

## ST. NICHOLAS PARISH

From the Pastor's Desk

I would like to start this column with one notice from the Cathedral. The announcement concerns a mass offered for healing. I will let the announcement speak for itself below. This Mass with its following service is open to all as indicated in the notice. I would like to encourage anyone who may find this focused Celebration of the Eucharist and Healing Service helpful to please consider attending.

The announcement is about the Mass and Healing service to be held tomorrow (Monday) evening at the Cathedral:

**BISHOP BRENNAN TO CELEBRATE BI-MONTHLY MASS OF HEALING ON JULY 22, 6:30 PM, SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL:** The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene will be celebrated. Following the Mass, a Healing Service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person then will then have an opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with addictions, mental health issues, physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those who seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Bi-monthly Healing Masses take place at the Cathedral on the third Monday of the month; this July 22 Mass is an exception given the Bishop's schedule. In 2019 Bi-Monthly Healing Masses will also be celebrated on September 16 and November 18. Secured parking is available off East Gay Street; handicap elevator access to the Cathedral is located off the Broad Street Courtyard. Saint Joseph Cathedral is located at [212 East Broad Street](#); for more information call [\(614\) 224-1295](#) or visit [www.saintjosephcathedral.org](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.org).

This communal service is a wonderful opportunity for those seeking healing. I know that such services were at one time offered here at St. Nicholas. However, just as the difficulty exists for a communal penance service rests on the ability of getting the necessary help with several priests, coordinating an agreeable time and place with schedules, plus the very small number of available priests in the area and the ability to reciprocate the favor of assistance... have made communal services virtually impossible. Therefore, during the penitential seasons I have often offered extra times to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation available. On the positive side, those extra times have been well used by many. I have been encouraged and edified by the responses and thus will continue to offer extra times during the penitential seasons.

Now when it comes to the Anointing of the Sick and the inability to have a communal service, the norm has been to respond to individual requests. Just the same, the positive side of responding to individual requests provides me with the opportunity to speak with individuals and becoming informed of their individual circumstances. For me this is valuable. Responding to individual requests I have anointed several individuals in the hospital, at the area nursing homes, and the homebound. I am more than happy to be called upon to offer this Sacramental ministry when the need arises. In these circumstances the need can arise at any time of the day: and it has. For me this is a priority, especially when there is the possibility of death.

On other occasions I have received individual requests before and after mass: both Sunday and weekday masses. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is always available for the asking. By the very fact of making the request for the sacrament, in fact any sacrament for that matter, is a Good and Pious thing. This is what practicing Catholics do. It is always a graced filled moment. It is a response to the grace of God. Please be open to this grace of God in requesting and the reception of the Sacrament.

I have written once before about the Anointing of the Sick. If there is a need for the Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish or see the priest after mass. I would be more than glad to offer this sacrament. The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament that seeks God's healing. This healing is obviously intended for the physical illnesses. The physical always gets our attention and carries a sense of urgency. However, the Anointing of the Sick is also intended to help us in other areas that need healing. These areas tend to be those that do not have obvious physical manifestations. Many times, we are sick and broken emotionally and spiritually. As human beings we are both physical and spiritual beings. In this sacrament we turn to God for the healing of the whole person: body and soul.

One aspect of healing that may not get our immediate attention can be found in the act of accepting the present trial. This is especially true when a condition becomes chronic or that there does not appear to be a cure. This is particularly evident in long-term debilitating illnesses. Healing may be of a spiritual nature, a renewed faith in the loving presence of God and accepting our human limitation and mortality. Acceptance of our limitation is an act of faith in "*not my will, but your will be done*". This is an act of faith in the providential care of God. Healing may manifest itself in the virtue of fortitude: the courage necessary to face our trials graciously.

We can also unite our sufferings with the sufferings of Christ. Spiritually we can unite our sufferings and offer them in Christ for those who need God's Mercy and Forgiveness. To suffer in faith and love is by far better than to suffer with bitterness and anger. There is something redemptive about suffering graciously.

When requesting the Anointing of the Sick it is important to consider that Sacramental Confession is part of this sacrament. The forgiveness of sins addresses our spiritual sickness. This is a good time to make a good confession. With this in mind it should be noted that when a priest is called to bring the Anointing of the Sick, the individual who is to be anointed may want to go to confession. There is a need for privacy here. The priest would usually indicate that he would like to speak with the individual and asks for a few minutes for a private conversation. Don't be offended. In fact, when requesting on behalf of another individual, please allow the priest to be alone with the individual. It renders the priest incapable of having a private conversation when others are present in the room.

