

# Monsignor's Corner

Lent is a solemn, reflective season that is the preparation for the mysteries of Easter. Lent is also a time of great blessings and opportunity. We follow Jesus to the cross and become one with Him in His sacrifice of deliverance.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days, until Easter. Beginning in Lent, we are reminded of our own personal journey of life. During Lent Christians are called to renew themselves through fasting, prayer and almsgiving.\*

***Please mark your calendars***

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., ashes will be distributed at this time. Stations of the Cross which are held on Fridays at 7 p.m.

Msgr. Youtz

\*Almsgiving– the giving of money and service to those in need.

*A special thank you to all who participated in the Cana Mass on Friday, February 12. Thank you to Chris and Rita Adams and Deacon and Joanne Walter who helped to coordinate the Mass and reception and the staff of Saint John Neumann for their support and help in organizing this event.*

## Gifts from God

February 7, 2010

Envelopes Used... 438  
 Amount Received.....\$17,049  
 Amount Needed.....\$20,363  
 Mass Attendance....1478



Year-to-Date Sales: \$65,535

Year-to-Date Earned \$ 3,611.67

Thank you to all those who participate in this ministry.

Month	Amount Rec'd	Amount Needed	+/-
July	\$70,416	\$81,452	(-\$11,036)
August	\$89,722	\$101,815	(-\$12,093)
September	\$73,621	\$81,452	(-\$7,831)
October	\$80,431	\$81,452	(-\$1,021)
November	\$109,743	\$101,815	+7,928
December	\$76,567	\$81,452	(-4,885)
Christmas Offering	\$49,178		

## ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010  
 Mass  
 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary School, is partnering with the Borough of Penbrook, to host the Third Annual STMM 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 27, 2010 starting at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit the school and Catholic education. Join us for food, fun, prizes, and friendship – plus a new “Kids’ Korner” this year! For more information and a registration form, visit [www.stmm5k.webs.com](http://www.stmm5k.webs.com).

## GRIEF SUPPORT MEMBERS

Luncheon Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.  
 Olive Garden- (Park City) Call Pat at 560-0315

## Palms Collection

A purple box marked with a Palm is at the front door of the Narthex. Please leave your palms their for collection.

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15	9 a.m.	Lillian Linton (Karla Pratt)
Tuesday, February 16	9 a.m.	Art Johns (Johns Family)
Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday	9 a.m.	Pauline Sahd (Don and Ellen Fisher)
Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Marian Trinity (Sue, Sandy and Teri)
Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday	7 p.m.	Edward J. Vresilovic (Bob and Laura Wolf)
Thursday, February 18	9 a.m.	Joseph F. Pomronk, Jr. (Gary and Joan Gusavage)
Friday, February 19	9 a.m.	Michael Voloshin (Dr. and Mrs. Michael Voloshin)
Saturday, February 20	5:30 p.m.	Suzanne Schmalhofer (Jim Schmalhofer)
Sunday, February 21	7:30 a.m.	Janet Packard (Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kopanski)
Sunday, February 21	9 a.m.	Patricia Pelliccione (The Healey Family)
Sunday, February 21	11 a.m.	People of Parish
Sunday, February 21	5:30 p.m.	Special Intentions

### Calendar Of Events

Sunday, February 14  
**Happy Valentines Day**  
 No RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
 No CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Monday, February 15– President’s Day  
**OFFICE CLOSED**  
 No RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
 No CONFIRMATION FORMATION  
 Bible Study/9:30 a.m./Rm. 9  
 SJN Choir/7:30 p.m./Choir Room

Tuesday, February 16  
 Bazaar/ 9a.m. - 12 Noon/ SH

Wednesday, February 17– Ash Wednesday  
**Ash Wednesday Mass 9 a.m./5:30 p.m./ 7p.m.**  
 Daybreak/7 p.m./Rms. 8 and 9  
 Parish Council/ 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 18  
**Friday, February 19– First Friday in Lent**  
 Stations of the Cross/ 7 p.m.  
 Erin’s Acre (5 p.m. –7 p.m.) SH  
 Niners/9:30 a.m./ SH

Saturday, February 20– BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Call Barbara Wagner, Parish Secretary,  
 if you would like to  
 schedule an event. (717-569-8531).

### Requests for Meeting Space

Please submit requests for any meetings to be held at Saint John Neumann Church  
**Information needed:**

- Name of Group
- Date(s)
- Time Meeting begins and ends  
 Name and phone number of contact person.  
 Email– Barb.Wagner@sjnlancaster.org or submit in writing to office. Thank You.

