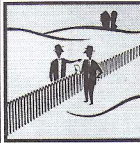


WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING: Our next gathering will be Tuesday evening, February 28, 2012, at 7pm. in the Library. For more information, contact Janet at 304-242-5822.



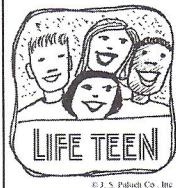
FATHER ED'S BIBLE STUDY: Our next gathering will be Monday, February 20, 2012, at 6:30 pm in the Caveney Room. Discussion will be on Luke, Chapters 19:28-21:38.



NURTURING NEIGHBORS: Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our next gathering will be Tuesday, February 21, at 1:30 pm in the Caveney Room. All are welcome!!

Please Pray For. . . .

Ken Keyser, Ann Hess, Robert Gummer, Marge Boyd, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Alphonse Brak, Ann Hess, Carol Orlofske, Amy Bliss, Dorothy Montgomery, Ruth Yuhase, Stryker Jaquay, Will Nickerson, Joseph Elliott, Bev Allen, Rose Loborec, Kareem Hadeed, Chuck Myers, Dee Nestor, Baby Savannah Rose, Jessica Richens, Ed Yahn, Kelly Jo Kent, Patricia Palkovic, Jeffrey Bock, Paul Peluchette, Mary Louise Raab, Sheila Bisceglia, John Ebbert, Frank Kosem, Julius Phillips, Blanche Naegele, Helen Murphy, Melvin Witsberger, Logan Castrodale, Tom Wakim, Lynn McCloskey, Sylvia Trenton, Tom Weishar, Caleb Paul Hlebiccki, Judy Busick, Dorothy Bischof, John Voscavitch, Charles Vanyo, Jayne Benson, Charles Yuhase, Julianne Stewart, Pearl Shutler, Bernadine Elias, Carmella Dallison, Theresa Savage, David Jasko, Debra Laughlin, Patty Glanding, Ron Wojcicki, Jackie Walford, Patrick O'Shaunnessy, George Bridges, Bonnie Starkey, Louis Havel, Daniel Bauer, and Florence Martin



NEXT LIFETEEN: at Our Lady of Peace Church — February 19: Get into the swing of things and dance the LifeNight away! Join us for Swing Dancing and bring a friend for good food and good company. LifeNight to follow.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: As I was surfing the web this past Sunday, I came across the following bulletin announcement on the website of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We've had a number of funerals lately, some of which the deceased was cremated. In every case, things were handled correctly. It is good to run these announcements from time to time to ensure that things will continue to be handled correctly.



CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES AND CREMATION

Cultural changes move quickly these days. Not so long ago burial of the bodies of the deceased was normative for Catholics and cremation was strictly forbidden. Once permission for cremation became a possibility (as long as the request did not imply a denial of the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead) a cultural chain reaction began. At first, permission for cremation was to be sought from the Diocesan Bishop. Soon that became impractical and so pastors were given the responsibility of issuing permission for cremation for Catholics.

At this point in time cremation is quite common. Parishioners are reminded that burial of the bodies of the deceased is still the norm for Catholics. Cremation is an exception that requires permission from the parish priest. The cremated remains are to be given the same respect as the bodies of the deceased in keeping with our Christian faith.

In planning a Catholic funeral the parish priest should be consulted if cremation is being considered. Cremation may be permitted in conjunction with a Catholic funeral in either of two formats:

A. Cremation may be permitted after the Vigil Service for the Deceased and the Funeral Liturgy have taken place. Then, following cremation, the remains are to be buried in a cemetery or entombed in a columbarium (a vault in a mausoleum with niches for urns containing cremated remains). This format is much preferred and more in keeping with Catholic tradition.

B. Cremation may be permitted before the Rite of Catholic Funeral takes place: Vigil Service for the Deceased, Funeral Mass with the cremated remains present, immediately followed by interment in a cemetery or entombment in a columbarium.

It is important to receive permission from the parish priest in making plans for either format. Permission for cremation may only be given with the understanding that the cremated remains will either be buried in a cemetery or entombed in a columbarium immediately following the funeral. This is in keeping with the Catholic belief in the sacredness of the human body and the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead.

Permission for a Catholic funeral before or after cremation may not be given unless the family agrees to a respectful interment of the remains in accord with our tradition. Permission cannot be given if the family intends to divide the remains, to mix the remains with those of other people (or even pets), to scatter the remains, to fashion them into jewelry, or to keep them for display in the home. — Fr. John

Second Collections

This Week: Debt Reduction
Next Week: Debt Reduction

Weekly Offering

February 12, 2012	\$10,191.00
Second Collection (School Support)	1,852.00

Thank you!

