

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018



Monday, August 20, St. Bernard

8:15 a.m. Leann Darrow Stasik (Dave Long)

6:30 p.m. Stephen J. Halaiko (Family)

Anniversary – Leann Darrow-Stasik

Tuesday, August 21, St. Pius X

8:15 a.m. The Bline Family (Kusnir Family)

6:30 p.m. Drew Carson (Thursday Scripture Study)

Wednesday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 a.m. Andy Kuthan (Regina Kuthan)

Thursday, August 23, St. Rose of Lima

8:15 a.m. Eugene Drexler (Beverly & Frank Guglielmo)

6:30 p.m. Marguerite Recco (Carl & Mary Lou Adelman)

Month's Mind – Linda Smioldo

Friday, August 24, St. Bartholomew

8:15 a.m. Kay & Al Feltrup Sr. (Family)

9:00 a.m. Carol Trifonoff (Parish)

6:30 p.m. Raymond Schafer (Sister)

Saturday, August 25, St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz

8:15 a.m. Jeannette Hengle (Helen Carruthers & Family)

4:30 p.m. Wedding:
Farbod Rohani & Christine Young

5:00 p.m. Frank & Mary Papp (Terri Evans)

August 26, 2018

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am, 9:00 am - Pro Populo, 11:00 am

Scripture Readings for the Week:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (John 6:55)

Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, the bread and wine are *transubstantiated* into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. That long word "transubstantiated" simply means: "change-of-what-it-is-into-something-else" (Thank you St. Thomas Aquinas for that SAT Vocab Word of the Day). As Catholics, we do not believe that Jesus is present "alongside" the bread and wine. And, that which is consecrated is not simply "blessed"; we do not receive "blessed bread" or "blessed wine". It is Jesus present, and Him alone. Jesus stated in John 6:55: "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." From the moment He uttered those words until today, many respond with same disbelief: "This saying is hard; who can accept it" (John 6:60). It is a "hard" saying, one that requires an assent of faith in Jesus' words. The bread and wine are no more; it is Jesus, really present with us. The Eucharist is, therefore, the way Jesus chose to remain always with us (Matthew 28:20).

Part of the difficulty when making that act of faith centers around fruitfulness. If the Eucharist is *really, truly, and actually* the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, then, how are we not walloped by grace *every single time we receive Communion*. If the Eucharist is really His true presence entering our lives, then, where is the fruit in my neighbor's life and where's the fruit in mine? This is a deep question. The Catechism of the Church reminds us that although Jesus remains faithful to His Sacraments (i.e., He is always present), "the fruits of the sacraments also depend on the disposition of the one who receives them" (CCC 1128).

If the Eucharist is to bear fruit in our lives, our hearts must be ever in deeper conversion to Jesus Christ. Jesus summons us to press into the unknown mystery of His presence and believe. We then will need to change our lives to pattern them after His own life. The fruits of the Sacrament include signs and miracles, faith and virtue, and a manifest presence of God in our lives. This requires a "Yes" like Mary's. Will we surrender all of our lives to His Real Presence? Are we willing to say "Yes" to Him, no matter what? Will we truly allow His true presence to get *that close* to us? The faith of our neighbor and the witness to His real presence may depend on the answer we bring to these fundamental questions.

Peace and joy,
Father Bearer

Here's What's Happening Around the Parish This Week...

Sunday, August 19

- School Supply Drop Off, 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- Family Kickball, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Pavilion)

Monday, August 20

- Course Information Night Grades 1-8, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 21

- Bereavement Ministry Holy Hour, 7-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 22

- First Day of School for K-8
- AA/Al Anon, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Refectory)

Saturday, August 25

- Men's Scripture Study, 7:00-8:15 a.m. (Upper Room)



Eucharistic Adoration

An adorer is needed for **Friday evenings from 8:00 - 9:00**. If you are able to help, please call Joanne at 330-338-4810. Please come and spend some time in prayer before our Lord.

Evening of Prayer

St. Francis de Sales will be holding an Evening of Prayer and Praise before the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, September 8th from 8:00-9:30 PM. This will be a time to gather as a parish family in thanksgiving for our parish. We will be outside and under a tent. Bring your lawn chairs and invite friends and family for a beautiful time to praise the Creator of the stars under the night sky. See you and your friends there!

