



**Upcoming Events:**

- **8th Grade Graduation** — Saturday, June 11 at 5 p.m. Mass, followed by dinner and dance. Congratulations and best wishes to the class of 2011!
- **Kindergarten Graduation** — Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m. Congratulations — see you in first grade!
- **Annual St. Gregory Lawn Fete** — mark your calendars for July 21, 22 & 23 for great food, games, and fun! Volunteers still needed — please consider giving a couple hours of your time to help with this important parish and school fundraiser. Thank you!
- **Vacation Bible School** — June 27-July 1
- **Summer Super Bingo Dates** — June 5, July 10 and August 7

## A Night in Vegas was a BIG success, thanks to you!

Our annual auction night is always a fantastic evening, filled with fun and sought-after prizes — and this year was no exception!

The Bergman Events Center was transformed into an exciting casino atmosphere, with colorful decorations, lighting, and music that really set the mood.

A number of people went away with some incredible items thanks to the many families, individuals, and busi-

nesses who donated to the Chinese Auction baskets, Silent Auction, and Live Auction.



A Jamie Dixon signed Pitt Basketball basket was a big live auction item thanks to the donation by Scott Calligan.

The race to be the highest bidder on the most desired

items — like the classroom pottery pieces, the jewelry purses, the Hidden Valley weekend, sports memorabilia — became very competitive!

But the friendly bidding wars resulted in some very generous donations that will of course benefit the school. In total, the event **raised over \$20,000!**

Many thanks to all who attended, including school parents, parishioners, friends, and neighbors of St. Gregory School.

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## Annual St. Anne Guild Rummage Sale Starts Soon!

The Annual St. Anne Guild Rummage Sale will be set up in the Bergman Events Center, on Saturday June 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you'd like to donate items you may drop them off at this time. You may also drop off items Mon-

day, June 20th through Thursday, June 23rd, any time between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The official sale begins Friday, June 24th, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 25th, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. A light breakfast and lunch will

be available on both sale days. Everyone is invited to participate in donating items or to visit on the two-day sale.

Our next meeting is July 5th at 7:30. Please check the bulletin for more info.

# Lawn Fete Has Something for Everyone

With summer on its way, the Lawn Fete committee has been busy preparing for this year's parish festival. This year's event scheduled for Thursday, July 21, Friday, July 22, and Saturday, July 23, offers something for everyone. Children will enjoy the inflatable slide, moonwalk and new this year, a rocket ride. For adults there will be the White Elephant Sale, Bingo, the Big Raffle and Chinese Auction Baskets. A variety of games including some featuring the St. Gregory wolf are planned. Dinners will be served nightly from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the refreshment stand is open during festival hours.

The Lawn Fete depends on support from parishioners and school families for its success. There are many ways to help the Lawn Fete.

Lawn Fete Raffle Tickets were sent home in the school students' April family folder. Ticket stubs and money may be returned to the School Office, the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket. Additional raffle tickets are available in the church vestibule. Please consider buying or selling additional books.

Keep an eye out for the Donation request poster. It

will be coming soon to the church vestibule. This donation poster provides an opportunity for parishioners to sign up to donate items needed for dinners, the refreshment stand and booths. Consider planting some extra produce in your vegetable garden for use in the Lawn Fete dinners. Desserts will be needed each night for



the dinners and the Bake stand. New this year, cash donations will also be accepted. Envelopes will be available for this purpose or you can just mark an envelope as Lawn Fete Dinner Donation and place it in the collection basket.

The Chinese Auction Booth is in need of items to include in the Auction baskets.

Some of this year's themes include Boy's and Girl's baskets, Back to School, Off to College, Black and Gold Sports, Pets, Italian Basket and Evening Out

Package. Tickets to sporting events or cultural events and gift cards are versatile and can be incorporated into many themes. Any donation is appreciated, however donations are needed by July 5th in order to allow time to assemble the baskets.

Finally, what the Lawn Fete needs most is volunteers. The Lawn Fete trailer will be unloaded on Saturday, July 9th beginning at 7 a.m. Many hands are needed as this is when the bulk of the grounds is set up. The volunteers work until early afternoon. The stands will be delivered on Sunday, July 17th after the 11:30 mass. Help is needed from 1p.m. until evening to get the grounds and the White Elephant Sale ready.

During the festival approximately 100 volunteers are needed each evening. Opportunities range from cooking and serving food at dinners and in the refreshment stand, to operating games, selling tickets to cleaning up. Volunteering at the Lawn Fete is a great way to have fun while helping the parish. Sign up sheets are available in the vestibule.

— Val Bucek

# St. Gregory Girl Scouts Work Toward Bronze Award

Junior Girl Scout Troop 20821 meets bi-weekly at St. Gregory. We started as young kindergarten "Daisies" and have now grown into the "Junior" level of Scouts.

This year has been particularly busy and fun for our troop! We've had a swim party, taken sewing classes, pottery classes, horseback riding classes, attended Slippery Rock Science Day, and the annual Girl Scout Father/Daughter Sock Hop.

