

Our Family News

ST. WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

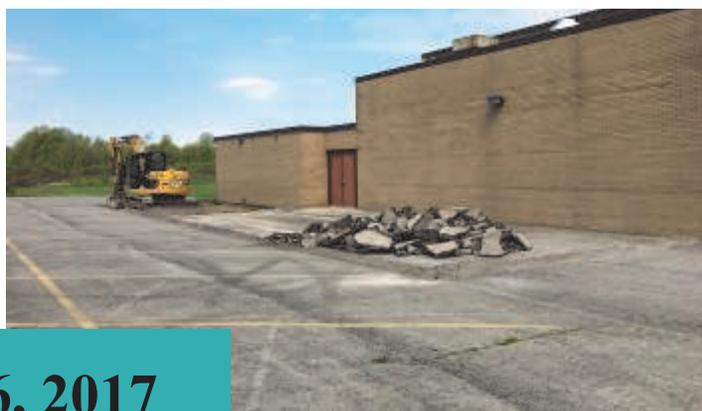
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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!



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EASTER LAMB CAKE

by Cathy Poponak

Family tradition is defined by Wikipedia as “an aggregate of attitudes, ideas, and environment, which a person inherits from his or her parents and ancestors.” Family traditions ensure that the warmth and closeness of family bonds grow. They help children to feel special and secure in their family unit. My family has many traditions, especially those that are connected to the holidays, and one of our favorite holidays is Easter.

Easter traditions at my Grandma Nanny’s house always started in the kitchen. The aroma in her house was delightful as she made homemade Easter bread, poppy seed rolls, and nut horns. All through Lent any eggs



used in baking were blown out and later colored, strung, and hung outside on small flowering trees. Hard boiled eggs were dyed in pastel colors with a name of each family member on an egg. Baskets were filled with chocolates and rabbit shaped popcorn balls with candy eyes. But above all else I remember helping her decorate a lamb shaped cake covered in white frosting and coconut with raisin eyes, a piece of celery leaf in its mouth, and a colorful ribbon around its neck. She would place it in a basket of colored straw with plenty of jelly beans surrounding it. It served as the centerpiece for her Easter dinner table, representing

Jesus, our Paschal lamb.

Paschal Lamb Cake is a traditional Eastern European dessert served at Easter time. In Polish it is referred to as *agnuszek* or *baranek wielkanocny*. These cakes are readily available in bakeries in the United States, especially in places like the western suburbs of Chicago towns with large populations of descendants of Polish, Slovak and Czech immigrants.

Nanny’s Paschal lamb was a homemade pound cake baked in a lamb shaped cast iron mold that belonged to her Czech mother-in-law. Pound cake is the best candidate for the mold because of its close crumb. My great-grandmother had previously used the mold to make Bohemian *Sekanice* (Easter meat loaf) which contained both veal and

Lamb (Continued on page 12)



NEW PARISHIONERS

February 2017

Martha Peters

March 2017

Devanny Family

Justin, Courtney & Grayson

April 2017

Karen Faler

Garito Family

Shawn, Cynthia & Sophia

Cassandra Binion

May 2017

Blazsek Family

Todd & Deborah

Larry Scott

BAPTISM

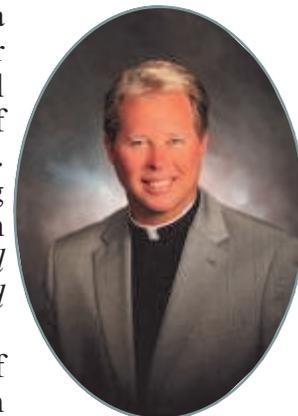
Mason Alexander Mackiewicz,
son of Edward & Amy
February 19, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

Lee Sikes
Mary Jaskowick
Marilyn Marando
Margaret Ratini
Roger Samuelson
Marjorie Kish
Albert Franeck
Virgil Sellers

