

from the Pastor's Desk

Last Sunday, our young people had a session in preparation for First Reconciliation. During their session, I had the opportunity to spend some time with their parents. It was truly inspiring to see their enthusiasm about the faith and their commitment to raising their children in the faith. For sure, these families, and many like them, are the future of the church. May they grow in age, wisdom and grace before God and all of us. Please keep this year's young people in your prayers as they prepare for their First Penance on February 26.

This year's class includes

Ella Catanzarite	Deanna Mike
Alaina Francis	Kaila Stitzel
Amiliyah Lee	

What a treat it has been to get regular notes in the mail concerning our centennial books. Out-of-towners especially have really appreciated the historical perspective of the book. I listened to a voicemail the other day that just sang the praises of the book and all those who worked on it.

Anyone have a pyx that can be returned?? We can use some. At times, some of our ministers take some time off from the homebound ministry for various reasons. If you have a pyx that is currently not being used, please bring it with you to church and give it to me or drop it off in the sacristy.

Tomorrow, there will be a preliminary meeting in preparation for the new sunflower garden that will grace the property south of the rectory next to our gardens. This innovative project will happen this spring and summer.

Tomorrow evening, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will meet in the rectory at 5:00pm.

Finance Committee will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30pm.

The continuing dialogue between ourselves and Saint Dominic's Parish continues this Thursday at 6:30pm. The gathering again will happen at Saint Columba Hall on Wood Street.

ARE YOU CLOSE TO YOUR CALENDAR??

Mark the weekend of May 19 & 20. Jesse Manibusan will return to our parish (he was here for our 95th anniversary) to minister to us and to share his musical talent with the community.

RENEW YOUR EXPONENT TODAY...

In today's first reading from the Book of Job, the title character lists a litany of woes as he deals with daily living. We can all identify with that feeling on the days when life seems overwhelming. The Catholic Exponent helps today's Catholics cope with such struggles while remaining focused on living the Gospel as informed believers. **Subscribe or renew today by dropping the "Catholic Exponent" envelope from your packet into the collection basket, or call the rectory at 330-743-1109.**

Calling men and women of the parish!

Have you attended a St. Patrick "Christ Renews His Parish" weekend? Have you worked a team? Have you said to yourself, "I miss spending a weekend with those guys/gals"? Even if you have never attended a weekend, you are invited...no one left behind!

I would like to bring together a group of men and women for a once a week bible study for six weeks. The study will be, "The Tragic and Triumphant Cross." The cost of the book will be \$12.80. (We may be able to cut a few dollars off.) This will be a wonderful way to celebrate Lent.

If interested, please call me at 330-757-0187 or my cell at 330-509-9141. Of course, you can call Debbie at the rectory and leave your name and number. I will call you back.

Deacon Ed Hawkins

LARGE PRINT BIBLES are for sale at the rectory. They are extremely easy to read, and the notes on the different books of the Bible are very helpful in understanding the meaning of the Scriptures. The Bibles are available at the rectory for \$10.00.

The universal Church has been celebrating *World Day for Consecrated Life* since 1997. Bishop George Murry, S.J. invites our diocesan church to celebrate the gift of Consecrated Life with him

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

and the religious of our Diocese on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. All are welcome.

One of the national BLACK AMERICAN GRANTS FOR EVANGELIZATION was recently awarded to us. This money was requested to continue providing for the Hispanic and African-American music that we experience periodically at our Sunday liturgies. As we are well aware, the racial and cultural make-up of the worldwide Roman Catholic Church is very diverse. The more we can be exposed to the rich history and music of different cultures in the church, the better we can understand the Gospel message of bringing Christ to all people. The grant is also helping to underwrite this coming summer's Vacation Bible School.

Does anyone have a "carousel" slide projector?? We found some old slides in our parish archives. I would like to see what they are all about.

Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th...Eat Greek!
Carry-out for Gyros-Souvlaki, Lamb Snackers, and Pastries are available at St. Nicholas Church, 220 N. Walnut St., Youngstown. For orders, call 330-743-5493 or online at www.stnicholas-greekchurch.com.

There will be a reception in the social hall on the **World Marriage Day Observance on February 19**. In order to keep with the custom of the "Youngstown Cookie Table" tradition, parishioners are asked to bring a dozen or so of their favorite cookies. They can be dropped off in the social hall before the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

We will also share through a bulletin insert, certain customs or favorite memories shared by married couples of the parish. Please email these as soon as possible to Sister Jeanne Thurin, HM at jeannethurin@hotmail.com. All the information gathered will be anonymous.

The choir will hold a **Bake Sale** on February 19 following both Masses. This may be your last chance before Lent to pick up some tasty treats. Please support the choir in this worthwhile fundraiser. The funds will be used to help offset the cost of choir members attending the National Convention of the National Pastoral Musicians to be held in Pittsburgh this July.

Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 5 / 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am Ralph Colla
5:30pm Aaron Running Hawk
Monday, February 6 / St. Paul Miki & Companions
8:30am Miraculous Medal
Tuesday, February 7
8:30am Mary Lou Gartland
Wednesday, February 8 / St. Jerome Emiliani;
St. Josephine Bakhita
8:30am Word & Communion Service
- Toni Jordan
Thursday, February 9
8:30am Loreto Sebastiani
Friday, February 10 / St. Scholastica
8:30am Gene Clayton, Jr.
Saturday, February 11 / Our Lady of Lourdes
Sunday, February 12 / 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am Harry Taylor
5:30pm Kim Thomas

NEXT SUNDAY ...

	<u>10:00am Mass</u>	<u>5:30pm Mass</u>
Readers:	Lali Gonzalez Pat Kerrigan Mary Clayton	Kellie Kirksey Katy Wibly
Distributors:	Betsy Kerrigan	David Peters
Altar	Yvette Gonzalez Roy John Rick Mosco Carla Hlavac Saul Gonzalez	Cathy Crawford Brad Loew
Sacristan:	Bob Hlavac	Carl Pennington
Servers:	Shannon McMaster Evan John C.J. Sassi	Sid Long Kathy Costello Shelly Semko
Greeters:	Michelle Craig Judy Hassen	Linda Long Nick Wibly
Ushers:	Mary Ellen Sassi Jim Hardie Denise Hardie Sandy Mehley	Bill Petrunak Jack Kelly

Collection –	
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Electronic Giving (9 envelopes)	2,070.00
Weekly Budget Amount	7,375.00
Difference	- 1,852.00
Visitor	297.00
Novena	19.00
Children (4 envelopes)	8.00
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AT MASS

10:00am 284 5:30pm 73

The Sanctuary Candle burns February 4 thru February 10 for Bob Sheridan from the Sheridan Family.