



## Father Sam's Forum

**T**able fellowship is big in Luke's Gospel. Real big. In fact, it is, according to Scripture scholar Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere, what gets Jesus into trouble with the religious authorities. Today, we witness one of those moments as Jesus is invited to dine in the home of a Pharisee. You can bet they were all watching Jesus to see what he would do when this notorious woman entered, began to weep, and then anointed his feet.

Simon, the Pharisee, is portrayed as arrogant. He is judgmental. His assumption is that Jesus would not associate with sinners if he truly were this Savior. But it was Simon who invited Jesus to dinner. So might that mean Simon doesn't consider himself a sinner? To draw him back to reality, Jesus tells a story. *Which of them will love him more?*

There's a valuable lesson we often forget here. We can't do anything to earn our salvation. No action of ours can do that. It is a free gift. In the second reading today we hear this: *that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law.* The sinful woman responds in loving gratitude to the gift given by Christ. How do we respond? Or do we?

Might it be that we take this gift for granted? I do sometimes when I fall into believing that I am responsible for my own salvation. It happens. But unless we get clear about it, it will take us down a path that is full of error, and then the judgmental behaviors begin. Here's the question to consider this week: *How does knowing that it is Christ who saves you make a difference in your life? Does it change anything?*

**Coming Up:** We still need volunteers for our Vacation Bible School this summer (July 12–16). It becomes more and more difficult to find enough people to help which puts this program in jeopardy. This is a great opportunity for an intergenerational experience if our senior citizens would offer a few hours each morning those days to interact with our great kids. If you can help in any way, contact the Faith Formation office.

I was informed that a transitional deacon is to be assigned here for the next year. This young man will be one of those to be ordained to the priesthood next June (2011). He will spend eight weeks here this summer and then some weekends throughout the coming year, including time at Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter.

## Mass Intentions: June 13–June 20

### Sunday, June 13—11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45a **Jack Reed** (Catherine Kenneweg & Sisters)  
9:30a **M/M J. L. Mayer** (daughter, Patricia Stanfill)  
11:30a **For the People of the Parish**

### Monday, June 14—Weekday

8:30a **Denny Richardson** (Kathy & Ray Harrington)

### Tuesday, June 15—Weekday

6:30a **In Loving Memory of Deceased Family & Friends** (Mary Judith Stewart)  
8:30a **Mike & Anthony Gargano** (Josephine Basile)

### Wednesday, June 16—Weekday

6:30a **Butch Schultz** (Nancy Lang)  
8:30a **Deceased Members of Lyle & Hoffmann Families** (Jim & Nancy Lyle)

### Thursday, June 17—Weekday

6:30a **Jeremy Rauber** (Nora Hendrie)  
8:30a **Gene Farney** (Gene & Margot Pitowski)

### Friday, June 18—Weekday

8:30a **Andrew Palombo** (Walt & Sylvia Becker)

### Saturday, June 19—Weekday

8:30a **Joseph Holsey** (Donor)  
5:00p **For the People of the Parish**

### Sunday, June 20—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45a **Our Fathers, Living & Deceased**  
9:30a **Our Fathers, Living & Deceased**  
11:30a **Our Fathers, Living & Deceased**

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Joseph & Ann Smith, requested by M/M Joseph W. Smith; and the Bread & Wine and Altar Flowers are in memory of M/M J. L. Mayer, requested by daughter, Patricia A. Stanfill.*

## Whole Community Catechesis

Catholic parish leaders can sometimes become preoccupied with church structures: buildings, heating and cooling systems, parking lots, employee benefits, budgets, and other structured details. However, whole community catechesis calls all parish leaders to first be men and women who know Christ and who live their faith every day. The first and most critical task of the parish is to help folks meet Christ, and nothing can replace that. Here at St. Benedict, we have our share of the worries of maintenance like every parish in the diocese. While it is important to be good stewards of these physical resources, we know they exist for a greater purpose—to proclaim the reign of God in our time and place. Watch for more throughout the summer about this new approach.



## 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

## Readings for the Week of June 13

Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10,13/Gal 2:16,19-21/Lk 7:36-8:3  
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14/Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20/Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34  
Next Sunday: Zec 12:10-11;13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24

## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them. . .

Please remember in your prayers this week **David G. Robinson**, brother of Judith Robinson; **Theresa L. Herriott**; and **Charles A. Eiter**, who died recently. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Safe Environment

If you volunteer in any capacity at St. Benedict Parish you must be in compliance with the diocesan *Safe Environment* policy. If you have any questions regarding the policy or if you would like to know if you are in compliance, please contact Shirley Jacobs 724-941-4999, or shirleyjacobs300@yahoo.com.

