

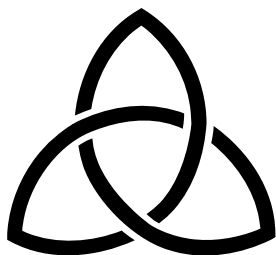


## Father Sam's Forum

Today is the first of three doctrinal feasts celebrated after Pentecost. Rather than commemorating a liturgical event, these feasts point to a mystery of God's being...how God is revealed to us. In looking at God as Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, we look at relationship.

There's that word again! It seems we have been focusing on that a lot throughout the past year. In fact, we always focus on that because we were created for that. "No man is an island," the English poet, John Donne wrote. We think about this relationship of persons in God each time we make the Sign of the Cross.

It used to be that whenever the words, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," were spoken, Catholics automatically made the Sign of the Cross. Not true anymore. Both Fr. Michael and I have noticed that people don't do that. We saw it among our children who made their First Reconciliation, but also among other people of older ages. What gives?



I believe there is not the connection there once was. While it's easy for me to say, "things used to be better...or different, when I was a kid," that's not the answer. What is? It's relationship. Do people really understand it today? Is it what we believe it should be according to God's plan for us?

We know relationship from our families first of all. If that isn't intentional—again and again parents have to make that evident—then kids who are bombarded with so many images and media messages today, won't make the connection. Another reason why I am sold on Whole Community Catechesis. It is not just the job of parents to share faith, it is for us all to do that. That's one reason why I am so excited about the *Abbey Community Ministry*. This new outreach helps each of us to do that, share faith, on a one to one basis. Remember my favorite line, "Faith is caught, not taught."

The Creed we profess at Mass each Sunday gives us an outline of what truths we hold. Today, as you pray the Creed, think about those words. What do they say to you? Just a bunch of theological ideas? Or more? The foundation for your life? They should be!

## Mass Intentions: May 30—June 6

### Sunday, May 30—The Most Holy Trinity

- 7:45a **For the People of the Parish**  
 9:30a **Mary Ober** (Walnoha Families)  
 11:30a **Mary D. Connor** (Daughter, Ann E. McRory)

### Monday, May 31—Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30a **Nicola Della Vecchia** (Mario & Rose Rullo)

### Tuesday, June 1—St. Justin

- 6:30a **Alice Lesica** (Faith Formation Staff)  
 8:30a **Eileen (Dolan) Waldo** (Sister, Patty)

### Wednesday, June 2—Weekday

- 6:30a **Robert & Mary Ann Kolson**  
 (Kathy & Ray Harrington)  
 8:30a **Jack Reed** (Wife, Madeline)

### Thursday, June 3—St. Charles Lwanga

- 6:30a **James C. Gallagher** (Janice McLaughlin)  
 8:30a **Elizabeth Huffner** (Ellie Puskarich)

### Friday, June 4—Weekday

- 8:30a **George P. DiNardo** (Jeanne)  
 1:45p **Manor Care: Frederick Henning**  
 (Shirley Deitzel Family)

### Saturday, June 5—St. Boniface

- 8:30a **Henry & Stella Glance** (Family)  
 2:30p **Wedding: Emily Paul**  
**Nick Eisel**  
 5:00p **John Sawezyszyn** (Wife)

### Sunday, June 6—The Body & Blood of Christ

- 7:45a **Denise Blehar** (M/M William Blehar)  
 9:30a **For the People of the Parish**  
 11:30a **Mary & Jack Mitchell**  
 (Julie & Tom Dubaniewicz Family)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of deceased members of the Shanafelt & Casilli Families, requested by Mickey Shanafelt; and the Bread & Wine is in memory of the Menichi Family, requested by Erma Grego.*

## Census 2010

Keeping good records is an important piece of parish business. Our census records are outdated in many instances, with households still listing adult children who are no longer present, and sometimes we have people who are present in the household missing. To update our data, a parish-wide census is beginning this summer. We are going to have several ways for people to update their records. One will be online on our web site. Another will be having forms in church that people can complete. A third way is through the mail. Watch for our start up date later this June.



