

## From the Pastor's Desk

I was going over the names on the stained glass window plaque the other day and was amazed how many folks are no longer with us. I was prompted to go to the main foyer in church and peruse the Preservation Fund plaque, which is over twenty-five years old. WOW! How many of those folks have passed on.

During this month of November when the church asks us to remember the faithful departed, it is a good thing to think of all the folks who have touched us in a positive way during our lifetime.

**MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE!! AMEN !!**

And thank you Lord for the good people you have sent into our lives.

***I hope that you are putting together your Advent wreath for this coming season. It is simple enough to do, and most card shops and certainly all religious goods stores sell the four candles that are needed. It is a wonderful tradition .... be part of it!!***

This year's spaghetti dinner benefits will be for the following:

Hospice of the Valley  
Habitat for Humanity

Watch for details as the time gets closer and please encourage, invite ...BRING your friends to the best spag dinner in town. We're also working on a benefit for our friends at Our Lady of Lourdes in Slidell, Louisiana. This very week, they are embarking on their capital campaign for the rebuilding of their parish complex. With the help of their parish insurance and monies from FEMA, the \$12-15 million cost of the school building is covered. The parish still needs to raise \$2.2 million to build their church building. Please pray for their effort.

There is a possibility that I may be leading a group down to do some volunteer work in the Katrina neighborhoods during the first week of March. If you're interested in such a missionary venture, you may want to pencil that week in your calendar. I'll let you know how plans progress.

During my tenure here, the parish has sponsored two weekends up at Genesee Abbey in New York. In autumn, we have sponsored time for adults, and in the springtime we take our young people up to see the monks and experience a taste of their lifestyle. I am very grateful to the monks for their hospitality and for all of you who attend.

Parishioner Bill Lawson is going to coordinate the autumn weekend next year. You'll be hearing from him.

Homebound ministry training is available now for those who have been thinking about visiting our shut-ins and bringing them the Eucharist. For more information, please call Theresa Ferrando at 330-538-6875.

**ATTENTION ALL PARISH RENEWAL TEAMS AND PARTICIPANTS.**

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR TEAM SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS and / or jackets to Mass on the first Sunday of December. Our parish renewal program has made a tremendous impact on our parish life. Let's use the first Sunday of December, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year, as a way of thanking God for bringing renewal to Saint Pat's.**

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!**

As mentioned, we will be closing off the front church doors and steps soon to conserve heat and ice-melting chemicals. In addition, the church sacristans have been asked to make sure the outer and INNER doors of church are closed so we can keep as much warmth in the building as possible.

Also, we're trying to keep a handle on the general utility costs in our old building, which I affectionately refer to as "the ole Ship". You can help by turning lights off when not needed and turning them ON only when necessary.

The church heat is constantly monitored. Such conservation measures are also used in our social hall. Please help us and do your part.

Checking last year's calendar, it seems we closed off the front doors from January up until Saint Patrick's Day. We'll keep tabs on the long range

forecast and decide shortly when we'll close-off our front entrance.

Our neighbors at Community Corrections, Inc. on Market Street recently received some superior state awards for the work they do at their various facilities. CCA's recidivism rate is the lowest in the state ... which means that the number of "repeat" offenders is extremely low.

CONGRATULATIONS Dr. Billak and your wonderful staff. What great neighbors you are !! We are very proud of all that you do (including our BEAUTIFUL new sign on the corner of Market Street and Oak Hill Avenue).

Next Saturday, we will have an Advent Penance Service in cooperation with our friends at Saint Brendan's. The service will be at 11:00am at Saint Brendan's. This is a great opportunity to help you spiritually prepare for Christmas.

Father Daprile and I will be switching pulpits during the second weekend of December. Cooperation is the name of the game in this day and age. I think all of us have become a bit comfortable with the way "we do things". The church of the future will be reminding us of the fact that what we do as Catholic Christians must be beneficial to the ENTIRE believing community.

Our monthly spaghetti dinner will be served next Sunday. This is a great way to bring your friends to our parish. The best spag dinner in town is right here in our social hall.

KEEP SMILING !!

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**The Generations of Faith Team** meets this Thursday, November 29 at 6:30pm at the rectory. We always welcome new members! Call Carla at the rectory if you'd like to check it out.

Mark your calendars for our **Advent penance Service** on Saturday, December 1 at 11:00am at St. Brendan's.

**Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten** will present the 19<sup>th</sup> annual "Once Upon A Christmas" Craft Show Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9am - 4pm at the Ursuline Center, Canfield. Admission is free.

ATTENDANCE AT MASS

10:00am      246                      5:30pm      116

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday, November 25 / *Christ the King*

10:00am      Theresa Mastramico  
5:30pm        John David Tach

Monday, November 26

8:30am        Miraculous Medal

Tuesday, November 27

8:30am        Loreto Sebastiani

Wednesday, November 28

8:30am        Word and Communion Service  
- Toni Jordan

Thursday, November 29

8:30am        Margaret J. Hodak

Friday, November 30 / *Andrew, Apostle*

8:30am        Kenneth Crawford

Saturday, December 1

Sunday, December 2 / *First Sunday of Advent*

10:00am      Gribbon Family  
5:30pm        Tom Wyatt

**NEXT SUNDAY ...**

	<u>10:00am Mass</u>	<u>5:30pm Mass</u>
Readers:	Pat Kerrigan Marsha Slivka Mary Clayton	Loretta Stock Nicole DelQuadri
Distributors:	Deacon Ed Hawkins Marilyn Kocur Ed Kocur Kathy Zimmerman Joan Boyd Betsy Clayton	Kathie Rothman Debbie DelQuadri
Sacristan:	Bill Lucarell	Jeff Syphard
Ushers:	Marilyn Brady Joe McNally Rick Mosco Jack Doran	Bill Schraider Paul Shovlin Bill Petrunak Gene Sabatino
Greeters:	Lucia Flevaris Catherine Goins Linda Riley	Jody Esposito Patti Druzisky Tony Caplen

Collection -	
Regular (127 envelopes)	\$3,791.00
Weekly Budget Amount	5,750.00
Difference	- 1,959.00
Children / Teens (10)	10.00
Visitor	344.00
Novena	71.00

**The Sanctuary Candle burns November 24 thru November 30 for John Eicher from Ed Palguta and Mary Lou Eicher.**