

PARISH UPDATE

A Monthly Newsletter for Friends and Members of Church of Our Saviour Parish
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“Reputation is what people *think* about you. Character is what people *know* you are”

NEWS & NOTES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Fr. Joseph Martin
- 6 Pat Adams
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- 20 Dave Young
- 26 Brenda Grundler
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ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Joseph and Bernice Goncar
- 19 Warren and Doris Neiger
- 21 Paul and Dorothy Solyan

Congratulations: to Brenda Grundler on her graduation from Carlow College, Magna Cum Laude. You are all invited to celebrate with the Grundler family at the Olde Fire House, North Park on June 5, 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Barb at 412-321-8512 if you can stop by.

Our Deepest Sympathy: to David Bergstrom and family on the recent death in Chicago, of his Grandmother Adelaide Alsip.

Our Deepest Sympathy: to Tom Murray and his family on the recent death of his mother Ida Murray.

Bishop's Visit: Bishop Scriven, will be visiting us on June 20. Confirmation and new member classes will be offered after church on June 6 and 13. See Fr. Joseph if interested.

Co-Ed Cursillo: will be taking place September 23-26 at Ligonier. For more details see Fr. Joseph.

“Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive”

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From the Rector

Moving on down the Road

Dear Church Family,

Don't you just love this time of year? Great weather (sometimes), outdoor recreation, and summer travels. Despite gas prices, I hope everyone has some fun trips in mind. You know, our church is moving right along ourselves.

Our parallel track of Strategic Planning and The Purpose Driven Life have been exceptional vehicles that God has used to move us along and transform us more and more into the Body of Christ he desires. Think of how you have been stretched and challenged in your faith in these last few months.

One small confirmation for me that we have been on the right road is the “coincidence” of the last week of our Purpose Driven series, “Created for a Mission,” falling on Pentecost Sunday, the day the Church's mission began. How appropriate. I wish I could take credit for mapping the trip but to God be the glory. Let me give you a brief bird's eye view of where we've been, where we are, and where we're going.



Where we've been is clear; we've been in the refiner's fire. Our faith has been tried and tested as we have traveled through the fiery furnace of cultural demise and yet we have emerged like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego with “our robes unscorched and with no smell of fire” (Daniel 3:27). We have been moving steadily forward in the company of Jesus Christ and in the authority of the Holy Scriptures. As one parishioner noted, “Knowing what we believe is easy, living it out has been hard.” How true; and without God's grace and forgiveness the journey would be impossible.

Right now we are in the process of restructuring and preparing for growth. Our strategic planning has boiled down our strengths and weaknesses to four “action teams” that will move us forward in four key areas: worship & liturgy, communication, outreach, and property use.

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Calendar of Events

	WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Family Service <i>and Children's Ministries</i> 5:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 7:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer time
Wednesday	12:00 noon Healing Service and Lunch
Saturday	Men's Group – 1st and 3 rd Saturday 7:00 a.m. Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Meeting

SCHEDULE for JUNE

- June 5 Brenda Grundler's Graduation Party
- June 11-12 Camping Trip, Ohiopyle
- June 14 Vestry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- June 20 Bishop Scriven's visit for Confirmation & Reception
- June 26-27 Relay For Life, Shaler Intermediate School
- June 27 Margarita Grachen Visit, Honduras sharing

Please pray for the all the parishioners in the bulletin.

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Rector (Continued)

These teams are forming as we speak and everyone is encouraged to be a part or give your input. If you can't be on a team don't worry, there will be plenty of opportunities to be involved as the work unfolds.

Where we are going is still on the horizon as the teams do their work but some things are clear. Our Sunday services will need to maintain tradition while also accommodating newcomers; we need to communicate our existence to the surrounding community; our outreach to the unchurched will need to be creative and intentional; and our property will need to be attended to in order to serve God's purposes better. One specific item that everyone can begin planning for is our Alpha Teaching Series in the Fall. It is a dynamic 10 week teaching series beginning in September that is designed for bringing friends and newcomers. Everyone should begin praying now for the person they might bring.

It surely is a great time of the year to be moving on down the road. Let's pray that our journey in faith here at the Church of Our Saviour this summer will be guided by the Holy Spirit and move us further down that narrow path that leads to life.

Pressing on in the journey,
Joseph

WWJD: WHAT WOULD JESUS DRIVE?

This question has been posed by environmental groups: If Jesus were walking the earth today, what car would he drive if he got tired of walking?

- One theory holds that Jesus would tool around in an old Plymouth because the Bible says, "God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden in a Fury."
- Dodge pickup trucks were also popular in heaven's car pool, as evidenced by the warning to Moses' followers not to "go up a mountain until the Ram's horn sounds a long blast."
- But most scholars agree that Jesus favored Honda, since it is written that, following his lead, "The Apostles were in one Accord."



Upcoming Youth Events

- Ohiopyle Family Hiking/Camping* (all of Church of Our Saviour welcome!) June 11-12
- Relay for Life - Shaler Middle School (Sign up with Barb Grundler!) June 26-27
- Senior High Summer Trip (St. Louis) July 10-17
- Junior High Summer Trip (Surf City-Michigan) August 1st-6

*=Some events are subject to change depending upon interest.
Call Brenda (412) 321-8512 or (412) 606-8446 for more info.

Frequently Asked Questions About:

The Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes

(From the Diocesan Website: www.pgh.anglican.org)

What is the NACDP?

The Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes is a consortium formed by representatives of 12 Dioceses who have covenanted together "to maintain a faithful Anglican witness in submission to the sovereign authority of Holy Scripture...[and] to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Unity with the See of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion." Four dioceses have formally ratified the Charter, including the Diocese of Pittsburgh

Why is the Network necessary?

Network members believe that the actions of General Convention violated the Constitution of the Episcopal Church, and caused immense harm to the Anglican Communion, "tearing the fabric of our Communion at its deepest level." The network is an opportunity for dioceses and parishes to disassociate from these actions while remaining faithful Episcopalians.

Why is it a Network of Dioceses? Why not an organization that individuals can join, such as AAC or Forward in Faith?

In the Anglican Communion, the primary way in which we relate to each other is diocese to diocese. Having a Network of Dioceses allows other dioceses, provinces and the Archbishop of Canterbury to communicate directly with those who are a minority in the United States.

Why did council vote to affirm the Diocese's membership?

Diocesan Council felt strongly that the Special Convention in October and the regular Diocesan Convention in November had spoken clearly to disassociate itself from the actions of General Convention.

How will membership in the Network affect our parish?

It should not affect your parish's daily life. The Diocese, not the parish, has joined the network. We are still committed to being *One Church of Miraculous Expectation and Missionary Grace*. The Diocesan staff is committed to doing whatever it can to help all of the parishes to grow in their faith and to reach out to others with Christ's love. All parishes in the Diocese will continue to receive care and services from diocesan staff, to be eligible for grants and loans, to participate in diocesan events.

God's servants work in mysterious ways, as evidenced by the following bloopers from church bulletins and the pulpit:

- "Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- "Barbara remains in the hospital. She is having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of the Pastor's sermons."
- "Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones."