

Our Family News

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Fairs and Festivals

by Sarah Boyle

In Northeast Ohio, it is not difficult to find a festival that celebrates an ethnic group, culture, or historical time. Attending both fairs and festivals are great past times for people in our community. From the county fairs and seeing the biggest pumpkin to the ethnic festivals and taste testing the delicious food, it is a great time for family and friends to get together. One local festival that many people may not be aware of is the Madonna di Loreto festival in Youngstown, Ohio. It was started by the Pacentrano Club to celebrate their heritage and reenact a yearly festival from the small town of Pacentro in Italy.

Pacentro is a medieval village located in central Italy made up of only 1300 people. I was fortunate enough to visit this quaint town with my husband and family in 2014. This picturesque village is narrow streets made of stone, has a castle that dates to the 8th century and a Catholic church beautifully located in the public square. After immigrants from this region moved to Youngstown, they began a social club, keeping the traditions of their

hometown. My grandmother, Elvira Marsolo-Mangiarelli, immigrated from Pacentro and so every year we would attend this festival. It takes place the first Sunday in



Sarah & Steven Boyle



September, just as in Italy. The festival begins with Mass, celebrated in Italian and then a procession carrying a statue of Our Lady of Loreto. The statue is adorned with cascading silk ribbons which people attach money to ask our Lady to intercede for some special request. It is an honor to be one of the men picked to carry this statue during the procession.

Following the statue is a group of musicians playing familiar sacred music honoring our Lord and the

Virgin Mary. Behind the musicians everyone attending this celebration follows, singing in Italian. Once the Mass and procession are completed, the activities of the festival commence. There is delicious Italian

food to eat and a series of races for the children starting with the youngest age group and progressing up to the most prestigious event, the La Corsa deli Zingari (The race of the gypsies.) In Pacentro, young adult men compete in the race up the mountain to the church of the Madonna di Loreto, running barefoot over rocks and bristle. The winner receives fine cloth for a suit. They are carried on the shoulders of the other runners and paraded around the village square.

In Youngstown at the Pacentrano Club, they carry out this tradition as well, however, the men no longer run barefoot but they do have to run a route that has challenging hills, twists, and turns. The winner does not get the cloth for a man's suit which in Pacentro was made by a fine tailor, instead they are awarded a monetary prize. The winner still receives the fanfare for his accomplishments and is paraded

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...FROM THE PASTOR



“Saint William Parish continues to be a remarkable and special place filled with the spirit and life of Gospel!”

~Fr. Balash

I am not sure about you but for me this was probably the fastest moving summer in quite some time. It is hard to believe that school has started, football games are being played, and the days of bright sunshine and warm temperatures are dwindling. It seems like just yesterday that I was putting out the patio furniture and firing up the grill for the first time! I hope this has been a good and restful summer for you and your family. In many respects with all that has been happening over the past few years, perhaps this summer, was needed more than most. It has been a slow time here at the parish although that will be changing in the coming days much like most everything else! Many of our parish groups and organizations and our parish religious education and formation programs will be starting soon after the summer hiatus. We are planning another exciting and event-full year of activities and opportunities to pray, socialize, learn, and grow. In the midst of all your family activities and Friday night football games, I hope you will be part of the many good and energizing opportunities happening at our parish.

The most exciting event in the coming weeks will be the start of our new Parking Lot Project that we have been anticipating and planning for over the past year. The final plans are being completed along with all the many details. We are looking at the week of September 11, 2022, as the start date for our project that will include a new entranceway boulevard, new lighting, new paving and landscaping, along with drainage and water control. When finished it will be a welcomed improvement and addition to the overall beauty and spirit of our parish community and property. I would like to thank all those who have supported this project through their financial gifts to our Power Up Parking Lot Campaign over the past year. A total of \$130,000.00 was collected through the campaign and added to \$100,000.00 of Fish Dinner proceeds. We have also secured an additional loan for the balance of the project. September will be an exciting time as the last piece of our parish improvement plan is completed.

With the parking lot project and the new office building our parish loan and indebtedness will be about \$350,000.00. To reduce this amount in the most efficient and resourceful way we are planning to hold a special “*St. William Super Cash Bonanza Raffle*” in the coming months. A potential grand prize of \$25,000.00 and other cash prizes could be yours!! All proceeds of the raffle will go directly to a loan payment and could be as much as half the loan in one payment! More details will be coming soon!

