



## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

#### Important Dates

- April 15**—Rite of Sending 10:30 Mass  
**April 18**—Confirmation Practice  
**April 19**—Confirmation 7 PM  
St. John Gualbert Cathedral  
**April 22**—9b 1 PM  
**April 22**—11<sup>th</sup> grade Mystagogy 3 PM

### REMINDER—FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

Students who will be making their First Eucharist in May and their families are reminded of our retreat NEXT **Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00-4:00 PM.



### *With Sympathy...*

Saint Clement Parish Family offers our sympathy to **the family of Harry Lavelly whose funeral we celebrated this past week; and to Jennifer Kist & Family on the death of her uncle, Charlie Cvijanovich.** Please keep them in your prayers.



Thank you to everyone who supported our St. Clement Food Pantry by your donations to last week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. A total of **\$3020.65** was collected! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**Marriage:** Today, the truth about marriage as the lifelong union of one man and one woman is not always popular in our contemporary community, but it needs courageous witnesses whose faith is stronger than public opinion. USCCB

**Life Matters:** May the Risen Christ grant us joy as we follow Him, embracing God's gift of life. USCCB

*—save the date—*

### PRAISE GOD IN WORD AND SONG

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH

Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



### THINK SPRING & RECYCLING!

"Jumping ahead" for Spring has us thinking of Spring cleaning and RECYCLING! We would like to have a recycling truck on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. As always, the success of our drive depends not just on donations, but our volunteers! Currently, we are looking for volunteers to help load the truck. If you can give a few hours, please contact the Rectory Office.



### MUSICAL

Bishop McCort Catholic High School presents *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Guzzi Performing Arts Center at Bishop McCort Catholic High School on **Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM each evening. Cost is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Students. All are welcome!!!



**2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE**  
**"MAKING CHRIST A HOME IN YOUR HEART"**

**2018 Goal: \$42,999**  
**Amount Pledged: 10,965**  
**Amount Still Needed: \$32,034**

**Total Families: 505 Total Donors: 59**

100% of your gift supports 14 ministries like **Priests' Vocations!** In 2017 two young men became priests. Today, there are four seminarians following Jesus' footsteps.

**A STORY OF FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY**

When Jonathan Dickson and Peter Crowe heard the words, "come follow me," they knew they would need some help to get in step with the Lord.

As young men who already had college degrees and were working in the business world, their first call to the priesthood was a cautious one. But, after much prayer and the support of others, the two men embraced the journey and both were ordained in May 2017—the first priests in our diocese ordained in six years.

The path to becoming a priest is a lengthy one – many years of study and preparation—learning to preach the Gospel, conducting weddings and baptisms, visiting the sick and homebound, shouldering the pain of those grieving, and a litany of other on-call duties, sometimes requiring a 24/7 presence.

The education to become an apostle of Christ is also a costly one. Seminary school has tuition and expenses like any college and to help ease their burden, the diocese offers support to young men seeking His call.

Your support will provide the spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral tools for these young men to learn and teach the greatest joys of following Jesus Christ.



**FESTIVAL BASKET BOOTH**

We are looking for donations of **filled** baskets, **NEW** items that we can use in a basket, bottles of **wine or liquor**, **lottery tickets**, etc. for our Basket Booth at this year's Parish Festival. You may bring your items to the Rectory during office hours, or place on the tables at the church doors. Cash donations are also accepted! All donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you!



**LIFE IN CHRIST: MISSION, MASS & MARY**

Join us at St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown, for "Life in Christ: Mission, Mass & Mary", **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>-Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM nightly. In this dynamic three-night mission, Catholic author and retreat director, Thomas Smith, will begin by sharing how we can embrace our baptismal mission to share the faith with others. Next, we will reflect on the Mass as the source of our strength. On night three, we will explore the indispensable role of Mary as a model disciple, powerful intercessor and protector. This event is open to all in the Diocese. A love offering will be taken.