

Office for Evangelization & Faith Formation

Deepening faith in Jesus and sharing Him with others

April 2018 Newsletter



Family Fest June 2, 2018

Join Bishop Malesic and families from all over the Diocese of Greensburg for FamilyFest 2018. FamilyFest promises to be a day to celebrate the family and the domestic church, the place where we love, celebrate, cheer, cry, comfort, pray and serve. FamilyFest is a day in the park to celebrate the family. Come hear Jesse Manibusan! Come for the family activities! Come for the food! Come for the concert! Come for the service projects! Come for the bouncy houses! Come see Bishop Malesic! Come play the Catholic Game of Life! Just grab a bagged chair and get to Hempfield Park on Saturday, June 2 for FamilyFest 2018! Log on to www.familyfestgreensburg.org for more information.

[Click here to view a poster that we would encourage you to include in your end of year communication with parents. Additionally, we would appreciate if you would use this poster as a bulletin insert and display in high-traffic areas in your Church, faith formation center or school.](#)

We are also looking for sponsors and donors. [If you believe in the family as the domestic Church and its role in society, please consider a donation to help support FamilyFest.](#)

Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation Calendar For 2018-19

It's hard to believe that we are already nearing the conclusion of the 2017-18 academic and catechetical year. It seems like yesterday was the first day of school and here we are in the Easter Season. Soon dismissal bells will ring for the final time in 2017-18. [Click here to view the tentative major events calendar for the Office for Evangelization and Faith formation for 2018-19.](#) We hope you are able to attend and promote these events.

Fall Confirmation Prep

[The 2018-19 schedule was released yesterday. Click here to view the schedule.](#) It is advisable that if you have a fall date for Confirmation that you consider planning 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](#).

Sponsor Couple Training

[New Sponsor Couple training will be available on Sunday, April 29 and Sunday, June 10, 2018. You only need to attend one session.](#) This training will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Office Building. The address is 723 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Park around the back of the building and look for signs showing where to park and where to enter the building. We will start at 1pm and go to around 4:15, which also includes a light lunch. **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. To register, or for more information, call Rich and Leeanna Ryba at 724-289-8748 or 412-951-9522. Or [email Tina Moore](#).

Engaged Encounter

[An Engaged Encounter Weekend](#) is a time for a man and woman, who are preparing for the sacrament of marriage, to concentrate on building and deepening their relationship and commitment. Free from the pressures and distractions of daily living, the engaged couple has the opportunity to concentrate exclusively on each other while examining the essential issues they will encounter within marriage. [The 2018 Greensburg weekends are: May 4-6 or Sept. 14-16.](#) For more information please contact George & Pat Ziringer 724-335-4966 ziringer@comcast.net, or www.engagedencounter.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Training

Join St. Thomas More University Parish and Mary Beth Palko for CGS Level 1 Training beginning on May 5. [Click here for the brochure and for more information, dates, details, and registration.](#) Please be aware that Level 1 satisfies a portion of Basic Catechetical Certification.

RCIA Corner: The Job of the RCIA Coordinator or Director

The RCIA makes no mention of an RCIA director or even a team. However, RCIA 13 and 14 talk about the priest and his responsibilities, and RCIA 15 mentions how permanent deacons assist in whatever way is needed. In most parishes, the pastor would typically delegate many of these responsibilities to others on staff or to coordinators and volunteers in the RCIA. So these responsibilities could also be shared with an RCIA director, deacon, or other coordinators.

In most parishes, the role of the RCIA team leader goes far beyond this list. The team leader may be an organizer, coordinator, counselor, supporter, dishwasher, room arranger, and spiritual guide. However, the first and foremost ministry of the team leader is enablement of the community! All other qualities, responsibilities, and characteristics flow from this core ministry. The word enablement is related to the word ministry. It suggests not only a function, but a way of being.

The team leader is to enable the parish community to take the central role in the formation of the catechumens.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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Natural Family Planning

[CM-BBT is a sympto-thermal medical model of Natural Family Planning.](#)
[The key to successful NFP use is cooperation and communication between husband and wife.](#)

Participants are required to attend a one-time instruction session with follow-up, support, and continued education provided by a medically certified CM-BBT Professional for one year. Pre-registration is required. The next scheduled CM-BBT Instruction Session is scheduled for Monday, May 21st, 2018 at 6pm. [Information on NFP and MM-BBT can be found on the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg website.](#) For additional information or to pre-register, contact Mary Ann Newhouse at 724-837-1840, ext. 1658.

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Upcoming Events in the Diocese

2018-2019 Calendar

- 4/29 Sponsor Couple Training
- 5/1 Francis Fund Deadline
- 5/4-6 Engaged Encounter Weekend
- 5/6 Scout Convocation
- 5/20 Youth/Adult Confirmation at The Bishop Connare Center
- 5/21 Natural Family Planning

JUNE 2 FamilyFest

- 6/10 Sponsor Couple Training
- 6/19 Cedar Point Youth Day
- 6/22-24 Steubenville Youth Conference
- 7/15 Youth Honors Mass

Nar-Anon Family Group In The Connellsville Catholic Community

Please join us every Wednesday at St. John the Evangelist, Connellsville Social Hall from 7-8:30pm. Open to the public.

What is Nar-Anon?

Nar-Anon is a twelve step self-help program offering recovery and support for families and friends of addicts. The Nar-Anon Family Group is for those who have known a feeling of desperation due to the addiction problem of someone close to them. This includes those who have already lost someone due to an addiction.

Nar-Anon helps families and friends of addicts learn the following: Addiction is a family disease. Those closest to the addicts are deeply affected.

Families and friends can also benefit from a recovery program.

Nar-Anon offers tools for coping with these issues:

Isolation from feeling misunderstood by family and friends.

Guilt, shame, and embarrassment brought on by legal consequences of addiction.

Lack of trust and financial uncertainty.

Manipulation and victimization.

Group Meetings are held every Wednesday at St. John the Evangelist Social Hall in Connellsville from 7-8:30pm. To join, simply attend a meeting. There are no dues or fees. This group is open to the public.

Nar-Anon is a spiritual program, not a religious one. Confidence of anonymity are respected by Nar-Anon members. Members bond and learn through sharing their experience, strength, and hope. Meetings are a safe place to share.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Sampey at the parish office 724-628-6840 ext. 108 or email at msampey@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Easter Season Prayer

Alleluia! Lord, Jesus, You have risen from the dead and are gloriously triumphant!

Lord, I offer You profound thanksgiving that I may join in the celebration of Your Resurrection! I thank You for loving me so much that I have been invited to participate in the new life won by You.

Dear Lord, the path to the Resurrection was one of exceptional pain and suffering. It required of You the total sacrifice of Your life. You held nothing back but poured out Your life to the last drop of blood.

Risen Lord, the joyful message is that suffering and death were not the end.

You rose triumphantly in a new and glorified body, opening the door for all who believe in You to do the same.

Draw me in, dear Lord, to Your suffering and death so that I may also be drawn into the glory of Your Resurrection. Give me the courage You had as You endured so much. Help me to face the crosses in my life with Your strength. As I do, fill me with hope as I anticipate the new life You will bring from all sufferings united to You.

Alleluia! Lord, Jesus, You have risen from the dead and are gloriously triumphant!

Alleluia! All glory and praise to You, dear Lord, for Your Resurrection!

Alleluia! May the glory of Your Resurrection be loved, embraced and proclaimed until the end of time and forever more!

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