



ST. PATRICK'S 2008 WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS

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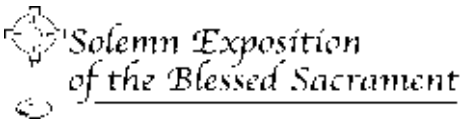
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DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE, let me now ask you a question. What will *you* leave to the next generation? Are you building your lives on firm foundations, building something that will endure? Are you living your lives in a way that opens up space for the Spirit in the midst of a world that wants to forget God, or even rejects him in the name of a falsely-conceived freedom? How are you using the gifts you have been given, the "power" which the Holy Spirit is even now prepared to release within you? What legacy will you leave to young people yet to come? What difference will you make?

The power of the Holy Spirit does not only enlighten and console us. It also points us to the future, to the coming of God's Kingdom. What a magnificent vision of a humanity redeemed and renewed we see in the new age promised by today's Gospel! Saint Luke tells us that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all God's promises, the Messiah who fully possesses the Holy Spirit in order to bestow that gift upon all mankind. The outpouring of Christ's Spirit upon humanity is a pledge of hope and deliverance from everything that impoverishes us. It gives the blind new sight; it sets the downtrodden free, and it creates unity in and through diversity (cf. *Lk 4:18-19; Is 61:1-2*). This power can create a new world: it can "renew the face of the earth" (cf. *Ps 104:30*)!

Empowered by the Spirit, and drawing upon faith's rich vision, a new generation of Christians is being called to help build a world in which God's gift of life is welcomed, respected and cherished – not rejected, feared as a threat and destroyed. A new age in which love is not greedy or self-seeking, but pure, faithful and genuinely free, open to others, respectful of their dignity, seeking their good, radiating joy and beauty. A new age in which hope liberates us from the shallowness, apathy and self-absorption which deaden our souls and poison our relationships. Dear young friends, the Lord is asking you to be prophets of this new age, messengers of his love, drawing people to the Father and building a future of hope for all humanity.

The world needs this renewal! In so many of our societies, side by side with material prosperity, a spiritual desert is spreading: an interior emptiness, an unnamed fear, a quiet sense of despair. How many of our contemporaries have built broken and empty cisterns (cf. *Jer 2:13*) in a desperate search for meaning – the ultimate meaning that only love can give? This is the great and liberating gift which the Gospel brings: it reveals our dignity as men and women created in the image and likeness of God. It reveals humanity's sublime calling, which is to find fulfillment in love. It discloses the truth about man and the truth about life.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be Tuesday, August 5th beginning at 12:00 noon until Benediction at 7:00 pm in St. Patrick Church. Make the effort to spend some extra time with the Lord.

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE, cont...

The Church also needs this renewal! She needs your faith, your idealism and your generosity, so that she can always be young in the Spirit (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 4)! ...The Apostle Paul reminds us that each and every Christian has received a gift meant for building up the Body of Christ. The Church especially needs the gifts of young people, all young people. She needs to grow in the power of the Spirit who even now gives joy to your youth and inspires you to serve the Lord with gladness. Open your hearts to that power! I address this plea in a special way to those of you whom the Lord is calling to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Do not be afraid to say "yes" to Jesus, to find your joy in doing his will, giving yourself completely to the pursuit of holiness, and using all your talents in the service of others!...

-From Pope Benedict XVI's homily at the Closing Mass for WYD

DEAR FRIENDS, Saint Paul, who devoted his entire life to the service of the Gospel, reminds us that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (cf. *Acts* 20:35). Your generosity and sacrifice have been essential, yet often hidden, ingredient in the success of this World Youth Day. May the spiritual joy, the satisfaction and the fulfillment that we have all experienced in these days, be an unending source of blessing in your own lives. May you never doubt the truth of our Lord's promise that, whenever we give our creativity, energy, resources, and our very selves to him, we will gain back abundantly (cf. *Mt* 19:29)!

-From Pope Benedict XVI's meeting with benefactors and organizers of the 23rd WYD

OUR PILGRIMS THANK YOU TOO!

