

Pastor's Notes

60th Anniversary

Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate his 60th Priestly Ordination Anniversary on Wednesday, June 29. It is truly a milestone. Bishop Zubik has requested that we join in offering 60 hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, as are all bishops around the world.



Today is a perfect opportunity for this as we have Eucharistic Adoration on this, the Solemn Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, remembering the mercy of God in the giving of himself for our salvation.

Please join us in prayers for the successor of Peter, Pope Benedict, the head of the Church, the Body of Christ present in and to the world.

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Today we remember the outpouring of God's mercy and love found in the very Eucharist shared with us, that which we are also called to be in the world — the life and sharing of the Christ who lives within each of us.

Today we remember in a unique way the gift that gives us life through Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension — through which we come to a sharing in the very life of God. This is the transfigurative nature of this great sacrament — the presence of God alive — in sacramental presence in the form of bread and wine, and in that same sacramental presence of our lives dedicated to oneness with God through the cross of Christ and our awareness gained by the power of the Holy Spirit.



We are reminded that all that was shared by Christ was done willingly by our Lord and with us in his thought, us present as it were beyond the restrictions of time and space. How blessed we are.

Our sharing of the Eucharist affirms the very life shared with us through our baptism. It is the source and summit of our faith, sustaining the desire of the life of God within each and every one of us. It is the power and grace which enables us to live holy lives. *"Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy."* It is the gift that fulfills the Word of God since it is that very Word spoken, therefore, alive, real, and transformative.

I greatly encourage that time be spent reflecting on this great gift and call to life that matters. It transcends that which the world will propose that we seek. It is the only way in which eternity can be gained. Without our acknowledging Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth, the one who is sought above all else, the source of forgiveness, of mercy, and of salvation, the world's invitations remain our focus, and our death.

But it means more than a proclamation. They are mere human words. The Word of God is active and alive, and therefore, our word concerning God's Word (Jesus is Lord) must also be active, alive, since the Spirit of God animates, moves, gives purpose, to the Word of God, Jesus the Christ.

The Spirit Following Pentecost

The Priest, Deacon, and Seminarian Conference (Retreat) at Franciscan University of Steubenville two weeks ago was incredible. I went to the week-long gathering with one intention — to be led by God's Spirit, and directed toward what God wanted of and for me. I was given an incredible peace, an inner healing, and strengthened knees.

Some of our teens spent this weekend at Franciscan University. I can't wait to hear their sharing of how the Spirit directed their hearts with the 1900 teens who were present. The Spirit of God is being manifested in their desire for a greater relationship with our Lord.

What's a Four-Year-Old To Do?

Noah is four years old. His dad called last week and gave me a heads-up about Noah's request. Noah came charging toward me this past weekend following the 11:00AM Mass. He clearly spoke his own request. It was absolutely amazing. *"Can I do something in the parish?"* He was very sincere. If you think for a minute that I was going to turn down this request, you're wrong. If a child wants to be of help in the parish, we'll find something for him. It also means having his dad also involved. I love kids. But what a beautiful Father's Day gift he gave his dad, and me. His big eyes said *"Please?"* His dad is ready to help since he wants Noah to have a good feeling for his parish and doesn't wish to deflate his spirit. I'll look for ways in which Noah can serve the Church that he loves.



Good Leadership

We have good leadership directing our Parish Family Festival. I know as, to date, they have not come to me concerning anything. Yet everything seems to be moving along as always.

Thanks to the many who helped bring out the festival equipment last Monday night. One hour and one!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Tom

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



The cup we share, is it not the blood of Christ?
 And the bread we break, is it not his body?
 Just as God fed the Israelites with manna from heaven, so
 too do we feed on the best of wheat, the
 bread of angels, food for the pilgrim journey.

ALL DAY ADORATION

Today, Sunday, June 26th

celebrating

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Noon to 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction

Eucharistic Adoration begins following the 11:00AM Mass, and continues until 7:00PM when the Church gathers together for Vespers and Benediction.

Suggested Adoration Schedule

(Divided by number of families' last name beginning with each letter.)

