

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON MASS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, December 25, 2017, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

9:00 a.m. MASS: Gloria Cirillo

12:15 p.m. MASS: Terrence McCreary

Tuesday, December 26, 2017, SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22

9:00 a.m. MASS: + Vincenzo Caruso

11:30 a.m. NO MASS: (St. Ann Shrine)

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

Wednesday, December 27, 2017, SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1, 2-8

9:00 a.m. MASS: + Anthony D'Amico

11:30 a.m. MASS: Louise and Michael Rustia (St. Ann Shrine)

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

Thursday, December 28, 2017, THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

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

9:00 a.m. MASS: John Komosinski

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

Friday, December 29, 2017, FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

9:00 a.m. MASS: +Anna Drago and Christopher Ranell

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

Saturday, December 30, 2017, 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: Fr. Lusier, SSS and 50th Benander Anniversary

4:30 p.m. MASS: Trudy Miller

Sunday, December 31, 2017, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 2:22-40

9:00 a.m. MASS: Mary and Ted Kupiec

11:00 a.m. MASS: John DiCianno

4:30 p.m. MASS: Patricia Graves

KEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS:

+ - Indicates the person is deceased

(Anniversary) - indicates the anniversary date of marriage, death, ordination

(Birthday) - indicates the person's birthday/date we are remembering at Mass

If you have requested the Mass, we invite you to sit in the pew by the credence (gift) table and process forward with the bread and wine to begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Sitting at the gift table in the narthex is the cue for the ushers and presiders that you are willing to offer the gifts of bread & wine on behalf of the community. We give thanks to God for our many blessings; the Blessed Sacrament Community thanks you in advance for "offering" a Mass, a gift to the priests from your many blessings.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS & HEARING DEVICES:

These are available for your assistance during Mass. See the communion ministers in the sacristy for a special host to be used during Communion. See the musicians for the hearing devices to support your active listening during the Mass.

If you are not receiving St. Paschal Baylon collection envelopes and have not signed up for the automatic donation program you may not be registered. We have registration forms available in our office.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Your generous tithing and financial donations to the church are greatly appreciated. As we near the end of another year, consider that there can be tax benefits to your contributions in the year they are made. 2017 contributions must be received by the parish on or before December 31, 2017, no matter what the post mark date is. **We are obligated by law to post the contribution when it is received, regardless of the date on the check.**

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TIME REMINDERS

- **CHRISTMAS MASSES:**
 - Sunday night, December 24: 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. **Vigil Christmas Masses**
 - (Enjoy music before each Christmas Mass)
 - Monday, December 25: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses (11:00 a.m. is our "Children's Mass" with special choir)
- **WEEKDAY NOTE:** December 26 – 30: 9:00 a.m. Mass only (No 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday)
- **CAROLING AROUND THE SSS MANGER:** Wednesday, December 27, 6:30 p.m. with refreshments afterward in Saint Ann Shrine. Park in the horseshoe parking lot off of Wilson Mills Road.
- **HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY:**
 - Saturday, December 30: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of Sunday
 - Sunday, December 31: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **MARY MOTHER OF GOD SOLEMNITY:**
 - Sunday, December 31: 4:30 p.m. **for the Vigil of the Mary Mother of God**
 - Monday, January 1: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **WEEKDAY NOTE:** January 2 – 5: 9:00 a.m. Mass only (No 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday)
- **SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMISSION:** Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 p.m. (meeting held at Saint Clare Lucy Center)
- **PASTORAL PLAN COMMITTEE:** Wednesday, January 3, 7:00 p.m. in the pastor's office: We are beginning Year 4 and reviewing our goals and accomplishments; looking forward to another year of successful ministry in our parish
- **SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION:** Thursday, January 4, 7:00 p.m. in the Sr. Dorothy Kazel OSU Room
- **ASSOCIATES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Special Mass on Saturday, January 6, 4:30 p.m.**
- **EPIPHANY BLESSINGS OF HOMES:** After each Mass on January 6 & 7, take home the special packet (courtesy of the Spiritual Formation Committee) to have your annual house blessing – placing above the doors: 2 + 0 + C + M + B + 1 + 8. During the Masses, following the Gospel, we will have our annual proclamation of the Date of Easter, keeping the ancient custom alive to announce our salvation history, time and seasons!
- **PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Sunday, January 7, 1:30 p.m. Special Christmas Dinner
- **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Monday, January 8: The end of the Christmas Season. There will be a special renewal of our Baptismal promises at the 9:00 a.m. school Mass
- **SPRING FLING MEETING:** Monday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m., Youth Room (next to Sr. Dorothy Kazel room).

