



# The Rock

Newsletter of St. Peter Catholic Church  
Chillicothe, Ohio  
Spring 2019

"... You are Peter, and upon this rock I shall build my church, and the gates of the nether world shall not prevail against it." — Matthew 16:18

A Community founded on Adoration and presence to the Poor

## From the desk of Fr. Hahn



This will once again be a summer of change as we say good-bye to Fr. Dooley and Fr. Thomas. After Fr. Dooley having lived here the past four years it will be very strange not having him around and although Fr. Thomas has only been here for one year, he still has thoroughly become a part of the community. May God bless them both in their service now in different areas of the vineyard. Fr. Dooley will now be pastor at Our Lady of Peace in Clintonville and Fr. Thomas will be parochial vicar at St. Michael Church in Worthington.

We welcome Fr. Tim Lynch, coming to us from St. Michael's. Fr. Lynch has been ordained three years. We also welcome Fr. Brian Beal, newly ordained for our diocese. You can read a brief bio of each elsewhere in this newsletter.

This summer has me thinking back to last summer. Last summer was a dark summer for our Church. As you remember the Cardinal McCarrick scandal was making its way into the open and the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report was released. Many wounds were reopened last summer and the Church is still suffering from these revelations. To this end, Bishop Robert Barron, probably the foremost Catholic Evangelist of our time, has recently published a book entitled, *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis*. Every pastor in the United States was sent an advance copy this past month. It is a very powerful and short piece (about one hundred pages).

Bishop Barron and his *Word on Fire* organization is making the book very affordable for parishes to buy in bulk and giving resources to help create a discussion. He is of the mind and I agree, that this is

something we still need to have a "family discussion" about. In fact, at our last parish council meeting the members requested that we have some sort of public forum to address this crisis.

Later this summer we will receive the book and it will be available for every family to pick one up at Mass for free. A few weeks after you receive the book, I will host a discussion about it in the parish center for any and all who would like to attend. This isn't just for practicing Catholics either. So if you currently don't attend but still have a concern in this area, feel free to stop into the office or the church to pick up the book once it becomes available. I don't yet have the timing of the deliveries (they begin shipping in July to a LARGE number of parishes so timeframe has not been nailed down yet). We will post on our website and facebook when the book has become available as well as to which Sunday morning we'll have the public discussion of the book and the crisis.

The Church is a family and sometimes families need to have difficult discussions. However, when as a family we pursue truth in charity and charity in truth, we know that we will be better for having had the discussion. Please plan to read the book and join us for the discussion.

In Christ,  
Fr. Hahn

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### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
11:30 am  
Monday: 5:30 pm  
Tuesday: 8:30 am  
Wednesday: 8:30 am  
Thursday: 5:30 am  
Friday:  
9:30 am  
(at Bishop Flaget during school year)  
8:30 am  
(summer in church)

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

In Chapel:  
Tuesdays 6:00 a.m. to  
Thursdays 5:00 p.m.  
In Church  
Thursdays 6:00—9:00 p.m.

# Catholic Stuff

By Deacon Hauser

## Priestly Vestments—

One of the first things which non-Catholic visitors at Mass notice is the “strange” clothing worn by liturgical ministers. This article has some information you can share with them.

It's commonly accepted that today's liturgical vestments evolved from clothing typical in the ancient Greek and Roman world, including ancient religious culture. Eventually, there developed a distinction between liturgical dress and other daily activities. As St. Jerome said in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, “The Divine religion has one dress in the service of sacred things, another in ordinary intercourse and life.” Around the year 800, liturgical norms for vesting were basically standardized and would remain so until the renewal following the Second Vatican Council.

So now, for the celebration of Mass, a priest wears an amice, alb, cincture, stole, and chasuble. You might say, “OK – fine. I see them worn, but which one is which?!?”

First, the alb (alb means “white”) is the long, white garment with long sleeves worn by priests, deacons and other liturgical ministers, even including servers in some parishes. The alb was a common outer garment worn in the Graeco-Roman world. Its spiritual purpose reminds the priest of his baptism, when he was clothed in white to signify his freedom from sin, purity of new life, and Christian dignity. This is also why the newly baptized often wear albs following their baptism.

The amice is a piece of white linen, rectangular in shape, which covers the normal clerical clothing of a priest, such as the clerical collar. In the Graeco-Roman world, the amice was a head covering, oftentimes worn underneath the helmets of the Roman soldiers to absorb sweat, thereby preventing it from flowing into their eyes (though I've never seen a priest wear a helmet at Mass!).