Again, if there is a need for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, for yourself or another, please do not hesitate to call.

Lastly, on another topic, we will have some news about the window project very soon. We are looking at a September starting time for installing the new protective storm windows on all the church windows. An update and an appeal on this will be coming soon.

Have a great week.  
Father Ralko

**This week we pray Week II of the  
Liturgy of the hours.**



**THE FESTIVAL DINNER IS**

**BACK!** Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center (school gym). \$10.00 for adults. Meal includes Baked chicken quarter, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll and butter, lemonade, iced tea, coffee and

dessert. \$5.00 for 12 and under – substitutes chicken nuggets or chicken strips for the chicken quarter. **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE** and include a reserved parking pass next to activity center for easy access and convenience to dinner! Tickets are available after Mass in the Church basement and at the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA BAKE SALE** – Sunday, July 21 following the 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. masses. Proceeds support the Daughters of Isabella's charitable works.

**The EdChoice Scholarship** application period has been reopened until the end of July and our parish school, Bishop Fenwick K-8, accepts these state scholarships. Once your child is awarded, you will receive priority status to renew their scholarship each year through their 12th grade year. This is a tuition scholarship of up to \$4650 through 8th grade and \$6000 through 12th. **If your child attended 8th grade at Zanesville Middle School last year, they are eligible to apply for Bishop Rosecrans High School. New families moving into the area whose children would be assigned to the schools listed below, are also eligible to apply.** This is **NOT** a need-based scholarship, so financials are not necessary. Timing is important as it is first come, first serve so contact Susan Swackhammer 740-454-9731 or email [sswackha@cdeducation.org](mailto:sswackha@cdeducation.org) as soon as possible.

**Crooksville Elementary K – 4, Duncan Falls Elementary K – 5  
Maysville Elementary K – 5, Roseville Elementary K – 6  
Zanesville School District K-8**

**BISHOP FENWICK PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**



**Are you looking for a wonderful  
Preschool experience for your child?  
BISHOP PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE  
TUESDAY, JULY 30- 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.**

**PRE-JORDAN CLASS**

St. Nicholas will hold a Pre-Jordan class on Tuesday, July 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office building for parents and Godparents of infants and small children who will be baptized. Please call Mary Lou Staker at (740) 453-7141 to register for the class.

**2019 ST. NICHOLAS PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS**



**CALLING ALL ST. NICHOLAS  
PARISHIONERS! FESTIVAL MEETING**

All are invited and encouraged to join us at the Parish Office, Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We need **many volunteers** if we want this event to continue and be able to support our parish school and the St. Nicholas community. **If you are unable to help monetarily please consider giving a little of your time to your parish! Please help this tradition carry on for many more years to come!**

**SET UP NIGHTS PLANNED**

Festival set up will begin at **5:30p.m.** on the following days:  
Wednesday, **July 24<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday, **July 25<sup>th</sup>**, Monday, **July 29<sup>th</sup>** & Tuesday, **July 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**Please** consider donating 2 liters of Pepsi products for the festival. We would like to have a pop toss for the teen/kid's games. Thank you!



**CAKE STAND: ATTENTION BAKERS!**

We need cakes, cookies, pies, candies, breads & more. We will need new items every day of the festival. HUNDREDS of people will take home baked goods made by our wonderful St. Nicholas parishioners. Please drop off items in the St. Nicholas cafeteria before festival hours and at the booth anytime during the festival. If you have any questions, please call Brandie Scott at 740-225-1961. Thanks & Happy Baking!

**CHINESE AUCTION ITEMS**

Thanks to those of you who have taken tags from the table in church and returned your purchases! If you haven't done so yet, please do, and return them to the parish office by **Monday, July 22**. We will also take cash donations. Call Dee at the parish office with questions, 453-0597. Thank you!

**2019 FESTIVAL QUILT**

A lovely vintage, queen size scrap quilt has been donated by Mary & Jim McKee for the 2019 raffle. The hand piecing is exceptional and in very good condition. Thank you to the McKee's for their beautiful and generous donation!



