A statement from Bishop Perez in response to several states moving forward with legislation that would permit a baby to be aborted at nine months.

February 5th, 2019

Again, we are being forced to endure another manifestation of what Pope Francis means when he says ours is a “throw-away culture” as legislation recently passed in New York, and that being considered in other states, would permit a baby to be aborted at nine months. I add my voice to that of Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, KS and Chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities who, in a recent statement, said this legislation is evil, pure and simple. It’s not our place to play creator. Being Catholic entails a greater responsibility. We recognize God’s creative work from the moment of conception. It is not our place to decide these things – it never was and it never will be. God is the creator and we are not.

I encourage everyone to pray that the world grows in its respect for life, from conception to natural death, and to build awareness to reaffirm the Gospel teaching about the gift of life. As the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities from the U.S. Catholic Bishops reminds us, “Only with prayer — prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls — will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.” Archbishop Naumann implores, “Now is the time for all Catholics—bishops, priests, and laity—to fight for the unborn with renewed vigor. We must educate family, friends, legislators, fellow citizens about how it is never necessary to intentionally kill unborn children in order to save their mothers.” Pope Francis reminds us we are to be witnesses of life. May Holy Spirit be with us each of us as we work with resolve to protect for the most vulnerable among us, especially unborn children and their mothers.

COMING UP AT THE PARISH

- Presidents’ Day is this Monday. The Parish Offices will be closed.
- Faith and Families will meet this Tuesday at 3:30 pm.
- Pre Cana Team will also meet this Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
- The Seniors’ group will gather in the Upper Hall at 2:00 pm on Wednesday.
- Symbolon part 2 starts Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- Friday our Young Adults Group Colloquy will meet in the Lifeteen lounge at 7:00 pm.
FR. THOM

“I really miss going to my church.”

When visiting the homebound and those in nursing facilities, it is frequently heard: “I really miss going to my church. I wish I could go to Mass and participate in parish activities.”

Some of our parishioners are unable or are not healthy enough to take an active part in the various parish Masses and activities. Possibly, your neighbors or family members desire to be connected to the parish. **Linked-In-Prayer is a new ministry being offered at Ss. Robert and William Parish.** Since its introduction during the month of December, this new ministry has 13 participants.

**Linked-In-Prayer** is comprised of the sick, handicapped, homebound, those who live in assisted living environments, and our elderly. From the comforts of where they live, they can be connected to the parish through prayer.

**Linked-In-Prayer** allows those who feel separated from the parish to offer their prayers, joys, sorrows, and sufferings for particular needs in the parish and the universal church. Individuals are recognized as being part of a special ministry of the parish. **There are no meetings, no membership dues, and no phone calls making requests.**

A monthly letter is sent to participants highlighting specific needs and prayer intentions of the parish. Participants are asked to pray for these petitions using a prayer book that will be provided or utilizing their present favorite prayers. The mailing also includes some insights as to how to grow in personal faith.

If a member of your family or someone else you know desires to be reconnected to the parish, they could possibly benefit from being “linked-in” to the parish through prayer. Please call the parish office at 216-731-1515 or fill out the form below (return in collection basket) to begin participating in this new ministry.

Name: ________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________
City: _________________________________________ Zip: _____________
Birthday: ______________________________

“Enriching good marriages.”

**World Wide Marriage Encounter** offers married couples the gift of a weekend experience to enrich their relationship. It is an opportunity to enhance communication, renew commitments, and rekindle romance. The weekend program will be held at Homewood Suites in Solon on April 26-28. **I will be one of the presenters.** Call Leo & Toni at 330.305.9963 for more information.

Have a blessed week! See you in Church!
Fr. Thom
Ss. Robert and William Catholic School

The SRW 7th grade students have been researching, hypothesizing, investigating, and documenting the results of their chosen experiment for the annual Science Fair. On January 29th they were interviewed by the Villa Angela-St. Joseph Science students and their teacher. We are grateful to the VASJ community for judging the projects and determining which students will advance to the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair being held at Cleveland State University in March. Congratulations to this year’s NEOSEF representatives:

Grand Winner - Nicholas Dunmire: "Make the Wind Work for You!"
1st Place - Michael Arcaro: "How Do Different Liquids Effect the Health of a Simulated Tooth?"
2nd Place - Zoe Pesek: "Fertilizer: No or Grow?"
3rd Place - Tatiana Biliani: "Solar Powered vs Battery Powered Robots"
Honorable Mention
Jasmine Ellul: "Sugar: What Does It Do to a Plant?"
Liam Logan: "Magic Metals"
Maura Murphy: "How Much Sugar is in That Drink?"
Abby Neate: "Frisbee Aerodynamics"
Chinenye Obiechina: "Sonic Substance vs Ice"

The Ss. Anne & Joachim Grandparents’ Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 7 PM in the Ursuline (Mothers’) Chapel of the church. Hope to see you there!

