

# SJN Insights



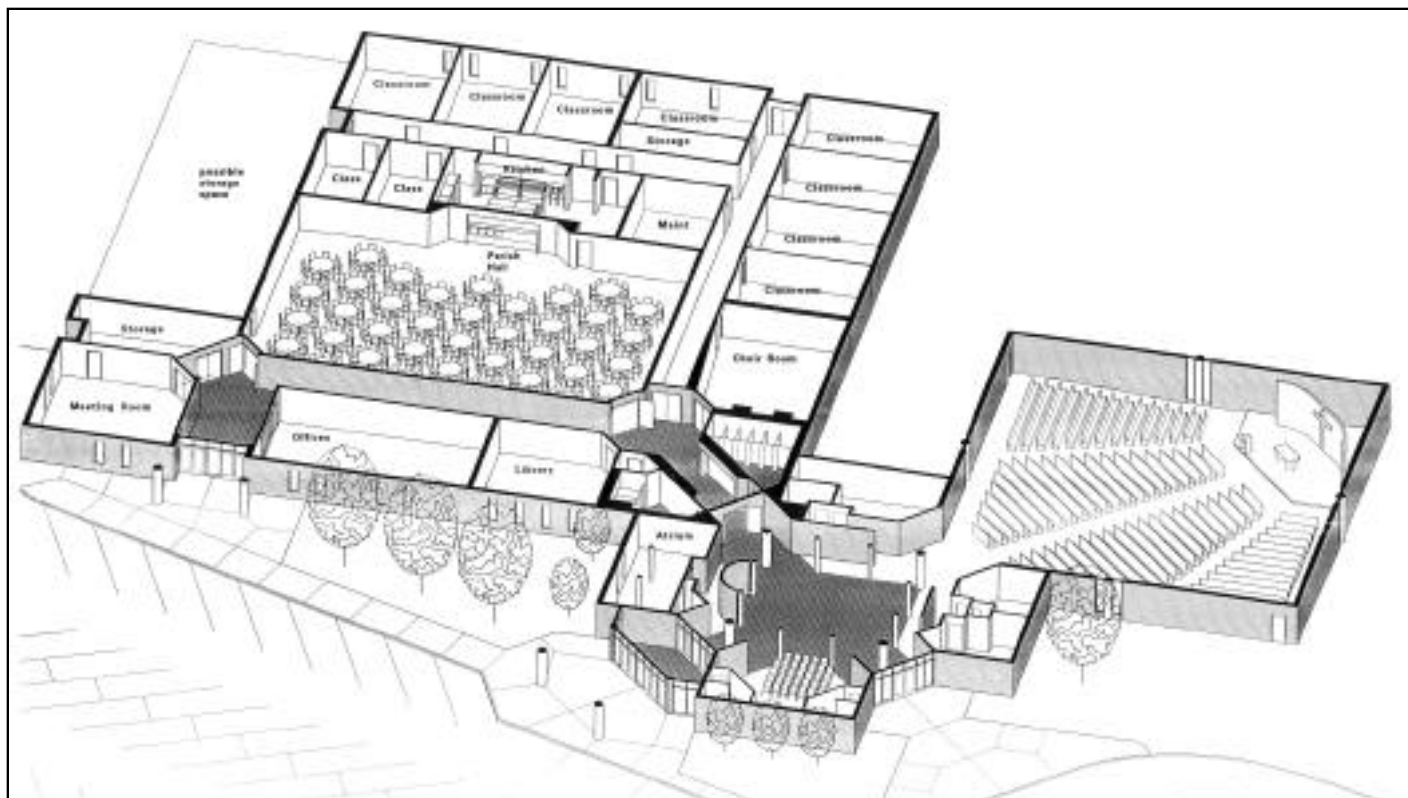
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Three-year program to raise \$2.5 million

## SJN physical expansion will support our spiritual growth



By Russ Martz  
Building Fund Chairman

It's vital that St. John Neumann grow its physical presence as our parish and the larger community we serve grow spiritually. The renovation and expansion of our Education Building will help us do that.

The expansion will require extraordinary response from all parishioners. As the first campaign since the building of the church 20 years ago, it takes on special significance. We have reached a critical juncture in our 20-year history.

Our ability to serve the spiritual, educational and social needs of parishioners, as well as expanding our commitment to the larger faith community we serve, has been seriously hampered by lack of

space.

After two years of discussion, needs assessments, surveys and prayer, a consensus has emerged as to the most important need facing the parish: the renovation and expansion of the Education Building.

