



## Four Parish Newsletter

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### From The Pastor



Welcome to the first issue of our four-parish newsletter. Does "Our Four-Parish Newsletter" sound like a good name for it? I don't think so either. So enter our contest to name this newsletter!

Why a newsletter? Over recent years as our four parishes have generated new life and activity we on staff have often said to each other, "that would be a good thing to explain in a newsletter." The weekly bulletin works well for brief notices and essential information, but not for more complete information. And a newsletter will have space for features that would never make it into the bulletin. So, take and read about the vibrant life happening in our parishes. Hope you enjoy!

## **Name the Newsletter!**

As Father Mike stated, we are looking for a title for our four parish newsletter! A prize will be given to the person who submits the winning name. Names may be submitted via email to [olranne@aol.com](mailto:olranne@aol.com), phoned into the office, 228-8802, placed in the collection basket marked "Newsletter" or mailed to 22 Notre Dame Ave.

Why a newsletter? Actually, there are so many good things happening in our four parishes that most people do not even realize and we want to share this with parishioners at large, both to make you all aware and to recognize those doing good things to build the Catholic community here in Old North Dayton

The deadline for your submission is Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Please help!

## **Isn't It a Small World?**

Some time ago, two young men were schoolmates through OLR Elementary and Carroll High schools, their names are Doug Lang and Ed Bahret (son of this editor). Fr. Mike taught them at Carroll. Fast forward through college and flight training. These two wound up in the same Marine fighter squadron flying in F-18 fighter planes (can you believe?). Last year the squadron deployed to Japan (after a few combat tours in Iraq) for a three year stint guarding our Pacific side. Soon after they got there from San Diego, they were sent to Alaska for some military exercise. While in Alaska, they were assigned to test fly an aircraft just out of maintenance, to see if it still worked (a challenging assignment to say the least). Ed said he would take pictures of the fantastic Mt. McKinley from the air. What you see in the collage is Doug enjoying the view, Ed taking a picture of himself, and the superb mountain. After they got back to their base in Japan, Ed went down to Okinawa for some scuba diving with whale sharks. It appears that, if you can't go way up, you must go down.



## **From the OLR Business Manager—Amy Schmidt**

As I complete my first year here at Rosary, I want to thank everyone for being so welcoming, patient, and supportive (including Sophie!). I continue to be impressed each day by the displays of faith and hope that I witness among the four parishes, and am honored to be a part of such a wonderful family. The staff is truly outstanding, and amazing stewards of the gifts that we are given. We have accomplished much in these past few months and it has been a very exciting time. The school is looking great and new computers are on the way, thanks to another generous donor. There is more coming as we look forward to tackling the many projects and repairs of Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

For the members of OLR, we will be assembling a list of items and repairs that need to be made, along with a "wish list" of items of lesser priority but which would be nice to have. It has been a slow process speaking with various contractors, and gathering bids so we ask for your patience as we work toward completion of this list. We will also be asking for your input, and hope that you will give prayerful consideration to the amount of time, talent, and treasure that you can commit to the Parish to complete these tasks. Together we can accomplish anything and I look forward to my second year. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact me.

## Spotlight: Deacon Henry Beck – Celebrating 30 Years as Our Deacon



On July 14, 1916, Henry was born to Henry & Bertha Beck, the youngest of 9 children. When Henry was 2 years old his mother died in the 1918 flu epidemic. All 9 of the children, ages 12 to 2, were taken to St. Joseph's Orphanage until the oldest girls were able to keep house and bring them all back home. His father owned a shoe store that was destroyed in the 1913 flood. He continued to work hard and visited his children often while they were separated.