...FROM THE PASTOR

Since our last newsletter there has been a flourish of activities and events happening at our parish. Our Lenten season, highlighted by our inspiring and encouraging Lenten Mission presented by Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, gave us a wonderful opportunity to once again renew our faith. His message provided a spirit of renewal and challenge as we lived our Lenten theme of “*no greater love*” and prepared for Easter. Spoiler alert! Friar Johnpaul will be returning to our parish next year for another Lenten Mission. His topic will be “*Our Spiritual Journey – Lenten Reflections from the Wizard of Oz!*”



We are currently celebrating the 50 days of Easter! New life abounds all around us with the blossoming of our flowers, trees and grass. The sky is blue, the sun shines brightly, and the days are getting longer as we anticipate the coming summer season. Here at the parish, many groups and organizations are beginning to wind down their activities and meetings for the summer as well as making plans for the upcoming autumn and winter seasons. As always your help, support, and gift of time and talent is sincerely welcomed and appreciated. All of the many good things happening at our parish are a result of the faithful and dedicated commitment of so many of our parishioners. Thank you for another wonderful and exciting year of ministry, outreach, fun, and care that happens in so many ways. A special thanks goes to the many volunteers who worked at our “Fabulous Fish Dinners” this year. It was another successful year of serving the “best fish dinner” in the area. Our patrons are always amazed and grateful for our good food and welcoming workers. Great job once again Saint William Parishioners!

Finally, we are just days away from the start of our exciting and historic construction project of our new office building and bell tower, kitchen expansion, and storage space. Over the past weeks a lot of “behind the scenes” meetings have taken place in order to get the project underway. All of the necessary requirements, paperwork, permits, contracts and agreements have been signed and reviewed. All that’s left is for the actual construction to begin! Once started, the estimated length of construction will be 115 days. A sincere and grateful word of thanks to all who have remained faithful to pledge payments and for supporting this important project for our parish. This exciting accomplishment is possible because of your generosity and spirit. We are still accepting donations and pledges to our Capital Campaign. For more information on this project and all the happenings in the parish be sure to check our website: www.stwilliamchampion.org.

Thank you once again for all that you do for our parish and community. Enjoy the summer season and may God continue to bless you, your family and our wonderful parish of Saint William!

SPOTLIGHT ON...

by Incognito

When we interview a family for this feature article, we usually talk about family and with what Youngstown “group” that family identifies (Italian, Greek, Slovak, etc.) This volume is a special one because our featured family is not from North East Ohio or Western PA. We had the pleasure of meeting with and learning about Ed and Carole Baniak and for Volume #8, they are “In the Spotlight!”

Ed grew up in Fishkill, NY and moved to Connecticut to attend college where he met and eventually married Carole, a lifelong Connecticutian. Five years ago, a career opportunity presented itself to Ed and they both decided to make the move to Ohio. Let me tell you, friends...they like it here! I was momentarily surprised!! Actually, after having the opportunity to speak with them at length, I realized that

Carole and Ed are so friendly and gregarious that they would have fit in and become part of any location that they chose to land. Luckily for us here at St. William, Carole and Ed landed here where, “We were welcomed here from the very first day. People talked to us and treated us like we had always been here.”

Carole, a Special Education Department Head/ Intervention Specialist at Horizon Science Academy in Youngstown, and Ed, a Production Manager at Molded Fiber Glass, Inc. in Ashtabula, have two adult children. Their daughter is a teacher in Connecticut and their son is a graduate student in Kentucky.

Growing up in a diocese far removed from the Youngstown Diocese affords the Baniaks a

different perspective in regards to this diocese but also a chance to take part in traditions and practices that are not their own. While the Roman Catholic Mass is primarily the same everywhere, there are regional differences. The biggest difference was the lack of kneelers. Apparently in Connecticut, the much older and traditionally built churches all had kneelers to keep parishioners off

the cold, hard stone floors. The other big surprise was the graying Catholic population in NE, Ohio. The mass exodus of young people from this area to search for education and jobs was a surprise to the Baniaks. In their home diocese of Hartford, Connecticut, children were numerous and active in the parishes. Both Carole and Ed mentioned that they had not realized how badly the



ED AND CAROLE BANIAK

demise of industry had affected NE, Ohio until they moved here.

