

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH

From the Pastor's Desk

Today is the Feast of Pentecost. We recall the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. This Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Love that proceeds from the Father and the Son. The Love between the Father and the Son that is so total, absolute, and faithful that it is a "Person" in its own right: "*The Third Person of the Holy Trinity.*" Therefore, the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father and the Son" as we pray in the Creed. It is the Holy Spirit that unites the Father and the Son, animates the Body of Christ, the Church in the world and unites us to one another and to God. It is all about the Love of God that unites and gives us life and peace.

The Easter Season has come to an end with the celebration of Pentecost, now Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Today the Holy Trinity is fully revealed: *Father, Son and Holy Spirit.* The glory of God's creation, damaged by sin is now redeemed, sanctified and given New Life. The Holy Spirit that was promised by Jesus has come into the world to be our advocate and guide. The Holy Spirit draws us into deeper communion with God. It is the love that is perfectly shared between the Father and the Son that has been poured out into our hearts. This Spirit, the love of God, draws us into the very life of God: The Holy Trinity. In a practical way, the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is a foretaste of our eternal loving communion with God in Heaven. The Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, is the same Holy Spirit that gives us the New Life Christ brings us; Eternal Life. "*God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*" (Romans 5:5)

As we read in the Gospel of St. John, on the night of the Resurrection, Jesus appeared in the upper room and breathed on the Apostles saying, "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*" The breath of the resurrected, glorified Christ is the Holy Spirit going forth from his resurrected glorified body. The Spirit is the breath of Eternal Life. It is not earthly but rather divine. It is no ordinary spirit but the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives life.

In this outpouring of the Spirit the first order of business is the forgiveness of sin because sin is deadly and leads to death. The power of the Holy Spirit, given to the Apostles was a matter of restoring the divine likeness damaged by sin. This is the mission of Jesus; the forgiveness of sin, the conquering of sin and death: bestowing on us Eternal Life. This mission of Jesus Christ is given to the Apostles and the Church as the ongoing mission of Jesus Christ. With the forgiveness of sin true and life-giving communion with God is now possible.

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (737) "*The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them, and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may bear much fruit.*"

"*Thus, the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.*" (378)

This feast day remembrance of Pentecost is a celebration of the birthday of the Church. Echoing Genesis; God breathes into the clay the breath of life which animates the clay: man. This foreshadows Jesus Christ breathing the breath of God into the Apostles thus giving life and animating the Church. The "birth" of humanity is fulfilled in the "birth" of the Church.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out to draw all people to this new life in Christ, the Church, the Kingdom. It is the Spirit of love that draws all people to Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that gives new life. Filled with the Holy Spirit we are drawn into the Body of Christ (the Church). Thus, we can say that it is "*through him, with him and in him*" we find salvation: perfect communion in the Holy Trinity.

With the Holy Spirit we are given Gifts, which we receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit draw us into a deeper relationship with Christ in the Church. The gifts of the Holy Spirit as we recall are *Knowledge, Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Fortitude, Reverence and Fear of the Lord.* These gifts help us to live as followers of Jesus Christ. These gifts build on our natural gifts, grace building on nature, so that we can live in a manner of the new life we have received. We live this new life in the best possible way within the Church. These gifts animated with the love of God give us a genuine vision of the world and empower us to live the Kingdom of God here and now.

The telltale sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit within our lives and our community is identified by the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. As we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church... "*The FRUITS of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control and Chastity.*" (No.1832) These "fruits" are signs and a foretaste of Heaven because they create an environment in this world that is a foretaste of their full perfection of goodness in the Kingdom of God. When these "fruits" are present to us in this life we experience the goodness of God. The manifestations of the "Fruits" are like windows through which we see beyond this world into the Kingdom of God. They spark within us a desire for greater communion with God. This life has many struggles and we need great assistance and reassurances along the way. We depend on the grace of God for assistance and the desire for holiness here and now. With the "fruits" of the Holy Spirit we are encouraged and reassured that we are on the right track. We will always have a desire for more until we reach the Kingdom. We are fortified with this glimpse of Heaven here and now as we set our sights on our way to our Heavenly home.

On a completely different note, yet carrying a theme from previous weeks, the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is still taking place throughout the diocese. Every year the funds raised through this effort are an assurance of the continued work of the diocese. As I said previously our parish participation is something that needs to be addressed. We need to increase our parish participation in this appeal.