SJN has acquired a positive rep-

utation as a dynamic, forward-looking congregation. An energetic, committed staff, coupled with vibrant leadership, has built a powerful faith-based demonstration of God's love.

Thousands pass through SJN

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## St. John Neumann

Lenten and Easter schedule

### RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Lenten Reconciliation services have been set for St. John Neumann and our neighboring parishes.

#### Monday, March 11th

7:30p.m. - Sts. John & Paul Parish

#### Thursday, March 14th 2002

7:30p.m. - St. John Neumann Parish

#### Thursday, March 21st, 2002

7:30p.m. - St. Alexis

#### Monday, March 25th, 2002

7:30p.m. - St. Alphonsus

*Note: There should be at least half a dozen Priest/Confessors for each service. And Confessions are always heard on Saturday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. here at St. John Neumann.*

### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

#### Ash Wednesday

Ashes distributed at all Masses: 7 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m.

#### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent at 7:30 p.m.

#### Soup and Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22nd, 2002, 6 p.m., with special Stations for children

#### Friday, March 29th, 2002

Youth Production of "Were You There", 7:30 p.m.

#### All Wednesdays in Lent

Evening Mass - 7 p.m. (note change)

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Palm Sunday

5:30 p.m. vigil

7:30 a.m. (note time change)

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

#### Holy Thursday Mass

7:30 p.m. (concelebrated)

#### Good Friday

1:30 p.m. Good Friday Services

7:30 p.m. "Were You There" performance

#### Holy Saturday

11 a.m. Blessing of Baskets

7 p.m. Vigil services and Mass (note time change)

#### Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. (note time change)

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

## Easter is a time for rebirth and welcoming new friends

By Susan Kinsella

One of the most spiritually rewarding times of the year for me is the gathering of our newly initiated members who participated in the RCIA process following Easter Vigil.

It is a time for me to witness the awe seen in each relative's eye as they feel the Spirit shining out from everyone - not just the recent communicants but also those from past Vigils. There are children who have been a part of this celebration too.

Hosting the reception - something I have done for the last five years, when Barbara Stokes asked for help - has become an anticipated Easter tradition in my life.

This year is particularly significant for me since the parents of two children in the Tuesday evening Good Shepherd class are among the candidates. One of the mothers is an aide for the class where she is just as excited as the children while she works alongside them.

The amazement comes, however, when I see the people arriving at the reception. They are always happy, always filled with Spirit and appear to be walking on air with the exuberance of the moment.

My most vivid memory of the reception is intensely personal. This special Easter Vigil time reminds me of my own children's reception. They were much smaller then, but I still recall the wonderful feeling watching them as if they were floating on little clouds, knowing they had participated in something special.

This Easter Vigil reception, look around at the faces and you will surely see what I mean.

### Help needed!

### Let's make Mass meaningful for kids

Creative talent permeates our parish. Can we put some together to brighten children's activities during Mass? There have to be better ways for children to participate. We're seeking imaginative ideas to shine God's Light in our Church. What about magnetic boards with figures and articles of the Mass or "colorforms?" If you think this is worth time and energy, let's meet.

Call Barb Stokes at 412-366-5885 and we'll brainstorm a Family Ministry solution in our St. John Neumann way. Too many children are missing our worshipping community, so call today.



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## Building expansion would provide space for growing parish, service needs

each year and many more are served through the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers. These examples of the uses of our facilities reveal the scope of our needs:

- Four weekend Masses; monthly Youth Mass and daily Mass
- Liturgy of the Word for Children at all weekend masses
- Catholic Formation (CCD) classes, with an on-site enrollment of 450 youngsters
- Good Shepherd Catechesis, with 114 children enrolled
- Vacation Bible School, now limited to 160 students and 85 volunteers
- Large-group events for middle and high school, including socials, retreats and meetings
- Sacraments – Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation (there are regularly 70 to 80 children receiving these sacraments annually); Baptism, Matrimony and Anointing of the Sick Mass
- Rehearsals for choirs – adult, children, adult contemporary, youth contemporary and cantors
- Marriage Preparation (Marriage Prep day itself is now held elsewhere for lack of facilities)
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and for Children (RCIC) meetings
- Parish picnic, after-Mass socials, events such as the Musical Gala, St. John Neumann Feast Day, etc.
- Women's Guild, with weekly craft days and monthly meetings and especially its annual craft fair, a successful fund raiser to support other parish projects and activities, now reduced for lack of space.
- Men's Breakfasts; Women, Wisdom and Wine; Over 50 Club,
- Grief Support, Parish Health Ministry, Legion of Mary
- Family Advent Evening, Supper and Stations, All Saints' Day Celebration and Mardi Gras — family events that may be restricted due to space limitations
- BEYOND RENEW activities, including parish facilitators and regional training meetings, CORE committee meetings, on-site small group sessions, pot luck suppers and liturgy preparation meetings
- S.E.E.D.S. - adult education promoting spiritual growth and development.
- MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing), which now has a group meeting in the chapel for lack of space
- Hands in Service activities, including sandwich making for the homeless, filling Christmas stockings for Appalachia, etc.
- Appalachia and Habitat for Humanity Work Camp initiatives, Art Auction fundraiser (we no longer hold the annual pasta dinner for lack of space), book sales, and other fundraisers such as holiday flower sales, bake sales and garage sales



