

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH AND SCHOOL – NOVEMBER 1, 2020

## **Dear Parishioners and Families,**

Today the Church remembers all those who now live with God in the Kingdom of Heaven. We call this the Feast of All Saints. They were once on this earth and they were our mothers, and fathers, our grandparents, spouses, children, and all those good men and women we have known in our life time. However, there is more to come for them.

When we knew these people we knew them as persons with a body. God has promised to bring back this fullness of life. We affirm this in the Creed in saying, “We believe in the resurrection of the body and life ever-lasting”.

This vision is certainly expansive and uplifting. This vision moves away from the human space of today to the vision of a New Heaven and a New Earth. God our Father has provided a future beyond our hopes and beyond our dreams. Time is greater than our space on earth.

### **The Catholic Exponent - - Catholic Paper of the Youngstown Diocese**

The Catholic Exponent is the bi-monthly newspaper for our Diocese. St. Joseph Parish pays so that all the parishioners receive a copy. If you are not receiving a copy and would like to receive one, please call Sandy Blazewick, the Executive Assistant. She will make sure your name is put on the list and there will be no charge.

### **The Holy Spirit and Confirmation**

St. Joseph Parish is preparing for Confirmation for young students 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Confirmation will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. Columba. Two weeks ago we published a list of those eligible for Confirmation.

May we add to this list? If you are a young person in high school or college and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you would be eligible to receive it with our younger students from our classes of 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

I invite all to the first meeting which is to take place, Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in the Church from 10:30 to 12:00 noon. If this time will not fit some of the Confirmandi, please give me a note with your name, a quick statement that you are interested in receiving this Sacrament, and just one sentence indicating why you could not make the meeting. We will set something up alternatively for you.

Enclosed in this Bulletin is the letter and the agenda that was sent to all the Confirmandi. In this Sacrament it is the Holy Spirit that bonds to us. Scripture calls the Holy Spirit an advocate. I also like to think of the Holy Spirit as a prompter for when I am on stage and I have forgot my lines.

Allow me to speak more. I believe the Holy Spirit not only prompts the forgotten lines, but more constantly gives us new lines and directions that take us beyond ourselves. The Holy Spirit is the wind beneath our wings. Confirmation is Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. Columba.

Fr. Tom Acker, S.J.  
November 1, 2020