

Office for Evangelization & Faith Formation

Deepening faith in Jesus and sharing Him with others

March 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 or [click here for a bulletin announcement](#).

Fall Confirmation Prep

As has become our mid-winter tradition we wanted to remind you that next year, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in both the fall and the spring. It is advisable that all 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

Are you worried that your RCIA seekers aren't ready?

Ruth turned over for maybe the twentieth time, fluffed her pillow, rearranged her blanket, and tried some deep breathing exercises. She had already tried thinking of multiplication tables and counting sheep. But she just couldn't fall asleep. Tomorrow, she had to turn in to the diocesan office the names of those catechumens who would become elect. And she didn't know what to do about Alfred.

More than once over the last year, she thought Alfred had dropped out of the catechumenate because she hadn't seen him in so long. He didn't answer phone calls or texts. And just when she was ready to give up on him, he'd show up at Mass or a catechetical session with that never-a-care smile of his, as though he'd never been away. Ruth had tried everything she could think of to get Alfred to take his preparation process more seriously. She even scheduled a one-on-one for Alfred with their pastor — which Alfred didn't show up for.

Ruth worried about leaving Alfred behind while all the other catechumens moved on to become elect. She just wasn't sure he was ready. But, she thought to herself, who was she to judge?

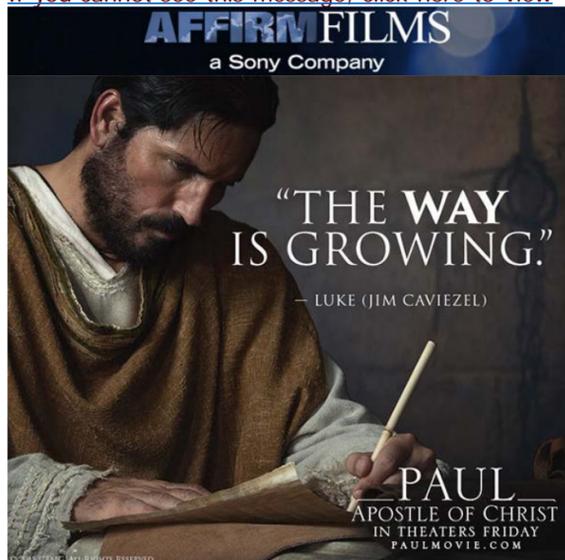
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Faith and Reason

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the [8th annual Faith and Reason summer program from Sunday, June 10 to Friday, June 15, 2018](#). 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 michael.krom@stvincent.edu. Students may register online at www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason

Get your Tickets for Paul, Apostle of Christ

Paul, Apostle of Christ: In Theaters Friday March 23rd
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Experience This Timeless Story

The names Paul and Luke are familiar from the Bible—but what was it like to live in the early days of the Church? Just like us, these first century Christians faced daily uncertainties and struggled with fear and doubt, but even through trial and suffering far greater than we've known, they held fast to their faith in God. And their faith challenged an empire. Don't miss **PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST**, in theaters Friday!

[FIND A THEATER & GET TICKETS](#)

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 the next, May 21st, 2018 at 6pm. [Information on NFP and MM-BBT can be found on 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

- 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 Cathedral](#)
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JUNE 2, 2018 FAMILY FESTIVAL

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.

Holy Week Prayer

Loving God, I am just beginning to realize how much you love me. Your son, Jesus was humble and obedient.

He fulfilled your will for him by becoming human and suffering with us. I ask you for the desire to become more humble so that my own life might also bear witness to you.

I want to use the small sufferings I have in this world to give you glory.

Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth.

Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus.

Help me to be with Jesus in this week as he demonstrates again his total love for me.

He died so that I would no longer be separated from you.

Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you.

- Courtesy Creighton Campus Ministry