



## Father Sam's Forum

A part of *Whole Community Catechesis* means that all of us reflect on the same question from the Sunday Gospel (or another of the readings) during the week following. (See the **Lesson of the Week** for more about this.) As the Gospel of Luke unfolds before us this summer, we are called to be reflective on what it means to be *on the way*; or another phrase we could use is to be *on journey*.

The question for us this week is this: **Who is Jesus for you, and what is he asking you?** In the familiar dialogue between Jesus and his disciples, Jesus asks them “Who do the crowds say that I am?” But it’s not so much the crowds that matter. The responses he gets are varied. What Jesus really wants to know is what the disciples think. “But who do you say that I am?” Peter gives the response, “The Christ of God.”

That’s lovely, except that it has to mean something more than a just a nice answer. Jesus himself goes on to explain what it means to be “the Christ.” It is centered on the cross. Where is the cross in your life? What cross makes you struggle? What cross might you have carried patiently for some time?

That message is not always preached by some of the well-known preachers out there who want to be called Christian but who fail to remember these words of Jesus. Their whole truth is centered on prosperity and success. Is that what Jesus says? If we look realistically at the Gospel, Jesus ended up a failure in human terms. He was executed. He was poor. He ran away from any attempt to make him a king in the traditional sense.

Sadly, we often don’t want to accept that message or that image of Jesus. We don’t like failure, and we really don’t like disappointment or struggle. We can make up our own reality based on how we interpret the Gospel and not on what’s truly there—a challenge. An old saying is that *Jesus came to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted*. When we get too settled we find we haven’t been true to the message of the cross. So, what is Jesus asking you? Who do you say that he is? A wonder worker, a good guy, the Son of God, a great story teller, an upright man, the Christ? And once you have made your response, what does it mean for how you live? Can you see the cross?

**The second collection next week will be the annual Diocesan Peter’s Pence collection.**

## Mass Intentions: June 20—June 27

### 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**

### Monday, June 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30a **Ralph Antone** (Ben’ Men)

### Tuesday, June 22—Weekday

6:30a **Special Intention Rosemary McCloskey**  
 (Teri & Carl Valeri)  
 8:30a **Jack Clark** (Wife, Joan Clark)

### Wednesday, June 23—Weekday

6:30a **James Gallagher** (The Gudenburr Family)  
 8:30a **Victoria Hucko** (John & Beth Huton)

### Thursday, June 24—Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:30a **Bill Meyers** (Bill & Kathy Wanninger)  
 8:30a **Rose & Joseph Stanio** (Amy Baumgartner)

### Friday, June 25—Weekday

8:30a **Regis & Loretta Kelly** (Art & Lois)

### Saturday, June 26—Weekday

8:30a **Deceased Members of the Massack Family** (Charles & Denise Abraham)  
 5:00p **Adele Mortiz** (Family)

### Sunday, June 27—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45a **For the People of the Parish**  
 9:30a **Stan Karnash** (Annette Karnash, Wife)  
 11:30a **M/M Joseph Koklich, Jr.**  
 (Mark & Paula Koerber)

**The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Mary Ann Snyder, requested by John Snyder; and the Altar Flowers are in memory of George P. DiNardo, requested by Jeanne.**

## Priesthood Ordinations

On Saturday, June 26, Bishop Zubik will ordain three men to the priesthood for the service of the Church of Pittsburgh. Robert Fleckenstein, Thomas Gillespie, and Brian Noel will enter the Order of Presbyter at Saint Paul Cathedral that morning. Please include them in your prayers this week as they prepare to give their lives in service to God’s People.

## Welcome Deacon Michael Peck

Bishop Zubik has assigned newly ordained deacon Michael R. Peck to our parish for the next year. Michael is a student at St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, and calls St. Bede Parish, Point Breeze, his home. He is among the four men scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in June 2011. Please welcome him here!