Carole and Ed are very happy to be with us here at St. William and have become very active members of our parish community. Carole is easily recognized at Mass as the flutist for several Masses each month and all of our special events. She is a Eucharistic Minister and has begun the process of becoming a PSR teacher. Ed takes an active role in Parish Council and the Building Committee. Both Ed and Carole are active and enthusiastic Fish Dinner workers. And they enjoy it! Next time you see Ed serving fish on the Carry-out line or hear Carole playing flute at a Mass, take a few minutes to say hello to this very friendly family.

“Let all that you do be done in Love.”

~1 Corinthians 16:14



Let's Welcome Our Newest Parishioners!

With great joy, St. William Parish welcomed three new members into our church at Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15, 2017. Cassandra Binion, Jeffrey Small, and Larry Scott prepared for this day for several months by reading, studying, and discussing their faith before becoming full members of the Roman Catholic Church. Our Catechumen this year, Cassandra Binion, was Baptized, Confirmed, and received her First Communion. Jeffrey Small and Larry Scott, our Candidates, were received into the Church, Confirmed, and received their First Communion.

Cassandra Alexis Binion: Cassandra is a 7th grade student at John F. Kennedy Catholic School and has attended Catholic School since Kindergarten. She lives with her grandmother Judie Buschagen and Ann Coursen is her great-grandmother. She loves to read and play volleyball. She has volunteered at the Fish Dinners for the past three years. Her cousin, Michelle Tascione is her sponsor.

Jeffrey Small: Jeffrey is married to Cheryl who will also be his sponsor. He is a LPN and enjoys traveling, gardening and skiing.

Larry Scott: Larry is engaged to Maureen Sexton who will also be his sponsor. He is a battery technician and enjoys flea-marketing, gardening and fishing. He and Maureen will be married later this year.



Women's Guild

by Therese Tuttle

This spring we have had extraordinary weather. The early spring is bringing fields of vibrant colors, nice warm weather, and an abundance of weeds to pull. And with this nice colorful change in the season, the Women's Guild says good-bye and thank you to the officers leaving this year and welcome to the new officers being installed in May. This warm and friendly season will bring many events, both in our personal lives and in the church.

This spring/summer season, the Women's guild will be celebrating, organizing and

hosting several spectacular events. First we will be holding our May meeting – Installing officers for the upcoming year and enjoying a tour of the Sutliff Museum. Next on our itinerary is the annual Mary Devotion and Mother-Child Banquet which we will be celebrating May 7th. In June and July, the Women's Guild will be preparing for our annual Rummage Sale, to be held in August. Remember - your junk is someone else's treasure. Also in August the Women's Guild will be hosting the parish picnic.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work and selfless efforts in making this past year successful and fun. Have a safe and fun summer.

Pardon Our Dust: Update

by Gary Gates

Now that the building construction has begun, I would like to remind everyone that 1) all groups/people that are storing items in the walk in freezer and cooler, as the construction for the office and kitchen addition will soon be taking place, it is important to remove your items out of these locations as the freezer and cooler will be taken apart and moved, and 2) as construction progresses I ask for your patience and understanding that there will be times when we may have to take a detour around construction equipment and building materials. This is for the safety of you and others.

Thank you for your patience as we complete this important project!



Dear A-A-A:

I have always wondered about the large Easter Candle each year. Why is it so big and is it a new one each year? What happens to the old candle?

Signed: "Burning Brightly!"

Dear "Burning Brightly!"

What a wonderful question! The Easter Candle also known as the Paschal Candle is a significant symbol in our faith. Each year at the Easter Vigil the Paschal Candle is lighted from the new fire as a symbol of Christ being the "light of the world" and reminding us of the newness of all life brought about by the Resurrection of Jesus. To help us realized this important aspect of our faith more fully, at the Easter Vigil *everything* is new and blessed for use in the coming year. The Paschal Candle is carried into the Church in darkness. From this new flame, the candles of all