**A view of our church as it is today**

- Wheels of Love bicycle collection
- Support activities for Pleasant Valley Shelter, Benedictine Place, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, Genesis of Pittsburgh, Miryam's Shelter, Allegheny House and Light of Life Mission
- Perry Hilltop Food Bank collections, including food, toiletries, household goods and grocery bags

The expansion will provide the solution to our space needs. The 17,000-square foot addition will include:

- A Parish Hall accommodating 500 people;
- Kitchen facilities adjacent to the Parish Hall;
- Dedicated space for the Good Shepherd Catechesis;
- A total of 10 classrooms/meeting rooms;
- Adequate office and support space for parish staff;
- Dedicated space for the music ministry and choirs;
- Storage space for our outreach programs;
- Library and large conference room, and
- More special needs and regular parking near the church.

The estimated cost is \$2.5 million. Once the money is raised, we expect construction to take about a year. Our parish is in a strong financial position. Our debt has been fully paid. Still, the Diocese requires that we deposit 50 percent of the project cost before groundbreaking. To meet this challenge, we will ask parishioners to commit to a three-year building program. You will be hearing more about this throughout 2002.

We all know that the Education Building is one of the centers of our spiritual community. Given the current and future demands on our Education Building, we believe this project is critical. The real challenge is our ability to commit to accomplish this task and further Christ's mission for our community and our families. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to influence the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Russ Martz (412-367-9014), project general chairman Brad Franc (412-367-2238), or leave a note at the rectory and we will contact you. We invite your support.



Building a House in Butler County – St. John Neumann volunteers raise the exterior walls on the latest Habitat for Humanity house in southwest Butler County. Taking advantage of the sunny weather on Saturday, Jan. 26 are (pictured) Lou Gacek, Ken Buzzard, Pat Graven, Dave Nehnevajsa, Rob Gaertner and his son Rob. Not pictured: Kris Graven, Pam and Adam Nehnevajsa. Call 412-366-5638, ext. 15 to find out how you can be part of building “Heidi’s House in the Woods” on Saturdays, Feb. 23 and/or Mar. 23.

## Workcamps kick off set for Feb. 24

By Sarah Schneider

It’s time again for the meetings, fundraisers, and community and skills building to help our brothers and sisters in Preston County, W.Va. and Erie, Pa.! What began with 13 teens, adults and one parochial working on substandard housing in Kentucky has blossomed into the 16th Appalachia Workcamp and the 11th Habitat for Humanity SJN summer workcamps.

First-time high school teens, college students, parents and other interested adults are invited to the information meeting hosted by veteran workcampers at 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24 in the Education Bldg. Workcampers will share experiences, prospective workcampers and parents will be briefed on participation, and interested teens and adults will learn more in breakout sessions.

Workcampers must be registered parishioners. However, those who were registered members of SJN when SS John & Paul was established may be considered. Meeting attendance, fundraiser participation, and Habitat workdays are a must!

**All first year people** must complete three Habitat workdays or Habitat optional days locally. Call (412) 366-5638, ext. 15 to get necessary papers to do SW Butler County Habitat. Next two workdays: Saturdays, Feb. 23 & Mar. 23. An urban workcamp with The Pittsburgh Project is set for Mar. 15 - 17 which equals two Habitat days (call for registration forms).

**Appalachia** – adults & current high school sophomore or older. Dates: June 22 – 29... Saturday 8:30 a.m. departure, returning 4 p.m. the following Saturday, family dinner and 5:30 p.m. Mass together.

**Habitat Workcamp** – adults & a few current high school 9th graders and older. Leaves evening of Sunday, July 28; returns Friday, August 2 at 5 p.m. for family dinner.

