

# Our Family News

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## EAGLE OF THE CROSS

by Tina McCue

The Eagle of the Cross award was originally created by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), and is the highest honor the Diocese of Youngstown presents to youth who show particular zeal for the improvement of their parish youth ministry

program, high school ministry teams or other ministries within the diocese. The nominees must be practicing Roman Catholics and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayerful/spiritual life, personal outreach to church and community, contribution to parish and/or school programs, and Christian leadership.

The awards are given to three teens from each county and two teens from each of the Diocese of Youngstown Catholic High Schools. We are very proud that Frank DePascale represents Saint William and Trumbull County as one of the 2020 Eagle of the Cross recipients. Congratulations, Frank! Thank you for living your Catholic faith and sharing your gifts with your parish family, your community, and among your peers.



Mary Kane, Joe DePascale, Frank, Bridget DePascale and Christine DePascale

## STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

by Cathy Poponak

Have you ever heard of the prothonotary warbler? If you haven't, you're not alone. Yet, if you spend any time at Mosquito Lake State Park, all you need to do is look up into the treetops for a flutter of bright yellow feathers and listen for the simple "sweet-sweet-sweet-sweet" song to find this appealing little bird. It migrates here in the spring from Columbia's rainforests in South America to mate, nest, hatch eggs, and fly back by early August. Males arrive here first and begin building nests in several

locations, hoping to impress a mate. It's ladies choice when the female arrives, though. She makes the final decision about both the spouse and the house. Sound familiar? Ironically, the prothonotary warbler even has a connection to our Roman Catholic Church. It got its name from the bright yellow robes worn by papal clerks, known as prothonotaries.

Parishioners, Theresa and Steve Craiger, not only admire this diminutive feathered friend, they do all they can to keep the species viable by participating in the "cavity nester" program sponsored by the US Corp. of Engineers. This program supports birds that nest in natural or manmade cavities, including the prothonotary warbler, bluebirds, chimney swifts, purple martins, wood ducks, owls, and the American kestrel.

Being partial to the warbler, Steve devotes much of his free time monitoring their nests, which can be found naturally in small woodpecker holes or in boxes created from empty Metamucil containers. Donning hip boots, wearing a camera around his neck, and a notepad in his pocket, he trudges into the lake to record and



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## ...FROM THE PASTOR



“...with God’s  
grace and  
guidance our  
parish will  
remain strong,  
vibrant, and life  
-giving.”

~Fr. Balash

### *Unusual Times...*

It goes without saying that the past months have been the most unusual and challenging times we have all had to face. Since March life has taken a strange and curious change that has affected all of us in every dimension. From shutdowns, closures, suspensions and stay-at-home directives, daily routines have been disrupted and altered beyond imagination. Face coverings, safe-distancing, and sanitizing have become every day terms and a way of life; however hopefully you and your family have remained safe, encouraged, and well. Certainly these are unusual times!

Our last newsletter was sent in the midst of Fish Dinners, numerous parish activities and events, the season of Lent, and with the anticipation of Easter and the arrival of Spring! Quickly everything was shut down or suspended (even Sunday Mass!) and live-streaming, ZOOM gatherings, take-out, and on-line school, work, and play became our new way of life. All of us had to, quickly and efficiently, learn how to make technology work for us and our families. The parish and especially our worship space went from a daily place of activity and sound to a place of absence and quiet. Easter Sunday, Mother’s Day, graduation and start of summer wasn’t what they normally are, but ingenuity and creativity prevailed to make these moments special in their own way. Certainly these are unusual times!

In late May on the feast of Pentecost, just as the Spirit came upon the Apostles centuries ago, that same Spirit descended upon our parish as we reopened our doors and welcomed you back to Mass after 77 days of suspension. Along with the gradual reopening of our state, we gathered to pray, worship, sing, and acquaint ourselves with each



### **Birthday “Drive-by” for the BIG 6-O!**

other in thanksgiving for God’s continued blessings and goodness. The past weeks have proven equally challenging in the past months as we have hit some bumps in our return to activity causing us to reevaluate how to socialize and be with each other. Some challenges remain, yet we move forward in faith, dedication, and resilience - we remain strong and confident. Certainly these are unusual times!