Thank You

The groundbreaking Ceremony was such a joyous experience, full of excitement and love! Our parishioners showed exactly why we are revitalizing the gym and transforming it into a parish center. We gathered together as a family stating we are here and we are growing! Thank you all for coming to this event and let’s continue to share the good news.

KALEIDOSCOPE DAYS

TAKE A LOOK AT A DAY IN SS. ROBERT AND WILLIAM CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S EARLY LEARNING CLASSROOMS. YOUR TIME WILL INCLUDE A GUIDED TOUR WITH A PRESCHOOL TEACHER, AS WELL AS A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH THE PRINCIPALS. STUDENT GUESTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY. KALEIDOSCOPE DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE THE FOLLOWING DAYS: MARCH 1 AND 4 FROM 9:00-10:00 AM. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. PLEASE CONTACT ANGELA CASEY AT 216.731.3060 TO REGISTER.

CORNERSTONE OF HOPE HOSTS WEEKEND GRIEF RETREAT “PAIN TO PURPOSE”

Are you grieving the death of a loved one? Has it changed your life forever? Come and experience Christ’s love for you on your journey of grief, meet others with similar losses, and be transformed by hope at this retreat.

The event will feature a Mass, adoration, and confession.

Friday, March 15 - Sunday March 17, 2019
Jesuit Retreat House in Parma, Ohio
Space is limited so please register early. For more information call 216.524.HOPE (4673), ext. 235 or register online at www.cornerstoneofhope.org.

FREE HOODIE Giveaway!

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO INTRODUCE THE NEW SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM APPAREL STORE! TO MARK THIS GRAND OPENING WE ARE GIVING AWAY A NEW SRW HOODIE, JUST GIVE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE A LIKE AND STAY TUNED FOR OUR UPCOMING POSTS AND MESSAGES FOR A CHANCE TO WIN. A WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN AT RANDOM. PLEASE VISIT THE ONLINE STORE TO CHECK OUT ALL THE NEW GEAR!
HTTPS://SRWEUCOLID.CC/STORE
Women’s Fellowship
We’ve had two great speakers in the first two months of 2019 and the attendance was great, despite the cold weather. March is fast approaching and that means the beginning of Lent. Our March program will focus on the Eucharist; the real presence of Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity. You won’t want to miss this wonderful program.

Community Fundraiser
Support of the Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center on March 4 at Lopez Southwest Restaurant in Cleveland Heights
Join us on Monday, March 4 for a night of fun in support of the Father Michael Wittman Ozanam Center--our food pantry and clothing bank located at St. Philomena Church operated in partnership with the St. Vincent DePaul Society. All supporting parishes are invited to Lopez Southwest Restaurant, 2196 Lee Road (at Cedar) in Cleveland Heights from 5-9 pm for delicious food and drinks with all tips on purchases supporting the continued operation of the FMW Ozanam Center. There will be Chinese auction items and musical entertainment by The Rifferees. Help support our important outreach program!

Lectio: Peter
Episode 5: Peter and the Keys
Did Jesus Establish the Papacy?
What are the “keys of the kingdom” and why are they so important to understanding Peter and his successors’ role in the Church?

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“Eye opening! Great study on Peter and the keys to the Kingdom.”
—Bernadette P., Lantana, FL

LADIES NIGHT OUT
JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF SHOPPING, RAFFLES, FUN AND FRIENDS!

Chaste Auction, 50/50 & Big Raffle
All proceeds benefit the students of SS. Robert & William School

FRIDAY MARCH 1
6PM - 9PM
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS GYM
140 RICHMOND RD
EUCLID 44143

Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our parish or school? Remember Ss. Robert & William in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.
The Collection: for February 10th was $7,618.40
Loan Balance: $1,296,109
Monthly Loan Payment: $8362.00

Capital Campaign
Total of pledges $2,088,197.16
Total received/posted $1,054,571.66
Total donors 559

Please consider a donation to help lower our long-term debt. Please call Fr. John or Ellen at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email them at fjb@srweuclid.cc or eivory@srweuclid.cc. Thank you very much for your continued generosity. Fr. John

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PRAYERS NEEDED

We thank, pray, and ask for God’s blessings for those in the military and safety forces serving our country and community.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families of: Rose Saba, Elizabeth Lauver and all those who have lost a loved one. May they know the peace and comfort of God’s love and find strength in the support of our parish community.
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