



“Charity covers a multitude of sins.”—St. Peter, 4:8

The Outreach Programs of Saints John and Paul began in 1996. They encompass both hands-on service and donations. The following are a sampling of some of what we do.

- **Sharing Tree** - Organizes the donation of 1,100 gifts for presentation and delivery to eleven agencies and groups; 850 gift buyers, 55 volunteers.
- **Senior Connection** - Has completed 10 years of working on the maintenance of Lawrenceville senior’s homes in cooperation with Our Lady of the Angels Parish; 275 volunteer days, 38 homes and 16 sites per year.
- **Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank** - We serve as workers at the Repack Center in Duquesne and at the Produce to People distribution events at various Allegheny county locations; 216 volunteer days.
- **Monthly Food Collection** - Each month the people of Sts. John and Paul fill a food chest with groceries for the poor which are then provided to local families in need and to the St. Catherine of Siena food bank; 360 contributors, 24 volunteer days per year.
- **Prison Ministry** - Each month a group of volunteers distribute the Eucharist to prisoners who may not attend Mass. Also, Prison Ministry, in cooperation with the Sharing Tree program, visits 100 children of prisoners with two gifts and the good news of Christmas; 72 volunteer days, 18 volunteers for Angel Tree.
- **Jubilee Kitchen** - Twice a month volunteers visit Jubilee to assist in preparing and serving the daily meal for the poor; 72 volunteer days.



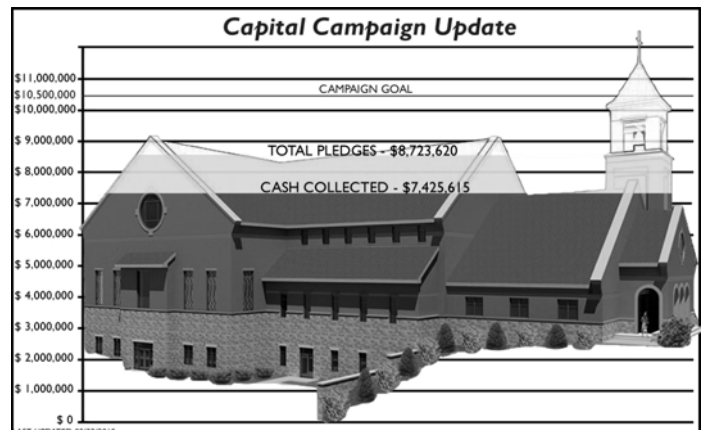
Starting in September 2003, the parish began outreach collections at the church doors following Mass, four times a year in support of those in need. The total donated through the end of 2009 was **\$64,000**. The largest beneficiaries of the donations have been: **Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Jubilee Kitchen, Light of Life Mission, Catholic Charities, Genesis House, Michael’s Place, Sts. John & Paul Emergency Fund and the Senior Connection Outreach.**

All parishioners are encouraged and welcome to participate in any of the programs. A huge thank you to Owen Dwyer and all who assist in the administration of our Parish Outreach. There is so much more that we do—please see our website for more information and how you can become involved.

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 21, 2010

Offertory.....	\$21,058.00
Parish Share.....	\$2,708.00
Outreach Collection	\$4,509.00

Thank you for your generous support of SSJP Parish.

“Every person should walk unhesitatingly according to their own personal gifts and duties in the path of a living faith which arouses hopes and works through charity.” (Vatican II Council) We are responsible for all that God has bestowed upon us; they are gifts to be cherished.

FAITH FORMATION

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.



ADULT LECTURE SERIES

The Department for 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!* Teresa Tomeo will be speaking on **Thursday, March 4th from 7:30 - 9:00 PM** about "10 Things I've Learned About Living a Godly Life." The series takes place at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton. For more information on this series, go to http://www.diopitt.org/tea_lectures.php.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: PIZZA AND POSSIBILITIES

Thursday, March 18th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Fr. Scott Seethaler will be presenting "Volunteerism, A Way to Serve God." It will take place at Sacred Heart Parish in Shadyside. The cost is \$5.00 for the pizza. Please RSVP to yampgh@diopitt.org.

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 to Noon**. Registration is **Saturday, March 13th from 8:30 - 9:30 AM**. Help from teens and adults is needed. Please contact Krista Kollitz at bkkollitz@aol.com or 412-635-7887.

Plan to join us for Maranatha 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! Help is needed; volunteers receive preferential pre-registration. Space is limited. Open registration is **Wednesday, May 12th from 7:30 - 8:30 PM**. For more information, contact Annie McKenna, at 412-366-5342 or mckennas97@yahoo.com.



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SUMMER PROGRAM CATECHISTS NEEDED!

We are looking for adults and teens who are willing to share their love of God with some wonderful middle school students! Summer Program will run from **9:00 AM - 12:30 PM on July 5th - July 16th** this year. If you are a parent, your child will be guaranteed a spot in the program! If you are a teen, this is excellent experience to add to a college application! If a parent volunteers for BOTH weeks, they may enroll their younger children (grades 3-5 only) in our Sibling Program. They will complete their textbooks during the same two weeks. Please prayerfully consider this very special ministry. We will assist you with lesson planning. I promise you the experience will provide you with heavenly rewards! Want to learn more? Contact Kathy at x-36.



