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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 8, 2017

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Patricia Kovachik by Son, Dan & Family
 SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- MON. 11:00 a.m. +Anna Jason by sister, Susanna Megles
- TUE. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy
- WED. 11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of GCU Members
- THU. 11:00 a.m. +No Liturgy
- FRI. 11:00 a.m. +George Simko by wife, Millie
- SAT. 1:00 p.m. Nuptial Divine Liturgy...Jeffrey Wellman & Emily Durner

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Oct. 15, 2017

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- SAT. 5:00 p.m. +Thomas Novak by Family
 SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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- Oct. 8 9:00 a.m. +Steve & Barbara Haluska by Mrs. Martha Ilko



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SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

- Oct. 15 9:00 a.m. +Steve Ilko by Mrs. Margaret Maty

MORE ANSWERS ON VOCATION

So, what other signs should we look for as we try to discern our vocation and God's will for our life? How do I know what my vocation is?

God's will is found in the commandments and the counsels, in ordinary events, in the judgment of conscience, and in the inclinations of "faith working through love" (cf. Gal. 5:6). It isn't strictly necessary to have "special" signs of God's will, because there are normal and general signs of God's will. There can even be a certain danger in looking for special signs. The choice of "signs" or the interpretation of them may be colored by one's own desires. One may ask as "signs" from God things that one secretly, perhaps half-unconsciously, think are likely to happen; or again, one can interpret ordinary events as the fulfillment of signs.

God does not usually give extraordinary signs of His will, even though in some rare case, He might. God speaks within a person's will itself, moving it to a way of life by which that person may draw near to Him.

Prayer about one's vocation is an essential part of the discernment process. Daily reading of the Bible and meditating on the text, attending liturgical services at one's parish, retreats and moments of silence and contemplation, partaking in the Sacraments – these and many other things are all very helpful in the process of finding out God's will for one's life and his or her life vocation.

Who did God mean us to be? I want to present a very simple way to help us figure out how God might be calling us to live. If you can remember the acronym GOD you can remember this one, so hopefully pretty easy.

GIFTS: What are the gifts that you have been given by God? Remember that grace builds on nature, so the gifts we have been given will be instrumental in how we are called to live.

OTHERS: What do others say? Oftentimes others, especially those who are already living a life of holiness, can serve as mouthpieces for God. Remember Samuel? How did he finally recognize that it was the Lord calling him? It was through the advice of Eli. Maybe there is an Eli for you out there who will help you recognize the call of the Lord.

DESIRES: What are your deepest desires? God will not give us a desire that he cannot fulfill, that he does not want to fulfill.

But we cannot do this if we are always being pummeled with the noise of the world. We need to tune out

the noise of the world in order to hear the voice of God in our lives. God often doesn't speak in loud signs but rather in quiet moments that are incredibly personal. In order to hear that voice we need to consistently practice silence.

God works in our lives in different ways and because we are different, He will work in my life, He will reveal His call to me in a different way than He will reveal your call to you. This is where a holy and experienced spiritual director can be very helpful. If you are serious about finding how God is calling you to fulfill your call to holiness, ask your local priest for a suggestion for a spiritual director in order to help you figure this out. They can often help you determine what the voice of God sounds like in your own life. Discernment with a spiritual director is a necessary component in finding God's will and your vocation, as he will be able to point you in the right direction, and to guide you in your life journey.

Always remember, it is God who is calling. He is calling each of us like He called Matthew – to follow Him. God is calling each of us in specific ways about how to live out that call to holiness in ways that are exciting, are meaningful, and ultimately in ways that will lead us to greater holiness. Whether we think we are worthy or not to answer the call does not matter to Jesus Christ. He calls us. When we sin, He calls us; when we ignore Him, He calls us; when we least expect it, He calls us, as He did with Matthew. Our vocation, our call from the Lord, is always there, to everybody, as it is said, God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Vocation always remains a mystery. The gentle action of the grace of the Holy Spirit call each of us to a specific path to heaven, a particular vocation. But this gentle stirring of God's grace in our hearts must be received in our wills. In any vocation, there are two aspects: the gift of God, and the acceptance on our part.

Can we refuse a vocation? Usually in refusing such a gift from God, a person finds his or her path to heaven more difficult. It is not so much that there is only one way to heaven for each of us – for example, that a particular person is suited only for marriage or, more specifically, that there is only one possible spouse for that person. But it seems that God calls us to the best possible vocation suited to our personalities and talents. If we refuse to accept it, then there will always be alternative paths to heaven for us, but they may not be the best possible ones for us.

St. Mary's... 10/1/17
Offertory...\$1,170.00
Hurricane Fund...\$90.00

St. George....10/1/17
Offertory.... \$ 385.00

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played every
SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY
at 6:45 p.m Plan to stop by for
an evening of **FUN**. ...Come on
down and support our Church; and
better yet come on down and lend
a hand!! **Also...** Great Prizes
\$\$\$\$\$\$ to be had and Great people
to make sure you have a **GREAT**
EVENING

CCD CLASSES

Registration for classes began
Sept. 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at
Byzantine Center at the Grove.
We encourage parents and
students grades 1-12 to attend and
receive a greater knowledge and
understanding of our Faith. **It**
is not too late to sign up.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION
Is planned for Dec. 3, 2017.
They are once again selling
"Dinner Out For Year" Raffle
Tickets. Winner based on PA
Lottery Pick 3 drawn Dec. 10th.
Call our office to purchase a ticket

TRUNK SALE

The Youth Ministry of St.
Brendan's is planning a Trunk
Sale Oct. 21st from 10:00 a.m. –
3:00 p.m. in their parking lot. To

rent a space for \$10.00 call
758-0375.

HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN **TOUR**

A special presentation will be held
Oct. 21st at 2:00 p.m at Our Lady
Comforter of Afflicted on Belle
Vista.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Over the last year or so, we have
begun to digitize our church and
cemetery panper records. This will
safeguard very important historical
information and provide easier access
to it now and into the future. All
death records have been "**backed up**"
to the computer and a new cemetery
map has been created to show the
placement of all existing, reserved, and
available grave plots.

We'll be working on baptismal and
matrimony records next. Photos,
event programs, and other materials
that have documented our church
family's history will be added to
our new digital library in the
future. If you have any questions
about this church history project,
would like to contribute any
historical items, **OR** would like to
get involved in preserving these
records please contact Dave Ragan at
(614) 370-0221

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Mark your calendars...Divine
Liturgy and Annual Breakfast is
planned for Oct. 29th. All
members are urged to attend the
10:30 a.m. Liturgy and pray the
Rosary as a Group. Rosary will
begin at 10:05 a.m. Breakfast
will follow in our Center.