



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, December 2nd, at WesBanco Arena - Sisters Appreciation luncheon. Guest speaker will be our own Chad Carter, Chancellor-Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please come and enjoy the celebration and recognition of the wonderful women religious who provide witness to our Catholic faith and service to so many people. I am sure that each and every one of us Serrans have experienced many positive influences from the Sisters during our lifetime. This is a good opportunity to show our appreciation and to have an enjoyable time. I hope you can attend.

Friday, December 16th – Guest speaker will be Brother Bob Herrick who, along with Joe Pangilinan's brother-in-law Kyle Rosenthal, will also lead us in our annual Christmas sing-along. All vocal skill levels welcome.

Thank You, Mass Celebrant and Guest Speaker

Thank you to our Chaplin Monsignor Eugene Ostrowski for celebrating our Mass for deceased Serrans and for his sermon, which, as usual, was personal and inspiring. In addition, hearing the names of the many deceased members of the Serra Club of Wheeling reminds us of our history and more importantly of our communion of Saints with these fellow Serrans in heaven. How often do we think to ask for their help in promoting vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life? Thanks also to Chris Freeman who organized the event and to Bernie Coyne and Larry Bandi who helped read the list.

Thank you Bob Carbuia of Core, WV who gave a presentation on his plan to bring FM Radio Station WDWC 90.7, Catholic Radio for the Upper Ohio Valley, to the air by April of 2012. Bob is the driving force behind the radio ministry of Light of Life (LOL) Community, Inc, associated with Counsel Friary in Morgantown. The station would provide to our local area Catholic themed programming obtained from EWTN's radio

services and produced through the station operated by LOL in Morgantown. Bob is in the process of making presentation to local parishes and groups to ask for both prayer and financial support. It will require about \$60,000.00 to begin operations and approximately \$1500 per month to continue since it is a non-commercial station. He asks for commitments by the end of December and he reports that it will provide a valuable service for entertainment, education and evangelization. (Thanks to Bob Kagler who provided this report.)

Thanks to all those who attended the Mass for vocations that was held at Corpus Christi on November 17th. Thanks to Monsignor Eugene Ostrowski who celebrated the Mass and gave a sermon regarding how happy he is with his vocation and how we need to continue to pray for more vocations. Others who helped organize or participated in the event were, Deacon George Smoulder, Eric Gadd organizer and reader, Jeff Smay altar server, Joe Pangilinan Eucharistic minister and Brother Bob Herrick music; all who played a special role in the service. Thanks to the Joe Pangilinan family who organized the social gathering following the Mass. It was a prayerful and enjoyable evening.

New Member

Our most recent new member is Mr. Terry McCormick from Corpus Christi Parish. Terry is a licensed Social Worker with a 25 years of experience working in the field of children's services. He is currently the Executive Director of the Children's Home of Wheeling. As is true with all our new members, we are grateful to have him join Serra.

Birthday

Our Chaplin Monsignor Eugene Ostrowski turned 76yrs young on November 20th. Here is to many additional years together. He certainly is a gift to us. Happy Birthday Monsignor.

Upcoming Event

Larry Bandi reported that the diocese is planning to sponsor a Walk for Vocation on Thursday May 17th in Morgantown starting around 3pm. and ending with a Mass at St. Johns that evening. We hope to have a high level of participation.

Prayer for Vocations

Creator God, Life is Your gift to me. Through baptism, You invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show Your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. I pray especially for those who serve You as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. Amen.

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

Contact Jack O'Leary regarding Eucharist Adoration that is held at St. Michael Parish Church. Our initial goal is to fill the 7:00pm to 8:00pm time slot although visiting any time that the Eucharist is displayed for adoration would be appreciated. The other times are Monday between 8:00 am to 11:00 pm or Tuesday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Priest Website

Remember to visit the wonderful website our Diocese has developed promoting vocations to the priesthood. 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.

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