

The Roman Catholic Community of
Saint Paschal Baylon



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LITURGY

Eucharist

Sunday *The Lord's Day*: 8am, 10, 12pm, 7
 Saturday: 8am, Vigil: 4:30pm
 Weekdays: 8:30am 7 only, 9am M-F, 12:15pm M-W,
 11:30am Saint Ann Shrine: M-F

Liturgy of the Hours

Morning Prayer: 8am OLBS Chapel
 Evening Prayer: 4:45pm OLBS Chapel

Rite of Penance

Anytime by appointment or at the Parish Office
 Saturday: 3:30pm – 4:15 individual
 Communal Rite 2: Advent and Lent

Anointing of the Sick

First Sunday of the month after 8am Mass OLBS
 Chapel. Please ask a priest to anoint at church
 or come to you.

Celebration of Other Sacraments and Processes

Please contact the Parish Office for: Becoming
 Catholic, Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony,
 Annulment and Vocations.

DEVOTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Weekdays, around the clock, our Community at
 Prayer ministry keeps vigil until the Lord's return
 and extends our prayer and praise of the Mass.
 Visits always welcome. Commit to an hour of prayer
 with your family in the Our Lady of the Blessed
 Sacrament Chapel OLBS Chapel.

The Rosary

Monday – Saturday: 8:30am OLBS Chapel
 Wednesday: 11am Saint Ann Shrine

Novena with Saint Peter Julian Eymard
 Eymard Spiritual Group: A Tuesday each month
 Anytime OLBS Chapel
 Thursdays, Day of the Eucharist

We Rent Our Spaces

Plan on having one of your family events here at
 SPB by checking on the availability of our halls
 and meetings rooms. With two kitchens and other
 spaces, celebrate your important events with us!
 Contact the parish office.

SERVICE

Communion of the Sick

Call the Parish Office to set up a visit

Manna Ministry

Helping parishioners in need, call the Parish Office

Helping Hands

Weekly food distribution: Contact Deacon Joe

**Saint Paschal Baylon is a joyful,
 welcoming community centered
 in the Eucharist. Through
 our prayer and liturgy, we are
 empowered to grow in faith, love
 and service.**

Office Hours

Weekdays: 8am – 8pm
 Weekends: 8am – 12pm

Bulletin Material

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON MASS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, December 28, 2015, THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5,7c-8; Mt 2:13-18

9:00 a.m. MASS: John Komosinski

11:30 a.m. MASS: Stefi Silc, (St. Ann Shrine)

Tuesday, December 29, 2015, FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3,5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

9:00 a.m. MASS: Martha Macijauskas

11:30 a.m. MASS: (St. Ann Shrine)

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Arkins and Kazel Rooms

Wednesday, December 30, 2015, SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

9:00 a.m. MASS: Aldo & Marcella Spade

11:30 a.m. MASS: Barb Himler, (St. Ann Shrine)

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Arkins Room

Thursday, December 31, 2015, SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-13; Jn 1:1-18

4:30 p.m. MASS: Stanley Wielkiewicz

Friday, January 1, 2016, THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF

THE LORD: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

9:00 a.m. MASS: Parishioner Intentions

11:00 a.m. MASS: Parishioner Intentions

Saturday, January 2, 2016, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

9:00 a.m. MASS: Parishioner Intentions

4:30 p.m. MASS: Antonio Piccirillo

Sunday, January 3, 2016, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:00 a.m. MASS: Thomas Byrne

8:00 a.m. Blood Drive after all Masses

10:00 a.m. MASS: Dorothy Tonovitz

12:00 p.m. MASS: Julia Tinik

7:00 p.m. MASS: Khoa Nguyen

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Dinner, Off Site

Our Suggestion Box - May I Suggest...?

As part of our Pastoral Plan, our Saint Paschal Baylon Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council are always interested in your ideas, suggestions, improvements and more! Through our "ombudsman," Tom Kelley, you are able to share your input: tjk12@case.edu. Additionally, we now have a yellow suggestion box in the narthex underneath the intention book. Place your comments in this box for the Pastoral Council.

