



# Cor ad Cor Loquitur

Advent, 2010

the Heart speaks to the Heart

**I am pleased to introduce**

**the inaugural edition of our parish newsletter, "Cor ad Cor Loquitur."**

This Latin phrase was the motto of the newly beatified John Henry Cardinal Newman and stands for, "The Heart speaks to the Heart." Hopefully through this medium we will have many "heart to heart" chats about events happening at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Let us always open our hearts to the Love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout our daily lives.

As we begin this pilgrimage together, I thought it would be good to get to know a little bit about the staff that is here to serve. Please know that we are all here to facilitate the work of the Church in our little corner of the world.

*Fr. Ireland*



Our pastor, Father Ireland was ordained a priest on June 11, 1983. The son of Bob and Georgia Ireland, he was born on October 2, 1957. Father has a sister, Georgette, who is an Occupational Therapist.

Father Ireland received his early education from the Ursuline Sisters at St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School and from the Franciscan Friars at Padua Franciscan High School, both in Parma. Following his graduation from Padua in 1975, he entered Borromeo Seminary from which he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social and Behavior Sciences in 1979. Responding to an offer to study in Rome, Father began his graduate studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (the Angelicum) while residing at the Pontifical North American College.

His time in Rome was blessed with several opportunities to meet and to serve Mass for Pope John Paul II which helped to develop a deeper appreciation for the Universality of the Church. While in Rome, Father enjoyed praying at the tombs of many saints (including St. Gregory the Great) and visiting the many beautiful basilicas and churches in the eternal city. While in Europe he also had the opportunity to visit many of the other shrines (including the tomb of St. Margaret Mary) and cities in many different countries.

Father Ireland was ordained a deacon at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica by the late Terrance Cardinal Cooke of New York. Father returned to Cleveland to be ordained a priest by Bishop Anthony M. Pilla in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

Following ordination, Father served as an associate pastor at Immaculate Conception in Madison, Sacred Heart of Jesus in Wadsworth, Holy Family in Parma, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Wickliffe and St. Justin Martyr in Eastlake. In June of 2004 Father Ireland was named pastor of St. Gregory the Great where he served until the merger with St. Margaret Mary earlier this year. Bishop Lennon later named him pastor of our newly formed parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Father places a great emphasis on the education of our children and has been a great supporter of St. Gregory the Great School and Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy. He considers himself blessed to be pastor of this parish and is working very hard to facilitate the merger of St. Margaret Mary and St. Gregory the Great, including the best traditions of both parishes.

Along with his duties as pastor of our parish, Father Ireland is one of the Spiritual Directors at our seminaries, the chaplain of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Council of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Dominic. He is also continuing to pursue his doctorate in Spiritual Theology.

**You are the light of the world.  
Now a light does not illumine itself,  
but instead it diffuses its rays and shines all around  
upon everything that comes into its view.**

**So it must be with the glowing lives of upright and holy clerics.**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is blessed to have both a Parochial Vicar and a Deacon on the Pastoral Staff who assist the Pastor in his care of the people of God here in South Euclid. Each of these men brings his own particular "light" to our community, and we are grateful to God for their ministry among us.



Our Parochial Vicar, Father Thomas Winkel, was born on the west side of Cleveland in 1945. At the age of seven his family moved to St. Francis de Sales Parish in Parma, and the family home is still one block away from the parish school and church. Father attended St. Ignatius High School and one year at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Those five years of Jesuit training and education helped him to decide to enter the Cleveland Diocesan Seminary where he received his B.A. degree from Borromeo Seminary College and his Master of Divinity degree from St. Mary Seminary.

After ordination to the priesthood in 1971, Father was assigned as an Associate Pastor (now referred to as *Parochial Vicar*) at St. Mary Parish in Painesville. Later assignments as Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar) were at St. Columbkille Parish in Parma, St. Mel Parish in Cleveland, St. Adalbert Parish in Berea, and Holy Family Parish in Parma. It was at Holy Family that Fr. Winkel and Fr. Ireland served together and became friends.

