

Pastor's Notes

Last Sunday we celebrated 40 years of operation of our Pre-School program. And all 40 of those years have been directed by one person — Anna Mae Newmaster. As I said at the 9:00AM Mass last Sunday, that is a great work of the Lord being done through her — a true act of love.

What I didn't do last Sunday was acknowledge the current staff that continues to bring that gift of love to our young children. So, with apologies, I offer the thanks of

Congratulations! the entire parish to the current staff and past staff members who have made it possible to provide such a loving service.

Congratulations again to Anna Mae Newmaster and to the staff for a program that is constantly being reshaped to meet the needs of our little ones.

Did you know that the older pre-schoolers come to the "Big School" periodically for computer work? And that the all-day students, often have lunch in the "Big School?" And there is great interaction between the school students and pre-school students? It all adds to make for a very successful program.

Last Sunday Fr. Frank Kurimsky, a son of St. John the Baptist Parish, celebrated his 25th Anniversary as a priest. He kept the attention on the great gift of the sacred priesthood and the Eucharist, which are joined through their institution at the Lord's Last Supper. We congratulate Fr. Frank again and thank him for his years of service to the Church of God, asking blessings for many more years of faithful ministry.



At the same time, we now are called to celebrate the priesthood of Fr. John Geinzer and the many years of ministry he too has provided to the Church, most importantly the three years he has served St. John the Baptist Parish. His assignment as Chaplain of the Little Sisters of the Poor (Brighton Heights, North Side) will call upon another dimension of ministry to the sisters and their residents.



Please note the change in venue for Fr.

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John's reception on Sunday, June 5. It will be in the cafeteria rather than in the Annex due to a commitment, made six months ago, for use of the Annex that afternoon.

During the next two weeks leading into Pentecost there is an overriding teaching that needs to be clearly understood — and believed. Now remember, we're talking "Belief" not provable fact. That's called faith.

The prime, that is, the most essential belief we must have concerning God is that "God is love." (1 Jn 4:9)

The second most important belief that is essential for us is that "if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us." (1 Jn 4:12). The deduction?

The person believing that the unity of God (the perfected love of Father, Son and Spirit) is our purpose and goal. Such a person will be found loving and caring beyond themselves. Such people will correct without crushing or destroying, eliminating, or killing. They are about life that is not of this world. Love does not allow them to see in ways predicated by Satan's ways. They do not see themselves as better than anyone else, and instead, remain lowly to lift up the lowly. Life for them is about God rather than society's "ME"



If we are to have Life in the Spirit, the desire for the Church as expressed by Pope Benedict, then we must have that ongoing conversion of ourselves first, and the world second. If we place the conversion of the world ahead of the conversion of our own hearts and minds, then what we will seek is for ourselves as we will not learn what it means for us to love and to see how God loves. The "ME" will remain in the way, blocking any growth into the person of Jesus Christ.

"Life in the Spirit" is about conversion of the whole person — body, mind, and soul — into a oneness, a unity with the God who is absolute love. The 13th century mystic, St. John of the Cross said, "The soul lives where it loves." (A Spiritual Canticle) Where is your love? What is your love? For God, this love is ever-present to all. It is complete giving for all.

St. John also wrote, "The Lord has always revealed to men the treasures of His wisdom and His Spirit, but now that the face of evil more and more bares itself, so does the Lord bare His treasures the more." (Sayings of Light and Love)

These treasures are the gifts, fruits, and charisms of the Holy Spirit, the graces that allow us, lead us, show us, the life of God given us. They now call us to become one with our Lord in the sharing of this life — in love.

As we approach that renewal of the Holy Spirit in our own lives at Pentecost, let us examine our lives, our motives for acting or speaking as we do. Are they of God and of God's love meant for all people? Or do they reflect my own desires and fulfillments sought?

Love and prayers,
Fr. Tom

Memorial Day Weekend. Please pause and say a prayer for all those who have made our Freedom a reality. We all take it for granted, but Freedom is not Free. To all of you who are Veterans, Thank You for your service.