In the meantime, great things continue to happen at our parish! I remain ever grateful and thankful for your continued support, spirit, encouragement, and kindness shown to our parish. As I begin my fourteenth year as pastor, I continue to be amazed and inspired by the commitment and dedication of so many of you. There are great things happening at our parish due to your generous spirit and dedication. As I have said many times before... “*Saint William Parish continues to be a remarkable and special place filled with the spirit and life of Gospel!*” May God continue to bless us, our parish, and families and in these last days of summer may we all warmed with goodness and joy!

Fr. Balash



BAPTISM

Jaymes Daniel Dillon

Son of Kelly Dillon
Brother of Princeton
May 22, 2022

Charlotte Marie Boyle

Daughter of Stephen & Sarah Boyle
Sister of Henry and Thomas
June 12, 2022

NEW PARISHIONERS

DEANNE STEINBECK

THE FALKMAN FAMILY

Frank and Dorothy

JEAN SEBEN

THE JOHNSON FAMILY

Sophia, Ethan, Gabriel, and Lily

DECEASED

Eugene Petrosky

Avis Amoline

Philip DeCapito

Donna Senkowitz

Timothy Park

Janet Ott

Carol Drabek

Jeanne Wisniewski

Buddy Thomas

Robert Rogel



THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

by Tina McCue

“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.” St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



I have spent many weekends away from St. William this summer but my travels always include celebrating Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist. I feel especially blessed to live within the borders of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown where I have the privilege to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. After celebrating in the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minnesota and the Diocese of Toledo, I could not wait to get to my home parish on June 19 to receive from the cup, it moved me to tears. My sister had this same experience when she visited in July and was able to receive from the cup as the Archdiocese of New York has yet to reinstitute receiving from the cup. As Catholics, we believe that every morsel of the consecrated bread and every drop of consecrated wine becomes the Body and Blood of our Lord. Once consumed we become what we eat. As the body of Christ, we have the incredible responsibility of sharing Christ with the world.

You may have heard that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have dedicated the next four years to The Eucharistic Revival. In a broken world, we can find hope and strength that Jesus lives among us – as long as we become what we eat. It is hoped that The Eucharistic Revival will help to remind us that Jesus did not leave us abandoned. He is here if we come to the table and receive him and allow him to transform our lives. A snapshot of The Eucharistic Revival as found at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL

June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord’s personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through eucharistic congresses and events.

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

July 17 – 21, 2024

Indianapolis, Indiana

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith.

YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION

July 21, 2024 – Pentecost 2025

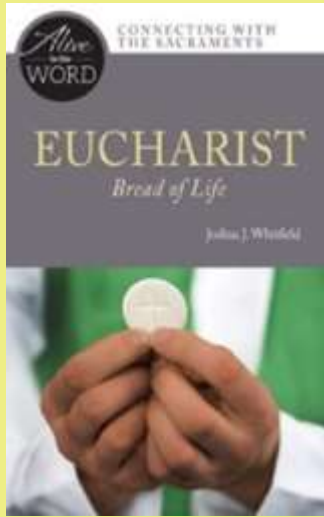
Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord as we enter the universal Church’s jubilee year in 2025.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

by Faith Formation Ministry

We are excited to announce the parish retreats planned for this year. We started planning last winter, before hearing any word about The Eucharistic Revival or that the theme for catechesis this year would be *“This is my body given for you.”* Luke 22:19. Wow! What a God moment...for He pointed us toward Eucharist: Bread of Life from Little Rock Scripture Study as a resource for our retreat!

In the words of Little Rock Scripture Study, *“God feeds his people. In the desert, God’s covenant with Israel was sealed through sacrifice and a meal. On the altars of our churches, God continues to feed us with the bread and wine of the new covenant—the food and drink that is Christ himself.”* In Eucharist, Bread of Life, Fr. Joshua J. Whitfield, priest and preacher, explores three



Scripture passages and helps us rediscover this enduring mystery, from the heights of Sinai to the depths of our own hearts and lives.

Come to the Table Spiritual Retreat

The Desert: Covenant and Sacrifice

Saturday, September 17, 2022

11:30am – 6:00pm

The Synagogue: Food and Drink

Saturday, November 12, 2022

11:30am – 6:00pm

The City: Discerning the Body

Saturday, February 11, 2023

11:30am – 6:00pm

You are invited to set time apart – retreat, so to speak - from the busyness of life and spend time with God. Each retreat will include prayer, group sharing and quiet personal time. Since we are a Eucharistic people, we will also break bread together for lunch and conclude each retreat with Holy Mass. Registration will take place after Mass in the weeks leading up to each retreat. We pray that you *Come to the Table!*

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

Summer Mass Schedule Ends ~ Sunday, September 4

11:00 a.m. Mass returns on Sunday, September 11th

ST. WILLIAM MUSIC MINISTRY

by Patricia Maciejewski

The summer of 2022 is going so quickly! Those of you who garden know it has been a tough growing season with not enough rain! “Thank you, dear God, for all you have already provided.” Joseph and I have made a few trips to Michigan to visit our daughter Rose, son-in-law Greg, and grandchildren Magnolia, Westley and Eowyn...and to attend a few swim meets! Rose and family are members of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI.