To date we have \$25,000.00 pledged to this year's Bishops Appeal. The number of respondents is 130 out of 1076 families. Thus, we have a 12% response. Not good. This leaves us with 88% not participating to date.

My suggestion is that everyone (individual households) take an Appeal envelope, fill in the information and contribute to this year's annual appeal. The envelopes are in the pews. We need greater participation in this matter. We can realistically do this. Support for the work of the Diocese of Columbus is one of our responsibilities. Therefore, let this be a gentle reminder of our

responsibility to the parish and the diocese. I just ask that every household pick up an envelope and respond accordingly.

Have a great week.
Fr. Ralko

Church Support

JUNE 2, 2019

OFFERTORY	\$15,453.00
Diocesan Tax	\$(770.00)
Fenwick Subsidy	\$(2,635.00)
Rosecrans subsidy	\$(485.00)
Available for Parish Operations	\$11,564.00
Parish Operating Expenses	\$(7,825.00)
Religious Education Expenses	\$(890.00)
Other Income	\$1,855.00
Weekly surplus	\$4,704.00

May God bless you for supporting your parish!

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.

This week we pray Week IV of the Liturgy of the hours.

**OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING.
CHECK IT OUT AT
WWW.STNICKPARISH.ORG**

2019 NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE – “BLESSED BROKEN GIVEN” The event is to be held November 21-23, 2019 - A three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic Teenagers. Includes 3-night stay at a hotel, coach buses round trip, 7 meals, shirt, water bottle and bag. Call Patty at (740) 453-0597 to register. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT! REGISTER NOW!!!!**

Summer Bible Study – St. Paul on the Power of The Cross bible study begins Monday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Office, upper level. Participants should complete the “Introduction” prior to the first meeting. Books are available for pick up at the parish office starting Monday, June 10th.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor - Saturday, June 22nd 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will be available to help with summer projects, yard work and minor home repair. In the past volunteers have washed fences, painted, washed windows, cleaned garages, cut up downed trees and helped with minor home repairs. If you have a job for our volunteers, please call the parish office. We will be happy to put you on the list.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Students will help with minor home repairs, housework, yard work, etc. Students meet at St. Nicholas Teen Center at 8:30 a.m. to be teamed up with our adult volunteers and to receive work assignments. Permission Slips Required! Download the permission slip from our website: <https://zanesvillecatholic.wixsite.com/zanescatheens>

Roar VBS: “Life is wild, God is good” Begins Monday, June 10th at 6:00 in the Parish Activity Center (school gym). Kindergarten through grade 6. **Registrations accepted at the door!** The event is free.

The Daughters of Isabella seek to promote the welfare of the community in accordance with the teachings and rules of the Catholic Church through unity, friendship and charity. All women age 16 and up are welcome to join us. The next meeting is **Tuesday, June 18th** at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Nicholas Parish Office.

Mark Your Calendar for The Saturday Night Parish Dinner – Saturday, June 15th immediately following the 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Parish Social Hall (church basement). Taco Night! It’s free!!

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversary are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass and celebration in honor of their marriage! The Jubilee will take place on **Sunday, June 23**, at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Dublin. Bishop Robert Brennan will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m. and a light reception will follow. Please RSVP by **Wed., June 12th**. Late registrations will be accepted, but the names will not be featured in the event program or The Catholic Times. Congratulations to these couples on their faithful love! Couples may register by contacting the Marriage and Family Office at (614)-241-2560 or by visiting columbuscatholic.org/marriage-enrichment.

Pilgrimage to EWTN ‘Eternal Word Television Network’ and The Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of the Angels Monastery

St Nicholas is researching a pilgrimage to Alabama to EWTN and the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like more information or you are interested in making a pilgrimage, please call 740-453-7141. We are looking at a 4 day /3-night pilgrimage. Possibly September 16 –19. If we can fill the 50- passenger bus, the cost would be approximately \$370 per person (4 per room) \$500 per person (2 in room). This price also includes seat on the bus, breakfast at hotels and lunch each day.

