

# THE SHAMROCK

St. Patrick Parish, Providence

Aug./Sept 2016

Dear St. Patrick-Providence Parish Family,

I give praise and thanks to almighty God for the gift of each one of you.  
Praise God!

July came and went. Wow.

As I sit to compose this Shamrock letter, I just returned from the 2016 St. Meinrad Seminary Annual Reunion. It was a good time for me to get away and gather with classmates and friends from across the United States. The reunion started with a Day of Reflection entitled "Spotlight-The Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church", which was not depressing but enlightening and challenging.

We heard from national speakers and authors Mrs. Sherry Weddell on "Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus" and Mr. Kyle Kramer on "Laudato Si: Exploring Pope Francis' Call to Care for our Common Home". There was also much time to spend in sharing and fellowship. It was a great opportunity to gather with classmates and friends created over the eight years I spent at St. Meinrad. It also afforded the time to spend with the Benedictine monks of St. Meinrad who share their lives and serve the church thru education of priests, deacons, and lay leaders of the church. St. Meinrad has been a solid rock for my priesthood education and is ever changing to serve the needs of the church. It is also good to see the physical changes and renovations which have taken place since my days. To reminisce about the good old days and how hard we had it back then. Many stories relived. I'm refreshed by the spirit of prayer and comradery. I walked the monks' cemetery and thanked God for the many monks who were an important and influential part of my life and still are.

Sunday August 7, St. Louis-Custar held their Annual Summer Homecoming Festival. It was a grand time and very successful. I want to thank all who patronized the festival. St. Louis holds one of the greatest festivals around and I'm very proud to be part of it. It was fantastic fun, fabulous food, and fine fellowship.

August 15<sup>th</sup> the parking repaving is scheduled to begin, weather permitting.

There will not be masses that week but the office will be open. Parking during the week will be available on the grass off Providence-Neapolis-Swanton Road. The parking lot project is expected to be finished within one week and the new lot will be used for masses on August 20/21. Thanks to all who have contributed to the project thru prayer and donations. It is greatly appreciated.

August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A time to show honor and respect to the Blessed Virgin Mary as we celebrate her assumption bodily into heaven. This year since the feast day occurs on a Monday, the bishops of the United States has excused us from the obligation of attending mass. Our celebration of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. at St. Louis-Custar. There will be no mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Patrick-Providence due to parking lot reconstruction.

August 28<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick-Providence Parish Picnic. This is always a good time for everybody-young and old alike. There will be a water slide, bingo, food, food, food, fellowship. Oh did I mention some very good food. Lunch and activities will begin following the 11:00am mass probably 12:00 noon/12:30pm.

The lunch will be ready probably closer to 1:00p.m. We will need folks to grill the brauts, hamburgers, and hot dogs. The parish has one grill, we could use more grills.

The parish is furnishing the brauts, hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, drinks(lemonade), plates, table service and we will even throw in tables and chairs- isn't that great. The rest of the meal depends on what you would like to share-side dishes, veggies, desserts. If you bring food there will be lots, if not, well there will be hot dogs, brauts, and buns. If you're not able to bring something-don't worry, all we need is you. Somehow the food seems to multiply. We will need some small gifts for bingo-anything fun, inexpensive. Please mark for child, boy, girl, woman, man. I love shopping for these-every year I manage to buy a whoopee cushion for a gift.

September 5<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Labor Day, the unofficial close to summer and a day to thank God for work which puts food on the table and gives us self-worth.. Let us pray for those unemployed and underemployed, and for safety in workplaces, for employment opportunities and justice in

work. Masses for Labor Day will be St. Patrick-Providence 8:00a.m. in church and St. Louis-Custar 9:30a.m. in the cemetery (inclement weather in church)-bring your own chair or blanket.

September 11<sup>th</sup> is Patriot Day in the United States of America; I hope and pray that we all realize how important a day it is for us in the United States to remember. September 11<sup>th</sup> is the day terrorists attacked our homeland. It's a time for us to pray for peace and to do our part in building up our country into the vision of our forefathers. Much has changed in the past fifteen years and we will never be the same again. We never thought that we as a nation would be that vulnerable. We need to pray for peace and may God bless the USA.

