



“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”—Ash Wednesday Blessing

During the weather related state of emergency last weekend, the parish emailed all registered parishioners the notice of the Bishop’s announcement regarding Mass attendance. We also notified via email the cancellation of religious education programming and various other important notices. If you are a registered parishioner and did not receive these email notices, then we do not have your correct email or do not have an email address for you. Please correct this problem by emailing bshulkosky@stsjohnandpaul.org as soon as possible with your correct address. Please help us keep you informed. This is also an excellent way for you to update your records with the parish and allow us to assist you with any of your questions or needs.



This **Wednesday, February 17th**, is **Ash Wednesday**. Mass with the Distribution of Ashes will be at **7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**. **Liturgy of the Word** with the Distribution of Blessed Ashes will be at **12:00 Noon and 4:30 PM**.

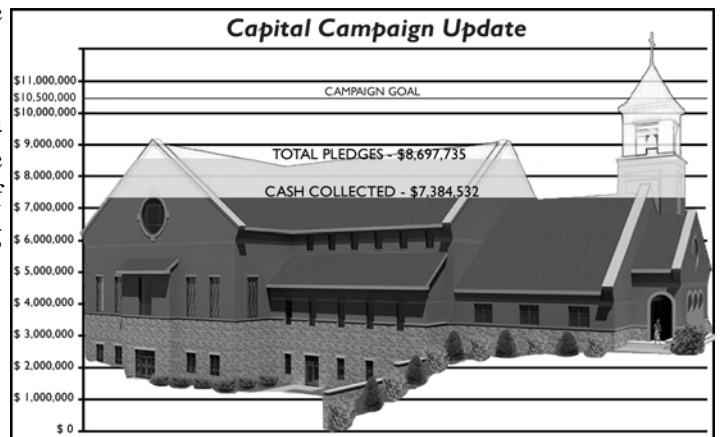


The sobering words as the ashes are placed on our head, “*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return*” remind us that the material world, including our bodies will all turn to dust. It is our immortal soul that is ever enduring. This is the reality of our lives and our world. Too often we become caught up in the illusion that all that matters is what meets the eye, when in fact the spiritual part of our human nature is what remains eternally. Every day and certainly every year we need to stop and refocus our priorities and our attention. We all become a little too attached to these passing realities to the serious detriment of our eternal happiness. Two key words for us to consider this Lenten season may be **detachment** and **transformation**. We need to “detach” from our material attachments and allow the power and grace of Christ present in His sacraments to “transform” us into a greater image of Himself.

Just as our present worship space is being transformed into a social hall and education center before our eyes, and as our new church is being transformed into our new and permanent worship space, so may the grace of God transform our entire parish into the **Body of Christ**, one person and one family at a time.

It takes enormous time, energy, and effort to build a church. And that is just the building! While at the same time, our greater effort needs to be the transformation of every soul that makes up this marvelous and growing parish family!

God love you...Fr. Mac



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Offertory	\$8,621.00
Parish Share.....	\$2,568.00

Thank you for your generous support of SSJP Parish.

Tithing teaches us that each of us is unique. We all have something to share, something that the world needs from us. If we do not reach out to others, we have deprived someone who needed us. We are not replaceable by anyone else—each among us is here to fulfill God’s plan. God has a purpose for every precious life. He is always calling us to “come follow me!”



PARISH NEWS

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 14th

9:00 AM FF Preschool
1:00 PM Living Stations Practice
2:00 PM Love Walk for the Poor

Monday, February 15th

10:00 AM Legion of Mary
12:30 PM CSS Leadership
6:30 PM Men's Club
7:00 PM Finance Committee
8:00 PM Quinn Bible Study

Tuesday, February 16th

9:30 AM Lent Prep/Good Shep.
2:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour
6:00 PM HSYM Planning Mtg.
8:15 PM RCIA

Wednesday, February 17th

7:00 AM Mass/Ashes
9:00 AM Mass/Ashes
12:00 PM Service of the Word/Ashes
4:30 PM Service of the Word/Ashes
9:30 AM MOMS 3
7:30 PM Mass/Ashes