- **LITURGY COMMISSION:** Monday, January 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor
- **FINANCE COUNCIL:** Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Julie Billiard Room. (This meeting replaces the Quarterly – see the special email)
- **PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE MASS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LADIES GUILD:** Sunday, January 14, 2018, 10:00 a.m., reception after Eymard Room
- **COMMUNION MINISTERS ANNUAL GATHERING:** Sunday, January 14, 1:30 p.m. in Eymard Room. Our annual appreciation social and gathering. **NEW MINISTERS WELCOME and NEEDED!** Training will be provided, too.
- **MLK HOLIDAY:** Monday, January 15: One Mass at 9:00 a.m. Shrine, Chapel and office are closed in observance.
- **CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK:** Sunday, January 28 – Sunday, February 4
 - Sunday, January 28: 8:00 a.m. – Noon: Pancake Breakfast, courtesy of the Athletic Association
 - Sunday, January 28: 10:00 a.m. Special School Mass with Angel Signers
 - Sunday, February 4: Noon Special PSR Mass followed by Pizza Party
- **TAIZE PRAYER HOLY HOUR:** Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. in church
- **ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14: 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses, Service of the Word at 4:00 p.m.**
- **PARISH LENTEN MISSION:** February 25 – 28 with Fr. Tom McCarthy OSA
- **SPRING FLING: May 17 - 20**

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. The kits will contain the blessing, and a piece of white chalk. Last year's kits contained a Holy Water bottle. Please feel free to refill these bottles at the Baptismal Font to complete your blessing kit. These kits will be blessed and distributed at each Mass the weekend of January 6-7, 2018. "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 door sink into the depths of our heart and be manifested in our words and actions.

2018 SPRING FLING CORNER

With the 2018 Spring Fling Festival around the corner the committee is making its Christmas wish list, checking it twice, "gonna" find out if we have been naughty or nice. The Spring Fling Festival is once again coming to town. The 2018 program is slowly coming together, with new entertainment options under contract. We also want to grow the Festival sponsorship/patron booklet which we launched in 2017. We still need 2-4 interested volunteers to help with Festival planning and organization. They will be assisting our chief creative director on loan from NPR's Car Talk Program, Drew A Blank. In all seriousness, it takes a parish family in order to make the Festival a success. Our first meeting of the 2018 will be **on Monday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Youth Meeting Room (next to Sr. Dorothy Kazel room). Please consider helping with this fun endeavor. If interested or would like additional information, plan on attending the meeting or contact Bob Mastrangelo at bgmastrangelo@gmail.com or by phone at 440- 442-2854

YOUTH MINISTRY

Charlie Brown: "Isn't there ANYONE who knows what Christmas is all about?!?"
Linus: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.'" (Luke 2:8-14)
"You see, Charlie Brown—that's what Christmas is all about."

On behalf of the entire Saint Paschal Baylon Youth Ministry program, we wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. May each of us join Linus in celebrating what Christmas is truly all about! We had an amazing 2017! From our weekly meetings, Mission Trip to the Navajo Reservation, NCCY, countless service and reach out opportunities, numerous retreats and outings, we are truly blessed. Looking forward to an even bigger and better 2018.

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

*Saturday, December 30th: SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY: Villa Serena: 11:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

*January 5-7, 2018 Tec Retreat For High School Students, and Adults

*JYG'S first meeting of 2018 will be on January 11th and high school youth group will be on January 14th! We will be focusing on New Year's Resolutions.

*Thursday, January 18th 6:00-7:30 p.m. Junior Youth Group Regular Meeting

*Saturday, January 20th: SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY - Father/Daughter Dance 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Must sign up online to serve! No High School Youth Group Meeting on January 23rd, no JYP Group Meeting January 25th

*Saturday, January 27th: service hours opportunity: Villa Serena: 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

*FANNING THE FLAME CCYC Outing to Sacred Heart Chapel for High School Students only. Meet in the front at 3:00 p.m. We will be home by 9:00 p.m.

**To sign up for service hours, be sure to click on <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4caeab2da1fa7-service> **

For a complete list of our winter events, be sure to like us on Facebook (Saint Paschal Baylon Youth Ministry), check out our bulletin board in the Narthex, **and online at www.saintpaschal.com under Ministries/Youth Opportunities!**

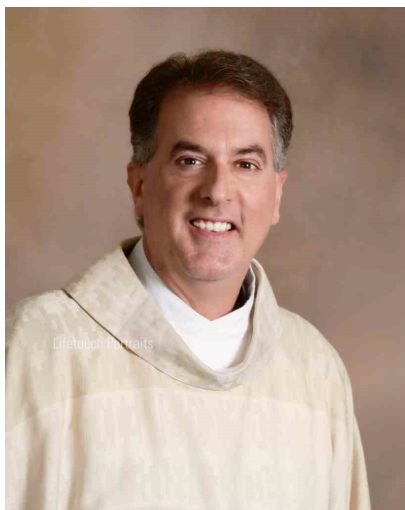
SYMBOLON

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you ever wonder why we believe what we believe? When you recite the Creed each week at Mass, do you really understand what you are saying?

The Spiritual Formation Committee is pleased to offer a 10-part study of the Catholic faith entitled *Symbolon*. Beginning in January, we will gather once a month to reflect on God's plan of salvation, basing our study on the Creed. Each session will include prayer, video presentations and time for discussion

So, what is *Symbolon*? In the ancient world, the Greek word *symbolon* typically described an object like a piece of parchment, a seal, or a coin that was cut in half and given to two parties. It served as a means of recognition and confirmed a relationship between the two. When the halves of the *symbolon* were reassembled, the owner's identity was verified and the relationship confirmed. In the early Church, Christians described their Creed, their summary statement of faith, as the *symbolon*. The Creed served as a means of Christian recognition. Someone who confessed the Creed could be identified as a true Christian. Mark your calendars. Our first session will be held both on January 8 from 6:40-8:10 p.m. at St Paschal and on January 11 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at St. Clare. Come to learn and leave with your *symbolon*!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



On December 9 this column and parts of the bulletin were written due to the production schedule of the bulletin.

4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas: Blessings to you this Advent Sunday and Christmas Time! Chances are you are reading this bulletin from either December 22 – December 26 (or later for the devoted who savor reading the bulletin in the car on trips or with coffee at home). On behalf of the Blessed Sacrament Community, the Sisters of Notre Dame and our Pastoral Staff, we wish you a wonderful healthy, holy and happy Christmas Time! (Again this year, Christmas Time is shorter than most years, lasting only until Monday, January 8, the feast of the Baptism of the LORD).

We are in **two** liturgical seasons within hours this year. Advent only has to be 4 Sundays long – and it is! The 4th Sunday of Advent Gospel reading reminds us of the Annunciation of the LORD to Mary by the angel Gabriel. We celebrate this solemnity on March 25 in our Roman Catholic calendar. It is a helpful reminder of the period of time it takes to give birth to a child – and the “yes” that Mary said and all parents say when they give birth to a wonderful child of God. It is an important moment of respecting God’s gift of life that couples, planned or unexpected face when they welcome. There is a period of preparation to welcome a new child and that preparation is sometimes still not enough with the surprise of the new life that the child brings a family.

We have the new life that Christ brings us again this Christmas Time. While we devote a lot of family and personal time to celebrating the mystery of family and food, may it never be divorced from the reality that we are celebrating as family around the great Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are present at each of our tables and may their witness continue to inspire our witness of building our families in the image and likeness of God.

New Manger Statues: Each year as a gift in honor of a departed or living member of SPB, families have donated a new figure to our manger. Several anonymous gifts made it possible for us to purchase the camel and woman carrying a basket of fruit (Talía). We are grateful for your generosity, dear anonymous members of our parish, and look forward to other additions in the future. See Fr. John for details.