Saint William Music Ministry welcomes 2 cantors this fall! Christine DePascale, a current member of our Adult Choir has completed 3 cantor classes and will join list of cantors leading us in praise. Maureen Scott will be returning to the ministry of cantor. Maureen has also been a member of our Folk Group. Thank you to all our cantors.

As fall approaches, we will once again begin rehearsals for Adult Choir, Folk Group, and Cantors. Let us together praise God joyfully and lead our liturgies in sung prayer. Adult Choir rehearsal is Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Folk group rehearsal is Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Both

groups sing at Mass twice a month. Cantor rehearsal is held on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. as needed. Youth Choir, Grades 2 and up will once again focus on Christmas and Easter celebrations with 2 rehearsals held from 10 – 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 3 and 17, 2022 and, April 1 and 8, 2023.

St. William Music Ministry invites you to share your musical talents and join one of our groups. Please see me after any weekend mass or call STW office 330-847-8677.



Beautiful Champion Sunset!

ADVENTURES WITH PARSLEY CATERPILLARS

by Tina McCue

Over the past few years Brian has been cultivating his green thumb. This spring he planted Italian Parsley which grew profusely. We know we aren't supposed to allow the herbs to flower, but we just loved the way it looked among our cosmos and daisies. Brian liked it so much that he cut the parsley and brought it in the house for decoration. When we got back from vacation, I decided it had seen better days and took it outside. Then my eyes caught a slight movement, then another, and yet another. We noticed black swallowtail butterflies hanging out in our front yard but what we didn't know is that it had laid eggs on the parsley. Well, back into the house I marched with the parsley and we have been feeding and watching these seven caterpillars grow. We now await the day they will shed their chrysalis and spread their wings.

When our children were little, I must have read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle hundreds of times. My goodness, this book has come to life over the past few weeks. Caterpillars are indeed VERY hungry and, like all living things, create their share of waste. Who would have thought that as our youngest child moves out of the house I would be cleaning up the poo of seven caterpillars, and let me tell you, it is A LOT of poo! As I write this article, the seventh caterpillar has yet to form its chrysalis but it has finally settled

into its resting spot. I am not gonna lie, I think I might get a little emotional when I release what we hope will be seven black swallowtails. The fact that this event is happening at the same time that our youngest is spreading his wings does not go unnoticed by this mother of five.



(Continued from page 1) Fairs around with the band playing. Other traditions at the festival include spaghetti and pie eating contests, bocce tournament, and the rooster game. I can still remember being about 12 years old and playing the "Rooster game." I bought three stones for a dollar. The game entails throwing each rock at a wooden rooster perched up on a pedestal. If you knock it over, you win a live rooster. And that's exactly what I did. When I presented the rooster to my dad a look of shock covered his face. Though I had plans to keep it as a pet, my dad found a nice Italian man who said he would gladly take it. I later learned that they make a wonderful dinner and not a pet. I've always embraced and cherished our many Italian traditions however this one stands out as one of my favorites. Although I have not been to the festival in many years, this year I hope to attend it with my children for their first time.

Saint William

Over \$45,000.00 in prizes!!!

\$25,000.00 Grand Prize!!!

Only 500 tickets sold!

Drawing in February 2023!

Special Seller's Prize!

Tickets on Sale NOW!

CATHY'S ZUCCHINI CHOWDER

by Cathy Poponak

1 large chopped onion sautéed in 1/3 cup butter with 1 teaspoon of salt and 1 teaspoon of pepper. Add 2-3 chopped medium sized zucchini with a handful of fresh basil and parsley chopped. When just slightly softened add 1/3 cup flour, cook until flour is incorporated and blond color stirring gently so as not to break up zucchini. Add 2 cups of water, 1 (48oz) can of chicken broth, and 1 tablespoon of fresh lemon juice. Bring to a boil and boil for 2 minutes. Then add 2 (14.5 oz.) cans of diced Italian style tomatoes, 1 (12 oz.) can of low-fat evaporated milk, 1 can of corn, drained. Bring to boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Turn off heat. Add 1/4 cup parmesan cheese and 2 cups of sharp shredded cheddar. Taste for additional salt and pepper to your liking. Can sprinkle with more fresh herbs.



