

ST. JOSEPH PARISH AND SCHOOL – MARCH 25, 2018

Dear Families and Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Parade of Palms. This is the third Passover festival time in the public life of Jesus. Jesus is to enter the City of God humbly, seated upon a donkey, but feted by enthusiastic supporters. These are the people of the new era. There are others who have aligned themselves with the Pharisees and the leaders of the Jewish people. This is the opposing camp. In which camp do you join? The camp of Jesus is futuristic and life-giving. The other camp is formalistic and leaves one sterile and truly dying. The statement of Jesus is so apropos: “I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly”.

Miss Beth Frank Receives Principal Apple of The Year Award from Diocese

The Apple of the Year Award for Principals goes to Miss Beth Frank, Principal of St. Joseph School, Randolph. The Award was presented on Friday by Superintendent Mary Fiala in the presence of the entire school. This is the highest award from the Department of Education of the Diocese of Youngstown to the principals of our schools. How fitting it is that Beth Frank receives this special award culminating 57 years of service in our church and in our schools.

St. Joseph School is blessed in having Miss Beth Frank as principal for the last seven years. This has been a stiff pull for a school that had been on the verge of closing and is now growing dynamically. The parish thanks Miss Beth Frank for her insightful leadership and service. We are fortunate in having such a leader and now she is followed by a leader of similar quality and ability.

St. Joseph Parish Exceeds Its Goal for the Bishop’s Appeal

Thank you to the parishioners who responded to the Bishop’s Appeal and sent our parish over its goal. We are one of the earliest parishes in the Diocese to reach this mark. Very little had to be said in our church to people. So many of you responded quietly and generously on your own.

Let me set another goal. Our bulletin tells you the number of people who responded from our parish so far. An important goal for the parish is that **everyone** makes a gift, even if the gift is small. I encourage those of you who have not gifted, take one of the envelopes and pledge at least something for this Bishop’s Appeal. We are all in this together.

Holy Oils Presented at Holy Thursday Mass

Each year the Bishop celebrates the Chrism Mass, a Mass in which all the priests participate. The Bishop blesses three oils, the Holy Oils for Baptism and Confirmation, and the Oil of the Sick. At the blessing, all the priests present in the Cathedral extend their hands along with the Bishop for this blessing.

This Chrism Mass took place on Tuesday and several of our parishioners as well as your administrator participated. The oils were then brought back to our church. At the beginning of Holy Thursday Mass, the oils are brought forward and placed in the repository. These oils are used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the Sick. Priests and Deacons are ordained with the Holy Chrism symbolizing their change in life status. I am also anointing with Holy Chrism the joined hands of newly weds.