

M “To be caught up in the nickel-dime, day-to-day, mundane affairs of everyday life is to lose sight of what life is intended to be.”
 — J.A. Kurtnacker, Jr.

Congratulations to our **131** little ones who received **First Reconciliation** this past Saturday. I am very grateful to their parents and catechists who assisted them in the experience of this beautiful sacrament. May the enthusiasm and example of these children encourage all of us adults to renew our experience of God’s love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent.



On this **First Sunday of Lent at 3:00 PM** at St. Paul’s Cathedral, **Bishop Zubik** will celebrate the Rite of Election for those seeking the Easter Sacraments this year. We have 12 RCIA candidates this Easter. **Albert Chin** and **Buddy Flerl** will be received by the Bishop as “Catechumens” and called forward by him to sign their names in the Book of the Elect. They have never been baptized and will therefore be baptized at our Easter Vigil. **Dan Blutout, Jason Carney, Michael Heins, Christian Kim, Dean Logan, Kelly McConnell, Lisa Mitchell, Sally Roche, Michael Ryder, and Adam Viers** are “Candidates” who have already been baptized, but are seeking to be received into the Catholic faith, and will be Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Please keep all of them, their families and sponsors in your prayers.

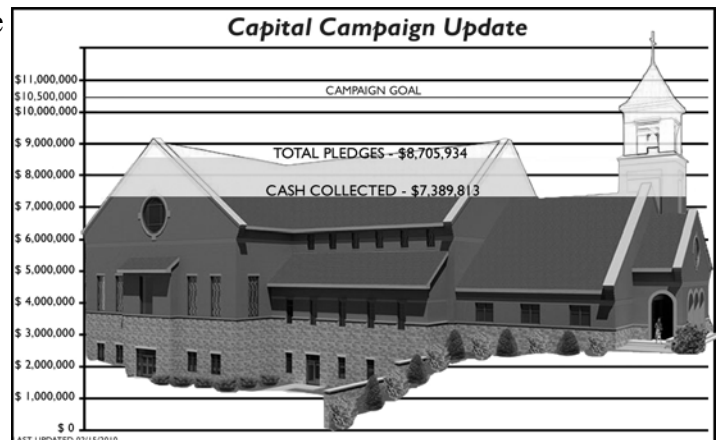


In your Lent mailing you received two booklets for your spiritual reading this Lent. They were “*Living with Passion*” and “*From Fear to Love.*” As an added bonus this Lent, I would like to provide you also with the opportunity to purchase CDs that can be used in your car, or in your home, or even at the gym. These CDs are from Lighthouse Publications and are ideal for the busy adult or teen who would still like to learn more about their faith. The personalities on these CDs are some of the finest. They include **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Dr. Scott Hahn, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Matthew Kelly, and Stephen Ray**, just to mention a few. This is not a fundraiser, but intended to provide anyone who wants to grow in their faith a means of enrichment. These CDs are being provided at the lowest cost possible: **one CD for \$3.00 or seven for \$20.00**. They will be on display and available to purchase in the lower level of the church after all Masses and throughout Lent, while supplies last.

God love you. . .Fr. Mac

LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICES
7:00 PM

St. John Neumann.....Monday, March 1st
 Sts. John and Paul.Monday, March 22nd
 St. Alexis.Wednesday, March 24th
 St. Alphonsus.....Monday, March 29th



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Offertory.....\$18,016.00
 Parish Share.....\$2,737.00

Thank you for your generous support of SSJP Parish.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God!” (I Cor. 1:18) **Tithing** calls us to turn our lives over to Jesus. It has the power to mold and shape our lives. Our lives become the very tools of Jesus as we become eager to use the many gifts we have been given to show Jesus’ love for others!



FAITH FORMATION

ADULT LECTURE SERIES

The Department of Religious Education is once again sponsoring the Adult Lecture Series. This year's theme of *Prayer and Spirituality* is inspired by Bishop Zubik's first pastoral letter, *The Church Alive!* In his meditation on the Church of Pittsburgh, Bishop Zubik repeatedly calls us back to the foundations of Christian life: prayer and the desire to be more like Jesus Christ. For more information on each speaker visit: http://www.diopitt.org/tea_lectures.php. These free lectures are as follows at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton.

- **Thursday, March 4th, 7:30 - 9:00 PM**, Teresa Tomeo, "*10 Things I've Learned About Living a Godly Life.*"
- **Thursday, April 15th, 7:30 - 9:00 PM**, "*Responding to the Call to Holiness with the Wisdom of the Saints*"

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Come join us as we continue our study of the Book of Revelation on **Tuesday, March 2nd from 7:00 - 8:30 PM** at The Sharp Edge Creekhouse, 288 W. Steuben Street (Crafton). Please bring your own Bible. We will meet downstairs. Cost is any food/drinks you purchase.

QUINN BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for an eight-week study of the **Gospel of Luke**. 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 22nd**. We will be discussing chapters 1-4 due to the previous two weeks' cancellation.

STS. JOHN AND PAUL SUMMER VBS PROGRAMS



Calling all kids and teens! Join us for this summer's June VBS, SonQuest Rainforest, **June 21st - 25th, 8:45 AM—Noon**. Registration is **Saturday, March 13th from 8:30 - 9:30 AM**.

Please contact Krista Kollitz at bkkollitz@aol.com or 412-635-7887.

Plan to join us for Marantha 2010! Mark your calendars: **July 26th - 30th from 8:45 AM to Noon**. We also hope to have a 5th grade room: The Diocesan Priest! Space is limited. Open registration is **Wednesday, May 12th from 7:30 - 8:30 PM**. Questions, contact Annie McKenna, at 412-366-5342



Kate — kbianco@stsjohndandpaul.org

Kathy — kmasters@stsjohndandpaul.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.

