



SAINT CHRISTINE PARISH

Rev. Fr. Leo Wehrlin, Pastor - Rev. Fr. Simon Mino, Associate Pastor – Deacon Dr. Robert Cuttica, Pastoral Associate

Please Welcome the Newest Members of Our Parish

May

- Mr. David Baco Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Katherine Brown
- Ms. Loren Paris
- Mr. Matthew Pesa
- Ms. Heather Walsh
- Ms. Emily Sutton
- Mr. Samuel Papa

June

- Mr. Tim Foley
- Ms. Amanda Ruozzo
- Mr. Thomas Karabin
- Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Michelle Edenfield

July

- Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Kathleen Kent
- Ms. Chelsea Kotch
- Mr. Kristofer VanScoy
- Ms. Michelle Borovitcky
- Mr. Kenneth Foltz
- Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Megan Kernan

Know that you are welcomed...

If you have been away from the Catholic Church and feel you are ready to return, you can call on us to help you explore those feelings. We are just a phone call away

at

(330) 792-3829. One of the Priests or Deacons would be happy to help you rediscover your faith.

God's Constant Love for Us

To paraphrase an old Irish saying: “Don’t be concerned about yesterday, what’s done is done; be concerned about today, that you do God’s will; don’t worry about tomorrow, because **tomorrow is God’s secret.**” In our last issue of the newsletter, we talked about the inevitable “changes” in our lives. Since then, we, as a parish, have experienced, firsthand, “change” and the revealing of one of God’s secrets. We have witnessed the simultaneous transfer of both our beloved pastor, Fr. Keehner, and associate pastor, Fr. Coulter. However, in this world of change, we remember God’s constant love for us. He has not left us alone. He has sent us a wonderful new pastor, Fr. Leo Wehrlin, and returned to us Fr. Simon Mino, whom many of us remember as a young seminarian spending his summers here. In addition, our own Mark Kiraly has recently been ordained as a permanent deacon and seminarian Matt Hummerickhouse has been ordained a transitional deacon on his way to the priesthood, thus expanding our diaconal staff to six! We welcome our priests and our new deacons unreservedly and look forward to an exciting future for St. Christine parish.

In this issue of our newsletter, we take a look at these changes in our parish and we see how our “mystery saint” experienced a radical change in his life as he answered God’s call and how, in turn, he changed the course of history.

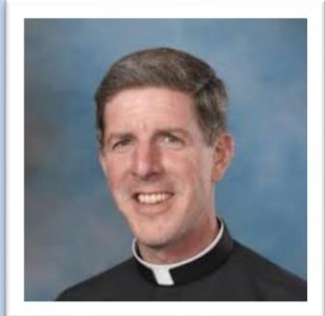
Saint Story - Who Am I?

I was born in 1181 in a small town in Italy. My father was a wealthy cloth merchant and my mother, a gentle and devout lady. Anything I wanted was mine for the asking — good food and wine, fine clothes, money. I loved to sing the songs of the troubadours and my dream was to become a knight. My father provided me with a splendid warhorse and armor inlaid with gold as I went to join the army in the Fourth Crusade. One evening, I heard a “voice from God” telling me to return home. I did so the following morning — giving my horse and armor to a knight in need.

Once home, I worked in my father’s shop but frequently went to the countryside looking for peace. I found joy, not in “having,” but in “giving.” One of my favorite places was the abandoned Chapel of San Damiano. One day, kneeling before the crucifix in the chapel, the “voice of the Lord” spoke to me again: “... go and rebuild my house which is falling into ruin!” I took these words literally and began to rebuild this abandoned chapel.

One day, I realized that I was not to rebuild chapels, but the Church of God throughout the world. I taught in the market place in the Italian vernacular, the language of the people; I spoke simply and beautifully about things that really mattered to them. Men began to follow me and I called them “brothers.” The heart of my way of life was the gospel — a message of love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace. People in the countryside wanted a rule to follow. They were to live a simple life, share with the poor, and establish the peace of Christ by refusing to bear arms or take the oath of fealty to their feudal lord. This refusal to bear arms eventually brought about the collapse of the feudal system. One Christmas eve, I arranged for a special drama called “Mary and Joseph,” using live animals, and so — the birth of today’s “Christmas crib.” I received from God, the stigmata — the wounds of Christ on my hands and feet and side. On my deathbed in 1226, I told my brothers: “I have done what was mine to do. May Christ now teach you yours.” I am the patron of animals, merchants, and ecology. My feast day is October 3.

FATHER LEO WEHRLIN



Born in Akron, OH, Fr. Wehrlin (who likes to be called “Fr. Leo”) moved to North Canton with his family when he was just four years old. There, he attended Catholic schools and in preparation for the priesthood, graduated from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and completed his studies at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Malone on June 13, 1993. The only other priest ordained with him was his classmate, Fr. John Keehner! Since his ordination, Fr. Leo has served as associate pastor and pastor in several parishes in Stark and Portage counties, most recently serving as pastor of Little Flower Parish in Middlebranch. In addition, from 2002 until 2009, he was director of the Diocesan Office of Vocations.