SAVE THE DATES

- **NOTE THE SPECIAL BULLETIN PRODUCTION SCHEDULE:** If you need items in January bulletins – please email Michelle at mmazza@saintpaschal.com this week!
- **PATRONIZE OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS:** They make this bulletin possible for you for free. Say you saw their ad at SPB!
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** Sunday, January 3, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Eymard Room.
- **SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE:** Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Saint Clare.
- **HOMILY PREP GROUP:** Wednesday, January 6, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **MINISTRY FAIR 2016: Weekend Masses, January 9/10:** After the Weekend Masses, please plan on coming to the Eymard Room for some time to enjoy snacks, learn about our parish ministries and renew your baptismal covenant to be of service to your parish family! You will be able to renew/sign up to participate in our ministries and to assist in helping our parish grow! Pray now how you may participate or renew your commitment to serve in the parish and the Body of Christ!
- **LITURGY COMMISSION:** Monday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **SPRING FLING MEETING:** Monday, January 11, 6:30 p.m. in the Kazel Room.
- **FINANCE COUNCIL:** Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.
- **LADIES GUILD MEETING:** Thursday, January 14, 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Julie Billiard Room.
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Sunday, January 31, 8:00 a.m. in Father O'Brien Hall.
- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** Sunday, January 31, 10:00 a.m. Kick-Off Mass for our Day School and OPEN HOUSE; Sunday, February 7, 12:00 p.m. Mass and Pizza Party for PSR.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, February 10, 2016:**
 - Masses, with ashes distributed after the homily: 6:30, 9 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m.
 - Service of the Word with distribution of Ashes: 4 p.m. (20 minute service)
- **MUSLIM – CHRISTIAN DIALOG GROUP:** Monday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.
 - Potluck Dinner in the Eymard Room
 - Book signing: Professor Zeki from John Carroll University – *Muslim Jesus*, and our pastor with his book, *Guide to Celebrating the Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*
- **PARISH LENTEN MISSION:** February 27 – March 2
 - With Dominican Father Scott Steinkerchner.
 - Monday night Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday afternoon Eymard Spiritual Group, starting at 11:30 a.m.
 - Tuesday night Taizé Prayer Holy Hour, 7:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday night Mass, 7:00 p.m. with social afterwards.

SAVE THE DATES - continued

- **SPRING FLING PARISH 4-DAY FESTIVAL:** IN HONOR of our patron Saint Paschal Baylon (feast day is May 17) we have our parish festival this year – Thursday, May 19, Friday, May 20, Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21. **Reserve the dates!** You don't have to cook these nights!

CHRISTMAS TIME MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 28 – 30: Weekday Masses **ONLY** at **9:00 a.m.**

Thursday, December 31: **4:30 p.m.** (Vigil of Mary, Mother) - (**NO 9 a.m. Mass**).

Friday, January 1: **9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.** only (Mary, Mother of God).

January 4 – 8 Regular Weekday Mass Schedule.

January 9/10: Feast of the Baptism of the LORD – Ministry Fair and Parish Recommitment Ceremony at the Mass you attend.

- Christmas Time ends Sunday, January 10 with the Feast of the Baptism of the LORD.
- Help ready the church for Ordinary Time **after the 7:00 p.m.** Sunday Mass, January 10.

2016 SPRING FLING CORNER

SPRING FLING - With 2016 Spring Fling just around the corner (21 weeks and counting down) work has begun in earnest to put all the pieces together involved in presenting a fun and successful festival. The 2016, 4-day program will be unveiled shortly. Interested in what you can do to help? Stop by our table at the upcoming Ministry Fair on January 9 and 10th. We will be more than happy to fill you in on volunteer opportunities. Our first meeting of the 2016 will be on Monday, January 11, 6:30 p.m. in the new Sister Dorothy Kazel Room. We are still in need of help during the planning phase. If interested or would like additional information, plan on attending the meeting or contact Bob Mastrangelo at bgrmastrangelo@gmail.com or by phone at 440-442-2854.

