



Paschal Life

Parish, School and Alumni News

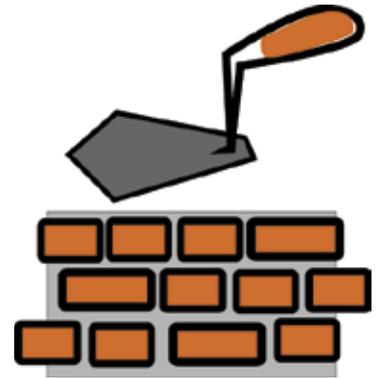
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BUILDING ON YOUR FOUNDATION

Remember the story of “The Three Little Pigs”? One of the pigs built a house of straw and another used sticks. We all know what happened to those houses. The third little pig built a house of bricks. The wolf was unable to destroy this house because this house was built on a good foundation with the right materials.

The same idea is true of our faith journey. We need to start with a sound foundation and then build on it. At Baptism, the first Sacrament of Initiation, we set that important foundation in place. Our educational programs for our young students at the day school and PSR, and our RCIA classes help solidify a sturdy foundation. Our faith foundation is then strengthened through the Sacraments of Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation. Teachers, Catechetical Leaders and Catechists work with parents and students to prepare them to build on this foundation.



So, now we have the foundation. Where do we go from here? We need to build on it. At Saint Paschal, there are many opportunities to build on our Catholic foundation. Obviously, attending Mass and receiving the sacraments are paramount in nourishing our faith. We also offer several other experiences to deepen our faith. Among some of the opportunities we offer at Saint Paschal are:

Youth Group: Our Junior and High School Groups meet to learn about God and foster a desire to keep Him close in day-to-day life. It also offers a chance to mingle and share with others.

Community at Prayer: What an ideal way to spend some personal time with the Lord! Prayerful conversation with God is a great way to build your relationship with Him. Adoration hours are Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. No adoration on Friday or Saturday.

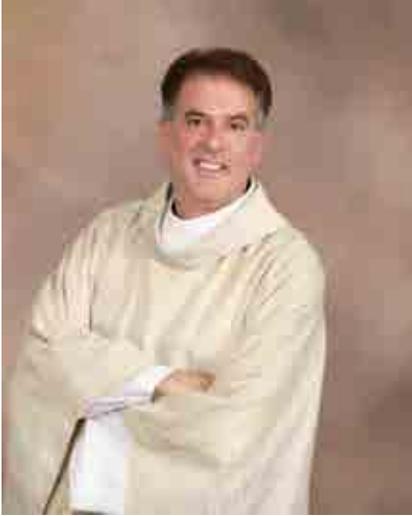
Bible Studies: A Bible study provides opportunities to be immersed in His word. Studying with others allows you to listen to other perspectives and grow together.

Spiritual Formation: In collaboration with our cluster parish, Saint Clare, this group works together to provide adult faith formation opportunities, such as Symbolon and Journey classes.

Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament: Associates engage in a formation process and make public promises to live their lives centered on the Eucharist. They engage in service to the parish, outreach to the poor, liturgical ministries, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, encourage an eucharistic way of life among family and friends, visit the infirm and elderly and perform other acts of charity that manifest the presence of Christ given to us in the Eucharist.

There are so many ways to enrich our faith. What are you doing to build on your foundation?

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



We had a great summer! So many wonderful events here, a great start to the school year and of course northeast Ohio had the best weather ever and incredible cultural events to enjoy! As we begin our 66th year as a parish, we have a lot of great events coming up – some wonderful traditions continuing and some “tweaks” to former events that we are rebranding and redoing to help our parish grow! Some of our regular events:

- **Liturgical schedule!** We need each other at Mass more than ever – join us for a weekday Mass, or even a special school Mass Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Our students do an incredible job. Morning Prayer is special too, at 8:00 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 4:45 p.m. (each is 20 minutes in the church chapel).
- **Taizé Holy Hours:** Each month we have a special holy hour (at 7:00 p.m. in the church) in the “Taizé” style of mantras (from France!) that include quiet time, readings and are based on a theme of current events that we bring to our

prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Upcoming dates: Tuesday, October 30, Wednesday, November 28 and Tuesday, December 11.

