

Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Community

3020 Reeves Rd. Warren, Ohio 44483

A S T E W A R D S H I P C O M M U N I T Y

MASSES

Regular Schedule: *Saturday:* 4:00 p.m.; *Sunday:* 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. *Weekdays:* 8:30 a.m.
Summer Schedule: *Saturday:* 4:00 p.m.; *Sunday:* 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
(Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend)

FAITH FORMATION: Grades Pre-K—High School, Sunday 10:10–11:20 a.m.
SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 3:00–3:45 p.m.
Communal celebrations are held during Advent and Lent

Bereavement Sessions: A six-week session will be scheduled twice during the year. Call the Parish Office to register.

Infant Baptisms: (No Baptisms in Lent) Baptisms normally are celebrated the fourth weekend of the month during Mass. Parent preparation sessions are required and are held in January, March, May, July, September and November. Advance registration required.

Marriages: Contact the pastor at least six months in advance to arrange for a wedding date. Plan to attend the marriage preparation program.

Christian Initiation of Adults: Any adult or child interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic faith is invited to be a part of this process. For further information contact the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Aged:

Eucharist - Parish staff are available for visitation to the sick as requested. Lay ministers from the parish are also available to bring Eucharist to homes.

Anointing of the Sick - Primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. If you desire this sacrament or know anyone desiring this sacrament, please call the priest. A communal service is scheduled annually in the fall. The sacrament will also be available following Saturday afternoon Mass on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Visitation of the Sick - Notify the parish office if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

Altar Servers: Students in grade 5 & up are encouraged to become altar servers. Training sessions are held in August & September. Call the parish office for information.

The Transportation Committee: The Transportation Committee provides volunteer transportation to persons who cannot drive, due to age, infirmity or economic restrictions. If you would like to help or know of someone in need of transportation, contact Judy Stanfar at 330-369-4908.

Registration: New parishioners may pick up packets the third weekend of each month in the gathering space after all Masses. You then must call the parish office for an appointment to register your family. Appointments are scheduled at your convenience.

Nursery: Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the nursery, which is available during the 9:00 and 11:30 am (11:00 am) Masses.

Prayer Chain: Please contact Rosemary Blicher at 330-372-2867 with your prayer requests.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 Noon

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The mission of Blessed Sacrament Parish is to grow as a faith community in which the members, through their loving ministry to one another, create an atmosphere in which faith, strengthened by the Eucharist and the love of Christ, is experienced. In this faith community, the members are encouraged to respond to God's call by ministering to the needs of others and bringing the good news of Christ to the World through the use of their individual and collective gifts.

GUEST COLUMNIST: DES LAUX, PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

It is hard to imagine that five years have passed since our last parish assembly; five years since your input was requested on the state of our parish; and five years since parish goals and objectives were developed. Now, after five years, it's that time again.

Next weekend members of Parish Council will be distributing surveys at all Masses, requesting your opinions and ideas in order to plan for future activities and directions. This is an important undertaking, one that is approached seriously and thoughtfully with the expressed goal of continuing the growth and development of our parish. Your input in this planning process is needed.

Please take time next weekend to complete the brief Parish Council survey and return it before leaving church. Responses are completely anonymous and you should



feel free to be totally candid in your assessment. Space is likewise provided for extended comments, as well as a place for contact information in the event you'd like to further explain your opinions to a willing listener. Where are we? What, in your opinion, needs to be done in the years to come? Your participation in the survey will supply information that addresses these questions and plans for the future.

In the upcoming weeks, survey information will be tabulated and studied by the parish staff and Council members. Results will also be made available to you through the bulletin and church announcements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this important endeavor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any Parish Council member. Our names and phone numbers are listed on the front of the bulletin.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 12

9:00 am C. Paul Blicher (Kathryn Kokosko)
11:30 am Jeanne Moore (Wanda Paganelli)
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Monday, February 13

8:30 am Julia Hicks (Dorothy Gorse)

Tuesday, February 14

8:30 am Bernard Byers (Family)

Wednesday, February 15

8:30 am Joe Vogelberger (Sister-in-law Mary Lou)

