

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**~ Blessing on our Fathers ~**

**O God,  
our Father,  
You govern and protect your people  
and shepherd them with a father's love.  
You place a father in a family  
as a sign of your love, care,  
and constant protection.**

**Bless our fathers.  
May fathers everywhere  
be faithful to the example  
shown in the scriptures —  
steadfast in love,  
forgiving transgressions,  
sustaining the family,  
caring for those in need.**

**Give wisdom to our fathers.  
May they encourage and guide their children,  
and be a pillar of love and support to their  
spouse.**

**Guide our fathers  
with the spirit of your love  
so that they may grow in holiness  
and draw their family ever closer to you.  
Amen.**

# Our Lady Chapel



*Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.*

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY:**

Father's Day, in the United States, is a holiday — third Sunday in June — to honor fathers, as well as all those who have shared the gift of fatherhood in our lives.. Credit for originating the holiday is generally given to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, whose father, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. She is said to have had the idea in 1909 while listening to a sermon on Mother's Day, which at the time was becoming established as a holiday. Local religious leaders supported the idea, and the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910 — the month of the birthday of Dodd's father. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge gave his support to the observance, and in 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson officially proclaimed it a national holiday. Observance on the third Sunday of June was decreed by law in 1972. Although it was originally largely a religious holiday, Father's Day has been commercialized with the sending of greeting cards and the giving of gifts. Take time this weekend to pray for your father, your grandfather, your Godfather, and for all those men in your life who have share the gifts of fatherhood with you.

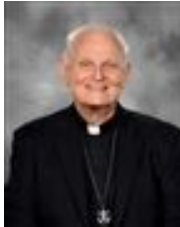
**FATHER JOHN CONTINUES TO RECOVER:**

This week, Father John returned home to Holy Cross House on campus to begin his home recovery. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and greetings. They are all aiding in his recovery! Father has to regain strength lost due to surgery, so he will not be able to accept visitors until some time in the future.

During Father's time of recuperation, **Saturday evening Masses will be cancelled; they will resume on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday morning Mass will continue to take place throughout this time at 10 AM.**

**Father John Keenan, S.S.S., a Blessed Sacrament Priest, will be the presider for our Sundays in June.** If any further changes need to be made to this schedule, we will certainly inform you. In the mean time, please continue to hold Father John in prayer for his speedy recovery.

**ANDY ANDINO**

We say good-bye to our multi-talented **Music Director, Andy Andino**, who has accepted a position at St. John Bosco Parish in Parma. Andy's last day with us will be on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. For the past 5 years, Andy has shared his amazing musical talents, his faith and love of the Lord with us, and we have all grown and encountered the Lord Jesus through his ministry. God bless you and journey with you in the days ahead, Andy, and know that our support and prayers go with you.

**PLAY BALL!**

The deadline to sign up for the Captain's Game is this weekend! **If you are planning to join us, you must RSVP today, Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.**

We will be going to Classic Park to watch the Lake County Captains take on Fort Wayne Tin Caps on **Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Game time is **7:00 PM**. **Tickets are \$25.00 each and include game ticket, picnic dinner and postgame 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.** The picnic begins at **6:30 PM** and will continue until 8 PM. Sign up on the easel in the narthex. Or contact Patty in the Chapel Office at 440-473-3560 or by email: [szaniszlop@gilmour.org](mailto:szaniszlop@gilmour.org). You may pick up your tickets in the Chapel Office the week before the game. We will contact you so that you can come in and pick up your tickets and pay for them.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For Megan Schaefer Wenker ['09], who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.
- For Anna Heryak, aunt for Mike Heryak, great aunt of Lilian Heryak Tran ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is under the care of Hospice.
- For Sharon Wilson, wife of Brother Ken's nephew, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Ralph Elwart, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For William Schiedel, who is experiencing complications with cancer treatments.
- For Janis Barnes who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Frank Potenziani, former Trustee, and father of David ['95] and Cyrena ['01] Potenziani, who is seriously ill.
- For Gia Cefferati, aunt of Rylyn ['23] and Jackson ['25] Anderson, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Carl Grassi, father of US Science instructor, Jessica Simonetta ['05] and grandfather of Clare Simonetta ['39], who continues to recover from open heart surgery.
- For Bob Anderson, grandfather of Rob Belknap ['21], and father of former Gilmour instructor, Cindy Anderson., who is recovering from serious surgery.
- For Joe Bucar, housekeeping employee, who is undergoing treatment for Parkinson's Disease
- For Gail Whitworth, sister of Father Dick Rutherford, C.S.C., who is experiencing serious health issues.
- For Susan Lennon, wife of John Lennon ['55], grandmother of Jimmy ['30] and Katelyn ['32] Lennon, who is recovering from leg amputation surgery
- For John Lennon ['55], grandmother of Jimmy ['30] and Katelyn ['32] Lennon, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- For Tim LaGanke, grandfather of Casey Lennon ['30], who is critically ill with Lymphoma.
- For Kathy DeMarco, sister of Chapel Associate, Patty Szaniszlo, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- For Vivian Klick, mother of Linda Monitello, grandmother of Anthony ['17] and Angeline ['19] Monitello, who is undergoing medical testing.
- For Father John who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- For Marie Chess, who is in rehab following a 10-day hospital stay.
- For Stella Rogal, mother of Jill Thompson, who is in outpatient physical therapy following hospitalization for a heart procedure.
- For Bernadette Ritley, mother of Rosanne Rayborn, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Brother Donald Blauvelt, C.S.C.
- For Brother James DeTemple, C.S.C.
- For James Masterson

