

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Summer is just about here! It's the time of year when daily routines relax a bit. So, what are you doing this summer? Many people choose to travel or enjoy trips and getaways to new or favorite locations. Picnics, reunions, and distinct, seasonal events are plentiful. So many options!



Students are on break from school. Some will enjoy the time to sleep in. There is a group of students who will grasp the opportunity to take summer classes. Still others will find summer jobs.

Before we choose to do anything this summer, we must first *prepare* and *plan*. Where are you going? Near or far? How will you get there? Will you drive? Take a train? Fly? What do you need to take with you? It's like that with our spiritual journey. Are you moving in the right direction?

It's good to take a break from routine...to relax and rejuvenate. But isn't it great to get back home? OK, if you've been away for a time, you might have to contend with a fair amount of laundry. But there's nothing like sleeping in your own bed or just enjoying the comforts of the home that you have made. There truly is no place like home.

As you make your plans to take a break from routine, remember that you don't want to take a break from your Journey with Jesus. That journey never takes a break! Remember to take Him along!

And this summer, don't forget your church home. In the midst of our stress-filled world, our parish offers us a refreshing oasis. Attending Mass together with other members of our parish family provides the boost we need to face our day-to-day challenges. Let's continue to build our parish community!

Even if you no longer reside within the "official" boundaries of Saint Paschal parish, you are still part of our family. If your travel plans include a stop in the area, please come celebrate with us at Mass or attend one of our summer events. It feels good to be "home"!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



As I begin my sixth year in my pastorate at Saint Paschal Baylon, it's hard to believe that another summer has come upon us. Many folks perhaps have the impression that "things slow down in the summer." Well, not in our great faith community! In some respects, it feels like it just gets started!

After the great first week of June, where we celebrated confirmation with 91 eighth graders and a few adult candidates, we had our wonderful Kindergarten graduation – 50 students moving on into first grade. Then, my next highlight and event was listening and conducting our exit interviews with our eighth graders, hearing the success stories of the class of 2014. We had our eighth grade graduation and "Pass it On" Mass – wonderful traditions of transition.

Another sure sign of summer is our traditional activities in celebration of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, especially our procession with the Blessed Sacrament (June 22 after the Noon Mass). Bible Camp returns for the week of June 23. Then in July, we look forward to parish visitations, with the staff biking and meeting with folks as we continue to finalize our new Strategic Plan.

Our spiritual events continue with the Saint Ann Triduum, July 24 – 26, with our very own Fr. Anthony Marshall, SSS, serving as moderator for this three-night devotion. The following week, we remember our great Saint Peter Julian Eymard, with "Eymard Days", a novena, talk and weekend homilies with Fr. Anthony Schueller, SSS, leading us in prayer focused on the Eucharist and the teachings of Fr. Eymard, founder of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.

While all of this is going on, activities including tutoring, maintenance projects and the regular array of sacramental ministry will be taking place!

We look forward to worshipping together every Sunday, beginning our day of rest here. And, yes, please make sure you have time to rest! It was what God did on that first week – to implement a plan for living our lives.

We count on each other, to support one another and build the Body of Christ. Let us continue to pray for each other! Happy Summer!

In Christ our Eucharist,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Thomas Lane, SSS".

Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS

Pastor

From the Development Office: A Note of Thanks

We don't say this often enough, but THANK YOU! Thank you for your generosity...for all of your volunteering efforts...for your financial support...and, for being part of this great parish! Through our collective energy, we will remain a strong, vibrant parish in the Cleveland diocese.

What's that? You say you would like to get more involved with our parish family? Well, here are a few suggestions:

Join a ministry or parish organization. There are plenty from which to choose! Volunteer at one of our events. If you need help in learning about these opportunities, just give us a call in the Development office at 440-442-3410, ext 109.

Financial Support. Perhaps this is the time to consider an increase in your tithing. Does your employer offer a matching program? This is an easy way to increase your gift to the parish.

Planned Giving. Charitable giving enables you to help Saint Paschal with a financial gift or a donation of a physical asset at any time, either from your estate or during your lifetime. You will receive a tax deduction as well as a great feeling of satisfaction and fulfillment.

Gift Card Program. How easy is this? Simply stop by the parish office and purchase gift cards for the stores, restaurants and services you typically use. It's a win-win situation that costs you nothing extra but a few minutes of time.