## “Stuff” worth remembering

by Grace Ghirardi

If you are in grades 6 and up, there’s a lot of exciting “stuff” going on at St. John Neumann these days.

In December, interested parents and I met and brainstormed to make our youth ministry even better. So we will now have a middle school event each month, in addition to those already available.



At our first event in December, we had a guest speaker, Fr. Eric Diskin, then we played games and ate pizza. In January we went to Hidden Valley to ski. In February we are going tubing at Wildwood Highlands. There will be lots more “stuff” going on so, to keep informed, read your Youth Update.

Parents and adults, we need help. If you want to be a chaperone, or if you have ideas, please call me at 412-366-5638.

### Youth Ministry Calendar

- High School Ski Retreat  
Feb. 8-10  
Peek n Peak; Clymer, New York
- Were You There?  
Tryouts Feb. 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Chase away the blues  
Feb. 15, Meet SJN 3:45 p.m., return 7 p.m. (Wildwood Highlands Tubing)
- TEC retreat  
Feb. 15-17 Gilmary Retreat Center (HS Seniors)
- Youth Mass  
Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m.
- Vision Quest (grades 7-8)  
Feb. 18, 11:30-3 p.m. at SJN
- Youth Mass  
March 17, 5:30 p.m.
- Junior High Service Day  
March 22, Meet SJN 1 p.m. return 3:30 p.m. - World Vision (grades 6 & up)
- Were You There?  
March 29, 7:30 p.m.

# Sharing a few revelations about the Book of Revelations

By Barbara Matera

Father Peter Horton, Chaplain at LaRoche College and movie reviewer for the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, paid a return visit to a gathering of Women, Wisdom & Wine on Jan. 30. Fr. Horton, who teaches many courses on Scripture at LaRoche, spoke about the Book of Revelation.

His talk centered on the widespread use of symbolism in Revelation, the last book of the New Testament. The book was written for the early Church in Asia during a time of intense persecution by the Roman Empire. It is an example of apocalyptic literature, which maintains a central theme of hope while focusing on end times.

Fr. Horton explained that numbers hold a specific meaning in this book, usually a carryover from meanings they had in the Old Testament. For instance, seven is a number of completion or perfection. In Hebrew, to repeat a word three times makes it a superlative. Therefore, 777 is the number representing God – the most perfect. The number six, one less than seven, falls short of perfection – so 666 represents falling the most short of God. Rather than representing a particular being, the Beast bearing the number 666 represents cosmic evil, in contrast to Christ who represents cosmic good.

Father Horton interjected humor when the discussion was especially grim, as when he summarized the predicament of early Christians. He imagined that they were welcomed into the Church with this greeting: “It’s great to have you with us. Now die.” The Book of Revelation, which would have been read aloud to early communities gathering in secret to share Eucharist, gave this message to those persecuted communities: This world is not God’s final word. God has prepared a new heaven and a new earth. The new age of salvation is God’s work, not ours. Our work is to

respond to God’s call and live in accordance with it.

The new age will come when all of history, symbolized by a scroll, has been acted out as it must. Then, “like a roll of toilet paper that runs out when you most need it – usually at someone else’s house,” one day it will be at the end.

Using a technique he has mastered in his college courses, Father Horton moved seamlessly from teaching to preaching. He reminded us that although we too are living in difficult times, we need to recognize what we have in Christ – salvation, which nobody can take away from us; faith, which is our strength; and hope, for we know the future will be good beyond our imagination.

We demonstrate our fidelity to Christ and his message by living in love. Jesus always said, “Follow me, it will be worth it.” He did not promise that we would like everything we would have to live through, but he fulfilled God’s promise that we would always have God—with us. Since we live in hope, we have a vision

that the world needs. As a result, we work against poverty and racism, and we work for peace and justice.

Fr. Horton’s remarks were met with hearty and appreciative applause, followed by a brief question and answer period. During Fr. Horton’s response to a question about the Catholic Church’s position on salvation for people outside the Church, he related that when he was growing up, his Jewish next-door neighbor, Mr. Rosenthal, always placed the figure of Jesus in the manger while the Hortons were at midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Fr. Horton described how Mr. Rosenthal lovingly cared for his wife when her health was failing. Invoking theologian Karl Rahner’s concept of “anonymous Christians,” and the Church’s teaching that there can be salvation for those outside the Church, Fr. Horton said he was certain that Mr. Rosenthal now lives with God.