SPRING CLEANING? DONATIONS NEEDED!



The Middle Schoolers of the parish are involved in a service project and are seeking donations. If you have any of the following items, please drop them off in Room 1! (Note: Items donated for the troops are eligible for a tax deduction...please contact Kathy for a receipt.) Clothing—this

will be delivered to St. Vincent DePaul, gently used shoes (Girls' size 2 through Women's 8½ and Boys' size 4 through Men's 10). These will be donated to an orphanage near Tbilisi, Georgia, just south of Russia, small stuffed animals (for nursing home bingo prizes), fleece and poly-fill stuffing—this will be used to make pillows for our soldiers, coffee, baby wipes, Crystal Light on the Go Packets, cookies, snack cakes, toiletries—all of these items will be sent over to our troops. Questions? Contact Kathy at x-36.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2010


Current 8th graders and any high school teens interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall, please mark your calendars for **Monday, March 1st at 7:00 PM** for our Candidate/Parent meeting. We will review all of the important information regarding preparing for this sacrament and answer any questions you may have. This meeting is a **REQUIRED** part of your preparation. Questions? Contact Kathy at x-36.



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

 *Rest in Peace* Please pray for the soul of Ernest Deschamps, grandfather of Hayley Deschamps. 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 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; Michele Crane;

 *In your prayers...* Dave; Karen Davis; Larrye 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; Eleanor & Joe Gartner; Owen Gerdes; Margie Geyer; Sarah Geyer; Mary Ann Gilliland; Betty Gioffre; Floyd Harris; Betty Healey; Jaiden Heffley; **Clare Hopkins**; 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; Carl Sieber; Ralph Skundrich; Christine Slaughter; Chris Snyder; Mary Beth Stapleton; Stearns Family; Beth Stevens; **Julie Stierer**; 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 Volland; 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 21

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C: 12,14-16,23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b



Monday, February 22nd

9:00 AM ‡Birthday of Jacqueline Allen (Parents)
 Patriotic Rosary following Mass

Tuesday, February 23rd

7:00 AM ‡Frank Brehl, 90th Birthday (Kitty & Dick Yancosek)
 2:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 24th

9:00 AM †Georgeann Mall (Bill & Betty Gaguzis)
 Rosary prayed following Mass

Thursday, February 25th

7:00 AM †Bertha Vautar (Rick, Cindy & Katie Vautar)

Friday, February 26th

9:00 AM †Fred Dietz (Family)
 2:00 PM †Frank Potter (Peggy Potter)
 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27th

4:00 PM CONFESSIONS
 2:00 PM †Ann Mroz (Petrosky Family)
 7:00 PM †People of Sts. John and Paul

Sunday, February 28th

7:30 AM †Marie & Howard Schmid (Tim, Jeff, & Howard Schmid)
 9:00 AM †Eileen Graff (Lisa Gibson)
 11:00 AM †Angeline Laman (Schauble Family)
 5:30 PM †Elizabeth Feeney (Cicccone Family)

† 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.

INTENTIONS-from the week of 2/14/10



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



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus was led by the Spirit into "the wilderness." What is the wilderness to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Are there uncharted areas in your marriage or family you avoid? Lent is not about working on our agenda, but letting God work His agenda in us.

Diocese of Pittsburgh
 Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235

H . S . Y o u t h M i n i s t r y

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

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

Going Deeper with "Basic Training" will be Thursday,
February 25th from 7:00—8:30 PM

A LOOK AHEAD...

- ▶ **Casting Crowns**—If you are interested in going to the Casting Crowns' concert on Saturday, February 27th, please contact Hayley ASAP. Tickets are limited.
- ▶ **Planning Meeting**, Tuesday, March 2nd 6:00 - 7:00 PM.
- ▶ **Girls Getaway at St. Anne's**—March 5th - 7th. A weekend for girls only! The retreat will include pampering, great conversation and talks centered on the beauty and dignity of women.

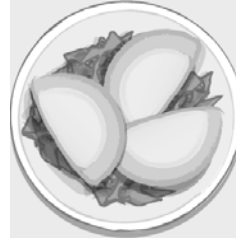


**Leadership Conference in Atchinson,
KS, June 27th-July 3rd**



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

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). For more details see the bulletin insert.

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, 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

FR. SCOTT SEETHALER will be hosting his annual Women's Conference on **Saturday, March 13th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM** at St. Ferdinand's Church in Cranberry Twp. The theme of the conference is *The Mysterious Ways of God.* The \$15 donation benefits the Anna Seethaler Hospital in Oaxaca, Mexico. Call Fr. Scott's office at 412-682-614 or email joyfulcap@aol.com for more information.

VINCENTIAN ACADEMY-DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY Theatre Arts Program presents *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, **February 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th and 27th** at the Catherine Thomas Theatre. For ticket ordering and information, call 412-364-1616, x-219 or email vincentiantheatre@gmail.com.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance on **Saturday, March 13th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Swinderman Road (behind Sheetz). Dinner, dancing, beer, wine and set-ups included (BYOB). Cost is \$25 per person; contact Morrie Stack at 412-366-2475.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH will be celebrating their 7th Annual Teresa Irishfest on **Saturday, February 27th**. The evening begins with an Irish Mass at **6:00 PM**, an Irish dinner at **7:15 PM**, and the fun continues with the Bell School dancers and the musical group, *"Guaranteed Irish."* Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the Parish rectory. For more information, call Bud at 412-366-6720.