The cincture is a long, thick cord, sometimes with tassels at the ends, which secures the alb around the waist. It may be white or may be the same liturgical color as the other

vestments. In the Graeco-Roman world, the cincture was like a belt. Spiritually, the cincture reminds the priest of the admonition of St. Peter: “So gird the loins of your understanding; live soberly; set all your hope on the gift to be conferred on you when Jesus Christ appears. As obedient sons, do not yield to the desires that once shaped you in your ignorance. Rather, become holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, after the likeness of the holy One who called you” (1 Peter 1:13-15).

The stole is a long cloth, about four inches wide and of the same color as the chasuble, that is worn around the neck and secured at the waist with the cincture. The stole is also of ancient origin - rabbis wore prayer shawls with tassels as a sign of their authority. The stole reminds the priest not only of his authority and dignity as a priest, but also of his duty to preach the Word of God with courage and conviction.

Finally, the chasuble, (from the Latin word *casula* meaning “house”) is worn over the alb and stole. In the Graeco-Roman world, a chasuble was like a cape that completely covered the body and protected the person from inclement weather. The chasuble reminds the priest that he is “another Christ” in the sacrifice of the Mass and to “put on the new man, who according to God is created in justice and holiness of truth” (Ephesians 4:24). Some people recognize in the chasuble the “seamless garment” worn by Christ to his crucifixion, and therefore, the connection between the Mass, the priest acting *in persona Christi*, and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross (and we often see an image of a cross on the chasuble).

So, many centuries after these ancient garments fell out of common use, they remain today in the Church as reminders to the Christian people, that the Mass is not an ordinary earthly event, but one that is sacred and like nothing else on earth.



## A Community founded on Adoration and presence to the Poor

Have you signed up to spend an hour with our Lord in the Adoration Chapel?

We now have an online system for tracking this and it has the ability to send you a reminder either by text, email, or telephone call.

Sign up at:

[stpeter.weadorehim.com](http://stpeter.weadorehim.com)

Passcode ROCK



Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel

Open to the public:

Tuesdays-Thursdays

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Entrance at other times

by Access Code.

Call the parish office for current code.

### *How do parishioners / adorers feel about the chapel and spending an hour in adoration?*

When I began spending an hour at Adoration, it was 2 years ago when the chapel first opened. I know we are all busy, but I knew I could find an hour to spend in prayer...I've always considered prayer as talking to God, but Adoration is really where I just sit and have a chat with Him...I've talked to people about Adoration before. Some ask why I sign up for an hour when I can go whenever. I signed up because I would rather work my schedule around Adoration than work Adoration into my schedule. It's something I look forward to. I also think that sometimes people don't understand what Adoration entails. 'Are you praying the whole time?!!' Sometimes. But sometimes I'm praying the rosary, or reading a book. I like to journal during Adoration as I never take time for is at home. The whole essence of Adoration is simply to be in God's presence. I don't know that I can adequately put it into words, but it is different than going to Mass or praying at home. It is an intimate moment with God.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society—Mary Elsass, SVDP President**

Perhaps, you've heard "food insecurity" discussed in news reports or other commentary on hunger in our communities today. It describes the status of people who might not know when or where their next nourishing meal will come from on either a temporary or chronic basis. The causes are varied, but most often related to poverty, especially in rural areas. The effects can negatively impact the health and well-being of individuals and families caught in these circumstances.

Simply put, these are the folks that our Vincentians are privileged to assist, in increasing numbers, when they need help to put food on their tables. They might be strangers to us or familiar faces, such as family, friends, neighbors and parishioners. Our "Vincentian Rule" instructs and inspires us to "serve the poor cheerfully; listening to them and respecting their wishes, helping them to feel and recover their own dignity, for we are all created in God's image. In the poor, we see the suffering Christ." We do not judge the people who come to us for help. Rather, we judge the circumstances that have prompted them to approach us.

Feeding the hungry is our most visible service to the poor. In response to other needs, our funds, counseling and referrals help with full or partial payment of utility bills to prevent loss of service, prescription medication costs, gas or bus tokens for travel to medical appointments or job interviews, and shoes and clothing for children and adults. Often, we work together with the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Mary's Church and others, including Brookside Church, Salvation Army, and Community Action to cover emergency needs beyond our own resources.

