

Pastor's Notes

When visiting the eighth grade classes this past week, in some of them we were discussing what we hear today in the gospel — the two Great Commandments. I asked the students, “Are they really commandments?” Or, “Should we see them as true signs of Christian maturity?”

That’s what is posed to us today.

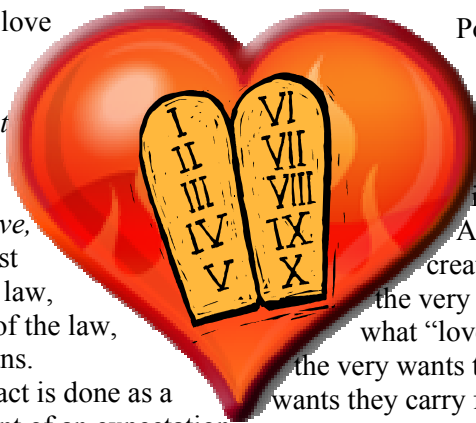
Our decision requires us to study the scripture. The Ten Commandments were received from the Lord by Moses on Mt. Sinai (some of the kids knew that). These were to help the tribes coming out of Egypt, now gathered together as one people, to grow in oneness with one God, rather than the many they previously worshipped (if they were indeed like any other culture of the time), and to grow in oneness with each other, truly becoming one people.

Jesus, the Word of God — therefore the Word that spoke these commandments to Moses (and the people) — took human form and came to show how the commandments were to bring about a maturation of the minds and hearts of the people. That maturation process would have had the people of one heart and one mind with God. They should have been able to simply live two commandments — those we hear today — complete love of God with our entire beings, and love of neighbor equal to the love we have for ourselves.

Jesus said, “*I did not come to abolish the law but rather to fulfill it...Not a letter of the law shall pass away until it is fulfilled.*” The fulfillment of the law then, was that of love. “*Where there is love, there is God,*” we’re told in St. John’s first letter. So, if love is the fulfillment of the law, then oneness with God is the fulfillment of the law, therefore a growth in maturity as Christians.

Love does not function when an act is done as a requirement. In this case, it is a fulfillment of an expectation. Only when a believer carries with him or her a desire to extend self, simply out of love, is that person then acting as God would act — in freedom. The believer learns to act out of love rather than because of a law.

“Freedom” is addressed by St. Paul who sees law as an impediment to love. A mature Christian is free from the demands of laws because the expectations of the law have become the desire of the heart, seen as qualities that define God.



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS Tuesday, November 1 Holy Day of Obligation



The Feast of all Saints focuses on our relationship with the many who have gone before us in faith and acknowledged for their saintly lives. We are in communion with them as they remain for us perfect models offering their prayers and petitions to the Lord for our sake. We celebrate the Communion of Saints. There is no anticipated Mass due to Halloween and Trick or Treat activities.

Masses: 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

So, are they commandments or signs of maturity?

When Jesus was redefining the life of the believer, he used the word “commandment” so they could refer easily to the Ten Commandments (which were 10 of many). But His message was that of learning how to love. Therefore, the true Christian of today — you and I — are called to live these in love, in desire, rather than as requirement set by law.

So let us not simply abandon the law. That doesn’t work. At the same time, let us see the need to replace God’s laws with the love of God.

Otherwise, we will fall into the trap that Pope Benedict XVI addresses when speaking of relativism in the world today. Catholic, Christian living stands diametrically opposed to the beliefs of relativism, a cultural mindset that threatens even a belief in God. Relativism makes God disposable. And when joined with individualism, they create a god that only one person believes in — the very person who does not know or understand what “love” really is. You’ll know these people by the very wants they have in life — always centered on the wants they carry for themselves or people close to them.

Let us be true lovers as meant by our God, whose love — accepted and lived — is essential for our coming to the eternal Kingdom of God — complete love of God first, and then complete love of neighbor equal to love of self.

The **Rite of Intention** celebrated at the 11:00AM Mass this morning, is not simply a “required ritual” expected for those desiring to be confirmed in faith in two years. The Rite of Intention marks the formal beginning of what is to be much greater, intensified preparation and lived experience of what “confirming our faith” is all about. The Rite signifies that these young people are — in all honesty — going to delve more fully into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ, fostering a love for God and neighbor that is both professed and lived. Please pray for these seventh graders now beginning a most serious journey in spiritual growth. Love and prayers,



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Know the Mass.....Love the Mass

The changes in the translation of the Mass provide all of us with an opportunity to understand the Mass more fully. It is through understanding that we come to realize this greatest gift of God's grace and love. We often hear of the importance of a "personal relationship with Jesus Christ." The Lord gave us the means to reach the most personal relationship with Him possible, this side of heaven, when we come together at Mass to hear His Word and have His very Flesh and Blood mingle with our flesh and blood. We may often think of how wonderful it would be to see Jesus, to touch Him, to embrace Him. At Mass, you do see Him! You do touch Him! You indeed embrace Him! And He imparts His divine life to you when you receive Him.

