

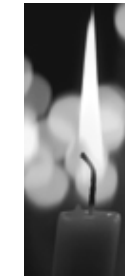
From the Pastor's Desk

Little as I like talking about money, sometimes I have no choice. At its meeting last evening, the Finance Committee thought it imperative that I briefly sketch out the current financial situation of the parish. Some of the news is very good: as of the end of February, we had sent to the diocese \$599,000.00 in payment of the *principle* of our debt and we've made payments in March, too. So the debt is shrinking, thanks to everybody's generosity. The entire staff has been very careful about husbanding parish resources and has kept its spending at or below its budgetary allowances. The bad news is that the weekly collection continues to slump. Through the end of October our collections totaled \$30,000.00 *more* than the collections from July 1st through October 31st of 2006. By the end of December, however, our collections totaled \$14,000.00 *less* than they had the year before. The shortfall worsened in January: collections between July 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008 totaled \$413,282.05; during the same period a year earlier, the collections totaled \$456,070.90. February brought only slight improvement. Through the end of February, the parish received \$40,000.00 *less* than it did the year before and, partly because of the "blizzard" that prevented most people from coming to Mass one weekend in March, the Finance Committee expects that we are not closing the gap between our income and our needs.

In order to pay our bills on time, the parish needs to receive \$775,000.00 in the collection during the current fiscal year (from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008). In other words, each week the collection should be about \$14,900.00; or each month collections should total about \$64,600.00. To some extent, the staff can compensate for a shortfall in income by deferring expenditures, but only to some extent, because the bulk of our expenses are in salaries and benefits. Also, God has been gracious in inspiring people to remember the parish generously in their wills. One bequest, coupled with a diocesan grant, allowed the parish to replace the boiler with a more efficient (and less breakdown-prone!) heating and air conditioning system. But over the long haul, our income must equal our spending or we will be in trouble.

The Finance Committee will shortly be sharing with you more details about our financial situation. It is cause for concern but *not for panic*. Because our debt is decreasing, our interest payments on the debt are decreasing. We're doing very well "holding the line" on spending. Nevertheless, knowing our situation is the first step towards dealing with it.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL



My Dear Friends in Christ,

With assaults on human life increasing at an alarming rate, I am asking you today to make a personal commitment to pray daily for one unborn child who is in danger of being aborted. Unfortunately, since the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973, the number of abortions has increased to 1.4 million annually. Each of us is being asked to "spiritually adopt" one unknown baby for the next nine months. This was begun by Archbishop Fulton Sheen in the 1950s. We will pray for this child that he or she will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life, as God intended.

For just a moment, picture a young woman who just this week discovered that she is seven weeks pregnant. What she may not know is that her baby's heart has been beating for four weeks, it can flex its fingers and toes, suck on his or her thumb and is totally dependent on her. She may not know where to turn. She is considering aborting this baby. She may be under pressure from others and think there is no other option. But many people, like us, do help mothers in need.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

*Sincerely yours,
Fr. John*



The Respect Life Committee will be handing out Our Lady of Guadalupe Holy Cards after all the Masses, March 29th and 30th. These cards will include the opportunity to spiritually adopt an unborn child and to pray for nine months for this unborn child. We will post periodic updates on the development of this child in the bulletin. The nine months will end on December 25th.



BABY BOTTLES

Anyone who missed turning in your baby bottles for the PDHC campaign will have the opportunity to do it this weekend. Please put your baby bottles/donation in the tub marked "PDHC Respect Life" in the vestibule of the church. Your bottles can also be turned in at the Rectory during the week or by calling Linda Gelhaus at 459-5314.

Remember in your prayers, **Richard Porter**, who died this past week. May he rest in peace.



Bible Study Group

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us for Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Today, March 30th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told St. Faustina if you go to confession and receive the Eucharist and are sorry for your sins, He forgives all punishment for your sins. The prayer he told her to say is as follows:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



CRISIS PREGNANCY Hotline

Call (614) 444-4411.

Birthright Crisis Hotline

Call 1-800-550-4900.

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March 30, 2008
Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Bob Connery

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 a.m. St Therese of the Little Flower

Wednesday, April 2

9:00 a.m. Leena Kanakkanatt

Thursday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Bill Wonn

Friday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Robert Gross

Saturday, April 5

5:00 p.m. Robert Amrine

Sunday, April 6

8:00 a.m. St Timothy Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Bette Ghidotti

12:00 p.m. Arthur Thompson

LECTORS FOR APRIL

5:00 p.m.	Bill James and Kathleen Dunn
8:00 a.m.	Carl Connor and Andrea Marchese
10:00 a.m.	Mike Schnitkey
12:00 p.m.	George Cleary and John Wanchick

VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL

Altar Care	Fran Doyle and Jeannine Davis
Linens	Judy Pond
Collection Counters	Bob Fronk and Joe Briski or Mike Foley

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 6

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Carl Connor, Mary K Rainey, Virginia Leidheiser	Bailey Cattabiani, Christina Brahos, Rachel Limes
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Matt Cooper, Bob Dorinsky, Joe Briski	Claire Meeks, Joe Meeks
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Paul Boulware, Lou Fabro, Dave & Mary Pat Boulware, Dawn Ellis	Adam Schnitkey, Katy Cattell, Anna Schnitkey
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Rich H.	George Cleary, Weston Wanchick, Joe Jeffrey

