

Catholic Parishes of Old North Dayton (P.O.N.D.)

Life in the Pond

Our Newsletter Has A Name!

Choosing a title for this newsletter was harder than we thought. That is because we had fourteen suggested titles that were very clever and yet fit the perfect idea for getting information out to all of our parishioners.

The title chosen by the staff was won by only one vote. That's right, we couldn't make up our minds – (no comments about our decision making process, please). Jerry Scott suggested the above title and he even offered many ideas for graphics to accompany the title.

Jerry will receive a gift certificate for his creative suggestion.

Thank you to all who submitted suggestions for the newsletter. These included Claudia Carey, Michael Smith, Mike Siefert, Mary Lou Belcher, Ken & Cindy Keivel, Jerry Scott, Alice Petkus, Donna Hutchinson, Paul & Tanya Kroger and Joe Pietrzak. Keep your creativity flowing as we continue to share information with our parishioners.

We are always looking for news articles for our 4 parish newsletter. The next one will be published in January. Please keep us in mind and share your news.

Pope Declares Year of Priests

On June 19, 2009 Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed a year of prayer for priests. This date was chosen because it coincides with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is the day on which the Church

celebrates World Day for the Sanctification of Priests and in honor of St. John Vianney on the 150th anniversary of the death of the Holy Cure d'Ars. Pope Benedict explains "sanctification" to mean "the giving over of a person

to God". It is a transfer of ownership "being taken out of the world and given to God."

Let us this year spend some extra time in prayer for our Father Mike and all of our ordained priests.

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Calendar of Events

- Nov. 2 All Souls Mass 7pm OLR
- Nov. 4, 11, 18 Bingo 12:30 HC.
- Nov. 5, 12, 19 Ballroom Dancing 7 pm Polish Club
- Nov. 6 Family Nite Dinner/Games 6 pm OLR
- Nov. 7 Veterans Day Celebration Mass/Dinner 5 pm OLR
- Nov. 10 Senior Mass/Breakfast 9 am St. Adalbert
- Nov. 13 Fish Fry 6 pm OLR
- Nov. 15 Canned Goods Collection 9 am St. Stephen
- Nov. 18 Noodle Making 8 am St. Stephen
- Nov. 21 Ohio State/Michigan Game 1pm OLR
- Nov. 21 Lasagna Dinner 6 pm St. Adalbert
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Mass 7 pm OLR
- Nov. 29 Advent Begins
- Dec. 2, 9, 16 Bingo 12:30 Holy Cross
- Dec. 3, 10, 17 Ballroom Dancing 7 pm Polish Club
- Dec. 5 Dinner/Movie sponsored by K of C 6 pm OLR
- Dec. 8 HOLY DAY Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 15 Senior Mass/Breakfast 9 am St. Adalbert
- Dec. 20 Kucios 6 pm Holy Cross
- Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 Bingo 12:30 HC
- Jan 8 Fish fry 6 pm OLR
- Jan. 12 Senior Mass/Breakfast 9 am St. Adalbert
- Jan. 21 Noodle Making 8 am SS
- Jan. 25 Afternoon at the Movies 1pm OLR

Our Lady of Czestochowa August 26th Feast Day Celebration



The Sanctuary in Jasna Gora is the biggest sanctuary in the world. It is the location of the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The Polish people went on pilgrimages to their Mother, confiding their grievances, asking for intercessions for their country, vowing their fidelity under her protection. From the early centuries and continuing in the present day, people entrust the

destiny of the nation to the Holy Mother. One of the greatest of these was Pope John Paul II, who illustrated his trust and confidence in the Holy Mother through his apostolic motto, "Totus Tuus." The picture of the Holy Mother is a type of Hodegetria, one who points to the way. She holds the Infant Jesus in her left hand while she points to her Son with her right hand. The

Baby holds his right hand up as bestowing a blessing; his left hand holds Holy Scripture. In 1430, robbers assaulted the chapel, perpetrating painful damages and slashing the cheek of the Holy Mother, two scars remain on the Holy Icon as proof of the invasion. The crown on her head shows the words "Totus Tuus" and she holds the gold rose presented to the shrine by Pope John Paul II.
by Danuta Romanowska

Old North Dayton War Memorial

Within the walls of our 4 Catholic Churches is hidden the rich history of Old North Dayton. If these walls could speak we would hear great stories of our early immigrants...of their joys and their sorrows...their laughter and their tears.

