

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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Our Deepest Sympathy: to Stephen Backman on the recent death of his father, Harry Backman.

Patronal Feast – November 20

The annual celebration of Christ the King Sunday will be held Sunday, November 20 after the 10:30 service. The lasagna lunch will be served promptly after the service and all are invited to attend. We will also refill the time capsule with relevant items. See sign up sheet in the entrance of the church.

Community Thanksgiving Service – November 23

This year's community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the ministerial association will be held at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church on Mt. Royal Blvd at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 23. Our very own rector, the Rev. Joseph Martin, will be delivering the thanksgiving message. All are encouraged to attend in thanksgiving for all our many blessings.

Hope and a Future Conference a One Time Opportunity

Never before has such a combination of world Christian leaders been gathered for such an historic event. Worldwide Anglicans like Michael Green and Archbishops Orombie and Akinola, American Evangelicals like Rick Warren and Ann Graham Lotz all are coming to Pittsburgh to launch the Anglican Communion Network as the historically consistent, biblically faithful expression of Anglicanism in North America. The Episcopal Church as we once knew it seems determined to walk away from the Worldwide communion through the abandonment of the authority of scripture and the rewriting of the essentials of basic Christian doctrine resulting in the need for such an organizational gathering. Come and be encouraged by such a great gathering of faithful believers. Brochures are at the church or call the office for more info.

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Message From the Rector:

And the Hits Just Keep on Coming!

"That was the best children's party I've ever been to, you guys thought of everything, it was perfect!" one mother commented after our recent Halloween Party, "my daughter said it was the best night of her life!!"

And so it is, once again, with God's grace and the combined help of multiple parishioners and friends, the little Church worth finding has pulled off yet another neighborhood children and family event that honored the Lord and blessed all who came. For those who are counting, some 40 kids and about the same number of adults attended.

Of course, thanking individuals is always hard, but many thanks go out to Robin for the games, Jim with the music, Heidi for the decorating, Brenda for the face painting, Joanne for the food, and the many parishioners for helping and donating goodies, what a great night. Another comment from one of the parents was, "This church really does a lot for the neighborhood."

My friends, the bible tells us "not to become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Gal 6:9-10). There is a renewed spirit and a relentless pursuit of God's mission at our church that is truly palatable. Our worship is uplifting, our fellowship loving, and our outreach astounding for our small numbers; we have to believe that in God's time he will bring a harvest if we don't give up.



In the meantime, my prayer is that we will all seek the Lord with all our hearts and continue to grow in our faithfulness to Him as we offer our selves to his service. There is no greater purpose in life than to serve the Lord Jesus out of a grateful and forgiven heart. Keep up the good work, saints, the fields are ripe for the harvest.

Faithfully in Christ,

Joseph



Calendar of Events

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Sunday** 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:15 a.m. Adult Education
 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Music Practice
 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** 6:00 -7:30 p.m. Brownies meet every bi-weekly
- Saturdays** 7:30 a.m. Men's Group the 1st and 3rd Saturday

Schedule for November

- Thursday November 10-12** Hope and a Future Conference
- Sunday November 13** 10:30 p.m. Samaritan's Purse boxes to be blessed.
 Frank Bernardi from Frontiers to speak
- Sunday November 20** Patronal Feast Day
- Wednesday November 23** 7:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service,
 Elfinwild Pres.(Mt. Royal Blvd)
- Thursday November 24** Thanksgiving Day

Please pray for the all the parishioners in the bulletin.

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Continuing in Prayer

by Kathy Walzer

This is the fourth and last of 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.

No two people are going to pray exactly the same way. How I pray will be different from how you pray because we are all unique individuals with our own personal relationship to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Personality and individual circumstances have a great deal to do with our style or manner of prayer. For example, an extrovert may be more vocal in prayer, an introvert more contemplative and meditative.

There are books on the subject of personality and spirituality. One good one I read recently is *God's Gifted People* by Gary Harbaugh. There are others more specific to prayer. The key is to pray in a manner that is consistent with the way God made you. If we pray in a way that is comfortable to us, we will do it more. Therefore, if you find it hard to pray, ask Jesus to teach *you* how to pray. And He will. Listening to God is at least as important as asking.