— The Finance Council

*You are Cordially Invited
to a Farewell Reception
in honor of
Fr. John Geinzer
on
Sunday, June 5th
at 12:00 p.m.
on church grounds
(weather permitting)*

*We bid Fr. John a fond farewell as he
moves to minister
The Little Sister of the Poor
as Chaplain
Thank you Father John for your loyal
ministry and friendship.
We will miss you.*

ATTENTION: LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The next liturgical minister schedule runs from July 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011. Your vacation requests for this time period are due Tuesday May 31, 2011. Please send all requests and availability to e-mail address schedule4sjbparish@verizon.net, call 412-793-1272, or leave a note at the rectory



Readings for the Week of May 29

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8,14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20



Offertory Collections 2011

May 22 Offertory	\$ 10,080
Weekly Goal	\$ 12 437
Year to Date Offertory	\$520,932
Fiscal Year Goal	\$646,724

Parish Share 2011

424 Responses \$76,136 Collected

Second Collection

Parish Social Ministry, May 28/29
Capital Improvement, June 4/5



*The Rectory Office will be closed on
Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th
The office we be open on
Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.*

*please note: One Mass will be
celebrated on Memorial Day*

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD
A Holy Day of Obligation**



**Vigil—Wednesday, June 1st
4:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 2
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

This Week

Sunday, May 29, 2011

10:00 a.m. RCIA Mystagogy - rmr

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

10:00 a.m. Mom's Group - convent

12:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Luncheon - annex

Wednesday, June 1

7:00 p.m. Adult Faith - rmr

Thursday, June 2

3:00 p.m. School Cantors - church

3:30 p.m. Junior Choir - church

7:00 p.m. Life in the Spirit - annex

8:00 p.m. Choir

Friday, June 3

Saturday, June 4

Parish Food Drive

9:00 a.m. PSM Vol. Day of Recollection - church

7:00 p.m. SJBS Jr. High Dance - cafeteria

Sunday, June 5

Parish Food Drive

10:00 a.m. RCIA Mustagogy - rmr

10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Brunch - cafeteria



**24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, June 3**

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

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

**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.

**SJB FAMILY FESTIVAL
GRAND RAFFLE**

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)

Need more tickets?

We have extra at the rectory!



"NEW TO YOU"

Donations for "New to You" will be taken beginning on Sunday, June 12th
(see insert in today's bulletin for more information)

If you would like to help out in the New to You rooms, mark your calendar now with the following dates that are scheduled for set up.

Mon., June 13—Wed., June 15—Fri., June 17
(6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 18 (9:00 a.m. to Noon)

Mon., June 20—Wed., June 22—Fri., June 24
(6:00 p.m.; to 9:00 p.m.)

Sunday, June 26 (Noon to 3:00 p.m.)

Mon., June 27—Tues., June 28—Wed., June 29—
Thur., June 30 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

For more information, call Carla at 412-427-4275

COOKS/HELP—NEEDED



The Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast will be held Sunday, June 5, at the 9:00 am Mass. We are in need of adults to cook the breakfast AND adults and high school students to help serving, etc. If you are available and can help out, please call Joann at 412-793-1617 ext. 261.



Mini-Handbell Concert

The handbell choir will be performing four selections of solo handbell music before the 11am mass on June 5th.

The bell choir has been working on this music all year, and in April they performed these pieces with other choirs at a handbell festival.



The music ranges from traditional hymn-based pieces to contemporary Christian songs and spirituals.

Please come and experience the bell choir as they expand their repertoire, and find exciting new ways of expressing our faith through music.

The concert will begin at 10:40am.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—CAN YOU HELP?

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 17th and they will be available for pick-up at the rectory on Monday, June 27th.

WE NEED

- a Fog Machine
- a small child's plastic molded swimming pool
- a three to four man pop-up dome tent (free standing)
- a mega-phone, and living room throw pillows.



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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *dates to remember*

Summer Food Drive, June 4/5



A Parish Food Drive will be held to help those in need in our community. Donations will be given to the Penn Hills Service Association and the Plum Food Bank.

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.

Senior Youth Ministry



- **Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast** will be held Sunday, June 5th at the 9 am Mass. Invitations were sent this week in the mail. If you did not receive one, please call Joann 412-793-1617, and leave your name and address so we can send you an invitation.

- 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.

- **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.

Carlow University

The Carlow University Women of Spirit® Institute presents 3 Summer Workshops for high school girls who have completed 8th-12th grades as of June 2011. The 3-day workshops run from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and includes breakfast, lunch, T-shirt, journal and all transportation to off-campus sites.