The entire text of the homily and speech, as well as the rest of Pope Benedict's WYD speeches and homilies can be found at <http://catholicnewsagency.com/sydney08/speeches.php>.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
July 20, 2008	
Envelopes.....	\$13,507.00
Children's Envelopes	\$30.50
Loose Cash and Coin	\$778.00
St. Patrick School.....	\$240.00
Parish Total	\$14,555.50
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	



Members of the parish are all invited to attend the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, July 27th, with a Social to follow in the school cafeteria, to extend their best wishes and gratitude to Fr. Rich before he begins his new assignment as Administrator at St. Joseph in Coraopolis, on Monday, July 28th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 27 - 12:00 Mass - FR. RICH'S FAREWELL RECEPTION (Cafeteria after the 12:00 Mass)

July 27 - CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB PICNIC: 1 - 5 pm

August 5 - H.S.A. BOARD MTG: 10:00 am (Faculty Room)

August 5 - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 12:00 - 7:00 pm

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH. Did you know that Central Blood Bank must see over 725 donors everyday in order to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals? Your donation will help ensure that blood is there when a local patient needs blood to recover from an accident or an illness. Please give blood. Log on to www.centralbloodbank.org and enter sponsor code G0040146 or contact the Church Office at 724-745-6560 or Jack Rosati, Knights of Columbus, at 724-745-4902 to schedule an appointment.

The **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH'S GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION** for couples who have been married for 50 years will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2008, beginning with a Mass at 3:00 pm at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2008 and would be interested in attending the celebration, please call the rectory or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than July 27, 2008.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39;
Mt 14:13-21

All things work for good
for those who love God.

— Romans 8:28a

THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
PRAYER FOR PRIEST'S LIST:

July 26 Rev. Domenic F. Mancici
Rev. John R. Weber, CSSp
July 27 Rev. Edward M. Czermerda
Rev. Michael Bercik, OFM
July 28 Rev. Michael J. Maranowski
Rev. Michael J. Roche
Rev. Daniel Sullivan
July 29 Rev. John A. Marcucci
Rev. Jeffrey T. Duaiame, CSSp
July 30 Rev. Francis Meenan, CSSp
Rev. Edward L. Hoffman
Deacon Joseph J. Kosko, Jr.
July 31 Rev. Jean-Michael Gelmetti, CSSp
Rev. Harry E. Parsons
Rev. Alexis Anania, OFM
August 1 Most Rev. David A. Zubik
August 2 Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, July 26
5:00 pm - B., M., & J. Illig
Sunday, July 27
7:30 am - E. Regoli, A. Boni, V. Rosenwald
10:00 am - C. & J. Helinski, D. O'Neill
12:00 pm - L. Thompson, M. & T. Costantino
5:00 pm - A. & L. Starcevic, L. Hammell

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, August 2
5:00 pm - S. Drain, J. & K. Angotti
Sunday, August 3
7:30 am - P. Tordella, M. & C. Dombrowski
10:00 am - K. Crider, A. Lochran, T. Grebeck
12:00 pm - S. & P. Corwin, L. Sollon
5:00 pm - M. Cushma, J. Cavallo, C. Tarnik

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 27

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 (SP) **(PM - VIGIL)** Ernest Lesniakowski by Wife,
Stella and Daughters
7:30 (SP) Guerino & Gabriella (Bella) Angelone & Paul
F. Thompson by Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Thompson
10:00 (SP) Edward Jeswilkowski by Mary Ann Badia &
Family
12:00 (SP) Ferd Delfine by Laraine & Bob Pruce
5:00 (SP)(PM) FOR THE PEOPLE

MONDAY, JULY 28

7:00 (SP) Donald Demarest by Jim & Sarah Knight
8:00 (SG) Antomina & Anthony Orinski & Louis Gayarski
by Family

TUESDAY, JULY 29 - St. Martha

7:00 (SP) Deceased Members of the Orlando & Schelm
Families by John Orlando
12:00 (SP) EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 (SG) Terry Fetsko by Rita Fetsko
7:00 (SP) (PM) BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus

7:00 (SP) John W. Henry by Wife & Daughters
9:00 (SP) Salvatore Marasco, Caterina Covelli, & Frank
Secreti by Benedetto & Antonietta Secreti

