

Pastor's Notes

The area of the yard between the parking lot and Unity Center Road is not part of the new driveway. We're still waiting on a permit for that project.

The excavated area is for our new Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Garden. When we began our GOD FIRST initiative last year the Gentile Mastery of Jesus, as found in the Gospel of Matthew, was our focus.



"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light." Matthew 11:28-30

The Sacred Heart of Jesus does just that. It removes heavy burdens that keep us from understanding and living the Word of God, and from coming to know more intimately the God who loves us above all else. It gives us peace.

"Come to me all of you...in all things, in all ways, in all of life. My Sacred Heart is the hidden ground of love, of 'being', and not separated from life. It is in all things at all times."

Our accepting all that is of the Sacred Heart moves us into an awareness of our lives grounded in the love of God, the presence of God no longer hidden.

The Sacred Heart is

- Jesus' oneness with the Father;
- Jesus' love, which is of the Father;
- Jesus' giving, which is of the Father;
- Jesus' call to us, which is of the Father.'

All that is of the Father is found in union with us through the love of the Sacred Heart. It calls us to recognize

Perfect Love
 Perfected Love
 Perfect Oneness
 Perfect Gift
 Perfect Spirit
 Perfect Life

All these in Perfect Union for the person of faith. The will of the Father and the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ desire this for us, give this to us, empower us through this.

The garden will have:

- two concrete walks leading to a circular surround.
- The statue itself will be on a pedestal and will total

approximately nine feet in height.

- Three benches will be placed on the walk surround or in the yard.
- It will be handicap accessible
- Shrubs will be planted along the walks and trees will be positioned to provide somewhat of a backdrop to the statue, and also create a semi-secluded area for quiet prayer and meditation.
- The statue will face Unity Center Road and will be lit at night. Positioning the statue to face the road will provide a welcome to all who go by, with the arms of Jesus extended, ready to embrace, inviting.

As the days of October pass by, we can take to prayer the many issues calling us to understand the need to Respect Life (this is Respect Life Month).

There are always the concerns centered around our choosing life over abortion, but other issues concerning our respect of life include euthanasia, the death penalty and capital punishment, pornography, just wage, sweat shops and improper use of the labor force, injustices to minorities, immigration, discrimination and prejudice, health related concerns, and many more.



Many of these cross over into the broader spectrum of Social Justice Awareness. But they demand our attention, as the right choice concerning each of these shows vividly whether we are living the gospel in its fullness, or have determined that we can pick and choose our beliefs. And all of it, for those sharing our Catholic faith, is a global concern.

A Social Justice Committee's responsibility would be to bring these issues to the forefront whenever possible. If you're interested in helping to form this committee, contact Sr. Janet or myself soon.

The Church is the Church is the Church. It doesn't matter whether it is here or in Albany Georgia, the same God is present. And the people respond to the call of God the same — well or not so well, as gift or as requirement.

But talk about constraints. The next closest Catholic church was 45 miles away.

I was in Georgia to witness a cousin's wedding. It was a great weekend — the wedding was wonderful, Georgia and Georgia Tech both lost and Notre Dame finally won. There wasn't much football discussed after Saturday afternoon.

Thanks to Mary Ellen Bodnar and Juan Ibarra for their witness talks concerning the power of a retreat, and their encouragement for everyone to share this special time with our God. Fourteen men took the opportunity to find that one-on-one time with God last weekend.

Love and prayers,
 Fr. Tom

A Great Day is Coming

Next Sunday, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, calls every Catholic to celebrate, at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionary and to help the Missions.



As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us: *Pray* for the Church's worldwide mission—*Offer Financial Help through the Propagation of the Faith* for more than 1,150 diocese in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

Offertory Report

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2007

Sunday collection	\$12,385
Needed for Budget	\$12,762
Over/Under	\$ -380
Capital Improvement	\$ 1,089

Second Collection

World Mission Sunday, October 20/21

May God Bless Our Faithful Parishioners

7th And 8th GRADE PARENT MEETING

"Parents are the first and foremost teachers of their children especially when dealing with religion and faith formation." On Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00PM there will be a meeting for all parents of seventh graders in the school cafeteria dealing with this years School/CCD religion curriculum and preparation for next years reception of Confirmation. Also on Wednesday, October 17th at 7:45 PM there will be a meeting for all parents of eighth graders in the school cafeteria dealing with this years School/CCD religion curriculum and this years reception of Confirmation. Sacramental prep is a two-year program.



PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM



St John the Baptist parish will be conducting a One-Day Pre-Cana Program on Saturday, November 3rd beginning at 9:30 AM. This program meets all the Diocesan requirements for engaged couples. Any couple wishing further information or who would like to register can do so by calling Mrs. Tarr 412 795-6376. Registration is a must. Call soon as this program fills up quickly.

Staff Meeting — Tuesday

If you need a member of the staff on Tuesday, please call before noon as we have our monthly staff meeting this day. A receptionist will be at the front desk.



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY HAYWARD!

Hayward Markham is that faithful, loyal servant of God who has blessed us in many ways over the years.

This day is special to all of us! God bless you Hayward!

Readings for the Week of October 14

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13,16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



This week

Sunday, October 14, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. RCIA Rite of Acceptance - church
- 10:00 a.m. RCIA Reception - annex
- 10:00 a.m. RCIA Continuing Mystagogy - convent
- 10:15 a.m. Baptism Preparation - rectory living room
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy - annex classroom
- 7:30 p.m. Sr. Youth Ministry - convent

Monday, October 15

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool pictures - annex
- 5:00 p.m. CCD - education center
- 6:30 p.m. CCD - education center

Tuesday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool pictures - annex
- 9:45 a.m. Mom's Group - convent
- 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting - RMR
- 4:30 p.m. CCD - education center
- 6:30 p.m. CCD - education center
- 7:00 p.m. J.O.B. - annex

Wednesday, October 17

- 9:00 a.m. PTG Officers - RMR
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Band practice - church
- 7:00 p.m. Parents/7th graders Confirmation prep cafeteria
- 7:45 p.m. Parents/8th graders Confirmation prep cafeteria

Thursday, October 18

- 3:45 p.m. Jr. Choir - church
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts - annex
- 6:30 p.m. Webelos - cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. Bereavement - convent
- 7:00 p.m. Cantors - church
- 7:30 p.m. Choir - church
- 7:45 p.m. Scouts - cafeteria

Friday, October 19

Saturday, October 20

- 9:00 a.m. Market Day pick-up - cafeteria
- 9:00 a.m. Parish Work Day
- 9:00 a.m. 7th/8th Graders Service Day
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. Youth Ministry Haunted House

Sunday, October 21

- 9:00 a.m. RCIA Catechumenate - RMR
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy - annex
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 4:00 p.m. Choir Fest - St. Anselms
- 6:00 p.m. Pack meeting - cafeteria

CHOIR FEST
SUNDAY – OCTOBER 21 – 4:00 PM
St. Anselm Church, (Word of God Parish)

Please join us at 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of excellent music with over 200 musicians from the following churches: Good Shepherd, Incarnation, Madonna del Castello, St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, St. Maurice, St. Robert Bellarmine and Word of God. *For more information, call 412-241-1372*



Pro Life Conference

Plan now to attend

Register now for Pennsylvania's premiere pro-life event!



Come to the 2007 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Conference, Saturday, November 3rd at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree. The conference will feature Gianna Jessen, a Christian singer who miraculously survived a doctor's attempt to abort her. The theme for the conference is *Reaching Out for Life*. Michael Clancy, a photojournalist who snapped the famous picture of Baby Samuel reaching out from his mother's womb, will be featured, along with experts in adult stem cell transplants, Generation Y pro-life advocacy, healing for post-abortive women, and pro-life media and legislative action. Pro-life adults and students won't want to miss this outstanding pro-life event. For more details or to register, visit www.paprolife.org or call the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation at 717-541-0034.

JOY OF BELONGING
J.O.B. MEETING

The monthly meeting of J.O.B., our parish grief support group, will be held Tuesday, October 16th in the Annex beginning at 7:00 p.m. The group welcomes especially those grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information you may call Shirley Ashley at 412-793-0911 or Sister Janet at 412-793-4511.



Bereavement Support Group

If you are experiencing the loss of a loved-one, consider coming to St. Johns Bereavement Support Group on Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 PM in the convent. If you are interested in coming, please call Sr. Janet at 412 793 4511.



Being with others who have gone through the same thing can be very comforting. Others who are grieving know that it takes time---that you can't just get over it. You need to tell your story and be listened to. Join us and hopefully you will find comfort through the help of others.