EDUCATION

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School, we wish you a wonderful New Year!

A Wish for the New Year

Dear Lord, please give me...A few friends who understand me and remain my friends; A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer; A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed; An understanding heart; A sense of humor; Time for quiet, silent meditation; A feeling of the presence of God; The patience to wait for the coming of these things, With the wisdom to recognize them when they come. Amen.

CANDY ORDER

CANDY – If you purchased candy from our SPB students in the Narthex after Masses on September 26/27, IT'S IN. PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE TO PICK UP YOUR CANDY ORDER. You have already paid for it, so it's just a matter of stopping by and picking it up.

RCIA NEWS

If you've been attending Mass for a while but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact George Peko 440-442-3410 ext. 107 or email at psr@saintpaschal.com.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: The Church has a custom of blessing homes during the week of the Feast of the Epiphany. Family and friends gather to mark their doors with chalk and to ask God's blessing on their homes and on those who live there or visit. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

The **ARISE** groups have prepared an Epiphany Blessing Kit – complete with simple instructions - for each family in our parish. These kits will be blessed and distributed at each Mass the weekend of January 2-3. "Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written on our doors sink into the depths of our hearts and be manifested in our words and actions.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: At Saint Paschal Baylon, Sunday, January 3rd, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Eymard Room . . . right on the heels of the busy Christmas season. Please help by participating if you are able. Any time schools and businesses are closed for a holiday can be a very precarious time for those who depend on blood products. The demand for blood is constant, but the supply is most definitely **NOT!** It's not too early to schedule an online appointment at www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation, and popular time slots are already beginning to fill up. Many thanks to our committed blood donors.



SAINT PASCHAL TRAVELERS BUS TRIP – Come join us on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 as we travel to Connor Palace, Downtown Cleveland to see Celtic Woman – The Destiny Tour. We will leave Saint Paschal parking lot at 5:40 p.m. and arrive back approximately around 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$75.00 per person and must be paid in full at time of registration. The cost includes concert ticket on main floor, bus transportation and driver's tip. Please register in the church office. Please note there will be no refunds. **HURRY AND SIGN UP – THERE ARE ONLY 42 SEATS AVAILABLE! TICKETS WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY! REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 26 – WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.**



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, Dear Holy Family of SPB! This is our wonderful annual time of the year for family, friends, blessings and reminders of the gifts we are to each other. More importantly, the gift God is to us! God gave his greatest gift to us – Emmanuel! We are blessed to partake and share this gift each Sunday (and each day if you are able to go to weekday Mass). The Eucharist is our constant reminder of Christmas and gift giving. Cherish the love and mercy God gives to you – and through the family you are blessed to have. On behalf of the Blessed Sacrament Community, the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Pastoral Staff, blessings to you – and thank you for being part of the SPB Family!

Feast of the Holy Family – Year of Mercy: This weekend we hear the Gospel of Luke and the missing adolescent. What a wonderful human portrayal of the reality of life – and the Holy Family! We take great consolation in knowing that we are all in this same “game” of lost and found, seeking and looking, and that eventually we realize who Jesus really is, and what He and we should all be about. Pope Francis has called this a Year of Mercy; so that we can be about sharing this gift of mercy and showing it as God the Father has shown mercy to us. What a great gift to share with one another and to appreciate the humor and joy that the family gives to one another.

