

# ***THE GONZAGA FATHER'S CLUB***

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## **NEWS LETTER – MARCH 2009**



### **Mark your Calendars:**

2nd Annual McKenna Center Irish Music Fundraiser: Mar 8, 4:00 p.m.  
Father's Club Meeting: Mar 10, 6:30 p.m. – an Evening of Reflection  
Baseball Fundraiser, Joe Ehrmann: Mar 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Dramatic Association, *The Pajama Game* – Mar 13 -15, Mar. 20 – 21  
Mother-Son Communion Breakfast: Mar 15, 8:00 a.m.  
Father-Son Communion Breakfast: May 3

### **Upcoming Events:**

See the GFC web site for (<http://www.gonzagafathers.com/>) information about other upcoming events.

**Father's Club:** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Mar. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Instead of the regular meeting, we will be having our second mini-retreat. This will be the week before Holy Week and will begin with mass in the chapel. After a light dinner, we will have reflection and discussion on the topic of prayer, led by Fr. Tim Stephens. Please RSVP by March 9th to John Treseler via email ([jtreseler@grimberg.com](mailto:jtreseler@grimberg.com)) if you can make it. There is no charge for this event (although contributions are always welcome), but we do need an attendance number to make sure we have enough food.

**Baseball Fundraiser – Joe Ehrmann:** The Gonzaga Baseball Boosters are presenting a lecture and book signing by world renowned motivational speaker, Joe Ehrmann, on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Aloysius Church. Joe Ehrmann is a former NFL defensive tackle with the Baltimore Colts, high school football coach, co-founder of Men and Women for Others, and subject of the book, *Season of Life* by Jeffrey Marx. His message of Coaching, Ethics and Team Leadership is ideally suited for our sons and the entire Gonzaga community. Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained by contacting Jeff Stoiber at [jstoiber@stoiberandassociates.com](mailto:jstoiber@stoiberandassociates.com) or 202-986-4700. Proceeds will support the Baseball Boosters Club and their effort to upgrade Hamilton Field.

**Gonzaga Dramatic Association – The Pajama Game:** The spring play will be *The Pajama Game*. Based on the novel, *Seven and a Half Cents*, and created by the team who gave us *Damn Yankees*, *The Pajama Game* bursts with fabulous dances, big chorus numbers, and memorable songs including “Steam Heat,” “Hernando’s Hideaway,” “Hey There,” and “I’m Not at All in Love.” Performances will be at 7:30 on Mar. 13, 14, 20, and 21 and there will be a 2:30 matinee performance on Mar. 15.

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**Mother-Son Communion Breakfast:** On Sunday, March 15, the annual Mother-Son Communion Breakfast will take place at Gonzaga. Over 100 Gonzaga Fathers are needed to serve our boys and their mom's the finest meal of the year, a tradition no dad should miss. Contact Frank Kelly (frank@kellypioneer.com) to volunteer.

### **Sports Update:**

**Indoor Track:** On Feb. 7, the indoor track team captured 1st place at the MD DC Private School Championship. Coach Maddox and the athletes are to be commended. The meet featured teams from throughout the Baltimore/Washington area. Gonzaga was first with 75 points, followed by Carroll in second with 56 points, and DeMatha in third with 44 points.

### **Recent Events:**

**Freshman Retreat:** We want to thank Tim Jorgensen and all of the volunteers, who helped to make the Freshman Retreat so successful, especially Stefan Monica who led the chaperones for both shifts of the sleepover. This is the fifth year in a row that Stefan has worked the sleepover. Tim will be the GFC Freshman Retreat Chair again next year for the third year. Freshman dad Ralph Crozier has volunteered to assist Tim next year and take over as GFC Chair the following year.

**Father/ Son Service Project:** On Saturday, February 28, approximately 150 fathers and sons descended on Gonzaga's neighbor to the north, the Perry School Community Center, for the sixth annual Fathers and Sons for Others. Over the course of the day, the fathers and sons performed a variety of odd jobs, including dry wall repair, hanging doors as well as painting almost the entire facility. As stated by the Executive Director of the Center, Paul McElligott, "The Perry Center serves poor people. Many people who come here are unhealthy, uneducated, unemployed, homeless, school dropouts, ex-offenders, and HIV/AIDS clients. But we want a facility that is clean, bright, inviting and supportive of their efforts to change their lives. The generous time and efforts of Gonzaga's fathers and sons achieved those results. We are very grateful for their work. The makeover of the Perry Center furthers Gonzaga's ministry to this community. Students have helped our young people with homework assistance and tutoring for decades. They have provided food baskets and other emergency assistance. Gonzaga has devoted facilities for summer camp. Gonzaga and its Fathers' Club are good neighbors to the Northwest One community." Thanks to all of the Fathers and Sons who turned out to work and to John McCarthy and David Armstrong for organizing the day.