## Serving the Parish Next Weekend June 19—June 20

**Sat. 5:00pm**— Fr. Esposito, Deacon Layton  
**Lectors:** Bonadio, Gordon **Greeters:** McCloskey, Grego  
**EMHC:** Glod, G & P Adams, LaCamera, Vandewater, Femiani,  
Baumgartner, Getto, Bonadio **Servers:** Quinn, Curran,  
Peterson, Nobers, Getto

**7:45am**— Fr. Esposito  
**Lectors:** Hollot, Mamros **Greeters:** Barton, Turchick  
**EMHC:** McGinnis, Fagioletti, Faina, B & R Jordan, Joseph,  
Prado **Servers:** N & V DeRienzo, Bowlin

**9:30am**— Fr. Ruffalo  
**Lectors:** Benya, Ruggieri **Greeters:** Verlato, Oberschelp  
**EMHC:** Serrino, Bayer, Torres, McGovern, Schultz, Klinar,  
Orient, Walnoha, J Smith **Servers:** Wallach, Z & J Verner,  
Oberschelp, Severa

**11:30am**— Fr. Ruffalo  
**Lectors:** Hajzus, Gehrlein **Greeters:** Navrotski, Ragan  
**EMHC:** Herald, Boyd, Slomiany, B Smith, Capozza, Stein,  
Huffner, Oldaker, Hayward **Servers:** Graves, F & M Meola

## Baptism Prep Sessions & Baptism Dates

Expectant parents are reminded that before a baptism is scheduled they are required to attend a faith sharing gathering to reflect on the sacrament of baptism. These monthly sessions offer a chance to consider how the Catholic faith is lived out daily and how it will be handed on to children. Upcoming dates are July 1, August 1, September 2, and October 3. At the gatherings parents will be given the opportunity to select a date for their child's baptism.

## Office Spring Cleaning

Old records, forms, and files that have accumulated over the past 30+ years need to go. Fr. Sam is cleaning out his files this week on June 17. No appointments then.

## Summer Census

In order to plan for current and future needs of the parish, it's time to update our census data. Beginning the weekend of June 26-27, our new census sheet will be available on our web site. We are asking everyone to take a moment and complete one. You probably have had some changes in things such as who lives at home, cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or maybe you even moved. We are also planning to have a "Census Sunday" on a few weekends this summer.

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



## Faith Formation News

### Vacation Bible School

#### 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. *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.

### Calling All Artists

#### *Grades 6-12*

The Faith Formation Office 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. . . you do not have to sign up as a VBS counselor to participate. We will be painting on June 17, 18, 21, and 23. To volunteer call Cathy Malencia in the Faith Formation Office at 724-941-9406, Ext. 110 or at [cathym@stbenedicttheabbot.org](mailto:cathym@stbenedicttheabbot.org).

### We Need Your Help!!

Please save your used cardboard paper towel tubes and drinking water bottles for our Vacation Bible School crafts. They can be dropped off at the Faith Formation Office or placed in the containers in O'Brien Hall after all Masses. Thanks for your help!

## Centering Prayer Update

For the month of June, our Centering Prayer group at the parish will gather Monday evenings in the Chapel from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. New members are always welcome to see what this quiet prayer experience is all about. Contact our pastoral associate Dennis at 724-941-9406, Ext. 109 with questions.

## Health Ministry Update

Members of our Health Ministry support team continue to meet and offer ideas on how we can get a viable program going for our parish. We are looking to put together a health or resources fair in the early fall that would include tables or booths reflecting different facets of people's lives, including physical, emotional, spiritual, vocational, social, intellectual and environmental. If you are a health care professional or service provider and are interested in helping us, please contact our pastoral associate Dennis for more information.

## H.O.P.E.

### *Helping Others Pursue Employment*

Unfortunately as a result of our current economic times, all of us know members of our faith community who are either unemployed or underemployed. As a result we are exploring the possibility of establishing a ministry to provide practical and spiritual support to our fellow parishioners. The ministry is in need of career services and volunteer leaders who will give a few hours of time each week to the program. If you have experience in human resources, recruitment, career counseling, networking, resume writing, interviewing or are an employer who would like to volunteer your business experience, please contact George Armes at 724-348-8770 or email [georgearmes@comcast.net](mailto:georgearmes@comcast.net)

Core team members and meeting facilitators are also needed for planning workshop and pastoral topics. A preparation and 'brainstorming' meeting for those interested in offering their gifts and talents will be held on Tuesday June 29, at 7:00pm in Room 210.

*“Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others” (Phil2:3)*

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



## Ask Father Sam

*What exactly is Whole Community Catechesis?*

### Lesson of the Week

*If hearing God's Word is so important, why do the ushers seat people during the readings?*

This is a great question! In some parishes, ushers have been instructed that they are not to seat anyone who arrives late until there are some natural breaks in the movement of the liturgy. Our ushers here have not been in that custom, but we are moving toward that goal. As I have stressed time and time again, we are supposed to LISTEN to the proclamation of the Word. It is easy to be distracted when Phoebe and Photinus arrive and Mr. X takes them down the aisle as the lector is giving it her best shot. Heads turn, people look, some might have to physically move to allow them a seat. And with our hard surfaced floor, the noise resonates throughout the church.

We want to be hospitable to those who arrive late. But we also want to respect the dignity of the Mass. In the ebb and flow of the liturgy, there are certain times when people can be seated without causing much distraction. Ushers should begin to say to those who arrive late, "Good morning. I will be happy to help you find a seat when the reading is finished."

