Attention 18-Year Olds or Older!

Persons who are 18 years old or older need to register in their own name at the Rectory as a parishioner since they are now adults. It does not matter whether living at home or not. If you are 18 or over and have not registered in your own name, please come to the Rectory and register as an adult. This is important since you may need proof of active parish participation for Marriage or to be a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation.

Please call the Rectory at 330-833-6898.

Tenth Annual Faith & Family Festival Save the Date: September 22

A day of fun and fulfillment for families, students and friends will be held on Sunday, September 22nd, on the West Quad of the campus of Walsh University at 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton.

The day will begin at 11:00 am with Mass, with Bishop Murry, and will feature Christian Comedian John Branyan plus talented musical acts. In addition, there will be activities for kids and young people, vendors and affordable food by Café Augustine. More details to come.

For more information contact

dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext. 272. Last year's Faith & Family Festival was the largest we have had thus far. Would you like to help make this year's event an even bigger success?

Contact Dave Schmidt at 330-744-8451 ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org to find out how you can help.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Mercy Medical Center offers Natural Family Planning Classes for interested couples. The next class series will begin on Sunday, October 13th from 2-4pm. All Classes are taught by certified teaching couples. The fee for the class series is \$40.00 per couple, which includes all materials and parish is free. This service is offered in cooperation and under the guidance of the Office of Marriage and Family Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the knowledge and understanding of natural fertility. It is acceptance and respect for combined fertility as a couple.

Mass Scheduling for 2020 – We will begin scheduling Masses for 2020 through February. Due to the regional changes, we will attempt scheduling knowing that there may be changes if necessary. We will keep one day a week open for Masses in case we have to reschedule in the event of changes.

<u>Stewardship:</u> "Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of your possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Massillon K of C Council 554 Right to Life Plans for Fall of 2019

As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life.

CANTON 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

Please help our 554 Council regarding Right for Life on the following dates.

The Fall Campaign Prayer Vigil begins on Sunday, September 29th. We will have a one hour public prayer vigil with the Rosary said every Sunday at 2 P.M. during 40 Days for Life outside the Canton Planned Parenthood Center, 2663 Cleveland Ave NW, Canton.

Please attend and bring anyone else that wishes to be part of our one hour vigil. The only item you need to bring is your Rosary. Signs will be available. If you plan to attend please send your contact information (email address) and dates you are available to

Joe Vilhosky <u>jvilhosky@hotmail.com</u> or a text message (330) 806-4036.

1st Prayer Vigil – September 29, 2019 - 2 P.M.

2nd Prayer Vigil - Life Chain Sunday - October 6, 2019 - 2 P.M. We will say the rosary and form a Life Chain in front of Planned Parenthood.

Every Sunday we will hold the vigil at 2 P.M. and conclude on November 3rd with the Stations of the Cross.

St. Barbara parish and Massillon K of C Council 554 - Pro Life 5th Sunday Rosary

Saint Barbara Parish Evangelization committee in conjunction with Massillon K of C Council #554 will hold a Rosary for Life with the Luminous Mystery recited immediately following the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, Sept, 28. Please consider joining us as we pray this Pro-Life Rosary for all lives from conception to natural death. As Sister Lucia of Fatima told us that "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.

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Masses For The Week



Saturday - Sept. 7

4:30 p.m. - People of our Parish

Sunday - Sept. 8 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - The Halter Family (Ray & Pat) **10:30 a.m.** - Deceased members of the

Runo & Kuminski Families (Arlene)

Monday - Sept. 9 - St. Peter Claver

9:00 a.m. - Filomena Francioso (Petruccelli Family)

Tuesday - Sept. 10

9:00 a.m. - All Souls at St. Barbara

Wednesday - Sept. 11

8:20 a.m. - Catherine & Casmir Eaglowski (daughters)

Thursday - Sept. 12

8:45 a.m. - Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

9:00 a.m. - Communion Service

Friday - Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom

9:00 a.m. - Richard Annen (wife, Bonnie)

Saturday - September 14

4:30 p.m. - Charles Bush (Sandra Cox)

Sunday - Sept 5 - Twenty-Fourth Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - People of our Parish

10:30 a.m. - Baby Jack (Massillon Middle School Cooks)

SCHOOL MASSES School Masses will be held on Wednesdays at 8:20 a.m.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have an old smart phone laying around collecting dust or taking up space in your junk drawer? Looking for something to do with it? Now, you can donate it to the church to help parishioners and other church-goers to hear better during masses!