WHAT IS A CHANCE AUCTION?

A Chance Auction is part raffle, part auction, part fundraiser, and part vendor sales. It works a bit like bingo. Admission is \$8 and includes one numbered paddle. A



second paddle may be purchased for an additional \$2. You must purchase a bag of 40 chips for \$10 (each chip is worth one quarter) to use to bid on items. The items for auction will be on display for an hour before the auction begins. Each item has a retail value that determines the number of chips required to bid. Once the auction begins, the announcer will hold up the item that is up for bid and will announce how many chips are needed for that item. If interested, you will put the required number of chips in a basket on your table and hold up your paddle. The announcer will then draw a number to find a winner. If you bid and won the item, hooray! If you did not bid and your number is drawn, then call out "no bid" and the announcer will draw another number.

STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE (ANN)

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

by Therese Tuttle

- ◆ 1st Century BCE, Palestine
- ◆ St. Anne is the patron saint of Brittany, Canada and women in labor
- ◆ Sts. Joachim and Anne are the patron saints of Grandparents

Feast Day: July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, both of the tribe of Judah of the royal house of David, are venerated by the Catholic church as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is believed from ancient testimonies, that Sts. Joachim and Anne in their later years came from Galilee to settle in Jerusalem, and there the Blessed Mother of God, who was likely their only child, was born and reared. There is little mention of Sts. Joachim and Anne in the Bible or Gospels. What we do know comes from Catholic legend that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel and that the expected child was blessed by God. We acknowledge that the Blessed Mary had good and faithful parents who raised her with love and a profound devotion to God. The other Mary mentioned in the Gospels as the sister of the Mother of God is believed to be her cousin.



St. Anne has been honored from early Christian times; churches were dedicated in her name as early as the 4th century and holy men and women spoke of her sanctity and love. St. Anne is often symbolized as teaching her little daughter to read the Holy Scriptures. St. Joachim is also honored in the Churches of the East; however, the Gospel tells us nothing about his life. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that The Blessed Virgin Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that Sts. Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Blessed Mary, the Mother of God.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

by Ronald Schwarz, K of C Supreme Treasurer

“The end of Roe is a crucial milestone. But we cannot mistake it for the end of abortion. We can hope it’s the beginning of the end. As Knights of Columbus, the best thing we can do is redouble our support for pregnancy resource centers.”



Knights of Columbus Charities has a distinguished legacy of defending life. We have played a leading role in national and state marches for life since they began and have helped place over 1,500 ultrasound machines in local pregnancy centers. The **ASAP** program provides support to local pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes allowing them to directly meet the needs of mothers and children in their community. Pregnancy resource centers provide assistance to nearly 2 million clients each year.

This fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus pledge \$5M in support of local pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and other organizations that give direct assistance to new mothers and their babies. **Our first step in reaching this goal is to**

raise \$1M by August 31. To date we are nearly 20% of the way there.

People often say that pro-lifers only care about babies, but as this initiative demonstrates, we are there for mother *and* child. The need is great. Want to learn more how your gift impacts mothers and babies? Watch this short clip (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcjQLxrFeOE>) of how local pregnancy resource centers aid moms and children in need.

The Champion Knights council 7491 will be organizing a fundraiser to support this initiative. Watch the bulletin for details.

DAZZLING DAYLILLIES

by Cathy Poponak

Daylilies may be the most carefree of all flowering perennials. That’s why I love them. Daylilies are known for their toughness, but their colorful and abundant flowers can be breathtaking. Blooming starts in midsummer and continues into early fall, with new blossoms opening each day. I have about 25 varieties, in assorted colors. Many have come from friends and family who shared a piece of the root from their daylily for me to plant in my own garden. I’m reminded of that person every year when they start to bloom.

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 **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- Sept 11 ~ PSR and Youth Ministry Begins
 - ~ Women's Guild TNT Night
 - ~ PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION!
- Sept 17 ~ *Come to the Table* – Parish Retreat
- Sept 18 ~ Catechetical Sunday
- Oct 1 ~ Blessing of Pets
- Oct 11 ~ Woman's Guild Chance Auction
- Oct 22 ~ Make A Difference Day
- Oct 29-30 ~ All Souls Remembrance



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