Carols Around the Outside Manger: Last year we brought back another tradition at SPB: singing around the outside manger on Wilson Mills Road. **Wednesday, December 27, 6:30 p.m.** join us for singing and some social, “cocoa time” afterward in Saint Ann Shrine. Please park in the horseshoe parking lot off Wilson Mills Road. We thank Roberta Modica, Bro. Gary and Chris Berne for organizing us with the music, sights and refreshments.

New Year’s Resolutions? Come to Daily Mass! Recently, when I was leading a parish mission, it impressed me that all the parishioners attended Weekday Mass - 250. (This parish has the same demographics as ours – and has no school.) Many of our faithful parishioners have gone to their eternal reward. Now it is our turn to come forward to celebrate these sacred mysteries. Let us make room for Christ in our busy lives. The Mass is the best gift God has given us to remember each day his love and to pray for nourishment and strengthen our lives. If unable to attend Mass, why not join in the other prayer of the church, the Liturgy of Hours – Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 4:45 p.m.? We were taught by our great Catholic teachers to stop in and make a visit to church and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether there was exposition or not). I am also reminded about the places I

have visited where there is no Mass daily, nor can be, like in Vietnam or China, due to religious persecutions. We are blessed to have “church” available to us! We also wish to do something for another – why not offer a Mass for someone who is unable to attend due to religious persecution?

Lastly, why not offer, for the person who has everything, a Mass as a birthday gift for them? Remember, this is a special gift and you may bring up the gifts at Mass, if you so wish. Let us continue this tradition of coming to church to attend daily prayer, especially Mass, by teaching it to our children and by also attending (when we are able) this special time with God, to make our day and lives holy.

Complete Your Sacraments: Each year we offer a class for those adults who, for whatever reason, were unable to celebrate and receive the sacrament of Confirmation. For those 18 and older, we have adult Confirmation classes for six continuous weeks on Sundays January 28 through March 4, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon (followed by Mass). Please take advantage of the grace God is offering you to complete your sacraments of initiation.

Celebrating 40 Years of the Diaconate: Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. Deacon Joe will be celebrating 40 years of service to the church as an ordained deacon.

Discerning Diaconate: We have been blessed in our parish to have a married deacon and a religious deacon. It’s time for us to plan for the future and encourage and affirm other men to be part of this ministry in the church’s life and specifically for our parish. There is an Information Night, **Thursday, February 8** at the diocese’s Center for Pastoral Leadership, over in Wickliffe. See me by January 10 to register or for more information. To study to become a deacon means that you join a 5-year program – meet twice a week every Wednesday night and Saturday morning. Men are taught at an undergraduate level, in formation for liturgy, ministry and charity. The program cultivates human, spiritual intellectual and pastoral sides of the man. Classes are held September – April. Ordinations are the first weekend in May.

SPB Travelers Bus Trip: One of the joys of my pastorate is spending a day with our parishioners and friends on a cultural experience in NE Ohio. Our next trip will be to the remodeled Cleveland History Museum (part of the Western Reserve Historical Society). We will see the new exhibit on Cleveland’s history, ride the Euclid Beach Carousel and then travel to Tower City for lunch, shopping, casino or movie time, or just enjoying the revitalized Public Square and downtown. Plan on **Tuesday, February 20** for this special day together on a bus ride to University Circle and downtown. Sign up at the parish office.

Special Schedule Next Weekend! Yes, another weekend of special holiday Masses – first the weekend celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family and then the Solemnity of Mary. Notice the merged Sunday schedule and the special “holy day of celebration” for January 1.

Think Spring Fling! With so many wonderful visitors and friends this weekend, we wanted to make sure you save the dates for our 9th annual parish festival, Spring Fling. It is a special 4-day event in honor of our patron saint, Paschal Baylon, this year beginning on his actual feast day, Thursday, May 17 – Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday (the day Paschal was born and died was on Pentecost Sunday!) Save the dates and some of the special events:

- Thursday, May 17: Family night with all the great rides and more returning with our award-winning band (the largest of any Catholic school in the diocese of Cleveland performing under the big tent)
- Friday & Saturday, May 18 and 19: Incredible evenings of band entertainment and food
- Sunday, May 20: Outdoor Mass at Noon, followed by the Light of Two Moons and \$10,000 raffle.