**NO NINERS COFFEE**  
 for the Month of March

READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING SUNDAY  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010**  
 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10  
 PSALM: PSALM 91: 1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15  
 SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8-13  
 GOSPEL: LUKE 4: 1-13

### ***PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH***

#### ***THE SICK OF OUR PARISH...especially***

Helen White, Ron Hess, Madelen Duffy, Roberta Bertz, Fannie Troccoli, Bernard Lazur, Joseph Kenna, Robert Kennedy, Patty Zanghi, Lauren Amanda Campbell, Frank Rieker, Kitty O’Neill, Nancy Danz, Cesar DeJesus, Marguerite Erker, Dorothy Masters, Regina O’Connor, Bill Quinn, Janet Townsend, Daniel Testa and all those in the Prayer Circle.

#### ***Sick and Shut Ins***

*Please notify the Parish Office, 569-8531, if you have a loved one from the parish who is in need of our prayers and would like their name placed in the bulletin. Please notify the Parish Office 569-8531, when you enter the hospital.*

*Also, call if you desire weekly or monthly Communion brought to you in your home or if you know of someone who does.*

February 14, 2010

Parochial Vicar: Reverend Paul J. Theisz

Saint John Neumann Church  
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

"I have come that they may  
have life and life abundantly." John 10:10

### CREATING A SIMPLER EXISTENCE DURING LENT

Another Lent is approaching, and we are once again faced with deciding what we would like to "do" for Lent. This time of the year provides us with an excellent opportunity to tend to our spiritual life. However as good as our intentions are, we often miss the mark. We are living in such a fast paced society that it is difficult to accomplish this. Our materialistic society is highly dependent upon our appearance, how much we have and what we do. We are constantly running to keep up with life's demands. "The more we project our soul's longing into things, the more things disappoint us, and the less time we have, too."<sup>1</sup> For many of us, there is restlessness and a longing for something more in our lives. We somehow never feel satisfied.

Why not begin this Lent, by fasting from some of the things that are cluttering your life with busy-ness that adds to your stress, anxiety and worry. Spend some time thinking about some changes you can make to improve your life such as giving up an activity that isn't truly necessary to your life, going without some things that you don't really need, or unloading things that are cluttering your home. Creating a simpler existence can also open the opportunity to give more thought and time to our relationship with God. You can accomplish this by taking little moments in the midst of your work day to say a short prayer and by setting aside a regular time each day to quietly be with God in peace and prayer. As Mother Teresa put it "Silence of the heart is necessary so you can hear God everywhere-in the closing of the door, in the person who needs you, in the birds that sing..."

Eleanor Nuffort- Parish Nurse

<sup>1</sup>Simplicity the art of living by Richard Rohr

Others resources for article include:

Simpler Living Compassionate Life- a Christian Perspective with Henri Nouwen, Richard Foster, Cecile Andrews and others  
Day by through Lent. Fasting from our Clutter Day -Catholic Update.  
January 2008

## Bazaar Workshop

Tuesday's  
in the Social Hall  
9:00 a.m. - Noon



All are welcome.

Needed socks, argyle, tweed, and patterns, knit gloves  
(*need not be pairs*).

Also, sleighs and sleds for our crafts and  
floral projects.

Fabrics, velvets, homespun, Christmas prints, wool  
(plaids and solids).

Floral Vases and containers (ceramic or pottery).

**Please no glass.—Thank you.**

*If you have questions or would like more information,  
please call Paulette Book (569-2354) and/or  
Anna Marie Bare (569-3002).*

### SAINT JOHN NEUMANN FOOD BANK NEWS

established in 1978, is a satellite food bank of Lancaster County Council of Churches. The Council provides us with the number of clients from its intakes and county social service agencies; clients may request emergency food only one time each month.

Volunteers from our parish pack food for clients every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We pack 15 meals of non-perishable food for each person and deliver them to the Council. The Council adds perishable foods and distributes the food bags to clients. Last year we provided 27,540 meals to 973 adults and 863 children in 699 families. Some of the food items we packed in January 2010: 57 boxes of cold cereal, 122 jars of peanut butter and jelly, 243 pounds of rice and pasta and 278 cans of fruits and vegetables.

The Food Bank also packs holiday baskets at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. In 2009 we donated 45 baskets to the Council and 30 baskets to families in our parish. Parish Health Ministry and the Food Bank work together to supply food for parishioners in need.