Phone must still be able to be updated and have the ability to connect to our Wi-Fi. These should be restored to factory settings (don't worry, we can help if you're not sure how to do this) and will be used to connect hearing aids to our AudioFetch system for the hearing impaired. People who already have a smart phone are able to use their own, so these will be kept at the church and passed out to church-goers who need help to hear better but do not have a smart phone with Wi-Fi capabilities.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations – we hope to be able to better serve our hearing-impaired parishioners and guests!

Servers' Schedule

Servers - Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - 09/14- I. Koehler, L. Eberhardt, K. Kohl **8:00 a.m. - 09/15 -** V. Pape, J. Blackstone, F. Szasz

10:30 a.m. - 09/15- S. Murray, K. Sartoski, C. Majors

Lectors - Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - 09/14 - M. Carrothers, J. Pape

8:00 a.m. - 09/15 - D. Anderson, C. Anderson

10:30 a.m. - 09/15 - M. Ochsenfeld, J. Turkal

Sacristans - Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - 09/14 - Joan Galant

8:00 a.m. - 09/15 - T. Simonetti

10:30 a.m. - 09/15 - B. Fath

Greeters - This Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - Joe & Judy Paul

8:00 a.m. - S. Brenner, J. Thomas Wharton

10:30 a.m. - V. Petruccelli

Gift Bearers - This Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - Paul & Donna Sander

8:00 a.m. - Ray & Pat Halter

10:30 a.m. - Arlene Nussbaum

Here are the results from the questions Father Cline asked regarding Mass Times during last week's masses:

4:30 pm:

If the Saturday Vigil Mass time changed, how many parishioners would come to a Saturday Vigil Mass at the following:

4:00 pm - 103

5:30 pm - 13

Indifferent – 10

8:00 am:

If there were no 8:00 am mass, how many parishioners would come to:

Earlier Mass - 63

Later Mass - 36

Saturday Vigil Mass - 55

10:30 am:

If there were no 10:30 am mass, how many parishioners would come to:

Earlier Mass - 5

Later Mass - 95

Saturday Vigil Mass - 28

<u>Vocations</u> – "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Our call to discipleship calls for a full self -surrender. The reward is always much greater than the surrender. Are you called to surrender your life as a deacon, in the religious life, or as a priest? Contact Fr. Christopher Luoni at (330) 744-8451 or by email <u>cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org</u>.

<u>Eucharistic Adoration</u> - Tuesday, September 10 beginning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and will continue until 8:00 p.m.

Verla Lorenz, 330-833-1125; Judi Frank, 330-828-8343 (available only 5-8pm) or Bob Kracker, 330-833-1885.

If they are not available, then call the rectory.

Music Ministry

Notes from Kevin:

Choir and Bell Choir rehearsals have started! Listed below are the rehearsal times for each group! Please feel free to come and join!



<u>Adult Choir</u>: rehearsals in church every Wednesday evening at 7pm

<u>Adult Bell Choir</u>: rehearsals in church every Wednesday evening at 6pm

<u>Contemporary Ensemble</u>: rehearsals in church every Thursday evening at 7pm

Within each group no auditions are required and open to high school students and adults . . . those dedicated to support the Music Ministry! We also will have opportunities for the youth of our Parish in the near future!

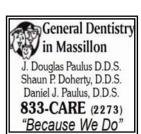
Please stop and see me after any Mass if you have any questions or give me a call at the Parish Office . . . 330/833-6898.

Thanks in advance for sharing your time and talent with St. Barbara's Parish! We are grateful to all who celebrate and support this ministry!

SAVE THE DATE!

Faith in Action's Health & Wellness Fair is Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 8:30 am-1:00 pm at the Massillon Rec Center.

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MASS INTENTIONS

There are *no limitations* on the number of Masses that can be said for a loved one!