## Pastoral Staff

To reach a staff member, dial 724-941-9406, and then the extension number listed.

### Pastoral Life & Worship

Gregory Fincham, Director of Music Ministries— 108  
 Dennis Gehrlein, Pastoral Associate— 109  
 Cathy Malencia, Middle School Minister— 110  
 Janet Roberto, Young Adult Minister— 112  
 Lisa Ruggieri, Formation Office Coordinator—107  
 Marcia Snowden, Catechetical Assistant—107  
 Colette Specca, Director of Faith Formation— 113  
 Jay Specca, Coordinator Adult Formation & Liturgy—114

### Pastoral Administration

Michael Benya, Parish Campus Manager— 105  
 Mary Ann Bitters, Parish Secretary— 100  
 Justin Cumer, Maintenance— 100  
 Shirley Jacobs, Safe Environment Coordinator—107  
 Jan Martin, Rectory Housekeeper— 131  
 Dave Murtaugh, Maintenance— 100  
 Kathy Pfeifer, Parish Life Manager— 106  
 John Risher, Weekend Maintenance— 100  
 Kevin Wolford, Maintenance Supervisor— 100

- Formation Offices: Religious Education/Youth Ministry— 724-941-9587

### St. Benedict Preschool

Beverly Jurcic, Director— 724-731-0222

## Serving the Parish Next Weekend June 5—June 6

**Sat. 5:00pm**— Fr. Ruffalo

**Lectors:** Satler, Ellsworth **Greeters:** Reed, Patnesky **EMHC:** Femiani, Scheuering, Vandewater, LaCamera, P & G Adams, R & B Jordan, Satler **Servers:** Curran, Quinn, LaRosa, P & M Ellsworth

**7:45am**— Fr. Ruffalo, Deacon Layton

**Lectors:** Brugger, DiBartola **Greeters:** R & J Jackson **EMHC:** Puskarich, Faina, Fagioletti, E & R McMillan, S & J Christopher **Servers:** Brugger, W & D DiBartola

**9:30am**— Fr. Esposito

**Lectors:** Fitzgerald, Glover **Greeters:** Becker, Verlato **EMHC:** McGovern, Schultz, Glod, Klinar, Orient, Kail, J Smith, Gaudy, Glover **Servers:** Figueroa, Luzier, Watson, Maher, Pampena

**11:30am**— Fr. Esposito

**Lectors:** Balash, Zuk **Greeters:** Ragan, Navrotski **EMHC:** Boyd, Slomiany, B Smith, Capozza, McGinnis, Hayward, Oldaker, Huffner, Stein **Servers:** Toscano Children

## Rest In Peace

Please keep in your prayers this week **Richard C. Catanzaro**, who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

## Summer Ministers' Schedules

It is time to schedule ministers for Masses in July, August, and September. All Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Servers should submit any "away" dates and schedule changes to Jay Specca by emailing him at [jspeca@stbenedicttheabbot.org](mailto:jspeca@stbenedicttheabbot.org). (please put "Minister Schedule" in the subject line) or call 724-941-9406, Ext. 114. He will be running the schedule the second week of June, so please have your information in before June 6.

## Lenten Program 2011

There will be a core team meeting for **all** coordinators of our 2011 St. Benedict Lenten Program, *Quick Journey Through the Bible Timeline*, on June 2 at 7:30pm in Room 210. The core team consists of the prayer coordinators, facilitator coordinators, marketing coordinators, and the registration coordinator. We are still in need of logistics and child care coordinators. Please call Teri at 724-942-0375 or Sharon at 412-831-3476 with questions or inquiries.