Men of The East

Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark, will host the Men of the East for a traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection on June 13 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All men in Knox, Licking and Muskingum Counties are invited. For more information about Men Of The East, contact Mike Musselman at 452-9806 or visit www.MenOfTheEast.com

St. Benedict School, Cambridge, is seeking a part-time Math teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Successful candidate should have teaching experience, hold a valid ODE license and have a degree in Mathematics grades 6-8 and Algebra. Interested candidates should submit cover letter, resume and the names of three references to Sue Sanders, principal, at sue.sanders@omeres.net.

Senior Citizens Celebration with Bishop Brennan

Join our new bishop on this day of prayer, food, and fellowship with other seniors at the beautifully-renovated historic St. Mary Church, Chillicothe. Please register by June 13.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

It is your responsibility to find a substitute if needed.

June 16, 2019 The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, June 15 @ 5:15 p.m.

Cantor: Jim Gable

Lectors: Adelaide Pitcock, Tom J. Pitcock

Servers: Nicholas Bernath, Will Bernath

Eucharistic Minister – Coord: Dan Snider

Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Charlotte Snider, Claire Tiberio

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Kronenbitter, Jim Pottmeyer, Don Susa, Gerald Tiberio

Sunday, June 16 @ 8:15 a.m.

Cantor: Sandy Black

Lector: Bernard Budde, Diane Hoffer

Servers: David Eppley, Ajay Paynter

Eucharistic Minister- Coord: Susie Altier

Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Jim Hillis, Sue Hillis

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Denbow, Tim Hoffer, Dan Sylvester, Cheryl Sylvester

Sunday, June 16 @ 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Kevin McCarthy, Rachel Taylor

Lectors: Wendy Hart, Patti Logan

Servers: Justin Ewart, Mason Harmon

Eucharistic Minister - Coord: Laurie Harmon

Eucharistic Ministers - Wash Vessel: Diana Dunn, Mike Musselman

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Arnold, Judy Hamilton, Jim McKee, Jeff Shawger

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

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.

What's Happening in Our Parish

MONDAY, June 10, Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m., Mass: Mary Ann Baker, Church

2:00 p.m., Pray the Rosary, St. Nicholas Chapel, Parish Office

TUESDAY, June 11, St. Barnabas

8:00 a.m., Mass: Jennie Jalbrzikowski, Church

WEDNESDAY, June 12

8:00 a.m., Mass: Pastor's Intention, Church

THURSDAY, June 13, St. Anthony of Padua

NO MASS

FRIDAY, June 14

8:00 a.m., Mass: Florence Schoeppner, Church

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

SATURDAY, June 15

4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Confessions, Church

5:15 p.m., Mass: Lillian Dudas, Church

SUNDAY, June 16

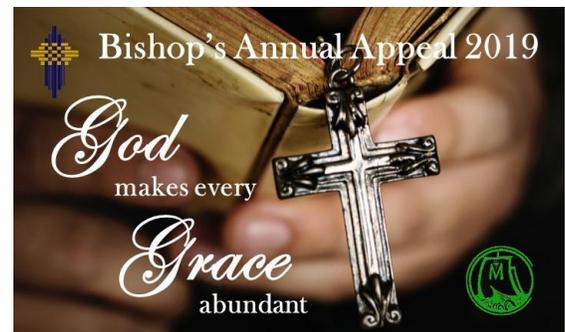
8:15 a.m., Mass: St. Nicholas Parishioners, Church

10:45 a.m., Mass: Camillus Sullivan, Church

Shane Noll, Church

Readings for Week of June 10, 2019

Mon.	Gn 3:9-15, 20	Jn 19:25-34
Tues.	Acts 11:21b- 26; 13:1-3	Mt 5:13-16
Wed	2 Cor 3:4-11	Mt 5:17-19
Thurs.	2 Cor 3:15- 4:1, 3-6	Mt 5:20-26
Fri.	2 Cor 4:7-15	Mt 5:27-32
Sat.	2 Cor 5:14-21	Mt 5:33-37
Sun	Prv 8:22-31	Jn 16:12-15



Desire to spend time with Christ every day? The Church is open for private prayer and adoration of Christ in the Tabernacle; weekdays, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until noon and Saturdays from noon until Mass time.

RECENT BOOSTER MANIA WINNERS

\$50 Linda Beader, \$25: Shellie Downs, Ron Davis, Barb Callahan, Anne Burnett, Mary Ann Nash, Bonnie Bendure, Jason Paul, Jeff Hardwick, Arthur Shumate & Paul Young