Mass Intentions can be scheduled for:

- * A deceased loved one
- * A living relative/friend who is ill
- * A living person celebrating a birthday, anniversary, special occasion, etc.

Call the Rectory to schedule a mass intention.

200 CLUB NEWS

The 2019-2020 - 200 Club tickets are now on sale. Our SUPER volunteer sellers have agreed to sell the tickets to their perspective buyers! (*Thank you to them!*) They have their list of names and ticket numbers that they sold to you last year, so they will be calling you soon

There are 200 tickets sold, thus the name 200 Club. Cost of each ticket is \$100. Two winners will be drawn on the 15th of each month for \$100 each. And two tickets each will be drawn on the 30th of each month for \$100 each beginning October 15, 2019. Each time a winner is drawn, their number will be put back for another chance to win.

The exceptions are in June, one winner will be drawn for \$100 and one winner will be drawn for \$500 on the 15th of June. On the 30th of June one winner will be drawn for \$100. In December, one winner will be drawn for \$100 and one winner will be drawn for \$1,000 on the 15th. On the 30th of December there will be one winner drawn for \$100.

Winners will receive a check in the mail and their names will be published in the bulletin.

St. James Italian Festival

Join the fun on Saturday, September 14 from 4:00-10:00pm at St. James Italian Festival. Enjoy sausage sandwiches, pizza, pasta, pulled pork sandwiches, meatball subs, fresh squeezed lemonade, ice cream, fried dough and more! Special features include Italian dinner music from 4:00-6:00, DJ music from 6:00-10:00pm, Homemade Wine Competition, Wine Auction, Wine and Beer Garden, Bocce Tournament, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Games for kids. For information call 330-866-9449 or 330-866-9556. St. James is located at 400 W. Lisbon St. Waynesburg, OH 44688.

To enter the Homemade wine competition, bring three bottles of wine. Registration is at 5:00-6:00pm the day of the event. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded.

BINGO

St. Barbara BINGO is looking for players. Want to try your hand at "BINGO". Stop by on Wednesday nights.

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School Calendar



September 7th - 22nd Yankee Peddler October 12th Annual School Auction December 7th Breakfast with Santa

STARK COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Celebrate the Rivalry: Central Catholic vs. St. Thomas Aguinas Several years ago in celebration of the rivalry between Central Catholic and St. Thomas Aguinas, the two schools began hosting students from Stark County Catholic Elementary Schools for special activities during their annual Rivalry Football Game. This year, the Rivalry Game is Thursday, September 19. Students will get a chance to run the field at halftime and receive free CCHS and STA spirit gear. In addition, families can visit the CCHS and STA booth to enter giveaways to win prizes such as a \$300 tuition credit for either school, athletic passes and more. Stark County Catholic High Schools welcomes all to attend the Rivalry Game at 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aguinas' Sirpilla Stadium. • Stark County Catholic Schools have more than 100 vibrant arts and athletic programs, from kindergarten through grade 12 with 99% participation! • More than 60% of students, kindergarten through 12th grade, play more than one sport. • Stark County Catholic Schools programs plays an important role in fulfilling their mission to develop each student's faith, academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to service.

MID'S LIDS!!!!!

St. Barbara School has teamed up with Mid's Spaghetti/Pizza Sauce in collecting CLEAN lids. The school will receive money for the lids. Mid's is a local company out of Navarre.



Clean lids can be dropped off in the boxes located at the entrances to the church or the school. A great way to help the school and enjoy good comfort food.

Are you a Parishioner of St. Barbara's?

Are you and your family registered parishioners? Please do not assume you are registered just because you attend Mass. If you have not called the Rectory or stopped in, we do not have record of you. Please call the Rectory at 330-833-6898, from 8:30-4:30 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to get registered.

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and *over* wedding anniversaries in 2019.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the Parish Hall. You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting your parish office on or before September 16th.

