

Serra Club of Pittsburgh



NEWS



SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18

Bishop William J. Winter
Noon-Rico's

October 16

Fr. Matt McClain - Director of
Vocations
Noon - Rico's

October 25

Priesthood Sunday

November 6

Memorial Mass - 11:30 AM
St. Joseph's Church
1304 Fourth Ave.
Coraopolis, PA

November 20

Fr. Bob Guay - Vicar General
Noon - Rico's

December 18

Christmas Party
St. Paul Seminary
7 PM to 9 PM

Memorial Mass

The Serra Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members will be held on November 6th at St. Joseph's Church in Coraopolis. Directions to the church will be included in your letter of invitation. Fr. Mele will celebrate the mass. A catered luncheon will be served in the church hall. Widows of Serrans will be our guests and will be honored during the luncheon. †

Ordinati Dinner

The sixtieth annual Ordinati Dinner was held on August 25th at the LeMont Restaurant. President Jack Warwick welcomed the one hundred ninety



Bishop David Zubik accepts the Good Shepherd Award from Jack Warwick as Bob Deasy looks on.

Serrans and guests who had gathered to honor the four newly ordained priests their parents and pastors. The list of attendees included nineteen seminarians. Jack introduced the newly elected officers and trustees.

Mike Clark, TV Newscaster, served as Master of Ceremonies. The Good Shepherd Award was presented to Bishop Zubik. The Bishop accepted the award in the name of all the priests of the Pittsburgh Diocese. Serran Bob Deasy made the presentation. †

Serrans Celebrate Holy Hour for Vocations

More than 50 Pittsburgh Serrans and guests celebrated a Holy Hour of prayer for vocations, witnessed the installation of the club's officers for 2009-2010 and the induction of three new Serrans at St. Thomas More Church on July 17. Serra Chaplain Rev. Joseph Mele and newly ordained Fr. Michael Zavage concelebrated the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the assistance of seminarian Kevin Fazio. Fr. Zavage has been assigned as parochial vicar at St. Anne Church, Castle Shannon.

The evening's program included Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Fr. Zavage. The evening concluded with a supper catered by The Common Plea Restaurant. *Continued on next page*

Serrans Celebrate Holy Hour *Continued from front page* Inducted into membership in the Pittsburgh Serra Club were: Gregory Falvo, Scott Hardy and Steve Oslica.

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District Governor Joseph Koepfinger performed the installation of officers ceremony. The new officers are: John Warwick, President; Chuck Muzik, vice-president, programs; Brian Hardy, vice-president, membership; Rose Vega and Sharon Capretto, vice-presidents, vocations and parish relations; Ray Golebie, vice-president, communications and acting secretary; and newly-inducted member Gregory Falvo, treasurer. Robert Gallo and Richard Ponzio were elected to serve two-year terms as trustees.

In his homily, Father Mele said Pope Benedict XVI, in proclaiming this year “The Year of the Priest,” has called for the ‘sanctification of priests’ and “that we, as Serrans, are asked to pray for this

intention this year.”

“The more we review the role of the ministerial priesthood, the more we will re-discover the true meaning and place of priests in the Church and in society,” Father Mele said. “The more we understand this, the more we will come to know the tremendous role of the laity and religious in the Church and how we all have a significant role of partnership in the mission of Christ and the Church.”

“That is why Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is so very important right now in the church,” Father Mele explained. “To spend time in adoration enables a Catholic to see the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacred Host. Each time we gaze on the face of the Lord in the Eucharist we gain a deeper vision of who we really are as Christians. The human being is never more who he or she is than when we see Christ as He is. In fact the only way to fully understand who the human being is to know Christ.” †

In Our Prayers

Pray for the sick:

- Cliff Berschneider
- Patricia Moriarity
- Cuozzo
- Bob Dougher
- Janet Pschirer
- George Wasson

If you know a member in need of our prayers, call Ray Golebie 412-531-3670 to have them added to our prayer list. †

Board Meetings

The Board of Trustees will meet on the following Wednesdays - September 23 and October 28 - **St. Mary of the Mount Rectory** on Mt. Washington beginning at 9:00 AM. The rectory is next to the Church. †

Serra Involvement in Chimbote Mission

In July, Bishop David Zubik made his first visit to the diocesan mission in Chimbote, Peru along with ten seminarians. The Bishop enjoyed traveling with the seminarians and was encouraged by the way they immersed themselves in the visit. Seminarian Tom Gillespie noted that the trip was a great opportunity to see how the church ministers to the poorest of the poor.

