

NEW BEGINNINGS

What can you say about a woman whose inspiration has made a difference in so many lives? An educator. A mentor. A leader. A friend. This June, will mark the end of an era at Saint Paschal Baylon School when our principal, Carol Jansky begins a new chapter in her life as she retires.

"Change, although not easy, is necessary," said Carol. "As I continue to plan my course, and the Lord continues to direct my steps, I thank those of you who have supported me along the way."

Carol has been an educator for 45 years, 40 of them with us at Saint Paschal Baylon. She began her career at SPB as a sixth-grade teacher. After living out of state for a few years, Carol returned to Ohio and SPB. While working on her Administration degree, Carol continued to teach, and worked as the part-time assistant principal. For the past six years, she has been the school principal. Carol has always provided us with the dedication and conviction to excel in education.

Carol's successor, assistant principal Diane Raguz, credits Carol with creating a school community centered on Catholic values. She adds, "Carol has helped us to make great strides in areas such as safety, STEM education and technology. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to work beside her and learn from her."

We sincerely thank Carol and wish her health and happiness on her new journey. May her retirement be filled with many new adventures.

God bless you, Carol!



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



One of the annual realities here at SPB to let us know that Spring is here is the return of our Canadian geese, a hawk or two, the groundhog and new this year, maybe, a bald eagle. Since my return nine years ago, I know that when the geese arrive, along with the other birds, we may begin to look forward to all the wonderful activities that are part of Easter Time and Spring at SPB.

This year we look forward to having our 8th graders and adults celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at the **Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass on April 28.**

Many families regularly attend this Mass – how awesome that the bishop's office picked this day in time. The following week we celebrate First Communion with our second graders, **Sunday, May 6 at the Noon Mass.** What wonderful ways to remind ourselves of Easter – the LORD's Day and the importance of rest and Christ's resurrection from the dead and new life.

More new life occurs with our parish festival, Spring Fling. This is our ninth year to have this grand event. Each year it grows bigger and better and we thank you in advance for praying for good weather, selling the raffle tickets (what a deal this year – 4 books for only \$75) and, in a special way we will honor Mrs. Carol Jansky, our beloved principal for the last 6 years. We dedicate Spring Fling to her and offer this opportunity for you, your families and alum of the school to return and celebrate a memory and give thanks for her wonderful years of service to our community.

Carol has been in Catholic education for 45 years – 40 of them here at SPB. Besides dedicating the Spring Fling to her, we will have a special Mass of Thanksgiving with her on **Thursday, May 17, 9:00 a.m.** This is, of course, the feast of our patron, Saint Paschal Baylon. We will have lots of surprises for her on this day, but also throughout the special weekend.

Also featured in this issue of *Paschal Life*, is a brief bio of our new principal, Ms. Diane Raguz. We are blessed to have this talented leader with us to begin her 13th year with us as our new principal, beginning July 1. Diane has been in Catholic education for 23 years, and moves from her role as assistant principal for the last 5 years to this new administrative duty,

In Christ our Eucharist,



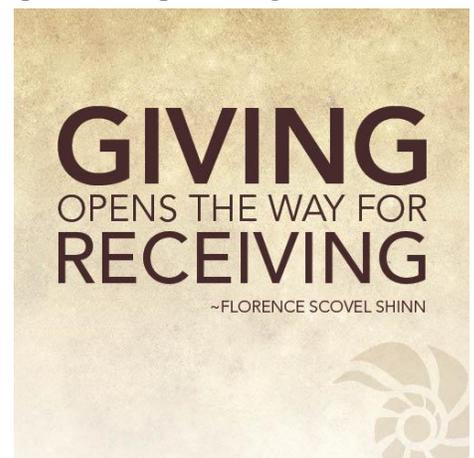
What will my legacy be?

It is a question many of us think about often throughout our lives. **What will my legacy be?** Many families were involved in SPB's establishment as a successful parish and school in the early 1950's. As the years have progressed, many generations of those same families have continued to keep their parish alive, thriving and growing. Whether financially supporting the needs of our parish community; increasing involvement in parish ministries or educating children at our school, parishioners and parents have given of their time, talents and treasures over and over again to maintain Saint Paschal Baylon's strong and vibrant church/school community.