the baptized are lighted as the Easter Exsultet is sung, beginning our vigil. During the singing of the Gloria the flame from the Paschal Candle is taken to all of the candles in the church. The Paschal Candle is also placed into the water of our baptismal font as it is also blessed. Likewise the oils used for baptism, anointing and confirmation are also new and fresh. The Paschal Candle remains in the sanctuary for the entire Easter season (50 days) as a reminder of the new and eternal life we have been given by the sacrifice of Jesus. Throughout the year, the Paschal Candle is also used during various celebrations, most notably at baptism and funerals serving as a reminder of the new birth and new life we have received. The size of the candle needs to be significant because of its meaning. Symbolizing Christ as the light of the world, the light of this candle needs to be bright and brilliant. Finally, each year a new candle is purchased; the old candle is usually returned to be melted down and used in the making of new candles for use in the church.



2017 Easter Candle



Family Faith Celebration

By Carol Timko

The final FFC event for the 2016-2017 school year took place on Sunday, April 30. Four activity stations kept the PSR students and their families on the move as one-by-one they took part in 1) a Jeopardy type computer game, 2) a relay race, 3) a life sized word search and crossword puzzle, and 4) spiritual bouquet activity center. The spiritual bouquet was a group project where students made paper flowers with hand written "Get Well" wishes for a seriously ill student at the JFK Lower Campus. The paper flowers were put into a vase and presented to him at a later date. Students and their families that attended this FFC event had an enjoyable time of fellowship and prayer.



**Summer Mass Schedule ~ June 4th through Labor Day weekend ~
Saturday 5:00 p.m./Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m**



First Holy Communion

by Carol Timko

On Sunday, April 30 four second grade students celebrated their First Communion. Kyle Haynie, Ty Horm, Mario Humenik, and Danilynne Pealer participated in the Lord's Supper after much preparation and practice. As part of their preparation, these young parishioners and their families attended a Jesus Day Retreat on Saturday, April 22.

The retreat began with a prayer service where the four families brought a different type of bread to the prayer table. The bread was used as our snack throughout the day. Students and their families talked about the Last Supper which included a Last Supper skit and feet washing. The communicants and their families then made banners with their names, communion dates, and symbols such as the cup and grapes for First Communion Day and took part in a fun relay-review race. Families and teachers attended the 5:00pm Mass after which they all shared in a delicious dinner together to conclude the fun and informative day.



DAY 1



Lenten Mission 2017

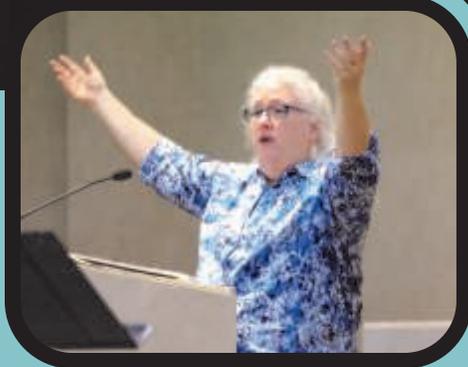
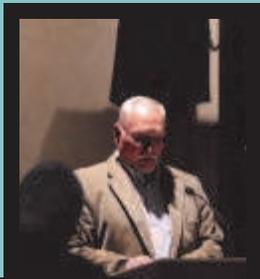
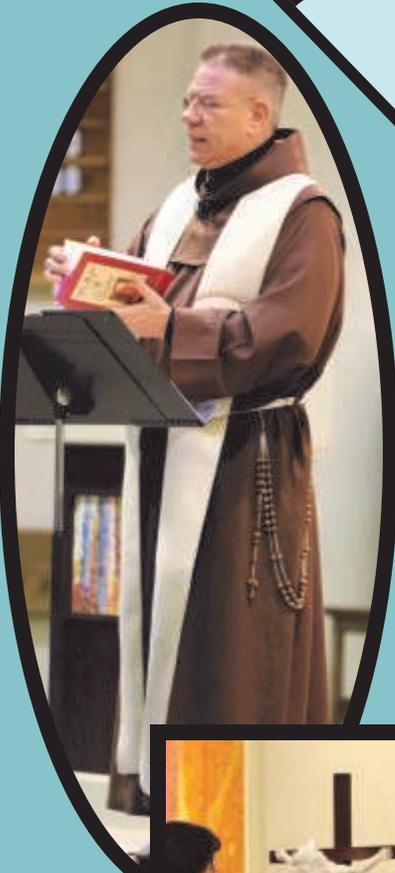
On March 19, 20, & 21, Friar Johnpaul Cafiero presented the Lenten Mission “No Greater Love...Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross.” Friars message was uplifting and timely as we began our Lenten journey together this year. Everyone that attended this informative, lively, and often humorous event left with a renewed sense of joy at the miracle of Easter and a revitalized enthusiasm for walking in the footsteps of Jesus. There truly is *no greater love!*