We rely on parishioners' donations of food and money to stock our Food Bank. Truck Sunday Food Drive in November provided us with sufficient food supplies for about three months. The Knights of Columbus Council 12532 sponsors a food drive in the spring. When our food supplies are depleted we purchase food with monetary donations and funds from the Social Action Committee. Our heartfelt THANKS to our 24 Food Bank volunteers, our maintenance staff, parishioners and organizations for their generous donations of food, money and time to this ministry!!

### S.J.N. Library News

Presently our library is "missing quite a few D.V.D.'s, videos and C.D.'s., many of which have not been **signed out**.

If you have had any of the above for more **than 2-3 months**, please return them so others may use them.

-Thank you.



## Religious Education Pre-K through 6th

A huge and grateful "thank you" to the 3 mothers who helped the Religious Ed. Office with preparing the banners for our 86 First Communicants for this year.

Thank you to **Mrs. Mary Jo Gbur, Mrs. Jean-Marie Rogers, and Mrs. Kelly Yoder.** Your help is deeply appreciated!

Also, a First Eucharist dress has been donated to the Religious Ed. Office in the hopes that a family might be able to use it. It is a size 8 and will be in Rose's Office. Please call if you are interested in seeing the dress.

Additional parent help is also needed for both First Eucharist Retreats. The dates are Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are not already signed up to help at a Retreat and would like to help, please call and speak with Rose. Please see below for which date your child will attend.

Students who attend classes on Sunday mornings are scheduled to attend the Retreat on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Students who attend classes on Monday evenings and St. Anne's students are scheduled to attend the Retreat on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Y.M. Service Opportunities

Pancake Breakfast- Postponed until after Easter  
Soup Sales Distribution: February 13/14 after all Masses  
Sub Sale SKH (Lititz) - March 13 at 9 a.m. to Noon  
Lenten/Easter Adventure Camp- March 20 9 a.m. -Noon  
Renewal Babysitting: March 7-10 at 7 p.m.

If you would like to help, please call Yolanda at 581-9156.

We're back!!!  
11th Annual  
SOUP SALES  
TODAY



Pick up  
February 13 and February 14, 2010  
Please pickup your soup today after Mass.  
We have made extra's  
Thank you for your support!

*Please pray for our young men and women in  
the armed services.*

## SJN Confirmation and YOUTH MINISTRY

### Quilt Raffle Results

Thank you to all parishioners who supported our raffle.  
Congratulations to our winner.

Mrs. Judy Zartman

### CONFIRMATION News

*NO class Today or Monday*

Paperwork is now due for all eighth graders.

### Immediate Prep for ALL Eighth Graders

*Begins.....March 14, 2010*

6:45 p.m.—8 p.m.

#### What is Immediate Prep?

These specials are designed to prepare the students more fully for Confirmation. Pastoral Staff Members will speak for 30 minutes on a topic. It is an opportunity to discuss with the candidates in a personal way the meaning of Confirmation in a Christian life. We also prepare for the Rite of Confirmation in preparing for the Day of Confirmation.

*When do they meet? All eighth graders will have class only on Sunday's from this point on.*

Questions call Yolanda at 581-9156

### HIGH SCHOOL: BIBLE STUDY

*February 21, 2010 at 7 p.m. in Room 10*

Bible Study for Lent, join us for an incredible journey of faith as we learn more about the history of the Catholic Church and how the Bible is relevant to our lives today.

We will be utilizing the T3- Timeline 3 and various movies.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NDVISION

The Youth Office is now accepting applications for NDVISION.

This unique experience helps youth to become closer to God through multisensory experiences.

Graduates from the University of Notre Dame are the facilitators and give a hands on experience through witness talks, different prayer experiences and musicals connected to the Parables. Food is extraordinary on the Notre dame Campus. Students stay in dorm rooms. **Cost \$ 425.00 applications on the website**

### Theology of the Body Program

please call Yolanda if you can help at 581-9156. We are also looking for 10 Parent helpers. Training for Adults:

