

# PARISH UPDATE

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

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 9 ..... Sally Knapp
- 16 ..... Madeline Martin
- 19 ..... Wesley Martin
- 29 ..... Julie Ayres
- 31 ..... Dorothy Solyan

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 ..... James & Dorothy Edge
- 13 ..... William & Julianne Trischler
- 22 ..... Henry & Eileen Meyer

### OUR SYMPATHY:

To Janet Harris, Susan, Becky and Alex and family on the recent death of Dorothy Harris mother and grandmother. We remember Dorothy, for her dedication as Altar Guild Directress a ministry she held for many years.

### PLEASE NOTE:

The change in the address of Connie Lawther and Walt Brown: 201 Andrew Drive, Glenshaw

### PASTORAL CARE:

If you, or someone you know needs the Pastoral Care Ministry to provide you with rides to doctors visits, shopping, housekeeping services, etc. Please call Eileen Meyer 412-486-5684 or Carol Bergstrom 412-720-3129.

### VACATIONERS:

If you are headed on vacation and would like to have copies of the Sunday Bulletin mailed to your home, please list your name and the Sunday dates on the sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office (412-486-5171).

### PATRIOT DAY SERVICE & PICNIC:

Join us on Sunday, September 11, 2005 for our annual picnic and outdoor worship service. Our picnic this year will be at the church, beginning with a service on the front lawn as we switch to our fall 10:30 a.m. schedule. We will be commemorating those who died in the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks on our nation and honoring our military, police, fire fighters, and EMS responders during our service. Following the service we will have an all-American picnic on the lawn. Stay tuned for more information on the picnic and how to join in the planning. If you want to help, call Kathy Walzer at 412-487-5912.

### DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

#### One Year Bible Reading

Read the bible through in one year.

#### Cursillo

Co-ed – September 29-October 2

#### Men's Group

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 7:30 am

#### Neighborhood Welcome Bag Outings

dates to be announced

## Message From the Rector

### If Only for One; An account of a Great Family Fun Fest

Dear Church,

You may have heard the expression, "If you were the only person on earth, Jesus still would have died for you." I, personally, have had a hard time grasping such a statement for one reason or another, maybe because I just don't feel worthy of someone dying just for me. Whatever the case, sometimes a contemporary story that we can understand helps us to understand an ancient and profound truth that seems beyond our comprehension. Our recent Family Fun Fest provided one of those stories.

As you know, the Family Fun Fest was a huge endeavor for our church. It was the first time we had tried such an event and the challenge was enormous. The purpose was to put on a worthwhile and successful event that reached the neighborhood without burning out the people who volunteered to do it. And I believe we did just that. Without going into great detail, the organization, participation, and results were tremendous. Brenda Grundler did a superb job chairing the event and she will be the first to tell you that it would never have worked if not for the grace of God and the massive participation from so many members of the congregation. From planning, putting up signs, setting up, and donating items, to supervising games, serving food, playing music, and making crafts, the participation was astounding.

As for the results, here's where the story comes in. We had successes in many areas like fun and fellowship among church members,

attendance by neighbors and ENK families, and more awareness of our existence by flea market shoppers, all good stuff, but if all the work was for nothing else, it would have been worth the one lady, Chris, who won the

autographed football raffle. She was not present when we drew the winner but came right over when we called her at home. She explained that her son had been redeployed to military action in Iraq and would be arriving on Sunday and she had bought the ticket for him as a kind of hopeful keepsake until his safe return.

Winning the football was a great comfort for her and she gladly accepted the offer from about eight members of the church standing around her to pray for her and her son right there in the parking lot. After she drove away there was a feeling among the group that it was all worth that one person, Chris, and the opportunity to pray for her son, Dave.

God the Father has gone to great lengths to provide salvation for each one of us, even to the extent of sacrificing his Son Jesus. He did it because he loves each one of us individually and counted us valuable enough for the effort. And just as all our effort for the Fun Fest was worth the prayer time with one person, so is the Father's effort worth it if all for you or me. May each of us, like Chris, accept the Father's offer, and enter into an individual and personal relationship with his Son Jesus. Congratulations everyone for a great Family Fun Fest.