Thursday, February 18th

9:30 AM MOMS I
6:00 PM Children's Choir
7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice

Friday, February 19th

9:00 AM Homeschool Group;
Totus Tuus
4:30 PM Seraphims Practice
7:00 PM Couple's Bible Study
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20th

7:00 AM CMS
10:00 AM First Penance
1:00 PM First Penance

ROAD TO THE DIACONATE

When using personal opinion on how certain pastoral situation should be handled, what resources are considered and utilized in diaconate formation? All of us have personal opinions that are formed by our past experiences. As diaconate candidates, we are asked to allow these opinions to be shaped further by examining Catholic Church teaching, diocesan policies and any specific parish practices that are in place. This allows for further formation growth and to ensure that our inherent opinions are challenged.

OUTREACH COLLECTION

Next weekend, **February 20th and 21st**, is the quarterly free-will collection to benefit the Poor and Homeless, Respect for Life support organizations, and the SSJP Outreach programs. Please make your donation knowing that every penny will go to sustain our region's needy.

WOMEN'S GUILD PIEROGIE SALE

The Women's Guild will again hold its annual pierogie sale on Ash Wednesday after all Masses and after the Service of the Word until supplies run out. See insert in this bulletin for complete details.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The next men's club meeting will be on **Monday, February 15th at 6:30 PM** in the Church Hall. **Please note the new time.**

MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH 8:00 - 11:30 AM

MAGNIFICAT

You are invited to a wonderful, prayerful, breakfast sponsored by Magnificat. The **Saturday, February 20th** meeting will feature keynote speaker, Gail Buckley. It will be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Warrendale from **9:00 AM - Noon**. The cost is \$18.00. Registration forms can be picked up in the back of the Church. For more information, call Donna Lopus at 724-934-6446.



OUTREACH

Senior Connection

Please consider joining us in the work of maintaining and building homes for seniors, pro-life agencies and Habitat for Humanity. This year's workdays are: **Saturday's, May 8th, June 19th, July 31st, September 11th, and October 23rd.**

Site Leader meetings will be: **Saturday's April 24th, June 5th, July 17th, August 28th, and October 16th.**

Reserve your place by calling **Sally Kraynik at 724-935-1991 or Lynn Cook at 724-935-7414.**

Prison Ministry

Orientation for new volunteers will be **Saturday, February 20th**. New volunteers to Prison Ministry are welcome. For application and other details, please phone Owen Dwyer at 724-935-6865.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

We will be doing Food Bank work **Saturday's, March 13th, June 19th, August 14th, October 9th and December 11th**. To become a Food Bank volunteer, please call Bill Cotter at 724-934-2284.

Our "*item of the month*" for February is "Meal in a Box," due at the end of the month.

Blood Drive.....Peggy Slota-412-366-8398
Community Food Bank..... Bill Cotter-724-934-2284
Food Collection.....Sally Taccone-724-935-4456
Jubilee Kitchen.....Jeannine Dean-724-933-7692
Prison Ministry.....Owen Dwyer-724-935-6865
Senior Connection.....Lynn Cook- 724-935-7414
Sally Kraynik-724-935-1991
Sharing Tree.....Dara Schanker-412-741-4810
Outreach Committee.....Owen Dwyer-724-935-6865

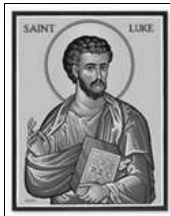
FAITH FORMATION

FIRST PENANCE DATES

Saturday, February 20th
10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

For all Reconciliation Candidates and their families, Godparents, and friends.

QUINN BIBLE STUDY



Come join us for an eight-week study of the **Gospel of Luke**. Gain a better understanding of the historical ministries of Jesus and the apostles. Give more meaning to weekly readings as the church focuses on this wonderful Gospel during this liturgical year. The study is led by Dawn Day-Quinn on **Monday evenings,**

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM. The next class is **February 15th.** We will be discussing chapters 1-4 due to last week's cancellation.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Just a reminder that there are **NO Faith Formation evening classes** on **Sunday, February 14th** through **Wednesday, February 17th.** There is Preschool Faith Formation on **February 14th** at **9:00 AM.** The Ash Wednesday prayer service on **February 17th** is at **4:30 PM** and **Mass is at 7:30 PM.**

FAITH FORMATION THANK YOU

Thank you to all Faith Formation families who donated baby wipes and diapers through Catholic Charities to assist orphans from Haiti. Your kindness is very much appreciated!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

On **Saturday, February 20th from 8:00 - 10:00 PM,** the Young Adult Ministry will be hosting the Catholic Underground which was founded by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The first part of the evening begins with Vespers (Evening Prayer). The Holy Hour ends with solemn Benediction. The second part of the evening is a social gathering with refreshments and a performance. They will be meeting at St. Matthew Parish, 5322 Carnegie Street in Lawrenceville. Contact info@catholicundergroundpittsburgh.org or www.catholicundergroundpittsburgh.org for more information.



Kate — kbianco@stsjohnandpaul.org

Kathy — kmasters@stsjohnandpaul.org

"FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS"

Adults are welcome to join us in the Church Hall at **11:00 AM on Sunday, February 21st or 28th** for a presentation by **Sister Catherine Higgins.** Enrich your Lenten journey by stopping in the Parish Hall for 50 powerful minutes to hear Sister Catherine's reflections! Due to space limitations, babysitting is not available.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY OF SERVICE

We still have openings on many of the teams for our service event on **Saturday, March 6th!** All of the nursing home sites and the Genesis Teams have openings. The Soldier, Nativity and the St. Vincent DePaul Teams are full. Register today by sending an email to Kathy at kmasters@stsjohnandpaul.org. You may drop the \$5 registration fee in the collection basket at Mass. Please mark it to Kathy's attention.



CATHOLIC VISION OF LOVE GRADE 8

If your 8th grader is registered for the CVOL retreat on **Friday, February 26th** and you have not yet turned in the school release form (available on the parish web site) please have your child bring it directly to their school. The forms I have received will be sent out on Monday morning. Questions? Call Kathy at x-36.

GAP KIDS (K-5) FAMILY ICE SKATING PARTY



Enjoy an afternoon of ice skating at BladeRunners Ice Complex, 103 Marshall Drive, Warrendale, www.bladerunnersice.com, on **Sunday, February 21st.** Sign-in begins at **12:30 PM** and the event is from **1:00 - 2:50 PM.** Price of admission is \$4.00/skater (includes skate rentals) and will be collected at the door. This is not a drop-off event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, contact Patty Marsico at pmarsico@zoominternet.net or call 724-940-9494 by **February 18th.**

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN—SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENT

Two new sessions have just been added for this month! St. John Neumann is hosting a PGC session on **Friday, February 26th** at **10:00 AM** and on **Sunday, February 28th** at **1:30 PM.** Please register at www.virtus.org. Questions? Contact Kathy, x-36.

SACRAMENTS

We welcome Morgan Ashley and Taylor Jordan McKay, daughters of Jeffrey and Beth (Richard) McKay; Finnegan Christopher, Fletcher James, and Harrison Beares McMorrow, sons of Peter and Brooke (Beares) McMorrow; and Carolyn Marie Sarknas, daughter of David and Clare (Gimpel) Sarknas into our community of faith. May the seed of divine life sown into them blossom into full discipleship.

Rest in Peace Please pray for the soul of Marie Sirianni, mother of Nicole Shevchik, May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick of our parish, and for the families or friends of

