

# Community of God's Love Bulletin

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## Scheduled Events

### Sunday Praise and Worship

5:00 pm At Sycamore Center, North St., Steubenville

No meeting Sunday, July 5 - Fourth of July Weekend

**Sunday July 12 Join us in person!!**

More information is on the next page.

Sundays: We can be Zooming into your home this Sunday, June 28, for Praise & Worship at 5 PM on Zoom.com Look for a Link in email from J. Loizzo.

**Council Meetings:** TBA

**Summer Picnic** Sunday July 19, 2020 Aracoma Park

Yes, this is still on; the details will be coming soon!

Our brother, Richard Russelo, has completed his journey and entered eternal life on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for Judy and the rest of his family. A Mass will be celebrated at a later time.

### Pope Francis' JUNE Intention:

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

**Thank You** to all who have been joining us on Zoom for Praise and Worship and to the hosts and technical support persons.

**Elections for Council: Covenant members will be receiving voting information this week. Ballots will be due by Wednesday, July 15. You can return them by the post office or hand delivery to Sneltings, Roy Heusel, Martha Kovach or the community office. Please do not use email or phone for voting. Thank you.**

### Encouragement from the Council Joe Loizzo, June 17, 2020

I was reflecting on several of the prophecies that we have received recently in our Zoom Praise and Worship meetings. There seems to be a definite theme. The Lord wants us to keep in mind that He has a plan for our future! He is with us and wants us to keep our eyes fixed on Him, and in doing so to rely on the Holy Spirit to provide sustenance for us and guidance for us no matter what the future brings.

"...according to my plans you should prepare for the future. My plan is the best plan for you. Seek my word, seek my will, seek my way. For I am with you; I will guide you and I will bless you. "

"Many are wondering, 'Is this a sign that the end of the world is near?' Do not be concerned about the future. Be only concerned about today. I have never called my people to wait or worry or wonder. Seek me and ask what it is that I am calling you to do during this time.

God's plan for us is always perfect, always the best thing for us because He loves us so much and wants only what is best for us. He wants to bring us closer to Him each and every day and His plans for our life will bring us happiness and peace, even though sometimes we don't immediately see that. The Lord is telling us to seek Him, asking Him what He is calling us to do during this time. It is a great question, and one which we must reflect on individually and as a community. What is God calling us to do now in these troubled and uncertain times? Another way to look at this question is, "**What is His Mission for us as a community as we look towards the second half of 2020 and into 2021?**". We don't often talk about "mission" but I think this word applies to our situation now more than ever before. What specific gifts and talents do we have as a community to use for God's work in the Ohio Valley now, to help people come to know Jesus, to build up people who already know Him, and to prepare people for whatever the future holds as we heard in the 1976 prophecy given by Fr. Mike Scanlan and explained by Ralph Martin last week. These are things I believe that we need to pray about and talk about so that we can hear the Spirit together and do whatever God asks us to do.

**Pray to the Holy Spirit for a new outpouring of the Spirit in our lives for the new tasks that he will ask us to do in the days ahead!**

## Intercessory Prayer Requests

**God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy1:7**

**YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WILL BE INCLUDED HERE. JUST SUBMIT THEM TO THE OFFICE**

- Council elections Voting begins this week and concludes July 15.
- Repose of the soul of Richard Russelo and peace for his family.
- All of our elderly, infirm, and ill members-including Phil P. and Mark N. having surgery soon.
- ChristLife to bear much fruit
- Project Rachel: Post-abortion ministry
- Urban Underground Ministry
- Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR President of Franciscan Univ.-and planning for the opening of the Fall semester.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the Diocese of Steubenville
- The president and all elected officials
- Election season: pray for candidates with wisdom and moral integrity.
- End of the COVID -19 epidemic

**Thank you for praying for these intentions!**

### Franciscan University Positions Available

- Nursing-clinical Instructor
- Assistant Director of Admissions
- Admissions Counselor (new)
- Director, Information Technology Services
- Head Coach Women's Swimming
- Online Enrollment Counselor
- Male Residence Hall Director-Gaming

For more information look at the Franciscan University website or call Mary Lynn Lewis (740-283-6398)

## Invitations

Catholic Charismatic Renewal National Service Committee: Empowered by the Spirit Conference, November 6-8, 2020 in Baltimore

## **Meet and Greet other communities on Zoom**

We are invited to join community members from the Mother of God and New Creation Community in a "Meet and Greet" online via Zoom. It will be a great way to get to know other covenant community members from communities who are also part of the North American Network of Catholic Covenant Communities.

It will take place on **Friday, July 10 from 7:45-9:00 PM** on Zoom. We will have three Zoom links setup and will have 12 couples or singles assigned to each one, with representatives of each community in each Zoom link. The topic of discussion will be sharing how we each came to covenant community. Provide your own wine and cheese to enjoy in your home!

It should be a fun evening to get to know other members of communities and share some good testimonies. We are trying to arrange a gathering of these communities in person later on in the year if the virus subsides enough. So if you are interested in doing the Meet and Greet please **reply by July 3 to Joe Loizzo** so he can make the necessary arrangements. [loizzoja@hotmail.com](mailto:loizzoja@hotmail.com)

## **Praise and Worship at Sycamore Youth Center to Resume Sunday, July 12.**

We want to resume worshipping at SYC on Sunday, July 12 at 5:00 PM. We recognize that not everyone will feel comfortable doing this, but enough people are that we can safely start our prayer together in person. The building will be cleaned on Friday afternoon and nobody else will be using it before our meetings. We will have hand sanitizer & masks, available at the entry doors and we can spread out in that big room to maintain social isolation very much like we are doing at Mass these days. Dave is working on a way to continue to live stream these meetings so that those who choose to not attend won't be missing anything. More information will be coming out about that in the next few weeks. We hope to see you on July 12<sup>th</sup>. From the Council