



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## OPPORTUNITIES and even MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Submitted by Fr. Bill Wagner, Pastor



We will soon be into a new academic year and the opportunities for learning are plentiful. Our parish has a subscription for the FORMED program on the internet. Simply go to FORMED.org and check it out. We recently discovered that our parish is in the upper percentages of all parishes in the Archdiocese as to the number of parishioners actually using the program. With so many parishioners already engaged in using the program, why not join them in learning more about your faith. We will soon be forming groups for study and enrichment in the Dedicated Disciples program offering a variety of topics. In the next four or five weeks there will be information available in the bulletin and our website. You can go to the website now and learn all about FORMED and Dedicated Disciples. You can always contact our Religious Education Office to learn how to use all the resources available.

You will discover that the FORMED program has study programs, audio presentations, movies and e-books to help you gain more knowledge about the faith. It almost goes without saying that we have to know our faith to live our faith. The variety of topics available to help us learn is impressive.

Another resource available is the Athenaeum of Ohio, our Seminary. It is just down the road on Beechmont near McNicholas High School. There are many opportunities for study and currently there is a generous reduction in tuition and fees. The Seminary has its own website with all the information about classes and programs currently available.

All of this requires some personal discipline, dedication and perseverance but I can assure you the rewards are wonderful. I have found that the more you learn the more you will want to learn. When Jesus said "Come, follow me" he was the teacher instructing his students (disciples) by word and example. There was much to learn and even more to learn today, two thousand years later.

## As I See It

Deacon Michael Thomas,  
Pastoral Associate



Where did the summer go? It sure went fast!

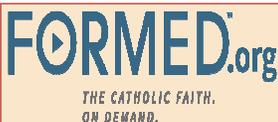
As the days of September draw closer, school begins again, fall sports start up and the hot days of summer turn cooler; it feels to some of us like a new beginning.

For our students beginning High School and College or beginning military service it indeed will be a new start, new friends, and new experiences. For our high school seniors who have given many hours of service and help to the parish as liturgical ministers, who have used their talents to carry out special projects or assisted us at parish events the parish thanks you. We will miss you but we are confident that you will give to your new communities the same help and support you have given us. On a personal note it has been a blessing to interact with you and watch you all grow into the fine young adults you have become.

For us here at the parish we will be welcoming new families to our school and in some cases to our parish. This provides us all an opportunity to show that wonderful hospitality people talk about, when they join our parish community. Also I would like to personally invite all of you to continue to grow in knowledge of your faith and what the Church teaches us about living in this very confusing world. One of the ways you can do this is by becoming part of our *Dedicated Disciples* program. Fr. Bill and I are joining the group as facilitators this fall. Remember the nice thing about this is you don't have to come to meetings. You can do it all on your own time and in the comfort of your own home. Watch for more details about this in the bulletin and on our parish website.

The important thing is to get involved. All of us are waiting to welcome you to join with us in sharing our faith with each other and our local community.

**PARENTS:** Create a peaceful atmosphere in your home. The "busy-ness" of our lives can become overwhelming. The constant hunger for activity can prevent us from taking the time we need to sit in silence and stillness. Create an atmosphere in your home where the abiding presence of the Lord can be felt. *SERRA USA*



Here's how easy it is to get FORMED.

Go to [www.Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org). You should see the registration box that says, "Does your parish already have FORMED." Type in the parish code: 28YHKB. Next set up a user name and a password. Now you are all set to use the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in!!

Or...just download the FREE FORMED app and start enjoying great video and audio wherever you go.





## FATIMA “SECRETS” & FACTS

**A FAITH EVENT SPONSORED BY ST. THOMAS MORE FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION**

Save the Date!!!

