

# SS. Peter and Paul RC Faith Community

## Ministry and Faith Formation Opportunities *Planned \* and Ongoing*

Because you asked, we are giving you this list of programs designed to enhance our faith community's sense of connectedness as we strive to live the Gospel life and provide nourishment for one's Soul's Journey to God!



**“A Faith Community Retreat\*  
“Caring for Others: Responding to Our Baptismal Call”**

Sister Sharon Goodremote, FSSJ will guide us through a discussion regarding the Church’s teachings regarding Catholic Social Justice Issues :  
Charity, Advocacy and Practical “How To” tips will be presented.  
Founders Room  
Thursday evening, November 12, 2009  
6:45- 8:00 pm

**Bereavement Support Ministry \***

A place for those among us who are struggling with sadness following the loss of someone or something significant in our lives.  
This group meets to pray, dialogue, and support one another through the grief process.  
Contact Ann Marie MacIsaac, Pastoral Associate @632-2559 x207 to learn more

**Group Spiritual Direction \***

Open to all persons who are interested in discerning how God is working in their lives in a small group setting.  
More information will be in the bulletin

**Ministry of Persons with Disabilities\***

As baptized members of the Catholic Church, all people are welcome to share in the liturgical, spiritual, ministerial, educational, and social activities in parishes throughout our faith community. With open doors, hearts and minds we are extending our journey to serve you, our brothers and sisters, for we are one family united by Christ. Here we share resources to help open the doors to inclusion through accessibility, open minds through awareness and open hearts to minister as Christ would. If you want to become a part of this ministry, contact David V. Whalen @ 565-9338; 908-6770 (cell) or davidvwhalen@yahoo. com

## Current /Ongoing opportunities for faith formation at Ss Peter and Paul RC Church

### **“Sip and Dip” Coffee Hour**

Held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays following the 9:30 Mass  
Parishioners can meet and talk with each other, “sip” on some coffee, tea or juice and, if you so desire, spend the last 20 minutes of the hour “dipping” a little deeper into the meaning of the Word of God  
All parishioners and visitors are invited!

### **Wellness Ministry**

A forum for members of the faith community to gather to discuss and plan ways to meet the Body, Mind, and Spiritual health needs of the members of our parish.  
Gatherings are held on various weekday evenings to accommodate all who are interested.  
Contact Ann Marie Mac Isaac, Pastoral Associate/Parish Nurse  
for more information @632-2559 x207

### **Ministry of Consolation (Funeral Team)**

Members of daily teams are prepared for the role of Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Server, and Home Visitor to assist families in planning funeral liturgies, serving during the Mass of Christian Burial and offering bereavement follow-up. Time commitment is dependent upon need.  
Contact Ann Marie MacIsaac, Pastoral Associate for additional information @ 632-2559 x207

### **A Prayer Shawl Ministry**

All women and men interested in this unique and powerful prayer ministry are welcome. The group will begin meeting on Monday afternoons starting at 1:00 in the Meeting Room in the school. Contact Jill Suchora @ 906-9393

### **Music Ministry**

A diverse group of singers and instrumentalists. Starting with our youngest singers of 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders who rehearse at various times depending on which school they attend. These enthusiastic musicians sing once a month on Sundays, Christmas morning and at many other events during the liturgical year. Our Adult choir includes adults as well as many high school age singers. The Adults sing at the 9:30 Sunday mass and all major liturgical celebrations. We also boast many instrumentalists from strings to brass of all ages. The Director of the Ministries of Music is Gail Shepherd who can be contacted at: 632-2559 ex. 209 [gcshepherd@roadrunner.com](mailto:gcshepherd@roadrunner.com)

### **Knights of Columbus**

Council No. 3974 was founded in March 1955 Amherst. The Council holds its business meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Founders Room. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal service organization dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Membership is open to Catholic men eighteen years and older. For more information please contact Financial Secretary Andy Rotola at 716-833-5644 or Grand Knight Bob Blatz at 716-445-5406

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

This group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm in the Founder's Room. A food pantry is open every Wednesday from 10 am – 2 pm. and is manned by one of our members who will respond to your needs. Call 632-2559 x 219  
If you think that you are being called to be part of this ministry, contact  
Deacon George Klein @ 632-2559 x 203

### **Social Action Committee**

This group focuses on and responds to social justice issues from a Catholic perspective by encouraging and engaging parishioners in activities that demonstrate our concern for peace and justice as well as the basic needs of our fellow human beings. Activities which are sponsored by this committee include (but are not limited to) the Mitten Tree, Earth Day, Habitat for Humanity, Legislative Weekends, Parish, our parish partnership with Holy Cross Parish and the distribution of Sharing Bowl funds.