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

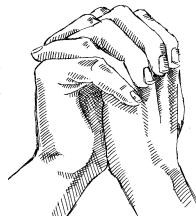
- For the people of Sudan.
- For the Holy Cross Religious in Haiti, and for the people of that country, which is under siege because of political and civil strife.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.

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- For Dale Rusnik, uncle of Jakob Bennish ['30], who is undergoing treatment for various medical issues.
- For Kathy and Jim Pender, parents of Mark ['83] and Michael ['90] Pender, grandparents of Matthew ['11], Charlotte ['13] Pender, and Katherine ['17] and Tyler ['19] Clark, who are both seriously ill with health issues.
- For Kevin Kennedy, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic and lung cancer.
- For Maria Ruiz, mother of Elina Gurney, grandmother of Joseph and Christina Gurney, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Susan Vance-Johnson, sister of Chief Advancement Strategy Officer, Ray Murphy, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Chuck Shade, father of Loren Shade, grandfather of Michael, Madeline, and Charles Shade, who is in seriously ill with several health issues.
- For Chuck Campanella, father of Anthony Campanella, who continues in rehab following serious surgery.
- For Bill McGinley, father of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, and grandfather of Mollie ['21] and Abby ['23] Edmondson, who is undergoing health treatment.
- For Laurie Lozier, sister of Fathers Bill and Jim Lies, C.S.C, who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of dementia.
- For Kim Clark, who is undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- For Paula Smith, mother of Tyler ['10] and Alec ['13] Smith, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Andy Andino, Sr., father of Music Director, Andy Andino, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jill Shemory, mother of Adam ['08], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Carol Lowen, mother of Denise Shade, grandmother of Madeline, Michael, and Charles Shade, who is undergoing treatment for Breast Cancer.
- For Baylea O'Brian, friend of former Gilmour Teacher, Erin Thompson, who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma
- For Walter Carey, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Carol Triplett, sister of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Judy Collins, aunt of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-aunt of Mollie ['21] and Abbie ['23] Edmondson, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Susan Plavcan, sister-in-law of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For James Law, husband of LS resource associate, Elana Law, who is undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- For Fletcher Linsz, brother of Logan Linsz ['26], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- For Michael Nestor ['98], who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer.
- For Bernice Girgash, aunt of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, and great-aunt of Mackenzie DeCrane ['36], who is undergoing treatment for cancer..
- For Melita Chiacchiari, mother of Mark ['94], mother-in-law of Michelle DeBacco ['96], grandmother of Aurelia ['28], and Olivia ['30] Chiacchiari, who is undergoing further treatment for cancer.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.



**NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM.** Bible Study continues to meet bi-weekly. The Bible Study is open to everyone — all middle and high school students, college students, young adults, and all adults. We will all come together to be enriched by God's word. It's a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. If you can't come at 6:30, come when you can. Gather your favorite snack and/or drink, but be prepared to be nourished on God's word.



**Our topic: Leisure Time and Vacation in Scripture**

We also need your help — we need future topics. **So, if you have a topic that you would like us to discuss, please let Father John know.** Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We will meet every other week — topic to be decided at the end of the previous meeting.** Join us. You'll have a blast, and celebrate your faith along the way..