Cost: \$225.00 each. (\$25.00 discount if paid in full by June 1st.) Space is limited. Need-based financial aid and flexible payment plans. Register online at www.carlow.edu/summerworkshops. For additional information please contact Laurie Petty- P: 412.578.8851 F: 412.578.2080 Email: ljpetty@carlow.edu

Prepare to Care: Discover, Explore, Connect introduces high school girls to the field of health science. Spend time in Carlow's new state-of-the-art Nursing Skills Lab. Visit Children's Hospital, Mercy Hospital and UPMC Shadyside Hospital. **June 28, 29, 30, 2011**

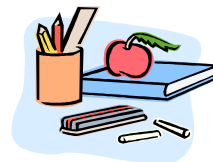
Summer Science Nation -- career options in science. Through hands-on lab experiments, field trips to visit PPG, Heinz Innovation Center and the McGowan Center for Regenerative Medicine. **July 12, 13, 14, 2011**

ECO Camp- Environmental Career Opportunities -- introduces you to "green" careers through hands-on labs, seminars, and field trips to Pittsburgh locations where environmentally friendly work is being done. **July 19, 20, 21**

SCHOOL REGISTRATION KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE

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

SCHOOL NEWS



- Monday, May 30
—No School—Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 31
—Mass with grades 1-8 at 9:00 a.m.
—8th Grade Luncheon
—1st Grade Field Trip
- Thursday, June 2
—Mass with grades K-8
—Cantor practice at 3:00 p.m. in church
- Friday, June 3
—Eucharistic Adoration
- Saturday, June 5
—Graduation Dance at 7:00 p.m.

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 16 to May 22

Laina Smith #000, Harvey & Nancy Trilli #081, Kathy Harrington #184, Thomas M. Moloney #582, Rev. Kevin Dominik #270, Beth Butler #595, Kathleen J. Serapiglia #384

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. Bernadette Parish



Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Marlene Kopper at 412-373-1797

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 Intentions for the Week



SUNDAY - Sixth Sunday of Easter (05/29)

5:00 p.m. (vigil) Patricia A. Bozich (Mom and Dad)
 7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish
 9:00 a.m. Mary O'Block (Husband, Paul)
 11:00 a.m. Raymond C. Mack (The Mack Family)

MONDAY - Easter Weekend (Memorial Day) (05/30)

9:00 a.m. Angelina Hromyak (Husband and Daughter)

TUESDAY - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (05/31)

7:00 a.m. Maria and Michael Varlotta
 (Rose McGuirk and Family)
 9:00 a.m. Harold W. Elk (Cyndee Jablonowski)

WEDNESDAY - Saint Justin (06/01)

7:00 a.m. Alice and John Mitchell
 (Frank and Marian Grasinger)
 9:00 a.m. Ann Kanuck (Family)
 9:30 a.m. Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
 4:00 p.m. (vigil) Anthony Schmeck (Wife)

THURSDAY - The Ascension of the Lord (06/02)

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Cremeans (Joe and Ginger Vannucci)
 9:00 a.m. Roy Mimm (Sister and Family)
 7:00 p.m. Lillian Rudski (Ruth and Al Mack)

FRIDAY - Saint Charles Lwanga (06/03)

7:00 a.m. M/M Sam and Dorothy Guerriero
 (M/M Pat and Jean Guerriero)
 9:00 a.m. Felix E. Kelly (Eugene F. Kelly)
 9:30 a.m. 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

SATURDAY - Easter Weekday (06/04)

9:00 a.m. Eric Volzer (Family)
 3:00 p.m. Samantha Lamberti and Michael Arthurs, Jr., nuptials
 5:00 p.m. (vigil) Spiritual Welfare of the Lynch and Knecht
 Families (Michael and Ann Lynch)

SUNDAY - Seventh Sunday of Easter (06/05)

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

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!

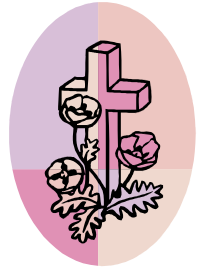
Rosary for Life



"Knights of Columbus will be presenting a Rosary for Life in honor of the unborn child at St. Irenaeus Church in Oakmont on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The presentation will be part of the monthly Eucharistic Adoration. The Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary will be conducted after a time of reflection. After a second period of reflection, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be conducted. The evening will end with a benediction by Father Kurimsky. Please join the Knights of Columbus as they honor the unborn child."

