



# Paschal Life

Parish, School and Alumni News

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## CALLED TO BE CHURCH

As Catholic Christians, we were not meant to *just go* to church on Sunday, you were meant to *be* the church - to serve the church and to be involved in the church. Remember that is what Christ asks us to do, He demonstrated that Himself all throughout His public ministry.

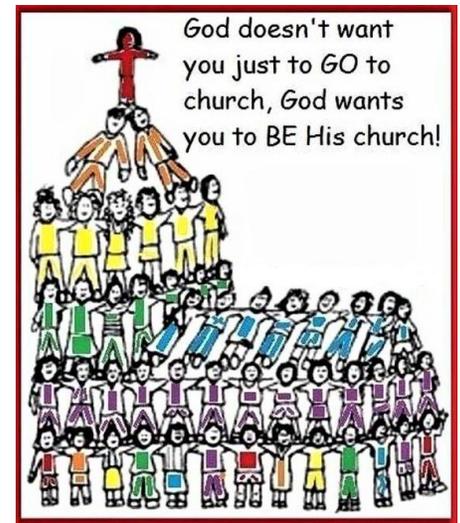
Some of us are like beautifully wrapped presents. You know there is something great inside, but we hesitate to open ourselves up. We need to unwrap that gift and share that gift with others. We need to share those talents God has given us to serve Him.

That is often easier said than done. Schedules are crammed with appointments, errands, and other activities. So, how do we become involved and not just church-goers?

First, consider your talents and what you like to do. At SPB, we have so many ministries and organizations. Whether it is singing in the choir, crocheting a prayer shawl, serving at a funeral, helping the less fortunate, working on the parish festival, or any of the many other opportunities to serve, you are bound to find something that interests you. Serving in any of our parish ministries is vital, no matter what you're doing. And it's not about feeling good or better about yourself; it's just about desiring to serve God and His people.

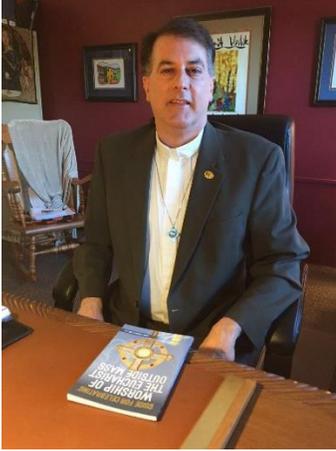
The beauty of becoming involved in our parish life is that you are surrounded by Christ-focused individuals. It is a great way to meet and cultivate friendships in the parish.

Why not take that first step now? Visit our website to find information about our ministries. Talk with others involved in some of the ministries. You'll be glad you did!



***“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”  
1 Peter 4:10***

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



As usual, SPB never stops with spiritual, social and special events (to help us grow in these areas of our lives). We are blessed to have so many organizations that plan events that help us grow in our faith life. I encourage you to place the following special items on your calendar to be part of this family of faith.

First, please pray for the success of our next pastoral planning process – the Pastoral Plan 2020 – 2025. Because of all the hard work that was accomplished in 2013 and 2014, we created a pastoral plan that helped us guide the parish in special directions, with the advancement, communication and full-time catechetical offices for our parish's life. These have helped us in so many opportunities and levels. Pray as we begin the review and implementation process of the next 5 years, we will help our parish continue “forward in faith, hope and love.”

Secondly, be mindful of the following events:

- **Monday, February 11 – World Day of the Sick:** Attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass for a special blessing and anointing of the sick.
- **Wednesday, February 13** – Special night of reflection at 7:00 p.m. with Fr. Jim Cosgrove, the parochial vicar at our cluster parish Saint Clare sponsored by our Ladies Guild. Reception in the Fickel Narthex afterward.
- **Wednesday, February 20 – First Penance:** Pray for our second graders and their parents in the special step in their faith lives.
- **February 23/24 – Prayer Shawl Ministry Weekend:** We will bless the ministry, along with the shawls that are provided for babies that are baptized, the sick, lonely and those needing prayers. Pick one up in the Fickel Narthex.
- **Friday – Sunday, March 1 – 3: Tetelestai: A Contemporary Musical Passion Play:** Now in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year, Tetelestai was performed at our parish eight years ago. Please mark your calendar and invite everyone to fill the church for 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances and a special 2:00 p.m. Sunday Matinee performance. A free-will offering will be taken; the stage will be around the sanctuary in church. We are the premiere performances for this season and a wonderful opportunity for us to get in the Lenten spirit.
- **Ash Wednesday, March 6:** A bit later this year, giving us a breather between Christmas Time, Ordinary Time and Lent, please plan on starting your spiritual journey for this season with us at the 6:30 a.m. Mass, 9:00 a.m. Mass, 12:15 p.m. Mass, 4:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word Service, or 7:00 p.m. Mass. Ashes are distributed after the homily at each liturgy.
- **March 23 – 27: Parish Mission with Father Richard Fragomeni.** Our theme this year is continuing our parish's theme – Forward in Faith, Hope & Love, with special weekend Masses preaching, evening sessions at 7:00 p.m. and a component for our Eymard Spiritual Group, Tuesday, March 26 at 11:30 p.m.
- **May 16 – 19: Spring Fling X:** Yes, we are moving to Roman Numerals now and getting ready for our 10<sup>th</sup> parish festival. We always need extra hands, help, and ideas. Plans are finalizing now, but please, do not hesitate to come aboard this great committee that provides for an incredibly fun event for our entire community.

