

## 2010 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

The annual Parish Share Program Campaign began last week on Sunday, **February 14**. The Parish Share Program offers each of us an opportunity to make a commitment to responsible Christian stewardship. Parish Share plays a critical role in meeting the needs of the Church throughout our six-county region. It assures that the ministries and services that no parish could provide on its own will continue to reach out to everyone in this diocese-including our Catholic education system, the formation of our priests, the work of our hospital and prison chaplains, Catholic Charities, and marriage preparation programs. We ask that you help advance God's Kingdom by sharing your material blessings through the Parish Share Program. The Parish Share Program benefits not only the critical programs of the diocese but our own parish in a direct way. Any amount of money that a parish collects over the parish's annual goal remains in the parish for its ministry programs. Last year, we slightly exceeded our PSP goal, and as a result, we were able to use the excess funds to address other issues in our parish. It is our hope that we can again exceed the goal set by the diocese for this year of \$54,132.00. You should have received or will receive soon, a letter asking that each family consider a gift of \$125.00, which you can elect to pay in one lump sum or spread out in payments of \$12.50/month for ten months. All contributions we receive in excess of the goal will be used to maintain the facility and grounds as well as to promote various parish and ministry projects. Thank you for your generosity in the past and your commitment to pledge again this year. Any gift, larger or smaller, will be appreciated.

## CARD PARTY

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Rene #1868 are holding a Card Party on Saturday, March 20 at 12:00-3:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. Tickets are \$12 each. The afternoon will include lunch, a 50/50 raffle, a Chinese Auction, cards, board games, or just visiting with friends. The Catholic Daughters are the largest and oldest national organization of Catholic women with the motto of unity and charity. This fundraiser will help to raise money for several of the charities that our Court continues to support, some of which are Intersection (Soup Kitchen), Trinity Mission, Veterans, Making Rosaries, Making Birthing Kits for Haiti, Project Handclasp (Navy), SOAR (Support Of Aging Religious. Call for tickets to Mary Ellen Samek at 412-889-2278 or Ann Nowak at 412-372-5877.

## MEETINGS

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will meet Wednesday, **February 24** at 7:00 PM in the Rectory/Office Conference Room.

**THE WOMEN'S GUILD** will meet Tuesday, **March 2** in DeLuca Hall at 7:00 PM.

**ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE** is held every Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Music Room.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE** is held on the first and last Sundays of the month at 9:30 AM in the Music Room.



## BLOOD PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations to Frank DiAgostino as the winner of the gift certificate for the December blood donation that he made to help save lives in the Pittsburgh region. He received a gift certificate for \$20 from the Esta Esta Restaurant. Each month we will have a drawing among the blood donors who gave blood during that month. Due to the heavy snow fall, the blood donations are lower than normal. Central Blood Bank needs 725 blood donations every day to help save lives. Please schedule your next blood donation by calling 1-866-366-6771. Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, **March 21** at North American Martyrs Church in DeLuca Hall between 8:30 AM-1:30 PM. Call 412-372-4332 to volunteer.

## FROM NEIGHBORING PARISHES



**OUR LADY OF JOY CCD & Youth** Ministry students will hold a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the poor of Chimbote, Peru on Sunday, **March 14** at 3:00-7:00 PM. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert and beverage for \$7/adult and \$3/child. A 50/50 raffle, several auction baskets, strolling violin music and entertainment for children will be offered. For additional information, please call 412-795-3388

**ST. MICHAEL** will be hold a Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, **March 28** at 3:00-6:00 PM. The dinner will include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert and beverage for \$6/adult and \$3/child age 10 and under. Take out orders will be available. Call the Rectory at 412-373-2610 for further information.