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

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| Sunday, June 18:<br>11 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time   | 10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream |
| Monday, June 19:   | NO MASS                          |
| Tuesday, June 20:  | NO MASS                          |
| Wednesday, June 21:<br>St. Aloysius Gonzaga                  | NO MASS                          |
| Thursday, June 22:   | NO MASS                          |
| Friday, June 23:   | NO MASS                          |
| Saturday, June 24:<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time | NO MASS                          |
| Sunday, June 25:<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time   | 10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream |

**CHAPEL OUTDOOR PICNIC — SUNDAY, JULY 9:**

**Put this date aside; mark your calendars! Our Chapel Outdoor Picnic is Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.** Every year, the Chapel picnic has been a great event for the entire family. The picnic will be held rain or shine from **11:15 AM – 1:30 PM.** **Family Mass takes place at 10:00 AM** and the picnic begins right after Mass — what a wonderful way to continue our celebration of community. **This year, due to construction around Tudor House, the Picnic will take place on the grounds behind the Lower School, at 35001 Cedar Rd.** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pulled Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Ice-cream treats, Cookies, and beverages are provided. So here it comes once again. It will be a great event for the entire family. **Families are asked to sign up on the Easel in the vestibule of the chapel. Please feel free to bring your favorite side dish or desert if you wish.** Come and enjoy family and friends. **Swiftly and a face-painter friend will join us, as will the Euclid Beach Rocket Car.** In order to properly prepare for our picnic, we ask that you please **RSVP by July 2<sup>nd</sup> to Patty [440-473-3560]** in the chapel office, or simply **sign the sheet on the easel in the narthex of the chapel.**



**A REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:**

It has been said that the sense of smell is closest to the ability to remember. For example, I think that a smell of a cigar being smoked outside reminds me of my grandfather sitting in our side yard when I was a boy, and he and I were listening to baseball games on the radio. When I smell an indoor swimming pool — just a whiff, and I flash to the pool my brother and I went to every Saturday morning during the winters of our youth. I can smell it now. Not all memories are pleasant of course, and some had accompanying smells of charred wood, alcohol, or that unforgettable odor of the dentist’s office.

Incense can remind us of prayer and church and a sense of a holier time. Throughout each week, we are invited by God to prepare for our entering the holy places of worship and the celebration of the Eucharist. Take time to smell around, and linger a while with the recalled experiences which remain with us. Most of our memories only need a little stimulation, for there is a holy presence embedded in those memories — even it is of the dentist’s office. Some do take time to dust off and unwrap. We might find some prayer of thanksgiving within them as we prepare to celebrate the “Central Mystery” of our faith.

God speaks tenderly through Moses to the people of Israel as they encamp during their journey in the desert [Exodus 19:2-6]. God asks the people to look in their rear view mirrors to what will become the major event of their history. God uses images such as: “how I bore you...”, “brought you here to myself...”, and “you shall be my special possession”. God has done the deed of the great Passover and Exodus. Now we hear the sacramental words of embracing love. In a sense, God is saying that their history is continuing as a love relationship — just in case they missed the point of the event. They were saved from — but even more, they were brought out for being “dearer” to God than all other nations. They shall be a holy nation of priests and belong to a kingdom based on God’s laws and customs.

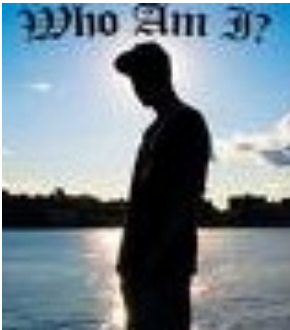
Their response will be to keep the memories alive so that they remember who they are in God’s eyes. Keeping the covenant means to act according to who they know themselves to be. They are the “saved from” and the “saved for”. The saying is true: “If you know who you are, you will know what to do.” As a royal kingdom, they will loyally follow, trust, and live their dignity among and between themselves.

Matthew’s gospel [9:36-10:8] has several parts, but one main theme — Jesus, the Messiah, is sent first to the people of Israel. He sends His apostles first to the people of Israel. To Jesus, they are all lost, and wander as if abandoned by God. Matthew sees the people as abandoned by their first shepherds — the Pharisees. Jesus is moved with a desire to embrace them, and so He does, and He sends His fellow shepherds to find the lost and bring them back.

Jesus shares His mission and His authority over the unclean spirits and over illness. Sickness was a sign of sin, so the power to heal is the same as the divine power of redeeming.

There is a particular naming of these new shepherds; but the restatement of their mission is His own personal one, as well the very mission which He received with His name. Jesus means: “He Who Saves”, and He is sharing that name with them as well. By what they do, they will be saying that the new “kingdom” is coming, and the Ruler will not allow them to stray for lack of caring.

