



# Newsletter Parents of Priests update

August 2021

**July 25, 2021:** Quarterly Mass, Governing Board, and Summer Social

See the draft minutes of the Governing Board meeting for details. Several key points:

- Proposed changes to the By-laws were presented.
- Mary Ann Trask is retiring from the POP newsletter.
- Laura Retar is retiring from the Deceased and Ill Parents of Priests Committee
- Addendum: Mike Cubera has agreed to chair the Program Committee

## 25 Club

Flyers, tickets, and return envelopes have been distributed/mailed to all of 2020's sellers and those who participated in the raffle but did not list a seller. If you did not received the 25 Club materials, contact Lou Trenta via email: [trentalouis@gmail.com](mailto:trentalouis@gmail.com) or call 330 668-9068 and leave a message.

To raise the funds we typically donate to the seminarians, we must solicit beyond our membership. You can give a 25 Club envelope to others in your family and/or parish. You could ask your parish to participate by advertising the 25 Club and having some 25 Club materials available for parishioners. Just below is the ad that I will be requesting about 70 pastors to use this year. You could take it to your parish with a request that they participate in our effort and provide the office with five envelopes of 25 Club materials (or contact Lou Trenta to send the materials to the parish). A nice touch would be to insert your name(s) as contacts/sellers.



The Parents of Priests organization sponsors a 25 Club Raffle, the proceeds of which benefit the seminarians of the Diocese of Cleveland.

A donation of \$25 is requested for each ticket. The ticket offers 25 weekly opportunities to win cash. Following each weekly drawing, winning tickets are returned to the hopper—you can win more than once!

For more information, and/or to obtain tickets, visit <http://25.parentsofpriests.net> or contact Lou Trenta via email: [trentalouis@gmail.com](mailto:trentalouis@gmail.com) or call 330 668-9068 and leave a message. Tickets are also available through the parish office.

## Save the Date

**October 17, 2021:** Quarterly Mass (11 AM) followed by social time and a Governing Board Meeting and at St. Joseph Church, 32929 Lake Road, Avon Lake OH. The meeting will deal with the proposed Bylaws changes and the 25 Club donations to be made to the seminaries.

**November 7, 2021:** Mass, brunch, and donations given to the seminaries. Mass at 10:00 in the seminary Chapel followed by brunch with the seminarians. During the brunch we will present donation checks to the Rector-President and the seminarians. Location is the CPL at 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe OH

**February 27, 2022:** Winter Quarterly Mass and Winter Social at St. Adalbert Parish, 60 Adalbert St., Berea OH. Mass is at 11:30 AM followed by the Winter Social in the Church Hall.

**March 20, 2022:** Bishop's Seminary Brunch at Landerhaven.

**April 10, 2022, Palm Sunday:** Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral followed by a social with the Bishop in the Cathedral rectory.

## Prayer Request Update

July 13, 2021: John Pfeifer Sr., father of Fr.

John Pfeifer, Jr., (deceased)

July 16, 2021: Deacons Charles Twedell and

Rich Woods

July 23 & 30, 2021

Fr. Jonathan Zingales

Deacon Phil Kamlowsky

Deacon Charles Tweddell

Deacon Rich Woods

August 4, 2021: Fr. Robert Stein (deceased)

August 13, 2021

Fr. William Severt

Fr. Benjamin JimenezSJ

Fr. John Misenko

Deacon William Starkey

Deacon Rich Woods

Deacon Charles Tweddell

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Priest & seminarian Prayer Calendar:

<http://priests.stpatrick.cc>

Seminarians Prayer Calendar (month by month) contact Micki Trenta

## Committees

25 Club: C=Lou Trenta, Ed & Gail Pfeiffer  
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The Bookshelf Fund at St. Mary Seminary was established by the Parents of Priests several years ago. Funds such as the bookshelf fund are good memorials for a deceased loved one or perhaps a good tax-deductible donation. Any contributions or memorials to this fund may be sent to: St. Mary Bookshelf Fund. Attn: Ms. Mary Avenoso, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092

## Prayer for Priest Sons

Lord, bless our sons whom You have called to your priesthood. In your Spirit we are with them, as they do Your work. May our prayers and sacrifices help them. Keep them close to You, Lord. When they make mistakes, or when human frailty brings them criticism, have mercy on them. Lord, we love our sons, and we thank You for using us, to share in Your plan of creation and redemption. May all of us grow in Your love. May Mary and Joseph intercede for us until we rejoice in Your Heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

*This moment is always the best one in  
which to express your care for others.* Sara Ban

*Breathnach*

## **25 Club Additional Materials**

As noted in the proposed parish bulletin insert on the front page of this newsletter/update, additional tickets and/or packets with the flyer, a ticket, and a return envelope are available. Call Lou Trenta at 330 668-9068 and leave a message. I will be out of town from September 7<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will respond to request made during those 16 days upon my return on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you cannot wait until then, call Don Trask (home: 440 729-4684, cell: 440 759-9691) for help. He has a limited number of envelope packets for those who need tickets right away.