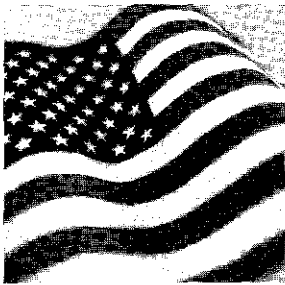
As you cross the Tony Stein Memorial Bridge into Old North Dayton you see the War Memorial and the flags representing these early

immigrants. They fly as a constant reminder of those early Americans who came to find a better way of life for their families and whose sons fought and some gave their lives for our great country.

The Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association is very low on funds and could not replace the flags that were tattered and torn.

Your 4 Parish Committee voted to give \$300.00 to the Association for this worthy project. We want you to know!

by Elinor Sluzas



Thank You!!! Thank You!!! Thank You!!! Thank You!!!

The Blue Star Mothers of American Miami Valley Chapter #3 would like to thank you for all the donations our parishes gave generously to our troops. Every time I came to a meeting or helped out at the Troop Center at Towne and

Country Shopping Center my trunk was full of donations. The other Blue Star Mothers were impressed.

All of the donations will be sent to the most remote locations and to the soldiers that do not get any support

from home. If anyone would like to donate items or money to help send packages feel free to contact me @236-3051. Checks can be mailed to: The Blue Star Mothers of America Miami Valley Chapter #3 P.O. Box 292722 Dayton, Ohio 45429

Thanks again, Paula Bauer
Proud Mother of an Airman

Cpl. Tony Stein, USMC, ---Congressional Medal of Honor

Tony Stein went to Kiser High School and lived at 304 Alaska St. He was a handsome young man, full of energy and a Golden Glove Boxer. When Japan attacked at Pearl Harbor he answered his country's call. He became a proud Marine Corp Paratrooper. On Feb. 19, 1945, he was the first man in his unit to be on station after hitting the beach of Iwo Jima. Cpl Stein, armed with a personally improvised

aircraft-type weapon, provided rapid covering fire as the remainder of his platoon attempted to move into position. He made a total of eight trips to the beach for ammunition while under intense fire and carrying or assisting a wounded man back each time. On March 1, 1945, he and 20 others volunteered to clear a ridge of Japanese snipers on Mt. Suribachi. He and 13 of his comrades were

killed during the assault. He was buried from his parish, Our Lady of the Rosary, and rests in Calvary Cemetery. In 1972, a U.S. ship was commissioned *The Tony Stein*. In 1990, the Marine Corp, at Camp Pendleton, Ca., dedicated their new Tony Stein Low Altitude Air Defense Simulator Center to honor Tony who built the first "Stinger" weapon. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions that saved hundreds of lives.



The Hands of St. Joseph

The Hands of St. Joseph is a group of very hard working people. Since June 22nd, we have been working to improve the looks of the four parishes. In June, we started at OLR by trimming trees, bushes, and pulling weeds by the parking lots, church and school. In July, we were at St. Stephens to trim trees, bushes and pull weeds. Then on to St Adalberts to trim trees, bushes and do a

general clean-up of the area. Holy Cross was next on our list to trim and remove a couple of dead trees. We also painted Fr. Mike's garage. We are currently working on the front doors of St. Adalbert's church. They are getting sanded, stained and a new coat of varnish. Now that the weather is starting to get cooler, we will begin to do some indoor projects. We plan on doing

some painting in Fr. Mike's house. If you are interested in joining our group or want to help with some indoor projects, please give us a call. Many thanks to all the people who make up the Hands of St. Joseph. You are a hard working group of individuals who know how to work together. Rick and I are glad to have you in our ministry and we are looking forward to working with you on future projects. Kathy & Rick Collin 233-0657.



7th Annual Harvest Picnic



Blessing of the Animals

*For a list of foods
harmful to your pet
if ingested, visit
humanesociety.org*

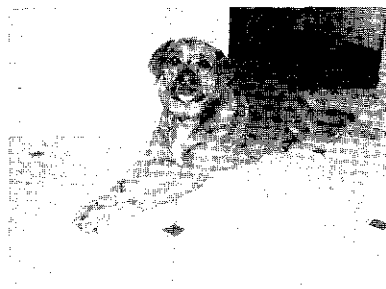
Monday afternoon, Oct 5th, Fr. Mike blessed the animals of the school children and the parishioners. This tradition is connected to St. Francis of Assisi whose feast day is Oct. 4th. St. Francis had a special love for all of God's creation. Our pets are a special part of our lives and it is good to ask God to bless them.