Thursday, February 16

8:30 am

Friday, February 17

8:30 am Communion Service

Saturday, February 18

4:00 pm Brian Kuklinka (Daniel & Kathleen Handle);
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, February 19

9:00 am Ross & Christina Cibella (Gene & AldaLee Battista)
11:30 am Raymond Theis / Louise Liste (Joe & Norma Stankewich)

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Next Sunday, February 19, we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30am Mass. Light refreshments will follow at Cathedral Hall. All are welcome. During this celebration we recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Is 43: 18-19,21-22, 24b-25 / 2 Cor 1: 18-22 /
Mk 2: 1-12

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul D. Consiglio**, grandfather of Jeanine Bofenkamp. May he rest in peace.

Many dates are available in 2012 to schedule Masses for your loved ones. Stop by the parish office during normal business hours.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Family life is strengthened when we seek and follow God's will. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus responded by saying, "I do will it." If we turn to Christ in "good times and bad," and seek His will, He will cleanse us of our pride and mend our broken hearts.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Blessed Sacrament Parish welcomes new families to our community! The following members of our Welcoming Committee will register new families after all Masses the weekend of February 18 & 19:

4pm Al & Brenda Crouse
9am Diane Seman, Rosemary Blicher
11:30am Rocky & Renee Maiorca

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The parish offices will be closed **Monday, February 20, 2012, in observance of the President's Day holiday.** There will be no morning Mass or Communion Service that day.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 12

- 10:10 a.m. FFS
 10:10 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
 10:10 a.m. First Communion Parent/student Mtg (RH)
 12:45 p.m. Sr. High Euch Min/Lector Trng III (Parlor)
 2:00 p.m. Jr. High Valentine's Party (Prov Ctr)
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Session (HFH, Church, Parlor, Library, Chapel)

Monday, February 13

- 10:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
 5:30 p.m. Zumba (Reagan Hall)
 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Chapel)
 7:00 p.m. Worship & Spiritual Growth Mtg (HFH)

Tuesday, February 14

- 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
 2:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (Providence Center)
 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Chapel)
 7:30 p.m. Scripture Study (Parlor)
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)

Wednesday, February 15

- 1:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts (Providence Center ML)
 2:20 p.m. Destination Imagination (Prov Center LL)
 5:30 p.m. Zumba (Reagan Hall)
 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Holy Family Hall)

Thursday, February 16

- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Providence Center ML)
 6:00 p.m. Scouts (Reagan Hall, Providence Center)
 6:30 p.m. Pasta Cook-Off Meeting (HFH)
 7:00 p.m. Musicians' Rehearsal (Parish Library)

Friday, February 17

- 8:00 a.m. closed

Saturday, February 18

- 9:00 a.m. Family Soup Kitchen (SVdP Dining Hall)
 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Providence Center)
 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (DiVieste's)

Sunday, February 19 No FFS

BLESSED PALMS

Blessed Palms may be brought to church and placed in the baskets located in the gathering space through Tuesday, February 21. The palms will be burned and their ashes used on Ash Wednesday, February 22. This year we will hold Evening Prayer on Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m., and include the burning of palms. We'll begin prayer in the chapel, and weather permitting, move to the Memorial Brick Garden to burn the palms. Plan to join in this special service.



WELCOME!

A warm Blessed Sacrament welcome is extended to our new parishioner, **Mary Ann Desport**. See you at Coffee & Donuts!

New Ministry Schedule In Preparation

Liturgical Ministers, *Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*
 The new schedule, covering March, April and May of 2012 will be ready for pick up February 18/19 and 25/26.

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

There will be services of the Word with the distribution of ashes at 7 a.m. and at noon on Wednesday. Masses (which include the blessing and distribution of ashes) take place at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. All services are held in the church. Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Space.

Liturgical Ministers are needed for the Masses on Ash

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Lectors; 7 p.m. Special Ministers of Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Altar Servers; 7 p.m. Hospitality Ministers (ushers and greeters)

Evening Prayer

Join us for Parish Evening Prayer this **Monday and Tuesday, February 13 and 14, at 7 p.m. in the chapel.** On Tuesday we mark the Memorial of Saints Cyril & Methodius. Join in this ancient prayer of the church and end your day in communal prayer. Make more time for prayer in 2012! *Next week Evening Prayer will take place Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the chapel, when we will burn the blessed palms to make the ashes used on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22.*

Lenten Journey Resources

The Worship and Spiritual Growth Commission makes available resources to help you on your Lenten journey. These may be found on a table in the gathering space the weeks preceding Ash Wednesday, and the first weekend of Lent. Resources for all ages are available!