Through all of this, the vibrancy and strength of our parish has remained ever-present. A constant has been your dedication, commitment,

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## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

**YVONNE VASTAG**

**THE HOLKO FAMILY**

*Joseph & Marea*

**THE MENDIK FAMILY**

*Paul & Paul, Jr.*

**THE YOCUM FAMILY**

*Loretta & Donald*

**THE DEMSKI FAMILY**

*Lisa & Michael*

## **BAPTISM**

**Luna Jayne Hall**

*Daughter of John & Jayne-Anne Hall*

**Princeton Korey Dillon**

*Son of Kelly Dillon*

**Brielle Nancy Joseph**

*Daughter of Anthony & Rachel Joseph*

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**TWILA "DARLENE" MARANDO**

*1940-2020*

**GAIL BYERS**

*1934-2020*

**JOANN GRIFFITH**

*1933-2020*

## **Our Family News**

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## **HOW K OF C GOT ITS NAME**

by Ed Runyan

Recorder, John K. Mahaney Council of the Knights of Columbus

Because this year is the 40th anniversary of the founding of the John K. Mahaney Council of the Knights of Columbus at St. William Church, its leadership began a quest to learn more about him. About all its members knew is that he was a Warren attorney who served as state deputy -- the top position in the state K of C.



Fortunately, Grand Knight Brian McCue made contact with two of Mahaney's children, George Mahaney of Cary, N.C. and Mary Claire Mahaney of McLean, Va. Both shared their memories, copies of newspaper clippings and photographs to provide windows into the life of a man so interested in helping children that he was volunteer coach of youth basketball 24 years and so involved in his community that the father of four once ran for Warren mayor.

He died suddenly of a heart attack Sept. 30, 1975, at 65, while serving as part-time Trumbull County Juvenile Court referee, leading to a plaque being installed in February 1976 in front of the building near the county jail now known as the Trumbull County Law Library. It honored Mahaney as the county's first juvenile court referee, a position similar to a magistrate

Neither George nor Mary Claire knew that the K of C Council at St. William Church had named itself after their father until many years after the council's founding in 1980, but both provided ample evidence of their father's commitment and service to the K of C and the community throughout his life. If Mary Claire were to guess, she said, her father was selected as the council's namesake because "he was personable and they liked him." To George, his father's "most amazing characteristic" was his ability to "relate to everyone with equal ease."

Mahaney had a 32-year career as Warren attorney, having served as juvenile court referee from 1973 until his death and assistant county prosecutor 14 years. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 32 years -- at councils 620 and 4484 in Warren. He was state K of C deputy two years starting in 1969. In that role, he supervised 300 Ohio K of C councils with 63,000 members.

He was only the second Warren K of C member to have held the position as state deputy at the time. He also was active in K of C youth programs, organizing the Boy Scout troop at Warren's Council 620 and was recipient of the St. George

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# WOMEN'S GUILD

by Therese Tuttle

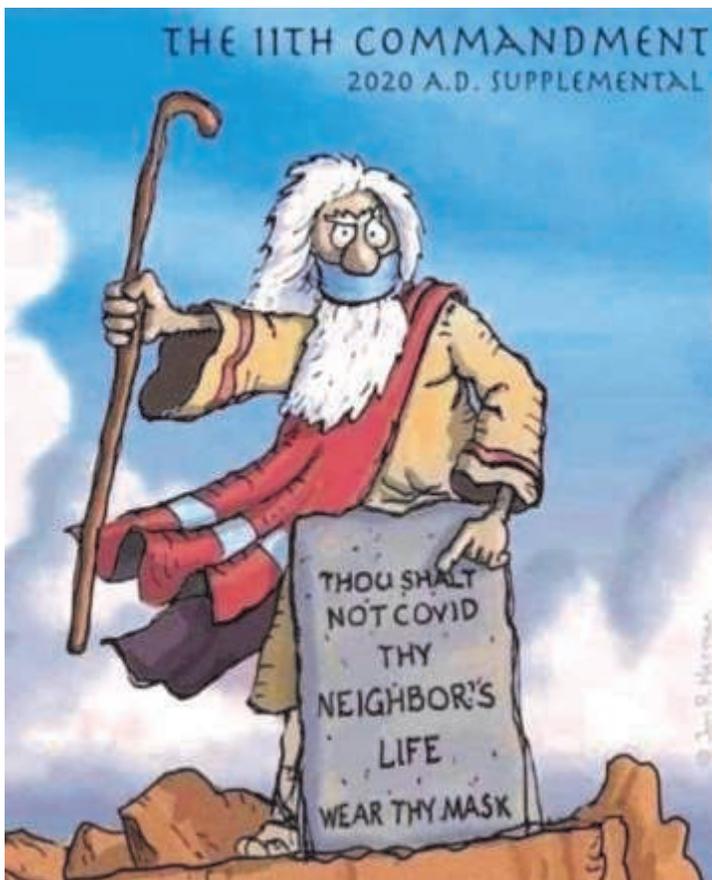
Everyday life has not been the same since March. The Women's Guild, for safety reasons, cancelled the remaining monthly meetings for the 2019-2020 year along with the Marian Devotion, the Card Party, the Annual Rummage Sale, and the Annual Parish Picnic. But, St. William parishioners are strong and inventive, so we were able to honor the Blessed Mary with a virtual celebration. Women were asked to submit pictures of their statues to Theresa Craiger who compiled the photos and designed a beautiful video for everyone to view on the Parish YouTube page. Similarly, the Card Party was celebrated virtually where families gathered to play games and submitted their "at home" pictures to



be displayed on the web site. Thank you to all who participated in these events. On May 1 the WG Officers held an executive meeting with Father Balash to finalize unfinished business. At the March meeting, a slate of Candidates for the 2020-2021 year was announced. By executive decision these candidates were accepted and they began their duties May 31, 2020. We say good-bye and thank you to the outgoing officers for their dedication and hard work and we welcome our new 2020-2021 officers! Congratulations to: Linda Horn, President; Christine DePascale, Vice-President; Marcia Kane, Treasurer; and Margie McCummins, Secretary.

