

YEAR OF MERCY

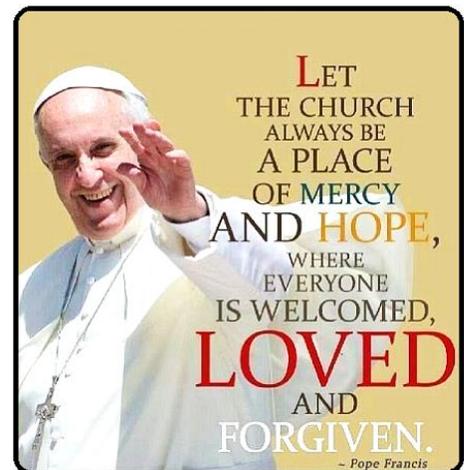
Seeing the great need for mercy and healing in the world, **Pope Francis** called for the Year of Mercy—a special period, also known as a Holy Year or Jubilee Year. It is a time for the Church across the world to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way.

The Year of Mercy is an invitation to love one another and offer unbounded generosity. Pope Francis is offering you the opportunity to encounter the incredible mercy of God. Encountering mercy means encountering God. It can transform your life, your relationships, your work, and your ability to embrace and experience all of life.

Pope Francis has asked us as individuals and as a Church “to be a witness of mercy” by reflecting on and practicing spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The Holy Year of Mercy will focus on studying and reflecting on mercy, receiving mercy, and being merciful toward others.

Mercy is more than feeling sorry for someone. It means we see things through another person’s eyes, place ourselves in that person’s heart and mind and then respond in a merciful way. The corporal works of mercy focus on the physical needs of others:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit those in prison
- Bury the dead



Year of Mercy

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



Each year we have an opportunity to set new goals or make resolutions to improve our lives. We also do so for our faith life! In this Year of Mercy, our pope has invited us to take some time to experience and share the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Take advantage of some of the spiritual opportunities that our parish has to offer and plan on participating. May I suggest:

- **Join us for Ash Wednesday Masses, February 10, 2016:** 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.; Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes, 4:00 p.m. (20 minutes)

- **Parish Mission with Fr. Scott Steinkerchner, OP – February 27 – March 2:**

Weekend Preaching at all Masses; Monday night, February 29, 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation Service; Tuesday afternoon, March 1, 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Eymard Spiritual Group; Tuesday night, March 1, 7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service and preaching; and, Wednesday night, March 2, 7:00 p.m. Closing Mass

- Attend the Sacred Triduum: The Holiest Season of our Church Year. See the schedule on page 4.

If you have never experienced the Sacred Triduum, the special liturgies and rituals, then do come and treat yourself to the experience.

This is also a special time for you to remember that in the midst of this 60th anniversary year of our parish school, we are blessed with a wonderful award-winning heritage that we pass on. Join us for Catholic Schools Week, participate in the pancake breakfast and tour our great classrooms. We have great plans for the future, too, and we will look forward to sharing them as our grants and dreams come to birth. It's time to start applying and enrolling for another school year. Share the great news to encourage new students to join and be Green Knights!

Lastly, the Pastoral Council suggested our Ministry Fair for the Feast of the Baptism of the LORD this year. With this move, we are reminding ourselves of our faith commitment, to service and discipleship as baptized followers of Christ. Together on this journey, we work together to “build God’s kingdom”.

Thank you for joining in this spiritual adventure and growing in faith together at SPB! Let us continue to pray for each other! See you Sunday at Mass! (Or join us weekdays too, or for Morning or Evening Prayer) if you have the time!!)

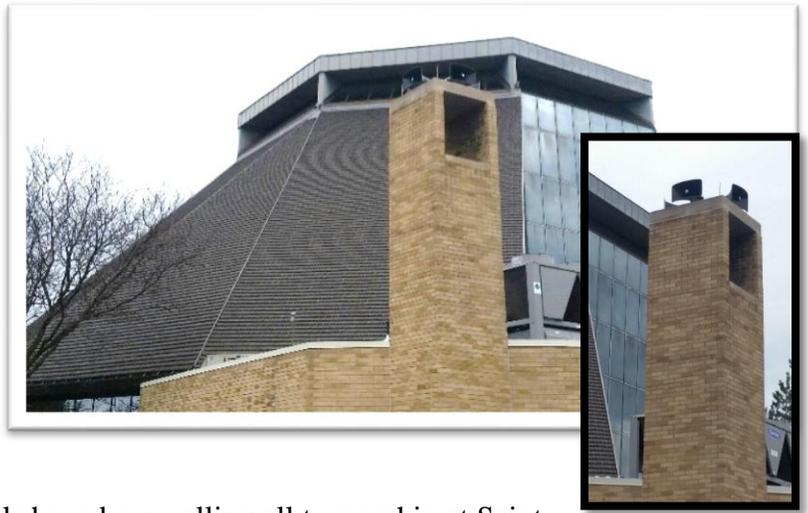
In Christ our Eucharist,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Thomas J. Lane". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Reverend John Thomas J. Lane, SSS, Class of 1979
8th Pastor

