



Serra Club News

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of each month at noon at the Wheeling Civic Center

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September Calendar

Sept. 5 – **Retired Msgr. George R. Coyne** from the Diocese of Steubenville; Prayer Leader: **Jack O’Leary**

Sept. 19 – **Fr. Gene Ostrowski**; Prayer Leader: **Jack Palmer**

Oct. 3 – Emily Jebbia – Growing up in a truly Catholic Family and its effect on Vocations; Prayer Leader: **Joe Pangilinan**

Oct. 19 – Fr. Kevin T. Connor, who is in residence this year at St. Michael Parish; Prayer Leader: **Nelly Pangilinan**

A Message from our President

Our Super Regional Convention draws ever closer. Our next meeting is 7PM Monday, September 8th, at Corpus Christi. The registration committee will meet at 11:15 before the Club meeting on September 5. Contact **Dave Singer, Chris Freeman**, or **Larry Bandi** to volunteer to help. Also please visit our website: http://www.wheelingserra.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7&Itemid=7 to complete and submit your registration for the convention today.

Priests’ Picnic Scheduled

Thanks to **Pat Felton** for another great Priests’ Picnic. Despite the constant rain, the dinner went well, Pat reports. As usual, a devoted committee helped Pat make the evening special. Helpers included **Jack Fahey, Bill Grubler, Chuck Wagner, Bob Schmitt, Gary Mulhern, Bernie Coyne, Jack O’Leary**, and **Dave Singer**.

Meet the Seminarians: Stephen McGinnis



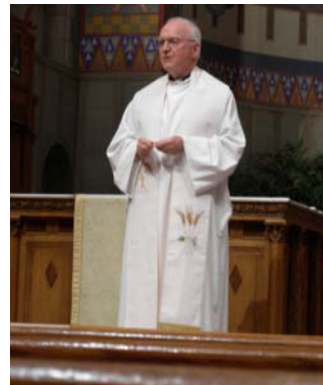
I was born in Morgantown, WV in 1970 and am the oldest of two brothers and one sister. My father was an Air Force physician, and as a result we moved around the country (and to the United Kingdom) quite frequently. I graduated from Papillion-La Vista High School (Nebraska) in 1988 and the University of Notre Dame in 1992.

In 1992 I returned to Morgantown as an electrical engineering graduate student at West Virginia University. I received both an M.S.E.E. degree, and a Ph.D. from WVU. I remained at WVU as a Research Assistant Professor until 2003.

In 2003, my years of discernment led me to enter Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA. After four years of formation, I was ordained to the diaconate for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on May 19, 2007. I received the M.Div. degree from Saint Vincent on May 9, 2008. I was assigned as a Deacon at Saint Joseph Cathedral last summer, and I am at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton this summer.

Rosary Rally Set for Oct. 19

Jeff Smay reports that the date for the Serra Club / Central Rosary Rally is Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 2 p.m. Our own Serra Club member, **Fr. Jim McGoldrick** (shown here leading a decade of the rosary in last year’s Rosary Rally), will lead the rally in the Cathedral of St. Joseph and share his own call to a religious vocation.



Prayer for the Month

Jesus, High Priest and Redeemer forever, We beg you to call young men and women to your service, as priests and religious. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated priests, brothers and sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward you and their child so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocation in life with wisdom and freedom. Amen