

Our Family News

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ALL MOVED IN!

NEW PARISH OFFICE “UP & RUNNING!”

BY FATHER BALASH

This past December and January the “move” into the new office building was finally completed! In December, furniture and files were moved up to the new office building and in early January phone lines, internet, equipment and new furnishings were added to make the new Parish Office fully operational in the New Year. Many thanks to all, especially the men and young teenagers of the parish, the Knights of Columbus, and JFK students who helped to make the move smooth and painless! The furniture move took only an hour to accomplish thanks to so many who were present to help. The Parish Staff is slowly getting settled into their new offices after years of being cramped and confined to inadequate space, poor ventilation and an overall unattractive environment. Everyone is welcome at any time to tour the new office building. We are happy to show you around.

Some other changes have also happened since the move into the new building. Rene’s Closet and our Food Pantry have moved into their new space located across from the Kitchen in Room 101. The previous Religious Education Office has been turned into a small conference and workroom and will eventually become a Parish Library.

The Kitchen is now fully functional and will be put to good use during our annual Fish Dinners and the expanded space in the kitchen has been a welcomed feature for those involved in catering and parish events. Finally, a new maintenance garage has been constructed behind the Church building to house all of our lawn and maintenance equipment for the parish. This has all been made possible through the generosity and kindness of so many parishioners through our “*Sharing the Light for Tomorrow*” Capital Campaign. Many thanks to those who donated and will continue to donate to this effort!

So you might be asking what is the future of the previous office building and house at the front of the property? This coming spring we will be holding a huge sale of everything and anything currently in the house. This includes furniture, fixtures, desks, chairs, tools, equipment and anything that can be taken from it. This sale will be open to parishioners first and then to the general public. Once all of the items have been removed and all of the utilities turned off, we will turn the house over to the Champion Fire Department. They



will use the building for training exercises and drills and after completing their practices, the house will be burnt down as part of their training. We will be sure to let you know so that you can get your hotdogs and marshmallows ready for roasting!!



NEW PARISHIONERS

Huncherick Family

Delores Huncherick, Michael Huncherick

Margaret McCummins

Laura Cligrow

Carol Barrett

Terry Fritch

Boyle Family

Stephen, Sarah & Henry

Bender Family

Michael Bender & Anna Cook

Makayla, Madison, Miles Bender

Nelson Family

Jeffrey, Rose, & Jacob

Northup Family

Jared & Samantha

IN MEMORIAM

Carmella Powell

1927-2018

Sylvia Razzano

1932-2018

Emidio DiGiacobbe

1926-2018

Lex Prindle

1931-2018

Agnes Ann Kolar

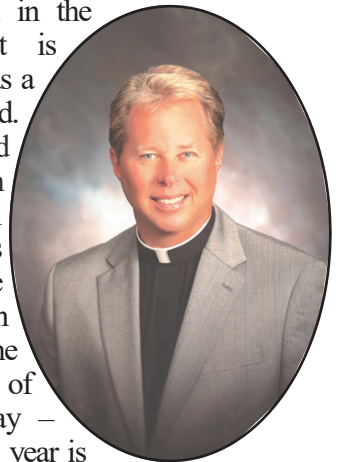
1915-2018

William Newmiller

1932-2017

...FROM THE PASTOR

As I write this two significant events are taking place! It is Candlemas Day – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple – and it's Groundhog Day! It is the 40th day after Christmas, a day in which we celebrate the Lord Jesus being presented in the temple by his parents. This feast is commemorated by the blessing of candles as a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the World. At the same time, Punxsutawney Phil scurried out of his little hole and by the light of the sun saw his shadow indicating that winter still has six more weeks to go. So in both cases the "light" has shone brightly as we move through winter to spring! Another indication that springtime and new life is near is the beginning of Lent. This year our Season of Lent ironically begins on Valentine's Day – February 14. Our Parish Lenten theme this year is "Finding Hope..." The 40 days of Lent affords us the opportunity to do penance, sacrifice and give of ourselves in the effort of "finding hope" on Easter Sunday! In the coming weeks our world will begin to awaken from its winter sleep. The days will get longer, the sun will shine brighter and our trees, grass and flowers will begin to arise from their slumber. Likewise, we too will become more active and involved. We will spend more time outside preparing our gardens and flower beds, making ready our yards and homes. Equally, our scripture readings during Lent are also full of "finding hope," from the first faltering of Adam and Eve departing from paradise, to the determined stride of Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. Nourished during this season by prayer and meditation on God's word, strengthened by the discipline of fasting, and stretched by our generous almsgiving and service to others, we get ourselves ready to blossom into the new life of Easter. May we indeed "find hope" during this time and may our hope turn to joy this coming Easter!



