

## Pastor's Notes

How often people proclaim, "I know..." And how often is it that they know absolutely nothing about what they are speaking of? It's sad, but a harsh reality. The world wants it that way so that any person can proclaim the truth without knowing THE truth.

It's a very sad state when people claim "to know" God's way and haven't the slightest clue concerning their faith, scripture, or the Church, let alone about God.

In today's gospel, Jesus prays for his disciples and a close group of followers who "do know." They are not of the



world, only having to live in the world for a period of time. They have heard, prayed about, reflected upon the truth spoken by Jesus — truth that we now hear through the teachings of scripture, particularly the gospels.

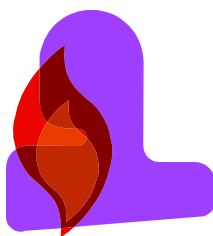
They are the ones who have no need to create their own versions of the message and mission of Jesus Christ. They will not be found

twisting it for their own purpose, as now their purpose is that of Jesus'.

The same can be true for you and I, if we allow it to happen. We are the modern day disciples given the truth through the power of the Spirit. In one act of salvation, justification, and redemption (forgiveness) we have been given the message and mission of Jesus Christ to live and proclaim in our own lives — that is, if we seek the truth and choose to live and proclaim it.

And as we heard in last week's gospel, we'll know the Spirit if we live the commandments of love.

Come Spirit of God. Come, awaken in us a burning desire to be true disciples of your truth. Remove from us the fabrications we create, meant to make us better in the eyes of those in the world who have not sought your truth. Then we may humbly acknowledge the great gift of your life that truly does lift us beyond those who proclaim "I know..." when in reality, they know so little of your desire for us.



### BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT

*COME, HOLY SPIRIT!*

The gifts of the Spirit received when we are baptized,

## God Bless you, Father John

*As you depart from St. John the Baptist Parish, please know that there is an open invitation to visit and share with us.*

*May your work with the Little Sisters of the Poor and the residents of their care facility be a blessing and source of strength to the residents, staff, and sisters.*



*Thanks for your dedication to the Church and to our parish, and for your ministry and support during the past three years. How quickly they have gone by.*

*May you know of our continued prayers for you in the years to come.*

and affirmed in our confirmation of faith, are gifts of grace enabling us to possess the wisdom of God and the courage and holiness to desire a true oneness with God above all else. For them to become truly active in our lives, a "regeneration" is needed, as Pope John Paul II encouraged all members of the Church to seek, and which Pope Benedict XVI continues to exhort of all the faithful.

What was given to the Apostles, Mary, and a few disciples in the upper room on that first Pentecost — as individuals and as members of the one Body, the Church, was not a one-shot deal. That same Holy Spirit, with all the graces given to that beginning Church, are extended now to each of us just so we can realize the charisms that flow from a life of oneness with our God. These charisms, special moments of grace which were exemplified by the Apostles as they continued Jesus' mission of calling others to salvation, are for those who are "Baptized in the Spirit" today. Pope Benedict reminds us that, "*In this baptism of the Holy Spirit, the personal and communal dimensions — the 'I' of the disciple and the 'we' of the Church — are inseparable. The Spirit consecrates the person and at the same time makes him (her) a living member of the mystical body of Christ, a participant in the mission to witness to his (Christ's) love.*"

A Baptism in the Spirit requires the believer to seek the fullness of grace, be open to the unknown possibilities of God's presence and power, and live these moments of divine sharing, on fire for the will of God. Let us burn in and for the love of God made known through the Spirit.

Thanks for the prayers for my dad. The heart needs some strengthening but is otherwise in good condition.

Love and prayers,  
Fr. Tom

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Dear Friends at Saint John the Baptist Parish,

You have been wonderful to me from the time of my arrival here in July of 2008 until the present. The hospitality that I received was great: helping me to move my belongings into the rectory, getting me acclimated to liturgical services in church, providing me with road directions to various places, and, more importantly, accepting me into your lives in friendship. In quite a variety of ways---some public and others not all that noticeable---Father Tom took the initiative to get me acclimated quickly so that I could “land running,” feel at home, and get started in parish ministry.

When I first arrived, I felt somewhat sorry both for Father Tom and for the parish in general. I think that it would have been beneficial for the parish to have a fairly young priest instead of me. Although I had no control over the matter, I thought that a parish of this size with many young families would be well served by a young priest. However, my time with you has been a good experience for me, and I hope that it has been a good experience for you.

On Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, I will become chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor, to their residents, and to their staff. The Little Sisters of the Poor are a religious community located in Brighton Heights, on the north side of Pittsburgh---not far from the McKees Rocks Bridge. This assignment came as a surprise to me, as have practically all of my assignments in the Diocese of Pittsburgh and in other parts of the country and world. I view an assignment by the bishop as the will of God for a priest, expressed in a concrete way. I hope that you accept my departure in that light.

Please keep me in your prayers, and know that I will keep you in mine. Goodbye and God bless. Father John

### Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be held every other Sunday during the summer. Then next Liturgy will be on June 12th.

Children’s bulletins will be available every weekend in the church vestibule.



### Readings for the Week of June 5

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30;23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3/Jn 21:20-25  
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/Jn 20:19-23



### Offertory Collections 2011

May 29 Offertory	\$ 9,741
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,437
Year to Date Offertory	\$521,673
Fiscal Year Goal	\$646,724
Parish Social Ministry	\$ 893

#### Parish Share 2010

428 Responses \$80,492 Collected

#### Second Collection

Capital Improvement, June 4/5

*Please consider how you might be able to help the Family Festival this year. This is a MAJOR fund raiser for our parish, and if you can give just one night, the impact will be significant. Will you help? —The Finance Council.*

### SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS

Sunday, June 5 at 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.



### This Week

#### Sunday, June 5, 2011

Parish Food Drive

10:00 a.m. RCIA Mustagogy - rmr

10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Brunch - cafeteria

#### Monday, June 6

7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Graduation - cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Praise Band - church

8:00 p.m. Bell Choir - church

#### Tuesday, June 7

7:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Graduation - church

#### Wednesday, June 8

Last Day of SJBS

#### Thursday, June 9

8:30 a.m. PSM Meals for Intersection

6:30 p.m. Cantors

7:00 p.m. Choir

7:00 p.m. Baptism in the Spirit

#### Friday, June 10

#### Saturday, June 11

9:00 a.m. Diaconate Installation - St Paul’s Cathedral

#### Sunday, June 12

10:00 a.m. RCIA Mystagogy - rmr

10:15 a.m. Baptism Prep - rectory

1:00 p.m. Car Cruise - parking lot

12:00 p.m. Deacon Joe Vannucci’s reception - annex

## Fraternity of Priests Healing Mass

Wednesday, June 8 — 7:00PM

### St. Richard Parish, Richland Twp.

Take turnpike to Butler Exit (Route 8). Go north on Rt. 8 to Rt. 910. Turn left onto Rt. 910 and follow west approximately five miles. Turn right at the Lutheran Church and follow one mile to driveway.



## BAPTISM PREP FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS

Next Sunday, June 12

10:15 a.m. in the rectory living room

Please call 412-795-6376 to register

Please call the Rectory 412-793-4511 to schedule the Baptism

Couples should contact Mrs. Tarr in the Religious Education Office as soon as they learn of the pregnancy. Preparing for the child's spiritual needs is as important as anything else. Do it right for your child's sake.

### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY dates to remember

#### Casseroles for the Intersection on June 9

The Food Bank Committee will deliver 6 half trays of Macaroni & Cheese on Thursday, June 9 at 8:15 AM. If you wish to bake or deliver, please call the PSM office. at 412-793-4511.

# ST. JOHN'S FAMILY FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY through SATURDAY  
JULY 13—16TH

## Important Prep Dates Family Festival

Take time to plan on helping us prepare for our Festival! Mark your calendar for one or more days to help prepare food or the grounds. Many hands make light work. Many hands also make it much easier for everyone involved. Check the following dates listed below and plan to help! Thank you.



Sunday, June 12th New To You collections begin  
—see insert— Please note: Unfortunately, donations cannot be taken after July 8th. If any are left at the school they will be discarded.

Monday, June 20 Empty Garage (booths etc.)  
All ages are needed, but younger men with muscle are really needed for this project.

Monday, June 27 and Tuesday, June 28  
Food Prep in the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Booth Set up at 6:00 p.m. (If possible, please bring 1/2 and 9/16 sockets, wrenches, drills)

Tuesday, July 5 and Wednesday, July 6  
Set up at 6:00 p.m. (stage, booth tarps, booth boards etc.)

Monday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 12  
Final Set up at 6:00 p.m. (tables, chairs, last minute details)

## BASKET AUCTION

Large, empty baskets are needed for the Basket Auction.

