



Father Sam's Forum

Measured by Church time, today's solemnity is quite young: it dates from the middle of the thirteenth century. Over the years it has been called by a number of titles: feast of the Eucharist, feast of the Most Precious Sacrament, even feast of God. But we are most familiar with it by its former Latin Name, *Corpus Christi*.

The solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is what we title it today. This name gives us a complete image, the Lord's Body and Blood, given for our salvation, nourishing us along our pilgrim way, and connecting us intimately to



Christ. Jesus presented his apostles with this gift at the Last Supper and asked them to continue to make it present to those who would come after, disciples of the ages, and that's all of us.

One of the traditions associated with today's feast is a procession with the Holy Eucharist. We will do that in a simple way at the 12:30 Mass today, but next year I would like to expand that and take the procession outdoors with Benediction at its close. Imagine our faith community affirming our love and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in this way.

To honor and keep the traditions of our faith is something I consider very important. It goes with our sense of identity and is part of our story, and by telling our stories we come to know one another better. Our own personal stories intersect with our faith story...or should. Christ is present in all the moments of our lives whether we recognize him or not. Recognizing the Lord in the Eucharist might not be always our first priority given all the distractions we have that pull us from that.

Our new focus—and a goal of the pastoral plan—is adult formation. While the various offerings and gatherings we will present in the coming year are still being determined, I can give you a preview of some of them. Next Lent watch for a three or four week series on the sacraments. Our Lenten Mission brings back Frank Runyeon, Hollywood star, who will over three evenings present, “The Gospel of John,” “the Beatitudes,” and “the Letter of James.”

This fall “The Bible as Theology” will debut. PTHS is giving our young adults “The Bible as Literature” as part of the curriculum there. I will offer them a link to their high school course by giving the other side of the picture. BAT (Bible as Theology) will also be offered for adults out of high school. “Cooking and the Council” is another selection on our menu of choices. This daytime program will combine a hands on cooking demonstration and lunch preparation with some aspect from our Catholic tradition.

Expect the complete menu to be ready later in the summer, and take advantage of how you can grow in your own faith by these sessions, classes, and meetings.

Mass Intentions: June 14—June 21

Sunday, June 14—Corpus Christi

- 7:30a **Living & Deceased Members** (Ben's Men)
- 10:00a **Joseph & Ann Smith** (Lou & Jan Palatis)
- 12:30p **Leddrue Mayer**
(Ann Mayer & Patricia Stanfill)

Monday, June 15—Weekday

- 8:30a **63rd Anniversary—Gene & Rose Rockacy**
(Daughters & Grandchildren)

Tuesday, June 16—Weekday

- 6:30a **Special Intention Mark Phillips & Family**
(M/M Lee Marnick)
- 8:30a **Patricia Trocano** (Keith & Mary Ellen Joseph)

Wednesday, June 17—Weekday

- 6:30a **Marguerite Singer** (M/M Ted Turchick)
- 8:30a **Special Intention—Joseph Valeri**

Thursday, June 18—Weekday

- 6:30a **Alice Prsha** (Youest Family)
- 8:30a **Regis & Loretta Kelly** (Art & Lois)

Friday, June 19—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 8:30a **Massack Family** (Joseph Massack)

Sat., June 20—The Immaculate Heart of Mary

- 8:30a **Mary Ann Snyder** (John Snyder)
- 5:00p **Stanley Karnash** (Wife, Annette)

Sun., June 21—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30a **For the People of the Parish**
- 10:00a **For our Fathers Living & Deceased**
- 12:30p **For our Fathers Living & Deceased**

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of the Snyder Family, requested by Mary Lois Vitale; the Bread & Wine is in memory of Our Parents, requested by John & Ann Kruppa; and the Altar Flowers are in memory of Leddrue Mayer & in honor of Ann Mayer, requested by Patricia Stanfill.

The Parish Office will be closed next Sunday.



