

Pastor's Notes

The Steeler defeat is a witness to every person's life: **Never are we always at the top of our game!**

And sometimes, we have to being imperfect, are in need of forgiveness — just like everyone else. How good does that feel, knowing we are exactly like everyone else in at least one aspect of our existence?



So what can we say about this loss? There's always next year.....and...
.....'Let's Go Pens'! ...or is it 'God, heal the Pens'?

On a serious note, we can always know that we also are universally connected to every other person by the grace and mercy of God; a grace so loving that it enables us to ask forgiveness, to amend ways, and restore the proper sharing of life. The only reason we cannot say that all people enjoy this gift is because not all people have knowledge of it, or have chosen not to believe it.

No one can truly say they've come to know Jesus Christ without seeking forgiveness. That's what is offered on the cross. Our acceptance of the offering is the conversion of our hearts through the confession of our sins. Now Christ offers this intense moment of self-discovery, freedom, and forgiveness through the sacramental grace of reconciliation.

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And truthfully, until we are...we'll have reason to seek forgiveness and offer forgiveness readily.

Life lesson...Spiritual Renewal!

So often parents lament that their grown, adult children are not practicing their faith. Some perhaps have abandoned it for a spouse, some just saw it as unimportant or irrelevant; some don't believe in God any longer, or believe that they can "get God" when they need him. Their children remain unbaptized, and therefore, without the grace necessary to stand against the kingdom of evil pervading their lives. The culture and society encourage these types of misinformed beliefs or practices. This can also be heard from parents worried about their grown children having been strongly affected in recent years by a culture showing witchcraft, occult behavior, and Satanism as almost desirable for life.



What's a parent to do?

- 1) Continue to give witness with a sense of hope.
- 2) Continue to have your own expectations met when they are with you, in your house, etc.
- 3) Continue to remind them that you are praying for them every day.
- 4) Have a Mass offered for them. Make them the specific intention for a mass celebrated by the community. It would read:

"The Spiritual Welfare of the Smith Family" or,
"For David Jones on the Anniversary of his Baptism."

The above could be for a birthday, or a reminder of a couple's wedding anniversary. Nothing else needs to be known or said. Our prayer as a community is asking for an overdose of God's grace and love for one we care for and wish to see celebrating God in his/her life.



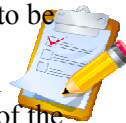
Instruction Manuals are not included with children. God is...and the strength of prayer can conquer all things.

Then send him/her a card with the date and time for the Mass. They don't need to be at the Mass. Nor do you. So if 7:00AM Wednesday morning is the only time and date available, and you can't be there — that's okay. But if the one you're praying for can be there, and may well be there — tell the boss you'll be late that day as you may also find yourself going out for breakfast.

Months ago I mentioned a Catholic radio station that is broadcast locally — 106.7FM. There's also a Christian radio station, broadcast nationally, that has an affiliate located in Duquesne — 98.3FM — called 'K-Love'. It is 24-hour Christian contemporary music. Much of this music is what we use during our Wednesday night Prayer Group, and with the teens during their monthly gatherings and mass. It's upbeat, positive, and has no dogmatic teaching which has to be screened by Catholics for errancy.



Concerns that parishioners may wish Pastoral Council to consider at its Feb. 22 meeting need to be submitted to the rectory by Tuesday. All of these are considered in light of the Pastoral Plan established to set goals and to celebrate the life of the parish for the next one, three, and five years.



Many have asked. The answer is: The next Fraternity of Priests mass is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, at St. Bonaventure Parish in Glenshaw (Mt. Royal Blvd.). February didn't thrill anyone.

Love and prayers,
Fr. Tom

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We know that what you read in this space every week is about our costs. Take for example our heating and snow removal costs. So far this winter, we have used up most of our budgeted amount. There is an envelope, Utility/Energy Costs, to help with Fuel Subsidy. We do appreciate all of your support.
—The Finance Council

An Amazing Collection



The Steelers may not have won the Super Bowl, but the hungry of the area sure did win with the Souper Bowl thanks to your generosity of \$900.50. Your donation will provide many dinners for the needy. So thanks to all who contributed, and for all who provide food goods regularly, filling our boxes week-in and week-out.