Finally, in addition to the traditional hallmarks of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – another part of our tradition is our annual Fish Dinners. Our Fish Dinners will be held from February 9 through March 23. I hope that you will support this important fundraiser for our parish and even still join in the fun by helping out at the dinners. One of the distinctive characteristics and a frequent comment offered by our guests is the energetic, enthusiastic and friendly workers they encounter. We can always use your help and in the midst of the "work" it is always a lot of fun.

As you can see, many good and exciting things are happening at our parish because of so many enthusiastic and dedicated parishioners. I hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities that make Saint William Parish the friendly and welcoming community that it is. Please know of my sincerest thanks and appreciation for all your support, kindness and dedication shown to our parish and for making Saint William a wonderful parish. May God continue to bless you and your family during this Lenten season and may we all "find hope" in the joy of Easter and spring!!

30 YEARS OF STITCHES

BY DIANE DURNO

It began with a small group of women meeting on the second floor of the rectory and as numbers grew, they moved to room 104 in the church where they currently meet every Tuesday from 9am to 1pm. The St. William Quilters have now been meeting weekly since 1988. In that time, they have donated more than \$100,000 to the building fund for St. William Church.

In the beginning, the ladies would make a handmade quilt every year to raffle at our summer festival in June. The quilt would take most of the year to make and then they would sell the raffle tickets after Sunday Mass, at Sparkle Market, and during the festival. They would raise as much as \$5000 on each quilt. Their main objective has always been to donate money to the building fund.

But it has also been a perfect way for these quilt lovers to get together every week for social time while working on their projects. As a service to the community, the group also complete quilts for a small fee for anyone wanting their project hand quilted. When the yearly festival ended, the craft shows and trunk sales took its place. The quilters started making smaller items such as baby quilts and bibs, place mats, napkins, table runners, wall hangings, Christmas items, and much more. These items are always available for sale every Tuesday between 9am & 1pm.

This year, the quilters have decided to make lap quilts to donate to charity. They have accumulated a great amount of donated fabric and would like to use it to help others. However, this endeavor will take many hands to complete. Your help is greatly needed.

You do not have to be able to hand quilt to be a part of this group. In fact, some of the ladies prefer to sew and there are sewing machines available at the church. Some of the projects do not even require sewing! One of the more popular Christmas ornaments made for the craft show this past year was a



Flo Cyphert, Louise Crump, Kay Sexton, & Janet Ott
work the Quilters Booth at the Annual St. William Festival



Helen Liepold, Mary Lou Poli, Verna McNeill, ?, ?, ?,
Janice Ventling, Kay Sexton, ?

folded fabric star. We needed a sense of humor to figure this one out but once we did it turned out to be our best seller. If you are interested in being part of this group, just stop in any Tuesday morning. Your presence and ideas would be so very welcome.

LENTEN HUMOR

A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, "I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender said, "Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all..." The man replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

RUMMAGE SALE

As you clean your basement, closets and garages, please remember to hold onto items no longer needed to donate to the rummage sale in August. Once again, we cannot accept computer monitors, appliances, or large heavy furniture. Help is always needed to make this event a success. Thank you for all your continued support.

THE WORLD IS OUR NEIGHBOR

BY TINA MCCUE



It is with great joy and gratitude that I write to you this day, my dear fellow parishioners, from within the walls of the new office. The past three years have been quite a journey as we have traveled from the dream of the Capital Campaign to an outstanding new kitchen space and a warm, friendly office space. I am so very proud of the work and sacrifice freely given by the good people of St. William who have made this dream of ours a reality. While we still have work to accomplish to finalize our dream with new chairs for our worship space, a courtyard, the parking lot and lights, I offer you my heartfelt gratitude as a parishioner and as your Pastoral Associate and Youth Minister for your trust and your commitment to St. William Parish.