Any treasures to give the baskets purpose can be brought to the rectory office during normal business hours.

Pre-made baskets are also welcome.



## FAMILY FESTIVAL GRAND RAFFLE

Tickets were distributed to parishioners this week.

**Don't wait!**

Fill out the stubs and return them so that you are eligible for the Early Bird drawings along with the Nightly drawings during the Festival

## EARLY BIRD RAFFLE on JUNE 19TH

**4—\$100 Early Bird Drawings**

(Winning tickets are eligible for ALL Festival Drawings)

## FESTIVAL NIGHTLY DRAWINGS

July 13, 14, 15

three drawings each night

**One-\$500 winner and Two \$100 winners**

and on

Saturday, July 16th

**Three Grand Prize winners**

**\$5,000 - \$2,000 - \$1,000**

Need more tickets?

We have extra at the rectory!



# Senior Youth Ministry



All teens entering 9th -12th grade are invited to join us for the Healing Mass at St Richard's parish in Gibsonia on June 8th. If you are planning on attending please e-mail Joann no later than June 6th.

- Junior High Youth Ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 28th from 8-10 pm in the Convent.
- Catholic Kennywood Day, July 7th. Cost \$25 which includes ticket and transportation. We will leave SJB at 9:45 a.m. and return by 10:30 p.m. Money and permission slips due no later than June 26th.



- 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.
- **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. Cost is \$110 per person. For more information, please call Joann 412-793-1617. Space is limited, reserve your spot today! Permission slips and money are due no later than June 1. Please contact Joann.



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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CAN YOU HELP?  
JUNE 20-24TH

VBS is in need of some items that maybe you have that we could borrow. VBS is the week of June 20th through the 24th. If you have and we can borrow the following items – we would need them on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and they will be available for pick-up at the rectory on Monday, June 27th.



### WE STILL NEED

- a three to four man pop-up dome tent
- (free standing)
- a mega-phone, and living room throw pillows
- a boxed fan.

Please call Mrs. Tarr at 412-795-6376 if you have questions or can help! Thanks!

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE

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

## SCHOOL NEWS



- Monday, June 6  
—Kindergarten Graduation at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Tuesday, June 7  
—Field Day  
—8th Grade Graduation at 7:00 p.m. in church
- Thursday, June 8  
—Last Day of School
- Tuesday, June 14  
—Kennywood Picnic



## 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.

### Lucky Lottery Winners from May 23 to May 29

Valerie Lewis #876, Marty Cipa #447, Tracy Sanders #054  
Unsold #150, Unsold #994, Tony Rende #232, Tim Butler #580

## 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



**St. Alphonsus Parish  
Springdale**

Monday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Marsha Eztrodt at 724-274-5084



Contact Bonny Welch at the rectory office for further details,  
412-793-4511 (Wednesday through Friday)

**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.**

## Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

### **SUNDAY - Seventh Sunday of Easter** (06/05)

5:00 p.m. (*vigil*) Spiritual Welfare of the Lynch and Knecht Families (Michael and Ann Lynch)  
7:30 a.m. Frank and Matilda Yearn (Family)  
9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish  
11:00 a.m. Rose and Frank DePalma (Ricci Family)  
7:00 p.m. *Vespers*

### **MONDAY - Saint Norbert** (06/06)

7:00 a.m. Ernie Entz (Jim and Blanche LeDonne)

### **TUESDAY - Easter Weekday** (06/07)

9:00 a.m. John Loftus (Mary, Martha and Lazarus)  
7:00 p.m. SJBS Eighth Grade Graduation

### **WEDNESDAY - Easter Weekday** (06/08)

7:00 a.m. Daniel Soggi (Wife and Family)  
9:00 a.m. Mary and Mike Churilla (Lorraine and Family)  
9:30 a.m. *Mother of Perpetual Help Novena*

### **THURSDAY - Saint Ephrem** (06/09)

7:00 a.m. Dolores Burns (The Burns Family)  
9:00 a.m. Darylann Dugan (Barbara Dugan)

### **FRIDAY - Easter Weekday** (06/10)

7:00 a.m. Sam Cosnotti (Family)  
9:00 a.m. Alice Rosso (Rich and Pat Kastelic and Family)

### **SATURDAY - Saint Barnabas** (06/11)

9:00 a.m. Felix E. Kelly (Eugene E. Kelly)  
5:00 p.m. (*Vigil*) Tillie and Bill Izzo  
(Dolly and John Izzo)

### **SUNDAY - Pentecost Sunday** (06/12)

7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish  
9:00 a.m. Virginia Maiorino (John Maiorino)  
11:00 a.m. Rose and Charles Wolfe  
(Nancy and Mike Cremeans)



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Fill the church with the  
RED of burning love  
awakened by the power of  
the Holy Spirit..