PRAISE AND GLORIFY GOD AND HIS POWER THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRIT

Join the Prayer Group in song, prayer, and teaching; in allowing the Spirit of God to mold us through the power of Jesus Christ.

Let His Word Become Fire!

We share and grow in the gifts of the Spirit
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16, AT
7:00PM IN THE ANNEX



CONTINUING MYSTAGOGY

No session for February. Next session March 20, 2011.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

“The Universal Call to Holiness”

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

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



Jesus has called us to the perfection of his Father, perfection in love. Holiness is the call of all the baptized. Our wholehearted response to God's grace will fill us with joy surpassing human understanding.

Readings for the Week of February 13

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15,25/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13,20-22/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
 Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2,17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



Offertory Collections 2011

February 6 Offertory	\$ 14,740
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,437
Year to Date Offertory	\$350,408
Fiscal Year Goal	\$646,724
Capital Improvement	\$ 1,579

Parish Share 2010

\$156,760 Collected

Second Collection

Fuel Subsidy may be given at anytime

The 2011 Parish Share Campaign will begin in March. If you have not paid off your 2010 PS balance, please do so ASAP. Thank you. If you any questions, please call Ginger at the rectory, 412-793-4511.

This Week

Sunday, February 13, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. RCIA Catechumenate - rmr
- 10:15 a.m. Baptism Class - rectory
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Ministry Love Walk for the poor
- 6:00 p.m. Scout Committee - library
- 6:00 p.m. Den meeting - cafeteria

Monday, February 14

- 3:00 p.m. Altar Server training - church
- 5:00 p.m. CCD
- 6:30 p.m. CCD
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Band
- 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir

Tuesday, February 15

- 10:00 a.m. Mom's Group - convent
- 3:00 p.m. Altar Server training - church
- 4:30 p.m. CCD
- 6:00 p.m. Altar Server training - church
- 6:30 p.m. CCD

Wednesday, February 16

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Parent Session - annex
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Small Faith - rmr
- 12:30 p.m. Preschool Parent Session - annex
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith - rmr
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group - church

Thursday, February 17

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. PSP Food Bank Volunteers - annex
- 6:30 p.m. Cantors
- 7:00 p.m. Choir

Friday, February 18

- 4:30 p.m. Scouts - cafeteria

Saturday, February 19

- 9:00 a.m. Market Day pick-up - cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. SJBS Jr. High Dance - cafeteria

Sunday, February 20

- 9:00 a.m. RCIA Catechumenate - rmr
- 4:00 p.m. Pack meeting - cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Youth Ministry - convent

Wedding Coordinators Meeting

There will be a meeting for Wedding Coordinators on Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the annex.



WE ARE IN NEED OF WEDDING COORDINATORS. If you are interested in becoming part of a very enjoyable and fulfilling ministry, please join us on **February 23rd.** If you cannot attend the meeting and would like more information, contact Marlene Mariuzza at 412-795-7184.

More information about the Ministry in next week's bulletin.

New Altar Server Training

February 14 & 15 — Monday 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Training sessions usually last
45 minutes per session.



Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh and the 2011 'Gathering of Catholic Men

On April 9th over 1,500 men will attend the Gathering of Catholic Men at the AJ Palumbo Center.



The CMF Leadership will once again launch a two month prayer and fasting calendar in order to mobilize continual daily prayer and fasting for the

Gathering.

Please let us know specific dates between February 8th and April 8th that you plan to offer prayer and/or fasting for the special intention of the Gathering.

We specifically ask you to pray and/or fast that the men who attend will have an encounter with Christ. Also pray for a large attendance. Consider asking your spouse, children and friends to sign up on the calendar. Sign up now by simply emailing the dates of your choice to: info@cmfpitt.org

Mom's Group

Tuesdays and NOW 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.