As the bells toll from the new and glorious bell tower, I am reminded of the words of Paul to the Colossians, *"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."* Col 2:7

I share with you an opportunity for expressing your thankfulness this Lent by joining in the Catholic Relief Services Helping Hands service project which is sponsored by the Trumbull County Deanery. On March 11, we gathered at John F. Kennedy Catholic School, Upper Campus to package 15,120 meals which will be sent to Burkina Faso in Western Africa. According to research provided by CRS, the number one



Janice and Glen Ventling; Ken, Ty, and Linda Horm

risk to health in the world is hunger and malnutrition! *One out of every nine people in the world suffers from food insecurity. One out of every five people is at risk of food insecurity in Burkina Faso.* I find these statistics to be staggering. Throughout the year, we help fight food insecurity in our local communities through our support of organizations like St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries and Second Harvest Food Bank, as well as the Champion Community Food Drive, and our very own food pantry. Acknowledging that the world is our neighbor, we have the wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of families across the globe that live in a climate that is not conducive to

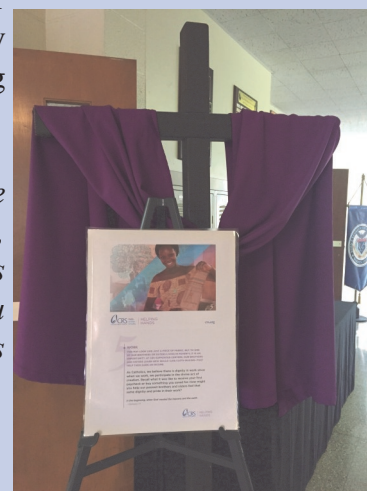
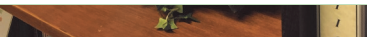
growing their own crops. If you were unable to join us on March 11, your financial support is also very much appreciated. Each meal costs about fifty cents. Please check our parish website for more information concerning financial support. I leave you with the words of Paul...

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:15-17

Know that I continually hold you in prayer.



Beautiful view of the new bell tower from my new office



PARDON MY DUST: PHASE III

BY GARY GATES



Most of you have heard I am retiring, and this is my last article for the newsletter. It has been a wonderful ride. I have gotten to know many more of the St. William faithful than I ever would have if I had not taken this job. I am sure that the person that takes this "office" will do a

fine job. The construction is finally complete. The garage has been constructed and cement floor poured. By the time you receive this, hopefully all of the equipment will be moved in, as well as other items from the old garage. The kitchen and storage areas have been updated. This should make events (such as the fish dinners) a little less hectic. I would like to thank all of you for your patience during this time. It has, for me and

others, been very stressful at times. The chaos of construction made it difficult to get the normal chores for the day and week completed. Except for a few small things, 99% is complete. However, in the words of Lt. Columbo "pardon me sir, just one more thing!!" there will always be something else that needs to be done.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project, and continue to pray for God's guidance and strength.



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

BY PAT MACIEJEWSKI

It is an exciting time at St. William Parish! We are settled into our new offices and are enjoying the space. We are tremendously grateful to Father Balash, the Finance and Building committees, the parishioners of Saint William, and all who made this move possible. It is a joy for the staff to be together in one building!

Musically, we are beginning a busy time of the liturgical year – Lent, Holy Week, Easter and the Easter Season ending May 20 with the celebration of Pentecost. To prepare for all the liturgies, the Music Ministry will be hard at work with rehearsals for Cantors, Adult Choir, Folk Group, and instrumentalists.

Please give a word of encouragement to those in our music ministry. Our daily lives are so hectic, yet those involved in music ministry give so much of their time and talent to make our liturgies so prayerful and vibrant. Thank you!



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

BY CAROL TIMKO

This year, the Confirmation retreat was a joint event with our partner church, Blessed Sacrament. It was held on Sunday, January 21, and included 72 eighth and ninth graders from St. William, Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick in Hubbard, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Niles. This year the leaders of the retreat were Stephen Poat and Eric Nichols from the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, CT. Stephen and Eric kept the students very busy with many spiritual and physical activities that required lots of interaction.

Sponsors arrived around 10am and joined us for activities, Mass, and lunch. Luncheon was pizza from Iannazone's in Champion and hot dogs with sauce and cheese from the Hot Dog Shoppe. Participants also enjoyed chips and cookies/brownies for dessert. Thanks to parishioners from St. William, Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick (Hubbard), and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel who helped with setting up the donuts and fruit for



breakfast and helped with set up and cleanup of the luncheon. Special thanks to Linda Horm for picking up the hot dogs and toppings at Hot Dog Shoppe and Vince and Rita DeSalvo for picking up the pizza at Iannazone's.

The confirmation of our eighth and ninth graders will take place at St. Columba Cathedral on Saturday, March 10. The breakfast in their honor will be held on Sunday, March 18.

A group picture of the confirmation candidates from all four parishes can be found on the top of page 7. Pictures from the confirmation retreat can be found on page 8.



