

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The Transfiguration of the Lord: This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast, which falls on August 6, is celebrated even when it falls on a Sunday, because it is a Feast of the Lord. It is a special moment of grace for all of us to recall this important event in the life of Jesus. The Catechism of the Catholic Church has this to say about the Transfiguration:

"From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master 'began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 'Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context, the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking 'of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem'. A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'" (CCC 554)

"On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed 'the mystery of the first regeneration', namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But it also recalls that 'it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God'" (CCC 556)

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: On April 9-17, 2018, I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. David Sizemore from St. Francis De Sales Church. We have one bus reserved for parishioners from Blessed Sacrament. There will be an information night this coming Wednesday, August 9, at 6:30 p.m. in Shepherd Hall. Representatives from the travel agency, Collette, will be present to share about the itinerary of the trip as will our pilgrimage coordinator. Please consider this opportunity. One of the many places we will visit is the location of the Transfiguration of the Lord!

Debt from the Church Restoration and Rectory Renovation: I wanted to give you an update about the financing of our church restoration project. As you may recall, in order to begin the project we needed 100% of the cost of the project pledged and 50% of the cost in cash. At that time, the Diocese of Columbus offered us a loan to cover the other 50%. Because of your generous giving, we did not need to access that loan until the end of the project. Some of our parishioners have paid off their entire pledge (thank you!) and others are making monthly payments toward their pledge (thank you!). I have no doubt that we will pay off the debt at the conclusion of the payment period and that the parish will not be left with any additional long-term debt due to this project.

Also, as you may recall, we had hoped to do a rectory renovation in conjunction with the church restoration project. As we began the project, I determined that it would be best to delay the rectory restoration until after the project was completed. The church restoration was our first priority and I wanted all of our attention on that. With the church restoration completed, I am in the planning stages of a rectory renovation. I am happy to announce that I anticipate that our capital campaign will be also able to fund the rectory restoration. In addition to that, I hope to conduct an exterior beautification project around the church. I am in the midst of planning both of these projects. I have decided that the most pressing need is the renovation of the rectory as I believe we, as a parish, need to be able to offer our priests a comfortable place to stay and a home that reflects well on our parish. I anticipate that I am in the last years of my time here in Newark and I am working to prepare the parish as much as possible for my successor. The eventual restoration of the rectory is a must.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Wilson

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 6th

Tuesday: Saint Dominic, Priest	6:15 P.M.
Jose Villa by Family	
Wednesday: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr	8:15 A.M.
Dominic Ghiloni by Art Ghiloni Family	
Thursday: Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr	8:15 A.M.
In Thanksgiving – Gene and Carol	
Friday: Saint Clare, Virgin	8:30 A.M.
Tommy Koch (Birthday) by Charlotte Davis	
Sunday Vigil: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal	5:00 P.M.
Jose Villa (Birthday) by wife	
Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 A.M.
Lionel Boucher by Wife, Emma and Family	
For the People of the Parish	10:30 A.M.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Week of August 6th

Daily Mass Schedule		
6:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 8th	– Judy Healy (L),	
	Peyton Riley (Server)	
8:15 a.m., Wednesday, August 9th	– Drew Wisniewski (L),	
	Peyton Riley, Violet Caton, Drew Caton (Servers)	
8:15 a.m., Thursday, August 10th	– Mike Back (L),	
	Peyton Riley (Server)	
8:30 a.m., Friday, August 11th	– Yvonne King (L),	
	Peyton Riley, Violet Caton, Drew Caton (Servers)	
Sunday Vigil Mass, August 12th	5:00 P.M.	
Sarah Snider	Mary Snider	Peyton Riley
Sunday, August 13th		
Holy Name Society (x3)		8:00 A.M.
Nick Jewett	Mya Stokes	10:30 A.M.
Paul Jewett		Ed Jewett

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sunday Vigil Mass, August 12th 5:00 P.M.

Christine Billig, Ken Billig (L), Bill Revercomb,
Rita Revercomb, Therese Nutter,
Pam Rauch, Tina Frischen (EM)

Sunday, August 13th 8:00 A.M.

Larry Myers, Scott Van Horn (L), Deacon Bob,
Michael Burger, Jay Goletz,
Patrick Wesley, Mike Stickle (EM)

10:30 A.M.