I am grateful too, for the many who have contributed already to our driveways and parking lot capital campaign. We have a way to go yet to reach our million-dollar goal. We invite our alum, parishioners from afar and anyone who has benefited from the free parking and great ministry at SPB to participate in the campaign by making a commitment to the project. We thank you in advance for helping us achieve our financial goal. More importantly, we are so grateful you are part of our faith community, sharing your gifts of time, talent and treasure to help our parish grow in faith, hope and love! God bless you in our 66<sup>th</sup> year of serving God and one another, at SPB! Let's continue to pray for each other!

In Christ our Eucharist,

Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS, '79

Pastor

(Class of 1979 reunion, Saturday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. – Meet at the Info Booth)



It is a very exciting time at SPB! We are in the middle of a Capital Campaign to resurface our parking lot. Our goal of One Million Dollars will go to improving and updating all parking and driving areas on our campus. Some higher-traffic areas will be concrete while other areas will remain asphalt. It is easy to see that our lot is definitely in need of repair.



Every day, everyone that comes here – whether they are driving on the lot, parking for Mass, dropping students off at school, or using it as a playground during recess – can all agree – our driveways and parking lots need a major overhaul.

Remember that if every family donates \$500, we will reach this goal and construction will be begin on the entire lot. Bishop Perez asked that we do not take out a loan, and to pay off our existing debts on the school roof and Saint Paschal Lane.

There are several ways you can donate. One of these is by simply dropping an envelope marked "Parking Lot" in the collection basket. You can also mail or drop your donation off at the Parish Office. Lastly, you can donate online via MyEoffering at <https://church.saintpaschal.com>. Please choose whatever way is the most convenient for you!

Please also check out our "Lot-o-Meter" to watch the progress and success of our campaign. This is published monthly in the bulletin and updated in the Narthex.

We are so grateful and appreciative of everyone who has already donated and as always thank you for helping St. Paschal Baylon move Forward in Faith, Hope & Love!

Please feel free to reach out to Kelly Ericsson, Advancement Director, at [kelly@saintpaschal.com](mailto:kelly@saintpaschal.com) or 440.442.3410 ext. 112. with questions.



### **How Can You Help?**

If every family donates just \$1.50 each day for a year\*, our goal will be achieved. Together, we can make this request a reality!

#### **\$1.50 buys:**

- **a bottle of water**
- **a cup of coffee**
- **a safer, more welcoming, and more enjoyable campus at SPB**

\* The average per-family contribution to reach our goal would be \$500; however, any amount is appreciated! Donations will also help reduce the roof/driveway loans.

## PARISH NEWS

### Seasonal Activities Focus on the Spirit of Lent

#### *Tetelestai to be Performed at SPB*



Tetelestai , from a Greek word meaning “It is finished”, is a contemporary, musical passion play about the last week in Jesus’ life. Performed by the Cleveland Performing Arts

Ministries, the play vividly portrays His triumphant entry to Jerusalem, His trial, execution and His resurrection. The play will be presented at Saint Paschal Baylon on Friday, March 1 and Saturday March 2 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m.

All performances are free and open to people of all ages. Many small children have seen Tetelestai. However, the show does vividly portray the scourging and death of Jesus. There will be a free-will offering. Funds will help cover expenses including production costs, costumes, props, and insurance. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

#### *Fr. Fragomeni to Lead Lenten Mission*

Back by popular demand, Fr. Richard Fragomeni will present this year’s Lenten mission with the theme “Forward in Faith and Hope and Love - Fantastic Faith, Holy Hope and Loving Love.”