Congratulations to Violet Ziska on making her First Reconciliation

Women's Guild

BY THERESE TUTTLE

December was a very busy month for everyone with shopping for the perfect Christmas present to preparing the perfect meal and spending the holiday season with family and friends. The Women's Guild celebrated the Christmas season by hosting the annual Parish Family Dinner and the Christmas Craft Show. The Christmas meal consisted of pork roast, dressing, potatoes, green beans and a few other delicious foods. Approximately 125 parishioners and family members attended and there was a special visit from Santa to greet the children and hand out small gifts. A heartfelt thank-you goes to the parish teens who helped serve and clean up during and after the dinner.

It was unfortunate that the women's guild had to cancel the Holiday Tour of Homes event that was scheduled for this year. However, a fully decorated 7ft tree and 5 holiday wreaths were raffled off during the Christmas Craft Show. The women's guild also had a table set up at the Craft Show where we sold stocking stuffers that we made during one of our meetings, and some other goodies that we made.

A special program was presented at our January meeting, "Santa's Hide

-a-way Hollow" presented by Bill Dieterle. He shared with us how this non-profit organization founded in 1981 is dedicated to bringing Christmas to sick and dying children and their families 365 days a year. Santa's Hide-a-way Hollow is located on 93 acres in Middlefield, OH. The stories shared with us were sad and heartfelt and the work being done there is everlasting and extraordinary.

The WG February meeting was designed to promote Healthy Eyes for Life. We accepted donations for Someplace Safe. Someplace Safe specializes in helping victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. Suggestions for donations include dish soap, trash bags, hand soap, women deodorant, mops, and various cleaning supplies.

Our March meeting was held March 7. This month's program was a popular program that we have enjoyed for the last couple of years. Our hostesses have done an excellent job to make "A very Merry Un-Birthday Celebration" fun and enjoyable. A Very Merry Un-Birthday Celebration is where

everyone is asked to bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$10. We play a game where we can choose a gift, pass it on, or steal from someone else. There is a lot of laughter to be had.

A donation of small outdoor toys that will fill Easter baskets was accepted for Summer Fun Children Services. Also, the Easter

Kolachi Bake is scheduled for March 14. To make this yummy treat, a lot of help is needed. If you can help for even an hour please join us. We will begin making the Kolachi at 8 am to be sold later that afternoon and after Masses.

There are several activities happening in April and May. The hostesses of the April meeting will provide pizza for our "working meeting" geared to help organize and set up the upcoming Card Party. The Card party is April 8 at 1pm. Information will be in the bulletin soon. The last scheduled meeting is the May 3 Installation of New Officers followed on May 6 by the Marian Devotion and Mother Child Banquet.

Congratulations to our winners:

Christmas Tree: Donna Runtas

Wreath #1 – Sandy Hudak

Wreath #2 – Deb Rollen

Wreath #3 – Janice Kunovich

Wreath #4 – Dorothy Balash

Wreath #5 – Nancy Cimbanin



**Sgt. John Robinson (ret), Barb Robinson,
Kaylynn Abby (Barco), Trooper Matt Abby**

CONGRATULATIONS!

On March 7 the Leadership Awards ceremony for the Warren District Ohio State Highway Patrol honored two of our own St. William parishioners.

Retired Sergeant John Robinson received the Distinguished Retiree Award for his years of dedication to the Boy Scouts of America.

Trooper Matt Abby received the Warren Post Trooper of the Year (2nd year in a row) and the Warren District Trooper of the Year (2nd year in a row) Awards. Trooper Abby also received the Criminal Patrol Misdemeanors Award, the Criminal Patrol Award, the ACE Award, and the 300 Club Award.

Congratulations to both Trooper Abby and Retired Sergeant Robinson on their accomplishments!

2018 Confirmation Retreat Participants



2018 MISSION MASS





Confirmation Retreat



FAMILY FAITH CELEBRATION (FFC)

by Carol Timko

Reconciliation and Forgiveness was the topic of our second FFC session of the 2017-18 school year held on January 28. We started the meeting with the fun activity of making pretzels. What better time to do some baking together than on a cold winter evening in a warm cozy atmosphere! Everyone had a wonderful time twisting the dough and adding either salt or cinnamon and sugar as a topping.

After that activity, arrangements were made for Reconciliation. Violet Ziska was able to receive her first Reconciliation. Congratulations, Violet! After she and her family had received, the other families were given the same opportunity.