Our parish religious education program will be in full gear for another successful year of faith sharing/formation. Our parish religious education program is very sound in doctrine and student friendly. Christine Nelms, our parish religious education coordinator is very enthused for another successful year.

We, as a parish, have arranged a very good program for passing on the faith and answering questions about being a Catholic Christian in the world of today. But even with all we have arranged, we need the cooperation of the parents and students to make it work. I know that students today are very busy, but shouldn't formation in faith be just as important as other activities they are involved in? I would hope that it has a high priority in family life. We need help to encourage the students' attendance-please. Let us all encourage faithful attendance in formation of future church leaders.

I was looking out my kitchen window the other day and saw a squirrel just standing straight up on its hind legs surveying the surroundings. I think he was pondering how many nuts he will have to store up for winter and just checking things out. I observed him for a while and decided to get back to reading the paper. I decided against going out to scare him off because he was very peaceful and I was afraid that if he saw me then he would return with some friends and I would be their winter stash.

May the Lord continue to bless and guide our parish.

Peace & Prayers,

**Parking Lot Reconstruction:** We are scheduled to begin work on the parking lot on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>. The plans call for the parking lot to be removed, paved and usable for parking on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Please pray for the following housebound and sick:**

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| **Patricia Cook        | **Ed Bump              |
| **Marge Hertzfeld      | **Mary Ann Weasel      |
| Barbara Reihard        | **Marcy Dick           |
| Ruth Hurd              | Greg Paul              |
| **Margaret Mockenstrum | **Tony Biesiot         |
| **Denise Krabill       | **Steve Hertzfeld      |
| Deborah Page           | **Kim Kempf            |
| Jason Henderson        | Julia                  |
| **Larry Hertzfeld      | Susan Ammon            |
| **Mary Ann Kowalik     | **Beverly Liske        |
| VJ                     | Michelle Harting       |
| Robert Bowman          | **Jamee Bernthisel     |
| Joe Boyle, Jr.         | Sister Carmiltia Stinn |
| Corey Longenecker      | **Jerry Hahn           |
| **Bob Hertzfeld        | Galvin Moore           |
| Marie Thomas           | **Rich Piasecki        |
| Rita Biesiot           | Forest Plotts          |
| Tom Auth               | **Ethel Sheeley        |
| **David Durham         | Theresa Metzger        |
| Brenda Michaels        | **Jean Burt            |
| Susan Stohl            | Janice Wade            |
| Mindy Vance            | Bob Freeworth          |
| **Evan Simon           | **Lillian Mertes       |
| **Troy Hertzfeld       | **Georgia Curtis       |
| Stacey Snyder          | **Bonnie Piasecki      |
| Audrey H.              | **Don Westhoven        |
| Jeannine Garrard       | Lois Plotts            |
| Nick Fall              | Tim Scheer             |
| **Evelyn Gray          | Gaylene McGrath        |
| Mary Rosa              | **Malory Beasley       |
| Patrick Crottie        | Shannon Jones          |
| Landon Lightle         | Steve & Sue Hurst      |
| **Rosemary Biesoit     | **Kristy Kitchen       |
| Dick Mertes            | Dave Brennan           |

\*\* is a member of St. Patrick

If you know of anyone who needs to be removed please contact Cathy in the parish office 419-832-5215.

**Widow/ers Luncheon has been postponed til further notice due to low attendance**

**HELPING HANDS St. Louis Kitchen/East Toledo**

On the third Wednesday of every month St. Patricks has volunteered at the St. Louis Helping Hands kitchen in east Toledo. This service has gone on for many years. We are in need of additional volunteers to help with this ministry. (For the 12Noon Meal) This is a wonderful chance to feed the hungry. Another way to help is to bake or provide deserts by Tuesday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. There are plenty of NEW cake mixes/frosting in the St. Pat's kitchen to take home, prepare and return. We thank all who participate in that effort. May God continue to bless our mission to serve. For more info. or to sign up as a volunteer, please call Gene Heising 419-878-4962 or the church 419-832-5215.

