

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Saints Tour 2015: Saints in Support of Health and Wellness"

The Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, PA is hosting "Saints Tour 2015: Saints in Support of Health and Wellness" on **October 23 and 24**. Entertainment, education, local history, and a bit of Halloween spookiness - this event has it all! Tours depart every 20 minutes from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM and last approximately 1 1/2 hours. Please note that it is not handicap accessible. Cost is \$7 per person. Ticket proceeds will be donated to the SFU Dorothy Day Center. Please dress for the weather, as tours continue rain or shine. Bring a nonperishable item in exchange for a free drink (coffee, hot chocolate, soda). Hot food is available for purchase. For more information please find us on Facebook, contact the Basilica at 814-472-8551 or e-mail marielink@verizon.net.

Healing Mass - Monday, October 26

The Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group will host a Healing Mass celebrated by Father Bill Kiel in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 PM on October 26. Please pass the word and invite your friends and family. We are in need of some help. We could use ushers and some catchers for the prayer teams. If you can help, please call Tony Conrad at 207-9110.

Carmelite Community of the Word offers Opportunities for Spiritual Enrichment

"Having Mercy" Using Scripture and the words of Pope Francis, this program will be a time for faith sharing and reflection on our Holy Father's invitation to become a Church of Mercy. Sessions will be offered on Monday mornings, October 26, November 2 and November 9 from 9:30 AM to Noon OR Tuesday evenings, October 27, November 3 and November 10 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Choose either morning or evening time. Cost: \$25, includes book.

CCW Sunday Sabbath Series: Once again the Carmelite Community of the Word is offering their well-known Sunday Sabbath Series." During this Year of Mercy we will study and reflect on the lives of ordinary people who became extraordinary ministers of God's mercy. October 25: Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story; December 6: Unbreakable: A Story of Hope and Healing in Haiti. Sessions are from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. Join us for this time of enrichment, prayer and discussion. Donation is a Free Will offering. Pre-registration is requested three days before each program.

Overnight Retreat: Friday, December 4, 7:00 PM - Saturday, December 5, 3:00 PM

"Christ Have Mercy; a deep encounter with the mercy of Christ." An overnight retreat which will invite participants into a personal examination and encounter with the God of Mercy. The retreat will include enrichment sessions, personal and communal prayer and conversation. Donation: \$40 per person or \$50 for married couple. Includes retreat, materials, meals and overnight accommodations. Pre- registration is requested Monday before the retreat date.

All Sessions and Retreats will be held at
Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA.
To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-40981

LOOKING AHEAD! ACCS SOUP THROWDOWN - In Father Kelly Hall on Sunday, December 6th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Sample 20 soups (.50 cents/sample) and vote for your favorite. Various vendors including Stella & Dot and 31. Chances to win lots of Gift Baskets such as a lottery tree, or a \$500 voucher for BG. Also, face painting, bake sale, and a visit with Santa.

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MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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*The response of a good steward is: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."
May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.*

TODAY IS VOLUNTEER SUNDAY HELP OUR PARISH

At all Masses this weekend, our *Moving Forward In Faith* Capital Campaign is being announced, and an appeal is being made to all parishioners to help us in the campaign.

We need volunteers who can assist with making visits to the homes of fellow parishioners. All volunteers will be teamed up with other parish members to make visits, which are scheduled to begin in November and last for approximately two weeks. Before our volunteers make their visits, we will conduct an orientation and training meeting to explain the fund-raising process. In addition to these meetings, we will also provide our workers with materials and other forms of support to assist them throughout the campaign.

Many parishioners have already accepted positions of leadership in the campaign, and are hard at work with the organizational plans. We are pleased to announce that Jim Davidson and Dave Kimmel serve as co-chairs of the campaign and Maryann Bistline and Stephanie Kilcoyne are serving as recruitment co-chairs. We also need your help. The more volunteers we have, the easier it will be to reach our goal. *Please join us as we work together as friends, neighbors, and parishioners to make our campaign the success we are all praying for.*