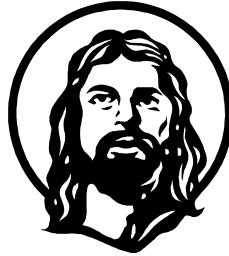


Pastor's Notes

We began this discussion two weeks ago seeking to grasp understanding the great virtue of HUMILITY we are called to live — as it came from the very giving of God, who humbled himself by becoming man in order to save all mankind. He continues to pour out the fullness of His presence for us today through word, sacrament, and the power of his love, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

JESUS

Needless to say, the name **Joshua** was an ancient name. In Old Testament times the name Joshua from the Hebrew meant “**Yahweh helps.**” (Yahweh being that name of God which was written so as not to be pronounced.) When we hear the name of Jesus in the first chapter of Matthew’s gospel (1:21), the name **Jesus** has come from Joshua, but now will mean (as we’re told) “**Yahweh Saves,**” meaning that God is literally “giving everything He has for the sake of his chosen people — including you and I.



With that awareness, we can really understand how we can attest to God’s humbling of self for our sake — and now come to an awareness of our need to humble ourselves before the Lord of life. We can see how that great creed of the early church came to be so important a message in St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians (2:5-11)

“...that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the praise and glory of God the Father.”

Not only does this hymn conclude with what is truly a sign of deserved humility before our Lord, but also we see how by doing so, we are praising the Father, giving glory to the fullness of God. Many asked Jesus what they should do to live in faith, to gain eternal salvation, to follow in the power of the Holy Spirit.

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Well, we’re told above of the first necessity. We’ve always been taught to bow our heads when the name of Jesus is spoken. Scripture is loaded with references to the need to honor the name of Jesus, and to recognize at the same time,

the great power that is part and parcel of the name Jesus. They are one and the same. Therefore, in this is our acknowledgment of the “wonder and awe” we should maintain in our relationship with the God who saves. That “fear of the Lord” becomes a sign of humble acceptance that we cannot be saved without a growing relationship with the God who loves us.

Therefore:

1. **A head bow should acknowledge the name of Jesus whenever it is heard, spoken, or read.**
2. **The name of Jesus should be removed from our vocabulary unless it is spoken in prayer or in direct reference to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity — just as it should be with the names we use — God, Heavenly Father, Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity.**
3. **Have such devotion and humility — and strength of faith — to correct those who so choose to use these names inappropriately.**
4. **Grow in belief that the name of Jesus is indeed powerful, and that great things can happen for those who have belief without question. (Openness to how God responds to our needs is also important.)**
5. **Make your prayer to the Father “in the name of Jesus,” or “in Jesus’ name.” It is, whether we realize it, done through the power of the Holy Spirit — God’s enabling us to pray and grow in triune unity.**

The second necessity is for us to love the name of Jesus more and more. With that comes love of our Lord and Savior, and a joyful desire to grow in a minute-by-minute awareness of His presence with us — revealing His life for us. This is how “fear of the Lord” is changed to a humble respect and love of our great God.



*O Divine Gift of Life,
help us grow
in unabashed love and respect for your name.
In doing so, may we find the strength of the Spirit
you share with the Father,
to make known your name and the salvation
of our souls
given through your own humble acceptance of the
Father’s will. Amen.*

I’ve only had a week’s opportunity (and that was in the midst of the festival) to spend time with Fr. Mike. But it is not hard to see two beautiful qualities in him. He is a priest in love with God and in love of God’s people. We have been blessed.

Love and prayers,
Fr. Tom

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This week – starting the details on the Expense side of our ledger. There are 3 major areas of expenses. Administration, Operations & Maintenance, and Liturgical. Looking a bit more closely at the Administration category, this is the biggest in % of total expenses. Here we see the expenses to run the church office and campus. This includes all the salaries, benefits, and office costs of our staff. Salaries are not rising much – barely up this year. Benefit costs are going up. This may be happening to you where you work. Next week, more on the Operations & Maintenance expense category. —The Finance Council

| Offertory Collections 2011 | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| July 17th Offertory | \$ 9,731 |
| Weekly Goal | \$ 12,437 |
| Year to Date Offertory | \$ 31,464 |
| Fiscal Year Goal | \$646,724 |
| <u>Parish Share 2011</u> | |
| 448 Responses | \$92,973 Collected |
| <u>Second Collection</u> | |
| Parish Social Ministry, July 30/31 | |
| Capital Improvement, August 6/7 | |

My Experience of RCIA by Jenny Revilla



I grew up Presbyterian and always loved the church and the work of the people. It is amazing how God's love shines through the people of the church. Like many other people, around the time that I went to college, I stopped attending church as much. I'd go to the chapel at my college campus once in a while or the local Methodist Church a few blocks from campus. After college, though, I really stopped going to church at all. But, prayer stayed in my life as a constant. Then, I met Tim, who was Catholic. He started inviting me to come to Mass with him. I didn't understand the things going on during the Mass...the sign of the cross, the kneeling, the genuflecting, the Eucharist. But, I kept going with him.

When Tim asked me to marry him (and I said yes!) I thought about becoming Catholic. My grandma, a 90 year old woman with a strong Catholic faith, encouraged me to really think about becoming Catholic and thought it would be wonderful. So, when my sister, Shelley, found out about the RCIA program at St. John's, I thought I'd check it out. Ron met me and my sister and sat down to talk to us.

During the first few sessions of RCIA, everything just started to make sense. We talked about how the Catholic Church was the church founded by Jesus and it can be traced through the Apostles and Popes. That alone astounded me! After the inquiry phase of RCIA, I knew that God brought me to the right place. I have learned so much about the history of the church and the foundations of our faith. (By the way, the teachers all did a great job and spent a lot of time preparing for each week's lesson.) This has been the best year of my life. I am so grateful that God brought me back to the Church and to such a beautiful and awesome faith.

Jenny was received into the Catholic Church this past Easter Vigil.

Do you, or someone you know, have questions about Jesus Christ or the Catholic Faith? If you desire Baptism, are baptized in another Christian tradition or baptized Catholic and desire the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist, RCIA is for you! Please contact Ronald Donatelli at 412-793-1617 ext. 260 or Rondon216@aol.com for more information. You may also visit the RCIA page on our parish website.

Readings for the Week of July 24

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
 Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40: 16-21,34-38/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/ Jn 11:19-27
 Saturday: Lv 25:1,8-17/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35,37-39/Mt 14:13-21



This Week

Sunday, July 24, 1011

Monday, July 25

Tuesday, July 26

7:00 p.m. Infant Jesus Respect Life Group - annex

Wednesday, July 27

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group - church

Thursday, July 28

7:00 p.m. Scouts - cafeteria

Friday, July 29

Saturday, July 30

10:00 a.m. Backyard Composting Class - annex

Sunday, July 31

Prayer & Praise

Join the Prayer Group Wednesday evening at 7:00PM in the Church for song, prayer, reflection and sharing of the gifts of God. All is directed by the Holy Spirit that continues to gift us with the understanding of the Father's will.

All parishioners and their friends are invited to share these special times.



Fraternity of Priests Healing Mass Wednesday, August 17 — 7:00PM

North American Martyrs
Monroeville

YOUTH MINISTRY



- A Night at the Ball Park. Any teen interested in going to the Pirate Game on Friday, August 19th please turn in your \$20 and permission slip no later than Tuesday, August 2nd.



- Movie Night- All teens entering 9th-12th grade are invited to Movie Night on the grass on Monday, August 1st from 8:30-11 pm. Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on.
- Healing Mass- Any teen interested in going to the Healing Mass on Wednesday, August 17th at North American Martyrs please call Joann ASAP. We will leave St. John's at 6:30 pm. After the Healing Mass we will stop for ice cream so please bring money.



A BIG THANKS

Thanks to the following teens who participated in the Festival Talent Show:

Erin Ibarra, Alicia Carson, Elizabeth Loebig, Lauren, Casertano, Lauren Kolenik, Shannon Kolenik, Kaitie Loebig.

AND the

Band Circumstances: Alex Billstone, David Palmieri and Nick Calabrese.

Thank you for sharing your God given talents with all of us. We look forward to hearing from you and others at next year's event.



LOST AND FOUND AT THE FESTIVAL

A white nylon windbreaker.

Please call 412-793-4511 or stop by the rectory during normal business hours to claim this lost item.

Men of the Parish

SAVE THESE DATES

SEPTEMBER 30—OCTOBER 2

for the

ST. PAUL MEN'S RETREAT

The registration form and more information will be in future bulletins. If you have any immediate questions, call Jon Parrota, retreat coordinator, at 412-519-2058.

PIRATES vs REDS
AUGUST 19TH AT 7:05 PM

Free Shirt Day!



The deadline for ordering tickets is
Tuesday, August 2nd!

The tickets are \$20 each for Outfield Box Seats
A bus will be rented (\$8.00 a person)
if there are enough people interested—and if not
—tickets will still be purchased.

Call the rectory at 412-793-4511 to order tickets.

ATTENTION to those who have called for tickets,
please drop off or mail the money for your tickets no
later than August 2nd. Thank you.

Please make checks out to St. John the Baptist Parish

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY dates to remember

Casseroles for the Intersection on
Thursday, July 28

The Food Bank Committee will deliver 6 half trays of tuna casseroles on Thursday, July 28 at 8:15 a.m.. If you wish to bake or deliver, please call the PSM office at 412-793-4511.



Backyard Composting Class



The composting class will be held on Saturday, July 30, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the annex. Receive an Earth Machine compost bin with attendance. Registration is required by calling 412-488-7490 ext. 226. The cost is \$50 per person or \$55 per couple.



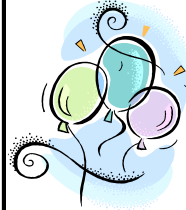
FAMILY FESTIVAL GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS

Thursday, July 14

Nancy Kraynak
#03544A—\$500

Patricia A. Stella
#11107C—\$100

Fred Prodent
#06230D—\$100



Wednesday, July 13

Helen Sopcak
#05028C—\$500

Ms. Charlotte Katic
#02557A—\$100

Ms. Cheryl Leighliter
#01821C—\$100



SATURDAY, JULY 16

Judy Pasquarelli
#06242D—\$5,000

Peter & Marlene Mariuzza
#07838D—\$2000

Ronald M. Gratz
#02151C—\$1,000

Friday, July 15

Mrs. Lucille Ranallo
#10045A—\$500

P. Trafican
#06607D—\$100

Don Tappe
#09189D—\$100

Congratulations

50/50 nightly winners

*A huge thank you....
To all the Chairpersons,
and Workers
YOU DID A
GREAT JOB!*

Wednesday, July 13

Anonymous
#770582—\$432

Thursday, July 14

Michael Barron
#967056—\$517



Friday, July 15

Esmeralda Houston
#096255—\$540

Saturday, July 16

Lorie Kelly
#517546—\$484

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (07/24)

5:00 p.m. (*vigil*) Living and Deceased of the Family

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Peternel (Emily Habjan)

9:00 a.m. 60th Wedding Anniversary of

Vivian and Harry Trautmann (Children)

11:00 a.m. Charles J. Martin (Albert J. Mack Family)

12:15 p.m. *Anointing of the Sick*

MONDAY - Saint James, apostle (07/25)

9:00 a.m. Fritz Grabowski (anniv.) (Louis and Sylvia Lightfoot)

TUESDAY - Saint Joachim /Saint Anne (07/26)

9:00 a.m. Jacob and Annie Jelovcen (Family)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday (07/27)

9:00 a.m. Mary Galla (Family)

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

THURSDAY - Weekday (07/28)

9:00 a.m. John M. Minick (Eugene F. Kelly)

FRIDAY - Saint Martha (07/29)

9:00 a.m. Joseph and Genevieve Rosa

(Gary and Rina DiFrank)

SATURDAY - Saint Peter Chrysologus (07/30)

9:00 a.m. Tressa and Valent Konecsni

(Pauline and Ed Holodnik)

5:00 p.m. John F. Joyce (wife, Kathy and Family)

SUNDAY - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (07/31)

7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish

9:00 a.m. John and Anna Kubla

(Josephine and Ernie Bozich)

11:00 a.m. Peggy Colazzi (Family)

Infant Jesus Respect Life Group meets Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum.

