

Serra Club of Pittsburgh



NEWS



MAY / JUNE 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Dinner Meeting - Scoglio,
Greentree, Foster Plaza Office
Complex, Building #7
Fr. Joseph Freedy,
Vocations Director

Friday, June 18

Luncheon, Noon - Rico's
Steve Byers - Diaconate
Assistance Coordinator

Wednesday, July 21

Annual Holy Hour, 6:30 PM
St. Paul Seminary, Picnic Dinner
Bishop David Zubik

Tuesday, August 24

Ordinati Dinner - LeMont

Sunday, December 12

Annual Christmas Party - 6 PM
St. Paul Seminary

Directions to Rico's: From the South, take 279 to McKnight Road, turn left on Babcock Boulevard and take the next left onto Rico's Lane. If further directions are needed call Rico's at 412-931-1989.

Upcoming Dinner Meeting

In an effort to provide more time at our meetings for members to socialize and facilitate attendance of members unable to attend meetings at lunch time we will hold a Dinner Meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday May 20, 2010 at Scoglio restaurant in Greentree. Scoglio is minutes away from St Paul seminary and is located in the former Piccolo Mondo Restaurant Facility in the Foster Plaza Office Complex, Building #7. Our speaker for the evening will be Fr. Joseph Freedy, Director of Vocations.

There will be a cash bar reception followed by dinner at 7 pm. †

April Meeting

Former Jurist Now Heads Diocesan Office for Church Relations



Maureen Lally-Green

Former Superior Court Judge Maureen Lally-Green, told Pittsburgh Serrans recently that she attended a luncheon meeting of the professional lawyers' group, The St. Thomas More Society, at which Bishop Zubik was the speaker, and wound up working for him as Director of the Office for Church Relations.

Judge Lally-Green said she has known Bishop Zubik since their college days together at Duquesne University. Speaking to Pittsburgh Serrans at their meeting on April 16, she discussed the conversation

with the Bishop that led her to accept the assignment she now has.

In doing so, she referred to the Bishop's Pastoral Letter, "The Church Alive," in which the Bishop challenges Catholics to grow spiritually and in their vocations, either as lay or religious persons.

"Indeed, the Bishop encourages us to reach beyond that growth by talking about our Catholic Faith and what it means to us" Judge Lally-Green said. "And then, there is the matter of stewardship—often referred to as time, talent and treasure. But Bishop Zubik views stewardship as our individual, wonderful opportunity to gift through prayer, sharing and service."

Judge Lally-Green said because the Office for Church Relations is a new office at the Diocese, there was no "job description" for it. She said that "it soon became apparent that the elements of Bishop Zubik's Pastoral letter on 'The Church Alive!' are the guiding principles of the Office."

Judge Lally-Green said she is "very busy" working on topics such as funding for Catholic education, coordination of activities carried on by Catholic Charities, community outreach and communication, service on boards of directors of educational

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In Our Prayers

Pray for the repose of their souls:

Patricia Moriarity
Cuozzo
Bishop McDowell
Anthony August Mele

Pray for the sick:

Cliff Berschneider
Bob Dougher
Joseph Koepfinger
Mal Pancoast
Christopher Warwick

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 Tuesday, May 25th and June 22nd at **St. Mary of the Mount Rectory** on Mt. Washington beginning at 12 noon. The rectory is next to the Church. †

April Meeting *Continued from front page* and Catholic social organizations and internal Diocesan matters.

With the great possibility of a new Catholic high school in the northern tier of the Diocese, she also said her Office "is delighted to focus on the many occasions for outreach and communication in her 'home town area.'" †

March Meeting

Vocations Director Fr. Joseph Freedy Speaks to Serrans

Fr. Joseph Freedy, told Serrans at their March 19 meeting that his ordination to the priesthood presented his nieces and nephews with a bit of a dilemma i.e., "what do we call Uncle Joe now that he's a Father?"

For them, Fr. Freedy, who was recently appointed Diocesan Vocations Director, said, the answer was a simple combination of 'Father' and Uncle - "so they call me Funcler Joe."

Fr. Freedy said that when he was growing up he really did not have a good understanding of his faith but his parents taught him well. "I learned quickly," he said, "that in my family, you attended Mass on Sunday if you wanted to live beyond the age of 15."

"All of us have a deep desire to be loved, indeed, it's the deepest desire of the human heart," he said. "So I used athletics to fill my heart with love and attention and I became a starting quarterback at the University of Buffalo. I played against some guys who ultimately became NFL stars. But it wasn't enough."

Along the way, Fr. Freedy said, he experimented with drinking and drugs. He dated a girl. And then, he said, he received and read a copy of Dr. Scott Hahn's book, *The Lamb's Supper*, which explains the Mass. Back at college, he began to pray more and began to understand "that God is powerful, real and beautiful." He said he started to go to Mass more and pray more and ultimately realized that God was calling him to the priesthood.

It was a call that, after several months and when he finished his senior year at Buffalo, he accepted God's call and entered St. Paul Seminary. He was sent to Rome to study for five years at the Pontifical North American College where his room overlooked the Vatican. Less than two years ago, he was ordained at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh. †

District Governor in Accident

April 27, From Jack Warwick

Joe Koepfinger was on his way to our Board Meeting today and was badly injured in an auto accident. A tractor trailer ran a red light and struck his car. Joe is in the Trauma - Burn Unit at Mercy Hospital with broken ribs and other injuries.

April 28 Report from Gen Koepfinger

I am happy to report that Joe is doing nicely and they plan to move him out of the trauma unit tomorrow. They were concerned about the head laceration as it was very close to the brain. But all scans seem to indicate there is no problem there. He has two broken ribs and many cuts and bruises. We are hoping for a complete recovery in a couple of weeks.

The Serra Club members pray for a full and speedy recovery. †

Member News

The following new members will be installed at the May 20th evening meeting at Scoglio's in Foster Plaza:

Marie T. Deasy - Spouse of Robert

Cynthia Brusco Falvo - Spouse of Greg

Rita A. Finn - Spouse of Jim

Ruby Frink - Widow of Jim

Ann J. Galletta - Spouse of Nunzio

Violet Gallo - Spouse of Robert

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Ann Galletta, Marie Deasy and Barbara Doerfler

Also to be installed: **Owen Gavigan**, **Carl Eck** and **Robert Sacco**. Their information is in the current Yearbook.

We are happy to report the transfer of the following members from the Beaver Serra Club:

Bonnie L. Makarewicz (Joseph)

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New member Violet Gallo was honored by the Point Park University Conservancy of Performing Arts with the 2010 Performing Arts Partnership and Achievement Award on April 17th. Violet was honored for her more than fifty years volunteering for the medical community and the arts.†



Chuck Muzik



Jack Warwick

Yearbook Corrections

Please make the following changes in your 2009-2011 Year Book. Some are old, some are new. These represent all e-mail address changes since the printing of the Year Book.

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Fr. Mele with Maureen Lally-Green and Carl Eck



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— *Maureen Lally-Green*

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/tjpbps/>

The Serra Club site will carry past newsletters for your reference. The main page will list all current activities of the club.†

Save this issue!

It contains contact information for new members as well as updates to Yearbook information.