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

## Readings for the Week of May 30

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15  
 Monday: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56  
 Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a,17-18/Mk 12:13-17  
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12/Mk 12:18-27  
 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34  
 Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37  
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44  
 Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

## Abbey Community Ministry

We had a great response from many of you who signed up on Pentecost Sunday to help with our program. This is a reminder that we are still recruiting volunteers and would like to have you join our team. You can sign-up as a volunteer online under Abbey Community Ministry on the Parish web site, stop at the Parish Office and complete a sign-up volunteer form, or call the voicemail box at 724-941-9406, Ext. 129. Please leave your name and phone number and someone from the Welcoming Committee will be back in touch with you. We only need a few hours per month of your time. The first volunteer group meeting is on June 15, at 7:00pm in O'Brien Hall. We have much more to tell you about Abbey Community Ministry and show you how you can make a difference in the lives of the parishioners at St. Benedict's. Hope to see you there!



## Protecting God's Children

A training session for the diocesan required workshop, "Protecting God's Children," has been scheduled for June 10 from 7:00pm until 10:00pm in Rooms 204/206. Please call Colette in Faith Formation at 724-941-9587, Ext. 113 to register.

## Stephen Ministers Class Forming

A Stephen Minister is a "Christian friend with a caring heart, and through training who will walk alongside a person with difficulties providing emotional and spiritual support." An informational meeting will be held at 7:30pm on June 10 in Room 210. Training sessions will begin in September. For details, please call Jay Jarrell at 724-941-5026.

## Office Spring Cleaning

Old records, forms, and files that have accumulated over the past 30+ years need to go. It's time to *Spring Clean* the Parish Office! In order to clean our parish office, **we will be closed** on June 9. We must clean out the files and reorganize records. No parish business will be conducted on those days, except for emergencies. Fr. Sam is declaring these days in the coming weeks for sorting his files as well: June 3, 9, and 17. No appointments then.

## Eucharistic Adoration

This week is our monthly 24-hour adoration which begins Thursday at 4:00pm and concludes Friday at 4:00pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to come and spend some time in prayer before the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

## Blood Drive

Plan to give the gift of life—a gift that has no artificial substitute! Central Blood Bank will be in O'Brien Hall on June 6 for our bi-annual blood drive from 8:00am until 1:00pm. This year donors will receive free Pirate tickets. This is a great opportunity for first time donors to get into a life saving habit. Be sure to bring photo ID; you must be 17 years old to donate or be 16 with a signed parental consent. Drop-ins are welcome, but scheduling an appointment is appreciated. Call Blaise at 724-942-0748 or Kevin at 724-942-0388 to schedule your desired time.

## Faith Formation News

### Vacation Bible School "High Seas Expedition"

**Registration for programs for all age groups:** On-line at [stbenedicttheabbot.org](http://stbenedicttheabbot.org), follow the instructions on the home page, or in the Faith Formation Office—Sunday, June 6 after all masses—**FORMS WILL NOT BE MAILED**

### "High Seas Expedition" Exploring the Mighty Love of God

During the week of July 12-16 from 8:45am until 12:00 Noon, children entering grades K-6 in the fall will set sail for a voyage on the high seas of God's love. This fun-filled journey is filled with exciting games, activities, music, snacks, and, of course, Bible stories. When you register, don't forget to circle a volunteer area—we need many hands on deck to set this ship on course! Contact Colette or Cathy in the Faith Formation Office for more details.

### 5th & 6th Grade Students Set Sail for a Wild Ride!

Fifth and sixth grade shipmates are invited to join us for the voyage of a lifetime. Our "High Seas Expedition" Bible School sets sail July 12-16 and is designed especially for the "tweeners." We'll have the kids exploring God's mighty love through games and service activities, faith-filled songs and bible stories. Contact Colette or Cathy in the Faith Formation Office for more details.

### All Hands on Deck! High School Counselors Needed

High School students interested in serving as a Vacation Bible School counselor for our fifth and sixth grade program should contact the Formation Office for a Registration Form. VBS runs from July 12-16 with the counselor prep day on July 9th. If you like to work with kids, get dirty and wet, and spend some time outdoors, this is the service opportunity for you! Details are available on-line, or you can call Cathy Malencia in the Faith Formation Office at 724-941-9406, Ext. 110 or email [cathym@stbenedicttheabbot.org](mailto:cathym@stbenedicttheabbot.org).



