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The Good News at St. Hilary Parish

March/April 2023



Deacon in a class of his own

Michael Garvin, who is in his fourth year at St. Mary Seminary, is in a class by himself! While he has classmates from the Diocese of Youngstown, Michael is the only seminarian for the Diocese of Cleveland who will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Saturday, April 15, the last step before, God willing, Ordination to the Priesthood next May.

His path to the priesthood began when he was an altar server at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Cuyahoga Falls, during middle school. Becoming a priest, however, wasn't on his mind at that point. That gradually changed during his high school years.

When Michael was a freshman, he joined St. Hilary's youth group, then

led by Jason Solomon. He said that the youth group Life Night meetings nurtured his faith, as did the positive influence of Fathers Jeff Barnish and Eric Garris, both of whom served their seminarian internships here. Eventually, Michael joined St. Hilary.

His parents are Marybeth and the late Peter Garvin, who died in 2019 of cancer. They have both been very supportive of him. The fourth of six boys, Michael joined the youth group here at the suggestion of his mother, who had friends at St. Hilary.

"IHM didn't have a youth group presence," he said. "I wanted to make my faith my own." That year he attended St. Hilary's fall youth retreat where the teens were invited

to pray about their vocation. "It had never been a thought or a prayer before then. After a month I thought about the priesthood and seminary, but I kept it quiet. I was in high school; I had plans and friendships to pursue," Michael said.

Throughout high school he visited the seminary through its "Come and See Weekends." This gave him the chance to spend time at Borromeo Seminary and visit with seminarians. When he was a senior, it was at one such weekend during Adoration that he realized the Lord was telling him, "You have everything you need to make a decision, so go try it out!" and so he did.

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Michael entered Borromeo after finishing his senior year at Cuyahoga Falls High School. With each completed year in the seminary, he would revisit his decision and discern about continuing with another year. Last year, Michael did his internship at St. Mark Parish on the west side of Cleveland.

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Michael Garvin

For Michael, it is a joy to work with others and see that spark of faith catch in them. "I've come to realize that I'm a people person at heart. I look forward to journeying with them in the tough times, like when family members deal with the death of a loved one, as well as in celebrating the joyful times, too," he said

On April 15, Michael will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, the last step before his potential Priesthood Ordination in May of 2024. He will be assigned to a Diaconate Parish where he will serve full time in the summer and then part time during the school year while he completes his studies.



In March, Michael journeyed to Rome with the entire seminary. Their pilgrimage led them to the Vatican for a private audience with Pope Francis (pictured on page 1) as well as to Assisi. Pictured above, Michael takes a selfie from the roof of St. Peter's Basilica.

To teens wondering about their own vocation he said, "Don't be afraid to look into or inquire or pray about your vocation. Don't be afraid to ask God what your life should look like."

And while parents may hesitate to encourage religious life, Michael adds, "If you are worried about losing your son to the priesthood, you won't lose a son, you'll gain an entire parish community. Parents become the spiritual grandparents to the community."



Michael with seminarian intern Chris Cotone on their way to Rome.

Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate for Michael Garvin

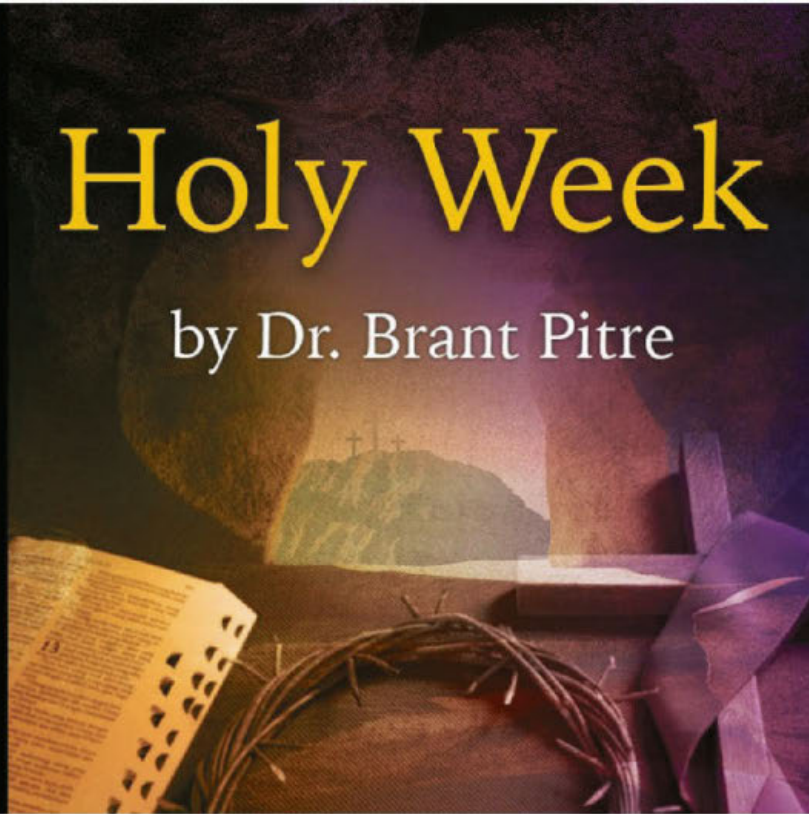
Deaconate Ordination is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at the northeast corner of Superior Avenue and East 9th Street in downtown Cleveland.
All are invited to attend!