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

This Week's Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to us, we gratefully acknowledge and salute:

The Prayer Chain

This group forms a network that prays for special needs and intentions, and is apprised of such needs through an e-mail or phone chain.

Thank you, Prayer Chain volunteers!

Stewardship Thought for the Week

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do everything for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of \$21,087.75 in the Sunday Offertory for the weekend of February 5, 2012.

Fiscal Year-to-date Information (7/1/11—2/5/12):

Goal for Fiscal Year-to-date:	\$ 510,784.00
Amount Collected:	\$ 517,418.37
Amount in excess of needed goal:	\$ 6,634.37
Children's Stewardship:	\$ 59.75

Thanks for Giving First Fruits & Taking a Step!!

SPECIAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11 4:00 pm

Readers: D. Zock, C. Weston

S.M.H.C.: S. Eartly, A. Coates, S. Campbell, A. Klotz, P. Mangiarelli, R. Green, J. Coates

Servers: G. Pishotti, M. Wilson, W. Thompson

Greeters: G. Coates, F. & P. Perry

Sunday, February 12 9:00 am

Readers: D. Laux, R. King

S.M.H.C.: M. Bugos, K. Kamykowski, A. DiPaolo, B. Lyda, J. Thompson, A. Goffos, L. Amadei, D. & J. Falcione

Servers: G. DiPaolo, M. McLeod, A. McLeod

Greeters: D. & J. Falcione

CLOW: Loretta Anderson

11:30 am

Readers: T. Heltzel, D. Elston

S.M.H.C.: E. Bofenkamp, K. Teaberry, D. Timko, P. Orsinelli,

M. Schaefer, S. & K. Kelly

Servers: M. Schaefer, C. Alston, M. O'Neill

Greeters: M. & S. Shader; M. Gorse, L. Spano

CLOW: Toni Elisco

Saturday, February 18 4:00 pm

Readers: L. Rossi, J. Weston

S.M.H.C.: T. Hostetler, A. Hostetler, M. Bates, D. Rossi, P. Pawlikowski, R. Fenstermaker

Servers: NEED SERVERS!

Greeters: C. Kraker, L. Kraker, R. & M. Wilson

Sunday, February 19 9:00 am

Readers: S. Battison, J. Dalessandro

S.M.H.C.: C. Werblan, M. Werblan, T. & K. Lazor, D. Woolensack, H. & P. Salcone, M. D'Amico, J. Gilbert

Servers: P. Loges, R. Loges, A. D'Amico

Greeters: M. Bias, G. & S. Fiore

CLOW: Melissa McLeod

11:30 am

Readers: C. Covelli, A. Economos

S.M.H.C.: S. & K. Kelly, N. Hosos, E. Torres, K. Teaberry, D. Covelli, J. Sabat

Servers: N. McGee, D. Alberini, N. Hosos

Greeters: T. Elisco, Maiorca Family; M. Hurton, B. Kerpsack, D. Anderson

CLOW: Lisa Fowler

*HOSPITALITY MINISTERS, GREETERS, USHERS, LECTORS,
 MUSICIANS, CLOW CATECHISTS, SACRISTANS, LAY LEADERS OF
 PRAYER, ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS and
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION*
LITURGICAL MINISTRY RETREAT
Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7 p.m.
Fr. Jim Korda is our speaker...Registration is at 6:45 p.m.
Don't miss this great opportunity to deepen your spirituality as a liturgical minister.