This helps all of us to be respectful of one another, not disturbing those who are already seated, and paying attention to those who have arrived late. Some people may seat themselves, and we don't want to have the ushers become police officers, barring these folks from going down one of the aisles. But, by intercepting them and politely asking them to stay put until the natural breaks in the Mass, they communicate two things. First, we as a parish have a deep respect for what we do at worship. And secondly, that ushers as ministers of welcome want to assist them in finding a seat.

What are these natural breaks, when people who arrive late may be seated without too much interruption in the liturgy? While the opening hymn is being sung is OK...during the greeting and if people are greeting one another, OK. Not during the silence as we prepare for Mass with the penitential rite, but after and during the sung Glory to God. Not during the Opening Prayer, but after. Just before or after the first reading or second reading. Not during the psalm we sing between the readings, but during the Gospel acclamation is OK. Not as the deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel, and not during the homily. There are other natural breaks later such as during the collection, but even those who arrive late are present before that.

## 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.

## Abbey Community Ministry Coming Soon!

It's been an overwhelming response from many of you regarding your interest in volunteering your time and talents for Abbey Community Ministry. We are still looking for more volunteers to help organize and implement the neighborhood community groups. There is definitely a lot of momentum and enthusiasm among the parishioners. The members of the Welcoming Committee are very happy to lead this endeavor, and we look forward to having you join us on **June 15 at 7:00pm in O'Brien Hall** for our first meeting of volunteers. During this meeting, we will provide you with an overview of the program, including proposed geographic locations of the individual neighborhood groups, and also ask for your input on what services and programs you would like to have available through each group. There is still plenty of time to get involved, and we ask you stop in the Narthex of the Church, the Parish Office, or complete an online registration on the Parish web site to serve as a volunteer. It's only a few hours per month that we will need your time. Come join us and experience the opportunity for us to claim our faith and make it come alive as we fulfill our mission to foster liturgy, prayer, service, and hospitality.

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



## Newly Baptized



Please welcome to our faith family **Addison Rose**, daughter of Dennis & Jaime Poletti; **Brianna Nicole**, daughter of William Deep & Fabria Scandolari; **Amy Catherine**, daughter of Brett & Carla Neuberger; **Amanda Claire**, daughter of Thomas & Melissa

Pirosko; **Maggie Helen**, daughter of Todd & Nicole Henry; **Logan Edward**, son of Edward & Casey Doran; **Samantha Nicole**, daughter of Michael & Wendy Weir; **Alicia Rae**, daughter of Natalie McCloskey & Geoffrey Staley; **Nicholas Anthony**, son of Michael & Eileen Landucci; and **Brady Charles**, son of Jason & Valerie Heisler. May they grow in wisdom, age and grace.

## Thank You From Genesis

Genesis of Pittsburgh, Inc. wishes to extend thanks to everyone for your contributions in their recent Tag Day Appeal. Your donation will help provide vital programs and services for the distressed pregnant women, children, and adoptive families we serve. We wish you our sincerest thanks and appreciation. Your dollars have significantly and positively affected the lives of those in need of our services.

## WOSB Shoe Boxes

The Women of St. Benedict are collecting soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, etc. to send to families in Appalachia this Christmas. As you travel this summer, please save 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 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.

## This Week In Our Parish

### Sunday, June 13

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

### Monday, June 14

10:00a	WOSB Yoga	(OBH)
2:00p	Rehearsal for "Joseph"	(PBAC)
6:30p	Aerobics	(OBH)
7:00p	Centering Prayer	(Chapel)

### Tuesday, June 15

2:00p	Rehearsal for "Joseph"	(PBAC)
7:00p	Abbey Community Ministry Volunteer Meeting	(OBH)

### Wednesday, June 16

12:00p	AA	(208)
2:00p	Rehearsal for "Joseph"	(PBAC)
6:30p	Confessions	(Church)
7:45p	Tae Kwon Do	(OBH)

### Thursday, June 17

12:00p	NA	(206)
2:00p	Rehearsal for "Joseph"	(PBAC)
6:00p	Aerobics	(OBH)
7:30p	Boy Scout Troop 1313	(OBH)

### Friday, June 18

8:00p	Performance of "Joseph"	(PBAC)
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### Saturday, June 19

7:30a	Catholic Men's Fellowship	(206)
9:00a	Aerobics	(OBH)
11:00a	Confessions	(Church)
8:00p	Performance of "Joseph"	(PBAC)

### Sunday, June 20

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

## "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.



## 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 Servers**

Dick Gawronski  
724-873-7911

### **Greeters**

Erma Grego  
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### **IHN**

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### **Lectors**

Dawn Pustay  
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### **Library**

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### **Liturgical Environment**

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### **Military Support**

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### **Ministry to the Sick**

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### **Pastoral Council**

Aimee Schmidt  
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### **Respect Life Committee**

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### **Stephen Ministry**

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### **St. Benedict Gardeners**

Linda Maydak  
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### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Please call parish office  
724-941-9406

### **Ushers**

Mike Silvestri  
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### **Wedding Coordinators**

Lois McCloskey  
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### **Women of St. Benedict**

Nancy Huffner  
724-941-6805

### **Youth Council**

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