Gratefully His,  
Joseph



## Calendar of Events

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 10:00 a.m. Family Service & Children's Ministries

Tuesday ..... 6:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer time

Wednesday ..... 12:00 noon Healing Service and Lunch

Thursday ..... 6:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Team

### Coming Events

Monday August 8 ..... Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 19 & 20 ..... Order of St. Luke Healing Weekend

August 22, 23 ..... PowerChurch Training Seminar

September 2 ..... Pirates Baseball Night

September 11 ..... Church Picnic, 10:30 am

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*Please pray for the all the parishioners in the bulletin.*

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## Praying as Jesus Taught Us

by Kathy Walzer

*This is the second in a series of articles on prayer, offered with the prayer that our Lord Jesus will “teach us to pray” and that we will all become effective prayer warriors for the Kingdom of God. Last month, we looked at prayer as a ministry and calling of all Christians. This month the focus is on the “what” of prayer.*

Jesus was a man of prayer and His disciples, observing Him at prayer, made this request, “Lord, teach us to pray.” In response, Jesus gave them the model prayer that we know as the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that can only be prayed by Jesus’ disciples because it flows out of our relationship to God as Father and to one another in Christ (God is addressed as *Our* Father in heaven, not *My* Father).

The first thing Jesus taught us to pray for is the reverence of God and His name in our lives and by all people. *Hallowed be thy Name.* The holiness of God should affect not only our attitude in prayer but also the content of it. As Rick Warren put it, it’s not about us! That God be recognized, worshiped, and obeyed by all people everywhere as the One God, maker and redeemer of all, is our first concern in prayer. Related to that is the second petition, *Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.* It is not enough that people acknowledge God, but they must submit to Him, repent and turn to Him and be saved, answering His call to enter the Kingdom of light and join in the mission He has given us. And it begins with me and you as we pray this prayer and decide each day to let God be Lord in our lives and have final say over what we do, think, and believe.

And then, after setting our sights on who God is and on His mission for us in the world, Jesus teaches us to pray for our needs, as individuals in the community of the King. Note the continued corporate language: *Give us this day our daily bread.* We need bread for the journey. The Commander of the army of the Lord knows the provisions we need each day and is ready to give to each one of us what we need to live and to do His work in the world.

These are the needs we are most conscious of, but there is another need that is probably more pressing for most of us, most of the time. *And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.* We need to be renewed in and by the grace of God almost constantly throughout each day; to confess, repent, and receive His forgiveness for our many offenses against Him and against one another in the Church and in the world and to receive His grace to forgive those who do wrong to us. *Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (or the evil one).* Jesus teaches us to pray for deliverance from the power of sin in our lives, that the power of the Holy Spirit will give us the strength to resist temptation so the Enemy will not get a foothold in our lives.

These are the broad categories that Jesus gives us in praying for our own needs and those of others. “Cast all your anxiety on Him, for He cares for you.” (1 Pet. 5:7) If anything concerns us, it is a concern to our heavenly Father that we can take to the Lord in prayer.

*Next month we will look more specifically at intercessory prayer, then at the “how” of prayer that we may get practical about the practice of prayer.*

### THE DIFFERENCE

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish that I didn’t have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. “Why doesn’t God help me?” I wondered.

He answered, “You didn’t ask.”

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak; I wondered why God didn’t show me. He said, “But you didn’t seek.”

I tried to come into God’s presence; I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, “My child, you didn’t knock.”

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day; I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

-- Author unknown

## Family Fun Fest Photo Album



*The Dunk Tank was a popular attraction with most visitors. Joseph, Stacey Jay, Melissa Ernst, Kevin Jay, Brenda Grundler and Jim Wiggins, among others, served as enticing targets to “wannabe” pitchers.*

*The Flea Market held in the Undercroft also proved to be a popular attraction to visitors. Here Dodi Edge, Kathy Walzer and John Purdy chat about the bargains they found.*



*Brenda Grundler, the Fun Fest event Coordinator, was such a blur setting up and directing the event that it was almost impossible to photograph her. Here she and Kevin Jay are arranging children’s games.*

*A Football autographed by Steeler Quarterback Ben Rothlisberger was raffled off. The winner, shown here with Barb Grundler and Father Joseph, was a Hampton resident who was thrilled to receive her prize.*



*Kids really enjoyed bouncing in the “moonwalk.” The attraction, which was free for all visiting children, was donated by event Master of Ceremonies Jim “The DJ” Wiggins!*

*For more family photos check out the website:  
[www.churchworthfinding.org](http://www.churchworthfinding.org)*