## 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  
 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 20

Sunday: Zec 12:10-11;13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15a,18/Mt 7:1-5  
 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36/Mt 7:6,12-14  
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13;23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20  
 Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66,80  
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4  
 Saturday: Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19/Mt 8:5-17  
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b,19-21/Gal 5:1,13-18/Lk 9:51-62

### Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers this week **Joseph Lynch**, father of Patty Adams; and **Helen Henry**, mother of James Henry; who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

### Serving the Parish Next Weekend June 26—June 27

**Sat. 5:00pm**— Fr. Ruffalo

**Lectors:** Tallon, Specca **Greeters:** Reed, Patnesky **EMHC:** Greenwald, Sarra, Specca, Milavec, D & T Martin, Scheuring, C & R Satler **Servers:** Byrne, Wiegmann, Figueroa, LaRosa, Tallon

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

**Lectors:** Jung, Trapanotto **Greeters:** Henger, Kalaski **EMHC:** Berger, Puskarich, Kail, E & R McMillan, S & J Christopher **Servers:** E, M and E Jozwiak

**9:30am**— Fr. Esposito, Deacon Peck

**Lectors:** Mahla, Morosco **Greeters:** Becker, Stewart **EMHC:** Bayer, Torres, McGovern, Glod, A & L Kelly, E & T Mauro, Cushma **Servers:** Kimes, Cushma, Mackay, D & M DeRienzo

**11:30am**— Fr. Esposito

**Lectors:** Auer, Oliverio **Greeters:** Navrotski, Bartoli **EMHC:** Herald, Boyd, Slomiany, B Smith, Capozza, Stein, McGinnis, Baits, P Newmaster **Servers:** J, J & N Bianco

### Summer Census

In order to plan for current and future needs of the parish, it's time to update our census data. Beginning next weekend, our new census sheet will be available on our web site. We are asking *everyone* to take a moment and complete one. You may have had some changes in things such as who lives at home, cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or maybe you even moved. We will hold three "Census Sundays" on July 4, 11, and 18. New forms will be available in the narthex for you to complete/update and return.

### Fr. Sam away this week

Father Sam will be taking some time off this week. If you need to reach him, please leave a voice message in his mailbox, and he will get back to you when he returns to the office on Friday, June 25.

### New Budget Submitted

See the insert today for a look at the parish budget for the coming fiscal year.

### 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 Dennis Gehrlein, pastoral associate, at x109 for more information.



## VBS News

- **VBS Registration is available online at [stbenedicttheabbot.org](http://stbenedicttheabbot.org); follow the instructions on the home page. **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 Faith Formation 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 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, **including lids**, 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!

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

## Sharing Our Treasure

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>PSP</u>
May 2	\$24,651	\$4,750	\$2,912
May 9	\$20,243	\$2,647	\$6,678
May 16	\$18,273	\$1,615	\$3,524
May 23	\$19,544	\$1,202	\$1,936
May 30	\$15,475	\$845	\$425
<b>On-Line Giving</b>	\$12,524	\$1,550	\$1,465
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	\$110,710	\$12,609	\$16,940
<b>Weekly Average</b>	\$22,142		
<b>Weekly Budgeted</b>	\$22,000		

With our figures remaining just at budgeted amounts, we can’t realize any of the projects we will need to address like the parking lot, roof, boiler. We had to borrow \$15,000 from the diocese for the new truck since the parish truck was no longer operable. Our Finance Council did a splendid job at preparing the budget for the new fiscal year, and the insert in the bulletin today provides you a snapshot of that budget. Remember that our annual Parish Share assessment is \$218,000, and with May’s \$16,940 added to the \$111,000 we have already submitted, we still have a little more than \$90,000 we owe. A reminder that our assessment is based on Offertory, so consider how you can support the parish by splitting your donations so we can pay our assessment. Anything we raise above our goal gets to stay here for our use without being taxed in the next year. *We have an opening on the Finance Council. Anyone interested should contact Fr. Sam.*

## 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.

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



## Ask Father Sam

*What's this about an alternative model for Sunday faith formation for kids?*

### Lesson of the Week

*What exactly is Whole Community Catechesis?*

Whole Community Catechesis (WCC) is an approach to what has traditionally been called religious education for youth and adults where everyone in the parish is invited to participate in faith formation throughout the year by joining together for special events, programs, liturgies. The entire community thus becomes the focus of all we do in catechesis.