His primary hobby is that of hiking. In fact, he has hiked to the top of 24 of the 56 mountain peaks higher than 14,000 ft. in Colorado. He hopes to one day hike to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Kenya! Father also enjoys playing ping pong, frisbee, loves to read, and enjoys traveling. He is happy to be here at St. Christine Parish and definitely wants what is best for our parish community. His primary and firm commitment is that we should be about Evangelization — to “Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.”

Welcome Father Leo!

FATHER SIMON MINO



Fr. Simon Mino grew up in a small town in Slovakia close to the Polish border. He dreamed of becoming a priest from an early age and during his childhood he pretended to say Mass and heard the confessions of his older brother and parents. In the fall of 2010, he enrolled at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Kosice, Slovakia. Because of his country’s abundance of priests, he was given the opportunity to finish his seminary studies in the United States. He knew about the shortage of priests in our country and wished to serve God where he was most needed. Thus, in the fall of 2013, he arrived at Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary in Cincinnati to continue his priestly formation. During his seminary years, he spent several summers here at St. Christine in order to practice his English. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 15, 2019 at St. Elisabeth Cathedral in Kosice, Slovakia and is now the youngest priest in our diocese! He likes to walk and his favorite sports are soccer and ice hockey. He does not like Italian food, but he does like pizza! He considers the United States his “home.”

Welcome Father Simon!

DEACON MATT HUMERICKHOUSE



Deacon Matt Humerickhouse hails from Canton, OH, with his home parish being St. Michael the Archangel. He graduated from Walsh University and then attended Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary and is presently continuing his studies at St. Mary’s Seminary in Cleveland. Deacon Matt is familiar to us at St. Christine since he has been spending summers interning here since 2016. He was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 1, 2019 by Bishop George Murry. He describes being a deacon as “wonderful” and is excited to be able to do more at Mass plus other diaconate duties such as baptisms and novenas. He likes the outdoors, especially hiking and also does “tool restoration.” He has found the people of St. Christine very welcoming and is looking forward to his time here, and especially to his ordination to the priesthood in June, 2020.

Welcome Deacon Matt!

DEACON MARK KIRALY

Deacon Mark Kiraly has been a member of St. Christine for fifty-four years where he attended grade school and served as an altar server. He was married to his wife Kathy by Monsignor Rhodes in 1991 and they have four children and two granddaughters. He graduated from Youngstown State University in Computer Science and has worked for GBS iTech, in Youngstown, for the past 31 years. Deacon Mark feels blessed to have been assigned at St. Christine which he considers his "second home." His hobbies include camping, hiking, bocce, and watching classic movies on TCM. He was recently ordained on August 31st and looks forward to serving the people of St. Christine and the parish in any way he can.

Welcome Deacon Mark!



**Farewell, Father
Keehner and
Father Coulter**



**May God
continue to
bless you and
all that you do!**



Above: Father's Day Carnation sale.



Below: Trunk Sale and Car Wash



Above: Celebrate Reunion

"Most High glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart. Give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense, and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command." Prayer before the Crucifix - St. Francis of Assisi



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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Blood Pressure Checks by nurse	Sunday, September 29, before and after the 10:30AM Mass in the Parish Center
American Red Cross Blood Drive	Monday, November 18 th 1-6PM in the Parish Center
Church and Chili Series	September 19, 26, October 10, 17, 24 at 6PM in the Parish Center
Ladies Night Out	Thursday, October 3 at 6PM in the Parish Center
Health and Wellness Lecture – Heart Disease in Women	Sunday, October 20 at 1PM in the Parish Center
St. Vincent DePaul Steak Dinner (this is not our local SVDP)	Saturday, October 12
All Saints Day Masses	Vigil Thursday, October 31 6PM, Friday, 7AM, 9AM, 6PM
Movie Night	October 31 at 6PM in the Parish Center
Memorial Mass	Saturday, November 2 at 7PM
Holiday Craft Show – Twinning Ministry	Saturday, November 2 from 9-3PM in the School
Blood Pressure Checks by nurse	Sunday, November 10, before and after the 10:30AM Mass in the Parish Center
Movie Night	November 21 at 6PM in the Parish Center
Thanksgiving Day Mass	Thursday, November 28 at 9AM



Saint Story – Who Am I?
Answer: St. Francis of Assisi



Baptisms in Our Parish:

Taya Kay Davis
Daughter of Jeffrey and Nicole

Mona Faith Marzano
Daughter of Terry and Lisa

Louis Alexander Badway
Brendon and Rachel

Ethan Robert Jenyk
Jonathan and Sarah

Cecilia Grace Rodesky
Daughter of Jason and Jessica

Henry Claes-Hakan Renegard
Son of Mikael and Megan

Nova Angela Franks
Daughter of Barry and Amanda

Grace Lynn Bolyes
Daughter of Christopher & Laura

<p>Saturday and Sunday Masses Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 7:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>Week Day Masses Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 AM Wednesday Evening 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Devotions Miraculous Medal Novena Tuesday 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 4:15-5:15 PM Benediction Wednesday 5:15 PM</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 11:00-11:30 AM 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment Wednesday 6:00 PM</p>
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