**THEOLOGY ON TAP COOKOUT KICKOFF --**

Thursday, August 8, 2019, 7-9 p.m. Join Bishop Robert Brennan and numerous young adult and young professional groups from around the Diocese of Columbus as the Columbus Theology on Tap hosts their annual cookout to kick off the new season. There will be food, beverages, fun, and deep discussion. For more information go to <https://columbuscatholic.org/theology-on-tap>.

**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

It is your responsibility to find a substitute if needed.

**July 28, 2019**

**23<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 27 @ 5:15 p.m.**

Cantor: Kevin McCarthy  
Lectors: Adelaide Pitcock, Tom J. Pitcock  
Servers: Bill Altier, Mason Harmon  
Eucharistic Minister – Coord: Dottie Durant  
Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Sandy Black, Laurie Harmon  
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hamilton, Margaret Kronenbitter, Scott Peterson, Paula Peterson

**Sunday, July 28 @ 8:15 a.m.**

Cantor: Janet Moses  
Lector: Stephanie Bridwell, Patti Logan  
Servers: David Eppley, Logan Pratt  
Eucharistic Minister- Coord: Marvin Paul  
Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Jim Hillis, Philip Kocoloski  
Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Denbow, Linda Haswell, John Haswell, Sue Hillis

**Sunday, July 28 @ 10:45 a.m.**

Cantor: Kevin McCarthy, Sr. Bernadette Selinsky  
Lectors: Keena Hansel, Wendy Hart  
Servers: Nicholas Bernath, Mason Harmon  
Eucharistic Minister - Coord: Diana Dunn  
Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Karen Hardman, Charlotte Snider  
Eucharistic Ministers: Erin Roush, Dan Snider, Gerald Tiberio, Claire Tiberio

**Church Support**

JULY 14, 2019	
OFFERTORY	\$8,904.00
Diocesan Tax	\$(770.00)
Fenwick Subsidy	\$(2,635.00)
Rosecrans subsidy	\$(485.00)
Available for Parish Operations	\$5,015.00
Parish Operating Expenses	\$(7,825.00)
Religious Education Expenses	\$(890.00)
Other Income	<u>\$1,855.00</u>
Weekly deficit	<u>\$(1,845.00)</u>
<b>May God bless you for supporting your parish!</b>	

**If you did not have enough to itemize your charitable donations this year, please contact your tax preparer and see if you are eligible to make a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. NICHOLAS PARISH IN YOUR WILL. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 453-0597 FOR MORE DETAILS.**

***What's Happening in Our Parish***

**MONDAY, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene**

8:00 a.m., Mass: Rita Petho, Church  
2:00 p.m., Pray the Rosary, St. Nicholas Chapel, Parish Office  
6:00 p.m., Summer Bible Study, Parish Office

**TUESDAY, July 23, St. Bridget**

8:00 a.m., Mass: Pauline Archer, Church

**WEDNESDAY, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhl'uf**

8:00 a.m., Mass: Doris J. Emmert, Church

**THURSDAY, July 25, St. James**

NO MASS

**FRIDAY, July 26, SS. Joachim and Anne**

8:00 a.m., Mass: Michael Paul, Church

***17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**SATURDAY, July 27**

4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Confessions, Church  
5:15 p.m., Mass: Shirley Cooperrider, birthday, Church

**SUNDAY, July 28**

8:15 a.m., Mass: Don Ryan family, anniversary, Church  
10:45 a.m., Mass: St. Nicholas Parishioners, Church

***Readings for Week of July 22, 2019***

Mon. . . . .	Sg 3:1-4a	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tues. . . . .	Ex 14:21-15:1	Mt 12:48-50
Wed . . . . .	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15	Mt 13:1-9
Thurs. . . . .	2 Cor 4:7-15	Mt 20:20-28
Fri. . . . .	Ex 20:1-17	Mt 13:16-17
Sat. . . . .	Ex 24:3-8	Mt 13:24-30
Sun . . . . .	Gn 18:20-32	Lk 11:1-13

***Our thoughts and prayers remain with those serving our country currently and with their loved ones at home. We pray for a safe homecoming and that the world may one day be at peace.***

***Please join us each Monday at The St. Nicholas Chapel in the Parish Office at 2:00 p.m. as we gather to pray the Rosary asking Our Lady's Intercession for the many needs of our nation, community, and parish.***