DAY 3



DAY 2





Our Blocks of Faith

by Fr. Balash

As a way to involve the parish in our Lenten theme and environment of *"No Greater Love,"* this year, a hollow wooden cross was made. It was placed in the center aisle during Lent and remains there throughout our Easter season. On the First Sunday of Lent, all in attendance were given a wooden block as a reminder the Lenten sacrifice we were asked to make. Upon taking the wood block home, they were asked to color or decorate their block as a sign of accomplishing their Lenten task.

Each week, the empty Cross served as a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and the sacrifice we were



making during Lent. During the Lenten Mission the Cross was filled with stones. These were placed in the Cross by those attending the mission as a gesture of *"letting go"* of something that was holding us back from living more completely the Gospel message.

On Palm Sunday, as part of our procession into Church, those attending placed their colored blocks in the Cross as a remembrance of our sharing in the sacrifice of Christ and on Easter Sunday the newly filled Cross of color and life appeared showing the new life we all share as part of Christ's resurrection.

On Pentecost, all will be asked to take a block back home to serve as reminder of the community of faith we all share in.



The Heart, Hands and Feet of Christ

by Tina McCue

For as long as I can remember, I have been empowered by two specific actions of Jesus; the washing of the feet and the taking on of nails to his human flesh. My mom and I would have little conversations that often ended with comments like, “if Jesus could take nails for me, I can certainly withstand this trial”, or “if Jesus could get down on his knees and wash the dirty feet of his disciples, or kiss the leper, then who am I to turn someone away.” Along with these two events, I cannot help but remember how Jesus continually

reached out to the marginalized; to the sinners, to the widowed, the poor, the infirmed, to the women and children who had not voice in their culture. The heart of Jesus, so moved with pity and love showered the Father’s mercy on all those in need. The hands of Jesus, rough and worn from the work of carpentry, touched and healed and finally stretched out to accept the nails which would fasten him to the cross. And oh, the feet of Jesus, carrying him from town to town so that all would be able to hear the good news that the prophecy is fulfilled and too, stretched out to accept the nails.

When I think of the heart and hands and feet of Jesus, I remember the words of St. Teresa of Avila, “Christ has no hands now but

yours, no feet now by yours.” These words inspire me to find ways in which I can take up the basin and towel to serve others. One such opportunity is joining with the Diocese of Youngstown “Friends in Appalachia” mission trip this July 23 through 28 in Harlan County, Kentucky. Together, we will show the face of Christ to the poorest of the poor in Appalachia. I have found that in reaching out to others I end up on the receiving end of a beautiful gift from God, the gift of seeing his face among us. Come; see the face of Christ with us this summer! Contact Tina McCue at tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org for additional information on the “Friends in Appalachia” mission trip.



HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES 2017

We have two families committed already, but we’re still looking for three (3) homes to be used for the *Tour of Homes* in November of 2017 . . . now is the time to think about how wonderful it would be for your home to be featured on our Tour of Homes. If you are interested in opening your home for displaying your home and sharing your family’s own unique style and spirit during the 2017 holiday season, please contact Linda Horm at 330-889-9854 or Therese Tuttle at 330-978-8333.

For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

~1 Corinthians 12:12~

(Continued from page 1) Lamb

pork. Where my great-grandmother obtained the mold has been lost to our family history but similar molds were made by the Griswold MFG Co. of Erie Pennsylvania between the years 1930 to 1960, however other companies were making them as far back as the late 1800s. These molds are considered to be family treasures that are passed back and forth at Easter time and down through the years. Traditionally, some Catholic families also baked these cakes on January 21st on the feast of Saint Agnes who is always pictured holding a lamb.

