



St. James the Greater Parish Life Newsletter

Pentecost 2016

A Columbarium for Saint James Cemetery

By Father Nolker



Our cemetery board has been busy during the last two years preparing for the future. They are aware of the significant increase in cremation and more frequent requests for some place to inter the cremains (the ashes) in our own cemetery. It is projected by the funeral industry and cemetery associations that in a few years over half of all deaths will involve cremation. In some parts of the United States it has already surpassed that figure. In 2014, 46.7% of people were cremated in the U.S.

With this background, the board moved ahead with building a columbarium in our cemetery. What's a columbarium? It is a structure containing niches where cremains are interred. This offers an alternative to buying a ground plot. Think of it as a mausoleum for cremains.

The columbarium being installed in our cemetery is made of Morning Rose granite. It will be 7 feet high and 6.5 feet in diameter. Having 144 niches that can hold one or two remains, full capacity will be 288 urn spaces. It will be surrounded by a large landscaped patio so it will be easy to visit. Installation should happen sometime in May with the concrete patio being added after the unit has been set in place. We are hoping for a formal dedication in June.

The cost of the columbarium is a major investment in the future of the cemetery. Fortunately, we have been greatly helped with this project by the *One Faith, One Hope, One Love* campaign by the archdiocese. When we conducted that campaign, 20% of our parish's contribution was marked to come back to Saint James. Our Pastoral Council earmarked our funds for two things: 1) paying off the debt for the renovation of the church and the installation of the windows in the school, and 2) increasing the perpetual care fund of the cemetery, which was not that well-funded. Beginning in January, 2016 this rebate money is being sent to the parish as you pay your commitments to the fund. This is how the cemetery is paying for the columbarium. It is costing us \$46,000.00, and we have already received half of that from the *On Faith* drive in addition to paying off the debt.

We will not sell niches until everything is completed and you can see it. The board has decided that the purchase price will include the opening/closing which is an additional fee for ground burial and for niches at many other cemeteries. The only added expense will be for the engraving of the granite covering stone when an interment has happened.

The cemetery board and I are excited about this improvement to our cemetery. Founded at the same time we became a parish in 1843, our cemetery has served the people of Saint James Parish well over the years. Many families can trace their history by walking through our cemetery. From the area where unknown ancestors' graves are marked with a common memorial which we dedicated just a few years ago, to the addition of the two sections in the 1990s, the cemetery has tried to meet the needs of our families. We believe this columbarium is how we move into the future.

CEMETERY INFORMATION

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Cincinnati, OH 45247
513-741-5300
info@stjameswhiteoak.com

Contact: Frank Bromer 513-708-5456

In-Ground Burial

Graves

No graves available in the old section.

Morning Star.....	\$ 900
Queen of Peace.....	\$1400

Only flush markers are allowed in St. James Cemetery effective January 1, 2016.

Opening & Closing

Mon.-Fri., 8:30am -2:30pm.....	\$1000
Sat., 8:30am—1pm.....	\$1200
Sat., after 1pm.....	\$1400

National Holidays are the same rate as Saturday

For burial of remains with vault

Mon.-Fri., 8:30am- 2:30pm.....	\$550
Saturdays and Holidays.....	\$800

Baby grave opening and closing..... \$200

Markers

Monuments are only allowed in certain areas. Please check with cemetery staff for restrictions on monuments and markers.

Marker foundations

2' x 1'.....	\$250
3' x 1'.....	\$350
4' x 1'.....	\$450
5' x 1'.....	\$550

Flush baby grave marker (call for size)..... \$50



Vases

Set precast cement holder for vase...\$150

Disinterment

call for quote

What are the options we provide?

Graves

Niche in our Columbarium
(for those who have been cremated)

Cremation is allowed in the Catholic Church?

Yes it is. It has been allowed since 1983. The Church made this law Canon Law 1176 §3. The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed; nevertheless, the Church does not prohibit cremation unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine.