The Women's Guild officers, past and present, and committee chairwomen held the annual planning meeting in July. Discussions and planning proceeded as if times were back to normal with the understanding that they could change or be canceled due to COVID-19 circumstances. The first regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 2 with social time beginning at 6 p.m. and the meeting starting at 6:30 pm. This meeting is designated to review the WG booklet and to make changes or additions for the upcoming year.

All women of the Parish over the age of 18 years are members of the Women's Guild and are invited and encouraged to join the meetings and events. On behalf of the newly elected officers, we welcome all women to be a part of the 2020-2021 Women's Guild.



## WHAT'S NEW!

The past few months have seen many updates and changes to our building! Among them are:

- ◆ The completion of replacing all of the light fixtures with new LED lighting!
- ◆ Installation of a new ceiling in the vestibule!
- ◆ Installation of new drywall in the main hallway!
- ◆ Complete repainting of the short and main hallways!

### Coming Soon!

- ◆ New carpeting throughout the worship space!
- ◆ New flooring in the vestibule and short hallway!
- ◆ New carpeting in the Adult Meeting Room!

*All made possible through Fish Dinner revenues!!!*

## ***IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER***

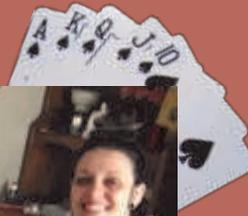
**Summer Mass Schedule Ends**

**~ Sunday September 6 ~**

**11:00 a.m. Mass returns on**

**Sunday, September 13**

# Virtual Card Party 2020



# Virtual Blessed Mary Celebration



# PARISHIONER PANDEMIC PROJECTS



**Penny Hudak**  
New Front Porch



**Eileen Sponaugle**  
French Drainage Ditch

How did we cope with quarantine? Many of us finally took the time to work on projects around the home that we had been putting off for a rainy day. When that rainy day appeared we got to work.! Here are several parishioner pandemic projects that filled our days, kept boredom at bay, and made us happy.



**Claudia Valimont**  
Covid Face Masks



**Lynn Valentino**  
Crochet Blankets



**Joe DePascale**  
Homemade Table Saw/Router Work Center



**Dan Robinson**  
Complete Restoration of  
an 1881 Reed Organ

# MUSIC MINISTRY

by Pat Maciejewski

Planning the music for our liturgical year happens months in advance. I look forward to putting together songs that inspire you or cause you to reflect on important life events. When putting together this year's schedule, never in my dreams could I have imagined what challenges we'd face in the simple act of praising our God in song.

In March, when Covid 19 seemed unlikely to reach us here in Champion, my daughter and her family in New Jersey were witnessing exactly how fast and dangerous the disease can be. Almost immediately, they began to have problems finding cleaning products and groceries. Rationing milk among three growing children was a new and daunting experience for them. I agonized over the fact that I couldn't help, and I was terrified that one of them might develop the disease. Perhaps the height of my anxiety came when Rose shared that one of her neighbors, a doctor working on the front lines at Mt. Sinai Hospital, the NYC epicenter of Covid-19, said it was "much worse" than everything they were reporting on the news.



All I could think was to pray...and sing. But how to do this safely? As church musicians we ache to console, encourage and offer hope through our ministry. We set out to find some way to do just that – thankfully, we had the wonders of technology to help! It may have been different, but it was also a relief to help celebrate Easter Sunday Mass, and then to begin celebrating weekly Mass via Livestream. Now that we have begun to welcome you all back to in-person services, I know not everyone may feel comfortable attending each week; so I am thankful we are also

continuing the Livestream. I hope you are able to sing and pray with us, whether you are in-person or online. Know you are in our prayers even if you are still unable to gather at church.

The trials of 2020 have been many, but as a longtime vegetable gardener, I feel like I can apply the lessons I've learned over years of gardening to help calm my fears and worries. Every March I plant my seeds and nurture them until they are ready for transplanting. This year, unpredictable spring weather (two inches of snow in May???) caused much uncertainty for the tiny plants, mirroring the state of our worship. Inevitably, most years, I lose some seedlings. In 2020, a curious thing happened – all of my plants survived and eventually made it to our family garden in Pennsylvania. Not only did they survive, they thrived. The picture below was taken July first, and we are now experiencing a bountiful harvest.