This year during Lent I baked six of these cakes which I immediately wrapped and froze, delivering them during holy week to my children, relatives, and friends who like to carry on the

tradition of frosting and decorating the lamb for their homes. I love receiving pictures of their decorated lambs, all of them quite unique. My son-in-law Jason sheepishly teases me every year by calling their lamb a poodle, but he can't pull the wool over my eyes, he enjoys the family tradition too!



Erin, Jason & Colin prepare to decorate their Lamb Cake



Audrey helps her Dad, Jon to decorate her very first Easter Lamb Cake

Summer Faith Formation

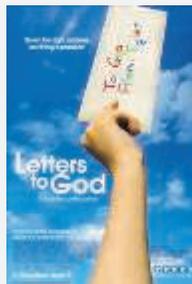
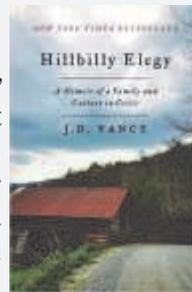
by Tina McCue

It is time for Summer Book Club and Family Movie Night! This summer program is intended to foster casual conversation and community building of our parish family. We are happy to announce the 2017 Summer Faith Formation itinerary.

Inspired by our upcoming mission trip to Harlan County, Kentucky in the Appalachia region, we have chosen *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance as our Summer Book Club read. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* is a personal account of this former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate's life of growing up in a poor Appalachian town. J. D. Vance shares his passionate and personal analysis of what it feels like to grown up in the social, regional and class decline of working-class Americans. Parishioner, Cathy Poponak will be the hostess for our discussion on Monday, June 12. Participants are asked to purchase the book on their own, or borrow it from the local library.

Due to construction, our "outdoor" family movie night will be held indoors this year on Friday, June 30. We will still plan on having a fire pit for roasting hot dogs and of course, S'mores. What summer family night would be complete without S'mores!? We will gather in the social hall to watch Possibility Pictures *Letters to God*. All are welcome for a night of fun and community building.

In order to properly plan for refreshments, please use the sign-up sheets in the parish vestibule, or email Tina at tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org if you are able to attend either of these summer faith sessions.



The First Day of Spring On the Greenway Trail

by Gloria Alden

The first day of spring
On the Greenway Trail,
The people I met
Wore wide happy smiles
And most stopped to pet
My exuberant dog
Before moving on.

The first day of spring
On the Greenway Trail
I watched a hawk
Against the blue sky
Gliding in circles
While watching below,
Enjoying the day.

The first day of spring
On the Greenway Trail
I heard the sounds of
Spring peepers peeping,
Green frogs chortling,
A red-winged blackbird
Announce its return.

The first day of spring
On the Greenway Trail
I saw a garter snake
Sunning itself and I
Coaxed it to move in
S-formation off the trail
To the safety of grass.

The first day of spring
On the Greenway Trail
I saw clumps of snowdrops
And my collie buried
Her long nose in the
White blooms inhaling
The fragrance of spring.

The first day of spring
On the Greenway Trail
I saw a mourning cloak
Fluttering by, chipmunks,
Chickadees and squirrels,
People walking, biking,
And I was euphoric.

Vacation Bible School

by Tina McCue

St. William will once again join with Blessed Sacrament for Vacation Bible School. This year the youngest members of our church will step back in time with the Apostle Paul and experience what

life was like in first-century Rome! Registration is open for children four years old through students who have completed fifth grade. Vacation Bible School is a high energy week of learning about our faith through song, games, skits, crafts and activities. During a Typical Day at Rome VBS, children are transported to ancient Rome where they'll meet Bible-times heroes, visit the Roman marketplace and spend time exploring firsthand the unique culture of Paul's world. Registration information is available at www.stwilliamchampion.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017
Warren Area Catholic Churches
All are Welcome!
Blessed Sacrament Parish
3020 Reeves Rd. NE, Warren, OH 44485
\$5.00 per child, \$10.00 max per family
*Early Bird Discount by June 2nd
After June 2, \$10 per child/ \$20 max/family
Fee is for CD and is a returnable deposit

ROME
Paul and the Underground Church

"ROME, Paul and the Underground Church"

June 12-15; 9:00 am-11:45
Closing program and lunch, Thursday Jun 15, 11:35am -1:00pm

PRAYER THAT NEVER FAILS

O Jesus who has said "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you," through the intercession of Mary, thy most Holy Mother, I knock; I seek.

