

**✠ M** “Faith is not merely praying upon our knees at night; Faith is not merely straying through darkness into light...Faith is the brave endeavor, the splendid enterprise, the strength to serve, whatever conditions may arise.”

Please keep in your prayers our 140 middle schoolers, 22 high school teen leaders, and 30 adults who continue to participate in our second week of Summer Faith Formation. Another group of our teens are preparing for their summer mission trip on July 18th. Fifteen high school teens and three adult leaders will depart for Catholic Heart Workcamp in Pittsburgh. The teens participating include **Alysse Berry, Danielle Burns, Matt Dixon, Joey Kovach, Kenny Kraynik, Ryan Lehecka, Alyssa Marcinizyn, Julia Meyer, Tommy Richter, Stephen Thayer, Julianna Sacco, Amy Uihlein, Katie Uihlein, Alex Zagorski, and Megan Zuley;** and the adult leaders include **Hayley Deschamps, JR Lovre, and Justin Waltz.** In the spirit of Mother Teresa, they will be serving the needy in our own community by doing yard work, repairing and restoring homes. Mother Teresa taught us that we do not need to travel to far away places to encounter both the physically and spiritually impoverished. Please pray for our teens as they embark on this week long special effort in the name of Christ!



On February 12, 1994, Bishop Wuerl established Sts. John and Paul Parish. On **Sunday, July 25th at the 11:00 Mass, Archbishop Donald Wuerl** of the Archdiocese of Washington will return to celebrate Mass with us for the first time in our new church. He will be the celebrant and homilist for this Mass. Please join me in giving the founding bishop of our parish a very warm welcome back home.

On **August 22nd, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo**, the first pastor of our parish, will return for the first time to celebrate Mass in our new church. He will be the homilist and celebrant for the **11:00 Mass on August 22nd.**



Since neither the Archbishop nor the Cardinal could be with us for the dedication ceremony, they have each chosen to celebrate a day with us during their summer vacations while visiting family and friends back here in the Pittsburgh area. We are very grateful for their presence and continued interest in the parish that they were both very instrumental in establishing just 16 years ago.



Welcome to our ten new families who registered in June: **M/M Max & Bridget DeLuca; M/M Kyle & Yvonne English; Mr. Tony Sirianni; Mrs. Bridget McDaniel; Mr. Kevin Vater; M/M Mark & Lori Benvenuto and family; Mr. Rick Younkin; Mr. Ryan Conover & Dr. Christina Iannessa; Ms. Carol Mazziotti; M/M Shane & Samantha Kochanowski and family.**

God love you,

Fr. Mac

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Sunday, July 4, 2010**

Offertory.....\$16,816.00  
Parish Share.....\$3,159.00

Thank you for your generous support of SSJP Parish.

Disciples count their blessings daily, giving thanks to God for them. Gratitude for all that we have comes from knowing that all is a gift. Gratitude for these gifts turns our lives into abundance. *“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).*



# PARISH NEWS

## Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday, July 11th</b> 12:00 PM Ice Cream Social	<b>Wednesday, July 14th</b> 9:00 AM Summer Program
<b>Monday, July 12th</b> 9:00 AM Summer Program 10:00 AM Legion of Mary 6:30 PM Protecting God's Children	<b>Thursday, July 15th</b> 9:00 AM Summer Program
<b>Tuesday, July 13th</b> 9:00 AM Summer Program 2:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour	<b>Friday, July 16th</b> 9:00 AM Summer Program
	<b>Saturday, July 17th</b> 7:00 AM CMF 10:00 AM HSYM Breakfast Club (At King's)

### ROAD TO THE DIACONATE

**What have you witnessed at Good Samaritan Parish this summer?** After my introductory talk at all of the masses, I was given the opportunity to greet all of those in attendance as they exited the two churches. As you might imagine, the demographical differences between SSJP and this parish are significant. I am learning how these differences effect the programs that are offered and the services that the parish provides.

### GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. The celebration will begin with a mass at St. Paul Cathedral on **October 3, 2010, at 3:00 PM**. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 50th anniversary any time during 2010 and would be interested in attending this joyous event, please call the office or drop a note in the collection basket no later than **August 8, 2010**. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

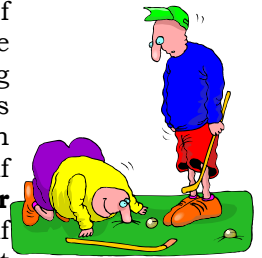
### MASS CHANGE ON JULY 30TH

Our regular Friday morning mass at **9:00 AM on July 30th** has been **changed to 11:00 AM**, so that our youth from Vacation Bible School can participate too! Please make a note of it in your calendar.