The seedlings are like all of us in these uncertain times. There are many stops and starts on our journey through life – right now, we are experiencing our own “snowstorm in May” via this terrible disease, Covid-19. We in Music Ministry will continue to try our best to rehearse and provide music for our liturgies and sacraments as we make our way through the fall. We will, of course, observe social distancing, wear our masks, and sanitize our music area, which is arranged a bit differently from before. Guitars are situated in the raised choir area, and we hope to have singers spaced in the end chairs of the enlarged section of seats. The cantor stand is to the left of the organ, and the piano is moved towards the organ to provide even more distancing.

I know so many of us have “pandemic” stories, and I hope you have stayed sane, safe and smart. We pray especially for those who have lost family and friends to Covid-19. Let us in Christian love continue to respect, encourage and help each other as we face the unknown. One thing we do know for sure is that our God is our help and our salvation. He made us and we belong to him. We trust in his Word and the gift of Jesus we receive through the Eucharist. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will continue to be with us, guide us and give us comfort. *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* –Matthew 11:28



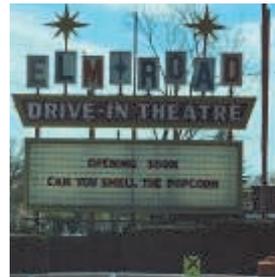
# Scavenger Hunt by Car 2020



Champion Middle School



Hot Dog Shoppe



Elm Rd. Drive-In



Bazetta Fire Station



Sunrise Pizza



Sparkle Market



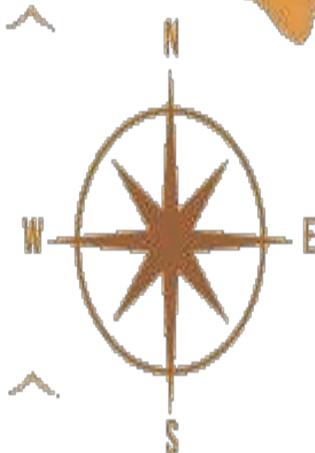
Warren Public Library



JFK High School



Mocha House



## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

by Carol Timko

We had a very unusual ending to last year's PSR classes. Never in all my years of being involved with the PSR have we ever had such a bizarre ending as with this pandemic. Our second graders were unable to receive their First Holy Communion which was scheduled for the end of April. Our Confirmation class was unable to be confirmed by Bishop Murry at St. Columba Cathedral; and, we were unable to finish our classes in the classroom. Luckily, the students were able to finish out their religion classes at home with the help of their parents and technology. I was able to send them their lessons every week, and Pflaum Publishing, where we get our books, put the lessons and the teacher manuals online for all the families to use. The teachers kept in touch with the families by phone to make sure they were keeping up and were healthy and safe. I also called the families and emailed them every week with new lessons and offer words of encouragement.

Since our PSR year ended so abruptly, we wanted to plan a fun activity for the families to do while still



practicing social distancing and staying safe. The idea of hosting a scavenger hunt in cars was suggested and overwhelmingly agreed upon (See page 8 for the Scavenger Hunt Map!) After a zoom meeting with the teachers, we picked a date, time, places, and clues for families to "find the X's." On Sunday, May 3, over 40 cars filled with "hunters and searchers" participated in our "Scavenger Hunt by Car" event! It was a great day to solve clues...find the "X" and take some pictures!

Congratulations to all who participated and to our three winners: ~Joseph, Kimberly & Milania Shaker, ~Eric, Christine & Faith Brugler, ~Wanda Robinson & Bob Jennings. Thanks to all who enjoyed this fun activity and to our PSR catechists for their creativity and effort in putting this event together!

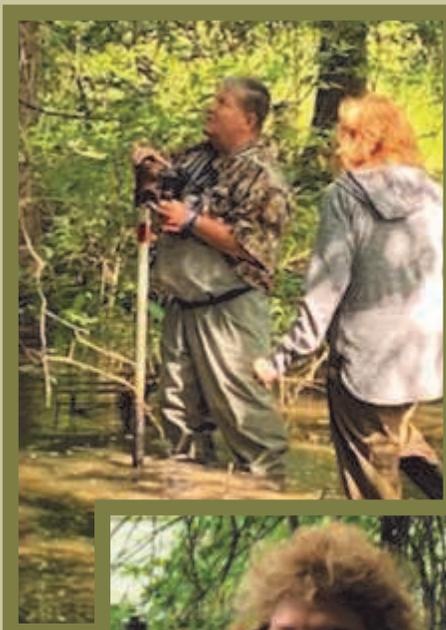
We are unsure how this next PSR year will be handled. I am hoping that we will be able to get back into the classrooms, but still do not have a plan yet. Please check the bulletin, the parish app, and email for updates about our PSR year.