Sophie Speaks!

Sophia in Greek means Wisdom and Sophie will share words of wisdom in each newsletter.

**A diamond is a
piece of coal that
stuck to its job!**



FISH FRY'S!

Upcoming dates are:

- November 13, 2009
- January 8, 2010 (Monte Carlo)
- February 12, 2010 (Monte Carlo)

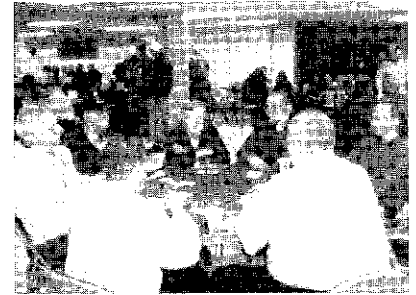
Advance Tickets...\$13

Door Tickets...\$15

6-11pm

No Carry Outs

Sorry, but due to alcohol and gambling, it is illegal for us to allow anyone under the age of 21 to attend these fish fry's. For more information and tickets, contact the Rectory Office, 228-8802



From the OLR Business Manager

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we again prepare ourselves for colder weather and the upcoming holidays. I continue to get estimates for repairs and improvements to Our Lady of the Rosary Church and hope that you have had an opportunity to look at the drawings of the proposed new kitchen. I will add to this display as I get the final pricing in for our projects.

Our continuing problem with water leakage in the church has been the major factor holding us back from beginning any improvement projects. Our inadequate gutters and downspouts are playing a major role in this dilemma and unfortunately have taken priority as far as improvements are concerned. While this is a disappointing delay, I remain confident that we can restore the beauty of this church within the next few months.

We are extremely grateful to those who support these projects through prayer, volunteerism and financial stewardship. I believe that we are capable of great things here that will have a tremendous impact not only on our parish family, but the community as well. We will remain a strong, positive force in Old North Dayton!



Thanksgiving



This Thanksgiving let those of us who have much and those who have little, gather at the welcoming table of the

Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world.

With thankful hearts we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing.

Today and every day, it pleases God for us to sit as brothers and sisters as we share the bounty of the earth and the grace God has placed in each blessed soul. For this we all give thanks and praise to our loving and gracious God.

Sacramental Information June, 2009 thru September, 2009

Holy Cross

Baptisms: Owen Anthony Glaser
Deaths: George A. Zelinskas
Number of Families: 75
Number of Individuals: 114

St. Adalbert

Deaths: Irene Domansky
Number of Families: 110
Number of Individuals: 169



Our Lady of the Rosary

Baptisms: Diana Whittle, Christopher Turner
Deaths: Bernard Shiflet, Carole Ann Robick, Velma Reicher, Robert Seebock
Weddings: Joseph Diser & Liz Sikora, Michael Talbott & Stacey Hanneken, John Laughlin & Victoria Grinaldi
Number of Families: 463
Number of Individuals: 1090

St. Stephen

Deaths: Elizabeth Krusozki
Number of Families: 50
Number of Individuals: 70

Inside Story Headline

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24

6:00 pm Mass @ St. Adalbert
11:00 pm Mass @ Our Lady of the Rosary
12:00 Midnight Mass @ Holy Cross

Friday, December 25

8:30 am Mass @ St. Adalbert
9:00 am Mass @ St. Stephen
11:00 am Mass @ Our Lady of the Rosary

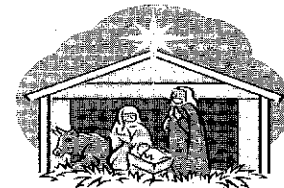
New Year's Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31

5:00 pm Mass @ St. Stephen

Friday, January 1, 2010

11:00 am Mass @ Our Lady of the Rosary



May you rejoice in the blessings of His love this Christmas and throughout the New Year

Advent: A New Season, A New Year

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming". During this season our focus is on waiting and preparation for the birth of Our Lord. Advent begins the new liturgical year in the Church. This year, the first Sunday of Advent falls on November 29.