Surely, our mission would not thrive without the generous prayers, sacrifices, monetary and other donations of time, labor, and goods from our parish family. We are grateful for your partnership in living our parish mission of "... presence to the poor." And we hope you will visit on pantry days to see us in action and to consider joining us!



## Military Ministry

By Jenny French

Thanks to the Pat and Diane Corcoran for once again representing the Military Ministry at the Memorial Day Mass at St. Margaret's Cemetery. The ministry provides light refreshments to those in attendance at this annual Mass honoring our deceased veterans.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner. This year, the dinner will be a little earlier due to the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dinner will be held on Sunday, November 3 following the 11:30 Mass at St. Peter. Bridget Rourke is the schedule speaker. Bridget is a St. Mary's parishioner and 1982 graduate of Bishop Flaget High School. She attended and graduated from West Point and made her career with the US Army. We look forward to hearing Bridget's story.

We will once again collect Christmas cards for the military. However, this year's cards will be sent to those from our parish deployed out of country to pass along to their fellow soldiers. Watch for additional information on this project. We also will be collecting care package contents to be sent to them as well.

Keep your eyes on the bulletin too for information on purchasing wreaths from the Wreaths Across America project.



## A Tradition begins . . . .

—Ann & Jess Hamm, Food Drive Coordinators

On Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, volunteers from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, along with a few parishioners and friends, held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Food Drive to benefit the food pantry.

Father Dooley held the opening prayer at 9:30am under a large canopy provided by Shirley and Bob Irwin. The drive-through drop off began at 10am, and ran until 3pm. It was a success! A total of 1,275 lbs. (1,623 items) were collected for an estimated \$1,700 in food and toiletries! This will go a long way in helping to meet the needs of the many who come to SVDP in need of assistance. Thanks be to God, who watched over us and blessed us.

Special thanks to Father Hahn for encouraging a mother and daughter who had a mindset to help the poor, and to Mary Elsass, SVDP President, for embracing the idea of a food drive and offering her invaluable insight. This was a beautiful group effort, made possible by people like Jenny French, Mary Kay Pennington, Lynn Anderson and Sylvia Ramsey, who helped to either produce or distribute flyers and make signs. 60 area businesses graciously posted 64 flyers in their windows and/or break rooms, and over 100 flyers went to Bishop Flaget to be sent home with students at the end of the year. Announcements were also made in the Chillicothe Gazette and on WKKJ.

Thank you to all the incredible volunteers – including Sister Ruhitha - who gave up their Saturday to unload cars and talk to the people dropping off food, even standing under umbrellas for the last hour in the rain! But most of all, a heartfelt thanks to the generous parishioners of St. Peter parish and members of the community who took the time and made the effort to donate - what a perfect way to be a presence to the poor.

Mark your calendars for next year's drive . . .  
Saturday June 13, 2020!







Dick Black was named Knight of the Year by Council 15793 at their annual banquet on March 24, 2019



## Holy Thursday at St. Peter's



## Easter Vigil 2019







Little Flower's Mother Daughter Tea on Mother's Day!



30 8th Graders Confirmed by Bishop Brennan on June 2 at St. Peter Church





## VBS—Robin Flannagan

The third year of VBS for 3-5 years olds will be held on Monday, July 15-Thursdays, July 18, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. for four evenings of songs, dance, games, lessons, and crafts to teach our youngest parishioners about the love of Jesus Christ.

Volunteers to help with all of the sessions are needed as well as donations of snacks/drinks. Please email [rflannagan45601@gmail.com](mailto:rflannagan45601@gmail.com) if you are able to help with class sessions and/or donations of snacks.

You may also let Jenny French in the office know if you can help.

## Totus Tuus—Robin Flannagan

*Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting Catholic faith. This will be the third year St. Peters is blessed to have four young adults join us this summer for a fast-paced week evangelizing and catechizing our children from K to twelfth grade.*

The missionaries will arrive on Saturday, July 13 and depart on Friday, July 19. We have two gracious families who will provide accommodations and breakfast for them, but we need volunteers to provide lunches daily, dinners every evening, and snacks for the students.

K-12 students will have sessions during the day Monday-Friday. 7-12 students will meet in the evenings Sunday-Thursday. Exact details of hours and fees will be posted soon.

