



Serra Club News

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of each month at noon at WesBanco Arena

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Schedule of Meetings

May 7th. TBA, Prayer leader, Dr. Hank Drews
May 21st. Fr. Elpidio Geneta, St. Michael Parish. Prayer leader, David Singer

Recent speakers/programs

Thanks to Dawn Noble for her inspirational talk on the importance of prayer, and for her personal witness. Dawn emphasized that we need to remain in prayer and humbly seek God's guidance and blessings. Faith and prayer are an ongoing active process.

Dawn is the area coordinator for the **National Day of Prayer** observance which will be held at the **Heritage Port in Wheeling from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 6th**. This is the 59th year for this annual event and the theme this year is "Prayer! For Such a Time as This." Our own chaplain, Monsignor Eugene Ostrowski will represent the Catholic community. You are encouraged to attend and to bring your family members and friends of all ages. For more information, visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

Rosary service at Central Catholic

Thank you to Dr. William Grubler for continuing to organize the schedule for Serrans to lead the students in a decade of the Rosary via closed circuit television. Thanks also to all the Serrans who volunteer as prayer leaders.

One Priest's "Path to the Priesthood"

There is a nice article by John Bagladi, regarding Father D. Brian Shoda's path to the priesthood in our recent Catholic Spirit publication. He commented on the role of a 78-year-old Italian lady whom he referred to as a "prayer warrior" stating that she "saved my life." Another personal testimonial to the power of prayer in promoting and supporting

vocations. Please read the article if you haven't already (www.thecatholicspiritwv.org) and continue to pray for vocations.

District Meeting

The annual District 19 Spring Leadership Planning Conference hosted by our District Governor, William Scharf, will be held on Saturday May 8th from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Pete Dye Clubhouse in Clarksburg WV. If you are interested in attending contact Gary Mulhern or Dave Singer.

Prayer of the Month

O Jesus, Good and Gentle Shepherd, grant that the men and women from our community may have the grace and the courage to hear and answer Your call to priesthood and religious life. Give them the wisdom to realize that life is a gift. Let them realize their life is part of YOUR plan. Call forth those You have chosen to spread the gospel message, and help them to freely respond to a life of service in the church. May the parents and families of our parish, support and encourage our young men and women to search for, follow and answer the call of God in their lives. Amen.

Serra Ohio Valley – Great Lakes Regional Convention – October 8-10, 2010

Just a reminder of the upcoming convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. I hope we can have a good turnout from our club. For more information go to www.CincySerraVocations.org and click on convention.

Serra 68th International Convention September 2 – 5, 2010. Anchorage, Alaska **links for more information about Serra** USA Council of Serra International www.serraus.org Serra International www.serra.org