

# Avila News

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## REGULAR MEETING AND HOLY HOUR

Wednesday,  
January 19, 2022

PLEASE GATHER AT  
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine  
St. Anne's Dining Hall  
10:00AM

Mass/Holy Hour/Luncheon

### SPEAKER:

Rev. Jeremy Merzweiler  
St. Francis de Sales, Akron

*The luncheon is included in your dues as Active Members. We presume the presence of Active Members at each Luncheon, however, due to the fact that we have not been meeting, we would ask that ALL members, Active and Sustaining who plan on attending the luncheon to kindly call or text the Registration Chairman, Diana Capretta, 216-396-0358, to make a reservation. Reservations should be made by noon on Wednesday, January 12th.*

*Sister needs an accurate count a week prior to the luncheon to order the food.*

*Thank you!*

## President's Corner

The world today is in most need of Hope and Peace. Christians all over the world and in our Country are suffering persecution of some kind. Those who speak about Jesus and strive to live the Gospel are often silenced, canceled and thought of as intolerant of those who are offended by His Holy and Beautiful Name being mentioned. His Name is blasphemed and often held in disdain. **The world needs Jesus. He is the Prince of Peace and the reason for our Hope.** Our faith is a gift, and we are so blessed to know and love our Beloved Savior. I pray that we will, with the grace of God, have courage to share the Gospel as we invoke His Name and Proclaim that Jesus is Lord! Let's pray for the desire to "go against the grain," as Father Patrick exhorted us to do. Let's live our faith without wavering no matter the cost, even if it means suffering. It's worth it!!

The song "What a Beautiful Name Is this" is one of my favorites. I share with you some of the lyrics:

**What a beautiful Name it is, What a Powerful name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King, What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You; The veil tore before You,** You silenced the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again. You have no rival, You have no equal, Now and forever, God You reign. Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

**Jesus' Name is Holy & Saving** It is the name above all names and the foundation of the faith. St. Paul tells us in Phil. 2:9 "God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above all names so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." **He is The Way, The Truth and The Life and "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)** Jesus is worthy of all of our love praise and worship.

**There is Power in the mention of his Holy Name.** The book of Acts reveals that the Apostles baptized, healed, cast out demons, preached and anointed in the Name of Jesus. **In His Name we can pray with confidence to the Father** for healing, for conversions, for our families, for priests knowing that our prayers are heard. **Pray for our priest's protection, pray that they are holy and that they will proclaim the Gospel with clarity and boldness without fear, and that they help to bring back the Sense of the Sacred to their parishes and to our diocese.**

We are also called to live our faith without fear and to proclaim our love for Jesus. To help us do this, I suggest we consider making a resolution to make an effort to honor His Holy Name daily so as to strengthen our love and reverence for Jesus.

**I offer a few suggestions:**

- **Take a stand against taking the Lord's Name in vain.**

Make reparation immediately when you hear His name blasphemed. Make an act of love. "Jesus, I love You, Save souls or by simply saying the prayer "Admirable is the Name of God. (Prayer for the Holy Name given to Sr. Marie of St. Peter as a prayer of reparation for blasphemy)

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- **Bow your head when you hear the Name of Jesus**

Adopt the pious practice of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the Name of Jesus.

- **Add a special prayer during the month of January**

Pray the Golden Arrow Prayer; a novena to St. Bernardine of Siena who had a special devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus is another possibility.

- **Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name on January 3rd**

by going to Mass and Adoration. Pray the Our Father reflecting on the words, "hallowed be Thy Name," and purpose to live according to the teaching, helping to keep holy the Name of God.

- **Read the booklet, The Wonders of The Holy Name.** (Full length audio vision available free on YouTube) Fr. Paul O'Sullivan.

- **Meditate on quotes of the Saints on the Holy Name of Jesus.** Here are a few:

"To holy people the very name of Jesus is a name to feed upon, a name to transport. His Name can raise the dead and transfigure and beautify the living." St. Henry Newman

"If thou are bound with sickness, if sorrows weary thee, if thou are trembling with fear, invoke the Name of Jesus." St. Lawrence Justinian

The sweet Name of Jesus produces in us holy thoughts, strengthens virtue, begets good works and nourishes pure affection. All spiritual food leaves the soul dry, if it contains not that penetrating oil, the Name of Jesus." St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**Let's begin 2022 with confidence and trust in the Holy Name of Jesus.**

Remain faithful to our Avila Prayers for priests, "go against the grain," live Truth and proclaim that Jesus is Lord. May we live as St. Paul inspires us to do in his letter to the Colossians. He wrote, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus."

*Blessings to all in the New Year!  
Marlyn Tunnell*



*Rachel, Regina Lee's niece  
Bret, Mary Ann Trask's grandson*

*Maria Licygiewicz*

*Rose Saraniti*

*Don Trask*

*Arch Tunnell*

*David Tunnell*



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*The family and friends of long-time Avila  
member Beverly Krizay.*

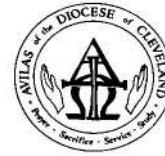
*God Bless,  
Susan Federico  
Publicity and Scripture Resource*

### **NOVEMBER 2021 AVILA LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

The Avilas were pleased to host Father Patrick Anderson who currently serves as Director of Human Formation.