I am looking for a helper/teacher for the upcoming school year. If you are interested, please contact me and I will give you more details.

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hatchling numbers. If a warbler is in trouble, he can help. He once freed one that had been wrapped up in fishing line. He also watches out for nests that might need relocated because raccoons have discovered a way to get to them.

Although Theresa and Steve have been involved in the program for several years, this year in particular has been a great time to get out and enjoy nature while spending time together. They are a wealth of knowledge and encourage anyone interested to start by joining in one of the organized bird walks at the park. They even persuaded me to get into hip boots and wade through the muck. It was great fun!



# VivaVideo, YouTube, and Zoom. Oh My!

by Tina McCue

Never in my wildest dreams did I ever envision that I would be called upon to be a YouTube influencer. Seriously, I did not know what the term meant until my young adult children started to comment on the videos that I created for our parish family during this time of quarantine. My lovely daughter-in-law Ashley gave me a quick tutorial on VivaVideo so that I could piece together video clips to make the finished product. If I had a dollar for every time I said “Ummm” or had to restart because I lost my train of thought, goodness I could go on vacation (if we were, in fact, brave enough to go on vacation.) Dan Robinson gave me a quick tutorial on how to post to YouTube and Cindee Case from the Diocese gave me a quick tutorial on creating Zoom meetings. The rest, as the saying goes, was learning by fire.

This time of quarantine has made me reflect on the refiner’s fire and what it means to be purified. Sitting in an empty church and proclaiming the Word of God so that others far and wide could stay connected to our sacred space



was a very humbling experience. It was such a joy to witness how so many shared their own sacred spaces created in their domestic church so that they could worship prayerfully from home. I will forever feel a kindred bond with Theresa Craiger as she learned to use these same tools to create the Marian Devotion video and with Andrea Kochunas and Pat Maciejewski as we taped the Easter Sunday Mass. It was such an emotional experience, for while the church was empty, we knew that on the other side of that camera was our parish family. I could picture you and hold you in my heart while proclaiming the psalm, especially while singing “Alleluia, Love is Alive” and picturing my friend Tom Chidboy in the first row!

Yes, indeed, love is alive and that love is strong enough to reach us from heaven, right through the internet and onto any device that we carry. I pray that the love of our parish family continues to be felt through the Live Stream Sunday celebration of the Holy Mass. Until the vulnerable and at risk can come back to the table, be safe, be well, and be assured of my prayers for you!



# Welcome

*New Member Welcome Luncheon*

Sunday, September 20, 2020

*Following the 11:00am Mass*

*Room 103*

# FALL FAITH FORMATION

by Tina McCue

Little Rock Scripture Study – *Panorama of the New Testament* – Take Two! We are planning to meet in person to study the Panorama of the New Testament that we dropped like a hot potato when we went into quarantine back in March. We are resilient and ready to adjust plans as necessary according to directives by Governor DeWine and the CDC. I have to say that those early days of quarantine made me reflect quite a bit on what it must have been like as a follower of Christ in the early days of Christianity. They, too, had to stay hidden for the safety of others. Like the early Christians, we huddled close to our family unit and shared the word of God in our homes.

I have always been intrigued by the early domestic church and those weeks that we were unable to gather for public worship made me appreciate them even more for doing what Jesus asked of them, “Do this in memory of me.” The New Testament is rich with the early

history of the Church and we look forward to revisiting the *Panorama of the New Testament* beginning on Monday, September 21.

In other news for faith formation, we are planning to welcome New Members on Sunday, September 20. We look forward to sharing a meal and getting to know the newest members of our parish family.

Bereavement Ministry will be hosting gatherings throughout the year to support one another in times of loss. We are grieving many things right now, aren't we?

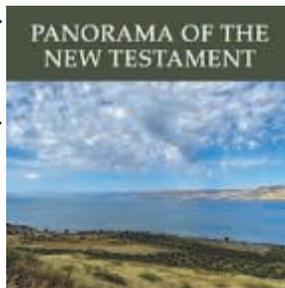
Loss of loved ones, loss of jobs, loss of feeling safe enough to travel outside of our own home, etc. Now, more than ever, we need the support of our parish family.

We have planned a Bereavement Support Night for Tuesday, September 22.

Be assured that we will follow all guidelines set forth by Governor DeWine and the CDC concerning safe distance and face coverings. In the event that we cannot meet in person, virtual accommodations will be made.



**BEREAVEMENT  
SUPPORT**



## CATHERINE OF SIENA

St. Catherine of Siena  
March 25, 1347 – April 29, 1380  
Italy  
Feast day April 29



Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. The twenty-fifth child born to Giacomo di Benincase and Lapa Piagenti, half of her siblings did not survive childhood. As a child, Catherine devoted herself to God; however, upon her sister Bonaventura's death, Catherine's parents proposed that she marry her sister's husband. Completely opposed to this idea, Catherine began to fast and make herself less attractive, eventually becoming an object of persecution in her own house.