In your prayers... our parishioners, especially Jennifer A.; Denise Ackerman; Adrian Arluna; Adriane; Robby Agate; Danielle Agliori; Gloria Aiello; Julie Alvarez; Amelia and Aubrey; Koulton & John Appleby; John Asterino; Jack Beeler; Paul & Mary Beeman; Bob; Carolyn Booher; Greg Boros; Gina Brown; Dennis Bruce; Dana Buchanan; **Carole Burkey**; Sally Bush; Peter Cai Family; Roger Capretta; Carol; Dan Christiana; Lloyd Conley; Conner; Janet Connolly; Richard Cooper; Michele Crane; Dave; Karen Davis; Larry Dean; Ellen Delfonso; Danielle Dietz; Robert Dill; Helen Dillis; Gina and Raymond Donch; Diane & Vernon Drake; Dorothy Ellison; Steven Eltringham; Lillian Fair; Al Ference; Amber Fire; Joan Foran; Judy Fox; Eleanore & Joe Gartner; Owen Gerdes; Margie Geyer; Sarah Geyer; Mary Ann Gilliland; Betty Gioffre; Floyd Harris; Betty Healey; Jaiden Heffley; Cliff and Joanna Hutson; Bob Irwin; Jennifer; Jim; Joe; Tiiu Johnson; Aaron Kassner; Kelly L.; Louise Kelly; Norma Kelly; Pat Kelly; Brian Kilpatrick; Rodger Kirsch; Joan Kozak; Lisa Kozak; Kim & Alan Leban; Jean Lehr; Bette Liotta; Maria; **Anna Mae Marshall**; Victor Matteo; Bernard McDermott; Natalie Menzel; Johnathan Miglio; Martha Miklasevich; Miniotas Family; Denis Mockenhaupt; Carol Montagnese; Julie Mulvaney; Nila Myers; Sophia Olson; Beth Ann Owen; Janet Palmieri; Philip Pegher; Shawn Phillips; Graham Pierson; Susan Pierson; Pauline Polding; Lorraine Pollini; Mark Pollini; B. Elizabeth Poster; Francis X. Poster; Priscilla; Kara Provencale; Ann Rado; Ray & Tiffany; **Brian Rempe Family**; Justin Restauri; David Ridilla; Joe Rizzo; Ann Roberto; Amy Rose; Charlie Rumble; Elena Sanders; Sandra; Leora Sarver; Nancy Scanga; Jill Schultz; Jim Schwarz; Johnna Schwarz; Kaitlin Serwatka; Polly Shipley; Carol Sieber; Ralph Skundrich; Christine Slaughter; Chris Snyder; Mary Beth Stapleton; Stearns Family; Beth Stevens; Charles Stipkovic; Emma St. Onge; Karen Storm; Margie Sullivan; Leslie Tarquino; Lynn Van Tassel; Tony; Helen Toth; Betty Troha; Carissa Ubersox; Tom Van Blaricom; Lynn VanTassel; Kathy Voland; Mindy Walch; **Ralph Wegener**; Thomas Windfelder; Martha Wonder; Francis Wong; Bobbi Wright; Christina Wright; Richard Zalenski Family; and Joseph Zeller.

Names highlighted are the most recent names added. If prayers are needed after a four-week period, please contact: **Judy Fox at 724-935-3152 or at: vixenfox@consolidated.net, or call Victor Franc at 724-242-5120.**

Readings for the Week of February 14

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12,16-20/Lk 6:17,20-26
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



Monday, February 15th

9:00 AM †Anne Grouber (John & Barbara Yauch)
 Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass

Tuesday, February 16th

7:00 AM †Shirley Grosick (Gary & Hutson Families)
 2:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 17th (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 AM †Polly Massaro (Viola Family)
 9:00 AM †Denise DeRail (Napper Family)
 Rosary prayed following Mass
 12:00 PM Service of the Word/Distribution of Ashes
 4:30 PM Service of the Word/Distribution of Ashes
 7:00 PM †Alexander Brown (Peggy Potter)

Thursday, February 18th

7:00 AM ‡Spiritual Well-Being

Friday, February 19th

9:00 AM †Anna Weismann (McClurg Family)
 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20th

4:00 PM CONFESSIONS
 5:00 PM †Nancy Witkowski (Esquino Family)
 7:00 PM The People of Sts. John and Paul

Sunday, February 21st

7:30 AM † Eileen Graff (Andy Graff)
 9:00 AM †Msgr. Raymond Must (Schauble Family)
 11:00 AM ‡ Birthday of Louise Kelly (Pollini Family)
 5:30 PM †Robert Binz (Michael & Roberta Papp)

† denotes Memorial Mass

‡ denotes Mass for Spiritual & Physical Well-Being

Would you like to donate flowers for the **Altar** in memory of your loved ones or for a special intention; or flowers to be placed in front of the **Blessed Mother**? For more information on donating flowers, please contact Dione Stauber by calling 724-934-3242.

