



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

Friday, February 4, 2011 – Our guest speaker will be Father Paul Hudock, Vocations Director. He will be talking to us regarding vocations. Prayer leader will be Frank Carenbauer.

Friday, February 18, 2011 – Our guest speaker will be Dr. Mike Medovic who will be talking to us regarding health care from the Catholic perspective. Prayer leader will be Jack Fahey.

Thanks

To Father Michael O Lecias from St. Michael parish, for his recent presentation to our club. Fr. Michael emphasized how, much like ourselves, the twelve apostles were unqualified for their calling but were able to accomplish all that they accomplished in God's name due to God's blessings. Fr. Michael talked about how we all are called to do much in God's name. He also talked about his own calling and how it came in gradual steps. By the way, Fr. Michael has four cousins who are Catholic Priests. Thanks again, Father, for sharing.

To Father Dennis Shulkens, Vocations Coordinator and Administrator of Our Lady of Peace, for his presentation to our club. He focused on his role of Vocations Coordinator and his contact with the students at both Wheeling Central and Bishop Donahue high schools. He touched on the various programs that are being used to reach out to potential candidates to the priesthood. He also talked about some of the factors/experiences in his life that led to his vocation. Thanks again, Father, for sharing.

WOW what a WEBSITE

Speaking of promoting vocations to the priesthood, specifically becoming a priest in our Diocese, have you taken some time to look at our diocese website www.wvpriests.org It is artistically designed and very informative. There

are stories about several seminarians, several priests as well as answers to typical questions potential applicants may have. There is also information regarding the life of a priest, signs of being called and steps to take to begin the discernment process and gradual steps toward ordination.

This site is a very important part of the recruitment process because studies have indicated that the internet is where most candidates learn about specific vocations programs. Make sure you take the time to view it yourself.

Upcoming Events

Special Parish Mass for Vocations

Our current President, Jack O'Leary, continues the practice of having Wheeling Serra club sponsor Masses for vocations to the priesthood and religious life at the various parishes. Again, you are encouraged to attend and to include your family and friends.

The schedule for the remaining Masses for vocations is:

Wednesday - February 9, 2011 – 5:30 pm. at St. Michael Church and

Friday - April 1, 2011 – 12:05 pm. at Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Bishop's Burse Luncheon

The Bishop's Burse dinner will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at the Great Hall at Wheeling Central Catholic high school following 10:30 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield will preside over the celebration of the Mass and deliver the homily, and Father Paul Hudock will be our guest speaker at the reception. Please mark your calendars.

Prayer for Vocations

Prayer to Know One's Vocation

Lord Jesus, up until now you have been quietly preparing me to be your disciple. Now the time of preparation is ending. I seem to hear you say to me as once to Peter: **Will you also go away?**" You were saddened then by friends who failed you. But Peter did not fail. "Lord", he said, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

I stand with Peter. Through prayer and counsel, show me, Lord, where it is in your vineyard that you want me to serve. Then give me strength to be faithful.

Mary, Mother and Model, help me to respond in generous love to the call of your divine Son.

31 Club and Eucharistic Adoration programs

Contact Joe Pangilinan to sign up to attend a daily Mass at your parish to pray for vocations and/or to attend Eucharist Adoration at Saint Michael parish. Joe can be reached at 304-277-3150 (home), 740-391-9465 (cell) or at joeypang@aol.com

Links for more information about Serra

Wheeling Serra
www.wheelingserra.org

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Please continue to pray and take action to encourage new vocations and to support our current priests and religious.