Year of Mercy Song: We have already been singing the special hymn, more like a Taizé mantra, during the Immaculate Conception, Taizé Holy Hour and Penance Services. It is by Paul Inwood, the famous English, Catholic composer, known especially for the “Center of My Life” and a special setting of Evening Prayer. I invite you to look online for more information about how this song was chosen and about the words itself as an opportunity for you to pray and deepen your prayer life in this new year. Also, the official image from the Vatican for the Year of Mercy is from the Gospel of Luke and the image of the Good Samaritan being shown mercy. This is on our bulletin cover in the upper right corner, as we have used the other logos in the past for special jubilee years and share them with you. From the website about the logo: **THE LOGO** – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

Spring Fling & Taste of the Town: Our two big fundraisers that support our parish and our day school ministry are in yearlong preparation. First, Spring Fling is coming and we always begin praying at Christmas for excellent weather – and we have always been so blessed. This year, we are adding another day, a family day so that we will have discounts for rides and special food. Please place on your calendar and reserve time with your family and friends to join you for **Thursday, May 19 – Sunday, May 22**. We will have our usual raffle, outdoor Mass, great food and incredible bands. It's time to join our excellent committee and share your talents and volunteer spirit.

Taste of the Town earned \$18,121.36 by having such a great committee working so hard. They have worked hard for the past two years, just like the committee before them worked for two great years. Would you like to be part of this special event, helping us invite restaurants in our area to be part of this special time? The past chairs will be happy to help you and train you, and even be on the committee. Thank you for praying and considering being part of the committee and chair (how about co-chairs again?) for the event.

Ministry Fair & Survey: During the Feast of the Baptism of the LORD, we will have two special events. First we will have our annual Ministry Fair, where we will come to the Eymard Room of the Family Life Center, learn about different ministries in the parish, visit with our parishioners and hopefully recommit or commit for the first time to discipleship in our parish. This is part of our baptismal call. We will have food geared to the Mass time you attend and a chance to also say a fond farewell to Julie Parrotta, our Music/Liturgy Minister over the past 12 years. She will still be assisting us, but her official full-time ministry will cease as we prepare for a new person to take over this position.

Secondly, this weekend will be also dedicated to a liturgy survey. As part of the Pastoral Plan, the Liturgy Commission of the parish was charged with creating and developing a survey for your input regarding our liturgies. This will be an in-pew survey, but you will also be able to take it online through our website if you miss the opportunity this weekend to be at Mass. (Remember the tagline – miss a week at SPB, miss a lot!!)

Bourgeois Bells: We hope you are enjoying the new Verdin Bell System given in honor of Fr. Louis Bourgeois and Deacon Joe Bourgeois, SSS. We are slowly bringing back the Westminster Chimes, but also will have songs before and after Masses, tolls for Funerals, and excellent processions for Weddings, First Communion, Graduation, etc. We are grateful to the family who donated this special gift for such an honor – for those who have graciously served God. Let their service ring out God's joy!

Last Call for Haiti: We still need a few people to commit to going to our mission trip to Haiti. Please contact me immediately!

Blessing of Our Homes: Elsewhere in the bulletin, please note the special Epiphany Blessing for the New Year. Next weekend we will have the blessed chalk in the narthex and the special calendar proclaimed after the Gospel to alert us to the holy days ahead.

What ever happened to...? Like you, I was disappointed that the new cement in front of the Southeast (handicap) entrance to the church, with the special heating pad underneath, it never was installed this past summer and fall. We had 9 companies come and go due to the upcoming Convention. These big projects in the City of Cleveland took much more of precedence for these companies than our small but expensive project. We now have a company, with Finance Council approval, that will hopefully do the work during Easter (Spring) Break, when the traffic is light around the church.

Happy You are a Parishioner! So many wonderful things happen at SPB during the year. Thank you for your tithing, your stewardship – your time, talent and treasure – that you offer or share on behalf of others. Thank you for your gifts to God that you share back – for everything is a gift from God for God’s glory. Blessings and prayers to you during this Christmas Time. Happy New Year and see you every Sunday or often in 2016! Let us continue to pray for each other!