**Sunday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. - Room- Library**

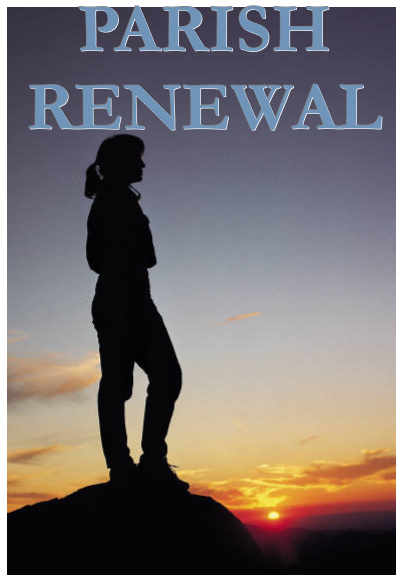
**What is theology of the Body...**

Pope John Paul II devoted the first major teaching of his pontificate to what he called the Theology of the Body - a study of what God has revealed about Himself in and through the human body. This profound and beautiful teaching calls everyone - regardless of age or vocation - to an authentic understanding and living out of what it means to be created male and female in the image and likeness of God.

Through an in-depth reflection on the Scriptures, the Theology of the Body addresses the two most fundamental and universal questions: 1) "What does it mean to be human?" and 2) "How do I live my life in a way that brings true happiness and fulfillment?" Therefore, this is a rich, refined understanding of our Catholic Faith and ultimately a re-discovery of the very meaning and purpose of life.

There are good reasons why the Theology of the Body is in such demand around the world. It is renewing marriages, awakening vocations, healing deep personal wounds, and setting people free to live the life of greatness they were created for.

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Parish Renewal

Sun. March 7 - Wed. March 10

Fr. Frank Sutman, O.P.



**Parish Renewal Slated for March 7 to 10:** During this four day parish retreat, our Presenter, **Fr. Frank Sutman, O.P.**, a Dominican Friar from Mystic, Connecticut, will invite us to examine Jesus' taste for questions while exploring the questions that stir our lives today. The Renewal program open **Sunday at 7 p.m.** with the question, "Where Are You?" Fr. Frank will continue to explore other questions, **Monday through Wednesday**, both at the **9 a.m.** morning Mass and the **7 p.m.** main service. There will even be a question-and-answer session at each evening service! The evening service will run approximately 90 minutes. *Baby-sitting* will be provided, but all children from Jr. High on up are warmly invited to attend. *Refreshments* will be provided in the Social Hall after the morning talk and after the Wednesday evening service. *Transportation* can be arranged, if needed, by calling 569-8531 x 229.

### A Word of Thanks to you

Dear Monsignor Youtz,

For at least the last fifteen years, your good parishioners at St. John Neumann have remembered Lancaster homeless students during the Christmas season. Your parishioners provided 100 beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts for students that we identified by name. It was obvious that each gift was carefully selected and wonderfully wrapped. It is a thrill to hear how much the children appreciated their Christmas gifts. The School District of Lancaster's Homeless Student Project thanks your parishioners for their recent donation. A special thank you to George Stadler and the Knights of Columbus who helped organize and coordinate this large Christmas collection.

St. John Neumann has continued to provide a \$100.00 check each month for the material needs of homeless students. know that with the increasing numbers of referrals that our office receives during the economic downturn, your monetary gift is greatly appreciated. We also know that your parishioners are serving many other agencies in Lancaster serving the needs of many of the "poorest of the poor". Your parishioners caring and sharing is sincerely appreciated throughout the year. On behalf of the 100 children that received your Christmas gifts this season, please accept my sincere words of appreciation.

Sincerely  
Kenneth B. Marzinko, ACSW  
Homeless Student Project Facilitator

### Saint Anne/Neumann Seniors Travel Club

Irish Mystery Trip- March 16  
Fabulous Meal, Tour and Entertainment.  
Tour Price \$104.00,  
with a \$20.00 deposit with  
reservation.  
Contact Ed Carty at 569-7934



### Principal Opportunities

in Harrisburg Diocesan Schools  
for 2010-2011

**St. Francis Xavier  
Elementary**  
Grades PreK—8th  
Gettysburg  
www.sfxs.org

**Lancaster Catholic High  
School**  
Grades 9-12  
Lancaster, PA  
www.lchsyas.org

Candidate must be...  
Practicing Catholic\* 5 years teaching experience  
Administrative Experience\* Master's Degree  
PA Admin Cert. (or process)  
Catechetical Certification (or in process)  
Send resume and letter of interest to:  
Mrs. Livia Riley, *Superintendent of Schools*

*Diocese of Harrisburg \* 4800 Union Deposit Road  
Harrisburg, Pa 17105-3710  
(717) 657-4804 ext. 222\* email: lriley@hbgdiocese.org*