**Be faithful  
unto death,  
and I will  
give you  
the crown  
of Life.  
Revelation 2:10**

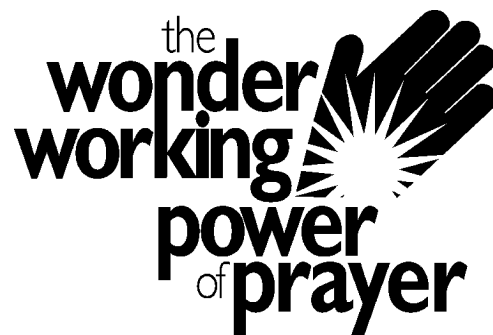
## Annual Interfaith Prayer Service will be (multi) cultural experience

On Sunday, April 14, the St. John Neumann parish community will host the fifth Annual Interfaith Prayer Service from 3 - 5 p.m.

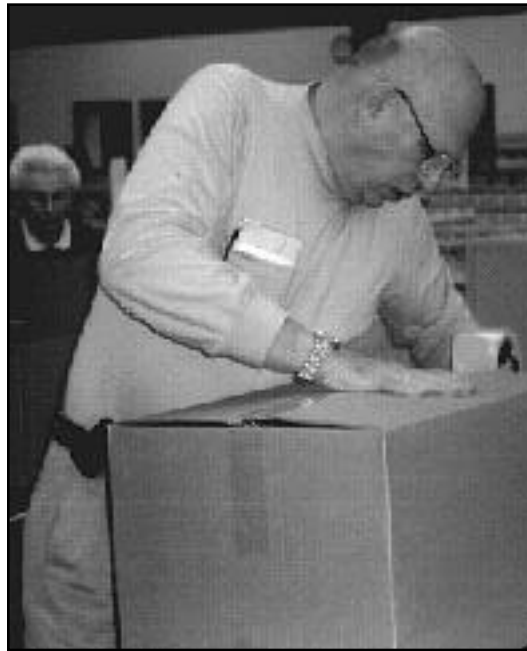
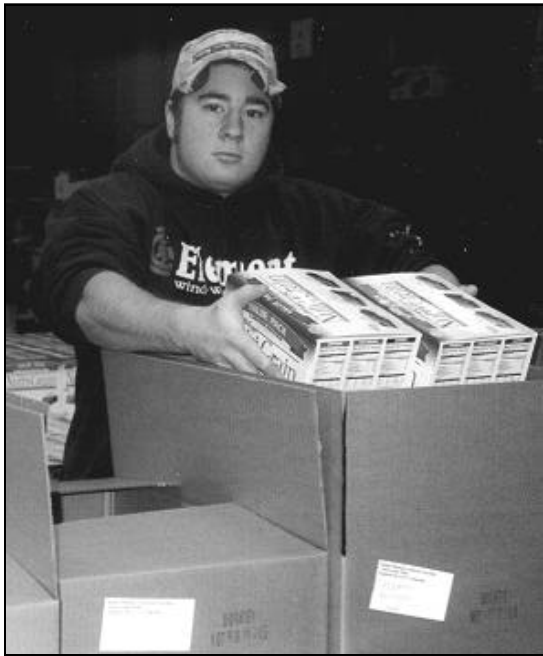
This year’s topic is “Sharing Cultures, Experiencing Community, Creating Global Well-Being.” The sponsors are the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition and the North Hills Interfaith Action Committee.

Many diverse faiths will be represented and a combined choir will provide music. Cultural rituals will be demonstrated in small groups, and there will be an opportunity to converse with people of the community.

Join us for an afternoon of awareness and friendship.



# Our service earns special dividends at the Pittsburgh Food Bank



During the Martin Luther King Day project at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Mike Hreha (left) fills boxes with Kellogg's products. Paul Lang (right) seals one of many boxes. The SJN group also worked with young people from Serra Catholic High School and Penn State-McKeesport. Not pictured: Betty Langman, Sarah Schneider, Walt Breindel, Barbara and Matthew Solter. Check the HIS Calendar for future Food Bank dates. Our volunteer hours turn into coupons for Perry Hilltop Food Bank to obtain free food products.

## 2002 campaign coming

### SJN's Parish Share program ready for another strong season of support

By Sylvia Danehy  
Temporalities Committee

The Parish Share Campaign continues to be an important part of our parish financial health.

Besides meeting our Diocesan obligations, we have been able to maintain and expand programs within our own parish.

An important factor is that we have also completely paid off the parish debt and put money aside for emergencies.