Henry graduated from Holy Trinity, St. Francis High School Seminary, attended one year at St. Anthony Friary in Mt. Airy and two years at Duns Scotus College in Detroit. During WWII Henry arrived in New Zealand and saw action in the Fiji Islands, New Georgia, Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Russell Islands and the Philippines. He was promoted to Captain, earned the Bronze Star and was later discharged in Jan. of 1946. In June of 1947 he graduated from Miami Jacobs College with a degree in Accounting. Henry married Thelma Hoelle in August of 1947. They had 3 children: Phyllis, Henry III, and Joseph. Joseph died in 1967 at the age of 4 and Thelma died in 1972. Henry worked for 20 years as comptroller at the Crystal Water Co. and then was assistant to Bob Roderer in the County Treasurer's Office and Auditor's Office. He retired in Feb. of 1980.

Henry was ordained as a permanent deacon on July 28, 1979. He was a member of the second diaconate class. He was assigned to Our Lady of the Rosary parish and later served all 4 of our parishes. Over the past 30 years he has assisted at Mass, given homilies, celebrated baptisms, performed wedding ceremonies, brought Communion to the sick and homebound, visited those in the hospitals, presided at funerals and cared for our parishioners. "Serving the people (as deacon)," he said, "has been the best job I have ever had." Congratulations and God bless you, Deacon Henry, and thank you for all you have done for all of us.

## Quilting Group

Our quilting group has been meeting since January of 2008. We enjoy each other's company and are learning different quilting techniques. We also plan outings to quilt shops and have fun seeing the beautiful fabrics and unique patterns. Our ladies have done some remarkable quilts and we enjoy sharing our talents. We help each other with quilting ideas and are inspired by the beauty of the quilts. Some of our group are at the beginning stages of learning and others are very experienced quilters. We always welcome new members. For more information contact Paula Stibich at 236-0928. Consider joining us when you can.

Submitted by: Paula Stibich



## **We didn't intend to start a book club, but we did!**

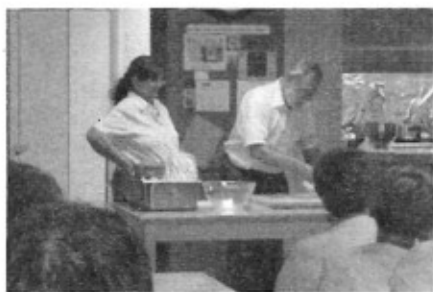
During the Lenten season, about 20+ people gathered on Wednesday nights to discuss a book entitled "The Shack". We had a great time discussing this novel about God, evil, and forgiveness. At the end of our meetings we discussed coming together again to share another book, specifically "Miracles Do Happen" by Sr. Briega McKenna, O.S.C.

"For over 25 years, since she was cured of crippling arthritis, Sr. McKenna has ministered hope and healing to countless people. Her book tells the story of her encounter with the healing power of God. It also shares her insights about faith, the healing power of the Eucharist, the importance of prayer and the ministry of vocations. Most of all, it points the way to a closer relationship with Jesus, greater knowledge of His love, and a deeper faith in His power to do the impossible"

This book can be ordered on Amazon for about \$12, or you can contact Anne Rusen, Pastoral Minister at 228-8802 to order the book. We will have discussions about the book during the month of October, on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM in the OLR Church Hall. The "book club" is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Submitted by Anne Rusen

## **Cooking Demonstrations**



During the past several years the Interparish Team has sponsored cooking demonstrations in order to share recipes from our cookbook and from our talented parishioners. The presenter demonstrates the recipe and provides enough food for all to taste. Everyone takes home copies of the recipe for future use. Some of the foods presented have been Virtinai



(Lithuanian Meat Dumplings), Focaccia and specialty sauces, Bacon Buns, Blueberry Streusel Muffins, Ravioli with homemade spaghetti sauce, Irish Soda Bread, Taco Salad, Chicken Parmigiana with Italian sauce, yeast dough coffee cakes, Calzones, Hungarian Goulash and various ways to prepare fish including salmon and fish in parchment. We are looking forward to our next classes and hope to see you there.

Submitted by: Phyllis Wysinski

## **Interparish Team Mission**



We are blessed with a multi-ethnic four parish Catholic "Family". In working together, we have grown to love each other and appreciate the many diverse blessings we share. Throughout the year all of our parishioners are welcome and invited to participate in the activities and celebrations of each parish. We share a common Sunday Bulletin and in this way keep in touch with what is happening. In addition, our Four Parish Committee meets once a month to plan future activities which involve our "Family".

### **Our Interparish Team has offered:**

- Cooking Classes
- Dance classes
- Mardi Gras celebrations
- Family Dinner/Game nights that include the children and adults of all ages
- Harvest Picnic with a Polka Band and games for the children
- Compiled and sold a great Cookbook
- Had a special celebration in honor of Father Mike's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination
- Baked ethnic cookies to sell at St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar
- Holy Thursday Dinners
- Provided assistance to our Pastoral Minister, Anne Rusen, with several parish projects

Our goal is not to make a lot of money but to only charge what is necessary to cover expenses. One exception was our Cookbook sale and the money that was raised was used to help buy the two large screen TV's at Our Lady of the Rosary undercroft for all 4-Parishes to use.

Any suggestions or help from you, our "Family" will always be appreciated. Please contact Phyllis with any suggestions at 236-5378.

Your Four Parish Committee,

St. Adalbert, St Stephens, Holy Cross, Our Lady of the Rosary

Let's remember Father Patrick Peyton's motto. "The family that prays together stays together."

Submitted by Elinor Sluzas

## History of Our Lady of the Rosary Fish Fries

In 1962, Alice Shumaker went to Fr. Berning and asked if he would give permission to start a fish fry at O.L.R. with the profits used to update the Church Basement. Fr. Berning agreed. Evelyn Anello was co-chair with Alice. Evelyn was the director of finances and Alice was in charge of the tickets, set up for the gambling and organized the volunteers. They hired Henry Bochenek and his family to fry the fish and run the kitchen with OLR ladies cutting and breading the fish the morning of the fish fry. The fish fries became an immediate success. Henry Bochenek was well known for his delicious fish.



After Evelyn died, Mary Lou Timmerman took over the finances and Sue Papp was taught by Henry Bochenek to fry the fish. Sue and Alice have run the fish fries together for more than 30 years. Sue is now chairman with Alice as co-chair. For the past 14 years Andrea Dapkus has been taking care of the finances and next year Veronica Phillips will take over. With our wide variety of food Sue has earned the parish the title of the Best Fish Fry in Dayton. Jim Otte came to our fish fry and did a piece about it for WHIO and he was blown away!



Fr. Caserta started a baseball team for teenagers and they couldn't wait until they were 21 to bartend the fish fry. They have now been bartending for 34 years. Many volunteers have helped for over 30 years. The numbers of volunteers needed range from 38 to 52 for each fish fry.

Money earned from the Fish Fry events has covered expenses for updating the church undercroft with new bathrooms, new tile on the floor, new lighting and remodeling of the kitchen. After 20 years the kitchen will be remodeled again and new tables and chairs, etc. will be added.

None of this could have happened without our volunteers. They made each Fish Fry a success. Alice and Sue are grateful to each and every one of them for their tireless energy on behalf of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Next season we will again have five Fish Fries on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of September, October, November, January and February. We look forward to seeing you for evenings of fun and great food!

Submitted by: Alice Shumaker

### A PRAYER FOR JOB SEEKERS

*Gracious and loving God, you know our need for meaningful work. Send your Holy Spirit to guide those who are searching for employment. Help them to recognize the gifts and talents you have given them. Deepen their desire to follow your will. Inspire them as they contact potential employers. Give them patience as they wait for responses. Shelter them from feelings of rejection. Protect them from discouragement. Give them courage to overcome fear. Shower on them the graces they need to persevere. Let this time of searching become an opportunity to grow in faith, to cultivate the virtue of hope, and to experience your healing love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Blue Star Mothers of America**

The Blue Star Mothers of America need our help. This non-profit organization supports our military troops and veterans by sending them items they need. This group relies on donations and they are very low on their supplies at this time. When a soldier gets a package from home it really lifts their spirits and lets them know they are remembered and supported. Our fund drive to help with this effort starts July 4<sup>th</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>. **The following items are needed: bar soap, body wash (no trial sizes please), wash cloths & Q tips. Also, cards & letters addressed to our troops are greatly appreciated. These items will be given to those not receiving mail from home.** Donations can be placed in the containers located at the doors of our churches.