Columbarium

Niches

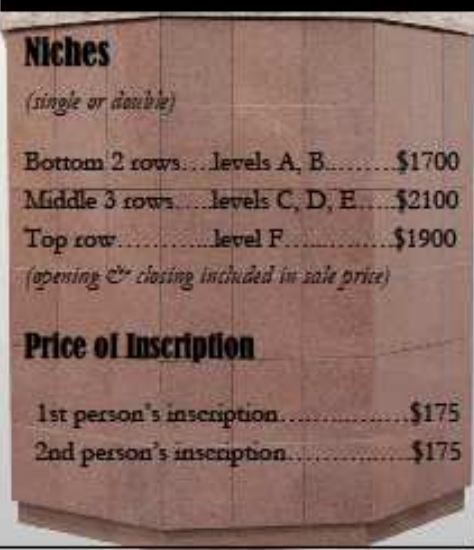
(single or double)

Bottom 2 rows...levels A, B.....	\$1700
Middle 3 rows...levels C, D, E.....	\$2100
Top row.....level F.....	\$1900

(opening & closing included in sale price)

Price of Inscription

1st person's inscription.....	\$175
2nd person's inscription.....	\$175



Grudges

By Fr. Tony Tozzi

Why do people hold grudges? Anger, ego.....what is it? There are many reasons why people may hold a grudge against someone else but one thing exists in all situations, it hurts you.....the one holding the grudge. I know well that some situations are more serious and painful than others, but most are that someone said or did something that offended you in some way and so that's what I'm thinking of as I write this. If you have a problem with grudges (forgiveness) then first ask yourself "how long will this go on?" Is it going to go on until you die or until the Second Coming of Christ, whichever happens to be first? Then I think it's good to stop seeing yourself as a victim. It may seem strange but in arguments of saying or doing something to make you mad, people can often hold on to a victim mentality. "They hurt me" becomes the lifelong saying of a perpetual victim. I've known multiple people over the years who are holding grudges and the people that upset them have been dead for years!

A final thought that may help you deal with grudges is that we are all human. If you are around someone long enough, eventually you will make each other mad. This is very common in families, as we all know. That's just called life and being human. Cut each other some slack; we all have bad days. An argument or disagreement doesn't mean that a relationship should be thrown away by an ongoing grudge. You expect others to forgive you. Can you hand out forgiveness when it's your turn?

Peace, Fr. Tozzi

Vacation Bible School June 13 - 17 - 9:30 to 12 Noon



Summer is quickly approaching, and so is Saint James the Greater **Vacation Bible School!** Children entering Kindergarten through Grade 4 will sing, dance, listen to or watch stories and learn lessons from Holy Scripture. They will create reminders of important concepts, enjoy snacks and games. Lessons will focus on the importance and knowledge of the Catholic faith, as well as the importance of service to family, friends, neighbors, community and most importantly, God. The cost is \$20.00 per child and registration forms are available on St. James web page under the Learn tab, in church, or in the Parish Office.

VIRTUS®-ready volunteers are needed and welcome! Adults are needed to lead groups, and to help with refreshments. This is also a wonderful opportunity for junior high and/or high school students to accumulate needed service hours!

Please contact us in the Religious Education Office (741-5335) to volunteer or for additional information. We hope to see you at this year's Saint James Vacation Bible School!



The Miracle of the Eucharist

By Theresa Hayes, DRE

At this amazing time of year when we are surrounded by the beauty of Nature, the joy that spring brings to us and the gift of new life, it seems appropriate to focus on another miracle in our lives – the Eucharist.

We have just celebrated the greatest feast of our faith, Easter, the time at which we are reminded of God’s boundless love for us. Jesus said, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13). What greater love could our Father have for us than to offer His only-begotten Son for our redemption? For those who are parents, this sacrifice looms even more largely. It is one thing to sacrifice oneself – quite another to consider allowing one’s child to sacrifice himself or herself for another.