Each year, the money collected on pledges has exceeded 95 percent of the amount pledged. Taking into account that people move out of the parish, or their circumstances change after they make their pledge, this is a truly successful campaign.

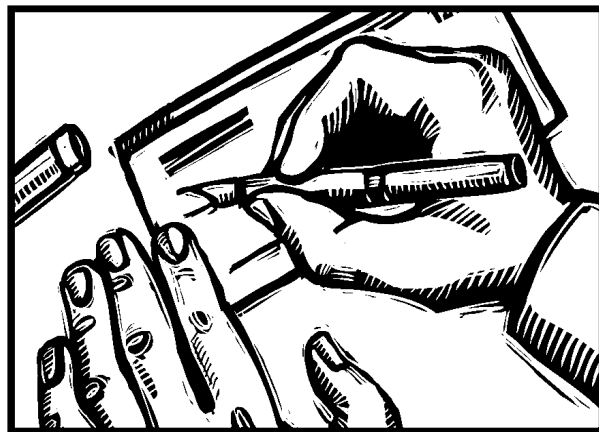
Your generosity and continuing support bears witness to the fact that our parishioners take seriously the responsibility to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given us.

Recently, you should have received your Parish Share information in the mail along with your 2002

pledge card.

Although Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002 was designated "Parish Share Sunday," we are continuing to accept pledges at this time.

# PLEDGE



# REPORT

You can drop your pledge into the mail or place it in the Sunday collection basket. If you did not receive Parish Share information, blank pledge cards can be found on the table in the lobby.

Remember, reminders for the 2002 campaign won't be mailed out until the end of March.

It takes some time to collect all the pledges and send them in for processing.

Also, if you are unable to make a pledge at this time please remember to return your blank pledge card as it will enable the committee to plan follow-up contacts.

If we know you can't pledge we won't have to

contact you again.

Thank you!

*Remember: Economy allows us to be generous.*

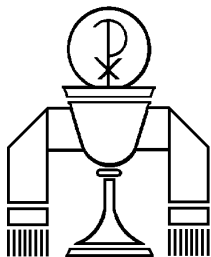
## Make the connection: Share the sacraments with others this spring

By Barbara Stokes

Nobody wants to be less. Seems like everybody wants to be more or better or getting there. Meetings - those time-consuming forced gatherings attempt to help us get more, be more, do more. Yet sometimes they just fill the calendar and not the spirit.

Meetings and sacraments sometimes have a lot in common. Both just consume time unless they make a connection in life. The sacraments celebrate life experiences that are common to most of us. They celebrate birth, belonging, eating, forgiving, healing, strength, and ways of life. They can connect all of us.

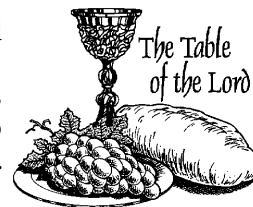
Someone recently said, "the sacraments always work." Not like magic, for they offer no deception or "trick." Rather they "work," for sacraments rely on God-energy (grace) to move a life experience from one



level to another. Sacraments are - in the widest sense - God's love reading out to us in signs and waiting for our free response.

In *Ministry of the Celebrating Community*, Eugene Walsh says, "sacraments are actions of Christ. They are actions of the Church, actions of those who celebrate them. Jesus makes sacraments happen and the celebrating community makes sacraments happen - at one and the same time. The sacraments are a joint enterprise of Jesus and His people."

Each one of us has a necessary place in this action. Each one of us makes the connection and we are all "more." Welcome the children celebrating First Penance and First Communion this Spring. Welcome the baby baptized this week, the outsider who returns to church, the couple who marry. Sacraments happen. Make a connection!



## Over 50s are ready to greet St. Patrick

By Clara Donovan

The Over 50s Club is closing out the 2001-2002 season with a bang.

March 21, 2002 is the date to celebrate the feast of St. Patrick. The day will begin with Mass at noon to be celebrated by Father Bob Coyne.

After Mass, there will be a potluck lunch. All parish members are invited to attend Mass and the feast with the club. Please bring a dish, any dish will do, that will feed ten people. After lunch there will be a sing-a-long and a joke or two.

In April, we will return to evening meetings. On the 18th at 7:30 p.m., we will have a short meeting and then be entertained by the St. Theresa players. Refreshments will be served.

The Annual Communion Breakfast is set for May 19, 2002. Watch the mail for a flyer with details.

Come and join us at any time!