Pastoral Staff

Lay Ecclesial Ministers

Michael Benya, Business & Facilities Manager—Ext. 201
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Serving the Parish Next Weekend: June 20—June 21

Sat. 5:00pm— Fr. Ruffalo

Lectors: Pustay, Norton **Greeters:** Reed, Patnesky **EMHC:** Greenwald, Vandewater, Sarra, Ligman, Milavec, Norton, Getto, Femiani, LaCamera **Servers:** Curry, Wiegmann, Lioon, Getto, Hillen

7:30am— Fr. Ruffalo

Lector: DiBartola **Greeters:** R & J Jackson **EMHC:** Glod, Gavran, S & J Christopher, Vines, Prado, Joseph **Servers:** Kelly, W & D DiBartola

10:00am— Fr. Esposito

Lectors: Mahla, McKenzie **Greeters:** Verlato, Stewart **EMHC:** Gaudy, Davis, Stein, McGovern, Bayer, J Smith, Walnoha, McGinnis, Serrino **Servers:** A & E Ross, D, C & L Schratz

12:30pm— Fr. Esposito, Deacon Layton

Lector: McPoyle **Greeters:** Bartoli, McDonnell **EMHC:** Herald, L, K & P Newmaster, Eckels, Boyd, Huffner **Servers:** Graves, F & M Meola

Readings for the Week of June 14

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 4:12-16,22-26
 Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
 Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9/Eph 3:8-12,14-19/Jn 19:31-37
 Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Lk 2:41-51
 Next Sunday: Jb 38:1,8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Building Fund Donations

In Memory of Helen Orcutt

M/M Joseph W. Smith Bernie Suchoza

Memorial Donations

People ask from time to time about donating some item for the church as a memorial for a loved one. Our church interior has many hard surfaces which makes it sometimes difficult to understand the spoken word. While a great space for sung prayer, we also need to be able to hear the Word as it is proclaimed in the liturgy. Bramante Studios has designed some wall hangings for the front of the church that will incorporate the theme of the water that is depicted in our stained glass window in the sanctuary. There are five panels for each side—the wall above the choir section and the wall above the accessible seating section. Look for the design in next week's bulletin and see if you might want to donate a panel or panels to help our sound and enhance the beauty of the church.

New Staff Positions

Interviews for the new staff positions may be completed when this bulletin reaches your hands. Writing this on the first Sunday of the month, there were some call-backs of applicants to be scheduled and still some first time meetings as well. Father Sam will be asking some of the Pastoral Council members to assist him with the second round interviews since the scope of the new position of Parish Life Manager is connected so vitally to the goal of communication that was presented as part of our pastoral plan. Expect to hear the new staffing before the end of the month.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers our parishioner **Eugene Farney**, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Spiritual Adoption



Your spiritually-adopted baby is completely formed and has an excellent chance to survive now. Pray that the baby will continue to gain weight.

Hotline for Victims of Sexual Abuse
412-456-3060 or 1-888-808-1235

Need confidential assistance? Companionship and understanding for a difficult time? Stephen Ministers are here to help you. Call 724-941-5026.



WOSB Garage Sale

The Women of St. Benedict are hosting their annual garage sale on September 18 from 9:00am to 7:00pm and September 19 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The proceeds from this sale allow the WOSB to contribute to many worthy charities. Please begin to put aside those items appropriate for a sale of this nature, i.e. small appliances, furniture, kitchen ware, clothing, etc. If you have any questions/pickup, etc., please contact the chairperson Jackie Buck at 724-941-6955.

Shoe Box Santas

The Women of St. Benedict will be collecting soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, etc. for families in Appalachia. As you travel this summer, please save the hotel samples for us. Your cooperation over the past years is greatly appreciated. Last year we packed 433 shoe boxes, and we hope to pack more this year. There will be a collection box in O'Brien Hall. If you have any questions, call Jackie Buck at 724-941-6955.

Relay For Life

The Ben's Men team would like to thank everyone who ran, walked or sat on the Peters Township High School track on May 30-31. A total of 62 participants logged 827 laps! We would like to extend a special thanks to the Rossin family who logged 224 laps, Allison Crawford, our teen liaison, the tent supervisors and the Relay Committee for their hard work and dedication. Due to the generosity of so many, \$6,000 was raised. We have increased the contribution to the American Cancer Society each year since we began in 1999. The Fight Goes On!

St. Vincent de Paul News

Prayer needs no special day; it's timeless and eternal. It is an excellent way to send your love to a family member or friend for Father's Day, graduation, anniversaries, or any other occasion. St. Vincent de Paul Society **Gift of Love Certificates** offer the gift of prayer in a way that petitions Heaven for you and yours. Please consider this special way to honor and pray for a dear friend or family member. **Gift of Love Certificates** and instructions are available in the new St. Vincent de Paul Center located in the narthex of the church. Pick one up to use now or to save for an upcoming special occasion.

