



St. Paul's Monastery News

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Greetings from Fr. Richard



There was a song some time ago whose words went "Summertime and the living is easy." As we begin summer we are all looking for a slowing-down-time, vacation time.

But with our nation at war and our fellow citizens being killed, gas prices rising, and the economy bouncing around, there is a unease that hangs over us.

However, it will only be when we allow the Lord Jesus to guide our lives and our world, that we will find the *living easy*. For Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, trust in Me and your burden will be light and your heart at rest." As we pray for peace to come to our lives and into our world, we need to remember that it is only by our trust and closeness to the Prince of Peace, Jesus, can we bring change to our world and to our lives.

Fr. Richard Nalepa, C.P.

Happy Birthday

Br. Joseph came from his residence at the Vincentian Home to St. Paul's to celebrate his 84th Birthday this past February. We are blessed to have Br. Joe visit us.



May bake sale

Passionists Associates at work in the Local Community

Our *Passionist Associates* have been an active part of the Passionist Family for the past several years. *Associates* are men and women closely bonded with the Passionists. Their spiritual lives are formed by Passionist ideals and values. They meet regularly to continue bonding with each other and to grow in Passionist spirituality. These photos are a few recent examples of their good deeds in our local community.



(top left) Associates work in the Monastery Garden.

(top) Dr. Salvatore Mascari and Linda Kincel, Associates, help Fr. Don with his Parish Missions in the Pittsburgh area.



(left) Fr. Tim Fitzgerald sits with an Associate, Anne Bonatesta, during one of their monthly gatherings.

Bake Sale

Our Monastery Auxiliary held a bake goods and potted plants sale on Sunday, May 9. Proceeds helped the Passionists at St. Paul's. The Auxiliary members made the many delicious baked goods which were on sale.

Lenten Retreat at County Jail



Fr. Don Ware at the jail

Fr. Don Ware preached a Lenten Retreat Day to thirty Allegheny County Jail inmates at the invitation of the Catholic chaplain of the jail, Fr. George Chortos. The men responded well to Fr. Don's lively presentations. Fr. Don said, "It was a wonderful challenge. Our founder, St. Paul of the Cross (18th century Italy), worked with prisoners in his day. I felt like I was walking in his footsteps."

Your Offering Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope containing our address. Any contribution you make to us will help defray the cost of this newsletter which is now mailed to over 3,000 households. Thank you for your generosity.

New Director for *Confraternity of the Passion*

The *Confraternity of the Passion* is a prayerful union of men and women dedicated in a special way to the Passion of Jesus. The *Confraternity* is another part of the Passionist Family of priests, brothers, nuns, sisters, and associates. *Con-*

fraternity members seek to grow in the Passionist spirit, gaining a deeper understanding for and love of Jesus' Passion. They join their lives with Jesus in offering themselves to our loving Father, and in growth in the spirit of compassion in their own hearts.

Dr. Sal Mascari, a C.P. Associate, is the new Director of the Confraternity of the Passion. Fr. John McMillan, C.P., is the chaplain.

For more information write to: Sal Mascari, St. Paul's Retreat Center, 148 Monastery Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, or call him at 412-381-7676.



Sal Mascari

Join Us for Our Novena



Novena clients come for the blessing with relics.

A Novena is one of many traditional Catholic devotions. In a Novena we seek God's help by appealing to God through the saints, God's special friends.

Since 1925 St. Paul's Monastery has held Novena Services each Monday, asking the intercession of the Passionist saints Paul of the Cross (our Founder), Gabriel, and Gemma to obtain for us special blessings or help with a particular need. The beautiful Novena Prayers are recited following the Masses at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM.



St. Gemma's statue highlighted for her May Feast Day.

Why not join us to pray for your special needs on Mondays at our Masses and Novena Services?

Mass Cards

Call to have our beautiful Mass Cards sent to you, or stop in to pick up one or more. The office is open daily.

Your Will

Please remember the Passionists and our ministry here at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery in your will. This will help us continue our work here in Pittsburgh.

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