But the story ends neither at the great Sacrifice nor at the glorious Ascension. After Jesus rose from the dead, He sent His Apostles to carry out His mission, including the formation of His Church on Earth, to continue doing the will of God even after the end of the lives of the Apostles. Before Jesus left them, He told them, “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20), thereby promising His Presence to us until He comes again. He has also promised that the powers of Hell will not prevail against His Church (Matthew 16:18). These are great gifts, but gifts which require effort on our part.

Because Jesus knew the difficulties to be faced by the Apostles as the first leaders in His Church, and those of us to follow, He created the sacraments as sources of grace and signs of God’s life in us to provide needed strength. The greatest of these is, of course, the Eucharist. At the Last Supper, Jesus also left the directive that those after Him should, “Do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19).

Each time we participate in the Eucharist, we join with the saints and angels of Heaven in offering the perfect Lamb of God to the Father in adoration and thanksgiving. We also miraculously receive the Body and Blood of our Savior through the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, and in so doing are strengthened to continue our pilgrimage on Earth of knowing, loving, and serving God toward eternal life with Him in Heaven.

In the early Church, members were fully initiated (i.e., received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at one ritual, regardless of the person’s age. As the Church grew, initiation began to change over time. By the 16th century, baptismal Communion ceased being the usual practice in the Roman Catholic Church. As we experience today, each of the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated independently.

We recently celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist with our Saint James the Greater students (School and PSR) and their families. As you know, the family is considered the “domestic Church” due to the critical role that it plays in the formation of Church members. Our Saint James First Communicants and their families joined those parishioners present at two of our weekly liturgies in celebrating the source and summit of our faith, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - the Eucharist – and welcoming to the table of Our Lord, our young First Communicants. Please join us in praying that not only will this special occasion mark the beginning of a lifelong loving relationship with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for our young members, but also a special “anniversary” remembrance and renewal for the rest of our Church members.

God be with you in all that you do!

Boy Scout News



Eight of our Boys Scouts have earned the prestigious Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem. It is one of the highest ranking religious medals a Boy Scout can earn. The boys worked on the emblems for over 6 months. They met with Fr. Nolker, went on a retreat, and spent in depth time reviewing the sacraments. The boys were recognized on Scout Sunday Mass at St. James and they will receive their emblems on April 10, 2016 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

Pictured above in front row: Bradley Kramer, Zach Torbeck, Evan Day and Thomas Verhoff. Back row: Justin Nienaber, David Mattingly, Zachary Nienaber.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION

Dear St. James Parishioners,

Summer is almost here! We have reached the end to another great school year! We have treasured our time with our students this year. They have worked hard and have certainly earned their summer break.

June is a time of great celebration. We begin our celebration with the graduation of the Class of 2016. Our 8th graders will graduate on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. They join a long line of St. James alumni. We are excited and confident in knowing that we will be graduating students truly prepared for high school. All of the students have received a Christ-centered education that has challenged them toward personal and academic excellence. We wish each graduate a big congratulations on all of their accomplishments and we wish them luck as they move onto the next chapter in their lives.

We also extend our good luck wishes and congratulations to our staff who are retiring from St. James this year. Mrs. Carol Boerger, 2nd grade teacher, and Mrs. Nancy Wabnitz, our office secretary, have decided to step away from St. James. We wish them well and are forever grateful for their service to our school and to the many students each have helped over the years. We will certainly miss both of them greatly!

Congratulations, too, to all of our second grade students who celebrated their First Holy Communion in May. Our students have taken an important step in coming to know Jesus Christ and making him the center of their lives. St. James School is proud to help facilitate their spiritual journey through our Church's holy sacraments.

While the school year is ending, we are certainly not finished with our work. Summer is a time for teachers to become students themselves and for our staff to prepare for another exciting school year. The dates and times the school office will be open during the summer are as follows:

- June 6 – June 17, Monday-Friday; 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- June 20 – July 29 – Closed
- August – Reopens Monday, August 1, Monday-Friday; 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Our first day of school for the 2016-2017 school year is Wednesday, August 24, 2016. The School Kick-Off Day will be held on Monday, August 22, 2016, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Finally, we'd like to offer our thanks and gratitude for your continued support of St. James School. Last month, our students participated in our seventh annual Panther Prowl walk-a-thon. Together we reached and exceeded our goal. We're excited to use these funds to improve our classrooms this summer. Your support is invaluable! Whether you offered financial support, cheered on our students at a sporting event, volunteered in our school, or offered your prayers for our school community over the past year, we are thankful for our parishioners.

