



SERRA

Club of Bethlehem



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SERRA'S OBJECTIVES

To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and to support priests in their sacred ministry;

To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church; and

To assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

CLUB MEETINGS

Serra Club of Bethlehem meets
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 PM
@ St. Francis Center for Renewal,
Monocacy Manor.

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Date	Agenda	Location
03/03/15	Board Meeting	Notre Dame Convent 4:00 PM
03/10/15	How Catholics Read and Interpret Scriptures <i>Fr. Bernard Ezaki</i>	Monocacy Manor 6:30 pm
03/21/15	Tour of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church Bally, PA <i>See Page 5</i>	10:30 AM to *1:30 PM*
03/24/15	Teaching Theology in High School <i>Thomas Kuehne</i>	Monocacy Manor 6:30 pm
04/05/15	EASTER SUNDAY	
04/07/15	Board Meeting	Notre Dame Convent 4:00 PM
04/14/15	The Church, The Body of Christ, Its Structure and Laws <i>Presenter TBA</i>	Monocacy Manor 6:30 pm
04/25/15	Ordination of Permanent Deacons	St. Thomas More
04/28/15	US Immigration Today <i>Jose Ramos and Jerry Dabrowski</i>	Monocacy Manor 6:30 pm

* Lunch after Tour *
\$10.00

Mark Your Calendars!

EASTER

April 5, 2015

Please Pray for:

Sam Errera

Vi Ulianna

Marge Coyle

Prayer for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

Lord, The plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and to grant us patience and courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy.
Glory be to you forever. Amen.

*by His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako
Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq.*

~~~~ Queen of Angels Prayers ~~~~

August Queen of Heaven,
sovereign Mistress of the Angels,
who didst receive from the beginning
the mission and the power to crush the serpent's head,
we beseech thee to send thy holy Angels,
that under thy command and by thy power,
they may pursue the evil spirits,
encounter them on every side, resist their bold attacks,
and drive them hence into the abyss of woe.
Most holy Mother, send thy angels to defend us
and to drive the cruel enemy from us. Amen.
All ye holy Angels and Archangels help and defend us.

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August Queen of Heaven,  
sovereign Queen of Angels,  
you who at the beginning  
received from God  
the power and the mission to crush the head of Satan,  
we beseech you humbly,  
send your holy legions so that,  
on your orders and by your power,  
they will track down demons,  
fight them everywhere,  
curb their audacity and plunge them into the abyss.

Who can be compared to God?  
Oh good and tender Mother,  
you will always be our love and our hope.

Oh divine Mother,  
send the Holy Angels and Archangels to defend me  
and to keep the cruel enemy far from me.

Holy Angels and Archangels defend us, protect us. Amen.

## Seminarian Birthdays

| Name                               | Date of Birth | Location                        |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| David Anthony                      | February 11   | St. Charles                     |
| John Hutta                         | January 9     | St. Charles                     |
| Stephen Issac                      | September 16  | St. Charles                     |
| Brendon Laroche                    | January 29    | St. Charles                     |
| Jeremy Leidich                     | July 3        | St. Charles                     |
| Daniel Lisella**                   | February 18   | St. Paul, Allentown             |
| John Maria                         | December 18   | St. Charles                     |
| Edward Maldonado                   | September 15  | Leave of Absence                |
| <i>*Juan Eduardo Rodrigez*</i>     | June 25       | St. John Nat.Sem.               |
| John Rother                        | April 26      | St. Charles                     |
| Matthew J. Thompson                | August 7      | St. Charles                     |
| Zachary Wehr**                     | February 14   | St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield |
| <i>*Christopher Wittensoldner*</i> | July 25       | St. John Nat.Sem.               |
| Jared Zambelli                     | April 27      | St. Charles                     |

\*\* These seminarians have taken a Pastoral Year and are not at St. Charles

Send your greetings to them at:  
**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**  
**100 E. Wynnewood Road**  
**Wynnewood, PA 19096**

**\* Saint John XXII National Seminary**  
**558 South Avenue, Weston MA 02493-2699**

## March Prayer requests for Priests

Please pray for our Holy Father, our Bishops and these Priests serving in the Diocese of Allentown during each designated date of March.

- 1 – His Holiness Pope Francis
- 2 – Pope Emeritus Benedict
- 3 – Bishop of Allentown John Barres
- 4 – Bishop Emeritus of Allentown Edward Cullen
- 5 – Father William Campion
- 6 – Father Thomas Carney
- 7 – Msgr. Michael Chaback
- 8 – Msgr. John Chizmar
- 9 – Father Donald Cieniewicz
- 10 – Father Richard Clement
- 11 – Msgr. Robert Coll
- 12 – Father Edward Connolly
- 13 – Father James Connolly
- 14 – Father John Conte
- 15 – Deceased priests
- 16 – Msgr. Edward Coyle
- 17 – Father Joseph Currie
- 18 – Father Harold Dagle
- 19 – Father Thomas Dailey
- 20 – Sick and infirm priests
- 21 – Father William Davis
- 22 – Father Charles Dene
- 23 – Father William Dermott
- 24 – Msgr. Thomas Derzack
- 25 – Msgr. Joseph DeSantis
- 26 – Msgr. Edward Domin
- 27 – Father Bruno Dongo
- 28 – Msgr. Joseph Dooley
- 29 – Father Walter Downs
- 30 – Father Anthony Drouncheck
- 31 – Father Ladislaus Dudek

## Serra Day at Most Blessed Sacrament March 21

Everyone is invited to join the Serra Clubs of the Diocese of Allentown in prayer for vocations Saturday, March 21 at Most Blessed Sacrament (MBS), Bally.

Serra is a nonprofit Catholic organization made up of laymen and laywomen who pray and work to foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated religious life. Its name is derived from Blessed Father Junípero Serra, a Franciscan missionary priest who established many missions in California in the late 1700s through his evangelization.

MBS is the oldest church in the Diocese of Allentown, and the oldest Roman Catholic church in the original 13 colonies still in continuous use in the original building.

Originally named St. Paul's Chapel, the mission was officially established in 1741.

When it was built Daniel Boone was a child playing at his family home a few miles away.

George Washington wasn't yet a teen, and by the time he became our first president, when most towns didn't even have a Catholic church, the Krauss brothers were building the organ for St. Paul's new addition. This organ is still in use today.

The day will begin with Rosary for Vocations at 10:30 a.m., followed by Mass, celebrated by Father James Bechtel, pastor emeritus of St. Jerome, Tamqua and a former pastor of MBS.

The tour of the church and grounds, and a catered luncheon are also included in the \$10 offering. Proceeds will go to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia.

To register, contact a Serran; John McHale, 610-349-8176, [jmchale81@yahoo.com](mailto:jmchale81@yahoo.com); or Steve Hahn, 484-706-3013, [stephenchahn@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenchahn@yahoo.com).

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