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.

GRADE 5-8 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER: ONLINE APPLICATION

Calling all current 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th graders...we need you this summer! Come and share your talents, your faith, and your enthusiasm with our elementary school students during **VBS (June 21st-25th, need "rising" 5th through 8th graders)** and/or **Maranatha (July 26th-30th, need "rising" 6th through 8th graders)**. Online applications are now being accepted. Please go to the parish website and click on the forms and policies tab from the Faith Formation page. The link to the application is at the bottom of the screen. Questions? Contact Kathy at x-36.



SACRAMENTS



Rest in Peace Please pray for the soul of Adelmo Sculli, father of Carmella Mashuda-Fabish; and David Rempe, father of Brian Rempe. 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

In your prayers... Christiana; Lloyd Conley; Conner; Janet Connolly; Michele Crane; Dave; Larrye Dean; Ellen Delfonso; Danielle Dietz; Robert Dill; 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; Floyd Harris; Betty Healey; Jaiden Heffley; Clare Hopkins; Cliff and Joanna Hutson; Bob Irwin; Jennifer; Jim; Joe; Tiu 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; Sophia Olson; Beth Ann Owen; 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; 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; **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 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 28

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28/Mt 21:33-43,45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Lk 15:1-3,11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday, March 1

9:00 AM †Joseph Miniotas (Family)
 Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass

Tuesday, March 2

7:00 AM †Bertha Vautar (Bob & Helen Malysko)

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 AM †Susan Outly (Mary Schlentner & Sina Heinold)
 Rosary prayed following Mass

Thursday, March 4

7:00 AM †Paul Gross (Marlene Sponsler)

Friday, March 5

2:00 PM †The Brown Family (Peggy Potter)
 Pristine Pines
 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross
 8:00 PM ‡Birthday of David Allen
 9:00 PM All Night Adoration

Saturday, March 6

8:45 AM Benediction
 4:00 PM CONFESSIONS
 5:00 PM †Michael Graham (Gene & Dara Schanker)
 7:00 PM †Ed & Eleanor Laffey (Laffey Family)

Sunday, March 7

7:30 AM †The People of Sts. John and Paul
 9:00 AM †Theodore Liss (Family)
 11:00 AM †Rose Duchi (Adult Choir)
 5:30 PM †Michael Graham (Napper 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 for the week of March 28th

In loving memory of Donald Leonard.

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

"Father forgive them, they know not what they do." Frequently we offend each other without being aware of it. The survival of relationships depends on our ability to forgive one another. This Holy Week imitate Jesus and forgive those who have wronged you. Stop carrying resentment in your heart.

Diocese of Pittsburgh

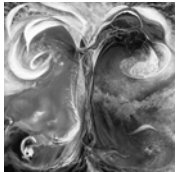
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H . S . Y o u t h M i n i s t r y

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

Sunday, February 28th

In His Image:



Was the world really created in seven days? Can we be Catholic and believe in evolution? If God is so good, then why do I feel so bad? Come learn the answers to these answers to these questions, and more!

5:30 PM Mass

6:30 PM Dinner

7:00—8:30 PM Youth Night

Going Deeper will be Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 PM.

A LOOK AHEAD...

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **"Playing with Fire"**—Adam, Eve, forbidden fruit...need I say more? Youth Night, March 7th.



Leadership Conference in Atchinson, KS, June 27th-July 3rd; now accepting applications



Summer Mission Trip, Catholic Heart Workcamp, Pittsburgh, July 18th-24th; Deposit: \$75, due by April 1st-spots fill quickly; final balance: \$125 due by June 1st

MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Attention High School Seniors—The Men's Club of Saints John and Paul is now accepting applications for the annual \$1,000 scholarships to recognize graduating High School seniors who have made significant contributions to SSJP and other volunteer or charitable organizations. All graduating seniors who are members of SSJP are eligible to apply. Please complete the application available on the parish website and return it to the Parish Office by April 30th.



Volunteers!

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the

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.

COURTESY NOTES

ST. ALPHONSUS ANNUAL FISH FRY is taking place every **Friday during Lent from 4:30 - 7:30 PM** in the school cafeteria. The Fish Fry benefits the building fund. We will be serving shrimp, fish (baked and fried), soup, sides, and delicious dessert. Take out is available. Call 724-935-1151 for more information.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: A RETREAT FOR GRIEVING SINGLES is a weekend program presented by a team of people who have suffered the same loss of a spouse and are willing to share their own experience to help others. The next weekend will be held **March 19th—21st** at the Gilmory Center. For more information, call 412-456-3160 or familylife@diopitt.org.

ST. ALEXIS FISH FRY—Join us **Fridays during Lent** from **4:30 - 7:00 PM** in our school cafeteria for our Fish Fry that supports and is operated by our Youth Ministry program. Take out also available. New parking lot features access near cafeteria including handicapped and takeout spaces. Thanks for supporting our teens! For more information, please visit www.stalexis.org or call 724-935-4343.

ST. ATHANASIUS is sponsoring a Lenten Lecture Series with Fr. Roland J. Faley, T.O.R. on **Tuesdays, March 2nd, 9th, and 16th**. All lectures begin at **7:00 PM** in the Youth Center and will be followed by open discussion. For more information, call 412-931-3670.