If you would like to make arrangements for a votive candle to be lit at the Icon of St. Paul (near the sanctuary), please call the office at 724-935-2104, Extension 34.

Your intention will be printed per your request in the following week's bulletin.

A Family Perspective

In order to be with the people, today's gospel tells us "Jesus came down the mountain and stood on level ground." World Marriage Day reminds us marriage is not lived on the lofty mountain tops but in the nitty gritty of every day life.

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Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235

H . S . Youth Ministry

Visit us at stsjohnandpaul.org. Go to Faith Formation, then click on "High School."

Next Sunday, February 14th



12:30 - 5:30 PM—**Lovewalk for the Poor**, held on or near St. Valentine's Day, is a worship and social service experience aimed to help the poor of our diocese. After celebrating Mass, walkers carry their donations to a local service institution. By doing so the walkers experience

the hardship of the homeless who carry their possessions with them at all times. More details and registration can be found on the parish website. Due to the Lovewalk, there will be **NO SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT, February 14th and NO GOING DEEPER, February 18th.**

A LOOK AHEAD...

Sunday, February 21st, join us for "Basic Training: Get the tools and training you need to navigate Sacred Scripture."

5:30 PM Mass
6:30 PM Dinner
7:00—8:30 PM Youth Night

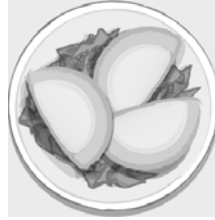


Summer Mission Trip, Catholic Heart Workcamp, Pittsburgh, July 18th-24th
Deposit: \$75



Leadership Conference in Atchinson, KS, June 27th-July 3rd

PIEROGIE SALE



The High School Youth Ministry will be selling pierogies after all weekend Masses, **February 27th-28th**. All proceeds will benefit the HSYM and their summer trips (Catholic Heart Workcamp and the Life Teen Leadership Conference).

Volunteers!

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me."—Mt. 25:40

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Connection — Saturdays, May 8th, June 19th, July 31st, September 11th, and October 23rd

Food Bank, Produce to People — Saturdays, March 13th, June 19th, August 14th, October 9th, and December 11th.

Spring/Summer Faith Formation Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Weekly Confirmation Class Teen Leader**—April 14th, April 21st, April 28th, May 5th, May 19th
- **Confirmation Retreat Teen Leader**—June 19th
- **Summer Program Middle School Teen Leader**
 - Week # 1: July 5th-9th
 - Week #2: July 12th-16th
- **Vacation Bible School Volunteer**—
 - "SonQuest Rainforest," June 21st-25th
 - "Maranatha," July 26th-30th

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more of these programs, please complete the online application found on the High School page of the parish website (detailed at top of the page).

COURTESY NOTES

THE PROVIDENCE HEIGHTS ALPHA SCHOOL will hold its Open House **Sunday, February 21st from 1:00 - 3:00 PM** for students and their families. Alpha School is a private, K-8 Catholic School, but welcome children of all faiths. For more information contact Pat at 412-366-4455.

NORTH CATHOLIC ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION will host a "Race for the Cash" on Saturday evening, **February 20th** at NC. This event combines a Night at the Races with a Cash Bash! Your \$25 ticket entitles you to a buffet dinner, adult beverage, and a chance to win \$4,000! For tickets, call Jason at 412-559-8918.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH in Franklin Park will host a Lenten talk **Sunday, February 21st at 1:00 PM**, entitled, "Incorporating Catholic Social Teaching into our Everyday Lives." Speakers are Drs. Anna and Daniel Scheid, professors of Theology, Duquesne University. For more information, contact the parish at 412-366-2020.

ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS—Dr. Ray Vactor of the Wexford Chiropractic Centre is asking for blanket donations (new or used) to benefit the Homeless Ministries. They will be accepted until **February 18th** and are located at 130 Wexford Bayne Road (next to The Post Office Deli). For more information, call 724-935-1610.