



# 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, May 6<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker will be Rev. Monsignor Frederick Annie, V. E., Vicar General. The prayer leader will be Joe Front. Board meeting at 11:30 prior to the meeting.

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker will be Rev. Scott Seethaler, OFM, Cap. The prayer leader will be Bill Grubler.

## **Ordination**

On June 4, 2011 we will be blessed with the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Mr. Jose Manuel Escalante and Rev. Mr. Andrew Switzer. This is what we work and pray for throughout the years. Please come to St. Joseph Cathedral to participate in this wonderful ceremony, to celebrate and to honor these newly ordained Priests.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Bernard Schmitt and Jack Fahey for being elected to the Wheeling Hall of Fame. We are proud to have our Bishop Emeritus and fellow Serrans honored for their accomplishments and service to our community over the years. The recognition is well deserved and we are blessed to have them as members of our club.

## **Many People to Thank**

### **The Mass for Vocations Program**

Thanks to Rev. Msgr. Kevin Quirk, Rev. Msgr. Frederick Annie and the Rev. Paul Hudock for celebrating Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. Thanks to Rev. Msgr. Eugene Ostrowski and Rev. Anthony Cincinati for celebrating Mass at Corpus Christi church. Thanks to Rev. James McGoldrick at St. Vincents, to Rev. Dennis Schulkens at Our Lady of Peace, Rev. Donald Serva, S.J. and Rev. Harry Geib, S.J. at Wheeling Jesuit University and Rev. Jeremiah McSweeney and Rev. Michael Lecias at St.

Michael Church for celebrating Masses for vocations in their respective parishes. Thanks to all Serrans who attended and thanks to Jack O'Leary for organizing our Mass for vocations program. It is good for Serra to be sponsoring these Masses and to be more visible in the parishes.

### **Stations of the Cross Program**

Thanks to Chris Freeman for organizing the Stations of the Cross service. It was enjoyable and beneficial to have a meeting during which we prayed together for most of the meeting.

## **National Day of Prayer Celebration**

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer celebration to be held at Heritage Port at 6:30 pm. Dawn Nobel who spoke at our March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is the local organizer. There will be various individuals from our Catholic Diocese participating in this program. I hope you are able to attend.

## **Wheeling Serra Website**

Thanks to Gary Mulhern for his work on our website [www.wheelingserra.org](http://www.wheelingserra.org). He has begun to transform it into an up to date, working and active site that now has a list of upcoming events and many of the past newsletters with more improvements to come.

## **Prayer for Vocations**

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.

### **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](mailto:joeypang@aol.com)

### **Priest Website**

Remember to visit the wonderful website our Diocese has developed promoting vocations to the priesthood. [www.wvpriests.org](http://www.wvpriests.org) It is artistically designed and very informative.

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

### **Links for more information about Serra**

Wheeling Serra  
[www.wheelingserra.org](http://www.wheelingserra.org)

USA Council of Serra International  
[www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org)

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