## **Quiet Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament**

Prayer is available 40 hours each month beginning with the first Friday of the month (4:00 a.m. Friday – 10:00 p.m. Saturday). This is an excellent opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and to listen quietly to God. Many types of prayer aids and other books are available for your use. If you would like to experience this first hand please contact Phil Hertzfeld at 419-787-6811/419-466-2896 or just stop in any time; entrance is by knocking on the south ramp door. **It will be Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Bishop's Corner Radio Show Now Available!**

Annunciation Radio's longest running program, "The Bishop's Corner," now offers a video broadcast of the show via the Diocese of Toledo YouTube page on your computer, tablet or smart phone. The show airs weekly at 8 p.m. Thursday on Annunciation Radio, and an audio podcast is also available at [www.annunciationradio.com](http://www.annunciationradio.com). Submit your question for Bishop Daniel Thomas to answer on the show by emailing [bishop@annunciationradio.com](mailto:bishop@annunciationradio.com) or visiting [www.facebook.com/toledobishopscorner](http://www.facebook.com/toledobishopscorner).

## **Visit toledodiocese.org for Current News and Events:**

Stay current with news, information and events of the Diocese of Toledo by visiting [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org). In addition, you can follow the Diocese of Toledo on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/DioceseToledo](http://www.facebook.com/DioceseToledo)), Twitter ([www.twitter.com/DioceseToledo](http://www.twitter.com/DioceseToledo)) or Instagram ([www.instagram.com/DioceseToledo](http://www.instagram.com/DioceseToledo)).

**No Masses:** There will be no masses during the week of the parking lot reconstruction. The church office will be open and accessible by means of Providence-Neapolis-Swanton Road. Parking for the church office will be on the grass.

## **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin**

**Mary:** The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15<sup>th</sup> is not a holy day of obligation this year since it falls on a Monday, yet a mass will be celebrated at St. Louis for those who wish to give special homage to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass at St. Louis will be at 7:00p.m. There will not be a mass at St. Patrick-Providence due to parking lot Reconstruction.

## **Listen to Mass on Annunciation Radio**

"Listen to the Sunday Mass from EWTN on Annunciation Radio each Sunday at 8 a.m. Tune in to one of our five stations: WNOG 89.7 FM in the Toledo area; WHRQ 88.1 FM in the Sandusky area; WRRO 89.9 FM in the Bryan area; WSHB 89.5 FM in Willard, or WFOT 89.5 FM in the Mansfield area. You can listen live online at [www.AnnunciationRadio.com](http://www.AnnunciationRadio.com). Annunciation Radio, a listener-supported station, has "Faith with Frequency!"

## **NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

It is that time of year again! Children are getting ready to go back to school so religious education can't be far behind. This year we will begin September 18<sup>th</sup>. That may seem late, but we are giving our own teachers a chance to get their children started in their schools and last minute vacations over. There is quite a bit of preparation required before religious education begins, one way parents can help is by registering their children early. Registration forms will be in the bulletin, in the vestibule and in the hall. You can mail them to the parish office, or put them in the box marked Religious Education in the hall.

We had a few teachers retire last spring and are now happy to report that volunteers stepped forward. We welcome Cheryl Bourland (kindergarten), Pat Kitchen and Sue Byers (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Kelly Van Order (7<sup>th</sup> grade). We thank them as well as thank our returning teachers for stepping up to serve our parish by teaching our children our Catholic faith. We could not have a program without them. Our staff is listed below:

Cheryl Bourland (K), Cathy Agosti (1<sup>st</sup>), Michelle Shafer (2<sup>nd</sup>), Pat Kitchen and Sue Byers (3<sup>rd</sup>), Tracy Getzinger (4<sup>th</sup>), Sue Hannewald (5<sup>th</sup>), Mike Hannewald (6<sup>th</sup>), Kelly VanOrder (7<sup>th</sup>), Colleen Lillevik (8<sup>th</sup>), Kevin Hertzfeld (9<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation). Aimee Heller and Laura Brewster as substitutes.

Please join me in praying for our teachers as they begin another year of faith education.

The 2016-2017 Class Schedules are available downstairs in the religious education hallway. K-4 will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> and grades 5-9 will begin on September 25<sup>th</sup>. For those who are new to our parish, our sacramental years are 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and 9<sup>th</sup> grade for Confirmation. Please feel free to call me any Tuesday or Thursday morning in the parish office if you have any questions about our program. There is no cost for the program!

