

Alleluia! He Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Pastor's Notes

A Blessed and Holy Easter To All!

May this day be one filled with the presence of our Risen Lord in new and wonderful ways for all we meet. And may the Life of Christ, now shared with us, become what we share first with those we love.

Now what do I do? The greatest week of the year, what a friend calls "Your Time" is completed. Holy Week has come to a conclusion with our celebration of Easter. (And the taxes got done on time.) So now what?

The staff heard me ask that question rhetorically and took it seriously. So they asked for the Monday off. Like most parish staffs they got their wish.

But what about you and me?



Well, there's the whole of the Easter Season. The Solemnity of Easter is far too important to let it end after one day. No, we are now like the Apostles and believers who prayed for the promise of Jesus to be fulfilled.

"I am going to my Father and your Father...but then I will send you the Holy Spirit..."

We now look to Pentecost so we can realize that the promise of Jesus has been fulfilled—and is being fulfilled in the life of every believer who daily trusts in the Lord. That death on the cross and resurrection were not simply historical activities for non-believers to question. They are life-giving events for you and I, believers in the new life won for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. **Jesus has conquered Satan! The death of sin is no match for the one who believes, that is lives the life of Jesus Christ!**

Look to Pentecost! Remember the faith being confirmed through Confirmation. Oh, you were like me not so sure about your faith and what it meant, and of



having a personal relationship with God back in grade school, too young for deep meaning. Well now's as good a time as any to change that childlike mentality and understanding.

Is it time for the adult understanding of the Holy Spirit alive within our lives?

That's exactly why St. John's will be conducting a **"Life in the Spirit Seminar"** leading to participants receiving a **"Baptism In The Spirit."** The "Baptism In The Spirit" is an opening to the gifts of the Holy Spirit first received when baptized, but now seen by the believer in a much greater capacity — within self.

Complete information and dates concerning the **"Life in the Spirit Seminar"** and **"Baptism in the Spirit"** can be found on the gold insert of today's bulletin. The power of the Holy Spirit, which overcame the Apostles and believers in that upper room, comes to us who are open to greater prayer, greater unity with our God, and a stronger faith that affirms what Jesus tells us:

"With faith, you will do much greater signs and wonders than these."

Please be mindful: We will be celebrating First Communions of our second grade students during the 5:00PM and 11:00AM Masses for the next month. It won't add much time to the Mass, but will allow us, as a strong Christian community, to provide support to these young ones and their families.



Congratulations to Ben Campbell who was baptized into the life of our Savior, and who with Michael Dell, and Jennine and Shelley Revilla, were confirmed and came to the Lord's table of the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations to all of you. May the Spirit of God continue to bless and strengthen your desire for God's love in all your days.

**He is Risen!
Indeed, He is Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Love and prayers,
Fr. Tom

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Easter is the greatest even in human history. Without Christ offering the First Fruits of Salvation, we would not have Hope in our world. Please think about this and pray about this during the coming week. Alleluia! The Finance Council

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS

Sunday, May 1—7:00PM



A Service of Light, the prayer of psalms, scripture, and prayers provide the perfect opportunity to be filled with joy.

Jesus met his apostles and believers following his resurrection with the greeting "Peace be with you."

That same peace is extended to us in the evening of a busy day when we come together with faith renewed.



24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 6

Adoration and private prayer begin following the 9:00AM Mass Friday and end Saturday at 8:45AM. prior to morning mass.

The gift of time spent with the Lord affords us the opportunity to know Jesus' promise, "I am with you always." It is Easter joy. Please sign up if possible so we can be assured that all times are covered.

Mom's Group—Tuesdays and Thursdays

Mothers of infants to three year olds...

St. John's Mom's Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the convent. Mom's with children ages infants to three years old are welcome to join us. The children play together and the mothers enjoy each others company. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join us.



Women's Small Faith Group

Wednesday, April 27

9:30 AM — Rectory Meeting Room

Would you like to have a clearer understanding of the Sunday readings? Join us on Wednesday morning when we read and discuss the Word of God and discover how Scripture is relevant in our everyday life. All women are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Nancy at 412-795-4834.