## **Nominating Committee**

The president must appoint a nominating committee at the October meeting. I will be asking between 3 and 5 members to serve on this committee which must present a slate of nominees at the April meeting. If you have an interest in being considered for this committee, please let me know by September 5.

## **Summer Social 2022**

During the lead-up to the 2021 Summer Social/Picnic the thought was put forward that we have the Summer Social as a family event. That is, that it includes not just we parents and grandparents, but also include our priest sons' siblings and nieces and nephews. I expect such a gathering might entice several our priest sons to attend, also. What are your thoughts? Let me or one of the officers know what you think of the idea.

## **Heart of the Shepherd**

While many parishes have completed their participation in the solicitation phase of the campaign, there are still a number of parishes yet to participate in the effort. Nonetheless, based on early results of the campaign, work is progressing on the goals of the campaign. Most visible is the complete renovation of the seminarians' living quarters. The wing that previously housed the St. Mary seminarians is nearly complete. It is anticipated to be ready for the Borromeo seminarians by Thanksgiving. At that time, all seminarians and faculty will be moved out of the Borromeo wing so that wing can be renovated for St. Mary's seminarians. The St. Mary seminarians temporarily will be housed in neighboring parishes or in their internship or diaconate parishes. If your parish has yet to solicit for the Heart of the Shepherd campaign, please speak up in support of it.

## **Did you know?**

That it was Pope St. Alexander (105-115 AD) who approved the addition of water to the wine in the sacrifice of the Mass as well as the introduction of holy water.

That it was Pope St. Pius I (140-155) who established Christian Easter to be the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox in March.

That Pope St. Gregory I, the Great (590-604), during a great plague in Rome, urged people to respond "God bless you" to a person's sneeze or cough. He was urging the people to pray all the time during the plague and encouraged people to use that as a frequent prayer against the causes of the plague.

The Nicene Creed was written at the First Ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church in 325 AD in the city of Nicaea (present day Iznik, Turkey). It was amended at the Second Ecumenical Council in 381 AD in the city of Constantinople (modern day Istanbul, Turkey). Today we use the amended form.

**"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good."** *Maya Angelou*

## PARENTS OF PRIESTS

### Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting - - - July 25, 2021

- This gathering of the Parents of Priests began with the 11:00 Mass at St. Hilary Parish. The pastor, Father Steve Brunovsky, was the celebrant.
- Following Mass there was a picnic in the outdoor pavilion at St. Hilary. The meal was catered by City Barbecue in Fairlawn, OH. There were 26 members in attendance. Both Father Steve and Father Cameron joined us for the picnic as well as two guests.
- Prior to the picnic lunch, Lou Trenta held a short meeting using the printed agenda as a guide.
- The minutes of the April 11, 2021 meeting were approved and the new members, Robert and Jane Popik, were welcomed. Their son, Father Cameron, was ordained in May and is assigned to St. Hilary.
- Micki Trenta, Secretary, went over the handouts which included the minutes, communication updates, upcoming dates, and information about the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
- Lou continued the meeting with updates from the following committees:
  - ✓ “25 Club” – ticket packets were given to members present; other will be mailed on Monday. Ticket sales are encouraged by all members. Last year was a good year with returns that supported the seminarians.
  - ✓ The annual update/handout for the Deceased Priests and Parents of Priests was distributed. This is prepared for us by Laura Retar and printed by Mary Avenoso in the Vocation Office.
  - ✓ Lou requested that volunteers come forward to help with the Program Committee and “25 Club Committees”.
  - ✓ Laura has resigned her position which tracked the deceased priests and parents of priests, and that information will now be handled by the Secretary.
  - ✓ Mary Anne Trask has resigned her responsibility for the newsletter. That will now be handled by the President.
  - ✓ Don Trask, assisted by Mary Anne Trask, will continue to handle the memorial gifts as well as the birthday gifts for the seminarians.
- The Treasurer, Ed Suszynski, gave an update on the finances. All the transactions for the 2020-2021 fiscal year were reviewed and verified. No printed report was distributed.
  - ✓ The Treasurer was requested to supply the income data from the previous three fiscal years for IRS purposes.
- The Bylaws Revision was presented. As required in the bylaws, members were sent a mailed copy of the proposed bylaw changes which will be voted on at the next Parents of Priests meeting.
- There was no unfinished business to handle. There was also no new business to discuss.
- The meeting closed with the Prayer for Priest Sons and the food blessing. The picnic and visiting took place following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Micki Trenta*, Secretary