Mass & Celebration at St. Hilary ~ Sunday, April 16 at 11 a.m.

The new Deacon Michael Garvin will also assist as Deacon at Mass here at St. Hilary on Sunday, April 16 at the 11 a.m. Mass, and will be available after Mass during Coffee and Donuts to receive your well wishes.

Holy Week

by Dr. Brant Pitre



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Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

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After Mass, Father Steve and Father Cameron will lead a procession with the monstrance, ending with Benediction in the church.

To kick off the school year, we will be hosting Bishop Michael Woost, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, on Wednesday, September 6 at 7 p.m. to speak on the Eucharist Revival. That following Sunday, September 10 we will have our Faith and Food Truck Festival, starting with 5:30 p.m. outdoor Mass (weather permitting) and continuing with food truck eats and ice cream!

Parish to celebrate Year of Eucharistic Revival

Our world is hurting: Earthquakes in Turkey, war in Ukraine, gun violence in our own community, people suffering from all types of loss—including the effects of COVID-19. Our world needs Jesus and the healing power of his presence in the Eucharist. We need Jesus!

Recognizing that deep need, the Church has established a three-year process of Eucharistic Revival from the national, to diocesan and finally to the parish level. It will culminate with a National Eucharistic Conference in Indianapolis in July 2024. The intent is to spark and nurture a deep, abiding relationship with Christ and to equip us to be the missionary disciples God intended us to be.

“We want to ignite a fire within the hearts of our parishioners for the Eucharist and emphasize the importance of a commitment to Sunday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration,” said Fr. Steve Brunovsky.

As a part of this national effort St. Hilary will offer a number of opportunities for parishioners to deepen their relationship with Christ through the Eucharist. It begins Sunday, June 11, the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Jesus), with an outdoor Mass at 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School, with a theme focused on the Mass and the Eucharist, will likewise celebrate its kickoff with this Mass, and all parishioners are invited to attend.

“We are also researching having the Eucharistic Miracle Display here at St. Hilary during that week. Director of Adult Faith Formation Randy Malick is working on that. It has been at other parishes in the diocese throughout this past six months! We will also tailor our school and PSR theme to the Eucharist, with a patron saint, song, and prayer to correspond! Parish Council is working on other ideas, as is Randy for adult ed!” said Fr. Steve.

The Diocesan level was the focus of the Eucharistic Revival in 2022. This year it is providing resources to parishes such as coordinating the traveling Eucharistic Miracles Display, schedule of Adoration around the Diocese, and resources for priests, deacons and ministry leaders.

In January the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia, patron saints of the Revival, came to various locations in the Diocese. From March 17 to 25, there were Nine Nights of Night Prayer held at various parishes around the Diocese. And this summer there is a plan for regional Masses at the minor league baseball fields!

“The only remedy I know to combat the spiritual indifference of our times is to surround it with fire, the fire of the Eucharist.”

St. Peter Julian Eymard

English prayer for **Eucharistic Revival**

(to be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament)

Lord Jesus, as we gather at your altar, you give yourself to us in the Most Holy Eucharist, so that we might become what we receive.

By your holy presence we are blessed. May we be transformed forever by your love that stretches forth to us from this altar. May your sharing in our humanity humble us to share in your divinity.

Heal our brokenness with your real presence and help us to draw strength from you in the Eucharist. Unite us to you in this Sacrament that brings healing and redemption.

As we glorify you by our lives, give us grace and courage to share your love with a world sorely in need of your mercy. May your true presence bring hope to those on the peripheries, dry the tears of the poor and the wounded, and end our divisions.