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Aug. 12 **\$17,467.00**
Our parish is blessed by your generosity!

WEDDING BANNS

III *Farbod Rohani & Christine Young*



The parish can always use more volunteers to receive the Vocation Crucifix. Even if you've received it before, you may receive it again. There's no limit! Vocation prayers are always needed and appreciated! Please call the parish office at 330-644-2225 to have your name added to the list.

The **Kelliher Family** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.



Opus Angelorum

In September, all parishioners are invited to hear Fr. Wolfgang Seitz's talk on "The Trial of the Angels and the Battle of the Human Family". This talk will be in the church on Wednesday, September 19th and will be followed by Mass. Come and bring a friend.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of parishioner **Eugene Lepera**. May perpetual light shine upon her.



KICKBALL THIS SUNDAY

TONIGHT

Kickin' up some Fun at St. Francis

Remember playing kickball in grade school? Now you can relive those days. A FUN Kickball Night is scheduled for tonight, August 19th. Bring the whole family: children, parents, even the grandparents. Anyone 6 and under always gets on base! Welcome new parishioners and meet new families. Spectators and volunteers who may want to help parents keep an eye on those too young to play are also welcome. We will meet at the baseball field at 6:30. Refreshments will be served after one hour of play. All are welcome. Come join the FUN!!



**Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic?
Do you know of someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic?
Were you baptized Catholic but never received your 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation?**

Join us for prayer, reflection, and learning on Tuesday evenings, starting September 11, 2018, from 7:15-8:30 pm in the Upper Room

If you would like to register or have questions, please call Kathleen Ott at (330) 644-2225

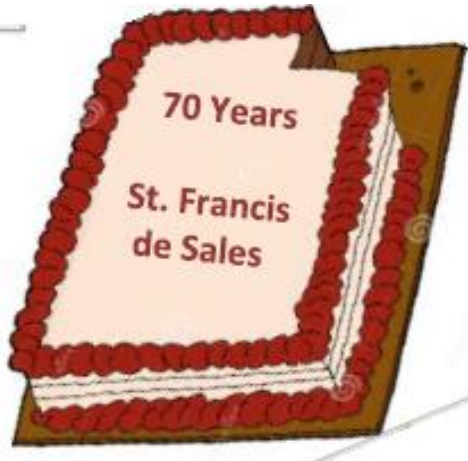
St Francis de Sales Parish 70th Anniversary 5K Run/Walk

In Celebration of the 70th Jubilee, the Anniversary Committee and the PPC would like you to join us in a 5K run/walk. We are looking forward to bringing our parish cluster community together for this amazing event! This event will take place on Sat, Sept 8th starting at 9am. This trail course run/walk is being held at our beautiful Portage Lakes State Park. (This course is not stroller friendly). There is a \$25 registration fee to participate. All participants who register before August 21st will receive a commemorative t-shirt. All profits will be donated to the Barberton Pregnancy Center.

Registration information for this event is <https://runsignup.com/stfrancisdesales5k> . Get your running shoes ready!!



The St. Francis de Sales Annual Parish Picnic Sunday Sept. 9 12:00 to 4:00



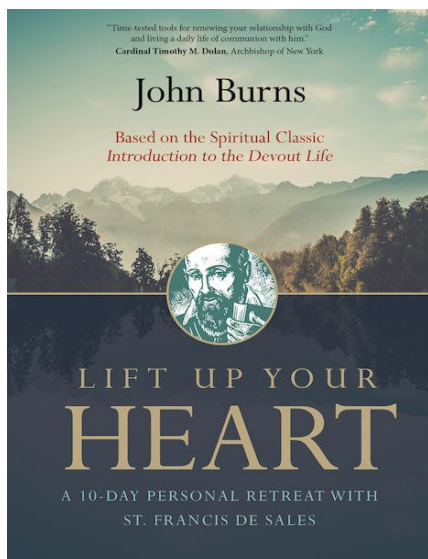
Bake Sale
Bring your canned goods to donate

Caricatures
By Louise Udovich



**Bring the whole family to enjoy
a day of fun and community!**





Are you seeking to know God more fully, love Him more deeply?

This year's small group study gives us a new opportunity to do this.

Father Bline will open this 10 week study with ALL study groups -Tuesday, September 18th at 7:15pm in the church. Father will lead us in the first meditation.

