



We would like to thank the outgoing members of the Parish Council: (Left picture: Dave Fischbach, Doris Brinkman, and Brad Beining). Their dedicated service over the past three years is greatly appreciated.

We also welcome three new Parish Council Members: (Right picture: Matt Cross, Matt Eickholt, and David Eickholt). We look forward to working with them and the other Parish Council Members to continue to ensure that Immaculate Conception Parish continues to grow in the Lord's blessings.

We would like to welcome Dave Burgei as the newest member of the Parish Finance Council. We look forward to working with Dave to ensure the financial future and stability of our Parish.

Little Angels by Making Music Praying Twice is a faith-inclusive, early childhood music education program that fosters the musical and spiritual development of the child and family by using a variety of music and musical instruments. The program is designed for children ages 0-5 years old and a parent. Classes will begin Monday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. John Elementary school basement. One child/parent is \$75.00. More than one parent/child is \$100.00. Tuition includes 12 classes and a CD for home use. For more information and to register, contact Lynn Bockey at (419) 235-1083.

Please remember in your prayers all those who will be attending the pro-life **March for Life** Rally on January 27th in Washington, DC. Rick and Trevor Fischer will be representing our Parish as they attend and speak for the unborn. Pray for a safe and rewarding trip.



THE POWER OF ONE

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE AT THE LIBRARY is hosted by HHWP Community Action Commission and the Ohio Benefit Bank, in collaboration with the Putnam County District Library. This event will take place on Saturday, February 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, February 22nd from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Library location. Call the HHWP CAC at (419) 957-7713 or send an email to: pzimmerly@hhwpcac.com to schedule an appointment.

REINSTATEMENT OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE STATE OF OHIO—The moratorium against the death penalty in the State of Ohio was scheduled to be lifted on January 12, 2017. Please continue to campaign to end the death penalty. **Pre-addressed postcards are available at all church entrances for you to send to Governor John Kasich.**

Merciful Father, we ask your blessing on all we do to build a culture of life. Hear our prayers for those impacted by the death penalty.

We pray for all people, that their lives and dignity as children of a loving God may be respected and protected in all stages and circumstances.

We pray for victims of violence and their families, that they may experience our love and support and find comfort in your compassion and in the promise of eternal life.

We pray for those on death row, that their lives may be spared, that the innocent may be freed and that the guilty may come to acknowledge their faults and seek reconciliation with you.

We pray for the families of those who are facing execution, that they may be comforted by your love and compassion.

We pray for civic leaders, that they may commit themselves to respecting every human life and ending the use of the death penalty in our land.

Compassionate Father, give us wisdom and hearts filled with your love. Guide us as we work to end the use of the death penalty and to build a society that truly chooses life in all situations.

We ask this Father through your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-to-end-the-use-of-the-death-penalty.cfm>

A 2017 Spring Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama and the “**Ark Encounter**” is Sunday, April 2 to Friday, April 7, 2017. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will visit Ave Maria Grotto/St Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Monastery, EWTN studios, and Our Lady of Good Hope, Cenacolo, an inspiring rehab center supported by Bishop Baker of the Birmingham, AL Diocese. New addition this year is the “**Ark Encounter**” in northern Kentucky. Many of your questions about the story of the Noah's Ark -its size, the animals, food- will be answered! It is very “big”, and informative. Sponsored by St. Michael, Kalida's Rosary Altar Society, this 6-day/5-night trip costs \$650 per person (double occupancy) which includes transportation, lodging, and 12 meals. **Daily Mass and rosary** available. Men and women are welcome. (Need a roommate, let me know.) Contact Rita Borgelt at (419) 532-3637 or by email at hborgelt@bright.net for reservations and details.

Join the Autism Society of Northwest Ohio for a Family Fun Day at SKY ZONE Indoor Trampoline Park (1600 Albon Road, Holland, Ohio) on Sunday, January 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$11.00 for the 2 hours for all jumpers. Bring siblings, family, and friends! Music will be off, and lights will be dimmed to provide a more comfortable environment. All jumpers must have a signed waiver. Go to <http://www.skyzone.com/toledo/online-waiver/>. Contact Kristy Rothe at (419) 490-7357 or send an email to asno3@bex.net with any questions or visit <https://asno.org/our-programs-and-events/autism-society-of-northwest-ohio-family-fun-day-at-sky-zone/>.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be January 18-25, 2017. This year's theme is “Reconciliation—The Love of Christ Compels Us” (2 Corinthians 5:14-20).

God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed we may be one in Him. Your son Jesus compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



The “Joy-Filled Marriage” Engaged Couple Workshop Registration for 2017 is now open! If you are engaged to be married, you'll want to register for this two-part interactive, enjoyable, and comprehensive workshop. This workshop will delve into practical “life skills” as well as the sacramentality of marriage, guided by a dedicated team of married couples and individuals. This also fulfills the “marriage class” component, which is part of the requirements for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more information visit www.jfmtoledo.eventbrite.com or contact Nick De La Torre in the Office for Marriage & Family at (419) 244-6711 or by email at ndelatorre@toledodiocese.org.

THE TRINITY SNOWMAN

When you see a snowman,
Three snowballs round,
He is reminding you
That in God, Three in One are found.

The bottom reminds us of God the Father,
Our strong rock and foundation
The Creator of all living things,
People, tribes, and nations.

The middle shows us God the Son
With His arms spread open wide.
Who died on the cross for each of us
Our sins Jesus' blood did hide.

The head reminds us of God the Holy Spirit
Who is our counselor and friend,
He speaks to our hearts and minds
Transforming us in the likeness of Him.



So when you see a snowman
In the midst of all the wintertime fun,
Listen carefully and he'll tell you
“Remember God is Three in One.”



~Maureen Spell

A REQUEST FROM BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS

Bishop Daniel Thomas asks for continued prayers from you, the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo, as he fulfills his duties as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Cleveland, while maintaining his role as Bishop of Toledo. He also asks for your understanding and patience as scheduling changes of events will be necessary. Please pray that a new Bishop will be assigned to the Diocese of Cleveland in the near future.

Diocese of Toledo