



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

This past week you might have seen in The Plain Dealer an article about the community of St. Peter's Church holding a Mass without the permission of the Bishop. Please do not get the idea that this was a good thing to do for the people of that church or for our Diocese. The Bishop gave them strict orders not to do this Mass. They not only disobeyed him, but now caused a public scandal. They have shown defiance against the Bishop and his authority. Whether we agree with the Bishop or not, we must acknowledge him as the shepherd of this Diocese and give him the respect that is due. The Catholic Church is not a democracy so showing disobedience is not the way to change things.

If these people are excommunicated, it would mean that they are banned from receiving the sacraments and would not be allowed to be buried from the Church. Excommunication from the Church is a very serious action and should not be taken lightly. The state of salvation for their soul is lost when a person is excommunicated from the Church. As much as we might sympathize with these people, please know that their actions were wrong and should not be encouraged. As I said before, whether we agree with the Bishop or not, he is still our spiritual leader and we must give him the respect that his office deserves.

We must continue to pray for the Bishop, the people of the St. Peter's community and everyone who is still dealing with the pain of their church being closed.

Peace and Goodness,

*Fr. Bill*

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL & UNIFORM SALE

Come help celebrate the start of the school year, chat with old and new friends, introduce yourself to new families, meet your teachers and build your favorite ice cream sundae! Join us this Sunday, August 22nd, from 1-3pm on the front lawn of the school. The uniform sale will be going on during the ice cream social in the school.

## FALL SPORTS CARWASH

This Sunday, August 22nd, from 7:30am-2pm there will be a Carwash sponsored by the STM Athletic Association during all Masses in the Faculty Parking Lot. Donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Please contact Rob at 216-548-6748 with questions.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Name:** St. Stephen of Hungary

**Feast Day:** August 16th

**Patron Saint of:** Hungary, kings and masons

**Background:** He was crowned first king of Hungary in 1000. He used foreign missionaries to Christianize the country. Many stories are told of his charity to beggars, including when he gave alms in disguise, was knocked down and had his purse stolen.

## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Beginning in September, every First Friday of the month we will have exposition of the Eucharist from 2pm until 7pm ending with benediction. Please call Eileen at the rectory at 216-749-0414 if you are able to commit to one half hour on September 3rd.

## PARISH PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please pray for our troops, our country, and world peace. We will gather in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for peace on Tuesday, August 24th at 7pm.

## BIBLE STUDY- FAITH SHARING

Our Bible "Study" has become more of a faith sharing because we see what Paul wrote several years ago really applies to us today. If you would like to join us, we meet in the church library at 7pm on Mondays.

## PSR REGISTRATIONS

Registrations have been mailed for this year's PSR classes for grades 1-8 which begin on September 14th. If you have not received your registrations or for new registrations, please call Mrs. Barker at 216-929-0776. Visit the parish website at [www.stmparish.net](http://www.stmparish.net) for more information.

## HSYM ULTIMATE FRISBEE

High school students are invited for a night of ultimate Frisbee on Sunday, August 29th from 6-8pm in the field next to the church. This event is free and open to any high school student. Look for more HSYM news on our website, [www.stmparish.net/ym](http://www.stmparish.net/ym).

## BLOODMOBILE

On Sunday, August 29th, the America Red Cross will host a Bloodmobile in Utopia Hall from 9am-1:30pm. You are eligible to donate if your last donation was at least 56 days ago, you are at least 17 years old and you weigh at least 110 lbs. This month donors are eligible to win a free car! Donate and make a difference!

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The winners for the August 50/50 drawing were Chester Galazko (\$100) and Matthew Loy (\$50) both sold by Joseph Vyhonsky. Tickets for September's 50/50 are now being sold by Holy Name members.

## TEARS OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Our monthly meeting will be this Sunday, August 22nd at 2pm in the rectory. Please join us as we gather together in prayerful support for one another. Our mission is to reach out to bereaved persons through God's Word and Deed, offering understanding where the heart hurts most. Any questions, call Peggy Hovan at 216-402-2773 or Tina Hovan at 216-402-2257.

## SPIRIT ENSEMBLE

The Spirit Ensemble is a brand new group that will be joining the music ministry! It is a blend of instrumentalists and vocalists who wish to use their gifts to praise the Lord through music. All vocal ranges and instrumentalists are welcome. The Spirit Ensemble will rehearse Monday evenings at 7:30pm in the Church and play at various weekend liturgies. We hope to bring together parishioners who share a love of music and wish to share that passion with others. Informal auditions will be held the weeks of August 15th and August 22nd and the group will begin rehearsing on Monday, August 30th. Auditions can be scheduled by contacting Katie Cooper at 216-470-6520 or musicmajor247@aol.com. Any questions or comments about the group can be directed to Diana Sidley at 216-926-7573 or Katie Cooper.

## ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir is seeking new and old members to lead the congregation in song every other weekend. The group rehearses every Tuesday at 7:30pm, beginning on Tuesday, August 31st, in the Church and sings at various liturgies every other weekend. All vocal ranges are welcome. Being able to read music is wonderful, but not a requirement. This is a great opportunity to become involved with you parish- the time commitment is quite small and the rewards of ministering to the people are great! Any questions or comments can be directed to Katie Cooper at 216-470-6520 or musicmajor247@aol.com.

## BINGO

Bingo is held at STM every Wednesday in the gym. Doors open at 5pm and Early Birds begin at 6:30pm.

# Cluster Corner

## MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

**Feast Day-** Mary Queen of Peace celebrates its feast day this Sunday, August 22nd with Mass with Bishop Gries at 11am and Parish Picnic to follow from 12pm-3pm in the upper parking lot and Parish Center.

## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

**M.O.M.S.-** M.O.M.S. is an opportunity for mothers of all ages to take a break from their busy lives to receive personal and spiritual nurturing. We meet every other Tuesday beginning September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Activity Center

## ST. LEO THE GREAT

**Walnut Creek-** On September 23rd, there will be a trip to Walnut Creek leaving at 7am and returning around 7:15pm. The cost is \$40. Please call Joanne Todd at 4440-526-3505 to book your spot.

## STM WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will hold a board meeting on Tuesday, August 24th at 1pm in Utopia Hall.

## JHYG PARENT MEETING

Attention all 7th and 8th grade parents! The Junior High Youth Group (JHYG) will be holding a parent meeting on Thursday, September 2nd from 7-8pm in Utopia Hall. The JHYG is open to any and all 7th and 8th grade parishioners. This meeting is especially important for parents who would like to chaperone dances and other events. For more details about the JHYG, please visit [www.stmparish.net/ym](http://www.stmparish.net/ym).

## JOB SEEKERS WANTED!

Are you unemployed and having trouble finding a job? Do you need more information about resume writing and social networking? If yes, then the Job Search Support Group is the place for you. The next meeting is Thursday, August 26th at 7pm in the rectory. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Tina at 216-402-2257. We hope to see you there!

## FAITH AND VALUES

More families than ever are finding it difficult to pay the tuition of a Catholic education for their children. These families need the financial assistance provided through the special parish appeal taking place this weekend. All donor contributions are used for tuition assistance for families with documented financial need right here in our own diocese. Please be generous in your support of our young people.