Matthew Walsh, Yvonne King (L), Chris Grieb,
Evey Fuller-Moore, Kelli Morrow,
Phil & Sue West (EM)

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Charlotte Walker, Connie Donaker, Charlie Gard, Don DeVault, Marjeanne McDonnell, Tony Sharp, Nick Duffy, Brian Hayes, Charles Bruah, Barb Rue, Ed Moats, Jan Rengert, Renee McCann, Lucy Lopez, Donald Bexstead, Mark Spinazzola, John Deering, Nancy Young, Michelle Darkes, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Mingo O'Rourke, Karen Addy*, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of *Sheryl Renicker, David Boldon, Fred Wilson, and Paul Hranko, Jr*; May they rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior

Next Week's Scripture

August 13, 2017

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours

Seasonal Proper II.

Our Stewardship Collection

July 30, 2017

New Fiscal Year Budget per Week	\$ 12,199.38
Offertory (145 envelopes)	\$ 5,798.75
Average Auto Withdrawal (111 households)	\$ 2,884.21
Loose Cash	\$ 370.00
Total	\$ 9,052.96
Deficit	(\$ 3,146.42)
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$ 60,996.90
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$ 52,684.86
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$ 2,848.80
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$ 1,690,533.24
YTD Church Restoration Collection	\$ 25,793.27
Church Restoration Loan Balance	\$ 176,238.90

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and to wait for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

Going on vacation this summer? *Don't forget* to use your **Vacation Make-Up envelopes**, so you don't miss out on giving the gift of stewardship while you are away!

Let us pray for those in the military on active duty and overseas:

Douglas Chacey, Air Force

Nathan Hall, Navy

Lucas Chacey, Air Force

Chase Meldau, Marines

Edward Wilson, Navy

Brandon Medley, Army

Joshua P. Brown, Air Force

Bob Yanka, Army

Foxx Schneider, Marines

Jayden Kelley, Navy

Catherine Wagner, Air Force

Rudy Snider, Air Force Academy

Christopher Severino, Air Force

Connor Severino, Air Force Academy

David L. L'Esperance, Army

If you wish to submit names for this list, please call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Our Parish & School Events



Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of August

- Universal:** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.
- Father Wilson's Intention:** That all those hurt by members of the Church in any way, including clergy, would experience healing and reconciliation.

Adorers Needed!

We are in need of Adoration Adorers to spend an hour with our Lord on Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., and on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, 2:00-3:00 p.m., and 4:00-5:00 p.m. Contact Caroline Starr at hcstarr@roadrunner.com to sign up for one of these hours.

Annual Festival Raffle Tickets

Thanks to everyone who has purchased or is selling Festival raffle tickets! Tickets are \$5.00/each or a book of 6 for \$25.00. Place ticket stubs and money in the small return envelope and drop it in the weekend collection basket or at the parish/school office. The final drawing is on Saturday, August 26th. If you would like to purchase/sell tickets, or for more information, call the parish office at 740-345-4290.



NO ENTRY

YES

Just as in Rome... As you come to church, especially during the summer months, please remember to dress modestly.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Festival

Join us for an evening of FUN at the Blessed Sacrament Festival on Saturday, August 26th, from 5:00-11:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, great food, kids games, inflatables, raffles, and much more!

We also need your help to make this year's Festival a success! We can use *donations of pop* (both cases of cans and 2 liters), prizes for the kids games and your time! If you can volunteer to help in anyway please contact Nancy Griebel, volunteer coordinator, at zrimpala@aol.com, or Courtney Baesmann, your Festival chair, at 740-641-7914. If you have a high school student in need of National Honor Society or other volunteer hours, please contact us! We can use their help, too!



This Week

Centennial Building Collection

Sunday, August 6

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:15 a.m. "The Wild Goose" Faith Formation – Shepherd Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, August 7

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 9

- 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration until 12:00 midnight
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Land Pilgrimage
Informational Meeting – Shepherd Hall

Thursday, August 10

- 8:15 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 11

- 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Faith Sharing Group – Conference Room
- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
Trinity Dome Collection

Sunday, August 13

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:15 a.m. "The Wild Goose" Faith Formation – Shepherd Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation Schedule

Tuesday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Due to this being a holy day of obligation, Mass will be offered at 8:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Praying and Caring for our Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners

If you or a member of your family is either homebound or hospitalized, or will be in the hospital or homebound, please contact the parish office and let us know. The prayers of our parish family will be there to help them, and this will help us insure that our Clergy or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be able to visit and bring the Lord in Holy Communion as an extension of the Holy Mass.