I ask that my prayer will be granted (make request). O Jesus who said "All you ask of the Father in My name, He will grant you," through the intercession of Mary, Thy most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask thy Father in Thy name that my prayer be granted (make request).

O Jesus, Who has said "Heaven and Earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass," through the intercession of Mary, Thy most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted (make request).

The Power of Prayer

by Linda Ozanich

Recently Tom and I were in a position to ask for spiritual help and guidance with an important issue. I came upon the prayer titled "Prayer That Never Fails" (see above) while looking at an "unfailing prayers" web site. I prayed as described, with conviction and hope, and was rewarded with a positive outcome! Although we don't believe all prayers are answered as WE need, but as HE sees fit, we firmly believe in the power of positive prayer. I wanted to share the prayer that I used now that faith and the power of prayer has helped solve our dilemma. With conviction and hope

of your own, I truly believe that this prayer has the power to soothe or bring about a problems resolution. This prayer may be prayed over nine days, or nine consecutive hours if you cannot wait for nine days.

[Editor's Note: A novena, which is Latin for 'nine,' is an ancient form of Christian prayer. The petition, made to Jesus or a favorite saint, is recited every day for nine days or weeks (or in our much faster modern culture 9 hours.) Typically the prayer is accompanied by a service, lighting of candles, or recitation of a rosary. In the Roman Catholic faith, nine holds special significance and

is often thought to represent the nine months Jesus spent in the womb of Mary, the giving up of His spirit at the ninth hour, or the nine days the Apostles and Mary prayed until the Holy Spirit descended upon them in the upper room. Regardless of the origins, novenas have been used for 2000 years to request special favor by devout Christians.]

FROM NANCY'S KITCHEN:

Happy Easter!

The Easter holiday was lovely this year. Family, friends, and food, or as I like to think of it...a very good reason to make this recipe. I adore deviled eggs and I look for any special occasion to make them throughout the year but at Easter they are a "must have." Whether you like your deviled eggs simple like these, or with a dash of tabasco, they are always a crowd pleasing delight!

Don't forget to try the Crunchy Asian Salad. It's a crowd pleasing summer recipe that you'll love!

Love ~ Nancy Hart

Deviled Eggs

6 hard boiled eggs, cooled and peeled
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
½ tsp dry mustard
3T salad dressing or mayonnaise – enough to moisten



Cut eggs in halves. Slip out yolks into a medium mixing bowl. Add seasonings and salad dressing/mayo, and beat on low until creamy and smooth using a hand mixer.

Put yolk mixture into a cake decorating bag fitted with a medium star tip. Pipe the yolk filling into the eggs. Sprinkle with paprika. Chill.

Crunchy Asian Salad

1 package broccoli coleslaw
1 cup sliced water chestnuts
1 cup mandarin orange segments, drained & chopped
1 cup chopped scallions
⅔ cup Sesame Ginger Dressing
¼ cup slivered almonds



Toss ingredients together. Can be served room temp or chilled!

Associates of Notre Dame

by Barbara Robinson

Have you ever heard someone say "we have an Associate meeting tonight", or missed a large group of parishioners at mass and found that they were at Notre Dame Provincial Center in Chardon for a meeting or retreat? Have you ever asked yourself what is an Associate? This was explained beautifully by Sister Mary Jacquelyn Gusdane SND when she wrote: "An Associate is any person who after a year of formation enters into a special relationship with a religious community to share its charism, spirit, and mission. Associates remain in their vocations. They are not vowed members of the community".