She gave herself entirely to God and eventually her parents relented. She was allowed to follow her pious inclinations. Despite Catherine's religious nature, she chose not to enter a convent. She instead, at eighteen years of age, joined the Third Order of St. Dominic so she could continue to live at home. Catherine was known to give her family's food and clothing to people in need without their permission, subjecting herself to their criticisms. She often visited hospitals and homes of the poor and sick. These actions led others to follow and help in her mission to serve others.

In 1374, during the great pestilence, she heroically devoted herself to caring for those infected. Two years later she went to Avignon to intercede with the Pope on behalf of the Florentines, who had been banned from the Vatican for joining in a conspiracy against the temporal possessions of the Holy See in Rome. Pope Gregory XI sent Catherine to negotiate peace with Florence. Catherine then began to travel,

spreading the message for reform of the Church, for people to confess, and to love God totally. Eventually she became involved in politics and was instrumental in keeping city states loyal to the Pope. She was credited with helping to start a crusade to the Holy Land.

In 1377, Catherine established a monastery for women outside of Siena. She composed over 400 letters – her Dialogues. These works are so influential that later Catherine would be declared a Doctor of the Church. Catherine of Siena died April 29, 1380 at 33 years of age after a short illness and stroke.

St. Catherine was canonized in 1461 by Pope Pius II. She is one of the most influential and popular saints in the Church. She quickly made herself known by allegedly being marked by mystical phenomena such as stigmata and mystical marriage (seen only by her). The patroness against fire, illness, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

# SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – COVID STYLE

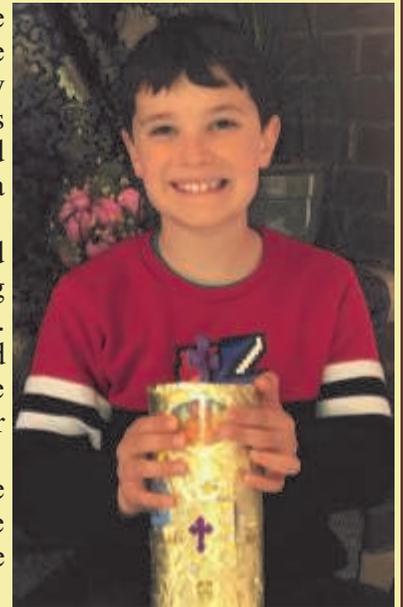
by Tina McCue

*Dedication: the quality of being dedicated or committed to a task or purpose.* This quality can certainly be found in the 2020 First Communion class and parents. They did not allow the disruption of a quarantine to interfere with preparing to receive the Bread of Life. As we all became accustomed to the Zoom format, we simply held virtual Zoom class sessions. I remember our first Zoom session being very emotional as we virtually saw each other for the first time during the quarantine.

One thing that I annually look forward to as the culmination of First Communion preparation is the Jesus Day Retreat. It took a little thinking outside of the box to prepare and deliver Jesus Day activity bags. This year, I have to say I kind of felt like Saint Nicholas or the door dash delivery person when I rang the doorbell, placed the bags on the porch, and quickly backed away to wave from a safe distance during the early days of the pandemic! I have learned to appreciate air hugs from screen doors and windows! Those moments truly lifted my spirits and each family shared how much they also appreciated sharing time together, even if it was in a virtual setting.

We missed doing some crafts together, like making their banners and tabernacles, but we played virtual bingo and trivia games. We missed sharing a meal together but families baked and broke bread together in their homes. One thing Covid has taught me is to be resilient – to think outside the box and make things new. Things will return to normal and I have every confidence that we will be able to share a meal together even if we have to wait until their one-year anniversary of their First Communion Day.

I look forward to that day and I look forward to watching them receive living bread when we come to the Table! For it is in the celebration of the Holy Mass that we are nourished by the Word of the Lord and nourished by the Bread of Life and find strength to become what we eat – the Body of Christ.



## Extra Long Journey...



### Patience, Endurance, & Faith

Our RCIA candidates endured extraordinary conditions on their journey to becoming full members of our Catholic community this year. Bill McCready and Nicole Ullinsky were presented to Bishop Murry in March just before the Covid19 Pandemic began. They were received into the church on July 11, three months later than everyone expected! Welcome, Bill and Nicole!



*l to r: Deanna Barco, Nicole Ullinsky, Father Balash, William McCready, Sandy McCready*

## COVID 19 BROUGHT US CLOSER

by Therese Tuttle

I used to tease my husband with – “I can’t miss you if you don’t go away.” It was all in good fun. My husband’s job involves traveling frequently. I took advantage of those days when he was gone to shop, to read my books undisturbed, eat Chinese Food, and enjoy “my time.” Since the middle of March, my husband has been working at home with a work ban on travel until it is safe to do so again. During the first few months, most of my job duties were accomplished at home; however, I was able to go in to the office for a few hours a week to do what I could not do at home.