## Ask Father Sam

**Why do I have to go through the Safe Environment program? Does this mean people think I am a child abuser?**

### Lesson of the Week

**I made a donation toward the Easter Flowers but on Easter Sunday there didn't seem to be many flowers in church. . . why?**

Easter Sunday in many parishes is a time for lots of decorations. Like Christmas, parishes spend money and time to adorn the sanctuary and other parts of the church. Here, as in so many other parishes, the people contribute to the décor for those holidays by using the special envelope for flowers...and now it can even be done online!

What some folks don't get though is that Easter is not about one day. For us, the Easter Season is a period of 50 days when we celebrate what it means to be people of the Resurrection. We look at our identity as *the Baptized*...and if you've been reading the Forum over the weeks of Easter, you know that I highlighted recognizing the importance of our baptism as adults and stepping up to the plate to live what it means.

While the day of Resurrection is certainly one of the most important in our liturgical calendar, it does not stand alone. The Sacred Triduum—those three days from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday—form one unit that presents us with the central mysteries of Christ's dying and rising and what they mean to us. In the days of the Easter season we hear the story of the Church—those first believers who came together to share the Good News that Jesus was alive.

So, while having the church look special for Easter Sunday is proper, it would be silly to crowd hundreds of floral arrangements around and then be left without any flowers the rest of the season. We believe what we pray. And we pray about Easter all the days of the season. In fact, *every* Sunday is a kind of Easter. Trying to be good stewards of our resources, you will notice that the flowers that come potted are taken to our outside areas for replanting after being in church. The fresh arrangements are refreshed or replaced as they need to be, including considering the flower donors who make special arrangements on these weekends. Décor for the season is spread throughout the church, Chapel, and narthex...and even outdoors. The baptismal font, the Easter Candle, and the cross, all stand in prominence as symbols of the season. Now they are moved away and Ordinary Time returns.

## Youth Ministry News

### Youth Group Pirate Game

Join us June 17 as we head off to watch the Pirates take on the Chicago White Sox. For only \$20 you get your ticket, a hat, and a t-shirt. We'll be leaving St. Ben's at 5:30pm and returning around 11:00pm. Tickets are limited, so call Youth Ministry at 724-941-9587 to reserve your spot today.

### YM Mulch Sale

Our teens are once again 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 the Parish Office.

## Online Giving: think about it— Do you have questions?



So many people do their banking, bill paying and most everything else online today. More and more parishioners are opting to use the online giving services provided by our envelope company, *Our Sunday Visitor*. This is a secure site where you simply register and provide the information so your checking account can be debited on a regular basis according to how you set up the withdrawals. The greatest thing about this is the convenience to know that forgetting your envelope will be a thing of the past. Even when you are away—for a weekend or a month—your parish relies on your financial support, and it happens automatically with online giving. Some people feel they have to place something in the basket because people are looking, but it is really between you and God. You know how you are giving. Check it out by going to our web site and clicking on the link there. For those who sign up for this service, we will not send any more envelopes through the mail—all special collections and second collections can be donated to online now. We even have the fee for VBS registration available now online!

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



## This Week In Our Parish

### Italian Trip Gathering

Everyone who went on our parish pilgrimage last October is invited to gather on Friday, June 11, 7:00pm, for a reunion. Barb Giglotti will host at her home, 341 Snowberry Circle, Venetia. If you need directions, call her at 724-941-2908.



### WOSB Shoe Boxes

The Women of St. Benedict will be collecting soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, etc. to send to families in Appalachia this Christmas. As you travel this summer, please save the hotel samples for us. Your cooperation over the years is greatly appreciated. Last year we packed 500 shoe boxes and hope to pack more this year. We also need women's size shoe boxes. Please place your items in the collection box in O'Brien Hall. If you have any questions, call Jackie Buck at 724-941-6955.

### Parish Picnic Date!

Mark your calendar now for the St. Benedict the Abbot Parish Picnic on August 21. Watch future bulletins for more information.