We wish everyone a very relaxing and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Michelle Hinton
Principal

Jeffrey Fulmer
Assistant Principal





BAPTISM

Marie Louise Constien, daughter of Seth & Elise
 Noelle Jane Constien, daughter of Seth & Elise
 Norah Lynn Kemen, daughter of William & Cara
 Isabella Rose Lafferty, daughter of Andrea Tipon
 Mackenzie Claire Obert, daughter of Laura & Kristin
 Abigail Grace Ritter, daughter of William & Kimberly
 Nora Kate Ritter, daughter of William & Kimberly
 Simon Bailey Ritter, son of William & Kimberly

Luke Joseph Rumpke, son of Jason & Julie
 Eli James Weishaupt, son of Eric & Beth
 Francesca Rose Folino, at the Easter Vigil
 Wendy Folino, at the Easter Vigil



Jonathan Bock & Kelly Stephens and Family
 Terry & Patricia Boyle
 Ryan & Katie Fleming and Family
 Michael & Jennifer Howard and Family
 Jenna Inderhees and Family
 Joseph & Laura Jackson and Family
 Anthony & Brenda Lang and Family
 Michael & Michelle Markus and Family
 Michele May and Family
 Christopher & Andrea Mayall and Family
 Joshua & Christa McAlpin and Family
 Randy & Donna Moore
 Molly Murrison
 Laura & Kristin Obert and Family
 Justin & Holly Peter and Family
 Shannon & Frances Ream and Family
 Matthew & Sara Reardon and Family
 Devin & Emily Sillies
 Nicholas & Carla Snodgrass and Family
 JoAnn Sparks

Andrea Tipon and Family
 Frank & Suzanne Trotta
 Travis & Katherine Whiteker and Family
 Coleen Williams and Family
 Patricia Wilson



Rita Prinzbach, 1/9/16
 Martha Wagner, 1/23/16
 Bertha Yunger, 1/27/16
 Raymond Evers, 2/3/16
 Jean Slattery, 2/6/16
 Betty Peddenpohl, 2/8/16
 Charles Engle, 2/25/16
 Mary Krauz, 2/27/16
 Ginny Staigl, 3/12/16
 Ike Simmons, 3/18/16
 Rita Rizzo, 3/18/16
 Linda Lawson, 3/24/16
 Marilyn Lucas, 3/24/16
 Joseph Wagner, 3/28/16

The St. James Memorial Fund Masses will be celebrated on the following dates:

2016

May 29 – 8:00 am	Sept. 25 – 8:00 am
June 26 – 10:00 am	Oct. 30 – 10:00 am
July 31 – Noon	Nov. 27 – Noon
Aug. 27 – 4:30 pm	Dec. 17 – 4:30 pm

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for those enrolled in the Fund.

The following deceased members have been enrolled in the Memorial Fund:
Ron Hesse, Margaret Sullivan and Charles Engle

ST. JAMES FESTIVAL NEWS



Bakery Booth ☆ Bengal's Season Ticket Raffle ☆ Baskets and Bid-n-Buy ☆ Jewelry Resale ☆ SnowBug

It's that time again! Include the St. James Festival on **July 22nd, 23rd and 24th** in your summer plans. Notice that this is a little earlier since July has 5 full weekends this year. We chose the 5th! The Major Awards tickets will be arriving at your homes soon to purchase yourself, or sell them to family, friends, neighbors or co-workers. The three Early-Bird drawings will occur on these Mondays, June 11th, June 27th and July 11th at 2:00 PM so get your tickets in early. Winning stubs are returned to the hopper for future drawings. Additional tickets are available in the Parish Office. **ALSO BE AWARE THAT THE HOURS FOR THE FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY WILL NOW BE 4:00 -10:00 PM.**

The Bengals Season Ticket Raffle returns! The tickets cost \$10 each and the winner receives **one pair of 2016 SEASON TICKETS to the CINCINNATI BENGALS (Section 343/Row 13/Seats 15 & 16) PLUS a parking pass for each game for the CRG West(Central Riverfront Garage).** There will only be **400** tickets sold. Drawing will be held at 9:00 PM on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at the Festival. Tickets will be sold after most Masses in June and July. Order forms are in Parish Life and weekly bulletins.

