

# Generations of Faith

*Come to the Carpenter Shop • The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church*

UNETHICAL PRACTICES, 'SHOCKING lack of understanding'... Bishops consultant says many...CATHOLICS just don't know, or were led astray. Have you been noticing more and more the headlines and the news telling us of the many moral decisions that people face without the knowledge of Church teaching?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that since all human beings are created "by God and for God," we discover the truth for which we long only in his embrace (CCC26).

If we wish to grow in holiness, then we are called to put away our habits and embrace virtue.

In this year of St. Paul, we are reminded that only through the graces of the Lord can we put away our "old self" and put on Christ. A great Doctor of the Church, St. Augustine, spent many years living in the darkness of vice. However, "since we are created by God and for God, it is never too late for us to begin embracing virtue."

To embrace virtue is to accept our need for further study...

Soon fall will be upon us and the beginning of a new year of learning. In the Carpenter Shop this year we will be building on the experience we shared last year with Dr. Rich Michney when he presented *Morality: Twelve Tough Issues and More*.

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has designated this Jubilee Year of St. Paul to be a year of THE WORD OF GOD in the Life and Mission of the Church. So we will be focusing on Jesus and on Sacred Scripture and how those two sources provide us with the foundation to make real life moral decisions.

The purpose of learning about Morality is to foster a greater understanding and respect of the laws of God, natural laws, and the laws of the Church among Catholics.

It is the task of distinguishing between good and evil and applying this understanding to human behavior.

Morality is life in Christ: values, choices, and actions. The Trinity offers us the model of community.

Each year the parish provides copies of the Daily Gospel for its parishioners to pray, study, and reflect on the Gospel from Sunday to Sunday. Sacred Scripture will further enrich our study this year as we delve deeper into the study of morality.

## WHAT IS THE CARPENTER SHOP?

The Carpenter Shop is faith formation that involves EVERYONE in the parish community. It is drawn from our Catholic experience and is for all generations.

Together, we learn and grow through experience and participation in yearlong related events and activities by:

- Preparing for meaningful participation in church events.
- Engaging in the events
- Reflecting on the significance and meaning of the event
- Applying the learning to living as everyday Catholics

*"To effectively live the faith, modern Catholics need to discover the centrality of the Eucharist and the importance of parish life."*

*Pope John Paul II*

## WHAT DO WE DO AT THE MONTHLY FESTIVALS?

### EAT DESSERT

**ENGAGE** – look at the central topic through a creative or interactive activity (keeping in mind that sometimes it is what we bring to the learning experience for others, not necessarily what we would come away with, that is also constructive).

**EXPRESS** – coming back together to integrate and expand upon our new learning and insights.

**EXALT** – gathering a final time to express our praise and gratitude for God's power and presence.

## WHAT IS THE HOME KIT?

The kit includes prayers, readings, and activities to extend the experience to serve as preparation for the upcoming liturgy or the next faith event.

Each household will receive an email once a month with the home kit materials. Please include your email address on the registration form.

For those who do not have access to a computer in their home, a hard copy will be available if you indicate your need on the registration form.

## "WHO WILL TELL THE STORY TO THE NEXT GENERATION?"

Together we can bring our Catholic practices and traditions to life. These time honored practices include worshipping God and celebrating the Sacraments, telling the Christian story, interpreting the Scriptures and traditions, praying, forgiving and reconciling, serving, witnessing to our faith, giving generously of our gifts, providing hospitality and care, listening and being compassionate, and working for justice and human dignity.

WHOLE CHURCH FAITH FORMATION seeks to make disciples – "to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ."

As Pope Benedict said in his WORLD YOUTH DAY closing liturgy; "... the grace of the Spirit, is not something we can merit or achieve, but only receive as pure gift. God's love can only unleash its power when it is allowed to change us from within. We have to let it break through the hard crust of our indifference, our spiritual weariness, our blind conformity to the spirit of this age."