If you are willing to provide lunches, dinners, and/or snacks for this program, please let Jenny French in the office know, or email [rflannagan45601@gmail.com](mailto:rflannagan45601@gmail.com).

## Little Flowers

By Judy Harness

The Little Flowers finished up their year with Mass and a Mother's Day Tea celebration. The girls were honored at the 11:30 Mass and they took up the offertory gifts. All the girls and moms wore beautiful Sunday attire and each donned a lovely festive hat! After the Mass the young ladies, moms and grandmas enjoyed tea sandwiches, fruit and veggie platters and of course a variety of teas to sample. The girls completed all requirements for Wreath 2 and will look forward to beginning Wreath 3 work in the fall. Congratulations to all Little Flowers!

## From the Choir Loft—Diane Corcoran Debbie Nunziato

Have you ever wondered why the responses at Mass sometimes change? Why do we sing Latin and Greek at certain times of the liturgical year, and English at other times? Why does the congregation have to learn new melodies and arrangements, after it has just gotten familiar with the old ones? The answers to all those questions is something called the **Mass Setting**.

If you look at your St. Michael Hymnal, you will see that in the front of the book there are many different **mass settings** that can be sung for Mass. These settings are for the **Ordinaries** of the Mass, or those responses that *remain the same* for every Mass: the Kyrie (Lord have mercy), the Gloria (glory to God), the Credo (I believe), the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), and the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). They also include the Mystery of Faith. The words of the Mass that are *specific* to each Mass, and thus *change* every week are called **Propers**. (These can be discussed more in another newsletter!)

We sing a more formal and solemn mass setting in Greek/Latin during the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons. Now we are going back to the **Heritage Mass** setting, which we have been working on since the fall. In the past, we have sung the **St. Benedict Mass** setting, the **Roman Missal Chants** setting, and for special occasions such as Christmas, parts of the **Missa de Angelis** (or Mass of the Angels).

We hope to have as much participation from the congregation as possible, so don't let all these details keep you from joining in. Please feel free to ask choir director Diane or accompanist Laura, about anything that doesn't make sense in the music we sing. Our first goal is to give God all the glory we can muster, in our singing and in our prayer. However, we are most effective when we hear you singing along!

The choir will take a summer break after the Corpus Christi Masses. We will return in September, and there is



## My Yearly Pilgrimage

By Fr. Sean Dooley

Every year, I make my usual trip to a special place that has been a part of my family for generations. In fact, I have been going to this place since I was eight years old. For years, our family has been blessed to visit Holy Family Motherhouse in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, the headquarters for the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. These Sisters are involved in teaching, health care work, and parish ministry.

For many years, these Sisters were assigned to my home parish and school of St. Nicholas in Zanesville. Currently, these Franciscan Sisters serve at Genesis Hospital in Zanesville. They have been in health care work in Zanesville since 1900.

While my family visited these Sisters, we also have family connections there! Our first relative to join this community was my great-great aunt, Sr. Antonine Hildebrand (1872-1898), who passed away in Zanesville due to Tuberculosis. She was able to take her Final Vows and receive the Franciscan habit in her family home before her death. Next, my great-Aunt Dorothy (Sr. Francis Aloysius Hildebrand) entered the community in the 1930s and she passed away in 1998. In the congregation, she was a grade school and high school teacher. Finally, we are blessed to have one living relative left. My great Aunt Martha (Sr. Frances Joseph Hildebrand) is currently living at the St. Rita Infirmary at Holy Family Motherhouse. She is 97 years old. And yes, Aunt Dorothy and Aunt Martha were sisters who were Sisters!

Over the past few years, my great-aunt has suffered with some dementia and physical limitations. While her memory is not what it used to be, she is able to recall some memories of her childhood growing up in Zanesville. Whenever I visit, I always celebrate Mass for the Infirmary Sisters and often wonder about the many years these Sisters have dedicated to education, nursing, and parish ministry. I see the Infirmary as a powerful house of prayer as these Sisters pray for the needs of the entire Church.

I am continually grateful to the Holy Spirit for allowing me to learn from my Aunt Martha and these Sisters on what it means to be a human, a Christian, and a priest.