Our most recent endeavor is taking over Father Bob's garden. With blessings from both Father Bob and Father Bill, we have begun weeding and planting in the garden boxes behind the church.

The fruits, (or should we say vegetables), of our labor will be donated to a local charity. By doing this, our Junior Girl Scout Troop will fulfill one of the community service re-

quirements necessary for us to earn the prestigious Bronze Award in Scouting.

We will also be working with younger St. Gregory Girl Scout troops to carry on this gardening tradition.

Our troop would like to thank Fr. Bill for being so kind and allowing us to grow these gardens so we can earn our Bronze Award.



## Help Celebrate Six Years of Super Bingo!

Super Bingo is Sunday, June 5th in the Bergman Events Center. This is our 6th Anniversary so come out and help us celebrate!

Cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and tickets are available at the church office or Mathew Jewelers in Zelig or The Streets of Cranberry.

Bingo has raised a considerable amount of money for

the parish toward the debt reduction.

If you would like to get involved in this worthwhile endeavor please call Gert for more info at 724-452-5798.

We are always looking for more smiling faces to help us out!

— *Gert Mathew*



## St. Gregory School PTG Board Members Are Already Gearing Up for the 2011-12 School Year

As this school year comes to a close for the teachers and students, it is just the beginning of a new year for the St. Gregory PTG Board!

Believe it or not, we begin making plans for our fundraisers and other activities for next year now, so we can be ready to make the most of the opportunities for St. Gregory throughout the year.

Many thanks go out to Mrs. Nock and Mrs. Harris, as well as the officers and board members who have served this past year: Andy Blough (President), Pam Wild (Vice President), Joann Wilson (Treasurer), Lori Maloney (Secretary), Debi Allen, Jim Mangus, Randy Kaelin, Cathy Troiani, Chris Seaman, Patty Smutko, Kathy Roczko, and Maria Harmer.

Although we will be saying goodbye to several PTG



Board members who have completed their terms, we are grateful for their service and dedication to the school.

We also welcome several more new faces to help in the efforts that lie before us in the new school year.

Remaining on the board for 2011-2012 are: Andy Blough (President), Jim Mangus (Vice President), Cathy Troiani (Treasurer), Debi Allen, Randy Kaelin, Kathy Roczko, Lori Maloney, and Maria Harmer.

Joining them will be Mau-

reen Akers (Secretary), Jennifer Tomer, Christy Shirlow, and Bryan McConnell.

Look for more about the board in an upcoming issue of the *St. Gregory Connection*, including an update on the totals of our fundraising efforts for this school year.

We also want to thank all the families and members of our parish community who have supported all of our fundraisers throughout the school year. Without your participation and generosity, we would not have been able to do our part in helping the school meet its annual fundraising goals set by the Diocese.

### Fundraiser for Joe Desanzo

Many people in town are not aware that JOE DESANZO recently had a stroke and is unable to work. Joe has dedicated his time for our community and has served for 24-1/2 years as a Zenienople Police Officer. His colleagues have been trying to do everything they can for him and have been planning a NIGHT AT THE RACES fundraiser on Saturday June 4. (See flyer attached to this newsletter for details.)

## News from Zelianople Friends of the Park

### The Zelig Pool is OPEN!

Here are the details about the pool hours.....

- Tuesday, May 31 - Friday, June 3 — 4 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, June 4 - Sunday, June 5 — 12 to 8 p.m.
- Monday, June 6 - Thursday, June 9 — 4 to 8 p.m.
- THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: Friday, June 10 — 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- June 11 through Labor day — 12 to 8 p.m. daily, WEATHER PERMITTING!!

A **Solar Cover** has been purchased by FOTP for the baby pool and has been on warming up the pool on these warm sunny days!! We have also purchased "**liquid blanket**" that will help the big pool not to have the heat escape in the evenings.

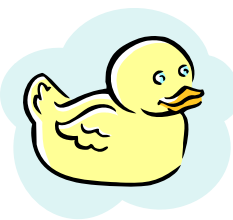
**ICE CREAM** will now be sold at the NEW "cold treats" snack shed!



### The Friends of the Park DERBY DUCK RACE is coming to town!

We need volunteers to help with this exciting fundraiser, if anyone is interested in joining the committee please contact Alecia Flood, FOTP Board Member, at [www.myzeliepark.org](http://www.myzeliepark.org) or 724-453-1583. We need help selling ducks and obtaining prizes for this event. Never heard of a Derby Duck Race?

Here's how it works: We sell raffle tickets (\$10/ticket) with a corresponding number on a yellow rubber duck. On race day, Saturday July 2, 2011, we will dump all ducks from the bridge in



Zelig into the Connoquenessing Creek at the same time.