Our *Strategic Planning Committee* is on track to assure that we continue to serve the needs of our parish community well in to the future. Many of you have been interviewed by members of the team. Your input is valuable as the committee moves forward with their research and recommendations. You will find an update on the Strategic Planning efforts on page 7 of this issue.

Show your "Paschal Pride". Get involved. Support our fundraisers. Pray for our parish. Again, THANK YOU for all that you do for Saint Paschal Baylon Parish!



PARISH NEWS

50th Anniversary



CONGRATULATIONS
to Fr. Paul Bernier, SSS,
who is celebrating 50 years as an ordained priest.

*Your life has been set apart to celebrate the mysteries of Christ, to proclaim
the Good News of salvation, to lead the lost from darkness into light.*

*May God continue to sustain you in celebrating the Sacraments,
and in proclaiming the Gospel.*

*Thank you for consecrating your life to God for the good
of the people entrusted to your care.*

You are greatly appreciated by all of us at Saint Paschal Baylon!

Alleluia! He is Risen!

From the blessing of the fire and the Paschal candle, the Baptism and Confirmation of the newly elect, and our reflection on the joys of being a believer and following the RISEN LORD, it was an inspiring Easter season at Saint Paschal Baylon parish. Let us continue to show stronger unity as the church of believers and create a culture of invitation where we invite others to know Jesus Christ.

Do you know of someone who is not Catholic who might want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Have you been baptized, but never receive your Confirmation and/or First Communion? Please contact George or Anna Peko, Catechetical Leaders at the Parish Office (440-442-3410, ext. 107) to register now for our upcoming RCIA sessions that begin in late August.

May we see a new Spirit that recalls that each day is a blessing and gift from God,
meant to be lived fully and shared with others.



SPRING FLING 2014

The weather was cool with a few showers, but nothing could dampen the spirits of those who attended this year's Spring Fling festival. It was a festival of faith, food, fun and fellowship! Many thanks to all who volunteered and to those who were able to support the festival in any way.

We appreciate the efforts of our core committee members: Nick Babic; Katie Babic; Deacon Joe Bourgeois, SSS; Chuck Brunello; Joe Carlton; Teri Drda; Stephanie Leffler; John Margevicius; Mike Majernik; Kris Martinson; Bob Mastrangelo; Evamarie Mickol; Kathy Pohlhammer; George Rolfe; and Greg Sutyak.

We are most grateful to all of our sponsors:

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Congratulations to our raffle winners:

\$10,000 Grand Prize: Marianne Balluh; \$1,000 Second Prize: Dianne Rafferty; and \$500 Third Prize: Mary-Lou Case. Congratulations to our Alumnae raffle winners: Michael Bradley and Stephanie Kess.



SCHOOL NEWS

Awards and Accolades Abound for our Blue Ribbon Students!

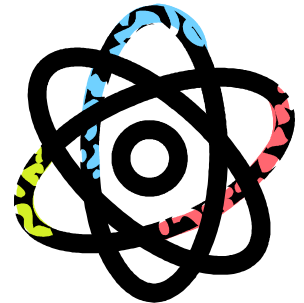
Once again, this has been an exceptional year for our students. Our faculty and staff consistently deliver a quality education while fostering Christ-centered values. But they go beyond that! This dedicated team is always searching for opportunities that will allow our students to utilize the skills they have mastered. Here are just a few examples of our students' accomplishments within the community:

Several of our "powerful penners" went to the College of Wooster for the state tournament of Power of the Pen.



We are very proud of eighth graders, **Raeana Kiss** and **Jenna Rock**, and of seventh grader, **Jack Knudson**. More than 7,000 writers from across the state began the competition earlier this year. Approximately the top 10% advance to the state level of competition. Special kudos go to **Jack Knudson** as he earned two #1 rankings out of his three rounds of writing. All three students have certainly demonstrated excellence in writing!

Congratulations to three of our STEM Club students who were invited to take their science fair projects down to The Ohio State University on Saturday, May 10, 2014 for participation in the State Science Day. Both **Linnea Tyler** (Grade 7) and **Juliana Rowane** (Grade 8) earned "Superior" ratings with perfect scores for each category judged, and **Isabelle Greene** (Grade 8) earned an "Excellent" rating for her project. We are extremely proud of these young ladies and their scientific accomplishments.



Our students had an impressive showing, winning the most medals, at the Catholic Elementary Science Olympiad, held at John Carroll University. Students in grades four through six, who are currently enrolled in a Catholic Elementary school were invited to participate. Thirty-five schools were represented in the competition.

