

PARISH UPDATE

A Monthly Newsletter for Friends and Members of Church of Our Saviour Parish
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NEWS & NOTES

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New Signs Point the Way to the churchworthfinding(.org)

Thanks to a generous donation and the help of many parishioners, the new signs are up. With the help of graphics work by Kevin Jay and installation help by Larry Grundler, John Purdy, and Warren Neiger, the path to the church-worthfinding is clearer than ever.

New Handicap Bathroom a Royal Flush

The new handicap bathroom is up and running (so to speak). Many thanks go out to Lee J Gilch for his tireless work to transform the old library into a beautiful, fully functioning handicap facility. Thanks also to Jim Edge for his top notch, electrical handiwork. All that is left is a little decorating and, well, the paper holder. Stop in and give it try, it's completely soundproof.

Church Receives Diocesan Grant and Unexpected Check

The Church of Our Saviour recently received a \$14,000 matching grant from the diocese for the much needed repairs to our building, roof, and gutters. More recently we received an unexpected check for \$18,000 which will allow us to match the grant without having to deplete our savings and will also help cover the cost of the extensive repair to our sewer lines. We thank God for his continued provision.

Discipleship Opportunities 2005

One Year Bible Reading

Read the bible through in one year.

Intercessory Prayer

Every Tuesday from
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m... at church.

Cursillo

Women – April 21-24

Co-ed – September 29-October 2

Men's Group

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 7:30 am

Neighborhood Welcome Bag Outings

dates to be announced

From the Rector

WELL DONE!

Dear friends,

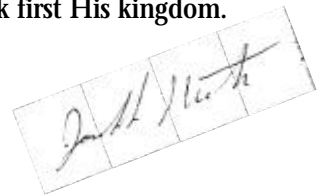
What a blessed Holy Week and Easter Celebration at the Church of Our Saviour! Our theme this year was about the difference "showing up" makes and, man, did people show up. From putting up new signs and passing out flyers, to helping out and turning up for events and services, the body of Christ was "all over it;" and what a blessing to all. The following articles should be an encouragement to all as we press on in our mission to: *Worship* God joyfully, *Grow* in faithfulness to the scriptures, and *Serve* people in Jesus' name.

Our next objective will be to provide opportunities for all of us to be

involved in a small group fellowship. Right now we have the Men's group, the Women's group, the Wednesday noon fellowship, the Adult Ed group, and a possible couples group. Everyone is encouraged to be praying about where they can plug in or, as the Lord leads, to

start a new group. Be encouraged, the Lord continues to show up in our midst as we seek first His kingdom.

Joseph



Calendar of Events

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:15 a.m. Adult Education
 10:30 a.m. Family Service & Children's Ministries
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer time
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays 12:00 noon Healing Service and Lunch
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice
Saturday 1st & 3rd weeks at 7:30 a.m. Men's Group

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Saturday, April 2 11:00 a.m. Bill Loria Memorial Service
 Tuesday, April 5 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study "Believing God" series
 Friday, April 8 Pastoral Care conference at St. Stephen's, Sewickley
 Sunday, April 10 10:30 a.m. Holy Baptism of Nora Faith Hosselrode
 Sunday, April 10 6:00 p.m. Marriage Builder Cookout at the rectory RSVP Heidi Martin
 Monday, April 11 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
 Friday, April 15-17 Happening weekend at Trinity Cathedral
 Thursday, April 21-24 Women's Cursillo weekend at Ligonier

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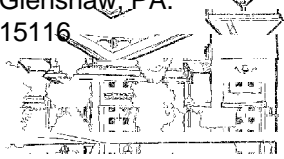
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Please pray for the all the parishioners in the bulletin.

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ALPHA a Great Success at Our Saviour

ALPHA continues to be a blessing those who attend and to the team. Our Winter ALPHA finished on March 22, 2005 just before Easter. About half the participants who began this ALPHA were people from outside the parish. Most of these continued with the course. The course was shortened by a week due to the need to prepare for Virginia Hetzel's funeral and the retreat had to be cancelled as well. Still the benefits of doing ALPHA are obvious in the impact on those involved. Thanks to all the team and participants who helped with food and clean-up. A special thanks to Pat Purdy who set-up every week. And many thanks to the small group leaders and helpers.

Why did people come to ALPHA?

- As a guest/invited
- To grow an intimate relationship (with God)
- To grow in my faith
- To learn more about the Bible and Jesus
- To learn more about Christianity/being a Christian

What did people enjoy about ALPHA?

- Fellowship
- Food
- Nicky Gumbel's teaching/stories

- Getting to know people better
- The Bible study
- The singing
- "Everything"

How did people benefit from the ALPHA course

- "I learned to relate Christ's teachings to my daily life and have received peace of mind."
- "Clarity"
- "Understanding each other more"
- "to build a relationship with God through Jesus Christ"
- "I've grown in confidence"
- "Rejuvenated"
- "I now consider myself a Christian"
- "a stronger Christian"
- "a desire to be with the Lord more"

If this sounds good to you and you would like to participate in ALPHA or invite someone you know to attend with you, we are planning to do ALPHA again in the Fall. Stay tuned. Don't miss the chance to be involved next time. It is a great experience and the life that is changed could be your own!

Maundy Thursday Presentation a Great Evening

Over 50 people turned out to share a great meal together, watch a great video presentation on the Tsunami areas, and share the Lord's supper together. Bill and Susie Antolec, our friends and missionaries from Northway Christian Community presented a moving video presentation on their recent mission's trip to Thailand and other areas hit by the Tsunami. Along with a team of 25 people, they worshipped, shared the gospel, and cleaned up beaches in the wake of the recent devastation. The evening was concluded with worship, communion and the traditional stripping of the altar.



Easter Egg Hunt Hatches a Fun Event

Saturday, 26 March 2005, started out like every other Saturday for Stacey and me. As we began setting up for the first Annual Church of Our Saviour Easter Egg Hunt, we wondered how many parents/kids would show up. As the time grew closer to 11:00 am, we stopped wondering who would show up and began wondering if we had enough eggs and food for the crowd that was continuing to grow in the undercroft. Car after car, the kids continued to arrive. Approximately 70 kids (and 60 parents) eagerly awaited the start of the hunt.

Before the hunt, the kids were treated to crafts and a wonderful story about the meaning of Easter. Following the story, Father gave a few instructions to the kids and the hunt was on. The kids found 650 eggs in a matter of 15 minutes. This didn't

give much time for the chefs in the kitchen preparing the food. Hot dogs, potato and macaroni salads, chips, and deserts were served. Tables were filled and people spilled into the hallways to enjoy their snacks. By the grace of God we were able to stretch the food and everyone had a great time!

Stacey and I would like to thank every one who helped make this event a success. To everyone who purchased the eggs, filled them with candy, helped setup, serve food, and clean up, God bless you all for your generosity. We would like also thank the seminarian students who made the day special for everyone. Jus a reminder, next year's egg hunt is right around the corner!

God Bless,
Kevin and Stacey Jay