- 12:00-1:00PM — V,W,X,Y,Z
- 1:00-2:00PM — A,B,C
- 2:00-3:00PM — D,E,F,G
- 3:00-4:00PM — H,I,J,K
- 4:00-5:00PM — L,M
- 5:00-6:00PM — N,O,P,Q
- 6:00-7:00PM — R,S,T,U
- 7:00PM — Vespers and Benediction



*Prayer booklets for Eucharistic Adoration are always
 at the church entrances.*

Readings for the Week of June 26

- Sunday: Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
- Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18/
 Mt 16:13-19
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday: Gn 27:1-5,15-29/Lk 2:41-51
- Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9,11-13/Mt 11:25-30



Offertory Collections 2011

June 19 Offertory	\$ 10,213
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,437
Year to Date Offertory	\$555,613
Fiscal Year Goal	\$646,724

Parish Share 2011

438 Responses \$84,747 Collected

Second Collection

Peter's Pence, June 25/26
 Capital Improvement, July 2/3

We would like to Thank all of our faithful parishioners for your generous support throughout this year. This is our parish. It is our home for spiritual food. You have a soul as well as a body. It needs to be fed or it will wither. So we do appreciate your support of our spiritual home. —The Finance Council



24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday, July 1

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

Sign-ups are encouraged but not mandatory.

You can sign up by calling or stopping in at the rectory until Thursday.

With school now on vacation, we need to fill in the hourly slots all day. Please Help.

This Week

Sunday, June 26, 2011

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Sunday - annex

Monday, June 27

9:00 a.m. Festival Food Prep - cafeteria

6:00 p.m. Festival Booth Set-up

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Tuesday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Festival Food Prep - cafeteria

6:00 p.m. Festival Booth Set-up

6:00 p.m. Festival Food Prep - cafeteria

8:00 p.m. Junior Youth Ministry - convent

Wednesday, June 29

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group - annex

Thursday, June 30

Friday, July 1

9:30 a.m. Begin 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 p.m. Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament honoring our Lord's Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Saturday, July 2

Sunday, July 3

**PRAISE AND GLORIFY GOD AND HIS
POWER THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRIT**



Let His Word Become Fire!

We share and grow in the gifts of the Spirit
WEDNESDAY, June 29 — 7:00PM
in the annex
Everyone is Welcome

Fraternity of Priests Healing Mass
Wednesday, July 6 — 7:00PM
St. Francis of Assisi Parish — Finleyville

Route 88 takes you directly past the parish. You may go either along the river on Rt. 885 (out of Duquesne and East McKeepsort) or Rt. 88 out of South Park / Bethel Park. Allow approx 70 minutes.

Friday, July 1, 7:00 p.m.

Prayers for Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4242 will sponsor Prayers to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, July 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in church. All are welcome.



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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Protecting God's Children Workshops



St. Bernadette Parish — Monroeville

Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Biedenbach Hall

Contact: Marlene V. Kopper at 412-373-1797
or mvkopper@stbrnadet.org

*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**.*

Thank You

Fr. John Geinzer wants to thank a couple of individuals who gave him farewell gifts but did not sign their names in the card.

**SCOUT
CAR WASH
Today
JUNE 26TH**



Location:

**Joe's Ice Cream Shop
in the Dollar General
Parking Lot**

(Saltsburg Road, Penn Hills)

Time: Noon - 4 p.m.

Relax, you don't have to wash your car! The Scouts would love to do it for you.

**The Body of Christ in
LOW-GLUTTON HOSTS**



For people allergic to wheat products, low-glutton hosts are available at St. John's. Currently three parishioners use this option, one consuming only a portion due to her allergic severity.

If you or a family member does not receive the Body of Christ because of allergies, you may consider the low-glutton option. Hosts are consecrated at Mass as needed.

Talk with Fr. Tom concerning this option on a regular — even daily basis. It's important that everyone has an option to receive our Lord in communion with the faithful assembly.

Have Difficulty Hearing at Mass?



We have the equipment to help. Ask an Usher or Greeter for a hearing assistance unit. These units (that look like old-time transistor radios) receive the sound directly from the PA system — without any background noise. You may wish to purchase your own ear piece and use our receiver. The devices are for all who share at Mass at St. John's.

Senior Youth Ministry



ATTENTION: RESPONSE NEEDED ASAP

A few months ago a few teens came up with an idea of having a talent show.

