

**FEBRUARY  
2020**

# North West Wayne Vicariate NEWSLETTER

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## The VICAR'S VIEW

February 14th is a special day in the calendar. It is of course commonly known in many places around the world as "Valentine's Day." It is great that so many millions of people of different faiths, or even of no faith at all, celebrate worldwide the feast day of a Catholic bishop and saint who died as a martyr on February 14th, 271 A.D. Of course, then again, I'm pretty sure that the vast majority of people have no idea that this is who St. Valentine is.

But how did this day become associated with romantic love? The truth is that St. Valentine's Day never really was associated with romantic love until the time of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages around the 14th century when the tradition of courtly love flourished. Nevertheless, there is one traditional account about St. Valentine that states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he healed the blind daughter of his jailer, Asterius. A later embellishment to this story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed, "Your Valentine" as a farewell.

During the 17th and 18th century in England, Valentine's Day eventually evolved into an occasion which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending handmade greeting cards which became known as "Valentines." Around 1800 the first commercial cards appeared. Cards were usually sent anonymously. As early as 1822, an English official reported having to hire extra postal workers on this day. In 1849, Esther Howland of Worcester, Massachusetts started selling high quality valentine cards here in the United States. They were so popular that she became known as the "Mother of the American Valentine."

God Bless,

Fr. Paul Ballien

### THE SOCIETY OF NOTRE DAME DE BON SECOURS ST. VALENTINE'S WINE DINNER FEBRUARY 10 | 6 to 10 pm

The Society proudly announces our annual St. Valentine's Wine Dinner!

Where: E. G. Nick's, 500 Forest Ave, Plymouth, MI 48170

Cost: Only \$100.00 per person

Please join the Society as we celebrate St. Valentine's Day with a specially prepared four-course dinner, featuring a different wine with each course! All proceeds go to benefit needy families in our area.

### LENTEN MISSION at ST. MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY MARCH 15 to 17 | 6 to 8 pm

Save the Date!

2020 Lenten Mission Coming to  
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy  
Sunday, March 15, Monday, March 16  
and Tuesday, March 17.

Featuring Jesse Manibusan Composer,  
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humorist, catechist, evangelizer and  
encourager.

### PRAISE & WORSHIP at ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Join us for an evening of prayer,  
praise and uplifting music:

February 13 | 7 pm

March 12 | 7 pm

#### Next Article Submission Deadlines

Month	Submitted by
March	February 15
April	March 15

Submit all articles via email to: vicariatenww@gmail.com

All articles must be submitted by 12 noon of the submission date. All articles are subject to approval by the Vicar's Office. Please be aware that publication space may be limited, depending on the time of the Liturgical Year.



**Men's Ministry**  
**Sonrise Over St. Michael's**  
**Thursdays, 6 to 7 am**  
**St. Michael Parish**  
**11441 Hubbard Livonia**

St. Michael's is beginning a new early-morning men's ministry every Thursday morning from 6-7 AM, with a continental breakfast served at 5:45 AM, for all interested men in the area. The group's focus will be on finding ways to function more effectively in their personal and professional lives without leaving their Catholic faith behind. They will do this through a variety of tools, lessons, and outreach.

**Join Widowed Friends**

a peer support group hosting  
**Mon Feb. 3, 17, 9 AM,**  
 Ladies Breakfast at Connor's,  
 15356 N. Haggerty and Five Mile,  
 Northville.  
 Meet for conversation & coffee.  
 Call Carol to RSVP at  
 313-562-3080.

**Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan**  
**2020 Annual Celebration**  
**Friday, April 3 at Petruzzello's Banquet**  
**& Conference Center in Troy**

This year our goal is to raise \$250,000. Our Annual Celebration helps to fund the work of all our ministries that serve over 20,000 individuals annually throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit!  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
 Your assistance can help us make this event the best-ever!  
 We would love to have your involvement!  
 Contact Adam Perry at perrya@ccsem.org or 586-416-2300 Ext. 3621

**Transformative Tuesdays Program**  
**Resurrection Parish starts at 6:15 pm**  
**48755 Warren Rd. Canton**

**February 4:**  
 "Finding the Face of Jesus"  
**February 11:**  
 "A Breath of Peace" with Mary Kiaper"  
**February 25:**  
 "Family Lenten Prayers & Activities"  
**March 3:**  
 "The Shroud of Turin-Is This the Face of Jesus?"

**Pilgrimage:**  
**The Footprints of St. Paul with**  
**Resurrection Parish**  
**48755 Warren Rd. Canton**  
**May 17 to May 30, 2020**

Come and learn more about this rare opportunity to experience the life of St. Paul through a Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece in May of 2020!  
 Date: May 17 to 30, 2020 -  
 with Fr. Thomas Kramer & Deacon Paul Lippard

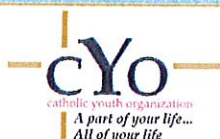
Cost: \$3790 — Includes: Flights, Hotels, at least 2 Meals per day, Mass every day & 6 Day Cruise to the Greek Islands!  
 Contact: Dcn. Paul Lippard  
 734-425-4421

**Community Lunch**  
**St. Mary Cause of Our Joy Parish**  
**8200 N. Wayne Rd. Westland**  
**Thursday, February 27 noon-1 pm**  
 Everyone is welcome!  
 Cost: Free

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