Come understand and love the miracle of the Mass through our four part DVD series "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass." Each part will be offered three times per week to give most everyone an opportunity to attend as their schedule permits. There will be time for discussion and questions. Please come and bring a friend!

October 24 & 26 7:00 PM, October 27 10:00 AM

Introductory Rites

November 2 & 3 7:00 PM, November 3 10:00 AM

Liturgy of the Word

November 7 & 9 7:00 PM, November 10 10:00 AM

Liturgy of the Eucharist

November 14 & 16 7:00 PM, November 17 10:00 AM

Communion and Concluding Rites

The evening sessions will be in the annex and the morning sessions will be in the rectory meeting room. (one exception the Nov. 2 session at 7:00 p.m. will be in the rectory meeting room due to the All Souls Commemoration and reception.)

PLEASE NOTE:

The 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will return on November 5th

Infant Jesus Respect Life Group

Infant Jesus Respect Life Group will meet on Monday, October 24, at 7 PM, at North American Martyrs Parish, in DeLuca Hall. Speaker: Mrs. Helene Paharik of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will present, "The Church's Teaching on Human Dignity," a perfect topic for Respect Life Month. Refreshments. All parishioners are welcome.

Readings for the Week of October 23

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29/Lk 14:1,7-11

Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b,8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9,13/
Mt 23:1-12



Offertory Report 2011

October 16th Offertory	\$ 10,869
Weekly Budget	\$ 12,437
Weekly Deficit	\$ -1,568
Yearly Offertory Collected	\$170,295
Yearly Budget Needed to Date	\$198,992
Yearly to Date Shortfall	-\$28,697

Parish Share 2011

502 Responses \$127,273 Collected

Second Collection

Mission Sunday, October 22/23

Parish Social Ministry, October 29/30

The Finance Council's messages have not been sugar coated the past few weeks. We have danced around the piper for far too long. And he is moistening his lips. The facts are in front of us. What do YOU want to do? What if YOU don't respond? What will happen? Please consider the Increased Giving Campaign. —The Finance Council

This Week

Sunday, October 23, 2011

9:00 a.m. RCIA Catechumenate, rmr

10:00 a.m. Fellowship, annex

6:00 p.m. Den Meeting, cafeteria

Monday, October 24

5:00 p.m. CCD

6:00 p.m. Praise Band, music room

6:30 p.m. CCD

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, music room

7:00 p.m. Music Changes, annex

Tuesday, October 25

4:30 p.m. CCD

6:30 p.m. CCD

Wednesday, October 26

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group, church

7:00 p.m. Mass Changes, annex

Thursday, October 27

8:15 a.m. Interchange delivery

9:00 a.m. Preschool Halloween Party, 3 yr. olds

10:00 a.m. Mass Changes, rmr

10:00 a.m. Ladies of Charity, annex

3:00 p.m. School Cantors, music room

3:30 p.m. Junior Choir, music room

6:30 p.m. Cantors, music room

7:00 p.m. Choir, music room

7:30 p.m. Scouts, cafeteria

Friday, October 28

9:00 a.m. Preschool Halloween Party, Pre-K/4 yr. olds

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Den meeting, cafeteria

Saturday, October 29

9:00 a.m. 8th Grade Clean-up Project

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

Sunday, October 30

9:00 a.m. RCIA Catechumenate, rmr

A Warm Welcome

Last Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass we celebrated the "Rite of Welcoming" for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). After attending the Period of Inquiry, the first period of RCIA, the candidates are now ready to participate in the Period of the Catechumenate. The celebration of the Rite during Mass is also an invitation for our entire parish to support our candidates by your welcome and especially through your prayers. Our Candidates are:

Rebekah Kozub Eric Collier
Kimberly Iarrusso Tisha Fiore

If you, or someone you know, have any questions about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, please contact Ronald Donatelli, Coordinator of RCIA at 412-793-1617 ext. 260 or via email at rondon216@aol.com. You may also visit the RCIA page on the parish website.