May your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity be a constant source of revival for us. Let us become one with you as we seek the peace of your kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Revival Resources

We encourage you to learn more about the Eucharistic Revival on the national, diocesan, and parish level by visiting the following websites:

National:

eucharisticrevival.org

Diocesan:

dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharistic-revival

Parish:

sthilarychurch.org/eucharisticrevival





Vacation Bible School takes on Eucharistic Revival theme

The Eucharist will take on new meaning for Vacation Bible School campers and their parents this summer as they explore the theme, *Marvelous Mystery–The Mass Comes Alive*. VBS will kick off its program with an outdoor 5:30 p.m. Mass and Eucharistic procession on June 11, the Feast of Corpus Christi. A dinner, sponsored by the St. Hilary Knights of Columbus, follows for participating families.

The theme and kickoff are in keeping with the National Eucharistic Revival, which begins for parishes on the same date. “We were very deliberate in choosing this VBS program and the Mass and procession,” said Jeannie Hohlfelder, Director of Faith Formation for Children.

The program continues with three more evening sessions so families can attend together. For several years, VBS took place in the mornings and capitalized on lots of young volunteers who likewise needed adult supervision. However,

the timing meant working parents could not attend.

In keeping with the parish’s five-year plan, Jeannie shifted the program last year to evenings to accommodate working parents, including those with young children in strollers. As a result, parents were more excited to participate and working parents (including dads) were able to attend, she said.

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Angela Dublikar

Building on last summer’s success, this year’s program will use that same format. Instead of visiting various stations by age or grade level, families travel together from the game and craft stations and then meet in age level groups for bible breakout

sessions. Even the adults get their own session.

This year’s VBS has two new directors, Angela Dublikar and Marci Fredrick, who both attended the new format last year with their families. “Last year was such a blessing for our family to attend together, especially with my husband. Our faith is at the center of our lives, and to be able to learn and experience VBS together was something that helped our children understand that it’s important to live out our faith as a family, and with other families in our parish community. It also helped us connect with other families in the parish, and create new friendships.” said Angela.

Families are encouraged to join even if they can only attend for one or two of the evenings due to sports and other activities. Those with young children or babies are also encouraged to attend. During the parent sessions, babysitting will be available to give parents time to

focus and listen to parent-focused presentations, and allow the young children to play.

“The family-style VBS is great. Not only does it allow us to enrich our faith life as a family, but it’s just a lot of fun as well. And the format is flexible enough that it can really work

for busy families or families with young children,” said Marci.

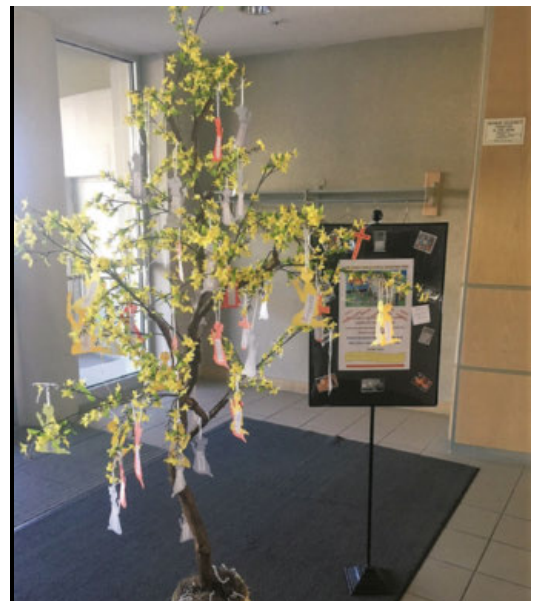
The annual VBS Donation Tree will be in the Gathering Area during the weekend of May 20 and 21 with tags listing supplies needed to make this year’s VBS a success.



Each day campers will rotate between different areas including bible time, craft, music and games, all focused on this year’s theme “The Mass Comes Alive.”



Included in Sunday’s schedule is outdoor Mass at 5:30 p.m. with a Eucharistic procession, followed by dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



The annual VBS Donation Tree will be in the Gathering Area the weekend of May 20 and 21. Tags hanging on the tree are items needed to make this year’s camp a success.

Save the date for VBS on June 11-14!



St. Hilary’s VBS is a whole family faith-filled adventure! Mom and Dad, too, can share their faith with their kids and other adults! Children ages 4 years old through grade four can register as CAMPERS. Younger children can tag along with parents in a stroller with their older siblings to many of the stations that you can experience together.

VBS Schedule

Sunday, June 11: 2-7 p.m. (includes activities, Mass and dinner)
Monday-Wednesday, June 12-14: 6-8 p.m.

Registration opens April 7! To register, visit sthilarychurch.org/vbs.



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Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 6

† Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.
with Adoration until 11 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7

† Stations of the Cross at 12 p.m. (Outdoors),
2 p.m. (Church), and 7 p.m. (Youth Group)
† Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 8

† Blessing of Food at 2 p.m.
† Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9

† Masses at 7:15 a.m., 9 a.m.,
10:45 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.