

## HARVEST TIME

It's harvest time and we thank God for all that we have. We live in a society where oftentimes, instead of being thankful, we are becoming more and more demanding. The more we have does not mean the happier we are. Often the more we have the more we seem to need.

We all need a certain amount to get by, but not an overabundance. Jesus knew that.

Living in the United States, at times we become a bit spoiled. Luxuries which we should appreciate, at times get taken for granted. We need to remind ourselves of how fortunate we are, and become more content with what we have.

And we need to work together. It is so important to remember that God gave us work! We should all be able to contribute. Likewise, we should also be able to have time off. Work and rest were an important part of Creation.

We also need to communicate and not only through Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook and other social media. We need human contact. Our communities are filled with people who are lonely and do not see other people. When was the last time you stopped and had a conversation with your neighbor? When was the last time you said a prayer for your neighbor?

We need to share our blessings. We have to learn how to be fair. Harvest is a time to remind ourselves of that.

During this harvest season, let's celebrate the goodness of God in our lives - the goodness of God who shares with us His love and calls us to share.

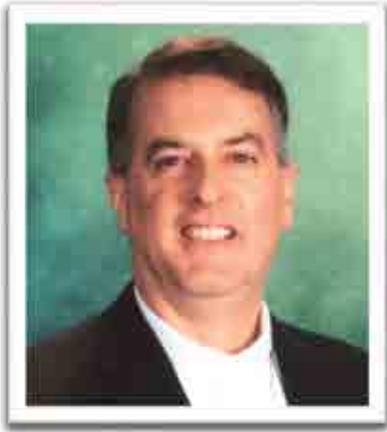
Why not think about joining one of our parish ministries/organizations. It's a great way to meet others, share the gifts that God has given you and at the same time, help build God's kingdom. (How is that for multi-tasking??)

We must practice gratitude and sharing. We all have been given gifts from God.  
How are you using your gifts?

*By every means I have shown you that we must exert ourselves in this way to support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, who Himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



One of the joys of being in Northeast Ohio in the fall months is the beauty of our colors and the rich traditions and opportunities to gather with family, friends and neighbors. As soon as I hear the word “fall” I smell apple cider and cinnamon, think of the beautiful trees and hear the crackling of leaves as I walk through them.

At SPB, when I think of fall, I think of all our great traditions that are kept alive from year to year, last year, thanks to our hard-working parents, volunteers and students who walk for our school (Walk-a-Thon 2017: We Walk With God – **Friday, October 20, 1:00 p.m.**); share in the fun and sweets of Trunk or Treat (**Sunday, October 29, 3:00 p.m.**); and the festive Taste of the Town (**Saturday, November 11, 6:30 p.m.**) with all the incredible food (more great smells) and drinks (incredible tastes of craft beers and wines).

Food and fun always gather us “Green Knights” because of our patron saint, Paschal Baylon. Being a jolly Franciscan “prayer master” and cook, we celebrate his patronage and give thanks to God for the many parishioners who share their culinary talents and who help our parish with fund raising. I appreciate your participation in these events, especially the Anniversary Raffle that supports the great ministry of our school and its award winning education and formation of our young people. (Read in Mrs. Jansky’s column how we won the Governor’s Award for STEM Education again!!!)

Whether it is sports, food or fellowship, let us continue to grow in community and in that spirit of our patron, who always shared his blessings with others. May we, look forward to gathering around the great Eucharistic Table each Sunday and then live out our Christian-Gospel values in our world today. May we also look forward to the great harvest festivals here and in our community, culminating in the Great Thanksgiving, the Eucharist on Thanksgiving morning here at SPB – Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 a.m. when we gather for Mass, break bread, share the cup of joy and also receive a special loaf of bread to share with our families in our own homes. Also, please keep in mind our Hillcrest Thanksgiving Service, an interfaith gathering that unites friends and neighbors, Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (next to Legacy Village and behind the synagogue) on Cedar Road.

Together and in the community, we give thanks for our many blessings! I count you as one of mine!

Let us continue to pray for each other!

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

Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS  
Pastor

## Support Saint Paschal Baylon School on our Day of Giving November 28<sup>th</sup>

With the Thanksgiving season close at hand, we've all heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday when planning for holiday shopping deals. But there's an important day tied into the holiday season that benefits non-profits around the world. **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> is #GivingTuesday** - an international day of giving. In its sixth year, #Giving Tuesday is a wonderful way to give thanks and support the many organizations that provide services, programs and support across the globe. Closer to home, November 28<sup>th</sup> is important to Saint Paschal Baylon School as it is our special day for Catholic giving, called **#weGiveCatholic**. #weGiveCatholic will raise support and awareness for the charitable, educational, and spiritual ministries of the Diocese of Cleveland.



