

## From Our Pastor's Desk:

During this past Lenten season and especially during Holy Week and this Easter season there has been a tremendous amount of effort put forth by a great number of people to create a very inviting and beautiful environment for our liturgical celebrations. **Paula Hackthorn and her crew have done a fantastic job for us.** It's not only the church, but it's the Gathering Space and the entrance to our Parish Offices as well. Over and over again I hear people comment **how lovely our church looks and how inviting our entrance way to the Parish Offices and Gathering Space are.**

Think back to **Palm Sunday** and remember how unique and beautiful the church decorations were, the red colors and palm branches etc.. On **Holy Thursday** there was a completely new look. The next day on **Good Friday** it was totally different and then on **Easter Sunday** the church and environment was as beautiful as it is today. Last Saturday we had **Confirmation** and that called for a different look and color scheme. This weekend we have **First Communion** and there are still different decorations in our sanctuary and throughout the church. **Somebody has to do this.** In fact a great number of people have to do this and oftentimes at the most inappropriate and difficult times when life is so busy, like during Holy Week and the day before Easter.

**At times there are as many as fifteen to twenty people working to beautify our church and Parish Center.** And with all the flowers that are in church today (I didn't count them but there must be over 100 or so pots) **someone has to water** them several times during the week to keep them alive and looking beautiful. All our banners, artificial flowers, rocks and decorations of all sorts are stored in the basement of the church when they are not being used. It's a long way from our basement, through the parish offices, up the stairs and through the Gathering Space to the church itself. **I guess the point I am trying to make is the fact that I think Paula and all her many helpers have done a superb job for us and we appreciate all their time and efforts to make things so beautiful around our church and parish center.** So when you see any of these volunteers let them know that you appreciate it too! A job well done throughout the year.

Another ministry in our parish that oftentimes goes unnoticed and underappreciated is our **Mass coordinators.** They come twenty minutes or so before Mass and prepare things for Mass and then they stay after Mass about that long to purify sacred vessels, put things away and back in order. They make sure we have our needed liturgical ministers. Four mornings a week after Norb Barman opens the church at 5:30 a.m. **Jerry Hettel** comes to prepare for the 6:15 Mass. He turns on the lights of the church, puts out the water and wine and the sacred vessels and linens, marks the Lectionary and Roman Missal, lights the candles and does all the things necessary to prepare for Mass. Sometimes he is lector or communion distributor for the Mass. Fr. Eric and I know that things are ready and we can walk in the sacristy at the last minute and know that all is ready. After Mass he puts things back in order for the next liturgy. The week after Easter, because it was a week of solemnities, he lit all the candelabras on the back wall of the sanctuary and had the baptismal font running as well. He knows what to do and is always so helpful. I appreciate his ministry so much. During the week our **high school juniors and seniors** serve as Mass coordinators and for our weekend Masses there is a **group of people who volunteer for each of our Masses.** Their ministry is so helpful, but it demands a certain commitment and knowledge of what to do. Let's not forget **Pam Reichert**, who behind the scenes coordinates the scheduling and training of these Mass coordinators, takes care of ordering hosts, wine, candles & anything needed in the Sacristy. We are indebted to Pam for her commitment & stewardship that she offers to our parish. So thanks to all our Mass coordinators and all our other liturgical ministers who help and assist in the celebration of the Mass and sacraments of our church, as well as the paraliturgical liturgies that we have; e.g. Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Evening Prayer.

What would we do without our many volunteers who help out in so many ways. Thanks to one and all!

*F. Frank*

P.S. Did you notice the beautiful flower pots even on the outside of church and at our entrances to church and the parish center?