Following a brief business meeting, members will provide an overview on ways they promote life issues in their parishes to broaden members' awareness and involvement and to plan upcoming events and speakers. All parishioners are invited. Refreshments. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Religious articles available for purchase. For more information or to become a member, call: 412-373-2076.



Magnificat Pittsburgh

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for an inspiring breakfast on Saturday, August 20th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Dr. Mary Healy's story of faith through her life in the spirit who led her from "Sunday Catholic" to a faith on fire for God. Dr. Healy teaches Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. She is the author of two books and is an international speaker. The cost of the breakfast is \$18. Registration deadline is August 12th. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or download a form at

www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

Pray for our Seminarians

Please pray for all our seminarians as they serve in their various assignments throughout the diocese this summer. These weeks in parishes provide these men with opportunities to experience pastoral ministry firsthand. They will return to their seminaries and studies later in August.

VOCATION CROSS



Please join the DeFilippo 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

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 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!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY (PSM)**“Backyard Composting Class”****Next Saturday, July 30**

The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a **“Backyard Composting Class”** on **Saturday, July 30th, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., in the Annex.** The Pennsylvania Resources Council will present this popular workshop which covers topic like: composting process, what you should & shouldn't compost, benefits of composting easily, and maintaining a compost pile. Composting is nature's way of recycling. **Participants will receive an Earth Machine Compost Bin with attendance.** This bin, approved across the state as an ideal bin for urban and suburban areas, has an eighty-gallon capacity. **Registration for the class is required: Cost is \$50 per person or \$55 per couple.** Participants will receive one composting bin with each registration.

To register, please call **412-488-7490 ext. 226**, or e-mail prccompost@ccicenter.org or register online at www.zerowastepgh.org

Empty Containers / Plastic Bags for Jubilee Kitchen

Jubilee Kitchen welcomes those whose lives are challenged by poverty, illness, joblessness, or homelessness. They serve the community by serving hot Noon day meals 365 days a year. After their meals, the guests may take some food with them. To serve this food, the Jubilee Kitchen needs empty plastic containers and plastic bags. We would like to assist them by providing the two items. **Please be aware of four 25” pop-up hampers located in the back and front of the church. These hampers will be monitored weekly and the contents will be brought to Jubilee Kitchen. Thank you for your anticipated participation.**

**Job Opportunity**

Volt Workforce Solution is seeking experienced delivery drivers to be on assignment with FedEx Ground and FedEx Home Delivery. The candidates will be employed and paid by Volt but be on assignment with FedEx Ground in Neville Island or FedEx Home Delivery in Sewickley. The candidates will be supplied with a truck and everything they need to deliver our customer's packages. Temporary drivers are called on an as-needed basis but with the peak season right around the corner, the hours will be ramping up. Interested candidates can email at bridget.deasy2@fedex.com or call 1-800-215-1987 and reference number 3152.

Welcome to St. John's

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

Robert, Brook and Tenley Magilson

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community with great joy the newly baptized: Mason Edward Morgan

Weddings

III Chelsea Kohl and Patrick William Wright

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Vivian and Harry Trautmann who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary today. May you continue to enjoy God's peace and goodwill and live together in love.

Rest In Peace

*Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of the dearly departed, especially **Lois Lehane** who died on July 16th, **Douglas Wayner, Jr.**, brother of Vicky Kotvas, who died on July 15th, **Darrell Knopf** who died on June 26th.*

Praying for the Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are in the hospital or at home and requesting our prayers: William Duffy, Rachel Faas, Raymond Milleman, 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 Urick, Marian Brownhill, David Marshall, Thomas Kuntz, Chris Russo, Bertha Subic, William Bradley, Mabel Dancu, Don Kitchener, Ruth Sarich, Paula Titus, Nick Roman, Betty Beckett, Amy Carmichael, Dorothy Kokal, Jean Duffy, Jane Truxal, Mabel Barlich, Christina Rosignoli.

Sanctuary Candle

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

Tressa Konecsni

requested by Jonathan and Laura Warnock

Flowers at the Altar

are given in the honor and glory of our Lord, on the occasion of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Vivian and Harry Trautmann

requested by the

Children of Vivian and Harry Trautmann