Needed

Cleaning Service or Cleaning Individuals

St. John the Baptist School is in need of a reputable cleaning service or reputable cleaning individuals. The school is cleaned Sunday through Thursday in the evenings. Please call the school for more information or to apply, 412-793-0555.



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

ART AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH AT 7:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE.

Interested in helping with this event?

Call Ginger at 412-793-4511

Check Us Out!

We invite you to take a look at our new RCIA page on the parish web site. And it's not just for people involved in RCIA! It's for the benefit of the entire parish. Here are some of the things you will find.



- ◆ Our parish RCIA YouTube video which shows the meaning and purpose of RCIA
- ◆ Online Bible and searchable Catechism of the Catholic Church
- ◆ Five different Bible studies which will give you the background and commentary for every reading for Sunday and weekday Mass to help you better understand Scripture
- ◆ Catholic libraries and articles which help explain the Faith
- ◆ A Bible concordance which points out where in the Bible you may find Catholic beliefs

While taking a look at our web page, we also ask you to tell those who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian tradition who have interest in the Catholic Church, that RCIA is open to inquirers throughout the year. Please contact Ronald Donatelli at 412-793-1617 ext. 260 or email Rondon216@aol.com for additional information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout Pittsburgh are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from March 5th (Ash Wednesday) through April 17th (Palm Sunday). This ecumenical 40 day campaign to end abortion, which consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil—will kick-off on Saturday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 320 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh. Come share in a meaningful time of praise and worship, followed by a candlelit procession to Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue. All are welcome! For more information or to help, please contact Nikki Bruni at 412-926-9413, nbruni@comcast.net, or www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh.

Senior Youth Ministry



Youth News

SYM will meet on the First and Third Sunday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the convent.

⇒ **Lovewalk Today**, we will leave at 12:15 p.m. and will return by 4:45p.m.

⇒ N.E.T. Retreats - The diocese of Pittsburgh will be sponsoring a High School Retreat (9th-12th grade) on March 25-27, 2011 and a Middle School retreat (7th and 8th grade) on April 2-3, 2011 in cooperation with N.E.T. Ministries. Both retreats will be held at Gilmory Center. To learn more about N.E.T ministries please see their web site www.netusa.org. Cost of Middle School retreat is \$80 and \$95 for high school which includes overnight accommodations and all meals.

⇒ Teen Mass- will be held Sunday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. After mass the Theme for the evening will be Save the Date.

⇒ Service Project- all 8th-12th graders are invited to join us for a morning of service at the Greater Pittsburgh Food bank in Duquesne. We will leave SJB at 8:15 a.m. and return by 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating please call Joann. Space is limited.

⇒ N.C.Y.C. - <http://promo.nycv.info/index.htm> check out the web site for this great conference. If you are interested in going please contact Joann. Deposit is due no later than Feb. 27th.

Are you on Facebook? Want to know more about youth ministry? Join us on Facebook at St. John's Youth Ministry under groups.

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

Way to Go, Lauren, Erin and Amelia

The following high school students achieved honor roll status for the second quarter of the school year.

Mount Alvernia:

Lauren Casertano

Oakland Catholic: highest honor

Erin Ibarra and Amelia Young

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.**

There can be no variance from this obligation. This is necessary for anyone 18 or older, and includes Vacation Bible School volunteers.

For a list of Parishes in the Pittsburgh area, please go to the Pittsburgh Diocese web page and scroll down the page to Current Issues and click on

Protecting God's Children.

Contact Bonny Welch at the rectory office for further details,

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235



SJB SCHOOL NEWS



- Monday, February 14
—Scrip due at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 15
—Mass with grades 1-8 at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 16
—Young Rembrandts
- Thursday, February, 17
—Cantor practice at 3:00 p.m. in church
- Saturday, February 19
—Market Day pick-up at 9:00 a.m.
—7th/8th Grade Dance at 7:00 p.m.