The Bobcat Corner



Student Council

St. Barbara school held elections for Student Council this week. We are proud to announce that (left to right) Braxton Sukosd was elected Treasurer, Taisjanae



Mitchell was elected Secretary, Logan Eberhardt was elected Historian, Alyssa Embree was elected President and Kolton Osborne was elected Vice President. The students gave speeches and campaigned for the offices. *Congratulations!!!*

St. Barbara School's

25th Annual

Auction of Unique Treasures

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Saturday, October 12th, 2019 at 5:30pm

in the Parish Life Center

Tickets are \$25 per person

Price includes: Admission, Buffet Style Dinner, Hors d'oeuvres & Open Bar

Name______ Name______ Name_____

You may send form in or call the School to make reservations

FLU VACCINES

Heritage Square Pharmacy will be offering flu vaccines again this year for ages 14 and over, with the high dose flu vaccine available for any-body over the age of 65. Please bring your prescription insurance card and Medicare Part B card with you. They will be in the Narthex on Saturday, September 14th after the 4:30 pm mass and Sunday, September 15th after the 8:00 am & 10:30 am masses. Any questions, please call Karli Fahrni at (330) 265-5981.

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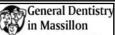
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Sept.7-8, 2019

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4:30 pm **SUNDAY** 8:00 am, 10:30 am **HOLYDAY**

Vigil ~ 7:00 pm 9:00 am and 7:00 pm WEEKDAY

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00 am Wednesday, 8:20 am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30 pm

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

BINGO: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (PLC)

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BAPTISM

Mandatory Baptism Preparation Sessions are held quarterly: February /May/August /November. Baptisms are held the fourth Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION

New families should register by phone or by coming to the Rectory. Every wage earner should make a real effort to support the parish with Christian generosity.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

The RCIA is the ancient and currently renewed process for initiating adults into the Catholic Church. It is for those desiring full membership through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We invite newcomers who are seeking membership to join us! Call the church office for information.

MARRIAGE

Arrange six months in advance.

MINISTRY OF CARE

For visits to shut-ins or the homebound, call:

Tess Simonetti- (330) 832-0597 and Julie Turkal- (330) 832-7868

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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Youth Ministry:	Amy Davis	(330) 833-6898

St. Barbara Parish Mission Statement

We, the Christian Community of Saint Barbara Parish are united in our solid Catholic Faith and tradition. We strive to live out our Baptismal Call through service to our members and God's people.

Through support and education, we shall nurture spiritual growth, at all ages, while promoting a strong foundation for our values and beliefs.

Joyfully, we go forth, through the working of the Holy Spirit, to carry out the Mission of Jesus Christ.

Church Calendar

September 9 Evangelization Meeting - 7 pm Community Room **September 10** Caring Stitch Meeting10:30 am Religious ED. RM.

September 10 Parish Council Meeting - 7 pm Community Room

September 19 Food Pantry

September 21 Right to Life - Celebrate Life Dinner

September 21-22 Afterglow of the Eucharist Simple Blessing

September 22 Faith & Family Festival - Walsh University

September 28 Rosary for Life after 4:30 Mass

September 29 Social Club (Site TBA)

August 31 and September 1, 2019

Weekly Budget	\$ 12,621.00
Needy	\$ 463.83
Reg. Collection	\$ 8,473.70
Mail-in	\$ 766.00
On Line	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 10,239.70
Deficit	(\$ 2,381.30)

Mass Attendance

432 - 4:30-148; 8:00 -132; 10:30-152

182 Envelopes

Capital Campaign Pledged \$835,403.10 Collected \$811,155.39

<u>Scripture Readings for 09/09/2019 – 09/15/2019</u>

Mon - Col 1:24-2:3, Lk 6:6-11 Tues - Col 2:6-15. Lk 6:12-19

Wed – Col 3:1-11, Lk 6:20-26

Thurs - Col 3:12-17, Lk 6:27-38

Fri - 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14, Lk 6:39-49

Sat. - Nm 21:4b-9, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17

Sun. – Ex 32:7-11, 13-14, 1 Tm 1:12-17.

Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Interested in becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, please call the Parish Office at 330-833-6898, and ask to speak with our Director of Religious Education, Amy Davis, for information about our RCIA sessions, which will begin in the Fall on September 9, 2019.