The series will end on November 20th with Fr. Emmanuel presenting the 10th meditation during the Advent mission.

“Lift Up Your Heart” By John Burns

For more than four-hundred years, *Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, has been regarded as the essential guide to holiness and loving God. This spiritual classic takes on new life in *Lift Up Your Heart*, where Rev. John Burns has interpreted ten meditations for the modern reader and distilled them into a ten-week study that can easily be completed in the midst of a busy life.

This practical book goes right to the heart of helping you kick the habit of floating along on your spiritual journey to start actively pursuing holiness and devotion to God. During the course of the study, you'll learn the basics of forming a daily prayer routine, including how to offer yourself to God, meditate on his love, maintain peace in the face of suffering and clarity in the midst of temptation. **The meditations will help you:**

- **Adopt gratitude as a daily prayer practice.**
- **Examine and order your priorities and relationships to better reflect your love for God.**
- **Discern between good and evil in your life.**
- **Desire to love and serve as Jesus did.**

In a very real sense, Father Burns helps you take St. Francis de Sales as your spiritual director. As you do so, you'll feel God's fatherly love and restart your faith life, equipped with the tools to connect with God and live for heaven now.

Sign up pages will be in the Narthex after all Masses.

Books will be distributed prior to the September 18th opening - \$10.00

LAST CHANCE!

Photo Directory Submittals

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If you couldn't have your picture taken by our professional photographer, we still have space for you in our 70th Anniversary Photo Directory! You can submit a "portrait". Here are the details:

Your photo needs to be a minimum of 600 x 900 resolution, .jpg, .pdf, or .tif file. Email your picture to Michele Steurer: Shellbell601@gmail.com, (330-618-5545). In your email, please list your names as you would like them printed in the directory (ex. Kathleen -vs- Kathy). Michele will send an email to confirm receipt of your photo. If you do not get a confirmation email; please reach out to Michele.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018.

Road Trip with St. Paul Parish

Come and join St. Paul Parish in Akron on Saturday, September 15, 2018 they head to Columbus, Ohio to visit the Jubilee Catholic Museum that is hosting the LEGO Vatican. They will also visit some of the historical churches of Columbus. Lunch will be enjoyed in German Village at Schmidt's Sausage House. Departure from St. Paul Parish, South Parking Lot will be at 8:00 a.m. Cost of the trip is \$89 and is all inclusive. To reserve a seat on the bus call Deacon John Amedeo 330-310-1628 or the Rectory Office 330-724-1263.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, Akron

Are you feeling called to a deeper spirituality? Consider Becoming an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The Associates of the Dominican Sisters of Peace extend an invitation to lay Christian women and men interested in deepening their personal spiritual lives and reaching out to others with their gospel values. Associates of the Dominican Sisters of Peace carry out the gospel mission through prayer, study, community, and ministry. Please join us for this session: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 1230 W. Market St., Akron. For information and registration, contact: Colette Parker, OPA 330.835.5688, cparker@oppeace.org

Hospice of the Western Reserve

Donation are needed for our next sale, Friday, September 7th, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm and Saturday, September 8th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters, 17876 St. Clair Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44110. Proceeds support patients and families of Hospice of the Western Reserve. We are accepting gently used indoor and outdoor furniture, other household items, collectibles, framed artwork, and holiday items. To donate items please contact the Sales Team at 216.255.9090 or email warehousesaledonations@hospicewr.org.

Drawing Your Child Back to the Church

How many of us know someone who was raised Catholic but has lost their faith? Perhaps it is your adult child? Perhaps it is a sister, a brother, a parent, a good friend, a colleague? We want to reach out to them, we want to invite them home. But we are met with a range of hearts. Some hostile. Others are completely apathetic. Most are unwilling to have a conversation. Join us on **Sunday, September 9th** at St. Hilary Parish, Fairlawn for a free Luncheon at noon, followed by a presentation by Terrie Baldwin, director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Cleveland. To sign up, visit www.sthilarychurch.org/drawingyourchildback or call 330-867-1055.

"Open Your Hymnal" comes to the Living Bread Radio Network

The Living Bread Radio Network is excited to add a new program to their lineup. *Open Your Hymnal* with Zack Stachowski & Matt Reichert premieres on **Saturday, September 1st at 11:00 a.m.** Explore the most beloved, enduring, and consequential songs that are sung at Mass! Zack & Matt will break open each song through conversation with composers, text writers, and other artists. They'll also look into the scriptural sources of the text, the song writing process, and more!