Over 50s Club

### HIGHLIGHTS

## Pittsburgh Project

Winter Urban Workcamp

**March 15, 16, 17**

High school teens and adults are invited to participate in a winter workcamp with St. John Neumann. Crews will work on the homes of elderly in Pittsburgh. Housing, meals, prayer gatherings, and activities are provided at the North Side TPP headquarters.

**Friday, March 15 Leave SJN 4:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, March 16 Work on a home**  
**Sunday, March 17 Work on a home**

Return SJN Sunday Approx. 3:30 PM

SJN Youth Mass 5:30 PM

Cost: \$75.00 (includes T-shirt)

Friends of SJN folks are welcome!

Space limited to 15 workcampers.



Call Sarah Schneider 412-366-5638, ext. 15 to get more information and forms. SJN has done a Pittsburgh Project weekend for the last seven to eight years with other church groups.



**Bill Baierl gives the keys for the 1995 Chevrolet cargo van he donated to Perry Hilltop South Food Bank to director Peggy McClung and her staff. SJN paid for the van's inspection, registration and repair.**

## **Bill Baierl, SJN put Perry Hilltop Food Bank back on the road**

By Paul Lang

The Perry Hilltop South Food Bank is back in the food transport business again with a 1995 cargo van provided through the generosity of Bill Baierl of The Baierl Automotive Group.

The St. John Neumann Community provided the funds to inspect, register and do the repair work required to recondition the vehicle as part of our overall long-term support of Perry Hilltop.

It all began with the initiative taken by a parishioner responding to an appeal for a van in the Sunday Bulletin. Father Bovard agreed to support the project. Tom

Lang, also of Baierl Chevrolet, was asked for his help in identifying a possible vehicle. Over a period of several weeks, Lang found and identified the 1995 van as a possible solution, obtained Baierl approval, and facilitated the work required to recondition and deliver the unit.

This overall process and final result is an excellent example of diverse organizations and individuals working together to meet valid community needs. There are ample opportunities for each of us in our own way to take that first step and be a part of something good.

## **From Family to Family, help and support to cope with mental illness**

By Mildred Benitz

NAMI Member and Teacher

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Family-to-Family program offers a free 12-week education series (one evening per week for 12 weeks) for families of individuals diagnosed with serious psychiatric illnesses.

Sometimes it is difficult to talk about your loved one with other family members and friends because of the stigma. You need not

cope alone.

Learning the diagnosis of mental illness touches off a grieving process similar to that after the death of a loved one: hopes and dreams are lost. NAMI Family-to-Family provides a structured curriculum on schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, borderline personality disorder and dual diagnosis, which would be a co-occurring brain disorder with an

addictive disorder.

The classes are taught by trained NAMI volunteers who have dealt with mental illness in their own families. Classes are available at eight locations throughout Allegheny, Washington and Beaver counties. The North Hills location will begin classes on Tuesday, March 5.

If you are interested in learning more about classes or to register to attend, phone the NAMI Southwest PA office at 412-366-3788.

## Join the flock: The Good Shepherd (and His children) are waiting

By Mary Ellen Quinn

When St. John Neumann began Good Shepherd Catechesis, I "enlisted", somewhat reluctantly, I admit.

But the idea and content of the program caught my attention. I was already a grandma many times over, and what I was hearing about this program told me I could have better developed a sense of awe of God in my own children. Seven years later, I am in awe of the children.

Begun and developed in Italy, Good Shepherd Catechesis uses Montessori-based teaching methods to present to young children three years old and up our Scripture, Liturgy and tradition. It is child-led. Our sessions are one and a half hours long with a presentation of some new topic and "work" the children may do, time for prayer, care of their environ-

ment, and art. Their drawings are an expression of their own reflections, even at age three. We meet in our atrium, where the quiet allows God to speak in the child's heart.

I have elected to remain with the 3-6 year old group, and their art from week to week speaks to us of their experience. Not in so many words, of course, and we have not found a Picasso or an O'Keefe, but their explanation to us of their "work" confirms **The Presence** in our midst. For instance, the little guy, just four, who seems to be looking everywhere as you

are "presenting" something, but comes with a drawing of dark colors, but the yellow splotch is "Jesus, of course." Or the five-year-old, in her second year, who took her "work" into the other room and we discovered her with a

broad smile across her face, and she told us the story of the Annunciation. Or the boy who makes booklets of his "drawings" and can tell us each story of Jesus. My aides and I leave the atrium those days feeling so blessed.