The Covid19 virus social distancing or as I like to refer to it, “social spacing,” has been an adjustment for both of us. We set up an office upstairs in one of the spare bedrooms for him and converted my hobby room downstairs in the basement for me. Going to work didn’t change much except we walked to our offices instead of driving. Coffee was always fresh, and breakfast could be eaten at our desk. We would

meet in the kitchen around noon for lunch, then back to our offices until 5:30ish. What has changed is that we are eating more of our meals together than before and we both have a hand in preparing them. Our weekends changed, for we were spending more quality time together. Before Covid19, we would spend our time catching up on chores, family obligations and personal hobbies. We may or may not see each other until dinner time.

At the beginning of social spacing, we came up with a way of being out doing something together. We would choose a direction – north, south, east, or west – whatever came to mind first, and head in that direction. We would pack a picnic lunch, the dog, and, of course, a roll of toilet paper and head out early on Saturday or Sunday morning with nothing in mind other than to drive. If we saw something of interest such as a park or a lake, we would stop and check it out. We did this for several months even during bad weather. We bundled up and hiked some trails around Lake Erie, sat on

benches just to reflect on the beauty of nature, and talked to each other. I mean, we really talked and listened to each other. It felt good and new.

I often say that life has gotten in the way of living and I believe it did. You see, before Covid19 my husband had his life, I had mine, and we had ours together.

Instinctively we were living 3 lives. These months observing social spacing forced us to spend a



LOT of time together. We started teasing each other as to whom would dispose of whom before this was all over. Instead of doing our own things, we now work to accomplish tasks whether is it cooking,

cleaning, or yard work - we share the task together. This became our new normal. Mind you we still have our disagreements, but we had been given a second chance to discover why we fell in love with each other over 25 years ago. Some view Covid19 pandemic as a curse; I see it as a message from Heaven - *Remember what is important and take nothing for granted.* My new saying to hubby is “I’ll miss you too much when you go away.”



## HAVE YOU...

- ...been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?*
- ...been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?*
- ...joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?*
- ...felt God leading you and want to find out where that might be?*

If any of these apply to you, your spouse, a family member, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions, we would love to help you on your journey! The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (RCIA) is an informative and comfortable way to seek answers and discover more about the Catholic Church and our faith. It provides a spiritual opportunity to learn and discuss various aspects of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you or someone you know has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith we would love to help you on your journey. Call the Parish Office for more information.



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Medal in 1974, the highest Catholic award in Scouting.

He was a member of the executive committee of the Lake To River Girl Scout Council, Western Reserve Council of Boy Scouts of America and Diocesan chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

He sought the Democratic Party nomination for Warren mayor in May 1971 and completed an unexpired term on Warren City Council in 1965. At the time of his death, he had begun plans to run for the county juvenile court judgeship that was created the following year.

Msgr. James R. Kolp, who served as pastor at St. James Church in Warren for six years, served as state K of C chaplain during Mahaney's two years as state deputy, was a close friend and gave the homily at Mahaney's funeral. "He was a very strong voice. He was not afraid to stand up and speak his piece," Kolp, 95, said by telephone from his residence in the Diocesan Priests Retirement Home in Louisville, Ohio. "He was just great. We had a wonderful time together. He was just a very, very interesting person," Kolp said.

Remarkably, Kolp still had a copy of the homily he gave for his friend's funeral in October 1975. "It has been said that to lead a successful life, a person needs three bones -- a backbone, a wishbone and a funny bone. I am firmly convinced that John Mahaney had these bones," Father Kolp said that day. "He had a backbone. When he felt that something was right and should be done, he pursued it with real determination. He also had a wishbone. He dreamed dreams of things that he felt should be. He was always planning for some worthwhile project for the future. He also had a funny bone. John Mahaney

loved to make people laugh. Whatever the undertaking, he could interject humor into the situation and relax the tension and secure real interest." Kolp said he was aware that a K of C council was named for his friend, but he never heard how that came about.

"He deserved to have (a council) named after him because he was so active," Kolp said. Anthony Rossi Sr., a partner in the local law firm Guarnieri & Secrest, said he knew Mahaney as a lawyer and because of Mahaney's coaching at St. Mary's school. Rossi said he doesn't know the reason the K of C council named the council after Mahaney, but said, "At the time that it was started, he would have been by far the only individual in this area you would think of naming it after because he was so active in the organization for years, and he was so active in the Catholic community." He added, he was "a very, very fine man."