*Thanks to all our Parishioners that took the time to fill out our parish survey! The results will be compiled, reviewed by staff & then shared with You!!!*

Date & Feast	Readings	Mass Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>May 6</b>	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8	<b>7:00 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	Peter & Edna Mesenburg Harold Welfle; David Roth William F. Owens For the Parish - Spanish Mass in Social Hall First Communion Ron Rospert; Joan C. Camp (17th Anniv.) Youth Mass
<b>Monday, May 7</b>	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26	<b>6:15 AM</b>	Fr. Benedict Ringholz
<b>Tuesday, May 8</b>	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Communion Service
<b>Wednesday, May 9</b>	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8	<b>6:15 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	Dwayne & Frances Snay Paul Stein & Joe Rospert Evening Prayer Service
<b>Thursday, May 10</b> St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'I, Priest	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11	<b>6:15 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	Clara May Weisenberger Elsie Rupp
<b>Friday, May 11</b>	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17	<b>6:15 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	Charles & Frieda Ott James Seitz Sr.; Mike Seip
<b>Saturday, May 12</b> Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancra, Martyr	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21	<b>4:30 PM</b>	Mae Meesig; Ray Hammersmith
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>May 13</b>	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17	<b>7:00 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	Mardell Myers Joan I. Welfle; David Lescher Mary J. Montgomery; Janet Fries Spanish Mass - For the Parish Mary Helen Eastman

### Sunday, May 6

PSR @ 10 am

RCIA in JD Rm. @ noon

First Communion in church @ 2 pm

Youth Music Group practice in church @ 3:30 pm

Youth Mass in church @ 5pm

Youth Night in Youth Rm. @ 6 pm

FCEDO Phone-a-thon in MTR @ 5pm

**Monday, May 7** - FCEDO Phone-a-thon in MTR @ 5pm

### Tuesday, May 8

English as a Second Language in EAS Rm. @ 9:15 am

FCEDO Phone-a-thon in MT Rm. @ 5 pm

Theology on Tap in GS @ 6:30 pm

Bible Study in J23 Rm. @ 7 pm

CPR for Ushers in JD Rm. & EAS Rm. @ 7 pm

### Wednesday, May 9

Catholic Identity in MT Rm. @ 9:15 am

PSR Family Session in GS @ 5:45 pm

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Stewardship Mtg. in MT Rm. @ 7 pm

Catholic Identity in EAS Rm. @ 7 pm

Evening Prayer in church @ 7 pm

Finance Council Mtg. in JD Rm. @ 8 pm

### Thursday, May 10

English as a Second Language in EAS Rm. @ 9:15 am

Pastoral Council Mtg. in JD Rm. @ 7 pm

Spanish Holy Hour in church @ 7 pm

Thursday Night Drop-ins in the Youth Rm. @ 9 pm

### Friday, May 11

Spanish Youth Group in MT Rm. @ 7 pm

### Saturday, May 12

Men's Gospel Study in JD Rm. @ 7 am

CPR Training for Ushers in GS @ 9 am

Reconciliation in church @ 3:30 pm

*Additional info at [stpaulchurch.org](http://stpaulchurch.org)*



Monsignor Billian & Noah McKinney at Confirmation.

A great big thank you to all the parishioners who assisted with the sacramental preparation of our First Communion and Confirmation children. You prayed, you baked, you taught, you loved these children as if they were your own. THANKS!!!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 18<sup>th</sup>!**  
If you have any questions, please call Pat Krause @ 419-668-6044 or email to [patk@stpaulchurch.org](mailto:patk@stpaulchurch.org)



### ALL ARE WELCOME

Try to be friendly! It doesn't hurt as much as you might think! The rewards you will receive are worth it. A smile back feels as good to receive as it does to give!

## PSR Final Sessions of the Year!

Family Gatherings with Minute-To-Win-It Challenges for all!  
Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 in the Gathering Space  
Please bring a dish to share: Last name beginning with A-M, bring a main dish, N-Z bring a side dish.  
Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Gathering Space  
Light breakfast will be served.