Young mothers, (and fathers! I had a wonderful male aide one year,) look in your own hearts at the wonder that is your child, and consider working in this field. There is a period of training soon, which is in itself worth the time. The background theology was so rich for me. There is also grounding in Montessori teaching. But go on from that to work with either the 3-6 or the 6-9 year groups. You'll meet some wonderful adults, beautiful children, and the rewards are beyond measure!

If this special catechesis interests you, mark your calendar for Good Shepherd Training here at St. John Neumann Church on April 25 & 30 and May 1 & 9. We're looking forward to sharing this Good News with you! Call Barb Stokes at 412-366-5885 for more information.



"My sheep hear my voice.  
I know them, and  
they follow me."

- John 10:27

### Appalachia Workcamp sponsors its

### Seventh Annual ART AUCTION

Saturday, April 13  
Hors d'oeuvres/Wine Preview  
6:30 - 7:30 PM  
7:30 PM Auction Begins  
SJM Education Building  
Donation: \$10/person  
Framed art by Marlin Art, Inc.  
New York



For ticket information,  
call Sarah Schneider  
412-366-5638, ext. 15.

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# St. John Neumann's 2nd Annual Retreat

## Friday & Saturday, April 19 & 20, 2002

### Spirituality of Everyday Living

Directed by Dr. JoAnne Paradise



Living in the present moment  
Journeying to holiness  
Being conscious of God's presence in your daily life

Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, Pittsburgh 15229  
(formerly Holy Ghost High School)

#### Registration Information

Retreat begins 7 pm Friday evening and ends at 8 pm Saturday.  
Program includes Friday snacks and three meals on Saturday.

#### Choose from three options

- Entire program, with overnight accommodations: \$50
- Entire program, commuting home overnight: \$30
- 4:30 pm Saturday talk followed by Mass and dinner: \$20

Make checks payable to St. John Neumann Church  
For more information, call Christine, 412-635-7148 or Pam, 724-935-9594.

To register, cut and mail form below with check to:

Christine Battista		Pam McVicker
555 Sloop Road, #21	or	10188 Sudberry Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237		Wexford, PA 15090

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#### 2nd Annual Retreat Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check option selected \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20

Dietary or special needs \_\_\_\_\_

## AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WE MUST SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE

*"Let us hope that many more people will be inspired to roll up their sleeves and join the worldwide movement of volunteers. Each and every one of us, wherever we live or work, has something to share."*

**Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary-General, December 5, 2001**

Lent is upon us and the fervor of our patriotism and love for one another is no longer intense for most Americans. It's back to taking care of "me" for most people. Think a minute. Is that how we as Christians (followers of Christ) should be acting?

By regularly reading the bulletin and Insights, you will find many ways in which you can help your neighbor – whether in your own parish, the North Hills community, the Greater Pittsburgh area, or around the world – through service. Many organizations report an increase in volunteers since September 11. What are you doing to make the lives of neighbors and other people better? Here are just some of the ways individuals and families can make the world more user friendly. Please call 412-366-5638, ext. 15 to register or get more info.

### HANDS IN SERVICE CALENDAR

#### ASH WEDNESDAY THROUGH LENT

Weekday Food Bank: 8:45 AM – 1:30 PM

Saturday Food Bank: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

World Vision Relief Agency: 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Habitat for Humanity: 8:15 AM – 3:30 PM

Light of Life Mission Dinner: 4:20 – 6:30 PM



#### FEBRUARY

**Wed., Feb. 13** — Hands in Service Evening  
Make sandwiches for homeless after 7 PM Mass

**Thurs., Feb. 14** — Food Bank

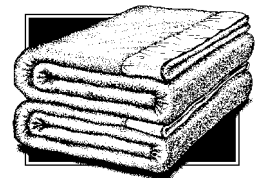
**Tues., Feb. 19** — World Vision

**Wed., Feb. 20** — Light of Life Mission Dinner

**Sat., Feb. 23** — Habitat for Humanity

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**Sun., Feb. 24** — Workcamps Kickoff 7 PM



#### MARCH

**Thurs., March 7** — World Vision

**Sat., March 9** — Food Bank

**Tues., March 12** — Hands in Service Evening

Fill Easter Baskets 7:30 PM

**Fri.-Sun., March 15, 16, 17** — Pittsburgh Project

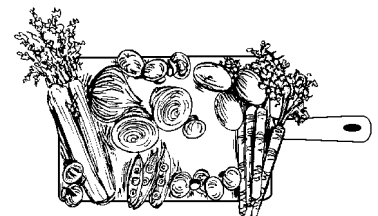
High School Students/Adults

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