Readings for the Week of April 24

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a,37-43/1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
- Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



Offertory Collections 2011

April 17 Offertory	\$ 11,356
Weekly Goal	\$ 12, 437
Year to Date Offertory	\$466,176
Fiscal Year Goal	\$646,724

Parish Share 2010

389 Responses \$60,401 Collected

Second Collection

Capital Improvement, April 30/May1

PLANNING YOUR GARDENS?

Let St. John's Garden Club Help You!

THE ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

IS MAY 22

Order forms will be in next week's bulletin



The Office is Closed on Easter Monday, April 25

This Week

Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011

Office Closed

Monday, April 25

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 26

- 10:00 a.m. Mom's Group - convent
- 11:30 a.m. Preschool Para-liturgy - church
- 6:30 p.m. First Holy Communion practice - church
- 7:00 p.m. First Holy Communion practice - church

Wednesday, April 27

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Small Faith - rmr
- 11:30 a.m. Preschool Para-liturgy - church
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - rmr

Thursday, April 28

- 9:00 a.m. Festival Raffle Mailing - rmr
- 10:00 a.m. Mom's Group - convent
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies of Charity - annex
- 3:00 p.m. School Cantors - church
- 3:30 p.m. Junior Choir - church
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts - cafeteria
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts - annex

Friday, April 29

- 4:30 p.m. Scouts - cafeteria

Saturday, April 30

- 9:00 a.m. Pre Cana - annex
- 10:00 a.m. Hockey Shoot Out - parking lot

Sunday, May 1

- 10:00 a.m. RCIA Mystagogy - rmr
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Youth Ministry - convent
- 7:00 p.m. Vespers

"Catholics Come Home"

By the resurrection of our Lord on that first Easter morning everything changed. Humanity was given a new beginning and a new hope. If you, or someone you know, has been away from the Catholic Church, please know that the very same Risen Lord longs for you to receive His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and His Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. We invite you to visit www.catholicscomehome.org and to contact Ronald Donatelli at 412-793-0388 or via email at Rondon216@aol.com. He will help you with any questions you have about returning to the Church.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"The Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love"

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

7:00 p.m. in the rectory meeting room



Faith... We believe because of the authority of God who reveals. Our response is a gift of his grace. We must remain steadfast in faith to see God.

Hope... We hope in God's promise of a share in his glory in Heaven. God's promises are trustworthy. Hope offers to us authentic joy and true courage, and sustains us in times of trial.

Love... Love is the essence of the inner life of the Trinity. It is the soul of holiness and the basis upon which we will be judged. In Heaven, the faithful will live in the joy of perfect love.

Have Questions?..... Get Answers!

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? The fact is, many people do but they may not know where to find the answers or are reluctant to take that first step. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at St. John the Baptist is here to help answer any questions you may have about the Catholic faith. If you are not baptized, baptized in another Christian tradition or baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, we would like to hear from you. Just give Ronald Donatelli a call at 412-793-1617 ext. 260 or send an email at Rondon216@aol.com. You may also visit the RCIA page on our parish website or pick up a brochure at any church entrance.



Ladies of Charity

Ladies of Charity will meet on Thursday, April 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the annex. This will be the last meeting and the May Picnic Luncheon will be the last get together until fall. Please come and join us and see what wonderful projects we are involved in.

We are still in need of fleece material for our newest project, lap robes for our shut-ins. Any color or designed fleece that you could donate will be greatly appreciated. Please drop it off at the rectory by May 15th. We will be working on them at our May Picnic Luncheon. New members are always welcome.



Art Auction — May 14, 2011



St. John the Baptist Parish is sponsoring an Art Auction at 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 2011. This is going to be a fun and entertaining event. In addition to framed art, animation cels, sports memorabilia and collectibles will be offered. Come out to preview and learn about the displayed items while enjoying wine and cheese for \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. You will be able to bid on something perfect for your home or business. You can obtain tickets by sending the flyer, found in the bulletin, with your check or buying tickets after weekend masses on May 1st and 8th.