### Car Wash

Abbey Players will be hosting a Car Wash and Bake Sale on June 12 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm, and on June 13 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please stop by before or after masses and get your car washed to help raise money for the upcoming production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Donations will also be accepted.

### "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

St. Benedict's theatre troupe, Abbey Players, will be performing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on June 18 and 19 at 8:00pm in Pope Benedict Activity Center. The show is under the direction of Nicole Marie Gasse and Lorra Brannen and will feature many talented students from our parish and the surrounding communities, as well as Fr. Sam and Fr. Michael. Please call Nicole Gasse at 724-747-0617, or email at nmgasse@gmail.com, for more information or to book your tickets.

#### Sunday, May 30

**Abbey Coffee House Open after  
7:45 & 9:30 Mass**

1:00p Rehearsal for "Joseph" (OBH)

#### Monday, May 31

**Memorial Day—Parish Offices Closed**

#### Tuesday, June 1

8:30a Special Needs Children (210)  
5:00p Rehearsal for "Joseph" (PBAC)

#### Wednesday, June 2

12:00p AA (208)  
5:00p Rehearsal for "Joseph" (PBAC)  
6:30p Confessions (Church)  
7:30p 2011 Lenten Program Meeting (210)  
7:45p Tae Kwon Do (OBH)

#### Thursday, June 3

12:00p NA (206)  
4:00p Eucharistic Adoration Begins (Chapel)  
5:00p Rehearsal for "Joseph" (OBH)  
6:00p Aerobics (PBAC)  
7:30p Boy Scout Troop 1313 (PBAC)

#### Friday, June 4

10:00a Prayer & Share (Nursery)  
4:00p Closing of Adoration (Chapel)  
4:30p Rehearsal for "Joseph" (PBAC)

#### Saturday, June 5

7:30a Catholic Men's Fellowship (206)  
9:00a Aerobics (PBAC)  
11:00a Confessions (Church)

#### Sunday, June 6

**Abbey Coffee House Open after  
7:45 & 9:30 Mass**

8:00a Blood Drive (OBH)

### Parish Directories

Have you picked up your Parish Directory yet? We still have a number of unclaimed directories. If you had your picture taken, please stop in the Parish Office, Monday through Friday or Sunday morning, and pick up your free copy. Extra copies are available on a first come, first-served basis for \$10 each to anyone who did not have a picture taken but would like to have a directory.

**Check out this great Catholic site:  
[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)**



## TO GET INVOLVED, CALL...

### **Abbey Coffee House**

Ellie Puskarich  
724-941-4686

### **Altar Servers**

Kathleen Bench  
724-942-0338

### **Ben's Men**

Jeff Mertens  
724-941-6484

### **Bowling League**

Blaise Hollot  
724-942-0748

### **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

### **Cub Scouts**

Steve Ridge  
724-941-9816

### **Elijah Cup**

Carlotta Zuback  
724-941-5758

### **Engaged Couples' Program**

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

### **Funeral Server**

Dick Gawronski  
724-873-7911

### **Greeters**

Erma Grego  
724-941-6956

### **IHN**

Mary Spinabelli  
724-942-2478

### **Lectors**

Dawn Pustay  
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### **Library**

Ellen Mavrich  
724-941-2446

### **Liturgical Environment**

Emma Diamond  
724-941-8315

### **Military Support**

Jamie Christopher  
724-747-9396

### **Ministry to the Sick**

Barb Scheuering  
724-941-9104

### **MOMS**

Kathleen Chaudhari  
724-941-8546

### **Pastoral Council**

Aimee Schmidt  
724-941-7046

### **Respect Life Committee**

Beth Quinn  
724-942-1057

### **Stephen Ministry**

Jay Jarrell  
724-941-5026

### **St. Benedict Gardeners**

Linda Maydak  
724-941-3123

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Please call parish office  
724-941-9406

### **Ushers**

Mike Silvestri  
724-941-5238

### **Wedding Coordinators**

Lois McCloskey  
724-941-6879

### **Women of St. Benedict**

Nancy Huffner  
724-941-6805

### **Youth Council**

Sheila Arcuri  
724-942-6431