This talent show would be called....

" I am blessed because God gave me this Talent....Talent Show" ..

We were thinking about doing it for part of the festival....so do you have a talent..

dancing, singing, gymnastics, poetry, magician?

what ever your talent is share it with us!

If you would be interested in the Talent Show, please let me know your name, age and talent

**I NEED TO KNOW BY
THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK**

Remember please sign up to help at the festival...this talent show will not replace your service to help during the week!

- **Junior High will meet Tuesday, June 28 from 8-10 pm at the convent.**
- **Want to do something different this Summer?** For Your Glory: Service Experience—For teens entering 9th-12th grades! Mission Trip to Villa Maria, PA. August 12-15th. We will be working with Habitat for Humanity, and an organic farm. Costs \$110 per person. For more information please call Joann 412-793-1617. Space is limited, reserve your spot today! Permission slips and money are now due.



- **Catholic Kennywood Day - Thursday July 7th** - We will leave SJB at 9:45 am and return by 10:30 pm. Money and permission slips are due no later than June 26th. The cost is \$25 which includes the bus. If you have a season pass please turn in your permission slip and \$5 to hold your seat on the bus.
- **Sandcastle** - All teens entering 7th- 12th grade are invited to join us for a day at Sandcastle on Wednesday, July 27th. Cost is \$20 if money and permission slips are turned in no later than June 26th, any permission slips and money turned in after June 25th the cost is \$25.
- **Senior High will meet Sunday July 10th from 8:00 -10:30 pm. and August 1st 8:00- 10:30 pm.**



Preschool Registration will be taken by appointment only. Please call Mrs. Anna Mae Newmaster 412-793-5130



SCHOOL NEWS

LUCKY LOTTERY WINNERS:

Calendars are 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.

Lucky Lottery Winners from June 13 to June 19

Rachel Arrigo #828, Lucy & Angel Negron #086, Scott Spangler #391, Damian Hantz #648, Andrew Palombo 211, Pete Mariuzza #354, Jim McClure, Jr. #920

IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE?

If your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are separated or thinking about separation or divorce -- We believe Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery) can help. Retrouvaille is designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on July 15, 2011, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

La Roche College

La Roche College, a private, Catholic, co-educational institution in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, invites high-school sophomores, juniors and seniors to explore its campus and educational opportunities on Saturday, July 16 at its summer prospective student event, U@LaRoche! A highlight of the day is the opportunity to talk with faculty. Visitors will also learn about the new Study Abroad/ Study USA program (built into the tuition structure) and the Honors Institute while on campus. A complimentary lunch for prospective students and their parents is served. To register for the event, prospective students should visit www.laroche.edu and click on "U@LaRoche!" found on the bottom of the home page. You may also call 1-800-838-4LRC or 412-536-1272 to register. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Sahar, La Roche College, Laura.Sahar@laroche.edu or 412-847-2517.

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Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (06/26)

5:00 p.m. *(Vigil)* Living and Deceased of the Parish
7:30 a.m. Otto J. Klingler (Barb and Bill Volzer)
9:00 a.m. Matt DeStefano (Wife and Family)
11:00 a.m. Harold W. and Mathilda E. Elk
(Trisha and Nancy)

12:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*

7:00 p.m. *Vespers and Benediction*

MONDAY - Saint Cyril of Alexandria (06/27)

9:00 a.m. John Ricci (Cheryl and Jack Pannell)

TUESDAY - Saint Irenaeus (06/28)

9:00 a.m. Helen Vandzura (Clarence Vandzura)

WEDNESDAY - Saint Peter and Paul (06/29)

9:00 a.m. Joseph J. Cybert (Ed and Patty Neff)

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

THURSDAY - Weekday (06/30)

9:00 a.m. Don Regan (Dian Regan and Family)

FRIDAY - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (07/01)

9:00 a.m. John Ristway (Anne and Family)

9:30 a.m. *24 Hour Adoration*

SATURDAY - The Immaculate Heart of Mary (07/02)

9:00 a.m. Dolores Burns (The Burns Family)

5:00 p.m. *(Vigil)* Matis and Anna Lepovsky (Children)

SUNDAY - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (07/03)

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

9:00 a.m. 25th Wedding Anniversary of

Jerry and Susan Pompa

11:00 a.m. 25th Wedding Anniversary of Dave and Patty Hall
(Brian and Kristina)

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!