Thank You

St. John's School community would like to thank the parish family for your support of the Lenten Pasta Dinner and Fish Fry. Your attendance at the dinners, donations of baked goods and volunteer time is truly appreciated.



Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship will meet again on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the annex. Sharing insights, struggles, and perspectives concerning how faith is lived and shared in life, can be challenging — or very rewarding. It depends on the perspective.



Friends, neighbors and relatives are welcome. Refreshments, conversation and inspiration are all part of the morning. Recall the power of the recent Catholic Men's Fellowship diocesan gathering.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND PITTSBURGH!

The Catholic Underground comes to Pittsburgh the Third Saturday of Each Month, at 8:00 p.m. This cultural apostolate has spread from New York City to cities around the U.S. and Europe. Young Adults and Young Professionals (especially those post-college to 40) are welcome from across the Diocese to enjoy solemn praise in a candlelit church and then be treated to an evening of great live music and conversation in a coffeehouse setting. Please join us for this completely Free event at St. Matthew Church (Lawrenceville). For more information go to www.CatholicUndergroundPittsburgh.org.



Senior Youth Ministry



SYM meets on the First and Third Sunday of the month — 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the convent.

- Next SYM meeting is Sunday, May 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- The Spirit of the Lord was upon them - All 8th -12th graders are invited to dinner and healing Mass on Wednesday April 27th. Ever wonder what the Apostles encountered at Pentecost? Come and experience a deepening of the Power of the Holy Spirit. Dinner will be held at 5:30 and Mass starts at 7 pm.
- For Your Glory- A Mission Trip Service Experience will be held August 12-15. All teens entering 9th-12th grade are encouraged to join us. Service opportunities include Habitat for Humanity, Beatitude House (a place for mothers and children and working on an organic farm). The Service Experience will be held at Villa Maria Farm in Villa Maria PA. Cost is \$110 per person, based on four persons to a room. For more information please call Joann. Permission forms and money are due no later than June 1st.
- Moving on Up--- All 8th graders are invited to Senior High Youth Ministry on Sunday May 15th from 7-9 PM.



Please contact Joann Giuffre at 412-793-1617 ext. 261 or aol.com if you have any questions.

PRESCHOOL

We wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter

Monday, April 25

—Easter/spring break NO Preschool

Tuesday, April 26

—Easter Service with
three year olds at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 27

—Easter Service
with Pre-K and four-year-olds at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 4

—Graduation Hats. Please bring scissors, glue gun, stapler and a small ruler. Thank you.



SCHOOL REGISTRATION KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Please call the school for more information
412-795-0555 ext. 235

SJB SCHOOL NEWS



- Tuesday, April 26
—Mass with grades 5-8 at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 27
—Mass with grades 1-4 at 9:00 a.m.

Financial Aid Packets are now available at the school office

LUCKY LOTTERY CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE



Please help to make this fundraiser a success.

Cost: \$25.00. The winning number is determined by the 7:00 p.m. PA Daily Lottery. Proceeds benefit St. John the Baptist School.

Lucky Lottery Winners from April 11 to April 17

Jean Rittmeyer #839, Unsold #188, Unsold #007, Donna Kovach #931, Tricia Panaia #926, Ed Englehardt #045, Jane Siatkosky, #013

2011 Vacation Bible School June 20-24

Can you believe that we are already planning for VBS when all we are hoping for is a warm day above freezing? This year's theme will be "PandaMania – Where God is Wild about You!" VBS will be held from Monday, June 20, 2011 through Friday, June 24, 2011 – 9:00 AM to NOON in the school with a Family Finale on Friday, June 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria. If you are willing and able to help in any way, please call the Religious Education Office; 412-795-6376, we are looking for teachers, session leaders, teacher's aides and crew leaders – people of any age. Registrations will be distributed for the children some time late April.



The Power of School Choice is Within REACH

REACH stands for the Road to Educational Achievement Through Choice. This is the leading grassroots coalition dedicated to parental choice in education in Pennsylvania.

Let your voice be heard. Call, write, fax, email your state senator and state representatives and ask them to support Senate Bill 1. It is easy to do: Go to www.reachaheadpa.org and click contact your legislator. Thank your state senator and representatives who have supported the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) tax credit program, which allows businesses to divert their taxes to non-public schools.