Money donated to help defray the cost of shipping the care packages would also be appreciated. Checks can be made out to The Blue Star Mothers of America and mailed to

The Blue Star Mothers of America

P. O. Box 29272

Dayton, Ohio 45429

Thanks for the help & support for our troops. Contact person is Paula Bauer (236-3051).

Submitted by: Paula Bauer

## **Workers In the Vineyard Updates** **4 Parish Greeting Card Ministry**

One of our new ministries as part of our Workers in the Vineyard program is the Greeting Card Ministry. The goal of this ministry is to send a card from the parish to any parishioner who may be celebrating a special event or who is in need of our thoughts and prayers. **We are asking parishioners to help by contacting the leaders listed below with the names of anyone whom you think is in need of a card.** (Occasions for cards might include a special anniversary or birthday, a wedding, birth of a new baby, a Baptism, a hospitalization, lengthy stay in a nursing home or home-bound, serious illness or death in the family, etc.)

**Please contact one of the following leaders of this ministry:**

**St Adalbert : Sharon Voge, 233-3980**

**Holy Cross: Mary Petkus, 898-8177**

**St. Stephen & Our Lady of the Rosary: Teresa Leopold, 236-2404 or**

**Pam Seifert, 279-0296**

## **Adult Summer School Begins**

All of us are called by God to grow in our spiritual life and in our knowledge of our Catholic faith. Beginning on June 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing till August 25<sup>th</sup>, we can follow that call very simply by joining other adults of our parishes on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM in the OLR Church Hall. You won't have to read a book, answer questions, or take any tests. You will experience easy learning using our great new TV screens to view videos on a wide range of topics. Watch upcoming bulletins for weekly topics.

## Lap Blanket Project



Lap blankets have been made for our sick, our homebound and nursing home parishioners. Some are crocheted or knitted and others are sewn from colorful material. Each blanket has a message attached to it saying "You are covered with prayers



from the members of Holy Cross, St. Adalbert, St Stephen and Our Lady of the Rosary."

We are always looking for people to help us make additional blankets. If you can sew, knit or crochet, please consider making a few blankets. We also accept donations of fabric and yarn. For more details please call Paula Stibich, the project coordinator, at 236-0928.

Submitted by: Paula Stibich

## Upcoming Events through November 2, 2009

- Summer School for Adults - Tuesdays June 9 to August 25 OLR Church Hall at 7:00 pm
- Ballroom Dancing Lessons -Thursdays at the Polish Club Hall 7:00 pm
- Noodle making – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month at St. Stephen Hall 8:00 am
- School Begins August 13<sup>th</sup>
- August 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Our Lady of Czestochowa video & celebration (Feast Day Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>) All 4-Parish members are invited to OLR Church Hall at 7:00 pm
- Senior Breakfast begins Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> with 9:00 am Mass St. Adalbert Church
- Harvest Picnic Sunday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Dayton Firefighters Activity Center on Needmore Rd.
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Life Chain Sunday
- October 6<sup>th</sup> RCIA begins 7:00 pm OLR Church Hall
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Alumni Breakfast Sunday, OLR School Cafeteria
- Class of 1959 Reunion Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> OLR Church Hall
- Class of 1985 Reunion Saturday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>
  - For information on reunions contact the Alumni Association at
    - [olrdevelopment@catholic.org](mailto:olrdevelopment@catholic.org)
- A Multicultural Celebration – Sat. and Sun, October 17 and 18, sponsored by the Region 12 parishes of St. Adalbert, St. Stephen, St. Peter, Holy Cross, and Our Lady of the Rosary located in the St. Peter Family Life Center
- Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday, Four Parish All Souls Mass 7:00 pm Location TBA