

# Office for Evangelization & Faith Formation

Deepening faith in Jesus and sharing Him with others

May 2018 Newsletter



## FamilyFest 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 Hemphill Park on Saturday, June 2 for FamilyFest 2018! Log on to [www.familyfestgreensburg.org](http://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.](#)

**Finally, it takes a great many volunteers to run the fun and activities of FamilyFest. If you can help us out for an hour or two, please click here and follow the directions to register as a FamilyFest volunteer.**

### Coffee and Conversation

We know that there are many questions, issues, and well, things that frustrate you. The staff of the Office for Evangelization and Faith formation wants to help Faith Formation Leaders (paid and volunteer), youth ministers, RCIA Leaders, and catechists by reaching out, supporting, resourcing, and just having good conversation over good coffee. Beginning in May join a staff member of the office for good coffee, good conversation, answers to your questions, and prayer. There will be no agenda, take the conversation where you need help, where you need prayer, where you need support. Coffee and conversation is just that, a staff member will spend the morning at a popular local restaurant, ready to have a conversation with you. It will not be a business meeting or a time for spiritual renewal. We want to support you in the daily grind (pun intended) of your ministry. So join us this month and next at these local favorites. No RSVP's required.

Thursday May 24	Indiana	Crouse's Café	660 Philadelphia St. Indiana 15701	10:30am-12	Greg
Wednesday June 6	Apollo	Central Restaurant	204 North Warren Ave Apollo 15613	10:30am-12	Christie
Thursday June 21	Uniontown	Eat n Park	519 West Main Street Uniontown 15401	10:30am-12	Bob

### 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.

### New Pope Francis Movie

Pope Francis is coming to America! Perhaps not in person, but at least in a one-of-a-kind new movie co-produced and endorsed by the Vatican. "Pope Francis – A Man of His Word," will open in theaters nationwide on May 18, 2018. We encourage you to organize groups from your parish, youth groups, schools, friends, family, co-workers and others to see it. [Discount tickets are available here.](#)

*Pope Francis - A Man of His Word*, written and directed by three-time Academy Award® nominee Wim Wenders, is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. A rare co-production with the Vatican, the pope's ideas and his message are central to this documentary, which sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions from death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism, and the role of the family.

### Sponsor Couple Training

[New Sponsor Couple training will be available on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.](#)

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](http://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.](#)

### Summer Institute: Diocese of Pittsburgh

Responding to the Universal Church's call for a "New Evangelization" the Diocese of Pittsburgh is once again offering an intensive and formative Summer Institute in June. They have invited outstanding professors, writers, and artists to meet with teachers and catechists to talk through how best to infuse the schools and parishes with a Faith that speaks to all aspects of life and learning. In addition to the class time, participants will share mass, meals, conversation, and cultural events. It will be three days of immersion in the rich culture of Catholicism. In this short yet intense time, we hope to taste some of what Christ promised in John 10:10, "I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." [Click here for more information.](#) Below is a listing of courses at the Institute and their Greensburg equivalents. Participants from Greensburg should contact the Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation after the Institute and submit materials from the course. Once that information is submitted the participant will be contacted via email with a Greensburg sign-out code.

Institute Course	Greensburg Equivalent
Zombie Apocalypse	Creed
Creed	Creed
Theology of the Body	Morality
Sofia	Ongoing formation
Leadership	Ongoing formation
Only the Lover Sings	Ongoing formation
Parables	Ongoing formation
History and Social Studies	Ongoing formation
Science	Ongoing formation
Sacraments	Sacraments

### 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 upcoming 2018 Greensburg weekend is Sept. 14-16.](#) For more information please contact George & Pat Ziringer 724-335-4966 [ziringer@comcast.net](mailto:ziringer@comcast.net), or [www.engagedencounter.org](http://www.engagedencounter.org)

### Natural Family Planning

[CM-BBT is a symptom-free medical model of Natural Family Planning. The key to a 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### Contact Us

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### Upcoming Events in the Diocese

#### 2018-2019 Calendar

5/20 Youth/Adult Confirmation at The Bishop Connare Center

5/21 Natural Family Planning

## JUNE 2 FamilyFest

7/2 Francis Fund Deadline

6/10 Sponsor Couple Training

6/19 Cedar Point Youth Day

6/22-24 Steubenville Youth Conference

7/15 Youth Honors Mass

9/12 New Leaders Meeting

### 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](mailto:msampey@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### Family Prayer

God made us a family.  
 We need one another.  
 We love one another.  
 We forgive one another.  
 We work together.  
 We play together.  
 We worship together.  
 Together we use God's word.  
 Together we grow in Christ.  
 Together we love all people.  
 Together we serve our God.  
 Together we hope for heaven.  
 These are our hopes and ideals.  
 Help us to attain them, O God,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.