Youth Ministry News

Movie Night Under the Stars—June 19

Bring the whole family to enjoy an evening of games and a movie up on the Rectory lawn. Kickball, dodgeball and free play starts at 7:30pm with show time for the movie "Mall Cop", rated PG, at 9:15pm. Snacks and drinks will be for sale, but feel free to bring your own and a blanket or chairs to sit on. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. If you have any questions, please email them to youthcouncil@stbenedicttheabbot.org

Counselors for 5th & 6th Grade VBS

For all teens who have volunteered to be counselors for the 5th and 6th grade Vacation Bible School program, there are 3 preparatory meetings scheduled: June 17 from 10-12am, June 25 from 1-4pm and July 10 from 10am—2:00pm. We will be meeting in the Youth Ministry office.

Car Wash

On Saturday June 20 and Sunday June 21, we will have an area of the parking lot roped off for those who would like to have their cars washed for \$5 by our teens while you are attending Mass. All proceeds will benefit our annual Mission Trip and other summer Youth Ministry events. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Mystery Trip With Fr. Mike

On June 29, we are having a "Mystery Trip" for all teens in grades 10 thru 12. We will be leaving the parking lot at 6:00pm and returning at approximately 11:00pm. You must bring a permission form signed by your parents and \$10 for dinner.

Youth Ministry Mulch Sale

St. Benedict teens will once again be selling mulch this Spring. This fundraising event helps the Youth Ministry program reduce the cost of summer programs and retreats. Please pick up an order form and price list in the narthex of the Church or in the Church Office.



Ask Father Sam

How is a parish Mass schedule determined?

Lesson of the Week

Why do we ask parents to pay a fee for our formation (religious education) program?

Continued from last week... As I wrote in the past two columns, everything a parish does comes with a price tag. This week I'd like to share the upcoming parish projects we need to address as we care for our buildings and property.

Since we have so many parishioners who have joined the parish over the past several decades, some may not know that Saint Benedict was founded by Bishop John Wright in 1962, to meet the expanding population need of this part of the diocese. The small parish of Saint Elizabeth in Lawrence was not large enough for the growth that was expected in Peters Township. Father William O'Brien (O'Brien Hall) was appointed the first pastor.

One of the first accomplishments of the new pastor was to form a committee to develop a plan to build a temporary church. The buildings we know today as O'Brien Hall and the Pope Benedict Center were finished in 1965. Before that, Mass was celebrated at the old Junior-Senior High School on Sundays. The hall was designed for use for religious instruction as well as social functions, but as the parish census expanded it became far too small for the growing number of children.

We are 44 years away from that first construction, and time has had its way on our buildings. The Rectory, completed in 1966, also shows signs of its age. Our parking lots, the roof on our Family Life and Education Center, the boiler...these are the major concerns of the Finance Council as it examines our campus. In the coming years we may have no choice but to utilize funds we set aside for regular operating costs to cover the emergencies that can come if we fail to pay attention to the problems of the aging buildings and equipment.

This is one reason we ask that anyone with expertise in these kinds of arenas step forward, identify your talents, and help us formulate a plan to meet these needs. Stewardship is the responsibility of all of us. How we care for everything we have here is safeguarding the patrimony of our parish for the future.

News from Faith Formation

"FBI" Relay Team a Success

St. Benedict Middle School students on the "FBI - Friends Being Involved" Relay for Life Team would like to say thanks to the many friends, families and parishioners who supported them in their fundraising efforts. With your help our kids collected over \$1,500 for this American Cancer Society event. Our Youth Council team raised money by selling pretzels on Palm Sunday, finding sponsors for their team, and holding a Balloon Pop Raffle the day of the event. These busy kids worked to set up the event, assisted cancer survivors at their dinner on the field, and helped with the Mass under the stars. We're proud to have these young disciples representing St. Benedict the Abbot Parish at community events!

First Eucharist DVD

If you ordered a First Eucharist DVD, they are available for pick up in the Religious Education Office.

Vacation Bible School 2009

"Crocodile Dock" Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of July 13-17 for children in Grades K-4. Get ready for an exciting adventure where you'll be swamped in activities and buzzing with fun. Be sure to turn in registration forms as soon as possible; classes fill up fast!

Calling All Artists - 7th-12th Grade

The Religious Education Department is looking for talented parish students who would enjoy painting the set design for Vacation Bible School. This service opportunity is open to any student willing to help out before VBS begins. We will be painting between June 2 and June 30. You do not have to sign up as a VBS Counselor to participate. To volunteer, please call the Middle School Minister, Cathy Malencia, at 724-941-9587 Ext. 209.