LECTORS NEEDED FOR THE TUESDAYS OF LENT
 Parish lectors are invited to sign up to lector at one of the Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Masses during the Lenten season. The sign up sheet can be found on the counter in the sacristy near the chapel; the readings for each Tuesday are behind the sign up sheet. Please sign up **and** take the copy of the reading for that Tuesday. There is only one reading; you will also need to read the general intercessions (petitions). The responsorial psalm will be sung, and the response to the intercessions will also be sung. There are no announcements to be read. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to help.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED FOR THE TUESDAYS OF LENT
 Parish Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to sign up for the 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Masses during the Lenten season. One additional bread minister and two cup ministers are needed each Tuesday. The sign up sheet can be found on the counter in the sacristy near where you usually sign in. Thank you.

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament will be available immediately following the 4:00 liturgy on Saturday, February 25. Those desiring to be anointed should move to the area near the piano after Mass has ended. This sacrament is primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. Anointing of the Sick is available after Mass the fourth Saturday of each month throughout the year.

Bread Bakers Needed

Please mark your calendar and join with other interested bakers in the kitchen on **Saturday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m.**, to prepare two batches for our weekend liturgies. We will meet all the Saturdays of Lent—March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31—and on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 4, at 5 p.m. to prepare Eucharistic bread for Holy Thursday. We meet as a group and do the baking together because the work is more fun with others! Parents and children are encouraged to consider experiencing baking the bread to be used for our weekend liturgies. Those preparing for First Eucharist might find this especially helpful with their family discussions of the Eucharistic meal.

EXECUTION ALERT

Michael Webb is scheduled for execution on February 22, 2102. Please pray for the victims of violent crime and for those awaiting execution on death row. For more information on Catholic teaching on the death penalty, visit ohiocathconf.org/IDP/deathpenalty.htm.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
 Fr. John Mulqueen, a retired priest of our diocese, is interested in starting and being a part of a Small Christian Community, who would meet weekly to pray & reflect on the Readings for the upcoming Sunday. The group will meet in the library at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Mondays at 7pm, beginning Feb. 27. Please call the parish office to express your interest, and to sign up for this group. All adults welcome! No prior Bible study required!

VOCATIONS

After his conversion, St. Paul lived his life as a servant for Christ. Is God calling you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Chris Luoni 330.744.8451 or email him at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

FAITH FORMATION

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Confirmation students, parents and sponsors who worked hard to make this year's Pancake Breakfast delicious and successful!! We were able to donate \$500 to our St. Vincent de Paul Society who continually help the hungry in our community. Your efforts made this a mealtime of fellowship for parishioners, and a blessing for the hungry!

Thank you to the Teaberrys and Perkins for the donation of syrup; the Perdues and McDonalds for coffee, creamer and butter; the Pipinos for orange juice and milk; and Macali's Warren Giant Eagle for the sausage. Your generous donations made the breakfast a success, and went to a wonderful cause. Thank you all for bringing your light into the world! It was a Souper day of caring!

Brenda Antenucci

E.P.I.C. TEENS

Youth Ministry Students Grades 9-12

* Thank you for all your help making our Souper Sunday super! Between the Souper Bowl of Caring and the Pepperoni Roll Sale, you guys were each so amazing.

* If you haven't done so already and plan to participate in the 30 Hour Famine, make sure you pick up a packet from Lizzy as soon as possible.

* Our next meeting following the Famine is Game Night on March 4. We'll be meeting from 6-8pm over in Providence Center. Bring a game and/or some snacks to share with the group as we play ping pong, Apples to Apples, Uno, Z-ball, and other games, too!

- Thank you, everyone! Our Youth Ministry (junior & senior high) raised \$390.89 for area hungry as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. We couldn't have done it without you!
- If you would like to help our teens raise money to fight world hunger as part of the 30 Hour Famine, please visit our fundraising page: <http://support.worldvision.org/goto/bspwarren>. They are going 30 hours without any food to raise money & awareness for all those in the world who daily go without.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

* Wait, there was a guy named Valentine? Why, yes, and this afternoon, we're going to learn about him and have fun! We'll be making Valentines for each other and seniors in local care facilities. Bring some candy or a snack for the group to share as we gather in Providence Center from 2-3:30pm. See you there!

* If you are in 7-8th grades and would like to participate in the 30 Hour Famine with the E.P.I.C. Teens on February 24-25, you are more than welcome to join us. Stop by the Parish Office and pick up a packet this week. For more information, call Lizzy in the office.

FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY



Families are invited to help prepare and serve a meal at the St. Vincent de Paul dining hall, Niles Road, Warren, on **Saturday, February 18**. Start your day with us sharing your gifts of hospitality & service: meal preparation at 9am, followed by a shared lunch with the guests who come to us hungry that day, then clean up. We also appreciate any provision of baked goods that will complete the Saturday meal...please bring your dessert item to the parish office by 1 p.m. Friday! If you are interested in helping to make a difference on the third Saturday monthly, September—May, contact Dan Goffos Sr., 330.372.6147.

Keep Those Serving in

Afghanistan & Kuwait in Your Prayers

2LT Mark K. Anthony, *grandson of Paul & Ann Petrilla*
PFC Brad Battison, *son of Bob & Sue Battison*
CPT John M. Cole, III, *nephew of Steve & Pat Campbell*
SSG Anthony A. Hernandez, *friend of Anne Freitas*
LCDR Phillip Karg, *friend of Terence & Cathy Heltzel*
CPT Brandon Mokris, *grandson of Thaddeus & Kathleen McGuire*

LCpl Alexander Mosheim, *friend of Marge Blasse*
SGT Ben Riggs, *son of Debbie Riggs*

SSG Gary Shell, *friend of Anne Freitas*

Feel free to take a copy of "Prayer for Soldiers" from the display in our gathering space. Call Pat Campbell to keep us up to date on the above service people or to add loved ones to the prayer list of those serving in Afghanistan or Kuwait.

Next Baptismal Preparation Session

Sunday, March 18 at 1 p.m. in the parlor

The next baptismal preparation session will take place on Sunday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor. All who wish to have a child baptized in the next few months should call the parish office to register.

Baptisms are normally celebrated the fourth weekend of each month (no baptisms during Lent). Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation session prior to the baptism of their child.

Families need to be registered members of the parish. It is our hope that they regularly participate at mass, considering themselves to be members of the parish community. Also, in choosing godparents, they should be Catholic, as they are to help the parents in raising the child in the church. Guidelines say that at least one is to be a Catholic. A non-Catholic must still be a baptized Christian and will be officially referred to as a "witness".

RELAY FOR LIFE

Our Relay for Life Team is busy preparing for the May 11-12 event at Courthouse Square! Please plan to join us! In the mean time, consider how YOU can support the team in our efforts!

- **Order SPRING DAFFODILS now through February 19**
- **Take a chance at winning a hand-made queen-size quilt, beautifully designed and made by a parishioner**
- **Sort through your basement/attic/closet for donations to the April GARAGE SALE**

Join us at our next team meeting,

Monday, March 5 at 6:30 pm in the parish library.

LITURGY CORNER

Presented by the Worship and Spiritual Growth Commission

We are running bulletin columns prepared by Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, addressing the Roman Missal.

These next few weeks will take a look at individual parts of the Mass. Today's column offers a reflection on music of *The Roman Missal*.

"AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT"

Daniel Merz, *sll*

Probably the most noticeable change for the laity in the revised translation of *The Roman Missal* is the response to "The Lord be with you," which restores the phrase "And with your spirit" in place of "And also with you." This change is specifically called for by *Lituriam authenticam*, the instruction from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments regarding the translation of liturgical texts. It states that the Latin phrase, *Et cum spiritu tuo*, must be translated as literally as possible. English is the only major European language that did not mention the spirit in the long-used translation of this response; the Greek liturgy of the Eastern Churches also employs the equivalent of "And with your spirit." So the new form has both tradition and widespread use on its side. Underlying the use are scriptural and theological reasons.

This ancient Christian use of "spirit," in both Greek and Latin, was strange to the ancient world. "Nothing like it is known outside Christian writing" (Paulinus Milner, "Et Cum Spiritu Tuo," in *Studies in Pastoral Liturgy*, vol. 3, ed. by Placid Murray, osb, Dublin: The Furrow Trust, 1967, p. 202). "With your spirit" was long thought to be a Semitic idiom meaning nothing more than "with you." The Hebrew word *nephesh* means "soul" or "spirit," but it can also mean "self." But the Hebrew word behind "with your spirit" is not *nephesh* but rather another Hebrew term, *ruah*, which means "breath" or "spirit." The Greek word for spirit, *pneuma*, is never used in the Old Testament to render *nephesh*, but only when translating *ruah*. Thus, it seems clear that the use of "spirit" in the liturgy is not intended merely as a euphemism for "you" but bears some other special theological significance.