EARLY BIRD SPLIT THE POT returns with chances available after Masses in the weeks leading up to the festival. These will be the same as our regular Split the Pot Raffles and will be drawn at 7:30 PM on Friday with a **Super Jackpot** to get things kicked off for the weekend. Buy tickets presale and get two for the price of one, BOGO!!! Don't miss out on getting your chances! **Black Jack & Texas Hold'em** will still run Friday and Saturday nights in the church hall due to the chicken dinner on Sunday.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT US FOR DONATIONS! Our **Baskets Booth** is making a strong return with many creatively themed baskets ranging anywhere from high school and college themes to family game/movie nights. The **Bid-n-Buy Booth** is returning in a big way so you can participate in silent auctions for tempting items including services, lawn care equipment, sports memorabilia, and much more. **Donations** of any kind are also gratefully accepted. Consider donating services, tickets to sporting events, items you might find at a steal when shopping, new and used items you may have in your home that you're not using, items or services from your business or a cash donation to be used to purchase items to fill in our baskets, furniture, sport equipment like bikes, golf clubs, exercise equipment and other big item pieces. We are especially looking for **sets of single game tickets** for Bengal's, Ohio State Football, Red's or other sport teams from any season ticket holder who may not be able to get to every game. If you own a **vacation rental home** and would consider donating a week or so when it goes unused, you can get the tax write-off equal to whatever you usually get for the rental and you can specify terms and conditions.

WE NEED YOUR JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES! Jewelry Resale Booth is returning so plan to pick up unique pieces at a steal! We are asking parishioners to check your jewelry collections for those seldom used pieces of costume jewelry that are just taking up space. We are not asking for genuine gems, gold or silver. We want the costume jewelry that you may not want or wear anymore. We will clean it up and resell them to others. We will also accept small jewelry boxes, hats, belts, ties, purses and scarves. Collections will begin June 4th and can be dropped off in boxes in the church hall or parish office. Calling all jewelry makers, we'd love to have some homemade items to sell. Get your creative juices flowing and make a few for us!

CHANGES this year include a **photo booth** and **soccer kick**, along with a few more things still in the works. Be sure to check out the fun! You might even see a few characters running around! For the first time we will be offering shaved ice from our own parish family with the **SnoBug!**

The **Bakery Booth** returns to help you to satisfy your sweet tooth. Parish Bakers don't forget to schedule in some time to make those wonderful creations for our bakery booth and chicken dinner. Mouths are watering just thinking about them! From 4-6:30 on Sunday we will again be offering fried **Chicken Dinners** from **Ron's Roost**. Pre-sale tickets will again be available in the Major Award Ticket mailing or Sunday Bulletins starting in June.

Want to volunteer? Committee members will be available in the church hall before and after most masses in June and July. If you miss us look for links through the church website and the festival website. If you have not volunteered before, this year is your chance. High School students can get volunteer hours for set up and tear down as well as anytime throughout the festival. There are many positions available for all levels of abilities! All volunteers are welcome! We are in the process of setting up a simplified online sign up. Check the Sunday Bulletin or visit our web page www.stjamesfestival.com. **If you have volunteered before and don't get called this year, please contact us to sign up! We will do our best to meet your requests!**

Contacts can be made through our festival website at www.stjamesfestival.com. The website allows information to be obtained and more people to find out how great our festival. You can preview the bands, sign up to volunteer, and visit our sponsor links to see what they are up to. You also could call or email us direct at 385-7409, 706-0698 and klackman@cinci.rr.com. Mary and Kevin Lackman

Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle

The winner will receive a complete set of 2016-17 Cincinnati Bengals season tickets for SECTION 343, ROW 13, SEATS 15-16 and an individual parking pass for the Central Riverfront Garage West. Winners are responsible for their own transportation to and from games as well as taxes applicable to the win. The price of each raffle ticket is \$10.00. The purchase of a raffle ticket is not a tax-deductible contribution. A ticket stub will be sent by mail to entrants within five working days after receipt of completed registration form and payment. The raffle will be held during the St. James Festival at 9:00 PM on 7/24/16. Purchasers of raffle tickets must be 18 years of age or older. The chances of winning will be determined by the number of tickets sold and distributed. A total of only 400 tickets will be sold with each ticket having a 1-in-400 chance to win the Prize. Payment may be made by check payable to Saint James Festival. Mail to Saint James Church, 3565 Hubble Road, Cinti, OH 45247 or place in an envelope and drop into the collection basket during weekend Masses. Mail order of Bengal tickets end 7/18/16. After that purchase them on the festival grounds at the Major Award Booth.



Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Zipcode: _____

Email: (optional) _____

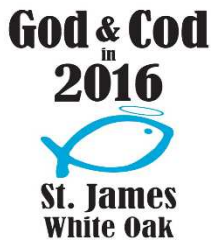


Attention: Do YOU need High School Student Service Hours?

The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers willing to give anywhere from 1 hour to 20+ hours helping with some of the behind the scenes activities. There are many opportunities available at a variety of times before, during and after the festival. You can sign-up for as little or as much as you would like. Some of the possibilities are listed below.

- Assist with moving equipment into the gym from storage (Late June, TBA)
- Set up tables, chairs, and netting around booths etc. (Thurs., July 21st anytime)
- Finalizing set up and attending to last minute details (Friday, July 22nd anytime)
- Game and Prize set up (Fri., July 22nd 4-6 PM.) (Sat., July 23rd 4-6 PM) (Sun. July 24th 3-4 PM)
- Game and Prize tear down (Fri., July 22nd 11PM-12:30 AM.) (Sat., July 23rd 11 PM-12:30AM) (Sun. July 24th 9:30-12:00 PM)
- Grounds clean-up (Friday and Saturday 11 PM-1 AM, Sunday 10 PM -12AM)
- Cleaning tables (wiping off and removal of trash) under the dining tent throughout the Festival
- Removal of all equipment, tables, chairs, netting, etc. from all booths (Sun., 10:00 PM.-12 AM)
- Tear-down of all equipment and cleaning of the grounds (Monday, July 25th 10 AM.-???)anytime)
- Assist with placing the equipment back into storage (usually sometime during the week following the festival, probably Thursday, July 28th, 7:00 PM)
- Assist with chicken dinner on Sunday 3-7 PM

If interested, use the volunteer sign-up flyer, sign up or e-mail through the website (www.stjamesfestival.com) or contact Mary and Kevin Lackman 385-7409 or (klackman@cinci.rr.com). Any and all help is greatly appreciated.



Fish Fry 2016

A BIG” THANK YOU to Dianne Hergenrother and the Fish Fry Committee for all their hard work and time spent to make our Fish Fry such a great success! Your commitment to St. James is greatly appreciated!



The 2016 Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass
 this year will be held at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral
 on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

Additional information and invitations from the Archdiocese will be sent to our parishioners who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2016.

Dates to Remember –

May 29	Body & Blood of Christ
June 1	8 th Grade Graduation
June 3	Last Day of School
June 19	Father’s Day
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
July 4	Independence Day
July 22, 23, 24	Festival Weekend
July 24	Feast of St. James the Apostle
August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (not a Holy Day of Obligation)
August 24	First Day of School
August 26	Parish Picnic

Don’t forget to check out our website at www.stjameswhiteoak.com. Bulletin articles are due in the office no later than Monday morning. Articles can be submitted via e-mail at info@stjameswhiteoak.com or send to the Parish Office.