Students from St. Paschal earned 15 medals including five first place, five second place and five third place awards. In addition, two students received a special award for their achievement. The following students received awards in these categories:

- Aerodynamics - 1st: **Daniel Kotrebai** and **Colin McAndrew**; 3rd: **Connor McAndrew** and **Dominic Piunno**.
- Deep Blue Sea - 2nd: **Nathan Conrad** and **Connor Keefe**.
- Image ID - 1st: **Charlie Shepherd** and **Sam Dornback**; 2nd: **James Fioritto** and **George Zein**; 3rd: **Celine Najm** and **Megan Fowler**.
- Mystery Powders - 2nd: **Daniel Kotrebai** and **Colin McAndrew**.
- Pentathlon - 2nd: **Daniel Jevnikar**, **Ryan Tyler**, **Dominic Piunno**, and **Connor McAndrew**.
- Reflection Relay - 1st: **Cerri Yormick**, **Johnny Mugnano**, and **Brady Nolan**.
- Rotor Egg Drop - 1st: **Matt Platko** and **Michael Herbst**; also - Special Awards: **Matt Platko** and **Michael Herbst**.
- Sinking Ship - 2nd: **Daniel Kotrebai** and **Colin McAndrew**.
- Space Cadet - 3rd: **Crystal Yormick** and **Leann Dulzer**.
- Tower Building - 3rd: **Gabriella DiCenzo** and **Giuliana Olivo**.
- What Went By - 1st: **Bridget Popelka** and **Sarah Azzi**; 3rd: **Mary Kate Healy** and **Mariam Jallow**.



Saint Paschal Baylon School has some award-winning poets again this year. The Ohio Garden Club has presented the following awards: 8th grade: 1st Place- **Raeana Kiss**, 2nd Place - **Julianne Kerver**, 3rd Place - **Eman Bechara**, and Honorable Mention - **Grace Maryanovsky**. 7th grade: 1st Place - **Riaz Sitabkhan**, 2nd Place - **Natalie Thornton**, 3rd Place - **Dominic Caserio**, and Honorable Mention - **Kenzie O'Connor**. Congratulations!

Strategic Planning Committee Developing our Direction

The Strategic Planning Committee is hard at work. So, what are they up to? The purpose of the committee is to create a dynamic, long-term plan that will build upon our already vibrant Saint Paschal Baylon parish community and to continue our rich legacy. A strategic plan allows us to assess the best our parish has to offer and to acknowledge areas of potential growth.

So far, this diligent group has completed the first three phases - planning, appreciating who we are and envisioning the future, and analytics. Hundreds of parishioners have been interviewed, research has been conducted and insights garnered as to environmental trends and community perceptions.

Using this information, the committee is now moving into the fourth phase - designing our destiny - where they will give form to the values and ideals, determine what should be, and help create what will be. This information will help our parish family move forward together.

For those of you are live in the area and would care to be interviewed, please contact the Development Office at 440-442-3410, ext. 109. Your input is valuable to us!

ALUMNI NEWS

SPB Alumni: Where Are You? What's Up?

Thanks to all alumni who were able to attend the Spring Fling festival, and special thanks to those of you who stopped by the alumni booth. Hope you enjoyed reminiscing about the wonderful education you received here at Saint Paschal School. This month, we welcome 42 students as members of the Saint Paschal School alumni.

We are always trying to reconnect with our alum and build our alumni database. If you are still in contact with any of your former SPB classmates, if your children went to SPB or if you know of any SPB graduates, please welcome and encourage them to become a part of the alumni database. Be assured that the information will never be sold or shared with anyone outside our Development Office.

To be a part of the alumni database, please send your name (with maiden name, if applicable), graduation year, current address and email address to the Development office (email:development@saintpaschal.com).

What's up with you? Share your good news! Email the Development office to share news of what you have been doing since you graduated from SPB!



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UPCOMING SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON EVENTS

Saint Ann Triduum July 24-26

Eymard Fest August 1-3

Parish Picnic August 10

Leadership Day September 14

Saint Paschal Baylon Mission Statement: 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.

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Our Worship Life

Weekend Mass: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 7:00 p.m., Saturday vigil 4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses (as of July 1): 6:30 a.m., (Tues. only), 9:00 a.m. (M through Sa), 12:15 p.m. (M, W only)

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