When we think back on all the successes Saint Paschal Baylon has achieved, countless parishioners, parents, students and alumni have stepped up and immersed themselves in the parish community to forward its continual growth. In today's economic climate, it is a constant challenge to keep our parish and school financials healthy. There are often unexpected needs that arise that make budgeting a challenge for those tasked with keeping our parish community fiscally sound. SPB relies on the generosity and kindness of those committed to supporting our parish and school when the unexpected happens, operating costs increase or when additional financial assistance is needed for school families.

One of the best ways to support a parish, its church, its ministries, spiritual formation, students, teachers and facilities is to consider including the Saint Paschal Baylon Parish Community in your estate planning. Something as simple as a designation in your will that names Saint Paschal Baylon Parish as the recipient of a percentage or specific amount of your estate's value would be the answer to the question of what your legacy at SPB could be. Supporting your parish through planned giving options such as bequests in wills, life income plans including annuities and trusts, life income policies, real estate and stocks can ensure your stewardship to the Saint Paschal Baylon community will last beyond your lifetime.

By leaving a legacy gift to Saint Paschal Baylon, you become our partner in providing for the future financial needs of the parish and school. We know our partners will be parishioners, parents, alumni, grandparents and friends who wish to continue the Saint Paschal Baylon legacy through planned gifts. Consider structuring your Saint Paschal Baylon legacy today and know what your legacy will be tomorrow. If you would like to discuss any of the above mentioned planned giving/estate planning options to benefit Saint Paschal Baylon, call Barb DiTurno, Advancement Director at 440-442-3410 ext. 112. We thank you for your continual support and generosity.



PARISH NEWS

Meet Fr. Choy Ramos, SSS

We welcome Fr. Choy Ramos, SSS as our new part-time parochial vicar. Fr. Choy comes to us



from the SSS Philippines province, though he is not new to life in the United States. Fr. Choy has served at Saint DePaul Parish in Florida from 2007-2009 and Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Chicago from 2008-2011. From 2011-2018 he was the Director of Students and the Development Director at the SSS Provincial House in Quezon City, Philippines.

While assigned to Saint Paschal Baylon Parish, Fr. Choy will be working with Deacon Joe Bourgeois, coordinating our outreach ministries. He wants to inspire others to become fruitful in the Eucharist.

Fr. Choy already finds Cleveland to be “awesome”! He looks forward to getting to know the SPB parishioners and working with the ministries.

Eagle Scout Honored



Determination. Perseverance. Hard work. Leadership. These are just some of the qualities necessary to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. And those are the qualities that new Eagle Scout, John Gall possesses.

John’s Eagle Scout project involved building several bat houses for the Mayfield Village Service Department. He chose this project because at the time, there was the outbreak of the Zika and West Nile viruses. Since those diseases are typically spread by mosquitoes, beds of water linger in the wetlands, which become breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Bats, that feed on the mosquitoes, live in these houses.

This was quite a worthwhile undertaking for John. “I learned to plan ahead, not waste time and set some time for unexpected setbacks or delays,” said John. “I also learned that leadership is very important in accomplishing any job on time.”

Great lessons for all of us. Congratulations, John!

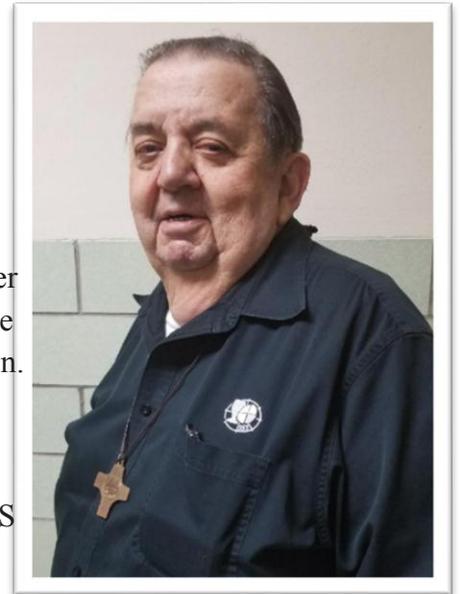
Deacon Joe Celebrates 40th Anniversary as an Ordained Deacon

Deacon Joe recently celebrated his 40-year anniversary year as an ordained deacon. Did you know that prior to that Deacon Joe first served the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament as a brother for 20 years? As a brother his duties included working with children, residents of nursing homes and hospital patients.