**JOIN US ON FOR THE MEN'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT 12:00 NOON TODAY IN THE HALL!**

### THE GOLF COMMITTEE WANTS YOUR HOUSE

Well...not really, but the golf committee is hoping that some parishioners will consider donating either a weekend or a week's stay as an auction item this year. You can control dates and times. The golf outing is scheduled for **September 10th** at Cranberry Highlands Golf Course. Golfers are urged to get their applications sent in as soon as possible. Payment is required for confirmation. Please consider being a family sponsor or donating tickets, gifts or gift cards. We package a variety of items for auction items. If you work for a company that would be willing to donate Steelers, Pirates or Pens tickets...that would be GREAT! Fr. Mac has reminded us that he still needs money for the building fund...so...HELP! If you have any questions, please contact Bill or Rosemary at [rpg@consolidated.net](mailto:rpg@consolidated.net) or 724-933-0285.



### PARISH COOKBOOK ORDER

Orders for the parish cookbook will be taken after all Masses **July 17th through August 8th**. The book features full-color photos of our new church, a history of the church and its artifacts, and over 1,000 recipes from parishioners. The discounted price during the pre-sale event is \$20.



## **OUTREACH**

**Senior Connection Workdays have opportunities for service, including the following dates:** Saturday's, July 31st, September 11th, and October 23rd. Reserve your place by calling Sally Kraynik at 724-935-1991 or Lynn Cook at 724-935-7414.

**Food Bank Workdays:** Saturday's, August 14th, October 9th and December 11th. To become a Food Bank volunteer, please call Bill Cotter at 724-934-2284.

**Food Bank "item of the month"** for July is pasta and spaghetti sauce 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
- Respect Life.....Joy Allen-(412) 741-1106
- Outreach Committee.....Owen Dwyer-(724) 935-6865

# FAITH FORMATION

## CATECHISTS & AIDES NEEDED



Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you as a Catechist/Co-Catechist. Call Kate ASAP at 724-935-2104, x-23, to volunteer.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
------------	------------	-------------

### **Weekly Catechists Needed:**

3rd Grade	Monday	4:30—6:00 PM
4th Grade	Monday	4:30—6:00 PM
5th Grade	Tuesday	6:30—8:00 PM
2nd Grade	Wednesday	4:30—6:00 PM
3rd Grade	Wednesday	4:30—6:00 PM
4th Grade	Wednesday	6:30—8:00 PM
5th grade	Wednesday	6:30—8:00 PM

### **Weekly Co-Catechist Needed:**

5th Grade	Monday	4:30—6:00 PM
4th Grade	Wednesday	4:30—6:00 PM

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY GATHERING

Join the new Downtown Pittsburgh Catholic Young Professionals for dinner and a FREE movie! The group will meet in the lobby of Max & Erma's, Stanwix Street, on **July 14th at 5:45 PM**. Then, they will head to Schenley Park to watch The Soloist on Flagstaff Hill at dusk. Please RSVP for dinner by contacting Christina at [yampgh@diopitt.org](mailto:yampgh@diopitt.org).

## GOOD SHEPHERD "COME AND SEE" FOR ADULTS

St. John Neumann will host the fourth and final segment of a course for Level I Good Shepherd Catechists that has been taking place this summer in our diocese. The course will meet in Conference Room A from **9:00 AM - 4:00 PM on August 9th - 11th**. Any interested catechists or adults are welcome to "come and see" for a day or all three days! The following topics will be presented: Liturgical Year—Lent, Easter & Pentecost. Please contact Barbara Matera at 412-366-5885, x-18, if you plan to attend.



## GOOD SHEPHERD MATERIALS WORKSHOP

Good Shepherd catechists, aides, and parents are invited to make materials for the coming year on Tuesday evening, **July 13th from 8:00—10:30 PM** at St. John Neumann Parish. Come join us for one of our "pizza" sessions and get to know the materials the children use and some new people. RSVP to Barbara Matera at 412-366-5885, x-18.

\*\*\*\*\*

**NEXT FAITH SHARING BOOK CLUB MEETING  
AUGUST 26th AT 8:15 PM AT BELLA FRUTETTA  
RESTAURANT**



Kate — [kbianco@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:kbianco@stsjohnandpaul.org)

Kathy — [kmasters@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:kmasters@stsjohnandpaul.org)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH BUILDERS

Attention Summer Program and Middle School Home Study Students! The new Faith Builder list is now available on the parish website and next to the bulletin board across from Room 8. Register TODAY for the Catholic Vision of Love Retreats. This curriculum is REQUIRED and is worth TWO credits. The CVOL Home Study model can be completed with a parent any time during the year and is worth one credit. Detailed instructions for accessing the home study material is available by request. Questions? Call Kathy at x-36.

## HEAD START BOOKS

Family Program and Middle School Home Study Head Start books that were not picked up are now in the alcove by the parish offices. The box of remaining books is on the floor. Please stop by during business hours during the week or after Mass this weekend to get your child's book! Students may begin submitting chapter reviews immediately. Take advantage of these summer months and work ahead...you'll be glad you did!