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 1 Bible Study Group – MPR Youth Group Meeting – MPR	9:30 a.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2 Folk Group Rehearsal – Music Room Choir Rehearsal – Music Room	6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 6 Ladies Prayer Group – MPR	7:00-8:30 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP

The following upcoming Youth Ministry Events will take place in the Lower Level of the St. Andrew Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road. Sunday, March 30, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The following will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room:

Tuesday April 1, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Save the Dates:

July 13-17, Helping Hands in Portsmouth Work Camp (HIP Camp); sponsored by St. Mary of the Annunciation Church and St. Mary's Youth Group in Portsmouth, OH, this work camp helps to improve the lives of those who live in Scioto County through various projects such as building wheelchair ramps, painting and landscaping. Besides service to the community, the camp will also provide prayer, recreation and fellowship to allow young people to grow in faith. HIP Camp is open to students entering 9th-12th grade for the 2008-2009 school year.

Wednesday, June 25, Youth Group Outing to Cedar Point.

If you are interested in coming to any of the above events or have a questions about youth ministry, please contact Chris Valentine in the Parish Office or e-mail him at youthsttim@rrohio.com.

Last week's collection was \$12,890.00.

Men's Club Annual "Final 4" night, Monday, April 7th, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center, projection screen. Admission \$10.00, men and we welcome women 21 years, to enter. Call Jerry DeTemple for information (614-314-1079).

Grand Victoria Casino Trip

The Vintage Club is sponsoring a trip to the Grand Victoria Casino on Tuesday, April 22nd. The bus loads at 7:30 a.m. at St Timothy and departs the casino at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. This trip is open to parish members and friends other than Vintage Club. Reservations must be made by April 1st. Make your check out to the Vintage Club and mail to Joe Brembeck, 4467 McCullough Lane, Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Call Joe for more information.

Members of St. Timothy Knights of Columbus will be in the back of the church selling their charity tickets starting on March 29 and 30 and will be there every Saturday and Sunday after all of the Mass until May 10 and 11. All proceeds go to charity. We hope you can support their cause. First prize is \$414.00 a month for 10 years, second prize is \$313.00 a month for five years, and third prize is \$212.00 a month for five years. There are seven other cash prizes totaling \$14,750.00. The ticket cost is \$5.00 each.

St. Vincent de Paul members will be at the doors of the church this weekend to accept your donation.

SCHOOL NEWS

CAFETERIA WORKERS

Mon., 3/31	King, Murphy, Neary, Obergfell
Tues., 4/1	Lutter, Meeks, Stock, Colasurd
Wed., 4/2	Cattell, Cooper, Freeman, Thomas
Thurs., 4/3	Feige, Moran, Reinmann
Fri., 4/4	Brembeck, Bras, Lind

St. Timothy School is planning a Career Day for the 5th-8th grade students on Friday, April 18th, from 12:30-2:50 p.m. We would like to invite members of the St. Timothy community to help make this event a success. If you are currently employed or retired and would be willing to share your career with our students, we would greatly appreciate it. For more information, please stop in the School Office or you can contact the school at 457-0362 or via e-mail at lJordan@cducation.org.

DRY CLEANING FUND RAISER:

The Dry Cleaning Station, located at 1045 Bethel Road, has agreed to donate 5% of all St. Timothy dry cleaning sales back to St. Timothy School. The only requirement is that St. Timothy parents and parishioners need to mention when they drop off their dry cleaning that they are from St. Timothy Parish. The donations from now until May will be applied towards our 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC. Please consider dropping off your dry cleaning at the Dry Cleaning Station to help support St. Timothy School and our 8th Grade Class.

AROUND THE TOWN

Open Your Cum Cristo Gift

Renew your commitment to Christ by making a Cum Christo weekend. The Cum Cristo ministry brings Christians together in an ecumenical environment to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and to motivate them to grow as disciples of Jesus in their churches, their everyday life and other places where God leads them. Applications are now being accepted for upcoming Men's and Women's Cum Christo weekends:

Men's weekend, April 10-13

Women's weekend, May 15-18

For more information, contact Ken and Kathy Lutter (457-9296).

SJB Spaghetti Dinner – Mark Your Calendars!

Vince Militello will be head chef for the Parish Spaghetti Dinner, **Sunday, April 6, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**, in **St. John the Baptist's Marrapese and Sala Halls** at the **Italian Cultural Center, 168 E. Lincoln Street**. Tickets are **\$8.00 for adults**, purchase at the door. Call the **St. John's Parish Office (294-5319)** for more info.

Watterson High School Adult Dance featuring members of **"The Navigators and of The Klatt Brothers with special guest Terry Efaw of McGuffey Lane"** will perform on Saturday, April 12th, at 7:00 p.m. The BWHS Athletic Association will present "Spring Forward – Fall Back" dance at the school. Dress to represent the year you graduated from high school. (Midriiffs, sandals, 'fros, shags, leather, plaid and disco pants allowed). Tickets are \$25.00. Please contact the school at 268-8671, ext. 244, for tickets. Proceeds benefit the BWHS Athletic Association.

The Greater Columbus Post of the Catholic Veterans will meet Tuesday, April 1st, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Michael Church in Worthington. Any Catholic person honorably discharged with 90 days either peace or wartime active duty U.S. military experience, or on active duty now, is eligible to join. Call 614-395-8529 for information.