Maintenance Staff Changes: Roger Fisher has accepted an offer to work near his home as a maintenance supervisor in the Garrestville school system. We thank him for his many years of service to Saint Paschal Baylon and the Blessed Sacrament Community and are grateful for his leadership on so many projects for our campus! We wish him well and pray for his continued health and success. Jon Detzel will assume the duties of Maintenance Supervisor for SPB, having served for 8 years as our Assistant Maintenance Supervisor. We look forward to his leadership and service, building on the excellent work of our maintenance department.

You make everything possible because of your incredible generosity to Saint Paschal Baylon! I am so grateful for the gift you are to the parish and to me. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe, healthy and happy in the New Year 2018! Let us continue to pray for each other!

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS
Pastor

P.S. Do you know where your Epiphany Holy Water Bottles are from last year? Bring them back to refill them and use them for the January 6/7 blessings. And also place on your calendar our Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Tom McCarthy OSA – February 25 – 28. You will enjoy him!

COMMUNITY AT PRAYER

An important ministry of our parish's life is prayer – whether at home, in the car or through the commitment of witnessing here in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel through the bands/hours of prayer Monday through Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. until (some days) Midnight. During Advent we celebrate that we are “waiting people,” people on vigil until the LORD return's in glory. It may also be helpful to note a powerful paragraph from the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament (lay branch of the Eymardian family) at is *Rule of Life #8*:

The prayer of Contemplation and Adoration

In a prayer of contemplation and adoration of Christ in the Eucharist, Solemnly exposed or in the tabernacle, we prolong the grace of the Mystery celebrated, Intensifying our union with Christ so as to become with him and like him, bread broken for a new world. Insofar as we can, we commit ourselves to personal Eucharistic adoration, whether monthly, weekly or daily. This prayer is part of our mission and holds an important place in our lives. The method of prayer taught by Saint Peter Julian Eymard is inspired by the celebration of the Eucharist. Please help us in our “waiting” and prayer times by committing in the New Year to one of the following times:

Mondays: 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (around the Mass time), 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., or 3:00 p.m., Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m., Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. (the full hour), 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. It is so helpful to have 2 people per hour – so bring a friend! Current adorers please note, Our Community At Prayer will be suspending exposition from Christmas through January 2.

STEWARDSHIP

We are God's faithful stewards, giving our time, talent and treasure back to our God through the faith community of SPB! We thank you for being part of this Body of Christ and for serving God here with us and out Pastoral Staff and the hundreds of volunteers who serve daily here at SPB.

November MyEoffering Collection: \$10,888.00

Please be sure to update your donation frequency on your MyEoffering account for 2018.

STEWARDSHIP ALERT:

THERE IS ONE LESS COLLECTION TIME THIS YEAR: We are also 5% down in tithing so far this year. Thanks for continuing to help us with our needs here at SPB! We are grateful for those who are so thoughtful in mailing their envelopes when they are away for business or leisure. Perhaps it would help you and the parish by being on electronic giving?

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2017, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year and help us in our ministry with a gift made directly from your IRA to our parish. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that a gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Lastly, should this year-end find you creating or updating your estate plan, please consider helping us grow our parish ministry for future generations by including our parish as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. Questions? Contact Barb in our parish office at (440) 442-3410 ext 112.

LOANS:

- Loan for the Roof of the School (Gym, O'Brien Hall and Early Childhood wing): \$134,456.26 (Thanks to our second collection once a month and some generous gifts, we made a payment of \$25,000.)
- Loan for Saint Paschal Lane Driveway: \$172,134.74 (Thanks to some generous gifts, we made a payment of \$25,000.)

SOME OF THE BILLS WE PAID THIS WEEK:

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| • School FAX line | \$46.09 |
| • Printing cartridges | \$353.93 |
| • Financial services | \$375.80 |
| • Church envelopes (2 months supply) | \$1,092.17 |
| • School internet service (monthly) | \$1,000.00 |
| • Parish tithing to Manna Ministry | \$833.00 |
| • Floor scrubber monthly lease | \$476.32 |
| • Parish hospitality | \$513.87 |
| • Parish office copier copies for NOV. | \$492.97 |

Catholic Charities 2017 Campaign:

You made it happen! To date, 49,536 donors in the diocese have pledged \$13,005,066 to the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal with 157 parishes meeting their goal. Thank you! Through your support at Saint Paschal Baylon, 538 parishioners have pledged \$165,846, which is 112.16% of our goal!