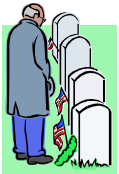
Prayer & Praise

Pope Benedict strongly suggested that a greater emphasis on the Spirit of God be lived in and through the Church. Each week we gather in Prayer and Worship to discern God's Spirit coming alive within us, to hear how he has touched and renewed some, and how the marvelous love of God has brought peace and strength to those who seek to know the Lord more fully.

We gather in the church at 7:00PM Wednesday evening for 90 minutes of prayer and praise, joy and hope.



All Souls Day, Mass of Remembrance.



This annual Mass is a celebration of faith which allows all who have experienced death of a loved one over the past year, find healing and peace through the love and mercy of our God.

It also gives all of us a reminder that we are to pray for the dead, that our prayers do assist the faithful departed to be perfected and enter the kingdom.

All parishioners, family members and friends, are invited to attend. A reception follows in the Annex.

Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies of Charity

St. John's Ladies of Charity will be meeting on Thursday, October 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. The ladies are preparing for their homemade cookie sale in December, our only fundraiser. The profits from the cookie sale are donated to charities supported by the Ladies of Charity. We are also working on the Christmas Angels for the Angel trees. This project benefits many needy families in our area. Our hand knotted lap robes are finished and will be distributed to the shut-ins of the parish this month.

Children's & Youth Offertory Envelopes

In the past couple of years we have been distributing envelopes to all children in the school and CCD programs. Since only 30% of them are being returned, we would like to order envelopes only for those children who use them.

If you want your children to receive offertory envelopes beginning in January 2012, please fill out the form below and return to the rectory office no later than October 31st. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Family Name _____

Child Name & Grade _____

Child Name & Grade _____

Parish Advocates for People with Disabilities

Jim and Judy Rogers and Martin Clancy are the St. John the Baptist Advocates for Persons with Disabilities. They are volunteers who act as a liaison between persons with disabilities and our parish. They have completed the diocesan training for this ministry this past summer. We congratulate them for their willingness to serve the parish and for their completion of their studies.



Jim, Judy and Martin want your help to identify parishioners with disabilities so they may invite and assist them to become or continue to be active in parish life (liturgical, educational and social), according to their interests and abilities. As advocates, they will recommend what steps are needed to facilitate participation in parish life by those with disabilities.

If you know of anyone who has a disability that may limit her or his participation in parish life, please call or email Jim, Judy or Martin. They would especially like to hear from any person with a disability who can suggest ways to facilitate those with a similar disability.

Jim Rogers (412-793-4296) or jrogers@hotmail.com

Judy Rogers (412-793-4296) or jmattispavlinski@gmail.com

Martin Clancy (412-793-4944) or cmartinclancy@aol.com

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *dates to remember*

Feed the Hungry at the Intersection Inc.,

Thursday, October 27 at 8:15 a.m.

The Food Bank Committee will deliver 6 tuna casseroles to the Intersection. If you wish to help in cooking, please call the PSM office at 412-793-4511.

Jubilee Kitchen Outreach Program

Mark your calendar and join the Food Bank Committee when they help at the Jubilee Kitchen on Saturday, November 5th. We will meet and car pool at 8:00AM and return by 12:30 p. m.

We are to love the Lord with our whole heart and our neighbors as our self. By thus fulfilling these two great commandments, we hope to become models of faith and imitators of the Lord who gave Himself totally for our sakes.

YOUTH MINISTRY



- SYM will meet on November 2nd.
Theme: *What's it all about?*
- Any teen who signed up for the boat cruise on November 13th, please be here by 4:55 p.m. We will leave at 5:00 p.m. Attire: Dressy casual (no tennis shoes)
- Time to Serve- Join SJB Parish for a morning of service at Jubilee Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, Nov. 5**. We will leave SJB at 8:00 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Space is limited so please turn in your permission slip no later than October 30th.
- Friday Night Lights- Junior High Night Friday, November 4th from 9:00-10:30 p.m.

St. John's Preschool

Parishioners are welcome to attend any of the Parent Sessions

Four-Year-Olds and Pre-K Sessions, 9:00 a.m.

—Friday, October 28th, Halloween Party

Three Year Olds Session—9:00 a.m.