Fr. Fragomeni will preach at all the Masses the weekend of March 23-27. The mission will be held on Monday, March 25 through Wednesday , March 27 at 7:00 pm in the Church. After Mass He will give a Mission talk each day focusing on Joyful, Missionary and Disciple.



Fr. Fragomeni is a presbyter of the Diocese of Albany, New York, and has been a member of the Catholic Theological Union faculty since 1990. His teaching involves him in Roman Catholic theology, interpretation theory, and poetry. His current work is in the field of word and sacrament: the intersection of symbolic activity and language as it creates insights into the Christian proclamation of grace. Central to this work is a fascination with the power of liturgy and preaching in the transformation of the human heart.

## PARISH NEWS

### Spring Fling “X” Promises to be Our Best Ever



Yes, it's only winter, but plans are well underway for our tenth annual Spring Fling Festival set for May 16-19. You can almost taste the festival food favorites and hear those terrific tunes from the bands right now! And don't forget the outdoor Mass, the rides, the games, the casino, the raffles, the FUN!

We are bringing back entertainment favorites The Pop Tarts, Disco Inferno, and the very popular school band concert. This year Ricky and the

Rockets will make their festival debut on Friday night.

Once again, we will publish a Festival Booklet. This booklet will feature business ads, family patron ads and memorial tributes. Ads may be color or black-and-white and are available in several sizes and

prices. Please consider placing an ad in the booklet to help celebrate our Saint Paschal Community. Contact Kelly at the parish office: 440-442-3410, ext. 112 or by email:

[kelly@saintpaschal.com](mailto:kelly@saintpaschal.com) for more information.

**Remember to save the dates: May 16-19!**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Saint Paschal Baylon Bourgeois Broadcast Booth is Officially LIVE and On-the-Air**



After much anticipation, the Saint Paschal Baylon Bourgeois Broadcast Booth is officially live and on-air! Thanks to the generous support from the 2017 We Give Catholic campaign and a fabulous donation from Deacon Joe Bourgeois' family, our SPB students are now able to broadcast morning announcements from our very own Green Knight studio.

The first broadcast was

presented on November 27, 2018 with both Deacon Joe and Father Lane on set as special guests. At this point, the students are creating video announcements every Tuesday and Thursday morning.



Broadcasts are completely student produced and led with junior high students serving as both on-air and behind the scenes talent. Our Green Knight TV crew is supervised by Mrs. Joanne McMurdo and Mrs. Anna Peko. We are so thankful to these teachers for the hard work and dedication they have given to this project.



What can we look forward to on Green Knight TV in the future? Our crew is working to broadcast announcements three mornings a week with a goal of daily broadcasts by the year's end. New junior high crew members are continually being recruited to join our broadcast booth team, and SPB teachers are learning more and more about utilizing the green screen for lessons with their students. Stay tuned!

**Spiritual Formation Committee Offers Opportunities to Help Deepen Our Faith**

In collaboration with our cluster parish, Saint Clare, the Spiritual Formation Committee works to provide adult faith formation opportunities, such as retreats or classes that deepen our knowledge and love of God. For example, the committee is planning this year’s Lenten mission with Fr. Richard Fragomeni (see page 4).

The committee is also working on the Symbolon program. Ever hear of Symbolon? In the early Church, Christians described their Creed, their statement of faith, as the Symbolon, the seal or “symbol of the faith”. In ten video sessions, the Symbolon program walks through the entirety of the Catholic faith - everything you need to know to live as faithful Catholics. You will grow together in their knowledge of the Catholic faith and in relationship with our Lord.



The program is held once a month on Monday evenings at Saint Paschal and on Thursday afternoons at the Church of Saint Clare. Topics this year include: The Sacraments, The Eucharist, Walk Through the Mass, Catholic Moral Vision, A Love that Lasts, and Catholic Social Teaching. There is no registration fee. For more information, please call Rosalie Lewis at 440-227-8718 or Barb Curran at 440-840-5511.

**ALUMNI NEWS**



**SPB Alumni – Keep in Touch!**

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. 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 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion on May 18 at Spring Fling X!*



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# UPCOMING SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON EVENTS

Tetelestai Passion Play March 1-3  
Lenten Mission March 25-27

Spring Craft Show March 16  
Spring Fling Festival May 16-19

**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: Rev. 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 Supervisor: Jon Detzel, ext. 100  
Maintenance Asst. Supervisor: George Glasney, ext. 100  
Music & Liturgy: Tony Ward, ext. 122  
Principal: Diane Raguz, 440-442-6766  
Assistant Principal: Sheila Klepcyk, 440-442-6766  
Youth Minister: Evamarie Mickol, ext. 102  
Receptionist and Assistant: 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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