MONTHS MIND: ELIZABETH SPALLA

THURSDAY, JULY 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:00 (SP) Edward McCarthy by Wife & Family
8:00 (SG) John Setto, Churray & Fartro Families by
David & Family

FIRST FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:00 (SP) R. J. Cheverine by Parents
8:00 (SG) Samuel J. Perry, Jr. by Sister, Donna Jean
10:00 (AM) (Consulate Ret.) Ernest Kobert by John Fahey

**FIRST SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli &
St. Peter Julian Eymard**

7:30 (SP) James McFarland by Wife, Daughter & Family
11:30 - 12:30 (SP) **RECONCILIATION**
3:00 (SP) **(WEDDING)** David Gross & Jennifer Dennis
5:00 (SP) **(PM - VIGIL)**
William F. Gennocro by Wife, Catherine

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 - Young Adult Sunday
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 (SP) John Prandini by Wife & Children
10:00 (SP) F. Baxter Lane by Mrs. Kathryn Lane
12:00 (SP) Mary Addobati Bastio & Samuel Bastio by
Goldie H. Addobati
5:00 (SP)(PM) FOR THE PEOPLE

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember and welcome into
your Kingdom Lord those who have died and gone before
us marked with a sign of faith, **Peter Kinney** and all the
faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“Yes, children, love God well during this life. This is the greatest source of happiness on this earth and the only thing that will make us eternally happy in heaven.” - St. Bernadette

It was two weeks ago today that I first announced at all Sunday Masses that I would be leaving St. Patrick Parish here in Canonsburg. Bishop David A. Zubik has appointed me to serve as Administrator to St. Joseph’s Parish in Coraopolis (just 23 miles from door-to-door) effective Monday, July 28, 2008. As St. Paul said: *“I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength for my work. I thank Him for considering me worthy and appointing me to serve Him.”* (1 Timothy 1:12)

Recently, a lady came up after one of the Masses and mentioned that she had just moved from the state of California into the Southpointe area. She had inquired from several people as to where they attend a Catholic Church. They told her—*“Go check out St. Patrick’s—it is a wonderful parish.”* How true those words are! She said—*“The first day that I come to St. Patrick’s Church, only to find out that it is your last day.”* That is the journeying of all of our lives—*comings* and *goings*, isn’t it? Like at an airport, there are *departures* and *arrivals*.

I’m grateful to have spent 22 months with each of you in sharing my priestly ministry and vocation. Canonsburg was established in 1802, so I was just a tiny blink in this small town’s history. It was good to call Canonsburg “home”, even though the time was brief. Communities remain, even as members come and go, yet each *coming* and *going* makes its own contribution. My hope and prayer is that my brief time has made a lasting contribution to this community of faith. Perhaps the greatest way to be remembered is to be a blessing to someone else. You have been God’s gift to me. You have inspired me to greater faith, kindness, holiness, sacrifice, humility, gratitude, and charity.

Thanks for taking the time to read my weekly reflections in the bulletin (or Patrician) as I learned. For months I thought people were saying ‘petition’ and then I found out they were saying ‘Patrician’. I was always so excited on Monday’s (one of the busiest days in the parish office) to write my reflections in the morning and teach the Bible study in Church in the evening. It was a great joy to think of those who read the bulletin—the ones living near and far; Catholics and non-Catholics; parishioner or nursing home resident; brother priests friends and even our Bishop *via* e-mail. The Bible study people, who attended so faithfully to help grow in God’s Word as a community,

inspired and delighted me. Continue to read Sacred Scriptures – (two chapters per day) -- the best daily prescription.

I offer very special thanks as I celebrate my final liturgy with you this Sunday at 12:00 noon—what better way than to be together at the Table of the Lord! Never underestimate the miracle of Jesus giving Himself to us through the power of the Holy Spirit turning bread and wine into His Body and Blood. This marvelous gift strengthens us to face each day with new courage, new hopefulness, and new meaning. Never allow the trees of our *imperfections, weaknesses, failings, and sins*—to *blind* us from the forest of God’s tremendous love. May each of us find assurance in St. Paul’s words: *“I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.”* (Philippians 4:13)

I thank God for you. I will remember you. I love you. I pray for you. I will miss you. I ask humbly for your generous prayers in this time of transition for us all. Should you like to visit St. Joseph’s Church in the future you are most welcome. My address is: St. Joseph Parish 1304 4th Ave. Coraopolis, PA. 15108-1690. Rectory (412) 264-6162 or e-mail: fritchstjoes@verizon.net.