If you would like to become involved, please contact Diane Butch @ 632-4927

### **Respect Life Committee**

Keeps our faith community informed of the most recent developments regarding current issues that affect the dignity of life. Our goal is to educate and raise awareness of the right to life of the weakest among us and to promote a quality of life for the powerless, (the old and young, hungry, unemployed and the physically and or mentally challenged). Activities are geared to foster a respect for life at all ages and stages. If you would like to become involved please contact

Lorraine Vilardo at [lorrainecv@msn.com](mailto:lorrainecv@msn.com)

### **Men's Fellowship Sharing Group**

Once a month on Saturday mornings from 7:45- 9:00 am.  
Join us for fellowship, prayer, and discussion  
Contact Bob Grinewich, Pastoral Associate @632-2559 x205

### **Liturgy Committee**

This committee educates the parish on historical grounds and current changes in the Liturgy. It plans liturgical themes, Reconciliation and/or Anointing services, adult education and environmental décor around the seasons of the liturgical calendar in concert with the liturgical norms of the diocese. It provides training for new liturgical ministries on an “as needed” basis. Meetings take place *three times a year* - early in the fall to plan the Advent / Christmas season, early winter to plan the Lenten/ Easter season and once after the Easter season and first Eucharist celebrations have ended. If you would like more information, please contact Bob Grinewich @ 632-2559 x 205

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Young children can experience the Sunday liturgy in an age-appropriate environment every Sunday throughout the school year at the 9:30am Mass. Children learn of God's great love for us through song, scripture and reflection. Volunteer teachers are always welcome to join this joyful ministry to our littlest parishioners.

Contact person: Rose Quebral @ 635-9488

### **Gardening Ministry**

Do you love to garden, play in the dirt and pull weeds? We need to help to keep our faith community grounds looking beautiful. Meet in the Scripture Garden on Saturdays at 9:00 am to begin our work in caring for God's creation.

For more information, call Carolyn Schifke @ 632-2424

### **Baptism Ministry**

Are you being called to respond to your own Baptismal promises by helping new parents and godparents prepare for the Baptism of a new member of God's family. This ministry is currently be reorganized using a new curriculum which you will be prepared to present. The time commitment is manageable, even for busy young people.

Call Ann Marie MacIsaac, Pastoral Associate @632-2559 x 207, to learn more!

### **Ministers of Praise**

Are you at home and unable to come to worship but want to be more involved in the spiritual work of our faith community?  
Members of this ministry receive a special letter each month which contains petitions for our faith community to be held in daily prayer. If you think you would like to be part of this very special prayer ministry, call Ann Marie Mac Isaac, Pastoral Associate @ 632-2559 x 207

### **Catholic Biblical Studies Program**

will be held here this year at Ss Peter and Paul RC Church on  
Thursday mornings from  
10:30 -12:30 beginning  
September 17, 2009

It is also being held at St. Bernadette Parish on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm and  
St. Stephen Parish on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm

There is a cost to attend.

For information, call 716-871-9180 or Info@CBStudies.org

### **Liturgy Celebration Ministers**

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers and Music Ministers are all integral to being able to celebrate Mass in a full, conscious and active way. If you would like to serve in one of these roles, please call one of the Pastoral Associates @ the Pastoral Office

### **Youth Ministry**

The Youth Ministry program at Saints Peter and Paul calls the youth into active participation within their community. Our youth bring their unique gifts of enthusiasm, energy and creativity to our parish. It is for this reason that the Youth Ministry Program offers our young people many opportunities to grow in their faith and live the gospel message. It is our hope that while helping to build up the kingdom of God in our parish that our teens will gain a strong sense of community that they will eventually carry with them throughout their lives. The Youth Ministry program strives to foster the growth of our young people spiritually and socially. Our program and activities are open to all parish teens. Watch the bulletin for times and dates of the planned activities.

### **Contemplative Prayer Meetings**

Here one will learn what Centering Prayer is and what it is not; learn about its historical development; gain a deeper understanding of its mystery, wonder and magnificence; and be fully exposed to its method and practice of this transformational process.

Mondays in the Meeting Room in the school starting at 6:30 pm led by Brother John Crocker who can be reached at 941-9428

and

Thursdays in the Bishop's room at 8:00 am led by Sister Dorothy Phelps

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Every First Friday (except First Friday) immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass  
For all who are in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit!

