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St. Malachi Parish

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Enriching Lives In Northeast Ohio

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Fr. Latcovich Gives An Insider's View Into Our Seminaries

"Studies show what keeps a man a priest. If a diocese has its own seminary, a man develops critical support systems not only with his family, but with priests and lay people they come to know," says Fr. Mark Latcovich.

As rector of Borromeo Seminary and Saint Mary Seminary, he guides seminarians through a process of priestly formation that for some men begins with college courses at Borromeo (including many at John Carroll University) followed by a five-year program on the graduate level in Theology at St. Mary's.

Thanks to the generosity of many faithful people who made donations and pledges to Rooted in Faith—Forward in Hope, the Endowment for Priestly Formation has grown by nearly \$5,960,062 as of June 30, 2016.



These funds help to form holy and well-educated men for service in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Cleveland is experiencing increased enrollment in its seminaries. Eighteen freshmen were welcomed to Borromeo and eight new men to Saint Mary this fall. And, eight men began their last year of priestly formation, discerning the Lord's call in preparation for May ordination. "They're very altruistic and want to make a difference in the world. They love and value what the Church offers society," says Fr. Latcovich, who also sees a sense of gratitude among seminarians who appreciate support for room and board, tuition, and mission trips.

Fr. Patrick Schultz, one of five seminarians ordained in May 2016, now serves at Communion of Saints Parish in Cleveland Heights. He expresses immense gratitude to the people "who make herculean sacrifices for us to study in the diocese. It's a very expensive endeavor and expresses the Church's desire to have good and holy priests. We are transformed by the love of Jesus and then go out and serve the very people who supported us."

Transparency and Accountability

The Rooted in Faith - Forward in Hope

Oversight Committee meets semi-annually to review the financial statements and confirm that the overall campaign dollars are being applied to the appropriate case statement components.

This committee convened earlier this month to once again review and ensure that the highest levels of accountability and transparency remain in effect.

We encourage you to visit the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) website at www.catholiccommunity.org for updated financial information about the campaign, its distributions and other important campaign news. In addition, browse our website to view the CCF audit, Board of Directors list, and all current news and events.

OUR PARISH

Every payment you make benefits our parish! As you know, 30% of the funds collected up to our goal return to our parish to use for our own local projects. Our parish continues to receive quarterly distributions based upon monies collected from your pledges. Thank you to everyone who makes this success possible.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Campaign but would like to do so, or if you'd like to make an additional gift, please go to www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift. Alternately, you may contact Angie Pavlik at the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525, ext. 1303.

Rooted in Faith pledge payments can now be made online at www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/pledgepayment. Also, we encourage you to visit www.catholiccommunity.org and browse our website for current news, events, list of Board Directors, or view the annual financial statement.

May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to His Church!

NATIONAL PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is National Priesthood Sunday. Pope Francis said, "I invite everyone to pray to the heart of Jesus...to support with closeness and affection your priests so that they always reflect the image of that heart full of merciful love." Let us pray! Please take use the prayer card at the church doors to pray for priests & seminarians. See CLEpriesthood.org.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Join us this Wednesday, November 2, at 7pm for *Praying with Teresa of Avila*. We offer prayer & reflection based on *Praying with Teresa of Avila* by Rosemary Broughton; materials provided. "For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God." (St. Teresa of Ávila)

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Christmas Choir practice continues this Thursday, beginning at 8pm in church. Our main activity is the Christmas Eve Mass at 10PM (our version of midnight Mass). Call or email Charlene at the rectory for more information.

ADVENT IS COMING!

Our Parish Advent Preparation Day will be Sunday, November 20, from 10-11:30 in the hall. Please bring hats and gloves; fixings for PB&J; granola bars, snack packs, juice boxes, and hand warmers for Metanoia; and Christmas cards and stamps for our shut-ins. Let us prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus in the poor and poor-in-spirit among us.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join Christians all over the U.S. in prayer & fasting to respect life in all its forms through November 6. Information is at church doors, clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or www.40daysfor life.com.

Borromeo Novemberfest

Borromeo Seminary's *Novemberfest*, Annual Italian Dinner is Saturday, November 12, from 5-8pm at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children Chinese raffle gift baskets & 50/50 raffle. For information, call (440) 943-3834.

COMING: #WEGIVECATHOLIC - GIVING TUESDAY

On November 29, "Giving Tuesday" St. Malachi Church is participating in #weGiveCatholic, the first-ever online day of Catholic Giving in Northeast Ohio. Plan to support us that day with a donation by going to www.wegivecatholic.org, search for St. Malachi Church, then click "Donate Now".

MONDAY NIGHT MEAL NEEDS: COOKS, FRUITS & SALAD FIXINGS!

Monday Night Meal is looking for your help! Second Monday of each month: fruits and salads. The meal serves 250 people each second Monday. For the second Monday of each month, the Meal needs 6 or 7 individuals or families who will commit to bringing 3 dozen fruits: bananas, oranges (not apples; many guests have problems chewing) The meal also needs 5 or 6 individuals or families to provide salad fixings: 3 heads of lettuce, carrots, celery, onions, tomatoes, etc.

Third Monday of each month: Main Dish

The meal serves 250-275 people each third Monday For the third Monday of each month, the Meal needs 3-5 individuals or families who will commit to provide the main dish (30 servings) on the menu that night. Recipes are available & will be shared. If you are able to help with any of these needs, please contact the rectory or Frank Herceg (440-396-8768 or frankh4567@gmail.com.

Many thanks to those who have responded & to our faithful cooks & food providers! God bless you!