Specifically, SPB will be raising money from this one-day online campaign to support Saint Paschal Baylon School's Makerspace & Broadcast Booth. Makerspaces are learning centers that combine building and construction materials, gadgets and gizmos, computer programs to allow for coding and designing, as well as 3D laser printers for the creation of prototypes and manufactured works that students can collaborate on using creative thinking skills and technology to research, create and turn ideas into innovations! **SPB is adding the Bourgeois Broadcast Booth inside its Makerspace.** This unique project will give students the opportunity to have hands on production experience at the grade school level.

**Last year's one-day #weGiveCatholic campaign raised \$5,355, which was added to our generous match donation of \$5,000 from Deacon Joe Bourgeois and his family for a total of \$10,355!** The school has spent the last year working on the specific design and content placement for its broadcast booth as well as configuring some of the needs for this studio space. Our transformation plan is well underway, as we have secured an iPad Air for teleprompter operation and the sound system needed for 24 classrooms has been installed. These completed components make up 35% of our target budget, and last year's #weGiveCatholic donations make up another 35% of our funding needs.

While we are well on our way, we still need your help to **raise the remaining 30% needed – which is a goal of \$9,000** to transform the previous nurses' clinic into a fully functional space full of engaging and exciting opportunities for our students. To complete our Makerspace/Broadcast Booth project, we need the following equipment, services and supplies:

- **Video Broadcast Equipment** – including camera, tripod, video card, audio/video cable kit & studio mini recorder
- **Video Streaming Equipment** – Wowza video streaming software and dedicated desktop computer
- **Audio Equipment** – microphone and stand, cables and audio mixer
- **Greenscreen Backdrop and Lights** – Greenscreen and Lighting kits for studio
- **Teleprompter** – Teleprompter iPad and Video tripod
- **Monitor for Broadcast Studio**
- **Installation Services**
- **Construction/renovation of current space**
- **Additional desks, tables, chairs, software programs and supplies**



## PARISH NEWS



### **Parish Picnic**

Our annual parish picnic was held in late August. What a great day to gather as a family of faith! Beautiful Mass, followed by a fantastic picnic, ice cream, raffle and games!

Thanks to all who helped make this day so enjoyable, especially the Knights of Columbus Gilmour Council #310, who grilled our hamburgers and hot dogs.



### **Nick's Knights**

The Nick's Knights sports clinic, was held in mid-September. The day enables those with special needs to have a day of fun on the athletic field. Our SPB athletes were paired with a Nick's Knight attendee. Cleveland Indians favorite, Slider, along with the hot dog characters, provided entertainment and helped cheer on the athletes.

### **Fr. Roger Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Congratulations to Fr. Roger Bourgeois, SSS, who recently celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

“I have been a priest for 60 years.

Serving the Lord in this way has been a special blessing to me,” commented Fr. Roger. “I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to all who have touched my life and helped me become the priest that I am today.”



### **Unwrapping the Gifts of Advent: Courage, Love, and Hope**

You are invited to pause amid the Christmas rush (for one hour) and reflect on three gifts Advent wishes to give you: courage, love, and hope. Using scripture, stories, and humor, Sister Melannie will lead us in our reflection on these three gifts in our personal lives. She will also show how Mary embraced these same gifts during that first Advent over 2,000 years ago.

Join us on December 11 at 7:00 p.m. for this special evening of reflection.

*Sister Melannie has been a Sister of Notre Dame for more than 50 years. During that time she has served as a high school and college teacher, novice director, and provincial leader of her congregation. A freelance writer, she has had numerous articles published in religious and educational magazines. She is the author of fourteen books including: Traits of a Healthy Spirituality, Everyday Epiphanies, When the Rain Speaks, and Hanging onto Hope. She currently writes and gives talks and retreats nationally. Visit her blog: "Sunflower Seeds" at [www.melanniesvobodasnd.org](http://www.melanniesvobodasnd.org).*



## ALUMNI NEWS

### **SPB Alumni – Keep In Touch!**

If you haven't updated SPB on your whereabouts, career and family lately, please take a few moments and do so! We'd appreciate having updated information for our school alumni so we can share the great news happening in the Saint Paschal Baylon Parish and School Community. Simply email [advancement@saintpaschal.com](mailto:advancement@saintpaschal.com) and we will send out an online form to complete.



We would love to have a list of alumni interested in giving back and supporting the school through volunteer opportunities and sharing their professional talents and knowledge with our staff and students. Consider sharing your business/contact information with us, as well as any achievements, awards, personal or professional accolades.