Financial Aide Packets are now available at the school office

LUCKY LOTTERY CALENDARS ON SALE AT THE RECTORY/SCHOOL.

They are \$25.00. The winning number is determined by the 7:00 p.m. PA Daily Lottery. The calendar is from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. ONLY VALIDATED NUMBER DRAWN PAYS. Proceeds benefit St. John the Baptist School.

Lucky Lottery Winners from January 31st to February 6
Mary Mioli #501, Kermit Unrue #517, Unsold #546, Pamela Harris #820, Mary Ann Hornicek #963, John Russick #837,

PRESCHOOL

Monday, February 14

—Pre-K/Four-year-old Valentine's Day Party.

Wednesday, February 16

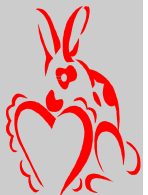
—Parent Session, Family Total Fitness Workshop Exercise is important. Brown bag with gym teacher, Darlene Ziolkowski

Monday, February 21

—President's Day — No Preschool

Tuesday, February 22

—Parent Session, Family Fitness "Exercise is Important" presented by Gym teacher, Darlene Ziolkowski.



Discover St. Joe's at Spring Open House

Saint Joseph High School Open House provide interested students and families with the opportunity to tour the campus, visit with faculty and students and learn more about academics, athletics, clubs and student life. Please join us at our upcoming Open House on Sunday, March 6th from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Registration will begin in the Science and Technology Center.



SUNDAY - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (02/13)

4:00 p.m. (Vigil) Living and Deceased of the Parish
7:30 a.m. Margaret "Peggy" Dlugonski (Madelyn Schaffer)
9:00 a.m. Nellie Reedy (Verna Simons)
11:00 a.m. John T. McGuirk (Wife and Family)

MONDAY - Saint Cyril (02/14)

7:00 a.m. Jerry and Deanna Hufnagel (Uncle Charles)
9:00 a.m. Joseph J. Cybert (Bill and Mary Ann Erzen)

TUESDAY - Weekday (02/15)

7:00 a.m. Woody Vogan (wife, Kay)
9:00 a.m. Deceased of the Hoolahan Family (Rege Hoolahan)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday (02/16)

7:00 a.m. Dolores Burns (Burns Family)
9:00 a.m. Margaret Galla (Family)
9:30 a.m. *Mother of Perpetual Help Novena*

THURSDAY - The Seven Founders/Order of Servites(02/17)

7:00 a.m. Amy Lynn Ashley (Family)
9:00 a.m. Robert Lang (CCD Staff and Faculty)

FRIDAY - Weekday (02/18)

7:00 a.m. Elvita Grande (Family)
9:00 a.m. Joseph F. Rosa (Gary and Rina DiFrank)

SATURDAY - Weekday (02/19)

9:00 a.m. Charles Molchan (Irene, Dan and Family)
9:30 a.m. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
4:00 p.m. (Vigil) Nathan Zorich
(mom, Cheryl Zorich and Family)

SUNDAY - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (02/20)

7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish
9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for the life of Joseph Dawson
(Dawson Family)
11:00 a.m. Laura Zalenski (Patricia Stansbury 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.

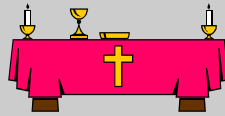
Saint John the Baptist, pray for us!

Food Bank Ministry Meets on Thursday, February 24, 6:30 PM Annex

A meeting will be held for all of the volunteers who wish to assist in the parish food drives. More volunteers are welcome. The purpose for this meeting will be to meet, pray and formulate a plan of action for service.



Offering A Mass For The Living



Masses may be requested for the LIVING as well as the deceased. The perfect prayer enables us to reach out through the grace and love of God to those we cherish and wish to be perfected in, with, and through Jesus Christ. Just call Susan Pate at the Office.

NOTE: With open time slots available — anyone may request additional Masses be offered. If you would like to offer additional Masses, please call Susan at 412-793-4511, Monday—Wednesday. Thank you.