Registration for 2009-10

Registration for the Formation Program (Religious Education) for the coming year will begin early this summer. Watch for more details in the weeks ahead.



Marriage Encounter

Financial pressures, the stress of parenting, differences between men and women, boredom, disillusionment—they can all scorch a relationship. If you did not have an opportunity to see it at the movies, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is hosting a free viewing of **“Fireproof”** on June 27 at 7:00pm at Gilmory Retreat Center, 601 Flaugherty Run Road, Coraopolis. Spend a relaxing “movie night” with us and hear how the gift of a Marriage Encounter weekend can “fireproof” your marriage. Snacks and beverages will be provided along with a few surprises. There is no cost, but a freewill offering will be accepted. Seating is limited, so please register by June 20. For more information or to register, please contact us at: fireproofme@hotmail.com or phone 724-265-9017.

Catholic Charities’ 100th Anniversary Cookbook

Your favorite recipes are wanted! Catholic Charities is creating a cookbook of tasty traditions and cultures of Pittsburgh to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2010—a long tradition of providing help and creating hope for individuals and families in need. If you have a favorite recipe for an appetizer, main or side dish, dessert, or holiday treat that you’d like to share, visit www.ccpgh.org to submit, or mail to Catholic Charities “Recipes”, 212 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Include a daytime phone number. The deadline to submit recipes is July 1.

Parish Pilgrimage Italian Shrines & Wines

Last call to join the parish pilgrimage to Italy in October. Fr. Sam and a group from our parish will visit the shrines of our patron, St. Benedict, and enjoy the wineries and foods of the central part of this lovely country. Departing October 20, we stay for four nights in a villa near Siena—home to St. Catherine—and visit her shrines, as well as daytrips to Florence and Lucca. Stopping overnight at Norcia, the birthplace of our patron, we will also visit nearby Cascia, the town of St. Rita. Four nights in Rome include a papal audience, Mass at St. John Lateran, and visits to all the regular sites of classical and religious Rome. We also visit Montecassino, the famous abbey founded by St. Benedict and rebuilt after WWII. Daily Mass is included. Stop by the office for a brochure and more information.

This Week In Our Parish

Sunday, June 14

**Abbey Coffee House Open after
7:30 & 10:00 Mass**

Monday, June 15

7:00p	Aerobics	(PBAC)
7:30p	Pastoral Council	(204/206)

Tuesday, June 16

Wednesday, June 17

12:00p	AA	(208)
6:30p	Confessions	(Church)
7:30p	Tae Kwon Do	(OBH)

Thursday, June 18

9:30a	Spirit Day	(OBH)
12:00p	NA	(206)
6:00p	Aerobics	(PBAC)
6:00p	Widow & Widowers	(208)
7:30p	Troop 1313	(PBAC)

Friday, June 19

7:30p	Games & Movie Night	(Upper Lawn)
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Saturday, June 20

7:30a	CMF	(206)
9:00a	Aerobics	(PBAC)
11:00a	Confessions	(Church)

Sunday, June 21

**Abbey Coffee House Open after
7:30 & 10:00 Mass**

Parish Office Closed

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the July program beginning with a weekend on July 10 to 12, call 412-277-3434 or e-mail 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com

Widows & Widowers

The Widows and Widowers of St. Benedict the Abbot will meet on June 18 at 6:00pm in Room 208 for a pizza/game night. For further information, please contact Ellie Puskarich at 724-941-4686. New faces are always welcome.



TO GET INVOLVED, CALL...

Abbey Coffee House

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Kathleen Bench
724-942-0338

Ben's Men

Ernie Sichi
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Boy Scouts

Kevin Dolinar
724-942-0388

Cantors, Choirs, Bell Ringers

Greg Fincham
724-941-9406

Catholic Men's Fellowship

Ed Corbett
724-942-6429

Catholic Scripture Study

Tara Curry
724-942-7539

Elijah Cup

Carlotta Zuback
724-941-5758

Engaged Couples' Program IHN

Ed & Mary Lou Fraticelli
724-941-4230

Eucharistic Adoration

Mary Ann Campbell
724-941-4297

Extraordinary Ministers

Jack McGinnis
724-941-4213

Finance Council

Fred Abrew
724-941-4696

Food Bank

Susan Brooks
724-942-4287

Funeral Repast

Mary Kay Schaner
724-941-5147

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Dick Gawronski
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Greeters

Erma Grego
724-941-6956

Mary Spinabelli
724-942-2478

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Ellen Mavrich
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Stephen Ministry

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724-941-9406

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