Looking forward to seeing everyone again on Sunday mornings between the masses! Blessings to you on these last few days of summer vacation.

Christine

## **Recruiting for Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Training and materials are provided. C.L.O.W. is every Sunday @ our 11 a.m. Mass but only if we get volunteer teachers. Please contact Christine at the Parish Office 419-832-5215 during office hours. Mon, Tues, and Thurs. 9-3 p.m.



## High School Graduate Kody Kregulka



Kody graduated from Liberty Center High School with honors. A three sport athletic scholar in football, wrestling, and track. He was also a member of 4H for 14 years, art, and drama club. He is a life member at St. Patrick's as well as served for many years. Kody is the son of Kevin and Teresa Kregulka. Grandson of Bob and Arleen Bialecki, deceased grandparents Ruby Bialecki, Harold and Angela Kregulka. He has been accepted into the Jesup Scott Honors College at the University of Toledo, where he will double major in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. After completing his bachelor's degree, he plans to continue his education in a graduate program in engineering. He has worked hard and received several scholarships to help him along the way. Congratulations Kody!

### Blessed Trip to Sylvania Franciscans

Fun was had by all 9 of our parishioners that attended the Mini Pilgrimage Trip organized by our Sunshine Committee. Here are some pictures from the Mini Pilgrimage: Bob and Marge Gyurasics are not pictured in the one with the group. We enjoyed the beautiful serene surroundings, buildings, and works of art. We also had reflection, prayers and a lovely lunch. Sister Joan was a wonderful guide for our mini pilgrimage. The tour of the Motherhouse grounds and all its wonderful sights was a great experience. If you ever get the chance, please take time to visit. Thank you to the Sunshine Committee for planning such an amazing adventure. You can contact Sisters of St. Francis 419-824-3528 or [jjurski@sistersosf.org](mailto:jjurski@sistersosf.org) for future tours or for more information. God Bless!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE 2016 - 2017

GRADES K - 4	GRADES 5 - 9
Sept. 18	Sept. 25
Oct. 2	
Oct 9 - NO CLASS	APPLEBUTTER FEST
	Oct. 16
Oct. 23	Oct. 30
Nov. 6	Nov. 13
Nov. 20	Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving wknd
Dec. 4	Dec. 11
Dec. 18	
Dec. 25 - Christmas (no class)	Jan. 1 - New Years (no class)
	Jan. 8
Jan. 15	Jan. 22
Jan. 29	Feb. 5
Feb. 12	Feb. 19
Feb. 26	Mar. 5
Mar. 12	Mar. 19
Mar. 26	Apr. 2
Apr. 9 - Palm Sunday	
Apr. 16 - Easter (no class)	Apr. 23
Apr. 30	MAY 7

FIRST COMMUNION - APRIL 30  
CONFIRMATION - MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:15 AND END AT 10:45 AM

## St. Patrick Parish Picnic

Sunday

August 28, 2016

12:00 Noon

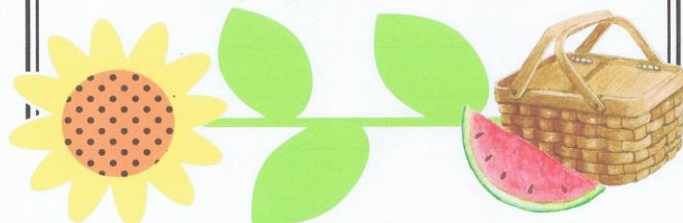
Meat, Drinks & Table Service provided.  
PLEASE Bring a large side dish to Share



WATER SLIDE for the kids  
(bring your bathing suit and a towel)



BINGO in the hall  
(bring a gift for prizes labeled  
boy or girl/man or woman)