St. Michael Safety and Security Committee

St. Michael Safety and Security Committee is in need of volunteers to help at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. Duties include greeting and helping parishioners in and out of the church (i.e. opening doors, helping parents keep little ones from running into E. Main Street after Mass). If you want to volunteer or have any questions, contact Danny Mullins at 740-763-2910 or the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound Needed!

"I was sick and you visited me." It is a great privilege both to carry our Eucharistic Lord and to befriend our home bound parishioners who cannot attend Mass due to health problems. We have a very small team of EMs who distribute the Eucharist to the home bound. Too small. We are asking you to join the team, even if you are not now an EM who distributes the Eucharist at Mass. Also, you have the bonus of Eucharistic Adoration as you drive. If you hear the call of Jesus, "I was sick and you visited me," please contact Ann Selby at (740) 670-2792 or the parish office. We will provide needed training.

VBS Thank You!

Vacation Bible School was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time and talent, and the many parents that gave us their treasures (children) for the week! A big thank-you to all involved!!

The Wild Goose Series: Discovering A Deeper Relationship with The Holy Spirit



Come, join us for this incredible video series by Fr. Dave Pivonka, as we meet on Sunday mornings between the Masses, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Shepherd Hall. Come and enjoy donuts, coffee and fellowship as we watch one of the Wild Goose Videos together. This is a perfect way to continue our renewal as a parish family and deepen our understanding and relationship with the Holy Spirit. Series will continue to be offered until August 20th. Make this summer truly life changing! Hope to see you there.

God's Movement When We Move Away

Last week's letter addressed spiritual consolations and desolations. This week we follow on that theme by looking at how God works on our hearts in different phases of our spiritual journeys. We will look at Ignatius' first rule this week and his second rule next week. Ignatius developed a system of spirituality that his order still uses to this very day. Ignatian spirituality addresses how God speaks to us, even when we are mired and perhaps even longing for sin and sensuality. Many of us, young and old can fall into this category. We don't often think that God is with such people, but oh wrong we are! Let's look at what Ignatius says and see if that correlates to our 21st century lives.

Ignatius writes in his first rule that when a person is mired in mortal sin and moving from sin to sin, the enemy proposes sensual pleasures to him in order to make him attach him to his sins. God, in contradictory fashion, works on him by stinging and biting him in his conscience that is in man's rational nature of moral judgements. Ignatius writes that the Good Spirit works contrary to the enemy, Satan. God "stings" and "bites" us out of His love for us. A young man grew up in the Church, but by the time he graduated from high school he has forgone his faith and spends his life partying and working long hours. A number of years later he finds himself like the prodigal son, living a life of impurity and irresolution. This goes on a time and he has realized for quite a while that he is most unhappy and has a great shame and anger at how he has been living. He is like St. Augustine 1500 years ago who said "why not now, how long will I go on saying tomorrow?" Augustine heard a child sing a song saying "take and read take and read" and Augustine opened a bible and Romans 13. Our 21st century young man had an encounter with a joyful Christian and he realises he must change. Over time he prays again, attends Mass and confession again and his heart has been changed, softened, and no doubt renewed.

This person probably sounds like a lot of us, doesn't he? We are all affected by the commercialism of our culture, yet we know that this is not fulfilling. Ours is an exceedingly affluent nation, rich in resources, and blessed by God in copious ways. Satan knows this and he seeks to pervert our attractions to the good things God has provided us and so attach us to them and not to Him who made them. We go back to our 21st century young man again we see that he felt shame for his deeds. We also see that now he has a tremendous desire to discover and follow through upon God's will. He reflects back and can see the times he was blessed even while in the throes of sin; so often were there positive people but he didn't

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listen to them; countless were the times when things could have gotten worse [it was a good thing he wasn't paying his guardian angel overtime that's for sure!]. In these instances, and others, God was biting at his conscience out of Love! God was saying to him: "I love you because I made you; I didn't have to make you, but I have a plan for your good that will sanctify the world. Now, wake up, and let me guide you to a new place!" He has found love and redemption in Christ; the biting of the Good Spirit has helped him to see when before he was blind; there is no turning back now!

God's voice is amazing; it is the only path to peace amidst the temptations of the enemy to be attached to physical things and to make them to be idols, dare I say to make them gods! God has a plan for our benefit and not for our destruction; this plan is fulfilled in the proper discernment of our particular vocations. God uses all of our experiences for the good, as difficult as that can seem. Our 21st century young man could well be called to the priesthood or marriage and finding his vocation through prayer, discernment, and good works are fantastic ways for him to respond to that "stinging" of the Good Spirit; the stinging that has called him back to the grace of the God! All of us who have had some life experience, can relate, at least to some degree to what our 21st century young man [and St. Augustine, and St. Ignatius, and many other saints!] experienced in their failure to find peace. Now, he can seek a joy he never knew before and so more and more in an increased freedom.

