

Byzantine Catholic Serra Club



of Pittsburgh

O God, grant an increase of laborers
for Your Church.

“Our mission...

...is to foster, affirm, promote and support, by prayer and deed, vocations to the priestly and diaconal ministries and to the consecrated life, in the Byzantine Catholic Church.”

*Sunday, May 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
Clergy Appreciation Dinner
Crowne Plaza Hotel - South*

MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Serrans Honor Clergy Achieving Milestones – Pentecost Sunday will be a day of special joy as we celebrate 2013 being a special anniversary of the ordination of so many of our priests. We have invited Father Anselm Orlosky (60 years), Father Ronald Borsuk (55 years), Father Roy Schubert (50 years), Father John Petro (45 years), Father Regis Dusecina and Father William Lascelles (40 years), Father John Mihalco and Father Richard Whetstone (30 years), Father Donald Voss (20 years), and Father James Ragan and Father Paul Alexander Shutt, OSB (15 years) to be our honored dinner guests that day. Very Reverend Archpriest David Petras will also be honored as he enters his retirement. Those members of parishes these priests have served who wish to join us in honoring them have been invited via the BCW. Marty Bovee, the main speaker, will present a 15-minute slide show

If you are planning to attend, please call either Joe Senko (412) 343-5031 or Rich Trankocy (412) 672-4665 by Thursday, May 16, 2013. Entrée choices are center cut sirloin or orange roughy, and cost of the dinner is \$25. Donations to cover the costs of our honored guests are most welcome.

Mangia! Mangia! – On Tuesday April 16th, we gathered in the Seminary dining room for our annual Pizza Party with seminarians and staff.



A wonderful array of salads balanced the pizza dinner, and as usual, the dessert table was groaning beneath the weight of the variety of goodies! Serrans brought wine and beer to make the party more festive, and Father George shared some treasured bottles of liqueur crafted by his brother. The pouring rain outside could not dampen the happy spirits within!

Club President
Joe Senko, Father

George Gallaro and Club Chaplain Father Valerian Michlik (shown, left to right) enjoy their pizza while Mike Pillar lends his two hands!

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Left: Seminary Rector Very Reverend Kurt Burnette expresses gratitude to the Serrans for their support and fellowship, with Deacon Brian Escobedo seated. *Below Right:* Stella Druga, Seminarian Kevin Malley and Very Reverend David Petras make short work of their pizza. *Below Left:* Marylyn Barone took advantage of the time together to present graduating seminarians and deacons with icons she wrote for them. Here she is shown with seminarian, Benjamin Crow and the icon of St. Stephen of Hungary. Kudos to Marylyn for bringing her camera, without which we would only have the photo at left from my cell phone!



Board Meetings – Fr. Valerian Michlik, Sam Barone, Dorothy Mayernik, Joe Senko, John Tomko, Rich Trankocy and Joe Warhola attended in April. Father Valerian, Bill and Kathe Kress, Dorothy Mayernik, Mike Pillar, Joe Senko, John Tomko, Rich Trankocy and Joe Warhola attended in May.

The Seminarian Prayer Cards are being printed and will be ready for distribution during Clergy Days at the end of the month.

Plans are firming up for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner. A nice article announcing the dinner appeared in the April 14th edition of the BCW – Thank you, Dorothy!

Club President Joe Senko will make a brief presentation during Clergy Days in conjunction with the distribution of the Seminarian Prayer Cards and club brochures.

We are working with Father Valerian to put together welcome packages for the priests and their families who are moving into the North and South Side rectories. Father Valerian is preparing a list of needed items.

Prayer Requests – Please pray for Bill Kress, Rosemary Tomko and Donna Senko, Joe and Albina’s daughter, as they recover from surgery.

Calendar of Events

May 19 – Clergy Appreciation Dinner – 6:30 p.m., Crowne Plaza

June 5 – Board Meeting, St. Gregory’s

June 19 – Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers – 6:30 p.m., Crowne Plaza