This Bill provides opportunity scholarships to poor parents of students in low-performance schools and increases the educational tax credit program by \$25million.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY—Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord(04/24)

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

For the Living and Deceased of the Parish

MONDAY - in the Octave of Easter (04/25)

9:00 a.m. Joseph Cisar (Family)

TUESDAY - in the Octave of Easter (04/26)

7:00 a.m. Patricia Duschl (Family)

9:00 a.m. Michael J. Kraynak (Family)

WEDNESDAY - in the Octave of Easter (04/27)

7:00 a.m. Margaret O'Toole Dlugonski
(Harry and Judy Haerr)

9:00 a.m. Mary Fry
(Russell and daughters, Heather and Courtney)

9:30 a.m. *Mother of Perpetual Help Novena*

THURSDAY - in the Octave of Easter (04/28)

7:00 a.m. Thomas S. Bertovich (wife, Florence and Children)

9:00 a.m. Mary Beth DeSimone (Mom and Dad)

FRIDAY - in the Octave of Easter (04/29)

7:00 a.m. Nancy Saville (Debbie and Chuck Miller)

9:00 a.m. Carl Hribal (Mr. and Mrs. Don Monteleone)

SATURDAY - in the Octave of Easter (04/30)

9:00 a.m. Tom Connors (Wife and Children)

9:30 a.m. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

5:00 p.m. (*Vigil*) James C. McBride (Madelyn Schaffer)
(*First Holy Communion*)

SUNDAY - Second Sunday Easter (05/01)

7:30 a.m. Kathryn Pavlitsa (The Pavlitsa Family)

9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Nicholas Pagano (Lois Pagano, grandmother)
(*First Holy Communion*)

7:00 p.m. *Vespers*

During the month of May, the Offertory Gifts will be carried to the altar by the children making their First Communion at the 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

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!

Alleluia

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Protecting God's Children Workshops



All adults working with children...

All adults in liturgical ministry...

All adults in parish programs and in programs using parish facilities are required to obtain the proper clearances AND attend the Protecting God's Children Workshop.

This is necessary for anyone 18 or older, and includes Vacation Bible School volunteers.

Protecting God's Children Workshops

North American Martyrs, Monroeville

(2526 Haymaker Road)

Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Donna at 412-349-0942



*Contact Bonny Welch at the rectory office for further details,
Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235*

Please Note: Only one Mass will be celebrated on Easter Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Pray for Seminarians

Jeremy J. Mohler

Second year pre-theology at Saint Paul Seminary

Mark G. Murdoch

*First year college at Saint Paul Seminary
2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205*

The Seminarians like hearing from our parishioners and are grateful for all encouragement and prayers

VOCATION CROSS



Please join the Namachar Family in prayer this week as they display the Vocation Cross in their home to pray for Religious Vocations.

Questions regarding our parish vocation cross may be directed to 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 your name. Jesus called, "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 your Word whether as a priest, religious or lay minister. We ask this in Jesus name, Amen.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**Thank You for a Successful****Pro-Life Seminar**

The Pro-Life Seminar on the Dignity of Elderly Life, held on April 7, proved to be a very informative evening. We were delighted that so many parishioners had the opportunity to attend. Words of gratitude and thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Field Agent, Robert Tyrseck. Thanks to Attorney at Law Laura Cohen, the Family Legal Center, Funeral Director James Jobe, Jobe Funeral Home, Brian Soxman, Deann Mountain-Felix and Anna Zvirman-Nesbit from the Soxman Funeral Homes. We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus, Council 4242, for setting up and cleaning up the annex after the meeting.

Advocacy Program for People with Disabilities

"As the Body of Christ, we, all the baptized of the Church, have an important role. Let no one ever feel disregarded in the Church. Let all the members of the Church as the Body of Christ embrace what it means to embody Christ. God speaks to each of us. Can you and hear Him? How can we respond to the Lord?" #47

-- The Church Alive! Bishop Zubik, Pastoral Letter to the Church of Pittsburgh, 6, 28, 08



As a Community of Faith, we respond to the Lord by praying and working together in making every effort to be a parish of inclusiveness. In our parish, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the newly formed Advocacy Program for People with Disabilities will dwell in four areas of explorations and studies: Awareness, Accessibility, Advocacy and Acceptance. If you wish to be part of this exciting Advocacy Program, please call the Parish Social Ministry office at 412-793-4511.