The struggle for us humans is whether being terrified, or being loved, is a better motivation for our staying good, in line, and in the “kingdom”. The scriptures opt for tenderness rather than terror — Moses and Jesus relate the care that God has for us all. We are worth God’s going after us. From whatever “Egypt” we have entered, God desires to free us. From whatever “strayings” we indulge, God shows compassion in word and action. The Shepherd of Israel allows for the freedom of the sheep, but freely extends the divine finding with invitations of grace.

**SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR — JULY 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Our Savior Lutheran Church, across the street from Gilmour, has a Food Pantry which distributes food to the community on **the third Saturday of each month**. They welcome volunteers. If you want to volunteer, they have instituted some **new procedures** because of the Coronavirus. **Thus they help pre-pack non-perishables in bags on Thursday evening beginning at 5 PM**. They continue this prepacking on Friday if needed. Check with Elina Gurney on this. **On Saturday morning at 9 AM, they need help putting items from the foodbank into the prepacked bags**. Only volunteers will be allowed in the Church building, so you will be protected against the virus. Clients will remain outside in their cars. **The food pantry is then open from 9:30 AM—1:30 PM on Saturday**.

Our Savior Lutheran’s Food Pantry was formed to serve those in emergency situations and/or with on-going need in the cities of Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights and Gates Mills. The Food Pantry respects social and cultural diversity and upholds the worth and dignity of those it serves. All those in the area with need will be served equally, as supplies allow. The food pantry is a member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

**Please let Elina Gurney know if you would like to help. You can do this through the chapel office [440-473-3560] or by emailing Elina Gurney at [gurney.oh@gmail.com](mailto:gurney.oh@gmail.com).** This is a wonderful way to serve others. Please consider this opportunity.

**NOVENA TO BLESSED BASILE MOREAU:**

Blessed Basile Moreau was the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, to which Fr. John and the Brothers at Gilmour belong. We have two booklets with Novenas to Blessed Basile Moreau. One is used for a personal intention or healing; the other is used when praying for the intention or healing of someone other than yourself. The Novenas were composed by Father Thomas Looney, C.S.C. Many have received blessings and healings through the intercession of Blessed Basile Moreau, and now we want to extend this invitation to you and your family. Please see Father John and he will be glad to give you the booklets.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Matthew 5:38-42             |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, Matthew 5:43-48              |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 1 John 5:1-5, Matthew 22:34-40                    |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 2 Corinthians 11:1-11, Matthew 6:7-15             |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30, Matthew 6:19-23       |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Isaiah 49:1-6 and Acts 13:22-26, Luke 1:57-66, 80 |

**12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time:** Jeremiah 20:10-13, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33

Are we afraid to be apostles? We shouldn't be. God called us with the Gospel, and empowered us to spread the Gospel. The Power He gives us is the Holy Spirit.

Our faith is alive. Our faith is vital. Our faith is strong. It is dynamic. Today we pray for the courage to share this Gift of Faith with others.

—taken from the writings of Father Joseph Pellegrino which appear on the internet

## HAS GOD EVER SHAKEN UP YOUR LIFE?

It struck me recently how many things require “shaking” in our world — whether it’s a bottle of juice, a canister of whipped cream, or a can of paint — one of the most popular directions on daily household items is SHAKE WELL BEFORE USING. That got me thinking. Read this: “When God spoke from Mount Sinai, his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: ‘Once again I will shake not only the earth, but the heavens also.’ This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain. Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping him with holy fear and awe” [Hebrews 12:26-28].

So often, when bad things happen, I run or get nervous thinking that it is my faith that is being shaken. In reality, it’s not always my faith that is being shaken, nor is it the object of my faith — God. In reality, it is ME who is being shaken — out of love.

“Out of love?” you may ask? You got it. Stick with me here.

When God brought the Israelites out of Egypt — behind Moses — He commanded them to sacrifice animals — like bulls and calves. Now this fact may seem confusing to many who might wonder: “What is God’s deal? Why would He want us to sacrifice animals?”

You see, the animals that God asked the people to sacrifice were gods to the Egyptian people, and over the years, God’s children — the Israelites — had begun to worship these false gods — these animals. By requiring that they sacrifice the animals, God was asking them to sacrifice more than animal’s flesh, but to stop worshipping these false gods that were taking their attention off of Him — the ONE true God.