- **Trunk or Treat:** Sunday, October 28, 3:00 p.m. in our parking lot – 10th annual event where we celebrate Halloween together at our cars in the lot, but also with even more special fun inside the Family Life Center. Thank you, Youth Group, for your leadership on this!
- **All Saints Day/All Souls:** Thursday, November 1 we have our regular holy day of celebration (obligation) at 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and our special day to remember those who have died in the past year on Friday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m.
- **A (Green) Knight to Remember:** Friday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. at La-Vera Party Center. From the suggestions on how to improve “Taste of the Town,” we have grown this event to a special night off campus with a sit-down dinner to benefit our school.
- **Series on End of Life Issues:** Beginning October 24, through November 7 and November 14, learning about the legal issues at the end of our lives, hospice care and what that’s really all about and how to plan your Funeral Liturgies – with me leading this planning discussion. These events will be in the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m.
- **Vocation Days:** Monday, November 19 and Tuesday, November 20
- **Thanksgiving Liturgies:** Sunday, November 18, 3:00 p.m. Interfaith event at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 23599 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44122 (next to Legacy Village and behind the synagogue, and Thursday, November 22, 9:00 a.m. Mass at SPB, with a special gift.

And of course, Advent begins on December 2. We hope you’ll plan on attending the events above and the special events we will have during Advent and Christmas Time.

65 years of great worship, prayers, service, care and fun has taken place here at SPB thanks to you! From a strawberry farm patch to the great parish we are – thanks for your dedication and stewardship. Let’s continue to pray for each other!

In Christ our Eucharist,

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

Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS

Pastor

Proud SPB 1979 Graduate

It's hard to believe that by the time this is published, the leaves will be changing color and cooler weather will be upon us. It was a busy summer here at SPB! We had our first census weekend. Thank you for returning your card! You can still send them in or go to our website to fill out the online link. We had a very positive Leadership Day and work continues our newest event, A Green Knight to Remember. We look forward to seeing you there!



On November 27, for the third year in a row, we will participate in #weGiveCatholic. This online day of giving, hosted by Catholic Charities, is also called "Giving Tuesday." This helps increase awareness of Catholic communities as well as raise funds. This year, as in years past, we will use the money for our day school to enhance our STEM efforts. Specifically, we will continue to complete the Jansky Learning Center. Flexible, modular seating will be purchased for students to collaborate. Seating that can easily be moved and reconfigured encourages cooperative learning. This helps provide the creative atmosphere students need for teamwork opportunities. So please 'Save The Date' for November 27 and help us make an impact! I hope you will help me by your generous giving of time, talent and treasure to our great community of Saint Paschal Baylon. Please feel free to reach out to me at kelly@saintpaschal.com or 440.442.3410 ext 112.

#weGIVE
CATHOLIC
with the
Catholic Community Foundation

SAVE THE DATE!

November 27, 12am to 11:59pm

PARISH NEWS

Pastoral Plan Update

Preamble to the Current Pastoral Plan

The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Paschal Baylon and its leadership believe in a culture that is collaborative and transparent. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we join together as a faith community. The Eucharist is central in our community as the source and summit of our discipleship. Furthermore, we have joined together as a faith community to discover, dream, design, and implement this Strategic Plan.

Our existing five-year Pastoral Plan identifies priorities that have guided the parish's activities and resource decisions in each of the following areas: 1. Spirituality 2. School 3. Youth and Family 4. Outreach, Social Justice, and Community Service 5. Stewardship 6. Community Awareness 7. Governance and Operations. At our yearly Leadership Day, parish staff and ministry leaders met to discuss and celebrate the many goals we, as a parish, have accomplished in these specific areas.

We continue to review and assess the needs of our parish, and now begin to contemplate goals and objectives for our next five-year Pastoral Plan. Some thoughts have already come up at Leadership day:

- To maintain and increase school enrollment and create a strong marketing plan
- Increase and engage young adults and encourage their involvement and have them be part of our conversations
- Determine feasible use and integration of more technology in the liturgies
- Increase the involvement of school parents in the parish, especially by attending Mass
- Make the Family Life Center (& church) wireless for the parish and the school
- Insure and engage the ongoing financial security of the parish (especially the school) with increased tithing and fundraising
- “Friends invite friends” vs. “CAVE” dwellers (Consistently Against Virtually Everything); We love the place – bring others to join with us!
- Continue to expand the Youth Group and programs; bring the (Saint Michaels Navajo Reservation) Arizona students here to experience our parish, because we have gone twice to complete service projects at their school
- Have more youth involved in the weekend liturgies
- Spread our positive energies outside of our parish and into the community: Share our energy with others!
- Continue to rejuvenate and grow – when we think outward and care for the bigger world and people around us, we grow!
- Continue social outreach so that people can get involved in the work of our Social Action Commission
- Increase Mass attendance; people are doing everything but going to Mass so let us foster encouragement to come to Mass and make that the #1 priority: Mass is the source and summit of who we are and to help others make that connection
- School is a central part of our parish life and our future leaders. Keep it strong!
- Enhance the gifts and talents of those who are already involved; to continue to light a fire within and bring out the talents and gifts
- To enact evangelization principles into the new plan

If you are interested in helping develop “Pastoral Plan 2020”, please contact the parish office at 440-442-3410 and speak with Fr. John Thomas Lane, Pastor, ext. 111 or Kelly Ericsson, Advancement Director, ext. 112.