An Advent wreath traditionally contains four

candles – three purple and one rose. The purple candles symbolize hope, peace and love. These candles are lit on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent. The rose candles, which symbolizes joy, is usually lit on the third Sunday. Here is a sample prayer that may be used in your home:

As we light these candles let us warm our hearts to welcome little Jesus. Let us spend Advent prayerfully. Let us slow down our lives and spend quiet time with the Lord. Oh God, your word makes all things holy. Pour down your blessings on this wreath, may it remind us to slow down our pace and make our hearts ready for the coming of Your Son, Our Lord. Amen

Workers in the Vineyard Up-date

Almost a year ago we began the Workers in the Vineyard ministries. We requested volunteers to take the lead in a specific ministry for a two year period.

It has taken several months to get all the ministries started but thanks to so many people in the four parishes, ministries have been forming.

Since June we have started the Hands of St. Joseph Ministry. This ministry addresses the needs of maintenance in the four parishes and is headed by Rick

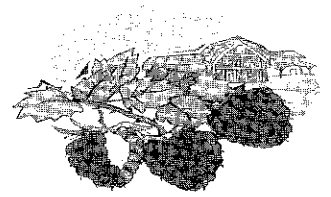
and Kathy Collin.

In July, the Heritage Ministry, facilitated by Phyllis Wysinski, began planning for the celebration of Our Lady of Czestochowa, our Polish Madonna. Future events will be planned to continue sharing the rich heritage of our parishioners.

In August, the Welcome of New Families Ministry was started. When someone registers in any of the four parishes we make a personal phone call to welcome them. We visit them with a gift

basket if possible, and try to schedule a time for them to personally meet some of the committee and the staff. This ministry is facilitated by Anne Rusen.

“Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.” Vince Lombardi.....Individual commitment makes a community work, too.



Veterans Day Celebration!

A Special Invitation to all Veterans, their Families and Friends

Each year we celebrate Veterans Day. This year we want to honor the Veterans from our four parishes in a very special way.

On Saturday, Nov. 7th, we will begin with a special prayer for all Veterans at the 5:00pm Mass.

Then we will proceed to the church hall for a dinner and a short program. We would also like to give the Veterans an opportunity to display their

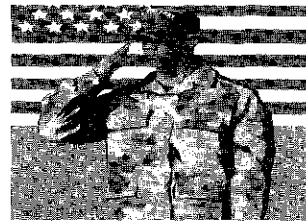
memorabilia, medals, etc. and to share their experiences with us.

You can also reserve a table where you can display your memorabilia, pictures, etc.

RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR DINNER.

Please call the 4 Parish Offices @ 228-8802 by Nov. 2nd with the number attending or return the form located in the bulletin.

We look forward to a very special evening!



Project Share-A Unique Fundraising Opportunity

In the months ahead you will be hearing about a profit sharing program called Project Share. This is a fundraising opportunity being offered by the Shaklee Corporation. Their mission is to help non-profit organizations reach their goals by offering a 24% donation each month based

on product purchases. You will have the opportunity to learn about their non-toxic cleaners, natural nutrition supplements, healthy beauty and safe weight management products. We will be sharing health and wellness information that will help you develop safe, **simple**,

effective and natural strategies for optimal health, a healthy home and save you money in the process. We have benefited from Market Day and Script and now we can benefit from Project Share as well.

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Seasons Turn

As I write this, on the last day of September, a frost warning has been issued for overnight. What? I'm not ready for that! But ready or not, it will frost if it will. The earth continues turning on its axis (a good thing! It would get pretty warm or cold if we were perpetually stuck on day or night). And earth continues in its orbit around our star (also a good thing. Who could endure perpetual winter, though perpetual summer has its attractions). Everyone riding this earth is in motion, too.

Tempus fugit!, as they say, is also a good thing. Who would want to be cighteen and beautiful forever? (wellummmm...)
No, honestly, aren't we all

happy to trade in good looks for tested and true love? Or trade the impulsiveness of youth for the wisdom of age? Or then again, maybe it's a good thing we don't have that choice.

We do have a choice whether or not to be grateful for what's beautiful and meaningful, and grateful especially for the wonderful future life that will take this one up and fill it out in unimaginable ways. "Eyc has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on man what God has in store for those who love Him."

So go ahead and fugit, you old tempus! Bring us new joys, new tests, new lessons. Free us from our obsession with

ourselves and open our eyes and deepen our hearts. Take us through the round of our allotted years until time itself is finally taken back up by the Eternal One who spins our lives out of His immense, eternal love.

May Thanksgiving find you grateful.

May Christ in His Bethlehem cradle make you joyful.

May the new year of grace, 2010, spark within you new hope that looks ahead to the time of fulfillment.

Fr. Mike

