

upcoming events

June 3, 2018

*Corpus Christi Procession,
10:00 am St. Ambrose*

June 4, 2018

*Evangelization Meeting,
6:30 pm*

June 6, 2018

*St. Agatha Seniors, 12:30
pm, Maguire Hall
Attic Treasures Committee,
6:00 pm, Parish Office*

June 12, 2018

*Parish Council, 7:00 pm
Holy Family Hall
Holy Name Society,
7:00 pm Maguire Hall*

June 13, 2018

*St. Vincent de Paul Society,
6:30 pm*

June 15, 2018

*OLCP Seniors, 1:00 pm,
Maguire Hall*

June 17, 2018

*Holy Name Society Man of
the Year Mass, 10:00*

June 22, 2018

*St. Vincent de Paul Society
8:45 am, Holy Family Site*

June 26, 2018

*Buildings & Grounds, 6:00
pm, Parish Office
Finance Committee,
7:00 pm, Parish Office*

June 27, 2018

Summerfest Meeting, 7:00

June 29, 2018

*Holy Family
Anointing of the Sick
following 8:00 am Mass*

the bridge

news and views for the Our Lady of Charity community
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The View from a Pew

By Steve Banko

If you are as old as I, you probably recall a time when it was pretty easy to find Christian role models. Rev. Billy Graham and Fulton Sheen shine through the mist of my memory. They were men who lived their teachings, showing us the way to a good and decent life. They captivated my generation with their eloquence and closed the deal with their exemplary lives. Of course, role models didn't end with those two giants but they did become a bit harder to find.

Now we've reached a point where we might have to usher our children out of the room when television commentators talk about the president of the United States and now, more than ever, we need role models who understand, preach and live their Christian and our Catholic faith. We need leaders with intellectual and moral courage. We need leaders whose words become road maps and whose lives stand as beacons to the way, the truth and the light. Pope Francis and the Reverend Michael Curry are good spiritual models of the true Christian life but we hardly see enough of them for them to exert a profound example.

I think about this every day, as the news provides a veritable cascade of moral and ethical failure on a daily basis. Where are the shining examples of life well lived? Where do we turn to find encouragement in our own lives? Who can we turn to when we need a little boost?

One such beacon, now sadly passed, was Fred Rogers – he of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood. Rarely had we been exposed to a public figure that embraced the tenets of Christianity and used them to show a generation how to live, and more importantly, how to love. The beauty of Fred Rogers was his quiet ability to light the lives of his audience with a soft glow instead of a garish flash. His gentle tone and his subtle examples of love in action were like a pat on the shoulder instead of a shout in your face. He lived that which others taught and he taught so that our children might live and learn. While he is gone, he is fondly remembered for showing us the way.

Another beacon was James Shaw, Jr. He was the man who stopped the Waffle House shooting in Tennessee last month. He acted when others might have been

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frozen by fear. But his Christian spirit was not only on display during the shooting but it continued after in his efforts to raise money for the families of the victims of the shooting.

Jason Seamen's example also shines bright. He is the science teacher in Illinois who took three bullets to save his students from more harm during yet another school shooting. Like Shaw, Seamen's heroism resulted from his belief that we are, indeed, our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

Not all exemplars of our faith are public postures or are called upon to do heroic things. You may know many such beacons here in the parish or in our own lives: the young person who cuts the lawn of an elderly neighbor, the friend who takes time to visit the sick and shut-ins, the teacher who extends herself to be a positive factor in a student life. Our examples are all around us if we take a few minutes to look for them. They may not be on television and they may not accomplish heroic feats but they have accepted the teachings of our faith; the teaching that we must love one another as we love ourselves. It helps to tune out the bluster and the bombast that now passes for leadership in our country. In the quiet that follows we can hear the call and see the light marking our way to a life of joy, of grace, and of love.

Stop for a minute and recognize that it is, indeed, a beautiful day in the neighborhood.

Thank You Notes

The Congregation of Holy Cross sent a thank you for our donation to help the Lord of Hope Parish in Peru.

The Consolata Missionaries were grateful for our gift that supports their mission work in Kenya as they preach the Word of God and helps people in desperate need.