The SSS Provincial at the time took notice of his exceptional work and suggested he consider enrolling in a permanent diaconate program. After four years of training with the Redemptorist Fathers, Deacon Joe became the first religious brother in the United States to be ordained a permanent deacon.

Over the years, so many have been blessed by Deacon Joe's generosity and service.

Congratulations and thank you, Deacon Joe! And as he says, GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD.



Our ninth annual Spring Fling festival is dedicated to our retiring school principal, Carol Jansky. Mark your calendars for May 17 – 20, while you are at the festival, make sure to stop by and show your appreciation and gratitude to Carol, sharing your memories with her.

Here is a peek at the fun instore at this year's Spring Fling Festival:

THURSDAY, MAY 17 5:00 -10:00 p.m.

SPB Family Night

SPB *Day School Band Concert* 7:00 p.m.

Discounted food, beverages and rides

SATURDAY, MAY 19 4:00-11:00 p.m.

Food, beverages, rides

Casino 5:00- 11:00 p.m.

Live music by *The Pop Tarts* 5:15 p.m.

Live music by *Disco Inferno* 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 18 5:00-11:00 p.m.

Food, beverages, rides

Casino 6:00 p.m.

Live music by *City Heat* 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 Noon-6:00 p.m.

Food, beverages, rides

Outdoor Mass, music by *Light of 2 Moons* Noon

Live music by *Light of 2 Moons* 1:00 p.m.

Pasta Dinner 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Family Scavenger Hunt 1:30 p.m.

Face Painting and Balloon Twists 2:00- 4:00 p.m.

Free Children's Games 2:00- 4:00 p.m.

Euclid Beach Rocket Car 2:00- 4:00 p.m.

Raffle Drawings 5:30 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS

Principal-to-Be Committed to Faith Formation and Academic Excellence



Sincere congratulations to Ms. Diane Raguz, who will become our school principal on July 1, when current principal, Carol Jansky, retires. Diane is well-versed in elementary education, having taught third, fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, as well as ESL (English as a Second Language) and Title I Math. She also holds two master's degrees and 23 years of teaching experience (12 at SPB). For the past two years, Diane has been the assistant principal.

Father Lane noted, "Her energy, passion for continuing education and formation, technological drive, joy for ministering with students and faith are some of her many wonderful qualities."

Diane plans to continue the traditions of academic excellence and faith formation for which Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic School is known. "There is no doubt that I am proud to be a Green Knight!" she mentioned.

Looking ahead to the next school year, Diane has three goals. First, she will strive to create a safe and supportive learning environment for our students, centered on the Gospel values and rooted in the Catholic faith. She wants to ensure that each student grows spiritually, emotionally and academically. Next, Diane will work to foster a positive and collaborative relationships with the members of the school and parish community. Finally, she hopes to build a foundation of continuous improvement to support continued growth in student achievement.

"I am committed to providing high-quality, innovative and student-centered instruction that meets the learning needs of individual students," added Diane.

Retiring principal Carol Jansky is confident that she is leaving the school in good hands. "I know that Diane will continue to move Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School forward.

I wish her many great years as the new principal," said Carol. "God bless her in her journey."



Youth Group Mission Team

The Saint Paschal Youth Group Mission team, along with several adults, recently traveled to Saint Michael Indian School, located on the largest Navajo Reservation in the U.S. Saint Katherine Drexel, a Blessed Sacrament sister, founded this school.

The team’s main task was to transform the convent to a retreat center. The job entailed cleaning, painting and converting the former sewing room to a dormitory. In addition, the group built bunk beds for the dorms.

Thank you to all who supported the team and many thanks to the team for your inspiration and for truly putting your faith in action.



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 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.

We hope that you will be able to attend the special Mass on May 17 at 9:00 a.m., when we honor retiring principal Carol Jansky. And, plan to stop by our parish festival May 17-20!

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



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UPCOMING SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON EVENTS

Spring Fling Festival May 17-20
Saint Peter Julian Eymard Triduum July 31-August 2

Saint Ann Triduum July 24-26
Parish Picnic August 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.

Pastoral and School Staff

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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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