NEED HELP WITH YARD-WORK?

PARISHIONERS

If you are in need, or know somebody that may need yard work done, please do not hesitate to call the Religious Education Office 412-795-6376. We'll need to have an idea of exactly what needs to be done and the size of the yard so sufficient help is sent to have the work completed in three hours. This costs you nothing — it is service and caring given freely.



NEXT SATURDAY October 20th our confirmation



students will be going out into the community and helping individuals who have difficulty caring for their property. They will be providing yard-work for those who may not be able to trim hedges, pull weeds, cut the grass, outdoor housework, etc. It is all outdoor work!

CCD NEWS

Your help is needed.... We are currently looking for substitute teachers for any of the time slots for CCD. If you are willing to be on-call for a particular time to help out, please call Mrs. Tarr with your name and number. She sure could use the help.

**Religious Education Office is in Need Of
 POCKETED FOLDERS**

Someone's trash can be another person's treasure. The Religious Education office is looking for pocketed folders. These can be company folders that have been misprinted or have changed by logo or address. If your employer is throwing these items into the trash, the CCD office would like to be able to catch a few boxes. Call Mrs. Tarr if you have any questions.

Important Date for ALL 7th Grade Students

You'll receive information in class concerning these dates and what is necessary for you to bring.

Saturday, November 17 — 5:00PM Mass

Declaration of Intention concerning your desire for Confirmation. This helps us remember that two years of structured preparation are needed according to diocesan guidelines. A lifetime is really needed!



Mom's Group

Mom's and their children (up to three years old) meet every Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. in the convent. The children play together while the Mom's talk about Christian motherhood in a relaxed setting. Coffee and snacks are provided. For more info, call Patty Messina at 412-798-2818.

Attention Parents

Special Preschool Speaker

Not for Preschool parents only

If you are interested in gaining more knowledge on the behavior management of your child/children, plan to attend our Parents' Meeting on Wednesday, October 24 in the annex. You may join us at either 10:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. when Karen Schafer, Developmental Behavior Specialist, will be our guest speaker. She will give a presentation on "Behavior Management" that may give you more insight for improving your role as a parent.



Please don't let this opportunity pass you by. If you would like to invite a friend, neighbor, Grandma or Grandpap they would be more than welcome. Baby sitting is available and refreshments are served. Hope to see you there,
Anna Mae Newmaster, Preschool Director



SJBS Market Day Pick-up
Saturday, October 20th
from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
cafeteria

THANK YOU

From SJBS Sewing Class

The Junior High students taking the sewing class would like to extend their warmest "thank you" to all the parishioners and friends that have generously donated sewing machines and supplies. The girls have learned how to do hand sewing, add buttons, and are currently working on pillow shams. Their first big project will be backpacks and also plan to make a simple skirt or shorts if time permits.

The machines work well and the supplies, especially the beautiful fabrics, have made the class possible. Everyone is having a great time learning a needed skill and being creative.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior Youth

- "What's so special about you?" Join us TONIGHT from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the youth room as we talk about all the best things about you! Bring your friends! good food, good friends and good times! Don't miss it!



- Are you ready for our Haunted House? Permission forms are due tonight for our Haunted House trip next Saturday, Oct 20th. Permission forms are available on the website.

- Are you a natural born leader? Have you always wanted to be one? Plan on attending the Leadership Forum presented by Nationally known singer, comedienne and speaker Chris Padgett on Saturday, October 27th from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at North American Martyrs. Turn in your permission forms tonight! The event is free and includes lunch and Mass.

Junior Youth

- Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th graders! Looking for something exciting to do with your friends on a Friday Night? Want to meet new and exciting people from all over the area? Then join us for the Annual Middle School Faith Rally on Friday, October 26 at Seton LaSalle High School-we will be leaving St. Johns at 5:45 p.m. by bus. The night will be filled with music, dancing, faith witness, and Fun, Fun, Fun! For more information contact Christie at sjbyouth@comcast.net Permission forms and \$10 registration fee are due by October 20th and can be returned to the CCD office or school office. More forms are available on the parish website.



7th graders-don't forget that this is a required Confirmation Prep event!

St. John the Baptist School PTG GRAND BINGO

Sunday, November 4 — 2:30 p.m. (doors open at 2:00 p.m.) in the school cafeteria.