# Generations of Faith Registration Form – 2008/2009

## Faith Festivals

### ***Morality: Building Conscience and Twelve Tough Issues***

**Please check the following Faith Festival(s) that you will attend:**

- All Faith Festivals**
- Parish Retreat – The Jubilee Year of St. Paul**  
*(The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church)*  
Fr. Mark Ott  
*Partners in building up the Kingdom of God here on earth*  
Sunday, September 21st, 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Forming Conscience and Our Voting Responsibility**  
Sr. Mary McCormick and Keith Johnson  
*The Great Law of Love*  
Wednesday, October 15, 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m. - noon or 6-9 p.m.
- Abortion and Artificial Conception /Contraception**  
Dr. Margarita Lasseletta and Keith Johnson  
*The Fifth Commandment*  
Wednesday, November 12, 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, November 15, 9 a.m. - noon or 6-9 p.m.
- Prolonging Life and Capital Punishment**  
Speaker to be determined  
The Seventh and Tenth Commandments  
Wednesday, December 10, 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, December 13, 9 a.m. - noon or 6-9 p.m.
- Divorce and Remarriage / Homosexuality**  
Fr. Joe  
*The Fourth and Sixth Commandments*  
Wednesday, January 21, 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m. - noon or 6-9 p.m.
- What the Church Teaches**  
Pete Schafer  
*The First, Second, and Third Commandments*  
Wednesday, February 18, 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m. - noon or 6-9 p.m.
- Priestly Celibacy and Why Women Can't be Ordained**  
Fr. Joe  
*The Fourth and Eighth Commandments*  
Wednesday, March 18, 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m. - noon or 6-9 p.m.
- A Lasting Peace: Social Morality**  
Keith Johnson and Pete Schafer  
*The Ninth and Tenth Commandments*  
Wednesday, April 22, 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. - noon or 6-9 p.m.

### **Workshops**

- **Little Shavers** (Ages 4 and 5)  
Saturday mornings only
- **Confirmation Class**  
Available all three sessions
- **Carpenter's Apprentices**  
(Grades 1-4 with parents)  
Available all three sessions
- **Master Sawyers**  
(Grade 10-12)  
Available all three sessions
- **Journeyman 1** (Grades 5-6)  
Available all three sessions
- **Master Woodworkers**  
(College age and above)  
Available all three sessions
- **Journeyman 2** (Grades 7-8)  
Available all three sessions

### **Opening Prayer and Dessert**

*We know your time is valuable but please try to be prompt. Dessert will be at 6:00 which is an integral part of GOF hospitality followed immediately by the opening prayer at 6:30.*

## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY NAME(S)	Adult	Youth	Age	Grade
Member 1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Member 2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Member 3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Member 4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Member 5:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Member 6:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Member 7:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Member 8:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### **Our household plans to build our faith on:**

- Wednesday evening – 6-9 p.m.
- Saturday morning – 9 a.m.-Noon
- Saturday evening – 6-9 p.m.
- Our family has children who would be willing to baby-sit.
- Our family needs a babysitter.
- Our family needs a hard copy of the home-kit materials because we do not have E-Mail.**

## Cost of Faith Festivals: Flat Fee of \$30.00

**This year the cost of Generations of Faith is a flat fee of \$30.00 per year for single, couples, and families.**

**Families of Confirmation candidates will need to pay an additional fee of \$30.00 to offset the purchase of Confirmation textbooks.**

**Catechism available: You may add \$13.00 per copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which will be most helpful in the GOF sessions studying morality.**

**To receive your tickets, please complete this registration form and make a check payable to Sacred Heart Parish (memo check GOF) and Mail to:**

**Generations of Faith, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish,  
260 Broad Street, Wadsworth, OH 44281**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Come Join the Faith Building Team!**

I can help with (please check one or more of the following):

- Food Preparation
- Food Service (families welcome)
- Hospitality
- Clean-up Crew
- Clean-up Closers (Wed. night and Sat. night for 30 min.)
- Home Kit Assembly (Friday morning prior to the festival)
- Communication
- Data Entry
- Teacher Aides (Elementary)

*For more information please call Diane Bruce at 330-335-0029*