

St. Sebastian Garden Open House

All parishioners are invited to the first annual summer garden tour, Sunday July 10 at the St. Sebastian garden located on the east side of Byrider Hall from 12:00-3:00pm. Come enjoy lemonade and a self-guided tour of the garden's bounty. The garden's summer interns will be greeting tour participants and answering questions.

Time Again for Grounds Work

Grounds Crew, next Saturday, July 16 is our next work day when we give attention to anything that needs attention. I see lots of weeds around unfortunately and no doubt some pruning and edging will need to be done. All parishioners, please consider joining us. You will be amazed how much fun you will have and how good you will feel about keeping our parish grounds looking spectacular. We meet at the Rectory Porch at 8:00am or whenever you can make it and work no later than 12:00noon. Hope to see lots of you there on Saturday.

Training for the Ministry of Servers

All students of St. Sebastian Parish who are entering the 5th through 8th grades are eligible for the upcoming summer training to become servers for Sunday and weekday Mass. This includes all those enrolled in the St. Sebastian day or P.S.R. schools, Our Lady of the Elms Elementary School and home-schooled students. All trainees must attend the introductory meeting to be held on Monday, August 8, from 3:00 to 5:30pm in the church. **Note: A parent or guardian will be expected to attend with each student the final 15 minutes of this introductory meeting from 5:15 to 5:30pm.** Four dates will be offered for a second meeting – Wednesday, August 10; Monday, August 15; Wednesday, August 17; and Monday, August 22; - and each student must attend **one** of these second meeting dates. This meeting will also be held in the church, from 3:00 to 5:30pm. Parents must call Mr. Larry Furman at 330-864-3041 or e-mail him at makronym@yahoo.com to register their child for this training. Attendance will be limited to the first twenty respondents. A fall training session will be held for those unable to schedule at this time.

Meeting Notice

The parish Social Justice Ministry "...and Justice for All" will meet Sunday, July 17 in St. Sebastian Byrider Hall following the 9:00am liturgy. All are welcome. Contact Mary Yanko at 330-867-3946 or myanko@neo.rr.com for more information.

Traveling Rosary for World Peace

Please join us at 2:00pm Sunday, June 17 for a Rosary and Summer Cook Out in Pete's backyard at 102 W. Howe Road, Tallmadge.

Thoughts on Stewardship

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who bears the word but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."

- Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? These are questions that we all must ask of ourselves if we are going to live as God's stewards.

Family Perspectives

Today's gospel is about choices. We have the choice to sow or not to sow the seeds of religious values in our homes. Our children have the choice of accepting or rejecting these values. The gospel is clear. Parents must actively sow the seeds of faith in their children knowing that the only way to reap a bountiful harvest is to sow the seeds of faith and nurture it. Aren't our children worth it?

Rosary Aids Spiritual Growth

Pope Benedict XVI invited the faithful to pray the rosary. "I exhort all to intensify the devout practice of praying the rosary..." (May 17, 2006)

The Rosary brings you peace. With this prayer, you are able to obtain from the Lord the great grace of a change of hearts, of the conversion of souls, and of the return of all humanity to God, along the road of repentance, of love, of divine grace and of holiness." (336n, Oct 7, 1986) Please be encouraged to visit the Marian Movement of Priests web site:www.mmp-usa.net for more information. If you would like a copy of the Rosary Cenacle Prayers or information, please call Marga Bohm 330-867-7081, Becky Brady 330-867-9751, Joan Brownfield 330-864-1708, or Pam Wilde 330-836-7163.

Gratitude Corner

This month we are thanking those involved in:

**Respect Life
Altar Servers
Ecumenical Efforts
Little Flower Garden Club
Separated & Divorced Ministry**

For more information regarding any of these groups, please contact the Rectory.