## Confirmation

By Judy Harness

This year 31 young people from both St Peter and St Mary Chillicothe received the sacrament of Confirmation June 2nd at the 11:30 Mass. The Honorable Bishop Brennan was the celebrant and the local priests served as concelebrants. Prior to the confirmation, Bishop Brennan arrived early to meet and greet all of the confirmandi saying "this is the way I like to prepare for Mass. Now I can pray for each of you since I now have met you even if it was a brief meeting". The Knights of Columbus delighted the confirmandi and all of their families with a delicious ham dinner. It was a beautiful day for all!



# The "new guys" in town



Fr.  
Timothy  
Lynch

Fr. Timothy Lynch has been the parochial vicar of St. Michael parish since July 12, 2016. He was ordained to the holy priesthood of Jesus Christ in the year of Mercy on May 28, 2016 by Bishop Frederick Campbell. He was born and raised in Columbus, OH and attended St. Patrick's Dominican Parish where he was an altar server for 6 years, and is a member of the last graduating class at Our Lady of Fatima Academy (1994) grade school, Whitehall-Yearling High School (class of 1998), The Franciscan University of Steubenville (class of 2002) Bachelor of Arts, and The Pontifical College Josephinum Bachelor of Philosophy (2013) & Master of Divinity (2016).

After living and working in outside sales after college for 7 years he decided by God's grace (and the faithful's prayers for vocations to the priesthood) to enter seminary at the age of 29.

Fr. Lynch has two parents, Mr. Robert Lynch, Ms. Julie Lynch, and 3 siblings, Mary Kantarek, Joseph Lynch and Patricia Lynch. He also has 1 nephew, Julian Kantarek, 1 brother-in-law, Jeff Kantarek and 1 sister-in-law, Brooke Lynch. He now have 2 nephews and two niece's. His sister had twin girls after Julian, Agatha and Lola, and his brother and sister in law have one boy Kyle.

He looks forward to his new assignment, working with his brother priests in serving all of the good people down in God's country.



Fr.  
Brian  
Beal

Fr. Brian Robert Beal is the son of Emory Michael and Rosalee Jane Beal. Fr. Brian has four sisters, Karen, Sarah, Mary, and Christine. He is blessed to be the uncle of six nieces and nephews. In his early 20's Fr. Beal was a professional tennis instructor and lay Christian missionary. He spent 10 years as executive director of Pro-Life of Mercer County and 4 years as CEO of Missionaries of Purity. He holds a Bachelors Degree in theology from Ohio Dominican University and a Masters Degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Fr. Brian is a recent graduate of Pope Saint John XXIII National seminary, in Weston Massachusetts. He enjoys spending time with family, traveling, hiking, loving the sun, listening to music, and kayaking.

*What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell?*

*These are the ever-important questions answered in Genesis to Jesus, the newest Journey through Scripture video Bible Study from the St. Paul Center.*

*Join us to learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and to survey the broad outlines of the books of the Bible and their place in the story of salvation.*

*Start Date : Wednesday July 10th*

*Time: 9:15am*

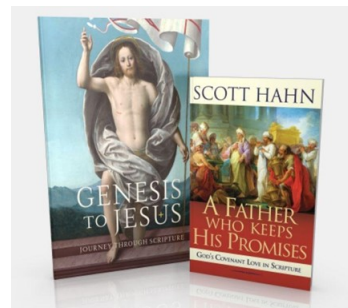
*Location : Mezzanine Conference room*

*Cost: \$40*

*Contact Chris Hiles for more information.*

*Office: 740-774-1407*

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## Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation and pre-Cana classes are required. Thus, the engaged couple must make initial arrangements by contacting the parish at least six months prior to the desired marriage date. You or your fiancée should be a registered parishioner for at least eight months before beginning preparation.

## Baptism

Pre-Baptism instruction for parents who have not previously attended, and for parents for which it has been 4 years or longer since the Baptism of their last child, is required. Please call the office to make arrangements for classes. Baptisms are held by appointment only.

### PREGNANT & NEED HELP?

Call Option Line at  
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## Communion to the Sick

Because the sick and homebound are prevented from celebrating the Eucharist with the rest of the community, the visits during which they receive Holy Communion are very important. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, the sick are united sacramentally to the Lord and are reunited with the Eucharistic community. If you or another parishioner you know is unable to attend Mass, please contact the office so that the Body of Christ can be brought to him or her.

## Bethesda Healing Ministry

We are a group of mothers and fathers who have suffered the experience of abortion. We gather twice a month to share, heal, and grow. We are now experiencing the gift of God's healing love. We've been there: We Understand. Contact us at

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