

COME TO THE WATER

Cool, sparkling water. Nothing is more rejuvenating on a hot, summer day. Water cleanses and refreshes. It signifies birth and life. From a Catholic faith perspective, water has a great deal of significance. It represents the purifying and life-giving action of the Holy Spirit at Baptism. (Jesus replied, "In all truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born through water and the Spirit. John 3:5). Blessed water is a symbol of spiritual cleansing.

Holy water is the most widely used sacramental. Baltimore Catechism defines a sacramental as "anything set apart or blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts and to increase devotion". Water is the main symbol of Baptism, which is a rebirth in Christ, a dying to old, sinful ways.

At the entrances of a Catholic Church we typically find vessels of holy water people use to make the sign of the cross. Why do we do this? It is a symbolic action to remind us that we have been reborn and washed clean of sin by Baptism, and are called to live in the new life of discipleship of Christ. Holy water, therefore, is a reminder and symbol of eternal life and of God's protection and care for us. It is a reminder of God's forgiveness.

According to the earliest practice of the Church, Baptism had to be administered with water from a fresh spring. Without water there is no life. The early Church saw symbolism between Baptism and Eucharist flowing from the pierced heart of Jesus. In His death, Jesus himself became the spring.

Let us ask the Lord, who has given us the grace of Baptism, for the gift to always be sources of pure, fresh water, bubbling up from the fountain of His truth and His love!



*As the deer longs for streams of water,
so my soul longs for you, O God.*

My soul thirsts for God, the living God.

When can I enter and see the face of God?

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



Once our administration, faculty, staff and students return to school, life is normal here at SPB! The wonderful hum of learning, thinking, praying, singing and discovering is palpable on our campus. We look forward to another wonderful year, especially as we implement the STREAM curriculum that you will read about in this issue of *Paschal Life*.

During our opening Mass of the Holy Spirit and back to school night, I also introduced another acronym: FROG – “Fully Rely On God!” Too often we rely on externals such as sports, extracurriculars, and so many other items in our lives that we forget that **all** is a gift and blessing from God. We are God’s grateful stewards; we will focus on this in the coming weeks as we remember our stewardship: time, talent and treasure that glorifies our God and our wonderful faith community.

I am looking forward to fall at SPB! We have so many great activities that buzz around the campus: from our sports activities on Green Knight Field and the Father Jette Gym, to our Pet Blessing, Baptisms, Anointing of the Sick the first Sundays of the month, Catholics Returning Home, Kick it for Cancer, Oktoberfest, Trunk or Treat, Craft Show, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service, Journey with Jesus, Confirmation Preparation Classes, Adults and Children Becoming Catholic and much, much more. Through everyone’s gifts, we grow as a community. We are even starting to plan for some of the great events such as our Spring Fling Festival! It’s never dull around SPB; plenty to attend, enjoy and celebrate! Let us together enjoy these opportunities to share community, time, talent and treasure and look forward to the joys of FROG!

I look forward to seeing you around and enjoying yourself as you FROG. See you at Sunday Mass, and don’t forget to take time for yourself to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, join the Blessed Sacrament Community for Morning or Evening Prayer, or just make a visit any time, day or night. With our soothing updated baptismal font, you are able to remember that God called you into a beautiful covenant and relationship so that you could be God’s generous steward and FROG!

In Christ our Eucharist,

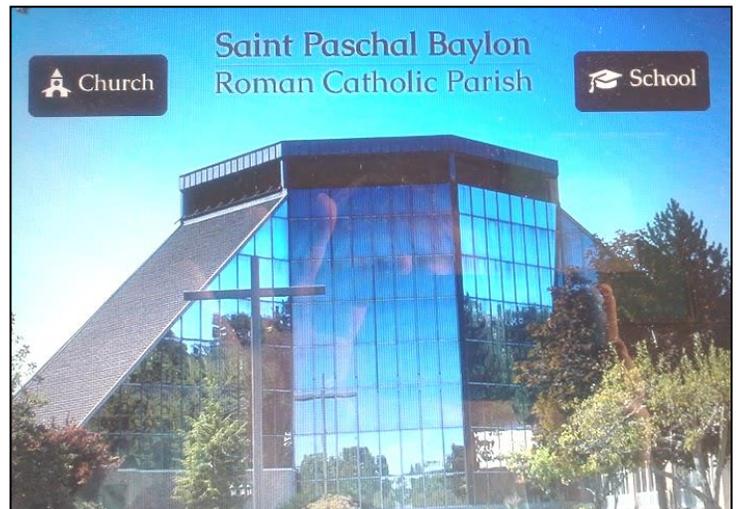
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Thomas Lane, SSS".

Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS
Pastor

From the Development Office

This summer has been a busy one! Our refreshed website is causing quite a splash! If you have not visited the website recently, please take a look.

The first thing you will notice is the new home page. You now may choose the church or school icon.



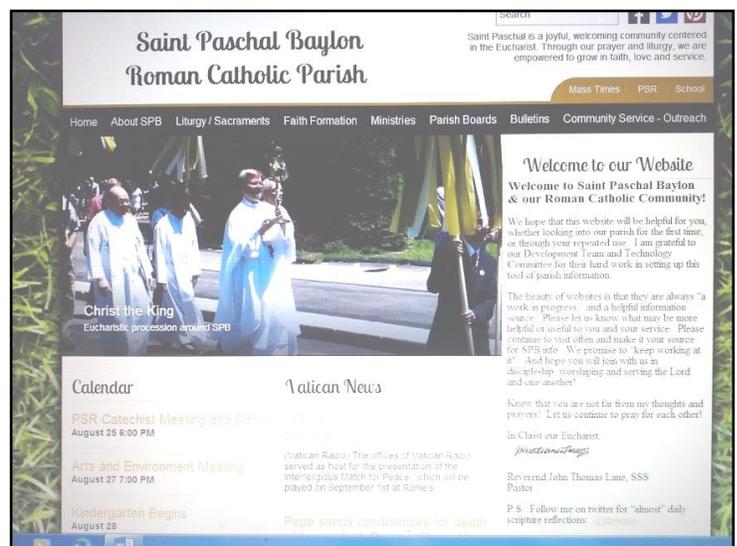
Click on the school icon to view all of the school communications you are accustomed to seeing – school news, a school calendar, information from teachers, timely information for parents and other important school communications remain the same.

Click on the church icon and you will find news and communications about the church.

The main menu features categories including About SPB, Liturgy/Sacraments, Faith Formation, Ministries, Parish Boards, Bulletins, and Community Outreach-Service.

The Home page features a calendar, Vatican News, Readings for the day and helpful links.

Come visit us at www.saintpaschal.com. We hope you like our makeover!



PARISH NEWS

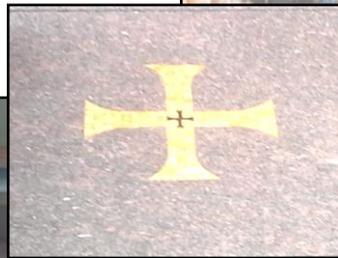
Summer Fun at SPB

What a summer it has been! It is obvious that we like to get together and enjoy one another's company. Below are just a few examples of the good times we shared. In June, 150 children and 97 volunteers shared an awesome week at Bible Camp. Several special needs children, along with SPB football alumni volunteers gathered for a Nick's Knights reunion. In July, nearly 200 parishioners and friends enjoyed our very first "Concert the Garden" featuring a musical performance by *The Light of Two Moons*. Our ice cream social – a sweet treat on a warm, summer evening – was sponsored by our Welcoming Committee. We gathered as a faith community for our annual parish picnic featuring an outdoor Mass, burgers grilled by the Knights of Columbus, and children's games organized by the Youth Ministry.



New Baptismal Font Welcomes Catholic Christians

Through the generosity of several anonymous donors, SPB now has a newly expanded Baptismal font. This beautiful font is designed of Dakota granite and features four crosses prominently etched in the stone. These crosses represent the four Gospels. They also encourage our mission to spread God’s Word in all directions – north, south, east and west.