They will race their way down to the canoe launch area off of Halstead Blvd., where they will begin to collect. The first duck that passes through the collection tube wins a \$1,000.00 first prize, 2nd place wins \$500.00, third prize wins \$250.00, and our goal is to have many, many, more prizes. This event will be so much fun to watch. More details will come as to the time

of the event and easy directions to collection site for anyone who would like to come. Winners need not be present to win.



**ANOTHER GOLD COIN HAS BEEN FOUND!** For the **THIRD** year in a row, the FOTP has found a 1oz. solid gold coin in a collection bin. Gold is valued at \$1,500 an ounce right now and we have sold it to Maddalon Jewelers.

It was a mint condition 1990 Liberty coin. There is truly someone **VERY** special in town that keeps surprising us every year. With this coin, our firework collection total is over \$3,000 Thank you to the generous person who cares enough about Zelig and our firework collection efforts!

## A Night in Vegas (cont'd)

A big thanks also goes to the tireless work of our event chairperson, Stacey Schmitzer, and the members of her planning committee — with special recognition to Cathy Troiani, Lori Maloney, Mindy Pasquale, Randy Kaelin, Andy Blough, and Chris Seaman.

In addition to the committee's time, none of it would have been possible without all the parent volunteers who helped set up, worked various stations throughout the evening, and helped clean up afterwards. And we can't forget all those who donated delicious cookies for dessert!

For a full list of the night's winners, look for a list we'll be publishing soon.

If you'd like to help plan next year's event, please contact the school office or any of the PTG Board Members.

We can always use more



The king-size St. Gregory School 100th Anniversary Quilt was lovingly hand-crafted by Maureen Akers, and featured quilt squares representing each of our school children.

hands as we work to make next year even bigger and better than ever!

Thanks to all for your support.



The annual "Purse Auction" always brings in big bids from those hoping to win hidden jewels. This year an Honora pearl bracelet donated by Mathew Jewelers was the prize for lucky winner, Marian Calligan!



Classroom pottery pieces from Mud Pie were as beautiful as ever! Above is the 8th grade plate showing each of our graduates in cap and gown. Below is the 1st grade vase, which fetched the highest bid: \$1,400!



## Zelienople Nursery School Fall Enrollment is Open!

Zelienople Nursery School

3 & 4 year old Classes Available

Register Now for 2011-2012!  
For Information Call 724-453-6787



# Our 8th Graders Are Moving on to a Number of Area High Schools

Congratulations to all of our graduating 8th grade students, and best wishes as you begin the next chapter in your lives. May you always cherish your years at St. Gregory School! Here are the high schools they will be attending:



Becky Akers	Quigley Catholic High School
Kaylee Aunspaw	Seneca Valley High School
Casey Baker	Laurel Junior/Senior High School
Madison Boyer	Freedom High School
Johnny Brittner	Seneca Valley High School
Tim Buggy	Seneca Valley High School
Nathan Cummings	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Liz Duer	Quigley Catholic
Francis Folz	Mars Area High School or ECA
Olivia Fyda	Quigley Catholic High School
Justice Hartman	Seneca Valley High School
Rose Homison	Quigley Catholic High School
Julien Kastelic	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Luke Kiefer	Freedom High School
Cameron Koman	North Catholic or Quigley Catholic High School
Madison Kusich	Freedom High School
Jack Lachendro	Seneca Valley High School
Chris Lippold	Seneca Valley High School
Gabriel Lisella	Quigley Catholic High School
Maggie Maloney	Seneca Valley High School
Mary Mazur	Vincentian Academy
Brendan Mergenthaler	North Allegheny High School
Rebecca Moser	Seneca Valley High School
Sebastian Pearce	Lincoln High School
Emily Schnarre	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Rikky Winfield	Seneca Valley High School

# *Butler County*



## *Lodge #107*



# *Night At The Races Fundraiser*



**FOR**  
*Sergeant Joe Desanzo*  
*Zelienople Police*



Joe Desanzo recently suffered a disabling injury that has prevented him from returning to work. We are having a fundraiser for Joe on June 4th, 2011. Joe has been there for every one of us at one time or another. For those of you that don't know Joe, he is the current President of the Butler County, FOP Lodge, 107. Joe is a Sergeant, with the Zelienople Police Dept. As a result of the disabling injury and time away from work, Joe has exhausted all of his available sick time, vacation days and personal days. This event will greatly assist the Desanzo family during these difficult times.

If you would like to donate to the Desanzo family please send a donation to:

FOP  
PO Box 1722  
Cranberry Twp., Pa. 16066

**Where:** Ritzert Hall, 417 East Main Street, Evans City, Pa, 16033 *Top of Main Hill*

**When:** Saturday June 4th, 2011

**Time:** Doors open at 5:30 - Food: 6:15 - Races Start: 7:30

**Cost:** \$30 Per Person, Includes a Horse for Race, Food, Soft Drinks, Beer

Any questions contact Bob O'Neil at [rsoneil@zooninternet.net](mailto:rsoneil@zooninternet.net) or Joe McCombs at [ecchief@zoominternet.net](mailto:ecchief@zoominternet.net)