Through Moses’ leadership, God took the Israelites out of Egypt, but now through the animal sacrifices, God was “taking the Egypt out of the Israelites”. He was “shaking” the false gods and worldly ways from the children whom He loved — for their own good. Once those worldly things were “shaken free”, they were left only with the UNSHAKEABLE — with God — the beginning and end of their lives.

What things in your life — what “false gods” — is our Lord trying to “shake you free from” this week? What areas turn our attention from Him? God shaking you is a GOOD thing; it shows His belief in you.

The challenge is not to “freak out” too much when we are being shaken, and that is easier said than done. God promises that we will NEVER be tried beyond our abilities — God does NOT set us up to fail [see 1 Corinthians 10:13]. Quite on the contrary, God believes in us and in our ability to handle ANY situation thrown our way — when we turn our whole heart and attention to Him. That’s one of the reasons that if people in a community don’t welcome or appreciate us as God’s children, we are told to “SHAKE the dust from our sandals” [see Matthew 10:14].

Don’t be surprised if God believes more in you than you do in yourself. He knows better than you do, the potential that you have — potential you have not even tapped into yet. He should — He put it there.

The direction is “Shake Well — BEFORE USING”. He wants to use you. Let Him.

—the Bible Geek

## SHAKE WELL BEFORE USING

I recently received a note from a person who listed seven major fears of God. My heart was moved with compassion for her. She has been told that she is going to hell for several reasons. One of these is that she entered a Catholic church to attend a funeral, and blest herself. My response was: “where do I begin?” Obviously I am not saying or thinking that all must be explicitly in the Catholic church, or even the Christian community, to be found by the love of God. What I am saying is that, by how explicitly we live, we do proclaim the Kingdom of heaven. Heavenly terrorists give God a bad name. If love casts out fear, then being named in Jesus means that we go out to cast out demons by doing who we are. In the name of Jesus then, we are those who save from the illnesses of the fear of God. Where do we start? We begin by our not fearing God! We desire to be good because that is who we are, if we believe our names. We know who we are, and we will act accordingly. It does all begin with hearing our name in prayer — especially the Eucharist. That is the start, and the terrified are waiting.

—taken from the writings of Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

## THE POWER OF GRACE:

With the completion of the Easter season and the special feasts honoring the Trinity and Corpus Christi, we return to Ordinary time which will take us through to the Thirty-third Sunday and the feast of Christ the King which will lead us back into Advent. For today — and all but one of the next twelve weekends — we will be reflecting on Paul’s very important letter to the Church at Rome — a community he did not found, but intended to visit.

Paul begins by making a comparison between Adam and Christ [Romans 5:12-15]. Adam brought sin into the world which affected all people — making us all subject to death. Paul makes his point in this way: “Through one person, sin entered the world and through sin, death, and thus death came to all people.” Paul insists, however, that the gift of salvation won for us by Christ is more powerful than the sin of Adam — “For by the transgression of one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.” Christ inaugurated a new era of grace, thus making salvation available to all people and definitively ensuring that grace is always and everywhere more powerful than sin and death.

Historically, this teaching of Paul was used as the basis for gradually developing the doctrine of original sin — which does not refer to personal sin or collective guilt, but is a way of describing the flawed character of the human condition and our own experience of the tendency to ignore our best impulses and to follow our worst inclination. In that constant struggle, we can be confident that Christ’s grace is always stronger than the threat of sin.

We can all find inspiration in famous individuals who persevered in their faith commitment based on that Christian conviction — Mother Teresa, Oscar Romero, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King and Dorothy Day. We can also find encouragement in people we know — a social activist who has maintained her work for prison reform over many decades despite not seeing much progress; the husband who remained committed to his wife despite her many debilitating illnesses; the vowed religious who maintained a hopeful spirit through the Vatican investigation of American religious orders; a faithful citizen who plans to stay active politically despite extreme disappointment over the presidential election.

Does your belief that Christ’s grace is more powerful than sin make any difference in your life?

—taken from the writings of Father James Bacik which appear on the internet



**ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL:**

Due to the construction around the Commons, the entrance by Fr. John's office [double white doors] has been closed to all traffic. **Please enter the Chapel and/or offices at the main front entrance only, by the Shrine.** Thank you.