—Thursday, October 27th, Halloween Party



*There are openings in all Pre school levels.
Please call Anna Mae Newmaster at 412-793-5130.*

Catholic High School's Open House

St. Joe's Fall Open House (Natrona Heights) provides interested students and families with the opportunity to tour the campus, visit with faculty and students and learn more about academics, athletics, clubs and student life. Please join us at our upcoming Fall Open House: Sunday, November 6th 12:00—3:00 pm Registration will begin in the Science & Technology Center

Central Catholic Open House for students and their families will be held on Sunday, November 6th, from Noon until 2:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and experience the school first hand. In addition, the Placement Test for eighth grade boys who wish to attend CC starting in fall of 2012 will be administered on Saturday, December 10th. There is no fee for this test. Registration for the test can be completed online at www.centralcatholicchs.com. Contact the Admissions Office, 412-621-7505 with questions.

OOPS!

HOAGIE SALE PICK-UP

Last week a flyer in the bulletin announced the St. John's PTG Hoagie Sale. Please note that there was a typo on the flyer. HOAGIE PICK-UP IS ON HALLOWEEN DAY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st, from 11:00 am -12:00 pm. The flyer inserted last week had the correct date but wrong day of the week. Thank you in advance for your support! Sincerely, St. John's PTG

NEWS

Monday, October 24

—Scrip due by 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 25

—Mass with grades 1-8 at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 26

—Young Rembrandts at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 27

—School Cantors at 3:00 p.m., music room

Saturday, October 29

—7th/8th grade Halloween Dance



Scrip News

**RED ROBIN GIFT CARDS
AVAILABLE IN THE RECTORY
THESE MAKE GREAT GIFTS!**

"Just in Time for Christmas"

Progressive 50/50 Raffle

Drawing on October 31st

\$5 tickets available at the rectory and school

SJBS MONTHLY DINNERS

Saturdays from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

November 22

January 14, 2012

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, December 3rd (Breakfast with Santa)

LUCKY LOTTERY WINNERS

from October 10th to October 16th.

Carol Glass #537, Unsold #709, Unsold #848, Jeff Sciuillo #748, Nadine Thomas #125, Unsold #778, Unsold #768





Mass Intentions

SUNDAY - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/23)

5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Anthony Schmeck (Wife)
(Interpreted Mass)

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

9:00 a.m. Edward Reuss (Reuss Family)

11:00 a.m. Robert J. Pattison (Daughters)

12:15 p.m. Anointing of the Sick

MONDAY - Saint Anthony Mary Claret (10/24)

7:00 a.m. Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of
Carolyn Berry (Vozler Family)

9:00 a.m. Emily Nebel (Walt and Mary Haluck)

TUESDAY - Weekday (10/25)

7:00 a.m. Charles Cosnotti (M/M Earl May)

9:00 a.m. Elmer Pelcher (Agnes Pelcher)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday (10/26)

7:00 a.m. Helen and Stephen Gazdacko (John Gazdacko)

9:00 a.m. Sam Cariotti (Tom and Stephanie Greyschock)

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

THURSDAY - Weekday (10/27)

7:00 a.m. Richard Vannucci (Ed Burns)

9:00 a.m. Francis Ferragonio (Madeline and Family)

FRIDAY - Saint Simon and Saint Jude (10/28)

7:00 a.m. Anne Ristway (Ristway Children)

9:00 a.m. Phyllis Hefferman (Jill Wilder and Friends)

SATURDAY - Weekday (10/29)

9:00 a.m. John Stephen Gazdacko, (anniv.)
(father, John Gazdacko)

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 11:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Marie Lord (Ed and Donna Liberto)

SUNDAY - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/30)

7:30 a.m. Phyllis and Robert Jenkins (Jean Farr)

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Hank Cacciamani (SJB Choir)

PLEASE NOTE:

**The 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will
return on November 5th**

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!

A Loving Memorial

We are seeking two generous donors to supply our parish with the Communion Hosts and Wine for one year. Traditionally this donation is received as a memorial in remembrance of loved ones in the donor's family. If you would like to be a benefactor, please call the rectory at 412-793-4511. Thank you. The donation can be split with another family.



2012 Mass Requests

2012 Mass requests will be taken on Tuesday, November 1st in the annex from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and in the rectory thereafter. Mass request forms for 2012 can be found in this bulletin. Please read the guidelines.

If you will be celebrating a 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2012, and would like to schedule a Mass for the occasion, please do so now. Please call Susan at 412-793-4511 (M-W) to schedule a Silver or Golden Anniversary

Pray for Seminarians

Justin M. Golna

First year Pre-Theology at Saint Paul Seminary
2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Kevin C. Fazio

Fourth year Theology at Saint Vincent Seminary
300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650

**The Seminarians like hearing from our parishioners
and are grateful for all encouragement and prayers**

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.