In August of 1993, Father was appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish in Bedford where he served until the autumn of 2009, at which time the parish of St. Mary merged with two other area parishes; and the church of St. Mary was closed. Also at that time, due to the development of some serious health issues, Father Winkel was required to go on a six-month sick leave while he recovered from 3 major cardio and vascular surgeries. This time was spent at St. Joseph Parish in Cuyahoga Falls.

In May of this year, Bishop Lennon named Father Parochial Vicar at St. Gregory the Great Parish, now merged with St. Margaret Mary Parish and known as Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The church mouse tells us that Father is a follower of both the Browns and the Indians and that he enjoys the theatre, music, and teaching in our parish school.

**By the brightness of their holiness they must bring light and serenity  
to all who gaze upon them. They have been placed here  
to care for others. Their own lives should be an example to others,  
showing how they must live in the house of the lord."**

FROM THE TREATISE, "MIRROR OF THE CLERGY"  
BY ST JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

*Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant  
us peace in our day.*

*In your mercy, keep us free from sin  
and protect us from all anxiety  
as we wait in joyful hope  
for the coming of our Savior,  
Jesus Christ!*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

To prepare our hearts to receive our Savior on Christmas, confessions will be heard according to this schedule:

Monday December 13	<b>7 p.m. at Holy Rosary</b> Communal Penance
Saturday December 18	<b>9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b>
Monday December 20	<b>3-4 &amp; 7-8 p.m.</b>
Tuesday December 21	<b>3-4 &amp; 7-8 p.m.</b>

Confessions **will NOT** be heard  
on Christmas Eve.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Friday, December 24**  
Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 10 p.m.  
Carols begin at 9:45 p.m.

**Saturday, December 25**  
8, 10, and 11:30 a.m.

**There is NO EVENING MASS  
on Christmas Day.**

**Please be generous in support of  
your parish this Christmas**



**Your Christmas  
Offering**

## **NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**This is a NOT a  
Holy Day of Obligation this year.**

Masses on Saturday, January 1, 2011  
8 and 10 a.m.

There is no 4 p.m. Vigil for Sunday today.



## PRAYER OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA IS THE PRAYER OF EVANGELIZATION

Pray this prayer, live this prayer.)

“Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes through which  
He looks, compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet  
with which He walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands  
with which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands,  
Yours are the feet,  
Your are the eyes,  
You are His Body ...

**Christ has no body now  
BUT YOURS.”**



## WHAT IS A DEACON? WHO IS A DEACON?

A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity, but bishops, priests and deacons exercise these functions in various ways.

- As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church.
- As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services
- As ministers of Charity, deacons are **leaders** in identifying the needs of others, then marshalling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only **WHAT** a deacon does, but **WHO** a deacon is, that is important.



Our own Deacon, Dave Chordas, is a wonderful example of each of these functions, serving our parish as an educator in both the day school and the PSR program, as a leader in the activities of our Respect Life Committee and Adult Servers Program, and as a defender of the weak and the needy through two newly developed outreach programs: Caring Connection and Saint Joseph Works. He is actively working to reinstate our chapter of the St. Vincent DePaul

Society. He was recently installed as a Third Degree in the Knights of Columbus. Deacon Chordas offers the ministry of consolation and compassion at DeJohn Funeral Home during wakes and at the graveside.

Deacon Chordas is married to his wife of 41 years, Marianne (nee Reilly). The Deacon and his wife have two children and one grandson, Massimo Russo, who is the pride and joy of his grandfather. Massimo was baptized by his grandfather at St. Gregory the Great Church not long after his birth on All Saints Day two years ago.

The Deacon's own beginnings were in Barberton, Ohio, where he attended Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church. He is a graduate of Barberton High School and John Carroll University, where he earned both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree. He spent many years of his teaching career in the Mayfield School District, retiring in the mid-2000's from Mayfield High School.