### PASTORAL STAFF

- Fr. Franklin Kehres, *Pastor*
- Fr. Eric Mueller, *Assoc. Pastor*
- Jim Reichert, *Deacon*
- Wayne Babcanec, *NCS President*
- Pat Krause, *Pastoral Assoc.*
- Sara Fitzgerald, *Youth Director*
- Lawrence Furlong, *Business Mgr*
- Kathleen Sigworth, *Parish Secretary*
- Mark Niese, *Dir. of Liturgy /Music*
- Geri Dow, *Development Coordinator*
- Francisco Carrillo, *Spanish Coordinator*

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

91 East Main St.  
Monday-Friday 8 am - 5 pm  
Saturday 9 am - Noon

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

email by noon on Monday to [bulletin@stpaulchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@stpaulchurch.org)



**Children's Liturgy**  
May 6 @ 9 am Mass  
May 20 @ 11 am Mass



### **Question of the Week:**

In today's gospel we hear the story of the vine and the branches. We ask ourselves, "*When have I been 'pruned' by my experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?*"

In Children's Liturgy of the Word, your children were asked, "*How can I live this week so that I can be a witness to others of what it means to live in Jesus?*"



### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We thank  
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for sponsoring our bulletin.



Grady Naseman, Seth Ridge and Xavier Smith made a church out of blocks while playing in the Flyer Clubhouse before school.



Ms. Bleile's 3 year old preschool Smart Cookie award winners - Left to Right; Xander Gfell, Allyson Takacs, (Mrs. McLaughlin) Peyton Hoffman, Aiden Wood. Seated in front is Kellen McDonnell.



Grades 1-6 will have May Crowning following 9 am Mass on Wednesday, May 9.



Leap Frog Day is May 11. Kindergarten students visit 1st grade all morning.

### Job Opportunity

The **Norwalk Catholic School Early Childhood Center** is hiring a **part time preschool aide** for the 4 year old classroom. The applicant must be at least 18 years old, be willing to attend the necessary classes to be eligible to work with preschool children and be a practicing Catholic. **Please send a resume and a completed on-line application by May 7** to: Mrs. Cindy McLaughlin, Director, NCS Early Childhood Center, 77 State Street, Norwalk, OH 44857, 419-668-8480.

## "A Night In Vegas!"



May 12, 2012 ~ 6PM

St. Paul Convocation Center

**NCS Governing Board Opening:** The Nominating Committee of the Norwalk Catholic School is accepting self-nominations or the nomination of others for the position Board Member for the Norwalk Catholic School. This position would require a commitment of three years with the option for renewal of an additional three years. The Board is seeking candidates with experience in the areas of education, law, accounting/finance, and personnel/human resources. Interested candidates may pick up a candidate application form at the NCS Junior High/High School Office school days from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm or the St. Mary's Rectory weekdays from 8 am-4 pm. To nominate a candidate or for questions, please contact Ruth Ann Stocker at [stockern@yahoo.com](mailto:stockern@yahoo.com) or 419 668-9713 or Debbie Welfle at [pwelfle@yahoo.com](mailto:pwelfle@yahoo.com) or 419 663-1332. Your help is appreciated in assisting our Norwalk Catholic School to continue to thrive and flourish!



### The Mission of Norwalk Catholic School

- Develop Disciples of Christ
- Promote Academic Excellence
- Foster a Respectful Community

### Early Childhood Center

Cindy McLaughlin - *Director*  
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### Elementary

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### SPH/JH

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### Governing Board Members

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Wayne Babcanec Sue Riley



## Healthy Habits-Newsletter

Brought to you from your Health Ministry Team and FTMC.

This month we would like to talk to you about staying healthy. "Doing something is always better than doing nothing. A seven- year study of 12,000 middle-aged men at high risk for coronary heart disease showed that those who kept up moderate, leisure-time physical activity for an average of 50 minutes every day were healthier than those who did little or nothing. One of the top choices of these active men was gardening." The following are a few lessons you can learn from the garden:

A garden shows us the miracle of birth and rebirth.

A garden reminds us of the value of intention-plan, prepare, nurture.

A garden gives us the courage to take a leap of faith, trusting each seed we sow will sprout, grow and flourish.

A garden reminds us that process can be everything

A garden teaches us patience.

A garden lets us work the soil, teaching us that everything is interrelated and interdependent.

It is never too late to plant a garden! (Taken from Healthful hints Vol. 1)

***"The Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands." Deuteronomy 24:19***