THE WORK TO BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD CONTINUES

It helps now and then to step back and take the long view.

The Kingdom of God is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayers fully express our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church’s mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. This is what we are about. We plant the seed that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way. An opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.

~ *A prayer of Archbishop Oscar Romero* (07.27.08)

Wedding Banns

First Time: **Jason Ferrence & Jennifer Nockey**

Second Time: **Christopher Bell & Conchetta DeCaria**

Third Time: **David Gross & Jennifer Dennis**

LADIES, JOIN MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH at their next breakfast on Saturday, August 16 from 9 am to Noon at the Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker LINDA SCHUBERT, Christian woman and a Catholic convert. Linda is founder of Miracles of the Heart Ministries and author of the best selling book, *Miracle Hour*. Linda will give her testimony boasting of the richness of God's mercy amidst cancer, tragedy, grief, and ultimately wholeness through the power of healing prayer. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is August 8. For more information, call Kay at 724.772.6749, Pam at 412.461.8906 or see www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.



THE 2nd ANNUAL JACK INGOLD GOLF OUTING benefiting St. Patrick's School and Church on September 2nd will be held at the Club at Nevillewood. The day will include a lunch, golf, complimentary cocktail hour, dinner, live entertainment, gifts and prizes. Dinner only guests welcome!

GENTLY USED TOYS NEEDED: St. Patrick School will be opening a *Four-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten Program* in the fall of 2008. We are in need of gently used *toys* and *books* that would be appropriate for 4 year old children. You may drop off your donations at the school cafeteria after masses on Sunday or at the school office throughout the week. Your donations will be deeply appreciated.

DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS: Auditions for the 2008-2009 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year, as well as an ecumenical Christmas Festival at Heinz Hall. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office (412.456.3042) before August 7.

THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL - AS PROCLAIMED BY POPE BENDICT XVI, June 2008 – June 2009: Learn more about the apostle Paul and join the celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of his birth. Online article may be downloaded at no cost from the website www.littlerockscripturestudy.org or from www.dolt.org. One article is featured each month:

2008

June	Paul's Conversion
July	Paul & the Good News of Jesus
August	Paul, Missionary to the Gentiles
September	The Nature of Discipleship in Paul's Writings
October	Paul & Grace
November	Gifts & Fruit of the Spirit
December	Paul & Marriage

2009

January	The Women in Paul's Life
February	The Eucharist in Paul's Theology
March	Paul & The Church
April	Paul in Prison
May	Paul's Heritage in the New Testament
June	Paul in the 21st Century

GILMARY RETREAT CENTER FALL 2008 BROCHURES for a variety of spiritual Retreats can be found at the exits of the church. Registrations can also be made at Gilmarycenter@verizon.net or by contacting Gilmary at 412.264.8400.

VATICAN SPLENDORS, AUG. 20, 2008

Join Immaculate Conception Church on a memorable and inspiring journey to Cleveland, Ohio. Experience 2,000 years of Vatican art and history including items and works by Michaelangelo, Bernini, and Giotto along with some of the earliest known depictions of Jesus and artwork dating back to the third century. In honor of Pope Benedict XVI declaring June 2008-June 2009 the year of St. Paul, we will also visit the beautiful Church of the Conversion of St. Paul for mass. Trip costs \$99/person and includes motor coach transportation, group luncheon in Little Italy, all admissions and shrine donations and is fully escorted. For more info. call Janet at 724.225.9477.

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008 at 6:30 pm, Canonsburg Borough "Concert in the Park" presents William Dell and Wee Jams, who are back by popular demands. They will perform at Canonsburg Town Park. If it rains, the concert will be moved to the air-conditioned Canon-McMillan Middle School Auditorium on North Central Avenue. There is plenty of parking at Town Park and, if it rains, there is plenty of parking at the school and across the street at the church and school lots. Music! Music! Music! Lots of live entertainment! See you there!