. The Giving Tree Barrel will be on the front porch of the old entrance to the rectory.



NEWS FROM WHEELING CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The Annual CCHS Canned Food Drive to benefit the 18th Street Center is scheduled for Saturday, December 9. Please watch for your bag during the week. If you don't receive one, please call the school at 304-233-1660 and we'll get one to you! Thanks for your continued support!



WISH LIST FOR SVS: Please consider placing St. Vincent's School on your gift list this Christmas. Your donation will be put to good use by our teachers each day of the new year. Your generosity will help further develop our mission to create a school community committed to embracing the needs of each child. Please see the "wish list" created by our school administration, faculty and staff.

Mass Schedule

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (Dec. 9/10), 2017)

Masses This Weekend

Saturday Dec. 2 (1st Sunday of Advent/Vigil)
5:00 pm Shirley Walt
Sunday Dec. 3 (1st Sunday of Advent)
8:00 am John Marple
9:30 am Alphonse Brak and Leonard Subasic
11:30 am Patricia Palkovic
10:30 am (OLSD) All the People of the Parish

Masses This Week

Monday Dec. 4
7:50 am Patty Johnston
Tuesday Dec. 5
7:50 am No Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena before 7:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Barbara McFadden
Wednesday Dec. 6 (St. Nicholas, Bishop)
7:50 am Mary Calabrese
Thursday Dec. 7 (St. Ambrose, Bishop)
7:50 am No Morning Mass
Vigil of the Immaculate Conception
6:00 pm Ray Sharpsky and Jennifer Kalo
Friday Dec. 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
9:00 am James Bennington
6:00 pm Grace Neidert

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday Dec. 9 (2nd Sunday of Advent/Vigil)
5:00 pm William and Catherine Straughn
Sunday Dec. 10 (2nd Sunday of Advent)
8:00 am John Marple
9:30 am Bill O'Leary
11:30 am Dr. Robert Bianco
10:30 am (OLSD) Bruce and Marie Newton

Saturday—5:00 pm

Servers: Abby and Joey Hall
Greeters: Christopher and Sarah Hortert
Lector/Announcer: Kathy Wagner
Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Witzgall, Vickie Joseph, Jim and Barbara Roberts, Cindy Perring

Sunday - 8:00 am

Servers: Christian and Austin Nestor
Greeters: Carol Harris and Dorothy Merinar
Lector/Announcer: Roberta Welling
Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Krajewski, Teea Shook, GERALYN Hemmann, Anne Hellstern, Paul Dimmey,

Sunday - 9:30 am

Servers: Cecilia and Marguerite DeMasi, Jada Gornik
Greeters: Youth
Lector/Announcer: Youth
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Gibson, Ty Miller, Brenda and Dennis Beiter, Need 2 Ministers, Marilyn Delbrugge

Sunday - 11:30 Mass

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

SEASON OF PREPARATION:

Tis the Season: This Advent, Dynamic Catholic is sponsoring a special way to prepare for Christmas: "Rediscover the Joy" daily emails. Sign up for free at: BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited



Second Collection next week: Retirement Fund for Religious

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday morning, Dec. 24

4th Sunday of Advent

Masses: 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24

4:30 pm, Children's Pageant before Mass

7:00 pm Featuring Brass Unlimited
9:00 pm at OLSD

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

12:00 am (Midnight)

10:30 am

No Mass at OLSD