Upon closer look you will find a fifth cross located in the center of the font. This gold-colored cross represents Christ. We are baptized and put on Christ when we are baptized. We are called to live and be Christ in our world.

Saint Paschal Baylon Word Search

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- COMMUNITY
- TOGETHER
- FRIENDLY
- VIBRANT
- BLESSED
- CARING
- SHARING
- FAITHFUL

SCHOOL NEWS

By Carol L. Jansky, SPB School Principal

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Hebrew 6:19

What began as an adventure to attend the National Catholic Educational Association’s STREAM Symposium at Dayton University, by four teachers, Mrs. Kulick, Mrs.

Leffler, Mrs. Polantz, and Mrs. McMurdo, and myself, ended up as the impetus behind our school theme this year: ***Anchored***

in Our Faith Through Christ. STREAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

The SPB faculty has worked diligently, incorporating STEM education into our curriculum from Preschool to Grade 8, and receiving the Governor’s Award for Excellence three consecutive years. It is only fitting that during our 60th

Anniversary as a school, we elevate STEM to STREAM, by incorporating religion and the arts into all content areas.



The NCEA published 10 Goals of STREAM. (<http://www.ncea.org/department-news>) The STREAM Team has chosen to focus on four goals that we will strengthen this year. 1. To incorporate Catholic identity into every aspect of the curriculum through student-directed, project-based experiential instruction. 2. To inspire the participation of our students who are traditionally underrepresented in the sciences and the arts. 3. To foster a climate that encourages problem solving, group collaboration, student-directed learning, and independent research. 4. To give all students access to a STREAM curriculum in order to be fully engaged 21st century learners.



When we picture a stream, we visualize clear, cool running water. We feel the peace and notice the quiet around it. As we sit in church near our new baptismal font, the waters sound and look much like the stream that we picture.

Water refreshes, renews, reinvigorates, as do the waters of Baptism. It is our challenge to grow in our commitment to integrate Catholic identity into our students’ lives - a challenge we look forward to as we remember that we are ***anchored in our Faith through Christ***.

Youth Ministry

By Evamarie Mickol, Youth Minister

Why Youth Group? When asked to write this article for *Paschal Life*, I was immediately reminded of my own experiences as a teenager, practically living here at Saint Paschal (Some things never change!) I loved being in Youth Group all those years ago, under the direction of our dearly loved youth minister, Romie Garobotti. My tight group of friends ended up going to different high schools, but it was at Youth Group that we were able to reunite. From our crazy adventures camping to serving in soup kitchens, the teens in our parish were active. We each had a personal encounter with Jesus through these activities and friendships. Those experiences change a person. They changed me.

Youth Group is the first time teenagers are choosing to be part of a faith community. It's a place where they can feel safe and accepted, and have a group to call their own. At Youth Group, teens can share their faith with others their own age, are free to express their thoughts, and ask questions about our Catholic faith freely and openly without judgment. They can explore and deepen their convictions, and, have fun! Youth Group isn't just about meeting our spiritual needs. We are a social group, participating in outings to Cedar Point, Laser Tag, Kalahari, movie nights, The Fest, and so much more. We plan and participate in service projects, helping and serving those in need, lonely, or sick.

It is not only my vocation to teach young children about the love the Lord has for them, but serving the Youth Group has always been a passion of mine. I take my calling to serve the teens in this parish very seriously. They keep me young, help ME grow in my faith, and I finally have a chance to play Laser Tag! It is my prayer that you will see a revival at this parish. Watch for us...we're coming!

ALUMNI NEWS

SPB Class of 2005 Gather for Reunion



Several members of the SPB Class of 2005 got together for a reunion this summer. Interested in planning a reunion for your SPB graduating class? Please contact the SPB Development office at 440-442-3410, ext. 109 or email us at: development@saintpaschal.com

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UPCOMING SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON EVENTS

Walk-a-Thon October 16

Oktoberfest October 18

Trunk or Treat October 26

Fall Craft Show November 22

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: 6:30 a.m. (Tues. only), 9:00 a.m. (M through Sa), 12:15 p.m. (M, W only)

Rite of Penance: Any time by appointment or Saturday from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. I the church

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