Father Anderson grew up behind Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby; the priests moved into the convent two doors from his family home and his father was a custodian there for ten years. When Father was a little boy, he wanted to be either an astronaut, a professional soccer player or a priest. By the time he was in sixth grade, he wanted to be a priest, but, as he grew older, he discovered girls and left the idea of the priesthood behind. Besides, none of his friends then were really interested in the faith. Later, his older sister, Anne, made a renewal at Immaculate Conception. His mother forced him to go, telling him he didn't have to go back if he didn't like it. But he experienced the Eucharist like new, and saw young men around his own age who were into their faith, prayed the Rosary and serving at the altar, and he was genuinely inspired. Father was on the retreat team for the next year's retreat, and gave a witness: What Does it Mean to Say Jesus Christ is Lord? Eucharistic Adoration that weekend was very powerful; he felt love and acceptance and felt that he could and would do anything for The Lord, and made an altar call at the end of the weekend. He knew that he had to live up to his witness.

Father started attending vocation weekends at the Seminar, and he applied after high school and was accepted. He left in his sophomore year, but the seminary never left him. After attending a Dominican sister's profession of vows, he was very moved and joined the Dominicans in Nashville, but discerned out after a year. He felt he was called to be a diocesan priest where he felt most at home. He was ultimately ordained on May 15, 2010. He is so grateful for being a priest, and depends on the prayers of others to help him sustain his vocation, especially from the Avilas. He has a genuine love for the priesthood, seeing it more as a gift than a sacrifice, a gift he hopes to return to the Lord one hundred fold! He can't imagine doing anything else with his life.



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if anyone shows you another, you are being deceived.” *Saint Teresa of Avila*

January 2022

Please include the special intentions of the members of the following groups

January	2, 2022	Sisters of St. Francis (Sylvania) (OSF)
January	9, 2022	Sisters of St. Francis (Tiffin) (SSF)
January	16, 2022	Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate (Joliet) (OSF)
January	23, 2022	Congregation of the Holy Cross (CSC)
January	30, 2022	Priests of Holy Cross (Indiana Province) (CSC)
February	6, 2022	Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (CSFN)

## ***PONDER WITH MARY***

Here we are in 2022 already, another New Year. How time seems to fly. We must give God our heartfelt thanks and praise Him for another year, looking ahead with renewed hope, not fear and dread. Every new day, every new year, is a gift from God. Whatever past years have brought, we must remember that He has a perfect plan for each of us. Everything is included in that plan: sickness; financial challenges; family discord; natural disasters; threats of terrorism; confusion in our Church, our country and in our world and, of course, the Coronavirus. It is not for us to ask God why He allows these things. We must continue to have confidence and faith in Him and continue praying.

It is also fitting that we begin the New Year by celebrating the solemn feast of Mary as the Mother of God. The early Christians called her “Theotokos,” which means “God-bearer,” for she bore in her womb and gave birth to Jesus Christ, Son of the eternal God. Mary asks us to ponder about her Son with her; she always leads us to her Son.

Our priests have a special place of protection in Mary’s Immaculate Heart. As she prays for these her sons, they also need our fervent prayers.

***Look at this New Year as a sign of hope.  
Ponder Jesus with Mary as she helps us to walk with her Son this year!***





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February 2022

Please include the special intentions of the members of the following groups  
in your Holy Hour this month:

February	6, 2022	Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (CSFN)
February	13, 2022	Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Emeritus of Rome
February	20, 2022	Holy Father Pope Francis
February	27, 2022	Holy Ghost Fathers (CSSP)
March	6, 2022	Sisters of the Humility of Mary (HM)

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## ***THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER***

We celebrate the Chair of St. Peter on February 22 this year. This feast day is not the celebration of an actual piece of furniture, but more about the authority the Lord has delegated to St. Peter and to his successors in leading the faithful people of God.

St. Peter was a poor fisherman who had humble origins, but was chosen by Jesus. It was not Peter who made himself worthy; God makes those He calls worthy. Like the other Apostles, Peter faced the same difficulties as he traveled from place to place: persecution, arrests, prison, torture, sufferings and rejections. But they all remained committed to the end as devout hardworking servants of God who put their responsibility to the Lord above all else. After the Resurrection, Jesus confirms Peter's primacy over the Apostles as well as authority over His Church, telling him to “feed my lambs ... feed my sheep” (John 21:15-17).

This responsibility and authority has been passed along to each of Peter's successors. Jesus did not intend for the Church to end with Peter. The Church does not change from age to age. The truths of the Gospel still form the basis of our faith. These eternal truths are reflected in every Catholic parish and in every Mass. Every priest is called to follow the example of these holy predecessors. Just as Peter's job was to shepherd his flock, keep the faithful together and tend to those most in need, this charge from Jesus has been inherited by every Pope, Cardinal, Bishop and priest since.

Pray that our priests remain strong faithful stewards in their dedication to serve the Lord, preach the Gospel to all and shepherd the flock entrusted to their care. Pray that they can commit themselves more wholeheartedly to fulfill the mission to which God has entrusted them.

Jesus makes a promise to Peter and therefore to the Church: “Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” This promise is often misunderstood. It is often treated as if it meant that the Church would be able to withstand any attack by evil, but this is backwards. He says that the “gates”, the defenses of Hell, will not be able to stand against the Church. It is the Church who is attacking evil, and we will be victorious.