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas J. Lane, SSS, Class of 1979

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EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES: This year, our small group participants in “Arise,” (our several week program to deepen faith and get to know new parishioners), have provided a blessing of homes. Traditionally, Epiphany (in the USA Sunday, January 3, 2016) has been the day when we would bless our homes and write, with blessed chalk, above the door posts the year and “C + M + B.” I thank the small group leaders of Arise for gathering chalk and providing it in the narthex. Beginning the weekend of the Epiphany, you may write “20 + C + M + B + 16” on your door posts and use the following ritual as a family (adapted from the *Catholic Book of Household Blessings & Prayers*, second edition):

- Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever! (All respond: Blessed be God forever!)
- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ’s light and love.
- Read: Luke 19: 1 – 9 from the Bible.
- Intercessions: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him (response is “Stay with us, LORD”).
 - LORD Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray: **Stay with us, LORD.**
 - LORD Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray: **Stay with us, LORD.**
 - LORD Jesus Christ, the three magi present their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: **Stay with us, LORD.**
 - LORD Jesus Christ, you gave us our parish famil of Saint Paschal Baylon, bless our pastor, pastoral staff, our Blessed Sacrament Community, Sisters of Notre Dame and all who build God’s reign in our parish family. We pray: **Stay with us, LORD.**
 - LORD Jesus Christ, in this Year of Mercy, may we show the gift of compassion and care to others. We pray: **Stay with us, LORD.**

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES – continued

- LORD Jesus Christ, we hope for more men and women to serve the church in religious life or in the ordained priesthood. Help us discern who will assist you in this special mission. We pray: **Stay with us, LORD.**
- BLESSING: LORD God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our LORD.
- SIGNING WITH THE CROSS: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.
- SING: “O Come All Ye Faithful” or another song.
- WRITE & BLESS: 20 + C + M + B + 16 on door posts with blessed chalk from church narthex and use holy water from room to room to bless the home. Holy water may be taken from the baptismal font from church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TITHING/TALENT/TREASURE - Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our faith, church and school? Remember Saint Paschal Baylon in your will or trust to continue our award-winning traditions and education. **The Sunday Collection for December 20, 2015 will be reported the week of January 3, 2016.**

EYMARD CORNER

THE EYMARD SPIRITUAL GROUP – Come join us on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016** in the Eymard Room of the Family Life Center of Saint Paschal Baylon Church.

11:00 a.m. Social
11:30 a.m. St. Peter Julian Eymard Novena
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Guest: Rev. John Thomas Lane, SSS, Pastor of SPB

TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE – When Father Eymard decided to leave his hometown parish to join the Marist, (the Society of Mary), his sisters urged him to stay, but he replied, “Tomorrow will be too late.” So, here we are at the beginning of a new year. We must ask ourselves if we holding back in our faith. Why are we not moving forward? Father Lane will speak about moving forward and following in those footsteps of faith of Saint Peter Julian Eymard. Once again we have many opportunities here at Saint Paschal Baylon to enrich our lives and our faith to follow the Eucharistic way. Ash Wednesday isn’t that far away – February 10, 2016. Please bring a main dish which is greatly appreciated and needed or a dessert, enough to serve 6 – 8, and then your lunch is free. If you can’t bring a dish a \$5.00 donation is recommended. Don’t forget the popular 50/50 raffle. Bring a friend to share in the joys of an Eymard Gathering or come yourself and meet some wonderful people.

COMMUNITY AT PRAYER

Community at Prayer is looking for more people to join our ministry. This month we welcomed a new member, yet we always have need for more! An **URGENT NEED** is on Wednesday’s from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please call Jennifer Bartlett at 440-864-0284 or email greygerbs@sbcglobal.net to get started. “Human tears are older than the rain” – Michael Card.

LADIES GUILD

SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament Ladies Guild invites you to reflect with Father Damian Ference as he speaks on “The Year of Mercy” in church. A reception will follow in the Family Life Center. All are welcome, so please mark your calendar and join us. If you have any questions, please email Tania Jarc at tjarc@gmail.com. Please watch future bulletins for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

As we begin another year... May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you May you be confident knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us. - attributed to St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Theresa of Avila.