Sometimes, Saint Paul calls the gifts of the Holy Spirit *pneumata* (see 1 Corinthians 14:12: "So with yourselves, since you are eager for *pneumaton*, spiritual gifts . . ." and 14:32, "The spiritual gifts of the prophets are subject to the prophets"; see similar usage in Revelation 22:6 and 19:10). The episcopal ordination prayer of *The Apostolic Tradition* (third or fourth century ad) asks God for the "spirit of leadership": "And now also pour forth the power which comes from you, of the spirit of leadership which you gave to your beloved Child, Jesus Christ, and which he accorded to your holy apostles who have founded the Church in every place . . ." This Ordination prayer, then, specifically refers to a gift of the spirit that was given to Christ, which Christ in turn bestowed on the apostles, and which this prayer shows is bestowed upon bishops in the Church. The Ordination prayer for priests similarly asks, "Look upon your servant who is here and grant him the spirit of grace and of council of the presbytery so that he may aid and govern your people with a pure heart . . ." In the prayer for deacons: "Grant the spirit of grace and zeal to your servant."

Given the petitions employed in these ordination prayers, it is noteworthy that the phrase "And with your spirit" is used only in response to an ordained minister. The non-ordained member leading the assembly in prayer (for example, at a wake service, a Holy Communion service, the Liturgy of the Hours) would never say "The Lord be with you" because, at least in part, they do not receive the phrase in return "And with your spirit." The "spirit" mentioned here refers specifically to the spirit received in Ordination. It is an affirmation by the assembly that the ordained minister has received the appropriate anointing with the spirit to make him the leader in sacramental ministry. This usage has a special beauty: it is less about the person of the priest than about the office of the priesthood, which is supported and guaranteed by the Spirit of God given in ordination. Early Church Fathers, such as John Chrysostom, Theodore of Mopsuestia, Narsai of Nisibis, and Abraham bar Lipheh explicitly back this interpretation.

One scriptural usage may be set in objection to this interpretation: Galatians 6:18, Philippians 4:23, and Philemon 25 all use "spirit" in a more general sense as addressed to the whole Church: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." Saint Paul is not referring here to the particular gifts of the Spirit possessed by each member of the local Church, because "spirit" is in the singular. Rather, he is referring to that gift of the Spirit which each local Church possesses in so far as it is a unity in Christ for the worship of the Father (Milner, page 206). In this sense, the ordained minister represents the whole Church in a way that the non-ordained does not. For this reason, the laity may offer a blessing in their own name only, whereas the ordained bless in the name of the Church — because of the "spirit" they have received in ordination.

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St. William...(1)Fish dinners, FRI 2/10—3/30, 4-7pm. (2)Card Party, SUN 3/4, 1pm. \$7. Portion of proceeds benefit Bella Women's Ctr.

JFKCS...Cavatelli dinner, TH 2/16, 3-8pm, Upper Campus. \$8.

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SS. Cyril & Methodius...Pirohy sale, FRI 2/17. 330.393.0781.

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Catholic Women's Conference..."Stop Playing Hide & Seek with God," SAT 2/18, 10am-5pm, + 5:30pm Mass, St. Columba Cathedral. Sr. Judy Gomila keynotes. \$25 includes lunch. Call Peggy, 330.6326725 for additional info.

First Friday Club...of Greater Ytn, Luncheon Speaker Series TH 3/1, "The Contribution of Women Religious to the US Church" Sr. Helen Maher Garvey. RSVP by 2/20, 330.533.1023. \$15. Table of 8 \$120.

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St. Peter Parish, Canton...Religious Jubilarians will be honored SAT 3/17, 2pm. Bishop Murry will be the main celebrant at 4pm liturgy. Sister Janice Fulmer, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, will speak, dinner at 5pm.