**RENEWING OUR EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY:**

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, in conjunction with St. Paschal Baylon Parish, is hosting a weekend conference on *Renewing Our Eucharistic Spirituality*, Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Paschal Baylon Parish is located at 5384 Wilson Mills Road Highland Heights, 44143.** Featured Speakers include: Bishop Michael Woost, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland; Father Norman Pelletier SSS, former Superior General of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament; Sister Catherine Marie Caron SSS, former Superior General of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament; Father George Dunne SSS, Dublin, Ireland, former Provincial Superior, Province of Great Britain; Brother Michael Perez SSS, former Novice Master; Father John Thomas Lane SSS, Provincial Superior; and Father Darren Maslen SSS, Great Britain; and Mrs. Evamarie Cross, Youth Minister. Contact St. Paschal Baylon Parish to register.

**COME TO THE FEST — AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>:**

Join us on **Sunday, August 6, 2023** to enjoy the BEST national Christian artists — **Katy Nichole, Big Daddy Weave, Jeremy Camp, and Chris Tomlin** — along with inspiring displays and vendors, and amazing activities, inflatables, rock walls and entertainment for the kids and grandkids, Marc's Moms Station & the Man Cave. There is plenty of **FREE parking near the seminary.** Find out all the details by going to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). Even if you can't make it during the day, **join Bishop Malesic at 8 PM for an inspiring outdoor Mass, followed by fireworks.** This year's is also the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord — "Jesus took Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light, and they were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." As we come together for The FEST, it's a moment where we, together, climb the holy mountain to spend time with the Lord. Jesus calls us out each of us to "Rise, and do not be afraid."

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

We are currently discerning a new group of Eucharistic Ministers who would undergo training within the summer months. We already have students from our Junior Class at Gilmour who are preparing to enter into instruction in this Ministry. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry, we would be delighted to include you in that ministry here at Our Lady Chapel. Both adults and teens [must be going into Senior year of High School] are welcome to participate in this very special ministry. We are need of ministers for both our Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. **Contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560] if you feel called to this ministry.** We are always in need of Eucharistic Ministers.

**SPREADING THE GIFTS:**

Seven year old David was spending Saturday with his grandfather. He always had fun with Grandpa. Well, this one day, David was in his inquisitive mode. He started asking all sorts of questions — including: "Grandpa, what happens when you die?"

Now his Grandpa was only in his early fifties, and had not done a whole lot of thinking about his dying, but he answered the question the best he could. He told David that when people die they go before God, and if they have lived their lives the best they could, God unites them to himself.

"Does, that mean, Grandpa, that when you die you won't be here anymore?"

His Grandfather said: "Yes, David, I won't be here anymore."

"Does that mean you won't be able to play catch with me anymore?"

"Yes, David, I won't be able to play catch with you."

"And you won't be able to fly a kite with me?"

"That's right, David."

"And you won't take me fishing?"

"No, Buddy, I won't."

"Well," David asked, "who's going to do those things if you can't?"

Grandpa responded: "David, hopefully when that time comes, it will be your turn to do all those things — and more — for another little boy."

That is what Jesus taught his disciples in Matthew's Gospel [9:36-10:8]. The disciples had witnessed his teaching during the "Sermon on the Mount." They had witnessed his power in the working of miracles. Now, when the time comes, they — the disciples of the Lord — would have to do for others what was done for them. They would have to bring the compassion and forgiveness of God to the poor, the needy, the helpless and hopeless, the rejected, and the abused. They would have to bring the Good News — the Gospel — to others.

It is wonderful to witness the cycle of life — it is wonderful to see so many of you being such determined parents when it was not all that long ago that you were the children and the teens with needs. It is wonderful to see your determination to provide for the growth of the faith. Who is it that took you under their wing — who taught you about life, about faith, about family, about becoming?

It is also only natural and right for you to continue sharing the faith you received from your parents and mentors. There are a lot of David's out there who need someone to tell them to distinguish right from wrong as others taught us to choose well. There are a lot of David's who need someone to tell them that God is with them, as others taught us to treasure the presence of God. There are a lot of David's out there who need someone to give them hope, as others have given us hope.

Back in the days of the Lord, the main means of communication was through speech. The written word existed, true, but paper was expensive. Most people learned through word of mouth — the words of traveling teachers or preachers.

Even in our day of emails and facebook and cell phones, nothing surpasses face to face, word of mouth in efficacy. Those of you in the world of sales know this. So do those of you who have children. We have to talk to our children. We have to teach them about Jesus. We have to give them what we received. We have to talk to our neighbors. We have to teach them the Hope of the Lord. We have to give them what we receive.

Each of us has been asked by God to bring the invitation to the faith to others. This is our responsibility as Christians to spread the Gospel of Christ. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Why? Is it because we think others should do the work? Do we think that we are not good enough? Who is?