Following Reconciliation, we all returned to the social hall to make a Forgiveness Craft. We each fashioned what we christened a "Forgiveness Gem." All family members created and took one home. They will offer them to other family members either as a gesture of asking for or offering forgiveness.

The evening concluded with a pasta dinner and dessert. You guessed it...dessert was cinnamon and sugar covered pretzels and ice cream! All were content to leave for home in possession of their own personal salted pretzels!!



SAYING GOOD-BYE

by Gloria Alden



"*The Red Badge of Courage*," John said. I tried to see if he had the correct answer to the puzzle on Wheel of Fortune, but I couldn't see through my tears. *I can't say good-bye*, I thought.

Saying good-bye has always been hard for me. When my sisters were leaving for college or friends were moving away, I always dreaded it. I wanted to cling and hold on, but I didn't want to embarrass anyone so I either avoided the departing person, or made inane jokes, or superficial comments. How much worse this good-bye was, the final good-bye.

"Would you stay up and watch TV with me, Mom?" John had asked the night before.

"Of course," I replied. Although I was tired because I'd waited up late for him to come home the night before, I would stay up all night, if necessary, if this was the night to say good-bye.

We sat side by side on the hospital bed we'd had delivered. We held hands as we watched "Benny Hill" then "Dave Alan at Large." It seems strange to me now, but we even laughed and enjoyed those two shows.

Sometime after the late show started, he told me he was tired and would like to sleep. "Would you mind sleeping on the couch?" he asked.

"I planned on it," I replied. As I took my pillow from beside my sleeping husband, I wondered if I should wake him. He, too, would want to say good-bye. I decided against it. There would still be time, I hoped.

I didn't think I would sleep as I lay listening to my son's labored breathing. *Oh, my darling*, I thought. *I'm not ready to let you go. It's not fair. You aren't even nineteen yet. God promised if we have enough faith, all things are possible, and I believed, oh, how I believed you would be cured. And what about the hundreds and hundreds of other people praying for you?*

But the doctor had said no more than two weeks at the most, and the two weeks were up. He put up a gallant fight did my long tall son these past seven months, and his poor thin body could fight no more. I was glad we had brought him home from the hospital. I dreaded the pain the doctors said he would suffer when his other lung collapsed, but he hated the hospital so much that this was the last thing we could do for him. I know Dr. Dymant approved. I could tell he loved John. He spent time with him and listened to him,

and he also called almost every evening to check on him.

John made the most of these last days, seeking out his friends, going to movies and out to eat, and even attending a practice session with a rock group. How he loved rock music. His record collection was extensive. He visited as many friends as he could find. A lot of them avoided him because they couldn't bear to say good-bye to this bright laughing friend of theirs, either.

My tired body gave in and I slept.

Six o'clock. The alarm went off. *John!* I thought immediately. But from his bed came the soft sound of his breathing. *Thank you, God*, I thought. *I'll still have time to say good-bye.*

As I packed my husband's lunch and shushed the kids as they got ready for school, I wondered if I should ask Jim and the kids to stay home, but I decided against it. Maybe I was imagining that this was John's day to leave us.

About eight thirty, John became restless. "I feel so strange, Mom," he said. "I'm not taking any more of this medication."

This is it, I thought. I went to the phone to call Jim home. He came quickly and John asked, "Why are you home, Dad?"

"Because I switched oxygen tanks and wanted him to check them," I immediately answered for Jim. I still could not say a straight forward good-bye. I don't know if Jim could have, either.

Father Crumbly called that morning, and Jim told him John was dying. I know they had spent time together over the months John had been fighting his cancer. He came out at once.

"Why are you here, Father?" John asked.

"I told you I'd be out Friday morning to give you Communion," Father Crumbly replied. Again the avoidance of saying good-bye.

After Father Crumbly gave him Communion, he sat with us for an hour or so. I know he must have thought of the magic show John had performed for him only two days before. John was a talented magician. Those long slender hands of his could baffle everyone. They also played the piano with great feeling, and a pencil or pen in those hands produced creative works of art. Too much talent here for us to say good-bye to.

At one point John sat up and looked at Father Crumbly. "Why Father? I have prayed so hard. Why doesn't God hear me?"

"He hears you," Father Crumbly replied.

I stood beside John all that day holding his hand and crying. Jim wept, too. John dozed off and on and restlessly kicked and threw his covers off. "What's in that corner?" he asked once.

"Your white dove," I replied. It was the white dove I'd given him for his magic tricks.

"Oh," he said. But later I was to wonder if it was the dove he saw or the spirits coming for him.