Theology on the Rocks

Food, Fellowship, and Faith for Adults, Monday, August 20th. Enjoy Fr. Peter Kovacina, Parochial Vicar St. Anthony of Padua, Parma present on Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: Last Testament. Join us at D'Agnes's, 566 White Pond Dr. Akron. 7:00 pm Appetizers, 7:30 pm Speaker. \$10.00 Admission includes appetizers – Cash bar. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron

Come and See Retreat!

Are you restless? Searching for "more"? The Franciscans of the Little Way invite single, Catholic women, 20 and older, to spend a day in prayer and discernment at our Come and See retreat on September 15.

Our day begins with Mass at 8 am at St. Hilary Church (2750 W. Market St, Fairlawn), followed by prayer, talks, and adoration. Register online at www.tinyurl.com/FLW-ComeAndSee or contact Anne Rollick with questions at franciscansofthelittleway@gmail.com or 330-794-7648.

St. Mary Enrichment Center

St. Mary School in Akron provides a quality education for a diverse population, most of whom are from families below the poverty level. Students face many challenges and need the academic programs and support available at the school. Adults and high school students are needed for After School Tutoring on Thursdays, 3:15-4:15 pm. Orientation for tutors is September 6 and tutoring begins on September 20. Volunteer and make a real difference in the life of a young student. Please call, email or text Deb Seseck at 330.328.3821 or debseseck@gmail.com

Embrace Clinic and Care Center

Embrace Clinic & Care Center, formerly known as Community Pregnancy Center of Barberton, is looking for volunteers to help the families we love & serve. Scheduling is flexible, and training is provided. Please, prayerfully consider an opportunity to be a receptionist, advocate, part of men's ministry, or speak to one of our staff @ 330.825.1900 about how you can help.

Also, "**The Beat Goes On**:" - a Night for Life is presented **Saturday, September 15** at Queen of Heaven Parish Center, located at 1800 Steese Rd in Uniontown. The doors for the event open at 6 pm. The music of well-known local band La Flavour kicks off the dancing after dinner. La Flavour is celebrating 51 years of playing great dance music from the 1970s up to current-day hits. This evening will include opportunity to financially partner in the mission of Embrace Clinic and Care Center. The Night for Life is dedicated to defending the sanctity of life from conception to adulthood. Call 330.825.1900 for tickets or purchase online at embraceccc.org – click the "Donate" Tab.

Visitation of Mary Dinner & Silent Auction

Visitation of Mary Parish invites you to their 10th Annual September Sensation, dinner/reverse raffle/silent auction, on Saturday, September 1, beginning at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Cedars Church Hall in Fairlawn. Open bar, Sideboards, 50/50, Grab-bags, Mystery Box and lots of fun! Single tickets with one dinner are \$75. Tickets with two dinners are \$100 or two tickets with two dinners for \$140! For more information, call 330-535-4141, ex. 12 or 330-592-4155

Stop by the parish office this summer to purchase Scrip gift cards for the following:

Acme	Bob Evans	Claire's	Handel's Ice	Lowe's	Panera	Steak 'n'
Aeropostale	Bonefish Grill	Cracker	Cream	Macy's	Pat Catan's	Shake
Amazon	Bravo	Barrel	Home Depot	Marathon	PF Chang's	Subway
Applebee's	Buehler's	CVS	HomeGoods	Marshall's	Pier 1 Import	Sunoco
Arby's	Burger King	Dick's	Honeymoon	Menches	Pizza Hut	Taco Bell
Banana	Carrabba	Dillard's	Grille	Brothers	Red Robin	Target
Republic	Grill	Dunkin	iTunes	Michael's	Red Lobster	TGI Fridays
Bath & Body	Chili's Bar &	Donuts	JCPenney	Old Navy	Regal	Tinseltown
Works	Grill	Game Stop	Jo-Ann	Olive	Cinema	Theaters
Bed Bath &	Chipotle	The Gap	Fabrics	Garden	Sam's Club	TJ Maxx
Beyond	Cinemark	GFS	Kohl's	Outback	Sheetz	Walgreen's
Best Buy	Circle K	Giant Eagle	Longhorn	Steakhouse	Speedway	Walmart
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