In WCC, what happens on Sunday at Mass is closely connected to what happens whenever we gather. The liturgy of the Word from Sunday is always the starting point. All catechesis or faith formation must flow from that Word, and each person is asked to "break open the Word," to share their faith even as they listen to others share faith.

Also, in WCC, parents play a vital role alongside the other members of the community. Catechesis is not just for children; it is for everyone. Every Catholic is invited to know and love the Church, to walk with Christ in his or her daily life, and to gather faithfully together on Sunday for the parish Mass.

WCC places great emphasis on developing what are called *households of faith*, which is to say that every unit in this parish, whether a single person or a home where many reside, is important as a living sign of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Because when you come down to it, if we don't live what we profess, then it isn't much good. So the thing that matters most is how we live our faith in our everyday lives at home.

Our Catholic bishops, the authoritative teachers of our faith, have called us to see ourselves as the *Body of Christ*, a living and active reality in the world. We become what we call ourselves. The same is true for WCC. How we name what we do is very important. If we continue to speak about "schools of religion" or "religious education" then most people will see them as mainly for children. But this isn't about a classroom, even though we may sometimes meet in that setting. This is about life-long learning where we never know everything about our faith. This is about a radical shift to face what it means to be called by Christ as his disciples. It's exciting and challenging at the same time.

## Youth Ministry News

### Car Wash

The Youth Group will be hosting a car wash during the morning Masses on June 27 and July 18. There will be designated spaces for you to drop off your car and have it cleaned while you are at Mass. This is a free will donation and all monies raised will help support youth group events and the mission trip.

### 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.

### Attention Altar Servers

One of the duties of our new deacon will be to review the procedures and ministry of our Altar Servers. Watch for information about *Server Boot Camp*, a fun and faith experience in July. In addition, new servers will be recruited as well. To be an altar server, a person must be entering the 4th grade or older.

### 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 these gatherings parents will be given the opportunity to select a date for their child's baptism. Sunday sessions begin at 10:45am, and Thursday sessions begin at 7:00pm.

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



## H.O.P.E.

### *Helping Others Pursue Employment A New Ministry Here*

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) to learn more about helping those who have been affected by these economic times. You can also contact him through St. Benedict's web site at [www.stbenedicttheabbot.org](http://www.stbenedicttheabbot.org).

A 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" (Phil 2:3)*

## 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.

## 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.

## This Week In Our Parish

### Sunday, June 20

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

### Monday, June 21

6:30p	Aerobics	(PBAC)
7:00p	Centering Prayer	(Chapel)

### Tuesday, June 22

7:30p	Picnic Chairperson Meeting	(206)
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### Wednesday, June 23

12:00p	AA	(208)
6:30p	Confessions	(Church)
7:45p	Tae Kwon Do	(OBH)
7:45p	St. Vincent de Paul	(206)

### Thursday, June 24

12:00p	NA	(206)
6:00p	Aerobics	(PBAC)
7:30p	Boy Scout Troop 1313	(OBH)

### Saturday, June 26

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

### Sunday, June 27

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

## Widows and Widowers

The Widows and Widowers of St. Benedict the Abbot will meet for dinner at 6:00pm at Palazzo's Restaurant on June 24. For further information, please contact Ellie Puskarich at 724-941-4686. New persons are always welcome.

## Retrouvaille

Are you married to a stranger? Do you feel alone? Do you argue—or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on July 9, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org). More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).



## TO GET INVOLVED, CALL...

### **Abbey Coffee House**

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### **Altar Servers**

Kathleen Bench  
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### **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  
724-941-6956

### **IHN**

Mary Spinabelli  
724-942-2478

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Dawn Pustay  
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### **Library**

Ellen Mavrich  
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### **Liturgical Environment**

Emma Diamond  
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### **Military Support**

Jamie Christopher  
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### **Ministry to the Sick**

Barb Scheuering  
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### **MOMS**

Kathleen Chaudhari  
724-941-8546

### **Pastoral Council**

Aimee Schmidt  
724-941-7046

### **Respect Life Committee**

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### **Stephen Ministry**

Jay Jarrell  
724-941-5026

### **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**

Sheila Arcuri  
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