"COMMEMORATION OF THE MARTYRS" DINNER

Join the members of the St. Malachi Social Action Committee for the 36th Annual Human Rights Banquet on Sunday, November 6 at Beaumont High School, 3301 No. Park Blvd, Cleveland Heights. The Social hour begins at 4pm; 5:30 Interfaith prayer and speaker Marlen Sanchez, National Coordinator of Agroecology for the Association of Farm Workers; 6:30 dinner. Cost is \$25 payable to St. Malachi church. Contact Mary McNamara, Chris Dusek or Stephanie Riccobene.

MALACHI HOUSE BENEFIT

The annual Malachi House benefit *Entertaining by Design* is this Friday, November 4, 7–10:30 pm at the Ohio Design Center, 23533 Mercantile Rd, Beachwood (off Chagrin Blvd. between Green and Richmond). Enjoy a spectacular evening of specialty cocktails, savory gourmet culinary delights, and fabulous live entertainment. Bid on distinctive auction items while viewing dramatic tablescapes created by Cleveland's top interior designers. Tickets are \$125 per person Purchase your tickets at: http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2604980 or contact Malachi House, (216) 621-8831.

ANNIVERSARY ITEMS ON SALE AFTER MASS

Own a piece of St. Malachi history! Items from St. Malachi's 150th Anniversary will be on sale after Mass today at the main church doors.

MY CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Norman Bringman:

It's difficult to address just one ministry at St Malachi's that has helped me the most to try to follow the Gospels and the teachings of Jesus. As someone who has volunteered for many of the ministries that make up our parish life, each one brings a different opportunity to serve. Presently I am Vice-President of the Parish Council, an usher, a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, a Friendly Visitor bringing Communion to the homebound and member of the Parish Buildings and Grounds Committee.

From cooking or working at the Monday Night Meal to serving on a parish committee, volunteering allows me to witness the Holy Spirit working for the least of our brothers and sisters. It has increased my awareness at just how blessed I am.

Nancy Saegel:

In 1996, I began volunteering at Malachi Center. This gradually became a weekly sewing gathering of women and the occasional man working on projects that interested them. Thanks to the generosity of others, we have enough donated sewing machines, fabric, patterns and notions for 8 to 10 participants a week. Pat Darrah and I "coach" during this program during the school year.

This Center program is called Sewing with Friends and it has developed into a core of friends who support and care for each other. Sharing a skill with others and watching the pride that occurs when someone completes a pillow, curtains, skirt or coat is the biggest reward and brings me back each year. I learned about Malachi moments while at the Center. Last year, a dropped and broken sewing machine was a problem but within an hour someone called to ask if we could use a gently used machine! God does provide.

Susan Knize:

I have been an usher since the early 1990s, and it began when another usher asked me to consider this ministry. I was looking for a way to become active, and this seemed to fit. I bring joy, perseverance, dedication, and a willingness to assist wherever needed, and in return I've met many wonderful people and come to see firsthand the goodness of our guests from the back door.

We always need ushers as some leave and we need to be able to rotate our duties. Ushers do more than take up the collection. We've been known to help parents find the kid's changing station, find a place to nurse an infant if they want seclusion, help a person who needs a little support make it to their seat or up to communion, pass things out, meet our younger members playing in the back of church, collect items left in the pew, and open a few doors.

Kevin Burke:

I am presently involved with several ministries with St. Malachi. I began in the early 2000's as a tutor for the Seeds of Literacy Program at Malachi Center, and have worked

on the Center's Annual Soup for the Soul benefit every year since. I also am involved with communications, and post a podcast of the weekly Homilies and other materials on the Parish Web Site. I serve on Parish Council as the Communications Rep and am now involved in one of the most rewarding experiences, working with a small group of individuals and serving as a mentor to the newly arrived Alzin family, who came to Cleveland in July from Syria.

These experiences, especially working directly with the people we serve in the community is extremely rewarding and I learn so much about their lives but even more about myself. This is why, St. Malachi's is such a gift to me, to be able to just be a tiny part in the work that is done to touch the lives of people around us in a direct way.

Jeannie Cleary-Burns:

Although I have volunteered in other ways, for the last year I have been involved with being a Greeter. I have visited other parishes and felt the power of being personally welcomed to Mass and I thought I would bring a cheerful spirit and a sense of call to share God's love with others. I have received some lovely hugs, new friendships and joy, the joy of extending hospitality, and sometimes being able to offer concern and care to those in need.

I was a greeter on a Sunday when we had a guest speaker talking about The Fest. I welcomed her, and then saw her on her way out, and thanked her for the great presentation. In return, she asked me how we got to be such a vibrant community with a truly powerful celebration of the Mass. I told her we were really blessed with many good people who shared their gifts with each other and the community.

Peter Toomey:

Since 1996, I have volunteered as a lector, cantor, resurrection choir, Children's Liturgy of the Word. I cherish the Eucharistic Liturgy that gives me a chance to focus on my relationship with God and to share that with other members of the Body of Christ. Therefore, it seemed only natural to try to assist, support and, perhaps, even improve on our communal prayer.

In grade school, I was known to be loud especially when singing. I've learned a little modulation over the decades. In sharing my gifts, my theater-director-buddy taught me "the words are important." This became an important part of how I participate in the ministries of song. I've been blessed to internalize Charlene's teaching that "this is not performance; it is prayer." I realize that this ministry is to invite God's people more deeply into prayer. Whether proclaiming a Reading, cantoring a Psalm or singing a Hymn, the preparation has taken me more deeply into the words, into the meaning, into the lesson; therefore, I've been enriched. Fr. Jim beautifully stated: "Do what you can with the gifts you have, in the time you're given, in the place you're planted." Therefore, I believe the most important part is that gifts are for sharing; If ya'got it, use it!