Do You Hear what I Hear?

After an absence of 30 years, the outdoor bells return to Saint Paschal Baylon. And not just any bells. These are twenty-first century style bells with a great deal of sentiment. The bells are a gift of the Bourgeois family, who made the generous donation in memory of Father Louis Bourgeois brother of **Deacon Joe Bourgeois**, who passed away last February.



For nearly a month, the melodious harmony of bells have been calling all to worship at Saint Paschal Baylon, and expressing the sentiments both of joy and sorrow.

The use of bells in the Church dates back to the fifth century, when Saint Paulinus, the Bishop of Nola, introduced them as a means to summon monks to worship. In the seventh century Pope Sabinianus approved the use of bells to call the faithful to Mass. The Venerable Bede, an English saint of the eighth century, is credited with the introduction of bell ringing at Requiem Masses. By the ninth century the use of bells had spread to even the smaller parish churches of the western Roman Empire. It wasn't until the thirteenth century that outdoor tower bells began to be rung as "Sanctus bells" during the Mass.

Ringling the bells also gave notice to those unable to attend the Mass (the sick, slaves, outside guards, etc.) that something divine and miraculous was taking place inside of the church building. The bells helped to focus the attention of the faithful inside the church on the miracle that was taking place on the altar of sacrifice.

The new bells of Saint Paschal, affectionately known as the "Bourgeois Bells", were manufactured by Verdin Bell Systems. More than 400 songs and bell peal sounds are available. Selections are programmed via a computer or remote control and transmitted through outdoor speakers.

"My brother always had a great love for God and people," shared Deacon Joe. "Bells have a way of drawing people to God and the church. They make people pause and realize that God is always with us, every day, not just on Sunday. As my brother always said, God is good all the time. All the time God is good."

The bells will be formally dedicated later this year, when the Bourgeois family is able to be present.

PARISH NEWS

TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 24

- Rosary, 8:30 a.m.
- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. *No morning Masses. (Led by our school students)*
- Lent ends at 4:00 p.m./Sacred Triduum begins
- Agape (Potluck) Meal, 5:30 p.m. (hosted by the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament)
- Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m. with candle light procession of the Blessed Sacrament
- Saint Ann Shrine open for prayer from 9:15 p.m. until Midnight

Good Friday, March 25

- Rosary, 8:30 a.m.
- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. *No Masses.*
- Office Closed
- Stations of the Cross, 12 Noon *(Led by our Youth Group)*
- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m. **or** 7:30 p.m. with special preaching from Very Rev. Anthony Schueller, SSS

Holy Saturday, March 26

- Rosary, 8:30 a.m.
- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- Decorating for Easter, after Morning Prayer at 9:20 a.m.
- Blessing of Food/Easter Baskets, 12 Noon
- **NO 3:30 p.m. Confessions or 4:30 p.m. Mass**
- Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m. *(The greatest night of the liturgical year!)*

Easter Sunday, March 27

- Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & Noon (Children's Choir)
- **NO 7:00 p.m. Mass**
(Renewal of your Baptismal Promises during each of the Masses)



Easter Monday, March 28

- Mass ONLY at 9:00 a.m.
- Office Closed due to this holiday



Year of Mercy, continued from front cover

The spiritual works of mercy center on the spiritual and emotional needs of others:

- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish the sinner
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Forgive injuries
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead

Father Lane suggests that each month, we focus on just one of the works of mercy and really put it into action.

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36)

Spring Fling Festival – Fun, Food and Fellowship!

Our seventh annual Spring Fling festival is a few months away, but there will be a few news twists this year. The biggest news is that our festival will be so much fun that we have expanded it to FOUR days! Mark your



calendars for Thursday, May 19; Friday, May 20; Saturday, May 21; and Sunday, May 22.

Thursday night will be our SPB

Family night and will feature a band concert by the Saint Paschal Day School band. We will also offer discounted prices on food, beverages and rides.

Don't worry! We haven't forgotten festival favorites like our outdoor Mass...the popular pasta dinner...the rides ...the raffle...the casino, the food...and of course, the music. We've already booked some fabulous bands like Blue Siren, Velvet Shake, and the Backroads Band.

Looks like we are on our way to the best festival yet! Start praying now for good weather.

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry Fair: Share Your Talents

The breadth and depth of time, talent and treasures that are shared at Saint Paschal was showcased at our recent Ministry Fair. Parishioners were invited to learn about our many ministries and "sign up" to become more involved in our parish activities.

If you were unable to attend and are interested in learning more about a particular ministry, please call the parish office.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

Support Paschal Life

Please consider a donation to Paschal Life. It would help defray the cost of producing this publication. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked Paschal Life and place it in the collection basket, drop it off at the parish office or mail it to:

Saint Paschal Baylon
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Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

SCHOOL NEWS

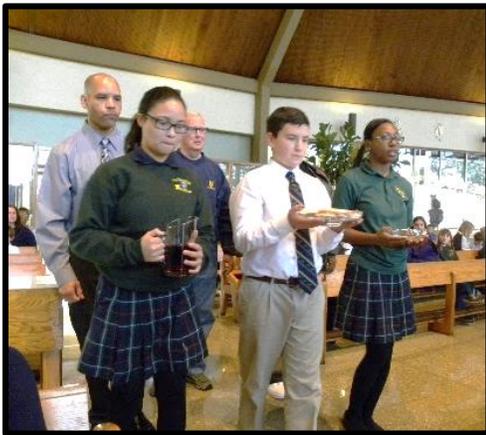


SPB School to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

What is National Catholic Schools Week? National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, January 31 - February 7.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2016 is “Saint Paschal Baylon School: A Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”

Our school community will celebrate each day of Catholic Schools Week with special activities and events. On Sunday, January 31, we will celebrate our parish with an opening Mass at 10:00 a.m. The SPB Athletic Association will host its annual Pancake Breakfast



from 8:30 a.m. until Noon. There will be an Open House at school from 11:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.



Themes for the remainder of the week include Celebrating our Community (Monday); Celebrating our Students (Tuesday); Celebrating our Faculty and Staff (Wednesday); Celebrating our Nation (Thursday); and, Celebrating our Families (Friday).

Top Ten Reasons to Choose Saint Paschal Baylon School:

1. We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
2. We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
3. We set high standard for student achievement and help them succeed.
4. We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.
5. We use technology effectively to enhance education.
6. We instill in students the value of service to others.
7. We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
8. We prepare students to be productive citizens ad future leaders.
9. We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.
10. We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.



Calling All Alum! Save the Date!



We want to celebrate our 60 years of existence with former alumni! On April 9, 2016, we will be hosting a special alumni event. It will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. At the conclusion of Mass, the first annual Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented! This will be followed by tours of the school, along with wine, cheese, and dessert. If you know an alumnus of Saint Paschal Baylon School who serves his/her community well and who continues to live our mission of Christ-centered values, please call the school office at 440-442-6766 to request a nomination form.

Alum Database: Spread the Word

We are still growing our alumni database and are asking for your help in spreading the word. If you are still in contact with any of your former SPB classmates, if your children attended SPB or if you know of any SPB graduates, please welcome and encourage them to become a part of the alumni database. To be a part of the alumni database or to let us know what you have been up to, please send your name (with maiden name, if applicable), graduation year, current address and email address to: kathy@saintpaschal.com).

Perhaps You Can Help Us!

SPB Alum, we could use your help! Do you have any old photos or other memorabilia from your days as a student at Saint Paschal? Still have your old uniform...trophies...

newspapers...programs? If so, we would appreciate your loaning them

to us as Saint Paschal Baylon School celebrates its 60th anniversary.

Please drop off any items to the school (to the attention of Diane Raguz)

or send copies of printed materials via email to: 60th@saintpaschal.com.

Our mailing address is:

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UPCOMING SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON EVENTS

Catholic Schools Week January 31 – February 7
Guild Spring Craft Show March 12

Parish Lenten Mission February 27 – March 2
PTO Game Knight March 19

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. in the church

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