Our Memory

*Your silent tents of green
 We deck with fragrant flowers;
 Yours the suffering has been,
 The memory will be ours.
 —HW Longfellow*



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.

VOCATION CROSS



Please join Kay Vogan in prayer this week as she displays the Vocation Cross in her 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 SOCIAL MINISTRY (PSM)**We Remember, Monday, Memorial Day**

Memorial Day was made a National Holiday in 1866 as a tribute to those whose lives were lost in the Civil War. Since that time, this day has become a day of remembrance for all our nation's men and women whose lives were lost in wartime. Generations of men and women have come and gone, but the greatness and glories of their deeds shall never be forgotten. We now remember and pray for all of the soldiers who gave their lives. We pray for all of those who are presently serving in the Armed Forces. We pray for their safety and a quick return to their family. "God Bless America"

"Lord Jesus Christ, today we honor the memory of those men and women who gave their all in the cause, fought and died for the heritage of freedom, brotherhood, and honor that they have passed on to us. Help us to recall that you gave your life for the true freedom of all human beings. Teach us the meaning of peace and the real battle that must take place in ourselves before it will be won in families and nations. Help us to keep your memory in our celebration of communion and pray for the peace and freedom of the whole world."

Parish's Summer Food Drive, Sunday, June 5

The Summer Food Drive on June 5, will benefit our local community.



Penn Hill Services is in need of: Peanut Butter, Small Jell-O's, Instant Pudding, Cereal and Noodles.

Plum Food Bank is in need of: Paper Products, Personal Products (soap, shampoo, tooth paste, etc.)

Day of Reflection/Celebration for PSM Volunteers

"Lord, when did we see you hungry,... thirsty,... a stranger,... naked,... ill,... in prison,... I assure you, as often as you did it for one of these the least..., you did it to me." Matt. 25:37-40

A Day of Reflection and Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 4, in the Church and annex, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The theme of the day will be "When did I see you?" A hot lunch will be served. To defray the cost of the lunch a donation of \$5 would be appreciated. Next Tuesday, May 31, will be the last opportunity to register. Please call the PSM office at 412-793-4511. Thank you.

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

Our Summer Blood Drive is Sunday, June 19, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Plan to participate. Your commitment to the community blood drive will help ensure a safe and adequate blood supply for area patients. Together we will be prepared for anticipated needs as well as the unexpected. Please call the PSM office if you wish to donate at 412-793-4511.

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community with great joy the newly baptized: Olivia Suzanne Adamonis. May God send his peace upon you and your loved ones in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Weddings

III Samantha Lamberti and Michael Arthurs, Jr.

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 Gausa, Nick Roman, Betty Beckett, Amy Carmichael, Charles Cosnotti.

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.

Flowers at the Altar

are given in the honor and glory of our Lord, in loving memory of Mary O'Block requested by Paul and Family

Calling All Couples. Need a Date Night?

Join Worldwide Marriage Encounter on June 10th for a special screening of the movie *What If...* at St. Ferdinand Church in Cranberry Township. Come enjoy pizza, cake and babysitting! Doors open at 6:00 p.m., movie starts at 6:45 pm. Please RSVP to 724-741-0323 or bill.heatherkreke@gmail.com

You may be interested

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE —Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh 2nd Annual Rummage Sale on June 17 and 18th. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Thousands of items— Something for everyone: Toys, clothes, tools, holiday, books, furniture etc. (2308 W. Hardies Road, Gibsonia).

Slavic Food Festival—Friday, June 17 and 18th from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 455 Center Road. Lots of delicious treats along with Friday features: cod fish fry, crab-stuffed haddock, holubki, pirohi, haluski and spanakopita. Music from 7 to 10:00 p.m. Saturday features: pig roast, stuffed chicken breast, holublki, kalbassi, pirohi, haluski, spanakopita. Music from 7 to 10:00 p.m. Three \$500 Raffle Drawings at 10:00 p.m. Call 412-759-0245 for more information.