

# St. Joseph Parish and School – May 19, 2019

## Dear Parishioners and Families,

There are two words that repeatedly enter into our spiritual language: **Holy** and **Glory**. They are connected as a cause and effect. When a person is holy, the person stands out. Mother Teresa was holy and she stood out. The word holy means separate, distinctive, and at its fullest meaning, **totally other**. God is holy and is totally other than all creation. God is the creator.

Glory in the Bible may be defined as **holiness made manifest**. Sometimes it is seen as a very brilliant light. Glory is dazzling, and even blinding. The ultimate glory is God since God is the ultimate holiness.

In the Gospel today there is the interplay between God the Father and God the Son, two persons but One God. Jesus speaks that his holiness is soon to be manifested and is the same holiness of God the Father. Judas has just walked out of The Last Supper. Jesus now is free to speak and manifest himself. His holiness will be revealed in his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Let me now take the words of the Gospel and translate them into these meanings. “Now is the holiness of the Son of Man made clear and the Father’s holiness is manifested in the Son of Man. If the Father’s holiness is seen in Jesus, the Father will make the holiness of Jesus evident in Jesus himself. It will all take place in three days. The Father will make this happen now. (John 13: 31-32)

“Jesus then emphasizes this message by saying to us: ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’ If we love one another, we separate ourselves from a most alien world which appears so loveless. We manifest our holiness through love. **This is glory. It is holiness manifested.**

## **Summer Retreat - - Diocese of Youngstown**

The Diocese of Youngstown has chosen St. Joseph Parish with its Grotto as its location for the Summer Retreat on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We are privileged to host this retreat. It begins at 9:00 am and goes through to 7:00 pm. I thank Mr. Pete Schafer, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning. We are truly honored. The advertisement is in our bulletin today.

## **Parish Plans Renovation of Primary Building**

The Primary building or perhaps also known as the Day Care Center will begin to undergo renovation sometime after the Festival. The Portage county Health and Human Service under the direction of Mark Frisone, Esq., will leave us. They have been especially good and important tenants since 2002 at least. We have received rent promptly and graciously during a time when our finances were tight. This has been an excellent partnership between Portage County Health and Human Services and St. Joseph Parish.

I am told this building is foundationally very sound and indeed could have a second floor added. However, the building will require a remodeling interiorly. As St. Joseph School adds a second kindergarten class it also needs to expand its space for such things as art, music, and special activities. The parish also would use the space for bringing our entire family together more often. I thank the parish for their continued support and contributions that make this possible.