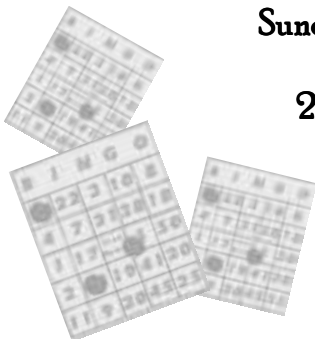
The cost is \$25 per ticket and includes:

20 games of regular bingo, 5 specials, 1 door prize and one Jackpot bingo of \$500.

You may purchase extra bingo cards, 50/50 tickets, instant bingo tickets, food and beverages.

Please call Chris Voss at 724-337-7224 or Tina Walcutt at 724-327-7434 for tickets.

Tickets are available after the 5 pm, 9am, 10:30 am, and 12 Noon Masses starting today.



St. Paul of the Cross Women's Retreat
is custom made for you:

take a walk—attend any of the very helpful talks—
have your own room or share with a friend.
Whatever your need may be—the time is yours!
A spiritual weekend will
refresh you, make you stronger, more peace-filled.

The suggested offering is \$165.00 for Friday evening through
Sunday afternoon. If this is not possible for you, you give
what you can. Talk to the promoters ,or Fr. Tom for more
information about the cost.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND:
"You Alone Are My God"

November 2-4, 2007

Parish Promoter: Lisa Noca — 412-826-8888

Parish Promoter: Linda Scott — 412-793-9391

REGISTRATION PAMPHLETS
ARE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE

Note: Finances are never an issue concerning these retreats.
Scholarships are available for those who are in need. Simply
contact Fr. Tom. You do not need to tell the receptionist
anything. Everything is confidential. And give thanks to God!

2008 Mass Requests

On Thursday, November 1st we will begin taking Mass
requests. Mass forms will be available in the bulletin in the
following two weeks. Additional forms will be
available at the rectory. Before filling out the
form, please read the guidelines on the back.
**Please understand that we cannot take any
request before Thursday, November 1st.**

Please note: stipend for Mass is \$10.00, flowers \$40,
sanctuary candle/Advent candle \$10. We do not take flower
requests during Lent or Advent.



Around the Diocese

A Catholic Workshop on Infertility: Signs of Light and Hope—

On October 20, the Diocese of Pittsburgh is hosting a workshop
addressing the issues of infertility and reproductive technology, and
their impact on the family, both spiritually and physically. Guest
speakers include Dr. Kevin Miller, professor at Franciscan
University of Steubenville; Fr. John Skirtich, pastor of St. Maurice
Parish in Forest Hills; Dr. Eileen Kummant, a family practice
physician; and two couples who have struggled with infertility.

All are welcome to attend the conference at St. Paul Seminary
from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. A donation of \$20 per person or \$30 per
couple is requested to cover the cost of breakfast, lunch, and
materials. For a registration form, call 412-456-3157.

St. Bernadette Ladies Guild/Christian Mothers invite you to
attend their annual Card Party/Gourmet Salad Bar on Saturday,

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All For YOU!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!

On **Monday, November 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.**, Fr. Carmen D'Amico, pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Parish in the Hill District will offer a reflection on Ministry as Service to the community. This presentation is sure to enhance the spiritual and faith formation of all parish ministers, and thus it is an evening not to be missed!



The invitation to this evening is for all parish liturgical ministers – ushers, greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, cantors, and choir members. Of course, all parish members may also attend.

Please mark you calendars now so that you are certain to attend. The presentation will be held in the church on Mon., Nov. 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

All parishioners — especially those now considering a liturgical role supporting the parish — are invited.

St. John the Baptist Town Hall Meeting
Monday, October 22 — 7:00PM

Mark your calendar and plan to learn the strategies necessary for our moving forward.

Our parish plan will begin taking shape at this time.

There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions addressing your concerns.

Birthright of Pittsburgh

Birthright of Pittsburgh, the city's first pro-life organization, is offering new volunteer training and orientation sessions on October 13 and 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Birthright office. Volunteers are needed for clients, sorting baby cloths, special projects etc. Show your commitment to the unborn—Call 412-621-1988.

October 20 beginning at Noon at Biedenbach Hall, Saint Bernadette Parish, Tickets are \$9.00 each. For tickets or more information, call Catherine at 412-793-2553 or Susan at 412-793-5725.

