



# Paschal Life

Parish, School and Alumni News

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## THOUGHTS TO GROW ON

Now that summer is in full swing, many of us are tending to our gardens in anticipation of a bountiful harvest. Some are already enjoying the results of hard work. Beautiful flowers are blossoming, and early crops are thriving.

Summer days are often filled with weeding and watering.

Our backyard summer gardening has several similarities with our “spiritual gardening.” Think about it. A growing plant offers a very clear picture of how Catholic Christians grow in Christ. There are essentially three requirements for our plants to flourish: soil, water and sunlight.

Plants need a good foundation of soil to germinate and begin growing. For Christians, our “soil,” or our foundation, is Christ. Christ nurtures us and supports us. He gives us the nourishment to keep our “soil” rich – love, encouragement and patience.

A growing plant also requires sunlight for warmth and strength. In our spiritual gardens, we should also look to the light – God’s Word – to find strength, wisdom and comfort. The Bible offers the answers we need throughout life.

In addition, plants need water to grow and flourish. The water in our spiritual gardens is our community of believers, and the fellowship we have with one another. God didn’t intend for us to grow alone, but to be there for each other, to encourage and support each other. We are called to bring others to Christ.

Don’t forget about the weeds! Those darn weeds can spoil a garden. They come in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes you don’t even know if it’s a weed or a plant you want to cultivate. Weeds work the same way in our spiritual gardens. They distract us from Christ. Of course, the worst weed in our spiritual garden is Satan.

Strengthen yourself with good soil - Christ, sunlight from above - His Word, and refreshing water - fellowship with fellow believers, so that you may reinforce your Catholic roots that and strengthen your spiritual journey with Christ.



*Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. John 15:4*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



“Summer time and the living is *busy!*” We love the Gershwin tune that helps us enjoy the great summer. At SPB we know that it is no “ordinary time,” for we have so many wonderful events, meeting and activities that help us continue our formation, deepen our faith and experience the joys of the sacramental life of the church. As we begin our 10<sup>th</sup> year together, let’s highlight some of the great things happening at SPB.

First, summer is a major time of renovation and campus improvements. We thank you for your tithing all year round to help us make the improvements to our campus. Our new signs will soon be posted around the campus, but especially on Wilson Mills Road. Our preschool is expanding, adding a classroom by putting up a new wall. Our library and computer lab is being “refreshed” with the addition of the Bourgeois Broadcast Booth in the newly named Jansky Learning Center. We thank Jon, Mario, George, Scott, Vince and Labeeb for their hard work in improving the school and doing the major cleaning.

Secondly, we continue our strong tradition of athletics. We are grateful to Kim and Jason Weybrecht for their leadership of the Athletic Association. They have passed the baton to Joe Carlton to continue the fine work of this ministry. The Jette Gymnasium will also be getting much needed signage to help assist in the finding of the building for our campus visitors.

Thirdly, we will host two very special spiritual events. Not only do we have the usual line up of Eucharist, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary every day, but we have our annual Triduums with Saint Ann and Saint Peter Julian Eymard. These are for your entire family – and invite those who are out of town to join in the special celebrations:

- **Saint Ann Triduum** will be held Tuesday – Thursday, July 24 – 26 at 7:00 p.m. in church, with the first night devoted to children, the second the anointing of the sick, and the third is with a special Eucharistic procession. Each night, we have the veneration of the relic of Saint Ann, the grandmother of Jesus. All celebrations take place within the context of Mass. Fr. Roger Bourgeois, SSS is the homilist each night of the celebration.
- **Saint Peter Julian Eymard Triduum** is scheduled for Tuesday – Thursday, July 31 – August 2 at 7:00 p.m. Bro. Michael Perez, SSS, our novice master from New York City, is the preacher for the three nights, all in church. Each night is a different liturgy: Tuesday is the novena led by our Youth Group. Wednesday night is a Taizé Prayer Service. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday evening.