### *Pray for 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.*

#### CALLED TO ORDERS

Called to the **Transitional Diaconate:**  
and ordination on Saturday, June 11  
*Mr. Kevin C. Fazio*

Called to the **Presbyterate (Priesthood)**  
and ordination on Saturday, June 25  
*Deacon Michael J. Roche*  
*Deacon Michael R. Peck*  
*Deacon Christopher D. Donley*  
*Deacon Adam M. Verona*

#### VOCATION CROSS



Please join the Krupper and Pagano Families 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*

**A**lmighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Pittsburgh as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus The Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, and renew the face of the earth.

Oh God, Father of all mercies, provider of a bountiful harvest, send your graces upon those you have called to gather the fruits of your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service to you.  
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)



### St. John's Blood Drive, Father's Day Sunday, June 19



Our Summer Blood Drive is Sunday, June 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Plan to participate. The summer months really are a difficult time for hospitals that must provide blood when the need arises. St. John's has its blood drive just for the purpose of helping to meet the blood needs for the months when the need most accidents do occur. Bring a buddy, a neighbor, a relative and help spread the "good feeling" of helping to reach out to people. One blood donation can actually help save four lives! Blood transfusions, of course, take the entire donation of a pint of blood, but donations can also be separated into three components. **Red Cells** carry oxygen to the body, and are most needed after significant blood loss through trauma, surgery, or anemia; in particular cancer patients, hip replacements, liver transplants, anemic patient and patients with ulcers. **Platelets** are used for cancer and leukemia patients. **Plasma** is mainly for burn victims.

**You are eligible to donate blood if you :**

- are at least 17 years old
- weigh at least 110 pounds
- are in general good health

- There are NO upper age limit and most medications and medical conditions are acceptable.
- There is NO risk of contracting AIDS or any other disease through the donation process. Each kit is sterile, pre-packaged and used only once.
- Donors are eligible to give blood every 56 days. The entire donation process, from registration to post-donation refreshments, takes about one hour. The actual donation takes about 10 minutes.

Give Blood! Please call the PSM office if you wish to donate at 412-793-4511.

**SO PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO DONATE BLOOD AT JOHN'S ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2011.**

**God will reward you, way beyond your generosity.**

### Baby Bottle Drive Ends On Father's Day

The Baby Bottles will be picked up at approximately at 1:00 p.m. on Father's Day. All donations will be given to Community Care Pregnancy Center.



They help:

- New and expecting moms and dads in tough situations
- Babies who want to be born!
- Families in the community

Thank you for your participation in the Baby Bottle Drive.

## *Welcome to St. John's*

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

*Laurie, Larry and Leah Prunty*

## *Congratulations*

*Congratulations and best wishes to Aileen and Nick Roman who celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on June 4th. 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 **Richard A. Traeger** who died on May 26th, **Mary Werley** who died on May 28th, **Charles Cosnotti** who died on May 30th.*

## *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.*

*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.*

## *Catholic Charities~"Wine and Wii"*

Catholic Charities invites you to join in the fun of "Wine and Wii," Thursday, June 16 at the Upper Floor Lobby of the US Steel Tower in downtown Pittsburgh. From 5 - 8 p.m. sample Dreadnought Wines, and enjoy delectable fare from Damon's Grill and Sports Bar while playing Wii party games. Prizes and silent auction items will also be available. Registration is \$35 per individual, or \$100 for teams of four. Teams of four that register before June 8 will receive an early bird price of \$75. For more information about Catholic Charities or to purchase tickets online, visit [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org) or call 412-456-6950.

## **FESTIVAL OF PRAISE**

Thursday, June 23 at Sts. John and Paul Parish in Wexford from 7:30-9PM.

Join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Zubik and music by nationally recognized musical artists Kelly Pease Lombardi and Bob Lesnefsky. Celebrate the CHURCH ALIVE!, the feast of Corpus Christi, and the upcoming ordination of 4 new priests. The evening is sponsored by the Office of Vocations, for more info contact [jfreedy@diopitt.org](mailto:jfreedy@diopitt.org).