### **Legion of Mary**

A forum where people who have a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary who come to pray and promote evangelization by putting their words into action. Led by our Deacon, George Klein, the group meets every Thursday starting at 1:30 pm in the Founders Room

### **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary Makers**

This group was started by Ceaser and Clara Zymanek in 1987. Today's active members make over 2100 rosaries each year which are given to children on their Baptism and First Communion. Others are sent to military personnel, prisoners and world missions. New members are always welcome as well as free will donations. Anyone interested in learning how to make a rosary may contact Ann Marie Galbo @ 689-9475

### **The Spiritual Book Club**

A facilitated faith filled group discussion led by Carol Strahl  
meets every other 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening in the Library  
from 7:00- 8:00 pm  
Call 632-8343 for more information

### **Parish Life Committee**

Enlivens the parish by a series of community building events throughout the year (e.g. after Mass Coffee Socials, Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner, Movie Nights, etc.) and to provide hospitality upon request to other group events held by various committees.  
Call Joyce Grinewich @ 208-0453

### **Prayer Line**

A confidential prayer ministry is available to those in need of intercessory prayer. One may access the Prayer Line from 6:00 am – Midnight by calling  
Beverly Tomasi @633-3977

## **St. Ann Sodality**

The members of this group strive to have a deeper devotion and love for Mary. In addition they are encouraged to participate in a variety of charitable works for one another and for the larger community. Lectures are held periodically that provide information that are of interest to the members.

Breakfast meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month following the 9:30 am Mass.

For more information call, Ruth Elmer @ 632-1319

## **Small Faith Sharing Groups**

Facilitated discussions concerning faith matters

Choose a group **OR** form a new one

**Call the Pastoral Office to register your group today**

### **- Renewed Women's Group**

A faith sharing group for women of all ages

2nd Thursday of the month

12:45 – 2:45 pm in the Meeting Room

Contact Ann Marie MacIsaac, Pastoral Associate

### **- The Thursday Night Group**

Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 in the homes of the members for discussion and on the fourth Thursday in the kitchen of the school to prepare sandwiches for the St. Vincent de Paul dining room

Contact - [stevevogel@att.net](mailto:stevevogel@att.net)

### **- Monday Night Small Faith Sharing Group**

Meets monthly at 7 pm in the members' homes to discuss Scripture, enjoy fellowship, develop new friendships and gain inspiration and understanding of the needs of God's people.

Members often attend community lecture series for spiritual enrichment. They also partake in a year round service action response for the needy at "Loaves and Fishes", a soup kitchen located in the inner city. All women and men are invited to join! Contact – Marianne Hubert @ 634-

6482

### **Teams of Our Lady (TOOL)**

An international movement of married couples whose purposes in the Movement and in Team life are to foster the growth in the spiritual life of the couple and family through a program of prayer and study that is designed to make their Christian faith a daily living experience. The movement does not impose a particular type of spirituality on its members, but Teams couples agree to practice a spiritual direction that includes: prayer, reading of the sacred scriptures, a monthly couple discussion, and a “rule of life” for personal improvement. For more information, contact Bob & Joyce Grinewich at 716-208-6129 or by email: [grinewich@roadrunner.com](mailto:grinewich@roadrunner.com).

### **Religious Education/Sacramental Program**

The Religious Education Department is looking for volunteers for our new Generations of Faith Program to assist with faith sharing, set up, meal preparation and serving. Generations of Faith families gather once a month on Sundays.

Please contact Roberta Spencer at 632-2678 x 232

The Sacramental Department would appreciate volunteers to assist with Sacramental Retreats and Faith Sharing Events for our First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation Candidates. These events take place throughout the school year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Casey Hanley at 632-2678 x 233

### **Bishop’s Committee for Christian Home and Family Visitors Program**

This ministry is designed to help young mothers and families deal with day to day issues. A peer support of prayer, networking and visits to the homes of new parents are all ways in which the ministers in this group help to care for themselves and the members of God’s family.

If interested, call Mary Wetzel @ 929-5435

### **Stewardship Committee**

Members of this committee try to change people’s hearts and minds to be more generous with their time, talent, and treasure. We hope to increase the spirit of volunteerism and sharing within our parish and community

If you want to join or learn more call, Dave Mischler @ 632-7729; e-mail:

[dmischler1@roadrunner.com](mailto:dmischler1@roadrunner.com)

## **Parish Council**

Meets monthly (usually the 4th Sunday of the month) from September through June. The Council is made up of key Parish staff members and elected volunteers who serve 3 year terms. The Council serves as an advisory committee to Father Jerry and our parish. Members of the Parish Council also usually serve on other committees throughout the Church.

Contact: Greg Belile - Parish Council President 2009-2010  
716-626-4270 or [gmbelile@verizon.net](mailto:gmbelile@verizon.net)

## **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee**

This is a once in a lifetime occasion and will require many volunteers. Your faith community needs you to help plan and run this event. We need your expertise and there are many tasks that lie before us. Give us as much time as you deem appropriate.

Call one of the Co-chairs:  
Charlie Esposito @ 634-8097  
or Linda Lisicki @ 634-4371



*Matthew 6:33 teaches, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things shall be added to you”.*

Do you have an idea for sharing your gift (s) with our faith community?

**OR** If your ministry is not reflected in this compendium,  
please call Ann Marie MacIsaac at the Pastoral Office 632-2559 x207