"Would you fix me a cup of coffee, Suzanne?" I asked my sister who had been staying with us these past few weeks. I was reluctant to leave him for even a moment.

John said, "I would like one, too." As John sipped his coffee, he stared at the TV. The TV Jim had been staring at without seeing since he came home. That hypnotic, mind numbing eye that is in every hospital or doctor's office, the opiate meant to ease the fear or pain of those who suffer. Was it working for John? It wasn't for me.

The afternoon wore on with him dozing restlessly. At one time he sat up, looked at Jim and said, "Thank you, Dad, for being here." About two o'clock, he sat up again and stared off into the corner with a puzzled look on his face. Finally, he gave a nod of acknowledgement and said simply, "God." With that he lay back into my arms, and I held this first born child of mine against my breast while he slept. I felt and listened to his soft breathing feeling the nearness of death. I listened for each breath, the silences, and then another breath. Again and again each time slower. We had almost come full cycle from birth to death. Soon he would leave me, and I still hadn't said good-bye.

At five 'til three the door banged open as the kids came home from school; Joey, Susan and Mary with healthy exuberance. They stopped abruptly as they took in the scene in the family room.

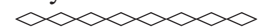
"Is he dying?" Joey asked.

"Yes," I answered. With that all three of them ran from the room sobbing.

In a few minutes, Joey came back. "How soon?" he asked.

I looked down at my child. His chest was still. "He's gone," I replied. My heart cried out. "Good-bye my darling, John. Good-bye." As I held him tightly, surely he finally heard me.

John died at three o'clock on a Friday afternoon. That was God's way of telling me that John was in Heaven with Jesus, and it was not a final good-bye.



After John died, I went to college and became an elementary school teacher. While teaching third grade, I earned a Master's Degree in English. After ten years of teaching, I retired to have time to write. In addition to writing mysteries and a weekly blog, I write poetry. Every year for the anniversary of his death I write a poem for him which is published in the local newspaper.

FROM NANCY'S KITCHEN:

The weather outside is definitely frightful! This year the temperature and the skies seem to be a little bit colder and grayer. Well, now, nothing beats a dreary day like a nice, warm pan of cinnamon rolls. This recipe is one of my grandmother's favorites. These will warm you right up. I guarantee it!

Love ~ Nancy

MORNING CINNAMON ROLLS

2 cans crescent rolls
16 oz cream cheese
1 1/4 cup sugar, divided

1 stick melted margarine
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp vanilla

Directions:

Unroll 1 can of crescent rolls into the bottom of a 9x13 pan. Don't press seams together!

Mix cheese with 1 cup of sugar and vanilla; spread over rolls.

Place second can of rolls over top.

Pour melted margarine on and top with mixture of 1/4 cup sugar and cinnamon. Bake for 30 minutes at 350.

NEW & IMPROVED RENE'S CLOTHES CLOSET

by Debi Hayes

The St. William Clothes Closet, known as Rene's Closet, has been in service to those in need of clothing for over 10 years now. It was originally the idea of Rene' Marrangoni who saw a need in the community to offer clothes to those in need. Sadly, Rene' died unexpectedly and the clothing donation center almost did not happen. Luckily, Rene's good friends Debi Hayes and Mary Saxon stepped in and picked up where she left off. Over time those in need have increased to 25-35 clients each month, as did the donations of clothing. The closet is kept stocked by the generous donations from the community who believe in the mission of Rene's Closet. Word of mouth, signs, and local newspapers help to bring awareness to Rene's Closet.

Rene's Closet officially re-opened in its new location on Saturday, January 27, 2018. The "New & Improved" Rene's Closet is located inside St. William

Church in what was once the south end of Room 101. The new space is also home to the St. William Food Pantry. Although the space is small, it is stocked with a very nice selection of seasonally appropriate clothing for women, men, and children. Rene's Closet takes donations that are "in season" during closet hours on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9am to 1pm. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate gently used, good condition clothing, please call Debi Hayes at 330-885-0885 to schedule a time for dropping off donations.



Lessons & Carols
December 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 20: Lenten Communal Reconciliation 7pm
Blessed Sacrament
Mar. 25: Palm Sunday
Mar. 29-31: Holy Week Triduum
Apr. 1: Easter Sunday
Apr. 8: Women's Guild Annual Card Party 12pm
Apr. 20: Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
Apr. 29: First Communion 11am Mass
May 6: May Crowning/Mother-Child Banquet 12:30pm



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