Lastly, we have our special social events, with our Welcome Committee and Helping Hands ministry at Highland Heights Home Day, Saturday, July 21. Our parish picnic will be held at Highland Heights Park on Sunday, August 19, beginning at Noon with Mass followed by hamburgers (courtesy of the Knights of Columbus Gilmour Council #310) and the Welcome Committee will provide its fantastic Ice Cream Social. (This replaces their usual Sunday night event held each year.) The Youth Group, as usual, will provide games.

Each Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will continue to have our Children’s Liturgy of the Word. We are always looking for new leaders to assist; we will train you! Contact George Peko [psr@saintpaschal.com](mailto:psr@saintpaschal.com) to meet, learn and lead.

Thank you for your weekly support of SPB through your time, talent, treasure and worship. We look forward to seeing one another at Sunday Mass, giving thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives, but also asking God to help us be the Body of Christ in our world today!

In Christ our Eucharist,

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

Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS  
Pastor

## Hello from the <sup>new</sup> Advancement Director!



I am very excited to be the new Advancement Director here at Saint Paschal Baylon. I come to you with many years of experience in marketing and public relations as well as a huge love and passion for all things SPB! I have an MBA from Cleveland State University with a concentration in Marketing. I have worked in for-profit and non-profit organizations, both large and small.

I have been a parishioner for 19 years and my son, Cole, has attended school here since 3-year-old preschool. He will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade this Fall. Time moves so quickly!

Since joining the Parish, I have been involved in many ministries including Lectors, the Athletic Association and helping write and implement the 5-year Pastoral Plan. Most recently, I was a member of School Advisory Council and the Chair of Pastoral Council. I will remain on Pastoral Council as a member ex-officio.

Some of my immediate goals include continuing the Tithing Appeal (please send in your commitment card) and updating the Pastoral Plan (it is Year 4 already). I also love events and am eager to help with Spring Fling (this will be our 10<sup>th</sup> year) and our first annual, A Green Knight to Remember (mark your calendar for November 2).

So much great work has been started and look forward to continuing and growing the mission of St. Paschal Baylon! I hope you will help me by your generous giving of time, talent and treasure. Please feel free to reach out to me at [kelly@saintpaschal.com](mailto:kelly@saintpaschal.com) or 440.442.3410 ext. 112.



## PARISH NEWS



What a fantastic Spring Fling Festival we enjoyed! Plent of faith-filled fun, fellowship and food! Many, many thanks to our Festival Committee members and the hundreds of volunteers who made the event run so smoothly. And, thank you to all who were able to support the festival in any way.

Congratulations to the winners of our weekly raffles leading up to Spring Fling: Larry Mlynek, Eddie Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elber, Richard Roberts, Mary Isabella and Nicole Konyecsni.

And, congratulations to the winners of our main raffle:

Grand Prize: Jackie Coletta

Second Prize: Marybeth Skala

Third Prize: Larry Mihevic

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## Summer Campus Projects

Members of our Maintenance team are always busy, and this summer is no exception. Thanks to your generous tithing, the crew is working on several special summer projects that will help “build God’s Kingdom.”



There is a great deal of excitement surrounding the new Jansky Learning Center. Named for our recently retired school principal, Carol Jansky, the technology lab and school library are being renovated. The Jansky Learning



Center will also include our new Bourgeois Broadcast Booth. This studio is courtesy of a gift from Deacon Joe’s family and the many who donated to #weGive Catholic – the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Many thanks to the SPB PTO for its generous donation toward a new mobile welcome desk and other furniture for the area.

With the expansion of an additional preschool class, it was necessary to create another classroom. A new wall is being constructed to divide the largest preschool space into two areas.



New signage, including a new sign on Wilson Mills Road is also in the works.

## 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](mailto: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. Contact Kelly Ericsson in the Advancement Office at [kelly@saintpaschal.com](mailto:kelly@saintpaschal.com) or phone 440-442-3410 ext. 112.



## Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic School Our Year by the Numbers - 2017-2018

**431** students (Preschool-Grade 8)

**6** consecutive years receiving the Governor's Award for Excellence in STEM Education

**100%** acceptance rate among eighth graders to their first choice of Catholic high schools

**20** merit scholarships offered from Catholic and private high schools

**41** Altar Servers

**6,471** Accelerated Reader books read

**21** students received the Presidential Education Award in Grades 6-8 (4.0 GPA all year)

**3** CYO City Championships (Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Girls Softball, and Varsity Boys Baseball)

**5** winners in the LifeWorks Ohio Respect Life Essay/Art contest

**1** Scholastic Gold Key Writing Award winner

**3** Scholastic Silver Key Writing Award winners

**4** Scholastic Honorable Mention Writing Award winners

**12** Power of the Pen members

**5** Power of the Pen State qualifiers

**8** Ohio Garden Club Poetry Award winners

**1** Cuyahoga County Spelling Bee participant

**42** STEM Club members

**41** SPB Science Fair participants

**3** State Science Day participants

**14** Walsh Jesuit Science Day participants

**10** District V Regional Science Day participants

**10** Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair participants

**43** Science Olympiad participants

**1** runner-up trophy (Grade 8) in the St. Ignatius Brain Brawl

**20** participants in the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics competition

**28** participants in Catholic Math League competition

**4** students received awards at the Lake Catholic Cougar Art Show

**1** Superior rating for the SPB band at the Music in the Parks competition



**Parish School of Religion**

Our Parish School of Religion program provides Catholic education and formation to all of our young people, Kindergarten through Eighth grade. It is the goal of George and Anna Peko, our Catechetical Leaders, to help all grow in their knowledge and love of God.

Classes are held each Monday from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. September through May. Registration is now underway for the 2018-2019 PSR school year. This coming school year we are in need of several catechists and aides. A catechist is entrusted with the important role of formally presenting the story of Faith to our young people in a way that enables them to see and experience faith as a 'living reality'.

“Each Monday and each Lord’s Day (Sunday) it is vital for the life of our families,” stated Fr. J.T. Lane, SSS, pastor. “Worship and education classes form us into being Christ’s disciples, sharing the graces of the sacraments and incorporating them in our world today: A world that needs to know of God’s love.”

If you are interested and available on Monday evenings, please contact George and Anna Peko at the parish office, or email [psr@saintpaschal.com](mailto:psr@saintpaschal.com).

**RCIA**

RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults *as a rite*, marks stages along the path to full commitment in the Roman Catholic Church; the RCIA as a process, describes in broad terms what this gradual commitment means. The RCIA *as formation* gradually looks to the inner transformation of the individual to God's call as given week by week in the lectionary of Scripture readings. It also looks to Sunday Eucharist and to the gradual transformation of the person to become an active member of Saint Paschal Baylon Roman Catholic Church.

Catechumens and Candidates meet every Sunday after celebrating the liturgy with the Saint Paschal Baylon Community to further pray over the Sunday Scriptures. There is also a weekly study session to familiarize everyone with the doctrines and teachings of the Church which currently meets on Thursday evenings. Every person has a sponsor who “walks with” the candidate, prays for him and participates in the various “blessings and rituals” connected with the process of initiation.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact George and Anna Peko at the parish office, or email [psr@saintpaschal.com](mailto:psr@saintpaschal.com). Inquiry sessions will begin in August.



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# UPCOMING SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON EVENTS

Saint Ann Triduum July 24-26

Eymard Triduum July 31-August 2

Feast of the Assumption August 15

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

Pastor: Rev. John Thomas Lane, SSS ext. 111

Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Christman, SSS, ext. 110

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Choy Ramos, SSS, ext. 104

Pastoral Associate: Deacon Joseph Bourgeois, SSS, ext. 108

Pastoral Associate: Deacon Robert Bowers, ext. 100

Advancement: Kelly Ericsson, ext. 112

Business Manager: Michelle Mazza, ext.101

Catechetical Leaders: Anna & George Peko, ext. 107

Communication: Kathy Pohlhammer, ext. 109

Maintenance: Jon Detzel, ext. 100

Music & Liturgy: Tony Ward, ext. 122

Principal: Diane Raguz, 440-442-6766

Assistant Principal: Shelia Klepcyk, 440-442-6766

Youth Minister: Evamarie Mickol, ext. 113

Chief Receptionist: Gigi Peko, ext. 100

Administrative Assistant: Mary Beth Hallal, ext. 103

## 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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