**Any parishioner interested in having the
vocation cross in their home for a week in 2012,
please contact Suzy Adamonis (412)793-6110
or adam50s@hotmail.com. All dates are available.**

Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate Heart of Jesus, graciously listen to our prayers. Give this world generous hearts which will respond to your call of a religious vocation.

Lift up courageous men and women willing to follow after your heart as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons.

Help parents, grandparents and all Catholics to share the faith and to encourage young people to explore religious vocations.

Guide all people, Lord, in your ways of compassion, truth, and peace, that we may find happiness in fulfilling our vocation. Amen.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY (PSM)**October Respect Life Month**

“No objectives, even though noble in itself, such as a foreseeable advantage to science, to other human beings or to society, can in any way justify experimentation on living human embryos or fetuses, whether viable or not, either inside or outside the mother’s womb. The informed consent ordinarily required for clinical experimentation on adults cannot be granted by the parents, who may not freely dispose of the physical integrity or life of the unborn child. Moreover, experimentation on embryos and fetuses always involves risk, and indeed in most cases it involves the certain expectation of harm to their physical integrity or even their death.” (Donum Vitae 1, 4)

All Souls Mass of Remembrance**Wednesday, November 2, 7:00 PM**

We remember those from our parish who have died this past year at the All Souls Day, Mass of Remembrance, on Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00 PM. We encourage family members who have suffered a loss during the last 12 months, to attend this Mass and participate in a candle ceremony during the liturgy. The rite simply involves a family member bringing forth a lighted candle to the sanctuary. All are welcome. A reception will follow in the Annex.

Words of Thanks and Appreciation

The Fall Diaper Drive on October 2, was a wonderful success. Thank you for your participation. Catholic Charities, Neighborhood-Based Services (NBS) was delighted to see so many diapers. The NBS, offers basic needs assistance, case management, human services, life skills education, pregnancy and parenting support and supportive counseling transportation.



We thank the 19 parishioners who took time out of their busy lives to donate blood on Sunday, October 9. Words of gratitude to the three volunteers who phoned all of the prospective blood donors and the five cheerful canteen workers. Words of appreciation to the 10 men from the Knights of Columbus, Council #4242 for helping to set up and clearing all of the medical equipment at the conclusion of the blood drive. Great team work! Will do it again in June 2012. Thank you.

A pair of women’s eyeglasses were found in church this past weekend, if they could be yours, please call the rectory at 412-793-4511 to claim them.

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community with great joy the newly baptized: Alyssa Marie Lape and Cooper Andrew Spenik.

Rest In Peace

*Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of the dearly departed, especially **Michael Pekarofski**, brother of Monica Schraeder, who died on October 12th, **Eileen Bour**, sister-in-law of Don Bour, who died on October 19th.*

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, Matt Drop, Maxine Drop, Joan Yushinski, Suzanne Skillen, Carolyn Szydowski, Pat Guerriero, Betty Lawson, Ruth Gorczynski, Jennie Molesan, 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, Amy Carmichael, Dorothy Kosal, Jean Duffy, Jane Truxal, Mabel Barlich, Christina Rosignoli, Joseph Telles, Eva Ignelzi, Dave Thomas, Regis Kozusko, Patricia Coto.

You may be interested:

“Hearts and Hands Gala” to benefit Catholic Young Adult Service Program—The Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities invite you to join with them for the tenth annual Hearts and Hands Gala Saturday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Scotus Hall atop Mount Alvernia. Celebrate the gifts and contributions of young adults participating in the Change A Heart Franciscan Volunteer Program and those with whom they serve. Enjoy an evening filled with great live music as well as complimentary wine paired with food catered by local vendors and restaurants. To purchase tickets, visit www.tinyurl.com/cahgala, or call Kelly Caddy at kcaddy@sosf.org or 412.821.0861.

Catholic-Jewish Relations Subject of Nov. 6 Talk For Catholic Historical Society, Rabbi Alvin Berkun, an internationally recognized leader in Catholic Jewish dialogue, presents “Interfaith Relations: We’ve Come a Long Way” Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. in Room 210, Domenec Hall at Saint Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road in the Crafton area. This free talk is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 412-952-6794.

A Day of Reflection, Sponsored by the Associates of Sisters of St. Joseph. Theme *Discovering Spiritual Joy in a Complex Contemporary Society* presented by Fr. Eugene Lauer on Saturday, November 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration at 9:00 a.m. at Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Medaille Room on first floor, Baden, Pa. Cost is \$25/includes lunch. Car pooling is available. For more information or to register, call Kathy Haver at 412-373-1039 or email kjhaver@verizon.net.