Of his ordination in May of 2008, Deacon Chordas says :  
***"It was one of the happiest days of my life."***

**Restoration of the diaconate as a permanent order of ministry in the Church occurred as a result of the Second Vatican Council in the mid 60's. Pope Paul VI described the deacon as "the interpreter of the needs and the desires of the Christian communities, and the sign or sacrament of Christ the Lord Himself who came not to be served but to serve."**



**There is nothing in the world  
so much like prayer  
as music is.**

From 1985 until June 30 of this year, **Gail B. Shirley** served the parish of St. Margaret Mary as Director of Music. Her love of sacred music has its roots in childhood. Her parents and siblings began singing in church and in the church choir in kindergarten ... and just kept going! Now she calls the choir loft in St. Gregory the Great Church her new home for weekend Masses and during the week for funeral Masses, weddings, Masses with the children of Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy, and practices with the choir.

Gail is married to Bill Shirley, and they reside in Cleveland Heights. Their 41-year marriage has been richly blessed with three children and three grandchildren. They attribute their happiness to being faithful to these three special interests: faith, family and friends, in that order.

Gail was part of the clustering and merger process since the very beginning some 3+ years ago, and says she has come to know and appreciate the traditions of our newly merged parish. She says of her new parish:

**"I look forward to working with the people of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  
In continuing to bring good celebrations to our community through our music ministry.  
It is with great joy that I join you in worshipping our Lord."**

## PSR ...

### A PROGRAM OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILDREN OF THE PARISH WHO ARE EDUCATED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ...



**Rose Marie Brigneli** is in her eighth year as Associate Principal of our Parish School of Religion (PSR).

Professionally, Rose Marie taught English in the Mayfield School System for thirty-four years before her retirement.

In addition to her administrative duties, Rose Marie works with upper grade students who have not received the sacraments of Penance and/or Holy Eucharist.

Raised to believe in the importance of volunteering, Rose Marie has been a volunteer at Hillcrest Hospital for over thirty years and is currently in her second term as president of Hillcrest Hospital Auxiliary.

Rose Marie is a graduate of Regina High School, Western Reserve University and John Carroll University.

**Tom Kelly, S.F.O.**, is the Principal of the Parish School of Religion (PSR). He, himself, is a graduate of the PSR and was confirmed at St. Gregory's in 1964.

Tom has been active in the parish in a number of capacities, serving as a lector, an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, and as coordinator of Eucharistic adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. He also volunteers as a booth captain at the parish festival.

Tom is a Secular Franciscan (Third Order) and currently serves as minister (president) of the St. Jude Fraternity of the SFO.

Tom is a life-long bachelor and lives in Lyndhurst with his golden retriever, Molly. He is a devotee to Google and eagerly shares the "factoids" he finds with his vast mailing list.



## THE MISSION STATEMENT FOR EDUCATION AT SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH ACADEMY

**is to achieve the goals  
as set forth in the  
teaching mission of  
Jesus Christ,  
and to provide  
a sound, quality  
Christian education  
in a genuine, caring  
environment where a  
child can grow to his  
full God-given  
potential.**

**It is within our mission  
to work in partnership  
with parents  
in the formation  
of children  
so that the students  
may draw from  
the life of Jesus  
to become  
contributing members  
of their families, the  
community, and the  
Catholic Church.**

## SACRED HEART OF JESUS ACADEMY



New onboard this year is the principal Mr. William DiBacco. Mr. DiBacco is no stranger to this neighborhood nor to this school building. He was a student here when the school was known as St. Gregory the Great. He also was a teacher at St. Gregory the Great School for 15 years.

After receiving his Master's in Educational Administration, Mr. DiBacco found himself back, now as the principal of the newly-named Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy. The years have marched on, the name has changed, but the buildings haven't changed much; and there are still a number of familiar faces among the school faculty who have made him feel welcome from the very first day.

Mr. DiBacco and his wife of 10 years, Shelley, live in Twinsburg. Among the many things they share, the ups and downs of administering a Catholic elementary school is high on their list of daily dialogue, as Shelley, too, is a Catholic school principal.



Mrs. Terry Kocevar has been the school secretary for 26 years. Hers is the gentle and happy voice at the other end of the phone when you call during regular school hours. She's been a friend to many over the years: students and parents, faculty and volunteers alike.