Pray for Seminarians

Eric D. Campbell

*First year of Theology at North American College
00120 Vatican City State, Europe
(requires European airmail postage)*

Christopher J. Basko

*First Year College Seminary 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 Vicky and Joe Kotvas and Family in prayer this week as they display the Vocation Cross in their home to pray for Religious Vocations. If you would like to request a specific week in 2011, please phone Suzy Adamonis at 412-793-6110.

Prayer for Vocations

Bountiful God, You are boundless with your blessings and faithful to your promises. Through our ancestors in faith we have come to know and to trust in your guidance on our life's journey. At Jesus' baptism you confirmed him in his mission. Commission us through our baptismal graces to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Open our hearts to recognize your holy calling. Bless our church with devoted married couples, committed single men and women, and dedicated deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers.

Guide those who are discerning how best to serve you. With your favor, we set out to proclaim your reign through Jesus, your beloved Son in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

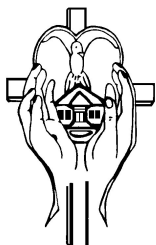
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



Thank You for Your Gracious Donations to PSM

On Sunday, January 30, 2011 you donated \$995.00 to PSM. We thank you for your generous gifts. All of the monies given to the PSM are used for the tangible needs of parishioners and the community. Praying to be good stewards and to use the gift of discernment, your donations are carefully monitored. Every applicant that is in need is treated with respect and information given is kept in the strictest of confidence. Following are some examples on how your donations were distributed to those in need in the year 2010:

- Donation of \$250 was given to the Plum Food Bank
- Donation of \$250 was given to the Penn Hills Association
- Donation of \$630 was given for payment of the parish's CPR Class in June of 2010. Twenty one staff members, teachers and parishioners benefited from this course. Mrs. Jane Tarr, the Religious Education Director, had the opportunity to use this precious gift of CPR and saved a friend in distressed
 - Distributed \$300 in food certificates to those in need
 - Donated \$150 to the Angel Tree Fund
 - Assisted nine families in need of rental assistance to avoid evictions
- Assisted nine families in need of payment for the light bills to avoid utility shut offs
- Assisted three families in need of payment for auto insurance to avoid cancellation
- Assisted three persons in need of clothing
- Assisted two families in need of payment for the gas bills to avoid termination
- Assisted two families in need of payment for the cable bills to avoid phone, television and internet shut off
- Assisted one person with the cost of a couple physical therapy sessions
- Assisted two people in need of gasoline for transportation
- Provided a stove and a refrigerator to a family in need



Many of the above parishioners and neighbors were given several referrals to agencies that would offer longer term assistance.

Thank you for allowing us to serve the "least of our brothers and sisters." Thank you for your prayers and donations to the Parish Social Ministry. "Love each other as if your life depended upon it. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless. Be generous with the different things God gave you." 1 Peter 3: 8b-10

Welcome to St. John's

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to St. John's:

*Nicholas, Bree, Blake, Rylie and Reah Sudaric
Richard Walsh*

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community with great joy the newly baptized: Nicholas Edward Typanski

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, Sam Cariati, Nancy Cariati, Ruth Gorczynski, Hank Cacciamani, 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 Urick, Marian Brownhill, David Marshall, Thomas Kuntz, Pauline Holodnik, Chris Russo, Bertha Subic, William Bradley, Mabel Dancu, Don Kitchener.

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
Thomas McBride
requested by Madelyn Schaffer*

Saint Januarius Night at the Races on Saturday, February 19 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Admission \$10 per person includes food and drinks. Call 412-793-4439 to reserve your tickets.

2010 OFFERTORY INCOME TAX STATEMENT REQUEST From the Rectory Office

If you need a statement of your annual contributions it will be mailed to you UPON REQUEST ONLY. Please fill out the form below and send it to the Rectory Office or drop it in the collection basket. If possible, a stamped self addressed envelope is very helpful.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

Your help in sending a self addressed stamped envelope is very helpful and appreciated. Thank you.