Experiment with different ways of praying and spiritual disciplines, such as fasting. Spiritual disciplines are meant to help us focus on God. So if something is helpful to you, use it. If you feel like you are in a rut, try something different for awhile. But remember there is an ebb and flow to prayer, and regardless of how you pray, sometimes you may feel excited about prayer and other times you may not feel much at all, maybe even a little listless or bored about it.

This is normal. But we must not quit praying. God grows us through our faithfulness in these "dry" times and teaches us to wait patiently on Him; to trust in Him and not our feelings. Jesus taught His disciples to be constant in prayer and to "not lose heart" (Luke 18:1) using the parable of the widow and the unrighteous judge (Luke 18:2-8). Six times in His discourse on the night before His passion and death (see John

14-16), Jesus told His disciples to "ask in my name" and they would receive what they asked. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray according to His will and purpose. It is not some "pretty please" or magic formula to convince an unwilling God. We can "ask wrongly," James tell us, when we ask to "spend it on our passions". (James 4:3)

To "pray at all times in the Spirit" (Eph 6:18), as Paul encourages us, is to keep the communication line open and to always be reverencing God in our hearts as Lord, our spirits agreeing with the Holy Spirit for all that God wants to do in us and through us. One way to maintain this attitude of prayer is to use "breath prayers" – short, centering prayers that can be said in a breath throughout the day to help us practice the presence of God. You can find some suggestions at www.mastermedia.org (Free Downloads/Breath Prayers) or make up your own.

God gives to some people the gift of tongues to help them in prayer. Paul prayed "with the spirit" in his prayer language (I Cor. 14:15) as well as "with his mind", i.e. in a language that he understood. When we pray in our native language, we form our prayers with our minds. When we pray in the prayer language that God gives us, we allow the Holy Spirit to pray for us (and others) according to His will for us. This can have a powerful impact on us and those around us. God invites us to ask for this and other gifts of the Holy Spirit, but even if He has not given you this particular gift, be assured that the Holy Spirit still intercedes for you with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

The key is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in his work in you and to maintain an attitude of surrender to God's will, to wait patiently on God, persevering in prayer, ready to obey when He shows you what to do. May He grow all of us in and through the discipline of prayer, in our love and service of our Lord Jesus Christ and one another.



Letter From Margarita

My dear friends and supporters:

He answers prayers indeed! He even surpasses our expectations. On my last prayer letter dated October 4th I wrote;

"Lets pray that I receive commitments for the additional \$11,500 in the next two weeks..." In another spot of the letter I wrote "Please pray...For the \$11,500 to be available by the end of October."

Well, as of last Friday October 14th not only did I have commitments for funding but the funds necessary to finish the construction were available in the Los Amiguitos account at SAMS. Praise God for his provision!

I thank all of you for praying and also those of you that contributed monetarily and helped us achieve and even surpass our goal. I spoke with the engineer today and we will be meeting on Wednesday to get the construction going again and finished! How exciting!

I have now been working on formalizing the operating plan and on implementing the roll out strategy. I will keep you abreast of the progress. You will be getting your pictures for Christmas!

Again, thank you all for your prayers, encouragement and support. Please continue to pray that God will continue guiding me in all decisions and that he would prepare the personnel for the daycare center. May the Lord of the harvest bless you all!

For the children, Margarita

Contributions to the project can be made by sending a check payable to SAMS to:

South American Missionary Society
P. O. Box 399

Ambridge, PA 15003-0399

Write for "Los Amiguitos de Jesus" in the memo line. Funds for the project are kept in a separate account and will be remitted to Honduras as the project progresses. Do make sure you write "los Amiguitos" in the memo line so the funds are credited correctly! You can also arrange for automatic deductions from your bank account or for automatic charges to your credit card. If you wish to do so, please call SAMS at 724-266-0669. You can also make contributions from the SAMS website, www.sams-usa.org.

Church of Our Saviour Halloween Party 2005!