Contact Barb DiTurno in the Advancement Office at 440-442-3410 ext. 112.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Saint Paschal Baylon School Receives Governor's Award**

The Ohio Academy of Science selected 58 Ohio Schools to receive The Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research. For six consecutive years, and seven years total, Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School has been one of the selected schools. Saint Paschal Baylon faculty members receiving the award are Mrs. Dani Alan, Mrs. Kathy Baka, Mrs. Mary Curtis, Mrs. Holly Herald, Mrs. Carol Jansky, Mrs. Iryna Kulick, Mrs. Stephanie Leffler, Mrs. Michele Longano, Mrs. Joan Lorber, Mrs. Vera Marti, Ms. Kristian Martinson, Mrs. Joanne McMurdo, Ms. Evamarie Mickol, Mrs. Kristen Miller, Ms. Diane Raguz, and Mrs. Laura Yanick.



To be considered for the award, we had to meet this criteria: (1) conduct a local science fair with twelve or more students; (2) qualify two or more of these students for one of the Academy's 17 district science days; (3) have students participate in at least one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom; and (4) convince external STEM professionals how and to what extent our school's program met the Academy's definition of STEM education. STEM education at SPB this year was significantly supported by our parents and community members. The PTO and generous benefactors provided financial support dedicated to STEM education for our students throughout the school year which included the purchase of Chromebooks and cases for our 6, 7 and 8 grade 1:1 initiative, along with additional iPads and carts for our younger students. With financial support from parents, we began our first mini-Makerspace and purchased moveable carts to store STEM materials. We also added a 3D printer. Because of a school-wide effort, we saw a subsequent increase in the successful engagement by students in a variety of STEM activities. Our efforts to bring the STEM philosophy to our school has helped our students grow as problem solvers, collaborators, and creators paving way for college and beyond.



### **Walking for Catholic Education**



The 7th Annual PTO Walk-a-thon is happening on Friday, October 20 as the entire school goes for a Walk for Catholic Education. This year's goal is to raise funds for continued STREAM initiatives which takes STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities and incorporates Religion and Arts. The funds will help realize our vision of transforming our current media center into a true learning commons with movable furniture that allows for collaborating as pairs, trios, and small groups. This is not only a fundraiser but also a *fun* raiser. Should you wish to support the PTO and Saint Paschal Baylon School visit our website at [www.saintpaschal.com](http://www.saintpaschal.com) and click on the Donate button. Thank you!

### **Respect for Life Ministry Encourages All to Value Life**

October is Respect Life Month and our Right to Life Ministry invites us to reflect on the truth of who we are. Our worth is based not on our skills or levels of productivity. We discover our worth when we discover our true identity found in the unchangeable, permanent fact that we are created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with Him. Because of this, absolutely nothing can diminish our God-given dignity, and therefore, nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives. Human dignity is forever. Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love.

On October 1, our Right to Life Group stood in prayerful silence in respect for all life. On that same day, a pet blessing was held, remembering that all creatures great and small are works of God.

### **SPB Welcomes New Pastoral Associate of Ministry and Liturgy**



On November 1, we will welcome our new Pastoral Associate of Music and Liturgy, Tony Ward. Tony graduated from Dana College in Blair, NE with a Music Education degree, and spent three years teaching music to intermediate elementary students at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Omaha. After a brief tenure in diocesan parish ministry, he joined the Campus Ministry team at Creighton University, where he served for nine years as Music Director for Saint John's Parish. In 2013, earned his Master of Music (MM) in Choral Conducting. From there, he served as Director of Adult Choirs at Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park, KS, where he designed promotional art for several arts organizations in the KC area, including the Kansas City Women's Chorus, Te Deum, and the choral department at UMKC.

As a composer and arranger of liturgical music, he has collaborated on projects such as the Saint Louis Jesuits' 2005 album, *Morning Light*; priestly ordinations in the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus; and original works for the Heartland/Delta V Conference at John Carroll University in 2007. In 2008, he entered the ranks of the published when OCP released "Spirit of Our God," and released an album, *Spirit and Life*. In 2009, Tony conducted the annual Youth Choral Clinic for the Archdiocese of Omaha, and conducted the Saint Louis Jesuits concert at Omaha's Holland Performing Arts Center.

"My family and I are overjoyed and grateful to find a new spiritual home at Saint Paschal," shared Tony. "The only thing letting in more light than the windows of the sanctuary are the hearts and spirits of the people, and I can't wait to begin expressing that joyful illumination with this community in worship."

## UPCOMING SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON EVENTS

Trunk or Treat October 29      Taste of the Town November 11  
Ladies Guild Fall Craft Show November 18      Advent Retreat with Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND December 11

**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.

### Pastoral and School Staff

Pastor: Rev. John Thomas Lane, SSS ext. 111  
Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Christman, SSS, ext. 110  
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Pastoral Associate: Deacon Robert Bowers, ext. 100  
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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:** 9:00 a.m. (M through Sa), 12:15 p.m. (M, T, W only)

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

### Saint Paschal Baylon Roman Catholic Community

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