Association is open to men and women, to married and single, and to people of different faith traditions who share the mission of Jesus. Association involves a period of formation during which time an associate candidate learns more about the mission and charism of the Community and discerns if they truly desire to commit to the associate relationship. In August of 2001, 30 women became the first Associates of Notre Dame. Saint William

presently has 18 members. We meet monthly for Faith Sharing from September to May at Saint William. We also have 2 yearly gatherings in Chardon and enjoy a weekend retreat once a year. We are presently looking forward to a National Gathering to be hosted by Chardon the weekend of October 22nd. At this time over 250 Associates from the four USA Provinces will gather for presentations, comradery, and laughter!

Would you like to hear more about the Associate program? Ask any of the Associates and I am sure they will tell you that becoming an Associate was one of the best decisions they ever made. For more information please contact Andrea Kochunas at 330-847-6426 or Barb Robinson at 330-847-8489.



A few of the St. William Associates at their annual Christmas Party

PROFESSOR'S BOOKS

by Gloria Alden

Part 4

Tilly hung back so the others could go in ahead of her. She carefully signed her name in the guest book in the hall and took one of the little religious cards for the mourners. It had a picture of Jesus on the front. Tilly wondered about that. She didn't know the Professor was a Christian. She had never heard him mention anything in the way of religion. She turned the card over and looked at his date of birth and date of death and then worked out his age in her head. He was eighty-nine. In two months he would have been ninety. If he were still alive, maybe she would have made a birthday cake for him. She could have put nine candles on, one for each decade. Of course, that would only have been if someone had called with birthday greetings or sent a card since she had never written his birthday down anywhere, and the Professor had never mentioned it. She couldn't remember any cards or calls for several years now. It must be those who remembered his birthday were dead now, too. She slowly read the prayer on the back of the card putting off the moment when she would have to go in and bid a final good-bye to the Professor.

They were the first people there except for a balding man standing at

the head of the casket. It was the great-nephew. He's lost a lot more hair since the last time I saw him, Tilly thought. She took a deep breath and in her black short-heeled oxfords, walked up to the casket looking straight ahead. The Professor looked so still, his skin so gray. She was glad his eyes were closed. Sometimes he had slept with his eyes slightly open. She turned away.

The Professor's great-nephew took her hand and smiled at her. He thanked her for all the good care she had given his uncle over the years.

Tilly nodded and left him to take a chair near the back where she could observe and yet not be noticed. She looked at the flowers, bright spots of color in a room with gray walls, gray carpeting and soft lighting. There weren't very many flower arrangements. She watched the Professor's great-niece and great-nephew greet the few callers who came. The great-niece's husband had taken up residence in another room with his Blackberry so Tilly sat alone.

Since the Professor was to be cremated, there was to be no procession to the cemetery. The funeral director had brought in a minister to say a few words. Since he had never met the Professor, the eulogy was brief and made little personal references to the Professor, only what his two relatives had supplied. Tilly could have told him more if she'd been asked. She realized as the minister talked, that out of the handful of people in the room, she knew the Professor better

than anyone here. That brought more sadness than anything else had. She thought about her own funeral and what it would be like. Who would come? What would be said about her?

Later, back at the Professor's house, the lawyer met with the few beneficiaries of the Professor's will. Tilly had been relieved that the Professor's death had been declared accidental. The house went to the great-nephew along with a sum of money, and the furniture went to a great-niece with another generous amount of money.

"And to my faithful housekeeper, Tilly Swindler, I leave my collection of first edition and signed rare books that can be found in the locked bookcase. Enclosed is the list. This should allow her to live comfortably for the rest of her life," the lawyer read.

Tilly sat frozen while the lawyer pulled out the list and started reading it. "Here's *A Dissertation Upon a Roast Pig* by Charles Lamb. What a strange title to be worth so much, six hundred seventy-five dollars. Hmmm. Here's another one by him worth even more. *Tales from Shakespeare: Designed for the Use of Young Persons*. It's worth five thousand dollars." His eyes skimmed down the list as he shook his head. "Wow! *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner is worth over thirteen thousand dollars. Professor Higgins must have thought a lot of you."

He looked up in time to see Tilly pass out and hit the floor.

~The End

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