



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, January 6, noon - We will have two guest speakers. First, our district governor, Bill Scharf, will speak to the board of Serra prior to the meeting and then speak briefly to the meeting at large. Our second speaker will be Joanne Drnach, along with several of the Central students who attended World Youth Day. Our prayer leader will be Bob Schmitt.

Friday, January 20, noon – Our guest speaker will be Rick Beyer, President of Wheeling Jesuit University. Our prayer leader will be William Reddy.

Thank You

Thank you to all the Sisters who attended the Sisters' Appreciation luncheon. It is always enjoyable to have them as our guests and to honor them for their years of service and their commitment to their vocation.

Thanks also to our own club member and Chancellor of our diocese, Chad Carter, for his presentation on the changes in the liturgy. His talk was very informative regarding both the details and the spirit of the changes which have now gone into effect.

Thanks to Brother Bob Herrick for his presentation and for, along with Kyle Rosenthal, leading us in our annual Christmas sing-along. We received a double blessing by having Brother Bob with us for this meeting.

Brother Bob shared with us his own personal journey in the development and the living of his religious vocation. He credited his parents for encouraging his vocation and the fact that he was "born into a community life" given that he was one of six brothers in his family. He also credited various individuals that encouraged him along the way.

Brother Bob first thought about entering the priesthood but during his novitiate felt called to Capuchin life as a Brother. He also talked about the various ministries that he has had

including being involved in formation work within his order. Fortunately for our diocese and specifically those of us in the Wheeling area, Brother Bob has been at the Hermitage at Paul VI here in Wheeling for the past 12 years. We have been blessed with his service and his beautiful music. We wish him well as he leaves us this July to move to Santa Ynez, CA.

Thanks again to Brother Bob and Kyle Rosenthal (Joe Pangilinan's brother-in-law) for sharing their musical talents.

Upcoming Event

Mass for vocations is scheduled for Wednesday January 18 at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Peace Parish and on Monday, January 23rd 5:30 pm at St. Michael Parish.

Tentative plans for Mass for vocations also include late March at Wheeling Jesuit University. Stay tuned for further details as they are developed.

Bishop's Burse brunch is scheduled for March 18th in the Great Hall at Central Catholic High School immediately following the 10:30 am Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Bransfield, at St. Joseph Cathedral. We look forward to seeing you at the Burse Brunch.

Larry Bandi reported that the diocese is planning to sponsor a Walk for Vocations 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.

Great Job

Gary Mulhern states, "I am happy to report that Karri and I concluded our diaper drive for The Gabriel Project. On Friday, December 30th, we turned in 5,046 diapers and 1,024 baby wipes to Faith Hicks, regional director of The Gabriel Project. We are overwhelmed by the support from all our friends, and especially the members of the club who supported our efforts! Thank you all so very much."

Prayer for Vocations

Prayer to Openness to God's call

Lord Jesus, once you called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men. Continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation: "Come and Follow Me."

Grant to young men and women the grace of responding promptly to Your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are fulfilling the ideal life of total consecration to Your service. Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send, Lord, workers into your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to collaborate in the divine design of salvation. Amen. – Pope John Paul II

31 Club and Eucharistic Adoration programs

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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