A Green Knight to Remember

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 2 as we celebrate our parish and parishioners!



Join us for our very first “A Green Knight to Remember.” We will recognize two SPB parishioners for their years of volunteer service to the parish:

Andy Futey
and
Gina Pilla

You will enjoy appetizers, a sit-down dinner and open bar. In addition, the evening will feature music, sideboards, 50-50, a silent auction, Chinese raffle, wine pull, and of course, our Anniversary raffle drawing. The fun-filled evening will *definitely* be “A Green Knight to Remember”! All proceeds will support our parish school.

The festivities will be held at La-Vera Party Center in Willoughby Hills. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. For more information, call the parish office at 440-442-3410.



A Tremendous Milestone

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Margaret Silla. Margaret celebrated her 100th birthday on September 14! She has been a member of our parish since 1971 and regularly attends the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Margaret has volunteered at SPB and still drives to church and cleans her own home. She was born on September 14, 1918 in Chicago and moved to Cleveland as a child. She worked at Ohio Bell as an Executive Secretary for more than 40 years.

We hope you enjoyed your birthday, Margaret! Our parish community wishes you a wonderful year ahead!



SCHOOL NEWS

For the seventh consecutive year, Saint Paschal Baylon School has been recognized by The Ohio Academy of Science with the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education and Student Research, for accomplishments during the 2017-2018 school year.

Saint Paschal Baylon teachers receiving the award are Mrs. Dani Alan, Mrs. Mary Curtis, Mrs. Carrie Hanus, Mrs. Holly Herald, Mrs. Iryna Kulick, Mrs. Stephanie Leffler, Mrs. Michele Longano, Mrs. Joan Lorber, Mrs. Vera Marti, Ms. Kristian Martinson, Mrs. Joanne McMurdo, Mrs. Kristen Miller, Mrs. Anna Peko, Ms. Diane Raguz, Mrs. Beth Uzzo, and Mrs. Laura Yanick.



To be considered for the award, schools were required to conduct a local science fair with 12 or more students; qualify two or more of these students for one of the Academy's 17 district science days; have students participate in at least one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom such as State Science Day, Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair, Science Olympiad, B-Wiser, visits to museums, mentorship programs and extended field trips, and other structured STEM-related youth activities; and, convince external professionals from STEM *how* and *to what extent* the school's program met the Academy's definition of STEM education. The Ohio Academy of Science defines STEM education as both the mastery and integration of science technology, engineering and mathematics for all PK-12 students. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking and problem solving.

First established in 1985, the Governor's Thomas Edison awards recognizes Ohio schools and teachers who stimulate student scientific research and technological design and extend opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities.

"These schools and teachers clearly promote and encourage student-focused, inquiry-based science research," said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's CEO. "Each of the awardees demonstrates a commitment to providing hands-on learning experiences beyond the traditional classroom setting, and they value the rigor of competing at District and State Science Day."

"To receive this award for seven consecutive years is an impressive accomplishment," said Diane Raguz, Saint Paschal Baylon school principal. "Our efforts to bring the STEM philosophy to our school have helped our students grow as problem solvers, collaborators, and creators. I am very proud of our staff and our students."

Spreading the Good News

Members of Our Lady of the Sea Rosary Guild gather faithfully each month to make rosaries. This month, the Guild celebrates its 22nd anniversary. The ministry was created to spread devotion through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. While its main focus is to share rosaries with the local community including area hospitals, the guild has “gone global”.

Several rosaries have been sent to Kabingo, a little village in southwest Uganda, through an organization called Hope for Kabingo. Its mission statement reads, “We, as people of faith, partner with the villagers in the Kabingo, Uganda region to empower them to break the cycle of poverty and provide hope for a better tomorrow.”



Here is an excerpt from a letter received from one of the workers at Hope for Kabingo:

“...We cannot tell you the joy it brings the villagers when they receive them (the rosaries). We often see them wearing them as necklaces, which is their true way of keeping Christ with them. They feel your love, too.”

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 kelly@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.

By the way, the SPB Class of 1979 will be holding its 40th class reunion on May 18 at Spring Fling X!



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UPCOMING SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON EVENTS

A Green Knight to Remember November 2
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service November 18

Fall Craft Show November 17
Gaudete Choral Festival December 16

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: 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

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