

## Now with Christ

### Jack Staley

#### Cathedral of St. Joseph Parishioner

Jack Staley, 76, of Wheeling, passed away Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling.

Jack was born March 21, 1939 in Moundsville, son of the late Francis and Helen (Wade) Staley.

He was a member of St. Joseph Cathedral, former member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, member of the Knights of Columbus Carroll Council #504, third degree, a 41 year retired crane operator for Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel and an avid golfer and

bowler.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Judith Ann (Baltzell) Staley and a sister, Joann Staley.

Surviving are his four children, Belinda (William) Patterson of Mentor, OH, Kenneth (Jennifer) Staley of Wheeling, Ellen Renforth of Wheeling and Kevin (Michelle) Staley of Madison, OH; two sisters, Helen (William) Pedelose of Bellaire, OH and Joyce (Frank) Passa of Port Orange, FL; seven grandchildren, Jonathan, Stephanie,

Ashley, Billy, Jeffery, Kirsten and Megan; brother-in-law, Patrick Baltzell and several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received from 2-4 and 6-9 pm January 8 at Altmeyer Funeral Home, with a vigil service held at 8:30pm. Mass of Christian Burial was held January 9 at 10am at St. Joseph Cathedral with Msgr. Kevin Quirk serving as Celebrant. Interment followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Men's Home of Warwood c/o TMC Funding.com.

### Stewardship Thought

With all the hustle and bustle behind us from Christmas we welcome a new year, 2016. Did you make a few New Year resolutions?

As you know most New Year resolutions will be broken before the spring rain starts to fall and many won't make it passed Valentine's Day. Sadly most won't make it past the first month of the New Year. But, don't give up! Keep on making them and who knows maybe just maybe we will stick to them. Here are a few ideas to add to your list of New Year resolutions.

I resolve to trust God more, believing that in His wisdom and abundance He will give me all that I need. I resolve to spend more time with God, giving a few more minutes of each day to prayer, worship and spiritual reading. I resolve to find more ways to share my unique skills and talents so that my special strengths will make a difference in this world. I resolve to give a generous share of my treasure to God's work here on earth, making this the first check that I write each week or each month.

Best wishes with your New Year resolutions. With God's help you will succeed!

The Stewardship Committee

### Awareness ...

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where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

My prayers continue with you in mind as I hope I am remembered in yours.

*"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"*  
Alex J. Nagem

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**Sunday Masses:** 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

**Weekday Mass:** 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound:** Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Ms. Debora Valorie Fahey, Parish Assistant for Pastoral Ministries (dfahey@dwc.org)

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# Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

## The Baptism of Our Lord



*The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon*

*him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (LK 3:15-16, 21-22)*

In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the

life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary—not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

# Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

“O gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to see you, a heart to mediate on you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.” Saint Benedict

With the beginning of this New Year my thoughts drift back to elementary school days when the Sisters of St. Joseph would assign a project in which I would have to keep a journal or write daily letters to Jesus. In these writings I would describe what I had done that was pleasing and not so pleasing to God. This exercise gave me time for reflection on the life of Christ and how my actions should be a portrayal of His life. Of course being a young and impressionable child I wanted all my actions to be pleasing to God, but they were not always the case. This exercise gave me time alone with my thoughts and God. As we have grown in years, so have our responsibilities and stresses in life. Spiritual reflection becomes more important in our life, but we tend to make an excuse that the available time is hard to find. Reflecting on who we are and how God is working through us and around us improves our Christian life. With those thoughts in mind, have you ever written a letter or note to God? No it is not a silly exercise. It is a chance to become intimate with God and yourself. Your writings should remain private. They become a confes-

sional where you are opening up to God. When reading through your journal or notes, you can now be reminded how God has helped you in those difficult times and how many times you have been thankful for blessings received. You can evaluate your spiritual growth and the direction you are headed. Looking at your spiritual life from another position or view is similar to looking at a painting project in different lights. You will see imperfections in sunlight that may not appear with the light from a lamp.

“Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square. On top of the city wall she cries out. At the city gate she makes her speech: ‘How long will you childish people love your childish ways? How long will you rude people enjoy making fun of God and others? How long will you foolish people hate knowledge? Pay attention to my warnings. Then I will pour out my thoughts to you. I will make known to you my teachings. But you refuse to listen when I call out to you. No one pays attention when I reach out my hand. You turn away from all my advice. And you do not accept my warning. So I will laugh at you when you are in danger. I will make fun of you when hard times come.’” (Proverbs 1:20-26)

Before I started writing in a journal and these articles, I thought I was in good shape spiritually. I would go to Mass a few days a week and on Holidays. I thought going to confession was all that was needed for my misbehavior. When I started writing, I would read what I had written days, weeks or months

earlier, I realized that there was always a need for improvement. We can easily be caught up in gossip or tell the off color jokes. We can hold a grudge long after the pain or hurt is gone. When you look back on your day to see what has been accomplished to improve your state in the eyes of God and write in a journal, then you know if you have done well or need a time out to stand in the corner for ten minutes. What have you done today or yesterday that is pleasing to God? What can you change in your life to do more? Maybe this will be the year you begin writing in a journal or letters to God to improve your Christian lifestyle. For many of you I see in Church each week, I look upon you as examples

of who I need to be. I see your smiles, your thoughts and emotions on your face. I see the wanting way you look at the Crucifix on the side wall. I see devotion in the way you bow or kneel in front of the Eucharist to show reverence to Our Lord. You see Christ as our hope for an eternal life and the source of the stirring from within. You have a blessed life. I pray that your decisions in life be made with Our Savior in mind and you find an understanding to your spiritual journey ahead.

The following prayer from Thomas Merton, “My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain  
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## A Stirring from Withing

**Save the date  
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## Mass Intentions and Readings

**Sunday—January 10th—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
 Sat 6:00p Mass for Yolanda Naticchioni  
 8:00a Mass for the Parishioners  
 9:15a RCIA, Rectory  
 10:30a Mass for Roxanne Reed  
 11:45a **DESANTATIZING THE CHURCH!!!**  
 RDGS: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-4, 9-10  
 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday—January 11th—1st Week in Ordinary Time**  
 12:05p Mass for Gladys Hersey  
 Funeral Mass for Glagys Debias  
 RDGS: 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday—January 12th—1st Week in Ordinary Time**  
 12:05p Mass for Dolores Miller  
 RDGS: 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Mk 1:21-28  
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday—January 13th—Saint Hilary, Bishop Doctor of the Church**  
 12:05p Mass for Carmen Troilo  
 RDGS: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10  
 Mk 1:29-39

**Hilary of Poitiers**, died 367; married and convert from paganism; leading opponent of Arianism in the West; most noted work: De Trinitate.

**Thursday—January 14th—1st Week in Ordinary Time**  
 12:05p Mass for Christopher Bayardi—Birthday  
 RDGS: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25  
 Mk 1:40-45

**Friday—January 15th—1st Week in Ordinary Time**  
 12:05p Mass for Clarence Briggs  
 RDGS: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12  
 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal

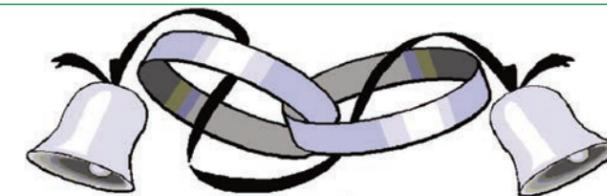
**Saturday—January 16th—1st Week in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00a Mass for Elizabeth Wilson  
 Rosary  
 2:30p Redinger Wedding  
 5:00p Confessions  
 6:00p Mass for Roy Bauer  
 RDGS: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Ps 21:2-7  
 Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday—January 17th—SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00a Mass for Frank Pasden  
 9:15a RCIA, Rectory  
 10:30a Mass for the Parishioners  
 RDGS: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11  
 Jn 2:1-11

**Mass on Monday, January 18, 2016—MLK Day—will be celebrated at 9 a.m.**

### Women's Faith Sharing Group

There is no Women's Faith Sharing Group meeting for the month of January. However, we will get together for a luncheon at The Alpha on Friday, Jan. 15 at 1:00, following noon liturgy. Call Diane (304-233-8574) for reservations by Wed., Jan. 13. The next meeting will be Friday, Feb. 5, 10:30 - 11:45, in the parish office, followed by 12:05 liturgy for those who are able to attend. New members welcome.  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**Banns of Marriage**  
**Juliet Filter & Lance Redinger**  
**January 16, 2016**

*If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.*  
*Third Publication*

### Christmas is over. Bummer.



De-SANTA-tizing the Cathedral January 10th at 12:00 Noon

We are taking down the Christmas decorations in the Cathedral and your help is needed. Come if you can!