<u>The Sanctuary (Tabernacle) Candle</u> is lit in memory of Paul Malek from his siblings Dorothy & David

<u>Flowers on the Altar</u> –are in memory of Josie & Henry Mastrianni with love from May & Mark Sweany

Memorial Service for Aborted Children at Little Flower Parish

On Saturday, September 14, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the seventh annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When: Saturday, September 14, 11 a.m.

Where: Little Flower Parish, 2040 Diamond St. NE Canton, Ohio 44721

More Info: Call Linda Warren at 330-705-8814

or fortydayscanton@gmail.com

Together let us remember the more than 60 million victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

CELEBRATE LIFE DINNER

Please save the date and join us on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 21</u>, <u>2019</u>, for our Annual "Celebrate Life Dinner".

Guest speaker Alexandra Andrews is an abortion survivor. She was born premature in Moscow, Russia and then adopted by a loving family. Alex is a mother of two young children and feels called by God to share her story and talk about the prolife movement.

The "Celebrate Life Dinner" will be held at the Massillon K of C Tickets \$30 each and must be ordered and paid in advance. Deadline for reservations is September 11, 2019.

Make checks payable to Right to Life of Stark County PO Box 8834, Canton OH 44711 or by phone at (330) 837-4227 or Mary at (330) 833-9851. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Vivat Jesus Joe

Magnificat: Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to breakfast on Saturday, September 21st at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. Cindy Russo will be the guest speaker. The topic is Padre Pio.

The cost is \$20.00 Mail-in or \$21.00 Online – Go to magnificats tarnweelly.com to print out a reservation form or to pay online. Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" and send with a completed reservation form to Vicki Vast, 8735 Glenarden Circle NW, Massillon, OH 44646. Reservations cannot be accepted after September 14th.

Open seating. Doors open at 8:30am and Breakfast is at 9:00am. There will be an option mass at 8:00am in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University. For further information, call Joan Spieth at (330) 933-8778.

Dear St. Barbara Community,

Thank you for your congratulatory messages and well wishes on my new role at St. Barbara Parish! It is an honor to continue to serve this community, and I look forward to working with many of you as we all strive to grow more deeply in our faith. Keep those preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation this year in your prayers – those babies about to be baptized, our second grade classes preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, our eighth grade students who will prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, and anyone who is discerning entering the Catholic Church through the RCIA process. You may also want to prayerfully consider ways in which God may be calling you to grow in your faith, possibly by joining either the Tuesday or Sunday morning Bible study or by becoming involved in the book club. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions you have or with ideas for ways that we can continue to work to serve God and His people here at St. Barbara. I can be reached at the rectory by calling (330) 833-6898 or by emailing amy.davis@saintbarbaraparish.com.

> Sincerely, Amy Davis

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office at (330) 833-6898, and ask to speak with our Director of Religious Education, Amy Davis, for information about our RCIA sessions, which will begin soon.

Bible Study

If you want to know what it means to live with God's wisdom and are ready to dive deeper into applying Scripture to your life, we invite you to join us for *Wisdom*, an Ascension Press Bible study. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together. There are two opportunities for sessions – either Sunday mornings from September 22, 2019 through January 26, 2020 from 9:15AM – 10:15AM or Tuesday mornings from September 24, 2019 through January 28, 2020 from 9AM – 10AM. The cost is \$20/person and registration forms are available through the rectory.

Youth Ministry

This year we will be dividing our youth ministry into separate sessions for middle school teens and high school teens to help focus on student needs. There will be a parent meeting for parents of students in grades 6-8 who are interested in youth ministry on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00PM in the Community Room. We will be asking for your feedback regarding the best ways to meet the needs of your children. If you are unable to attend, but your child is interested in participating, please contact Amy at (330) 833-6898 or amy.davis@saintbarbaraparish.com. Our youth ministry teens are currently volunteering at the Yankee Peddler festival on the weekends. All are invited to come out and visit our apple dumpling booth! We will resume regular sessions in late September.

ONE DAY RETREAT OPPORTUNITY AT VMESC

Join us at Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA on Saturday, September 21, 2019 for a one day prayer experience entitled *More on Mandalas as Prayer*. The retreat will be held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and will be presented by Sister Paulette Kirschensteiner, HM. For more information or to register, go to vmesc.org or call (724) 964-8886.