PSR AND OTHER NEWS FROM THE PEKO'S

No PSR December 25 or January 1, 2018: Due to the Christmas Holiday. Regular classes will resume on Monday, January 8th.

INFANT BAPTISM CLASSES OFFERED: If you are interested in getting your child who is under the age of 7 baptized, contact George and Anna Peko at 440-442-3410 ext. 107 or psr@saintpaschal.com to sign up for the next class on Sunday, January 21st, 2018, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

CONFIRMATION: Our next Confirmation session is Sunday, January 21st at 9:00 a.m. We will all attend 10:00 a.m. Mass together following our session. Each Candidate should provide the white "Official Confirmation Registration" form (found in the red Confirmation folder), a COPY of his/her baptismal certificate (even if the baptism occurred at SPB), and the Sponsor Letter from their sponsor's home parish. These THREE documents MUST be submitted in order to be Confirmed and are due at our next session on January 21, 2018. Contact George and Anna Peko with questions psr@saintpaschal.com. Thank you!

SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School, we wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." (Luke 2: 10-11)

Save These Dates

Preschool Open House: If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren in our Saint Paschal Baylon Preschool, mark Thursday, January 25 on your calendar! The preschool team will be presenting information on all of our preschool programs beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Eymard Room of the Family Life Center. The opportunity to see the classrooms will be available to all. Our preschool fills up fast, so you won't want to miss this event. You may call the school office at 440-442-6766 or email us at office@saintpaschal.com to register.

All School Open House: All are welcome, seasoned and prospective parents, to our Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 28 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Information for new families will be available during this open house. For answers to your questions call the school office at 440-442-6766 or email us at office@saintpaschal.com. New families will be entered into the free registration drawing taking place on Thursday.

Kindergarten- Grade 8 (new enrollment) Sneak Peek: On Thursday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m., new families interested in our kindergarten or in transferring child/ren to our school are invited to our Sneak Peek event with our Kindergarten staff. Join us for a light brunch, a tour of the school, and an opportunity to win a free registration worth \$200. Please call the school office or email us at office@saintpaschal.com.

CLOWN/HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Our ministry would like to wish a very holy and joyous Christmas to all. Many have made this a ministry of love to the needy and homeless. No words can ever express how much your support has meant in helping to serve God's special people. Little things show us the suffering many of those we serve go through, like when our ministry gave a Christmas party at St. Malachi and a little boy asked Santa if he could get his mother out of jail for Christmas. As we continue our ministry serving at St. Vitus, Four Squares, having our Knight Riders serve those under the bridges and abandoned buildings, we wish you could see the grateful smiles. On Christmas morning as you open your gifts, know that your generosity has helped to make Christmas more joyful for the needy and homeless. God bless you and thank you. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LADIES GUILD welcomes all Ladies of the Parish to the Past, Present, and Future Mass on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the 10:00 a.m. and a reception in the Eymard Room after. We welcome you to join one of the oldest ministries at SPB! The Ladies Guild is a community of women, joined spiritually, committed to promoting the well-being of the parish and school.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Anyone 3rd grade on up, including high school and college students, who are able to hold candles or a cross is eligible to become an altar server. New training will be held on Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 in church from 2:35 – 3:30 p.m. Please review the training video on our website now and sign up with our coordinator, Mary Broske: dbroske@roadrunner.com or (440) 473-0006. We also need funeral Mass servers (contact Andy Futey at 440-473-0485 to train and shadow). We have mentors to assist you!

GIFTS PROGRAM DONATIONS

GIFTS (GIVING IS FUNDAMENTAL TO SUCCESS!) Receiving the GIFTS Annual Appeal – making up the difference between the amount we request for tuition verses the actual cost for each student. Now more than ever, a donation to SPB is an investment in the future of our church – our dear young people.

We thank this folks you have already contributed to the GIFTS Annual Appeal:

John Thomas Lane, SSS	Dick and Darlene Fowler
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dolciato	Edward Niles
Janice Smerglia	Robert Sepsi
Joseph and Judith Seiler	Remy Kaufman
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