Serran members responded to a request to help support the trip financially. Members contributions supported the cost of one seminarian during the entire trip. †

Member News

Serran Bob Dougher was diagnosed with a melanoma on his neck. It was removed at Magee Hospital in July. Bob had lymph glands in his neck removed in August. We pray for Bob's complete recovery and hope to see him an active Serran again.

Serran George Wasson had surgery to remove cancer cells from his eyelid in August. He is recovering at home.

I am sorry to inform you that Bob Deasy's son, Robert Deasy, Jr. passed away on August 23rd at a hospital in Virginia.

Ed Fay passed away on August 10th. Ed has been a Serran since 1968. He played guard on the Notre Dame football team that won a National Championship in 1949.

Patricia Moriarity Cuzzo has had a series of operations and is in need of all of our prayers. †

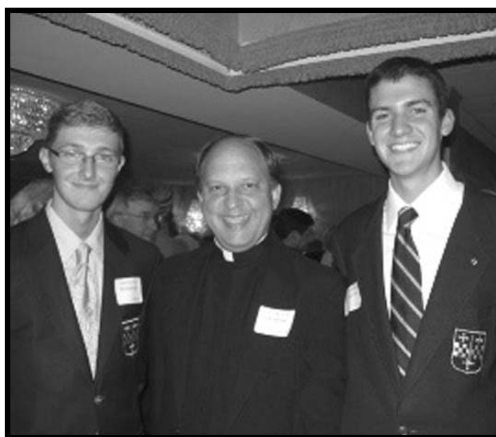
Chaplain News

Bishop David Zubik appointed Fr. Mele vice-rector of St. Paul Seminary effective as of August 18th. Fr. Mele maintains his responsibilities as Vicar General, Director of Spiritual Formation, and Director of Post-Ordination Formation. †

Ordinati Dinner Photos



Bishop Zubik with Ann and Nunzio Galletta.



Fr. Kevin Dominik with Seminarians David Rembold and Patrick Caruso.

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Thought of the Month

In Life's Garden

Count your garden by the flowers, never by the leaves that fall.

Count your days by the golden hours, don't remember the clouds at all.

Count your nights by stars, not shadows, count your years with smiles, not tears.

Count your blessings, not your troubles; count your age by friends, not years!

— Author Unknown



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Membership

Serrans are always searching for new members. For information on membership, contact Brian Hardy, Membership Chair, at 412-486-1341 or 412-562-9117. Brian will always have membership applications at the monthly luncheons. †

Serra Websites

For easy access, put the following websites in your "Favorites" folder:
Serra Club of Pittsburgh: <http://serraclub.catholicweb.com>
District Governor: <http://Mysite.verizon.net/tjpbsp/>
The Serra Club site will carry past newsletters for your reference. The main page will list all current activities of the club. †

Congratulations to the Newly Ordained Priests



Fr. Dan Langa



Fr. John Naugle



Fr. Nick Vaskov



Fr. Michael Zavage

SIXTY-SIXTH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

Theme: That Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, leads us
to Jesus through our prayer of the Rosary.

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

**WHERE: EPIPHANY CHURCH
(108 Centre Avenue, Uptown, Pittsburgh)
There is no noon Mass at Epiphany Church**

**1:30pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fr. Brian Welding**

**Followed by Procession with the Blessed Sacrament
and Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
from Epiphany Church to
Saint Mary of Mercy Church**

**Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament
Crowning of Our Lady**

Dessert and Coffee in Lawless Hall

CHURCH OF PITTSBURGH – PLEASE COME!

**For those who cannot process, there will be recitation
of the ROSARY, while the marchers are en route,
at Saint Mary of Mercy Church, 202 Stanwix Street at 2:15.**

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