Terry and her husband of 53 years, John, have lived in South Euclid for 45 years, calling St. Gregory the Great (now Sacred Heart of Jesus) *their* parish for all those years. Their four children and four of their grandchildren are graduates of our school.



Mrs. Carole Wenzel has been an important member of the school office staff for the past 6 years. She manages many clerical and technical jobs both in and out of the office.

Carole is a native of Martinsburg, West Virginia, but has been living in South Euclid for more than 21 years. She has been married to her husband, Tom, for 22 years. Tom and their two children, Matt and Clare, are all St. Gregory the Great School graduates.

Carole cherishes the times when she can "go back home" to visit family.

# Meet the Office Staff



**Rose Marie Basilone** has been a member of St. Gregory the Great, now Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish since 1969. She is the mother of 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Rose has worked as a part-time Office Assistant since 2005. She tells us she loves chatting with the people who come in and those

who call on the phone. Her primary responsibilities are to keep the census files up to date and post weekly offertory contributions.

Rose enjoys golf, walking in the mall with friends, backyard gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.



Stop in the Parish Office on any Tuesday or Wednesday evening or Friday or Saturday morning and say "Hi" to **Marianne Chordas (Reilly)**. Marianne is the most recent addition to the office staff and brings a cheery and gracious presence. She is the wife of our Deacon, Dave.

Marianne is "home grown" having grown up on Ardmore Road with her parents Frank and Bernice Reilly and siblings Frank, Patrick and Holly. Her class was the first to graduate from the new church of St. Gregory the Great when Msgr. Ferreri was pastor. Marianne is extremely proud of her husband, her two children and one grandson, Mossimo (whom you already met in the Deacon's article) and for whom she babysits 3 days a week.

In her spare time, Marianne volunteers at Hospice and the Cleveland Food Bank when she can. She loves to read and finds time for Jazzercise. Whewww!! We're tired, Marianne.



This is **Maddie Cox**, our Senior-most Volunteer who has been on the job for the past eleven years, most recently Mondays, Tuesday mornings, and Thursdays.

Maddie is a great help in the office, especially considering her favorite jobs are licking all the envelopes when we do the Christmas, Easter

and Festival mailings and pulling the staples out of the Festival ticket returns. Her weekly assignment is *Maddie is in charge of posting*

**Anthony J. "TONY" Flowers** is our **Business Manager** and as such is responsible for all of the physical, financial and personnel resources of the parish. He consults with and advises the Pastor and School Principal on business and administrative matters that affect the parish and the school. Even though he is not a voting member of the Finance Council, Tony does attend those meetings at the request of the Pastor.

Tony has 30 years of experience in not-for-profit accounting and has worked with multiple parishes and various diocesan organizations throughout his career.

Tony lives in Parma and is a member of St. Anthony of Padua parish.



**Eileen Gerome** has been the parish **Bookkeeper** since 1989, but wading through the mountains of bills each month is only a part of her very important contribution to the parish. She has been the "go-to" person for our Parish Festival for the past 15+ years, and has already begun planning for the 2011 Festival.

Eileen and her husband Bob have been parishioners of the former St. Gregory the Great and now newly-merged parish for 42 years. They are parents of five and grandparents of ten. Eileen loves watching her grandchildren participate in sports, following their teams across town or out of town as necessary.

**Joanne Novak's** husband Ken captured her hard at work in her home office where she is putting the final touches on this Newsletter.

Among her other duties at the Parish Office are the weekly bulletin, and the creation of flyers, posters, booklets, certificates and whatever "special" print projects are requested. Joanne oversees the clerical office staff and maintains the parish activities calendar, often juggling space to accommodate all requests. She joined the staff in 2004 after serving 22 years in pastoral ministry at St. Justin Martyr Parish in Eastlake.

Joanne treasures the time she can spend with her 3 children, 4 grandchildren, her friends, and her 100-lb. yellow lab, *Riley*.





**Dan Debick** is the Supervisor of Maintenance for the parish. He had been in this position for St. Gregory the Great Parish since June of 2003. The 16 years prior to 2003 he worked for Lincoln Electric Company. Dan resides in Lyndhurst with his wife, Lisa, and their two sons, D.J. and Matthew.