**Why is Mary’s Appearance at Fatima important to YOU 100 years later?**

**THE CHILDREN OF MARY WILL ADDRESS THIS TOPIC ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

### Food and Faith:

**6:30 pm** Appetizers and drinks

**7:00 pm** talk by *Children of Mary Nuns*

**8:00 pm** Announcement of new *Dedicated Disciples Studies*

**MICHAEL O’NEILL**, also known as “The Miracle Hunter”, will speak at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio on August 31, 2017 as part of Our Lady of Light Foundation’s **Annual Days of Prayer and Mercy**. Mr. O’Neill is a celebrated Mariologist, Radio host (Relevant Radio’s “The Miracle Hunter”) and author of the books *365 Days with Mary* and *Exploring the Miraculous*. He has been interviewed numerous times on EWTN’s News Nightly and Bookmark, and on Catholic radio like the Catholic Channel on Sirius XM, as well as secular media outlets like “Fox & Friends” and Live Science magazine. As we mark the centennial of Our Lady of Fatima, Mr. O’Neill will share his knowledge of Fatima and other Marian apparitions during his 7:00 pm talk. Suggested donation for Mr. O’Neill is \$40, which includes a dinner buffet (\$400 for a table of 10). Speaker only suggested donation is \$25. Reservations can be made by calling the OLL office (513.531.6279) or on their website with PayPal: at [www.ourladyoflight.org](http://www.ourladyoflight.org). Be sure to include your name, contact info and number of reservations. To see the full calendar of events for the Days of Prayer and Mercy (August 31-September 1), please visit [www.ourladyoflight.org](http://www.ourladyoflight.org).



## Commissioning and Blessing of Parish Liturgical Ministers

In our parish, these roles are exercised by laypersons, youth, young adults, and adults who undertake the ministries of Altar Server, Sacristans, Musicians/Choir Members, and the Ministers of Hospitality. We would like to commission and bless these parish members who give so willingly of their time and talent each week to enhance our liturgical celebrations.

We will be commissioning, on the weekend of September 23/24, our Eucharistic Ministers and the Ministers of the Homebound at the 4:00 pm, 8:00 & 10:00 am, and the 12:00 Noon Masses.

On the weekend of September 30/October 1 we will be giving the blessing to the Lectors at the 4:00 pm, 8:00 & 10:00 am, and the 12:00 Noon Masses.

On the weekend of October 14/15 we will be giving the blessings to the Ushers and the Greeters at the 4:00 pm, 8:00 & 10:00 am, and the 12:00 Noon Masses.

On the weekend of October 21/22 we will be giving the blessing to the Sacristans and to the Music Ministry at the 4:00 pm, 8:00 & 10:00 am, and the 12:00 Noon Masses.

We ask that all Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Homebound, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Sacristans and Music Ministers please be in attendance for this special prayer of blessing at one of the Masses on your corresponding weekend. You don’t want to miss this!

Again, thank you to all of you who participate in these ministries and for all that you do for St. Thomas More.



### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**DON’T JUST GO TO CHURCH. BE THE CHURCH.**

Our Church is in need of Liturgical Ministers. We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Distributors, Ushers, and Greeters. We need your help to fill these very important positions. Lately we have had unfilled positions so if you think that you can help, please call or e-mail Deacon Bob Brazier, 752-2080 Ext. 144 [bbrazier@stm.org](mailto:bbrazier@stm.org) or Deacon Michael [mthomas@stm.org](mailto:mthomas@stm.org) - 753-2549 and let them know what you want to do. Training is available for all positions.



**CUB SCOUT PACK 452 FALL ENROLLMENT:** All boys in the Parish in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join St. Thomas More Cub Scout Pack 452. Cub Scouts promotes community

service, strong moral values, faith in God, and the chance to explore a variety of adventures in the outdoors, the community, science, the arts, sports, and games. A new optional Supernova STEM program will offer boys a chance to participate in cool experiments and hands-on science and technology activities. Interested? Come to the STM picnic shelter on Saturday **August 26 from 5:00-8:00 pm to sign up**. Drop in and register or plan to stay for the entire event—FREE dinner and STEM related activity rotations for the boys and an informational session for the parents. **For more information, please contact Julie Esposito, Cubmaster, at 752-6448 or [j.esposito.dvm@gmail.com](mailto:j.esposito.dvm@gmail.com).**



### NEW PARISHIONERS

**Paul, Nicole, Casey & Ivan Sheehy**

**Rob Buchheit**

**Sarah Buchheit**

**Eric & Elizabeth Williams**

**Christopher, Melanie, Connor & Owen Murray**

**Matthew, Elisha & Declan Buchheit**

**Daniel, Jessica, Brooke, Danica, Caiden & Ethan Burt**

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Kendall Grace**, daughter of Michael & Heather Mueller  
**Carter Anthony**, son Luke & Heather Smith

**Hollis Ellen**, daughter of Christopher & Molly Yoshida  
**Gavin Michael**, son Victor & Kathryn LaFay