

# Serra Club of Pittsburgh



## NEWS



JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2011

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, January 21, 2011**

Luncheon Meeting at Rico's

**Friday, February 18**

Luncheon Meeting at Rico's

**Wednesday, March 16**

Dinner Meeting at Scoglio's

**Wednesday, April 20**

Dinner Meeting at Scoglio's

**Wednesday, May 18**

Dinner Meeting at Scoglio's

**Wednesday, June 22**

Dinner Meeting at Scoglio's

### Serra Club Christmas Party

The Annual Serra Club of Pittsburgh Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 12 at St. Paul Seminary in Domenec Hall. Approximately ninety guests including, Serrans, seminarians, priests and guests came together to celebrate this festive occasion. The party began at 6 and ended at 9:30 pm.

Entertainment was provided by twenty Seminarians who sang a selection of beautiful Christmas songs. Our Chaplain, Father Joseph Freedy asked the Seminarians to each introduce themselves.

Program Chairman Chuck Muzik had the party catered by the 4th Avenue Grill of Coraopolis. The food was outstanding. The buffet featured fourteen different varieties of delicacies including, shrimp, crab, scallops, quiche, meatballs, ham, taco, deviled eggs, egg rolls, cheese, franks and fresh fruit. A variety of desserts topped the savory meal.

Greg Falvo generously provided the wine. Nunzio Galletta photographed the event. We thank the family of Chuck Muzik for the service is setting up the wonderful party. Everyone agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening. †

### Memorial Mass

Rev. Joseph Freedy, chaplain of the Pittsburgh Serra Club, celebrated the annual Memorial Mass for deceased Serrans at Saints Simon and Jude Church in Greentree on Friday, November 12.

Father Freedy also presided at the induction ceremony during which thirteen persons became new members of the Pittsburgh Serra Club.

The Mass was celebrated in thanksgiving for the service to Serra of the some 140 Serrans who have died since 1943 when Serra International granted a charter to the Pittsburgh Club. Eight widows of deceased Serrans attended the Mass. They were each presented a rose in remembrance of their deceased spouses.

Carl Eck served as lector. Joseph and Genevieve Koepfinger presented the gifts and music was provided by J.J. Daniels of SS Simon and Jude Parish. Mass was followed by a catered luncheon in the Church hall.

New members inducted into the Club and the parish of which they are members were: Christopher Chapman, St. Bernard parish; Virginia Fischer, St. Paul Cathedral; Brian Golias, St. Killian parish; Earla Jean Graner, Vicki Hess, Lois Keller and Rosemary Merriman, all of St. Mary of the Mount Parish; Emily McCann, St. Winifred parish; Andrea and Patrick Molyneaux, of St. Louise de Marillac parish, and Alicia Joy Mack, Joan Head and Natalie O'Loughlin, all of St. Valentine parish. †

## In Our Prayers

Pray for the sick:

Cliff Berschneider  
Bob Dougher  
Owen J. Gavigan  
Regina Kelly  
Christina and  
Ernest Tegge

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 Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, January 25 and February 22 at **St. Mary of the Mount Rectory** on Mt. Washington beginning at noon. The rectory is next to the Church. †

## Birthday Cards

The Serra Club of Pittsburgh sends a birthday card to each active and retired priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Currently there are 350 priests on our card list. Occasionally we receive notes back from the priests expressing their appreciation for our remembering them. †

## Jerusalem 2011

*From Serra International Executive Director, John W. Woodward*

In this joyful season of Advent, I have some very good news to share with you! At the meeting in Chicago this past weekend, Serra's international board of trustees voted to approve Jerusalem as the site of our 2011 international convention. For many Serrans throughout the world, having Serra's 69<sup>th</sup> international convention in Jerusalem from 14-17 July 2011 will create a wonderful opportunity for them to make their first pilgrimage to the Holy Land where they can literally "walk in the footsteps of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." †

## Memorial Mass and Christmas Party Photos



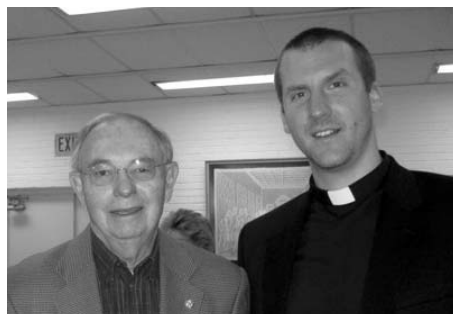
*New members inducted at the memorial mass.*



*Jack Warwick, Joe Koepfinger and Maureen Boyle with William as he receives his 50-year membership award.*



*Jean Comber receives a rose in memory of her husband, Gere.*





## Membership

Please add the following new member to your yearbook: Robert T. Mack (husband of Serran Dr. Alicia Mack.)

New members are always welcome. For information on membership, contact Brian Hardy, Membership Chair at 412-486-1341 or 412-562-9117.

Membership applications are always available at the monthly meetings. †



### Thought for the Month

#### Prayer, for the Priests

Dear Fellow Serrans, in this dawn, this advent, of the new year, shall we join together and offer our prayer, our heartfelt request to our Father for his blessings to grace the priestly vocations? The power of your collective prayers is so strong. Just look already at how they are working, and let us continue to thank Him for his blessings, his abundant blessings.

*By Serran, Dr. Alicia Mack*



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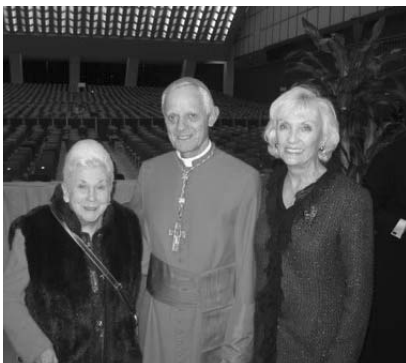
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## Member News

Serran **Lois Keller** is recuperating after back surgery.

Four of our members traveled to Rome for Archbishop Donald Wuerl's elevation to Cardinal. They were Rosemary Merriman, Virginia Fischer, Leo Russell and Sharon Capretto who also took her son Anthony. †



*Cardinal Wuerl with Sis Merriman and Virginia Fischer.*

## Tax Information - Dues are Deductible

The Serra Club of Pittsburgh dues that members are assessed and paid may be claimed as a "charitable deduction" for federal income tax purposes. Our Club is covered under Serra International's group exemption number (1059) as tax exempt 501(c)(3) clubs by the U.S. Treasury Department. Our Treasurer will mail proof of payment letters to all members in January. **To obtain this tax deduction, dues had to be submitted before December 31, 2010.** †

## 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. †