The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program provides transportation to cancer patients who may not otherwise have a ride to and from treatment. If you know of someone who would benefit from this program, please refer them to the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345. If you would have sometime to volunteer to drive a patient to and/or from treatment, please call the American Cancer Society at 412-919-1116. Thank you.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association will sponsor an ALL SOULS PRAYER SERVICE at our Diocesan Cemeteries on Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome. Check the Pittsburgh Catholic for specific locations.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time(10/14)

- 5:00 p.m. For the Living and Deceased of the Parish
- 7:30 a.m. Frank Yearm (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Tommy McBride (Madelyn Schaffer)
- 10:30 a.m. Matilda E. Elk (Husband and Children)
- 12:00 p.m. Cecilia Stecz (Family)

MONDAY - Teresa of Jesus, virgin/doctor (10/15)

- 7:00 a.m. Tom Colosmo (Noca Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Adam (Buddy) Kicko
(wife, Helen and son, Edward)

TUESDAY - Hedwig, religious (10/16)

- 7:00 a.m. Thomas Meany (Micky and Katie Horvat Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Gratz and Loidl Families
(Ron and Judy)

WEDNESDAY - Ignatius of Antioch, bishop (10/17)

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Kurimsky (Nick and Peggy Erro)
- 9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
Rosary Society
- 9:30 a.m. Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

THURSDAY - Luke, evangelist (10/18)

- 7:00 a.m. Catherine Susan (The Hobson Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Gerald Ioli, Sr. (Bob and Jeannette Reibert)

FRIDAY - John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues/companions(10/19)

- 7:00 a.m. Robert Gawinske (Alan Pate Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Spak (M/M John Izzo)
- 4:30 p.m. Amber DiFrank and Nicholas, nuptials

SATURDAY - Paul of the Cross (10/20)

- 9:00 a.m. Patricia Duschl (Family)

SUNDAY - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time(10/21)

- 5:00 p.m. Dolores M. Aschenbrenner (Children)
- 7:30 a.m. For the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Estelle Daugherty (Family)
- 10:30 a.m. Robert J. Pattison (Joan Auth)
- 12:00 p.m. Frances P. Ferragonio, Sr.
(wife, Madeline and Family)

Parish Mission Statement

Saint John the Baptist Parish is located in Plum Borough, Pennsylvania and is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

As a faith community, we strive to imitate our patron Saint John the Baptist who led others to Christ. We are committed to keeping our faith alive and growing through prayer, sacraments, faith formation and service. Through evangelization and stewardship we encourage full and active participation of all members.

We hope to reflect the life and love of Christ by strengthening the faith of our parishioners while reaching out to all God's people.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us!

Banns of Marriage

III Amber DiFrank and Nicholas Yon

Rest In Peace

Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of the dearly departed, especially: **Eileen Lape**, sister of Alice Falkowski.

Praying for the Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are in the hospital or at home and requesting our prayers: Edward Habjan, William Duffy, Maribeth (Cherok) Chessey, Paul Arndt, Dolores Burns, Veronica Sacsek, Rachael Faas, Raymond Milleman, Evelyn Komisak, Matthew Smith, Sally Ann Dominkus, Emma Davis, Sr. Janet, Mary Svoboda, John Hicks, Anthony DiBello, Hank Cacciamani, Betty Telles and John Truxal.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

Hail Mary, full of with you. Blessed women and your womb, Jesus. of God, pray for



grace, the Lord is are you among blessed is the fruit of Holy Mary, Mother us sinners, now and

Pray for the Following Seminarians

David G. Rombold and Charles M Scheerbaum

Saint Paul Seminary
2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

The seminarians enjoy hearing from our parishioners and are grateful for all prayers.

VOCATION CROSS

Please join the Tuskan family in prayer this week as they display the Vocation Cross in their home and pray for Religious Vocations. Parishioners interested in hosting the Vocations Cross in their home may call Suzy Adamonis at 412-793-6110.



Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, you have blessed me with many gifts and talents, fill me with your grace that I may know how to use them for the glory of our name. Jesus call, "Come follow me." I want to follow him and be faithful to my call. Help me to see in myself what you see and give me the courage to follow wherever you may lead. Bless the Church of Pittsburgh with giving hearts to serve your people and spread you Word whether as a priest, religious or lay minister. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.