

Office for Evangelization & Faith Formation

Deepening faith in Jesus and sharing Him with others

April 2017 Newsletter



Fall Confirmation Prep

As has become our mid-winter tradition we wanted to remind those who are in Block 3 for the Administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, that last year, Bishop Malesic administered the Sacrament in the fall. In all likelihood that will be the case again in the Fall of 2017. It is advisable if you are in Block 3 that you plan to have your day of reflection this spring and your family day of service and social closer to the celebration of the Sacrament. Should you have any questions, please contact [Bob Sherwin](#).

Calendar For 2017-2018

[Click here to view the 2017-18 calendar for the Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation.](#) We are excited about this year's calendar as we have added some new and exciting events. On June 2, 2018 we will be sponsoring the first ever Family Conference for the Diocese of Greensburg. More details will be forthcoming on this new and exciting family-friendly community event. We will also be sponsoring three in-services for principals, faith formation leaders, youth ministers, teachers, and catechists. The topics of these in-services include: Theology of the Body, Evangelization and Prayer for 5-7 year olds, and personal relationship with Jesus for 8-10 year olds. We will be giving equivalency credit training and certification courses for attending these in-services. More details to come later this spring.

NET Ministry Retreats

NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the church. Every August, 150 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams (NET). Divided into 14 teams, they travel across the U.S. for nine months to share the Gospel with young people and their families. Two of our parishes will be hosting NET Ministry Retreats. [Registration information is online.](#)

The retreats are as follows:

St Bernard Parish, Indiana, PA

Saturday, April 22, 2017

11:00 AM—5:00 PM

6th-12th grade

St. John de la Salle Parish, Delmont, PA

Sunday, April 23, 2017

11:00 AM—5:30 PM (Mass at 11am)

5th—8th grade

Cedar Point Diocesan Youth Trip

Attention all parish youth currently in Grades 5 - 12! You are invited to join the Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 for an exciting Diocesan Youth trip to Cedar Point amusement park in Ohio. The cost for the day is \$85 and includes admission to Cedar Point, bus transportation, lunch, all you can drink wristband, and a catered dinner in the park. Please note that those in grades 5-7 must be accompanied by a parent/chaperone in the park. Graduating seniors 18 and older must have all appropriate clearances. Registration deadline is June 19 or whenever the buses fill. Contact the parish office for details or visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org. Plan to enjoy this FUN-FILLED day!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Bishop Edward C. Malesic will lead a Divine Mercy Sunday outdoor service and eucharistic procession April 23 at 3 p.m. in St. Clair Park, Greensburg. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Sponsor Couple Training

The Spring dates for Sponsor Couple Training are April 30 or June 11.

Only one training date is necessary. Sponsor Couple training will take place at the Pastoral Center located at 723 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. The time is from 1:00pm to 4:15pm and a light lunch is provided. Attendees should go around to the back of the building and look for the signs as to where to park and enter the building. Each person must have a copy of the handbook, *For Better and For Ever*. To order the book, go to the website www.marriagepreparation.com. Pre-payment of the book is not required. After you place your order, they will send an invoice to bill you and then you pay by check or money order. To register, or for more information, call Rich and Leeanna Ryba at 724-289-8748 or 412-951-9522. Or email [Tina Moore](#).

New Middle School Priesthood Discernment Group

Jeremiah Days is a new opportunity for middle school aged boys and their parents, or guardian, to gather to learn, discuss and pray about a vocation to the priesthood. The group will meet on the following days: May 27, July 29, October 21, 2017 and January 27 & April 28, 2018 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am at St. Barbara Church in Harrison City. To register please email [Fr. Tyler Bandura](#).

Sister Speakers

As part of the Sisters of Charity's grateful response to the heritage of St. Vincent De Paul, on this 400th anniversary, they would like to offer programs to local parishes, and organizations.

[Please click here for more information.](#)

Job Opportunity

The Church of St. John the Baptist in Perryopolis, is seeking a qualified person for the position of Director of Faith Formation. The position will be part-time (20 to 25 hours per week) and will oversee religious and faith formation in the parish, including Faith Formation for pre-K to High School Youth Ministry, Adult and Family Formation; Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Infant Baptism, RCIA, and Marriage; all in collaboration with the Pastor. Qualified candidates must be practicing Catholics with training in religious formation or theology. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to:

Rev. Anthony W. Ditto
Church of St. John the Baptist
3332 Pittsburgh Road
Perryopolis, PA 15473

CGSUSA Level II Formation Part 1

CGSUSA is happy to sponsor this Level II Formation led by the formation team of Anna Hurdle, Ann Garrido, and Linda Kaiel at the Retreat Center at the Palisades outside of Seattle, Washington. Level II Part 1 will be July 18-28, 2017 and Part 2 will be July 17-27, 2018. (Arrivals will be necessary the day before the course begins.)

[Read more details about this Level II Formation](#)

[Register Now!](#)

Faith and Reason Summer Program For Catholic Youth

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the seventh annual Faith and Reason summer program from Sunday, June 11 to Friday, June 16. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Roman Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). Limited scholarship funding is available. Further information is available by contacting Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844 or by email at michael.krom@stvincent.edu. Students may register online at www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason

Catholic Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an in-depth, private, personal, marriage preparation experience within the context of Catholic faith and values. Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend retreat away with other engaged couples with time alone together to discuss honestly and intensively about their future lives together-- their strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, attitudes about money, sex, children, family, and their role in the church and society. The next weekend in Greensburg is June 9-11, 2017. For more information please contact George & Pat Ziringer (724-335-4966) ziringer@comcast.net, or www.engagedencounter.org

Natural Family Planning

The key to successful NFP use is cooperation and communication between husband and wife.

CM-BBT is a sympto-thermal medical model of Natural Family Planning. There are one-time instruction sessions held on Monday evenings or Saturday mornings at the Catholic Charities' main office in downtown Greensburg. The next scheduled CM-BBT Instruction Session is scheduled for Monday, May 8th at 6pm. For more information contact Mary Ann Newhouse at 724-837-1840, ext 1658.

The CM-BBT instruction scheduled for APRIL has been cancelled.

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- 7/29 [Jeremiah Days](#)

Prayer for Palm Sunday & Holy Week

[This prayer may be recited individually or as a family before an image of Christ crucified on Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week. It is taken from the words of Pope Pius XII On the Sacred Liturgy.]

"Dearly beloved, in Holy Week, when the most bitter sufferings of Jesus Christ are put before us by the liturgy, the Church invites us to come to Calvary and follow in the blood-stained footsteps of the Divine Redeemer, to carry the Cross willingly with Him, to reproduce in our hearts His spirit of expiation and atonement, and to die together with Him."

V/ We ought to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

R/ in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection.

V/ Let us pray.

All-powerful, eternal God, You have chosen to give mankind a model of humility; our Savior took on our flesh, and subjected Himself to the Cross. Grant us the grace to preserve faithfully the lessons

He has given us in his Passion and to have a share in His Resurrection. This we ask of You through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

R/ Amen.

Favour this dwelling, Lord, with Your presence. Far from it repulse all the wiles of Satan. Your holy angels, let them live here, to keep us in peace. And may your blessing remain always upon us. This we ask of You through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

V/ Let us bless the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

V/ May the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep us.

R/ Amen.