Wishing everyone a healthy and peaceful 2016! We are looking forward to an amazing year! Our next meeting will be on December 27th with a combined Eucharistic Adoration starting at 5:30 p.m. Happy New Year

NCYC REFLECTION FROM ONE OF OUR TEENS: "NCYC was definitely one of the best experiences of my life! Walking into the Colts Stadium, on the first day, was a little overwhelming. More than 25,000 people were dancing, singing, going crazy, but having fun. It was the best way to start off this trip. Some of my favorite parts of NCYC were when everyone came to the stadium every morning and every night. Walking in there, made me realize how many people are really at the convention united through our God. Walking around the convention center, you don't realize how many people are really there because you're always walking to another talk. But sitting in and walking around that stadium, you see everyone. And it's different than anything I experience here at a home - a good different. My ultimate favorite part of my trip was when everything was silent and everyone was singing "Here I Am, Lord." It was our theme at NCYC - Aquí Estoy, Señor. Just hearing more than 25,000 people singing, gave me goose bumps and made me realize the power God had in that stadium. I find myself thinking about the memories so many times and wishing that I could go back for just one more day. NCYC was an amazing experience that I hope many will consider visiting in the upcoming years." -Erin Brownlee, Junior at NDCL

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, December 27th: Eucharistic Adoration - combined meeting - 5:30 p.m. for all.
- Sunday, January 3rd: No Meeting - Happy New Year!
- January 11th : Regular Meeting - New Year's Party!
- January 17th: Regular Meeting - Chosen Night - Who is Jesus?
- January 24th: Regular Meeting - Eucharistic Adoration - combined meeting - 5:30 p.m. for all.
- January 30th: Cosmic Bowling - No meeting on January 31st due to Catholic Schools Week.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR YOUTH GROUP:

- Youth Group board in the Narthex and at each exit of the church
- Website: <http://emickol.wix.com/spbyouthgroup>
 - Facebook: Saint Paschal Baylon Youth Ministry

CLOWN AND HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

The Clown and Helping Hands Ministry are so grateful for this parish in making this Christmas Season joyful to so many needy and homeless men, women and children. We had Christmas parties Saint Malachi Church, Saint Vitus Church, Laura's Home and we even celebrated with those who live on the streets and under bridges. The parishioners were so generous that we were able to reach out to more than 700 needy and homeless people this Christmas Season. These gatherings take an enormous amount of work from cooking the hot meals; buying all the gifts; wrapping gifts; stuffing stockings and then loading everything up in our vans. We have many wonderful volunteers who are very generous with their time. The Clowns who put laughter in the air and Santa Claus who puts smiles on all the children's faces, young and old. I would love to list each and every one of your names, but I know I would forget someone and besides God knows who you are and He is looking down on us with a smile. Each and every one of you made Christmas special and meaningful to so many in need. I thank God every day for our generous parishioners and volunteers because without you we would never be able to do all this. As we begin this new year we ask God to guide us through the days ahead; to help us be there for those in need; help us to be loving and understanding. We ask God to guide our ministry in this new year and watch over us so we can continue to reach out to all those in need. Most importantly, we ask God to help us keep our faith and what we believe in. The Clown and Helping Hands Ministry wants to wish everyone a very blessed and healthy New Year. God Bless all of you. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. God is good all the time...all the time God is good.

PSR AND OTHER NEWS FROM THE PEKO'S

NO PSR CLASSES: There are no PSR Classes on Monday, December 28 or Monday, January 4 due to Christmas break. Enjoy the time with your families! Regular classes will resume on Monday, January 11th.

INFANT BAPTISM CLASSES OFFERED: If you are interested in having your child who is under the age of 7 baptized, please contact George and Anna Peko at 440- 442-3410 ext. 107 to sign up for a course on baptism. The next class is Sunday, January 24, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION: Session 4: Our 4th Confirmation session is Sunday, January 24 beginning with 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please have rides ready for pick up at 12:15 p.m. in front of the FLC. These sessions are mandatory for all 8th graders preparing to be confirmed in 2016.

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