*[Editor's Note: This article is abbreviated from its original version published in the Tribune Chronicle on July 26, 2020. You can read the article in its entirety at <https://www.tribtoday.com/news/local-news/2020/07/how-k-of-c-got-its-name/>]*

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and spirit to our parish. Your support in so many ways has been remarkable and appreciated. Because of your generosity and dedication, we were able to operate our parish throughout the suspension in a positive and helpful way. Financially, our employees received their paychecks, bills were paid on time, and we were also able to make some improvements to our building. Spiritually, we were able to continue to offer prayers and support to those in need online through our website, Facebook page, and parish app. Personally, we were able to stay in touch through our "Shepherding One Another" phone call efforts and an occasional conversation when you came to the parish office. Equally gratifying was the many gestures of care and concern for me and others of our parish family. This continues even now as we have resumed our activities tempered with precaution and safety. Certainly these are unusual times!

As we move towards Fall, our hope is to restart many of our events and activities. We remain committed to providing a safe environment using all of the necessary protocols and procedures. Adaptation and flexibility will be our hallmarks as we continue to cope with the presence of the virus and attempt to return to our active lifestyles. We ask for your patience, cooperation and understanding as parish activities and events return with the hope that you will feel comfortable and secure to participate. Indeed, these are certainly unusual times but with God's grace and guidance our parish will remain strong, vibrant, and life-giving. Thank you for all that you do for our parish and may God's blessings be with you and your family.



**First Communion 2020**  
Emma McCluskey and Nathan Swiger

## FROM NANCY'S KITCHEN:

I don't know about anyone else, but I think that the "19" in Covid-19 stands for 19 pounds! As my baking skills have flourished during the last few months on "house arrest," I have had to increase social distancing from my bathroom scale. If you are tired of all the weirdness going on in the world today, try these cinnamon rolls. It may not solve your problems but they certainly will help you forget them for awhile. *Note:* do not make these incredibly easy to make rolls every day or you will end up with a whole new set of problems! Be safe!

*Love ~ Nancy*



## FROSTED CINNAMON ROLLS

### Rolls:

6 ½ to 7 cups All Purpose Flour  
⅔ cup sugar  
2 tsp salt  
2 (4 ½ tsp) envelopes  
rapid rise yeast  
1 ½ cups milk  
½ cup water  
¾ cup butter  
2 eggs

### Filling:

½ cup sugar  
1 ½ Tbsp ground cinnamon  
¼ cup butter, softened

### Frosting:

4 cups powdered sugar  
¼ cup butter, softened  
4 to 6 Tbsp milk  
1 tsp vanilla extract

### Directions:

1. Combine 3 cups flour, sugar, salt, and undissolved yeast in large bowl. Heat milk, water, and butter until very warm (120° to 130° F)
2. Add to flour mixture with eggs. Beat for 2 minutes. Gradually add remaining flour until a soft dough forms.
3. Knead dough on lightly floured surface until dough is smooth and elastic (6-8 minutes). Cover and let dough rest 10 minutes.
4. Filling: mix sugar and cinnamon in a bowl. Set aside.
5. Grease two 13x9" pans.
6. Divide dough in half. Roll each half into 15"x10" rectangle on lightly floured surface. Spread with half the butter and top with half the cinnamon-sugar filling, pressing gently into dough. Roll up tightly, sealing edges. Cut into 12 equal slices and place cut side down in prepared pan. Repeat with remaining dough. Cover rolls and let rise until nearly doubled (about 1 hour.)
7. Bake in a 350° oven for 25-30 minutes or until rolls are golden brown. Cool completely on wire rack.
8. Combine frosting ingredients in a large bowl and beat until creamy. Spread over rolls.

## MOTHER-DAUGHTER PESTO DELIZIOSA

by Erin Lee (Poponak)

For a fresh summertime dish to savor during the bleak mid-winter, my mother and I have come up with a great pesto that freezes well and makes a quick meal. In the spring we plant basil, parsley, and mint to harvest specifically for this recipe.

8 cups of basil leaves moderately packed  
2 cups of parsley leaves lightly packed  
1 cup of mint leaves lightly packed  
4 large cloves of garlic  
1 cup of roasted walnuts  
1 tsp salt  
½ tsp pepper

Grind all in the food processor till it makes a paste. Scrape into a large bowl then add 3 cups of good quality extra virgin olive oil. Mix well, then ladle into ½ pint canning jars, allowing enough room to top off with a tablespoon of extra virgin olive oil and expansion during freezing. Cover with canning lid and ring, then freeze.

To use: Thaw and pour over 1 pound of warm cooked pasta. Add roasted chicken, shrimp, or veggies for a complete meal. Sprinkle with freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano. *Deliziosa!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

We are currently working on Parish Events and Activities including Religious Education, RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, Music Ministry Rehearsals, Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus and more! As soon as our plans are finalized, details will be made known on the parish website and through the parish APP.



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