PLEASE NOTE

DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE FOR SUMMER



Beginning on **Monday, June 27th**, the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be the only daily Mass celebrated. The 7:00 a.m. Mass will resume on Monday, September 12th.

Golden Wedding Celebration

The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2011 beginning with a mass at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral.



If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2011, and would be interested in attending the celebration along with the other jubilarian couples, please call the rectory or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than August 7th. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

Pray for Seminarians

Please pray for all our seminarians as they serve in their various assignments throughout the diocese this summer. The parishes in which the seminarians are assigned, 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 Ron and Judy Gratz 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

Gracious God, You have called me to life and gifted me in many ways. Through Baptism You have sent me to continue the mission of Jesus by sharing my love with others. Strengthen me to respond to Your call each day. Help me to become all You desire of me. Inspire me to make a difference in others' lives. Lead me to choose the way of life You have planned for me. Open the hearts of all to listen to Your call. Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that we may have listening hearts and the courage to respond to You. Enkindle in my heart and the hearts of others the desire to make the world a better place by serving as Lay Minister, Sister, Priest, Brother or Deacon. Amen.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY (PSM)



Friday, July 1, 7:00 p.m. with Prayers to Our Lady of Guadalupe and see the "Silver Rose"



"As Catholics, we are called to be people of life and a people for life. The challenge before us is to teach the world that the life of each human being, unique and unrepeatable, begins at the moment of conception and ends by natural death. To accomplish this we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, through whom the word was made flesh.

Through Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, we seek the grace and strength to bear witness to the reality that every human life is sacred, a gift from God"

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4242 will sponsor an evening of prayers, including the recitation of the Holy Rosary on Friday, July 1 at 7:00 p. m. in the Church. The Knights will also display a "**Silver Rose.**" The rose is a symbol of a deep devotion and honor to Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death, as we think in terms of "One Life, One Rose." For the past 50 years, with the assistance of the Knights, the "**Silver Rose**" has been making a pilgrimage from London, Ontario, through 10 states in the U. S., and then crossing at the International Bridge and in to Monterrey, Mexico. The final destination is the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe by December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year, the Knights of Columbus have chosen St. John the Baptist Church in Plum, as the only stop in Western Pennsylvania to display the "**Silver Rose.**" A social will follow. All are welcome. **Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us, St. Juan Diego, pray for us.**



Ensure Inclusion, Freedom, and Respect For All

Did you know that people with disabilities constitute our nation's largest minority group (one in five Americans has a disability)? It is also the most inclusive and most diverse group: all ages, genders, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic levels are represented.



Contrary to conventional wisdom, individuals with disabilities are not:

- People who suffer from the tragedy of birth defects.
- Paraplegic heroes who struggle to become normal again.
- Victims who fight to overcome their challenges.

Nor are they the *retarded, autistic, blind, deaf, learning disabled, etc.* They are people: *moms and dads; sons and daughter; employees; friends and neighbors; students and teachers; scientists, reporters, doctors, actors, presidents, and more.* More will follow.

Welcome to St. John's

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

Christa Mitchell

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community with great joy the newly baptized: Evan James DelBene, Alexander Michal Klemencic, Lurenzo Louis Raucci.

Weddings

II Leslie Baldwin and Nathan Lucas

Rest In Peace

*Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of the dearly departed, especially **Louis Drop**, who died on June 17th.*

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, 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, Ron Zapata, Paula Titus, Bill and Gerry Catullo, Lou Gaussa, Nick Roman, Betty Beckett, Amy Carmichael, Dorothy Kokal, Jean Duffy, Jane Truxal.

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

Don Regan

requested by Dian Regan and Family

You may be interested

Festival of Praise St. Juan Diego Parish Madonna Church
Sharpsburg, **Friday, July 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Parish Prayer Groups, Youth, Young Adults, and Adults of all ages throughout the Diocese are invited to a special "Festival of Praise" at St. Juan Diego Parish, Madonna church building, Sharpsburg (201 9th Street). An experience of prayer, music, celebration and Sacrament. **No registration. No sign-up. No fee.**