## MARANATHA REQUESTS

Do you know a Missionary? Or have you traveled to Latin America/Mexico to work as a missionary? Please contact Annie McKenna if you are interested in sharing your experience with our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in the Missionary of Charity class! Also, the following **donations** are needed for crafts or to help us decorate our themed rooms: Pony beads for sacrifice beads; white sheets (king/queen, flat only); electric tea lights; religious stickers; prayer or holy cards; and nativity sets. Please drop off the items upstairs in the Education Building.

## MARANATHA DETAILS

- VBS Classes from **July 26th - 30th from 8:45 AM - 12:00 Noon**
- Volunteer Meeting: **Tuesday, July 20th, 7:30 - 9:00 PM**
- Decorate: **Friday, July 23rd, 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM** and **Saturday, July 24th, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**. Teens wanting to help decorate are more than welcome!
- Pick up t-shirts after masses on **July 24th - 25th**
- All parishioners are welcome to Maranatha Closing mass, **Friday, July 30th at 11:00 AM**. Welcome Fr. Dennis Yurochko from St Paul's Seminary as our special guest!
- Contact Annie McKenna at 412-366-5342 or email her at [mckennas97@yahoo.com](mailto:mckennas97@yahoo.com) with questions.



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

Visit us at [stsjohnandpaul.org](http://stsjohnandpaul.org). Go to Faith Formation, then click on "High School." Contact Hayley at 724-935-2104, x-28, [hdeschamps@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:hdeschamps@stsjohnandpaul.org).

### LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Thanks to everyone for your prayers and support! After a total of 18 hours in a two-day period, we arrived at

Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. Words can hardly describe the abundant blessings that were poured out upon us in the Sacraments, sessions, silence, praise, worship and parish time. We learned that leadership is not about telling others what to do, but being the first to do it. By our union with Christ, witness of good works, and charitable spreading of the Gospel, we know we will lead others to God, which is the goal for each of us. Through the Leadership Conference, we not only learned all of these things, but we've been empowered to live it. Truly, we can't thank you enough for making this experience possible. Be assured we will put all we received and learned to good use in our families, parish, and community. Please, continue your prayer support for us and all the youth of the parish. May God bless you!

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Connection — Saturday's July 31st, September 11th, and October 23rd

Food Bank, Produce to People — **\*\*New Dates: Saturday, July 24th\*\***

Also, August 14th, October 9th, and December 11th.

Spring/Summer Faith Formation Volunteer Opportunities:

- Vacation Bible School Volunteer  
- "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.

### DEADLINES!!!



Catholic Heart Workcamp, July 18th-24th;  
FINAL PAYMENT: \$125.00, past due.

### A LOOK AHEAD AT THE REST OF THE SUMMER



Breakfast Club—Missing your friends this summer? Come to Kings Restaurant near T-Bones, July 17th, 24th, and August 7th at 10:00 AM

Cedar Point—**DATE CHANGE:** July 31st - August 1st

Friday Mass & Bonfire—August 6th, 8:00 PM Mass and bonfire to follow

Theology of the Body—August 8th, 12:30 PM

## COURTESY NOTES

JULY 23rd—31st HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL FAMILY PLANING (NFP) AWARENESS WEEK. NFP is the term that indicates methods of achieving or avoiding pregnancy that are in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church. Unlike the "Calendar Rhythm Method" of birth control, modern NFP methods are highly reliable, cost effective, and have no harmful chemical or medical side effects. They can be used at any stage of a couple's reproductive health. For more information and a schedule of classes available in our area, visit the diocesan web page, [www.diopitt.org/education/nfp.htm](http://www.diopitt.org/education/nfp.htm), or call 412-456-3160.

JOIN OUR FAMILY, ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL, and grow spiritually, academically, and socially with us. We are now accepting registrations for pre-K through 8th grade. Tuition assistance is available. For more information, please visit our school and teacher websites at [stjosephschool.info](http://stjosephschool.info).

ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT DEEPENING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST? A silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius may be what you are looking for. Gilmary Retreat Center, five minutes from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, is offering a silent retreat for women from **July 23rd - 25th**. Visit the Gilmary website at [www.gilmarycenter.org](http://www.gilmarycenter.org) for information or call 412-264-8400. The deadline to register is **Tuesday, July 20th**.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL RAFFLE TICKET BENEFITS SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SETON HILL — Tickets are now available for the Back-to School Cash raffle ticket sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. For a donation of \$10, the ticket provides 26 chances to win from \$100 to \$1,500 during the month of September. Only 1,000 tickets are available. Tickets are available by calling 412-243-4651, x-644. All tickets and money must be returned to the Sisters of Charity by **August 27th**.