Baby Bottle Drive to Help a Pregnancy Center

The Social Justice Committee is suggesting a "Baby Bottle Drive" to help a Pregnancy Center. The Community Care Pregnancy Center puts into action the love of Jesus Christ, by offering comprehensive help to anyone with needs or concerns related to pregnancy. The Center upholds the sanctity of human life and the biblical model of chastity.



The Community Care Pregnancy Center is a place in Munhall where women and teens can find hope, help and life-affirming support for their unexpected pregnancy. In addition to offering one-on-one peer counseling, free pregnancy tests, adoption and abstinence information, the center also meets many practical needs, providing maternity and baby clothes, community resource lists and numerous services. This year has been an especially busy year for them. The number of people they serve (new and expecting parents) has gone up 40%! The Center currently serves clients in 23 communities and that seems to be growing.

The work cannot be done without the help and support of the church and community. The "Baby Bottle Drive" gives you an opportunity to help in a very meaningful way. **On Mother's Day, May 8, 2011, in the Church, 500 empty bottles will be available for you to take home and use as a bank. This is a wonderful way for the whole family to participate in giving as you fill up your bottle with change or bills. The target date to return the baby bottle to church is Father's Day, June 19, 2011. Your spare change could save a life!**

Alleluia, He Has Risen! Happy Easter

Weddings

II Lauren Cefola and Raymond Luther

Rest In Peace

*Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of the dearly departed, especially **Clara Widman**, sister of Ruth Mack, who died on April 9th.*

Praying for the Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are in the hospital or at home and requesting our prayers: William Duffy, Rachael Faas, Raymond Milleman, Evelyn Komisak, Matthew Smith, Sally Ann Dominkush, Betty Telles, John Truxal, Hayward Markham, Matt Drop, Maxine Drop, Joan Yushinski, Suzanne Skillen, Carolyn Szydowski, Pat Guerriero, Betty Lawson, Nancy Cariati, Ruth Gorczynski, Jennie Molcsan, Madeline Ferragonio, Dominic Mollica, Sister Janet Barnicle, Delores L. Serre, Rosemary Koontz, Lucille Perhac, Ralph Genella Sr., Martha Jo Faircloth, Tillie Holiday Allsopp, Mary Thompson, Jim Abel, Lucille Brose, Dawn Kelly, Jean Guerriero, Anna Urlick, Marian Brownhill, David Marshall, Thomas Kuntz, Pauline Holodnik, Chris Russo, Bertha Subic, William Bradley, Mabel Dancu, Don Kitchener, Ruth Sarich, Ron Zapata, Paula Titus.

If you have an immediate concern, are ill or you know someone who is infirmed, call the rectory and your request will be forwarded to 45 prayer warriors.

Sanctuary Candle

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and
in loving memory of*

*Mary Fry
requested by*

Russell and daughters, Heather and Courtney

You may be interested:

Catholic Radio 106.7 FM WAOB We Are One Body Offers Scripture, Reflections, Silence, Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy, Bishops Teachings, Sacred Music, Salvation History and Church Fathers.

Pittsburgh Opera presents Dialogues of the Carmelites, a moving, powerful opera inspired by the story of the Martyrs of Compègne, May 3, at 6, and 8 at the Benedum Center. Tickets start at \$10; Visit www.pittsburghopera.org <<http://www.pittsburghopera.org/>> for more information and music clips from the opera.

There Be Dragons is a feature film that will be released on May 6. The story is centered on the Spanish Civil War but at the heart of this story is the life and work of St. Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei. While the movie contains many fictional elements, the portrayal of St. Josemaria is historical. It is a powerful experience. (Not for children under 13.)

Information about the film can be found at www.therebedragonsfilm.com. The website will list the theaters in your area where the film will be shown.