As head of maintenance, Dan is responsible for the upkeep of the facilities and grounds, as well as the safety of employees, parishioners and visitors alike.

Dan looks forward to serving you as we move into our future.



**Denise M. Payton** has been keeping hallways, classrooms, bathrooms and dressing rooms, the cafeteria and Tabor House clean for 7 years. If you appreciate the sparkling windows in the Church and School, say *thank you* to Denise.

Denise and her husband, Henry, have one daughter, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is the 7th of 11 children. She loves to travel both domestically and internationally. Other pastimes for her spare time include dancing, shopping and spending time with family

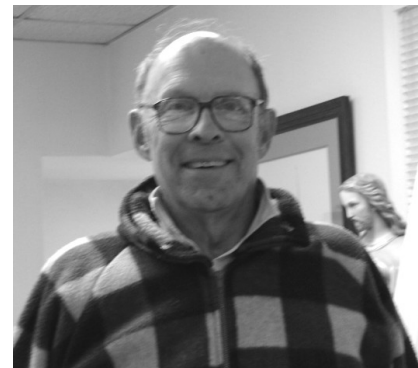
## THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT



**Douglas Paul Compoli** has been working in the maintenance and custodial business for some 30+ years. He began in high school as a custodial helper at Villa Angela High School. Upon graduation he was employed as a custodian at Euclid Square Mall until 1991 when he was hired by St. Margaret Mary Parish. He is now employed by Sacred Heart of Jesus and has primary responsibility for maintenance at the Bluestone campus.

Doug and his wife, Debbie, were married in 1994, and they reside in the Lakeshore Boulevard area of Cleveland. They are members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Recently Doug has had to take on the added responsibility as caregiver to his wife who has become disabled.

Doug enjoys sports, especially softball and bowling. He enjoys collecting baseball cards, attending high school basketball games, going to movies and an occasional trip to a casino.



**James "everybody calls me, Jimmy" Schmitz** has been working for the parish for more than 29 years. In the days of Bingo, Jimmy was responsible for cleaning up the Bingo Hall on Saturday mornings. What a job!!! But he did it joyfully as he does all of his chores these days. In addition, Jimmy has been faithful to cleaning the Church on Monday mornings.

Bingo is gone, but the need for extra hands around the campus seems always present. So, in recent months, Jimmy has been pressed into duty in the Cafeteria and helping with other cleaning chores as needed.

Jimmy is a daily Mass attendee, praying for his own health and whatever others have asked for. Jimmy took loving care of his mother for many years until her recent death. He often says of her: "Surely she is in heaven with Jesus and Mother Mary."

## *A Closing Word from our Pastor*

*My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Advent is a wonderful opportunity to grow even closer to the Lord. As we meditate on the mysteries of His coming our hearts are drawn into a deeper relationship with Him. We become more and more aware of His Presence and His Abiding Love.

May I invite you to enter into this wonderful mystery of God's Love? Please use this time to come to know the Lord more fully in your life and in the life of your family.

Perhaps you might consider having an Advent Wreath in the home. You might also have a special Advent calendar for the children. Each day has a special "door" to open which reveals another part of the Lord's Love for us. Our "Giving Tree" is also a very special way to share in God's love by helping those in need.

Jesus wants to touch your heart in a special way this Advent. Welcome Him as your special guest. Invite Him into your heart in a very special way during this Holy Season.

May God bless you abundantly with His Love.

*Father Ireland*

## *Blessing the Bambinelli*

Our tradition continues ~ We bless statues of the baby Jesus each year on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday.

This practice is done also in Rome when on the third Sunday of Advent the Pope invites all of the children to bring statues of the baby Jesus (**the Bambinelli**) from their nativity scenes to St. Peter's Square to be blessed. The children then take the blessed statues home to be placed in their nativity scenes on Christmas Day.



We invite all children to bring their baby Jesus statues to Mass on December 12. During Mass, Father will ask the children to come forward with their statues for the *Blessing of the Bambinelli*.

We hope this will help children to come to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas:

**the gift of Our Blessed Lord Himself,  
the greatest gift of all.**



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