A "thank you" note was received from the Midwest Jesuits for our generous donation. With our help they are able to help their mission and ministries in Nicaragua.

We welcome into our parish family:

Newly Baptized:

Nolan David Brown
Jameson Alexander Campbell

New Parishioners

Kaileen & Ryan Gerevics
and their son Benjamin
Briana & Chris Baptist
and their daughter Adalind
Janet Brady
and her son Brady Driscoll
Douglas & Rosette Jowsey
and their daughters Grace & Stella
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and her son Brian Smith

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas

By Susan Potaczala

Regent, CDA Court

Msgr. Nelson H. Baker #1043

One of the best-kept secrets in the area, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Nelson H. Baker #1043 recently celebrated their 91st anniversary. You may have seen the occasional bulletin announcement for a meeting and wondered what that was all about. Catholic Daughters were founded in 1903 and is the largest Catholic women's organization in the US, and expanding into other countries including Kenya, Guam and Peru. The local court, named for Fr. Baker, was formed in 1927, had Fr. Baker as its first chaplain and we are honored to carry on his mission to the community. At one time the court had almost 500 members but is much smaller these days with everyone so busy – not many stay at home moms looking for an escape and adult conversation, although we still socialize within the court and with other area courts. One thing has not changed, our mission to help others in our communities through charitable work and service to others. As an individual, the effect on our surroundings is small but combined with others, more can be achieved. In the past, our court has made contributions to the local food banks, Harvest House, St. Gianna Molla Center and the Franciscan Center. The local court distributes scholarships to eighth graders going on to a Catholic high school every year. At the state level, Catholic Daughters support our seminarians by giving a contribution to each of the bishops to assist those preparing for the priesthood. Through the national organization, Catholic Daughters

support Habitat for Humanity, Smile Train, promote family prayer, work against pornography, and remind our legislators to ensure the dignity of all people. Our lives are enriched with spiritual prayer and friendship. Any Catholic woman 18+ is eligible to join and we are always looking for new members. Or if you wish more information, please feel free to contact Sue at 939-7450. Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 18th, starting with mass in the Chapel at Our Lady of Victory Basilica at 6:00 PM.

Monthly Money Minutes

By Amy Jo Lauber

Certified Financial Planner™ Professional and president of
Lauber Financial Planning

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. I Corinthians 16:2

See, even the Bible is telling you to save money, but how? Is saving money more difficult now or is it that there are many more ways to spend our money?

Setting money aside today will help you tomorrow, so don't let your today-self be greedy against your tomorrow-self. Having a "financial cushion," a "rainy day fund," or even an "opportunity fund" as a way of reducing your stress should an unexpected expense (or opportunity) arise. Think of it as a gift to your future self.



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Friendship Corner

by Audrey Kunz

“In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.”

– John Steinbeck

“In an ever changing world the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God’s changeless love.”

– Mother Teresa (Feast of Corpus Christi)

“God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well.”

– Voltaire (Birthdays)

“We are formed by environment and grace, by politics and prayer, by church and conscience. All God’s creatures conspire to teach us well. We stumble. We stutter. We rise. We are lifted.”

– St. Anthony (Feast Day-June 13th)

“When we honor our flag we honor what we stand for as a Nation – freedom, equality, justice, and hope.”

– Ronald Reagan (Flag Day-June 14th)

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.”

– Jim Valvano (Father’s Day)

“Friends...they cherish one another’s hopes. They are kind to one another’s dreams.”

– Henry David Thoreau



*Congratulations,
Graduates!*

Student Honors - Third Quarter

Canisius High School

Honor Roll

Domenic Gallo	Junior
Dylan Prendergast	Junior

St. Francis High School

Second Honors

Ryan Young	Freshman
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Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School

First Honors with Distinction

Jackson Dunn	Brian Hilmey
Patrick Kline	Micheal Klodzinski
Roger Marchione	

First Honors

Justin Bott	William Daley
Matthew Horrigan	Sean Jordan
Michael Sands	Owen Smardz
David Thie	

Merit Roll

Brett Armbruster	Connor D'Anthony
Joshua Derwin	John Donahue
Benjamin Juliano	Matthew Lynch
Sean McCarthy	Patrick Meesl
Ryan O'Keeffe	

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