Please Pray for Our Priest of the Diocese

# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
God Bless our Priests	Pope Francis 1	Bishop Daniel E. Thomas 2	Your Parish Priest 3	Parents of Priests 4	Chaplin (MAJ) David R. Kirk 5	Increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life 6
Rev. Gerald E. Knueven 7	Rev. Mark Kotiarczyk 8	Rev. Kishore Kottana 9	Rev. Scott Kramer, CPPS 10	Seminarian Mr. Joseph Mominee 11	Rev. Msgr. William J. Kubacki 12	Rev. Timothy M. Kummerer 13
Rev. Yuri (George) Kuzara, CPPS 14	Deacons & Missionary Priests 15	Rev. Paul M. Kwiatkowski 16	Rev. Thomas Landgraff, OSFS 17	Rev. John R. Laudick 18	Rev. David J. Lautermilch 19	Rev. John Lehner, OSFS 20
Rev. Ronald J. LeJeune 21	Religious Brothers & Sisters 22	Rev. Thomas J. Leyland 23	Rev. Kenneth J. Lill 24	Seminarian Mr. Scott Perry 25	Rev. Edward J. Littellmann 26	Rev. Martin C. Lukas, OSFS 27
Rev. George W. Mahas 28	Rev. Joven Malanyaon 29	Deceased Priests of our Diocese 30	Rev. Domnic Savyo Mammoottil 31	++ DIOCESE OF TOLEDO ++ Pray for our priests daily!		

# September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+++ DIOCESE OF TOLEDO +++ Our priests need your prayers.				Pope Francis 1	Bishop Daniel E. Thomas 2	Increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life 3
Your Parish Priest 4	Parents of Priests 5	Rev. Francis Mariadas 6	Rev. Gilbert Mascarenhas, SAC 7	Very Rev. Jeffrey R. McBeth, V.F. 8	Very Rev. Kenneth N. McKenna, OSFS 9	Rev. Richard L. McLernan, OSFS 10
Seminarian Mr. Andrew Wellmann 11	Rev. Thomas J. McQuillen 12	Rev. Msgr. Dennis M. Metzger 13	Rev. Christopher M. Mileski 14	Deacons & Missionary Priests 15	Rev. Theodore J. Miller 16	Rev. John A. Miller 17
Rev. Jeremy P. Miller 18	Rev. John C. Missler 19	Rev. Juan Francisco Molina 20	Rev. Msgr. Kenneth G. Morman, V.F. SSL 21	Religious Brothers & Sisters 22	Rev. Eric L. Mueller 23	Rev. Francis A. Murd 24
Rev. Martin B. Nassr 25	Seminarian Mr. Curtis Weisenburger 26	Rev. Joseph Newman, OSFS 27	Rev. Michael Newman, OSFS 28	Rev. Fred J. Nietfeld 29	Deceased Priests of our Diocese 30	God Bless our Diocese



# October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>+++ DIOCESE OF TOLEDO +++</b>						Increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life <b>1</b>
Pope Francis <b>2</b>	Bishop Daniel E. Thomas <b>3</b>	Your Parish Priests <b>4</b>	Rev. Arthur J. Niewiadomski <b>5</b>	Rev. Andrew Norton <b>6</b>	Rev. Richard E. Notter <b>7</b>	Rev. Jerome F. Nowakowski <b>8</b>
Rev. David W. Nuss <b>9</b>	Rev. Charles Obinwa <b>10</b>	Rev. Thomas E. Oedy <b>11</b>	Rev. Ronald W. Olszewski, OSFS <b>12</b>	Rev. Walter H. Oxley, STD <b>13</b>	Seminarian Mr. Michael Bialorucki <b>14</b>	Deacons & Missionary Priests <b>15</b>
Rev. Daniel J Parackkukizhakkethil <b>16</b>	Rev. William C. Parker <b>17</b>	Rev. Gregory L. Peatee <b>18</b>	Rev. James E. Peiffer <b>19</b>	Rev. Julian Peters <b>20</b>	Rev. William Pifher <b>21</b>	Religious Brothers & Sisters <b>22</b>
Very Rev. Joseph T. Poggemeyer, V.F. STD <b>23</b>	Rev. Matthew R. Rader <b>24</b>	Rev. Anthony L. Recker <b>25</b>	Rev. David A. Reinhart <b>26</b>	Rev. Robert J. Reinhart <b>27</b>	Seminarian Mr. Zachary Brown <b>28</b>	Rev. J. Michael Ricker <b>29</b>
Parents of Priests <b>30</b>	Deceased Priests of our Diocese <b>31</b>	<b>MAY GOD BLESS &amp; PROTECT OUR PRIESTS, PRAY FOR THEM.</b>				

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