Next week we will discuss the second of Ignatius rules, which deals with what occurs in the person who is now moving towards God and away from sin. May the Blest Virgin Mary continue to intercede for us and bring our hearts closer to Christ's Sacred Heart, that the ears of our hearts may listen ever more closely to the still silent voice of our LORD. Many blessing to you all and have a joyous week!

Andrew Wisniewski



Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul Conference

We are in need of volunteers! Join us this Tuesday, August 8th, at 7:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting. There has been a change in our meeting place; we will now meet at The St. Vincent de Paul Center (Thrift Store), 135 Wilson Street. For more information, call Amy Ghiloni at 740-323-2548.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Travel to the Holy Land with Fr. Wilson and Blessed Sacrament parishioners in April 2018. Please attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Shepherd Hall. For more information, contact Gary Dwyer at 614-633-8419 or garyedwyer@hotmail.com.

Special Collection for the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine

The Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place in parishes across the country in 2017 to support the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The National Shrine has been a century in the making, and our bishops are grateful for people's support of this initiative to help complete America's Catholic Church in advance of its 100th anniversary in 2020. We will be taking up this collection August 12-13. Those wanting more information can visit www.trinitydome.org or www.nationalshrine.org.

Local Events of Interest



Reserve your seat for **An Evening with Scott Hahn**, Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church, 66 Granville Street, in partnership with Blessed Sacrament Church. Go to blsac.net to register. Sponsored by the St. Paul Center.

Right to Life at the Hartford Fair

Licking County Right to Life is having an information booth at the Hartford Fair this August. We need volunteers to staff the booth during the fair with at least two people there during all the time slots from Sunday, August 6th-Saturday, August 12th. Sign up for a time slot (or more than one) at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094facae22a1ff2-licking> and invite others that may also like to help!

Active Retired Citizens

Join us for fun **tomorrow**, August 7th, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Francis Johnson Hall, 58 Granville Street, Newark. Euchre, Bingo, refreshments, and door prizes will be available. This event is open to anyone 55 and older. If you have any questions, call Chris at 740-364-0449 or Deb at 740-366-6924.

Edwardians Senior Social Group

Join The Edwardians (men and women age 50 and up) from the Church of St. Edward the Confessor on Friday, August 11th, for a "Back Woods Whole Hog Roast," at the Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Shelter House, 2734 Seminary Road SE, Newark. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the feast of a whole smoked hog on the grill with plenty of side dishes! The \$12.00 fee and reservation must be made by Monday, August 7th. Mail checks to Linda Woolard, 481 Beacon Road, Newark, 43055 or for more information, call 740-323-3105.

Around the Diocese

Live-In at the Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum is opening its campus to young men who are discerning a vocation. High School juniors and seniors, and college students are welcome to attend one of these weekends. You will experience the prayer life, academics, and communal worship of the seminarians, as well as being able to speak with them about their vocations and yours! These live-ins will be held October 19-21, and March 15-17. For more information, or to sign up, contact Fr. Baker at 614-985-2255 or jsbaker16@pcj.edu.

Engaged and Married Couples: Learn about NFP!

Married Couples who use Natural Family Planning (NFP) report many benefits including: better communication between spouses, increased patience and emotional maturity, deeper understanding of each other, and growth in respect for God's gift of fertility. Engaged and married couples are invited to learn about NFP by visiting <http://www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning> or contacting the Marriage and Family Life office at 614-241-2560.

Save the Date! Men's Silent Retreat

The Catholic Laymen's Retreat League is hosting a Men's Silent Retreat with Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, on Friday, September 8th-Sunday, September 10th, at the St. Therese Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus. This retreat allows men to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. A contribution of \$150.00 covers the cost of the retreat. Make reservations now and consider bringing a friend! Contact Charles Kielkopf at 614-268-0175, or Eric Lutz at 614-949-5905. For more information, visit <http://www.retreatleague.org/retreats/event/4-silent-retreat>.

Bethesda Healing Ministry

There is hope; there is life after abortion. Bethesda Healing Ministry offers an open invitation to you to join us that you might experience the peace and hope that can be yours. There is a light in the window and welcome in the hearts of those who look forward to meeting you.

We have been there and understand. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

