



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Sat., Dec. 29, 2007 to Sun., Jan. 6, 2008**

Saturday Vigil, Dec. 29: 4:30 PM Church
Andrew & Mary Litterini (Family)

Sunday, Dec. 30: 7:30 AM Church
Mary C. Beasock (Husband & Children)

Sunday, Dec. 30: 9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Gus Faramelli & Bumbaca Family (Ida & Family)

Sunday, Dec. 30: 11:30 AM Church
Henry "Hank" Golembiewski (Lucille Coppola)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Dec. 31: Parish Family

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Monday Vigil, Dec. 31: 4:30 PM, Church

Monday Vigil, Dec. 31: 6:30 PM, Chapel

Tuesday, Holy Day, Jan. 1: 9:30 AM, Church

(All Masses celebrated Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God will be offered for the Parish Family of Saint John of God.)

Wednesday, Jan. 2: Andrew Litterini (Family)

Thursday, Jan. 3: Angeline Molitoris (Mildred Verlinich)

Friday, Jan. 4: Agnes Haraby (Husband & Family)

Saturday Vigil, Jan. 5: 4:30 PM Church
Elizabeth Zurawski (George Bencho)

Sunday, Jan. 6: 7:30 AM Church
For Parish Family of St. John of God

Sunday, Jan. 6: 9:30 AM Chapel
Joseph N. Ferraro, Sr. (Marge & Family)

Sunday, Jan. 6: 11:30 AM Church
Anniv - Albert Gerger (Wife, Agnes)

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2007

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF DEC. 30

St. Mary's - In Memory of Dominic Presutti by Family

Mother of Sorrows - In Memory of Mary Ann and Julius Meyer by Barbara Meyer

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2008 is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God and a Holy Day of Obligation. See the Mass schedule in today's bulletin for this day in St. John of God Parish.

BLESSING OF BIKES



On January 1, 2008 at approximately 10:30 AM at St. Mary's parking lot, we will have the annual Blessing of the (motorcycle) Bikes sponsored by the Blue Knights. After the blessing, a short run will be taken, returning to the Gathering Place for lunch. If anyone has a motorcycle bike and would like to be a part of the blessing and festivities, you are most welcome to join us.

CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Monday, Dec. 31, Tuesday, Jan. 1, and Wednesday, Jan. 2. Please hold all calls until Thursday, Jan. 3, unless it is an emergency.

There is no **Sunday School** on Dec. 30. Classes resume for all students next Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Dec. 31 (Mon.) - The Miraculous Medal Prayers will be recited privately.

Jan. 1 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers will be recited privately.

Jan. 2 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM - Early Birds 7 PM - Reg. Games Begin at 7:15 PM.

Jan. 2 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

Jan. 4 (Fri.) - **PIZZA KITCHEN and it's FALAGONE FRIDAY!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.



**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR
NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The next program will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2008, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Our normal bulletin deadline of Tuesday Noon won't be in effect until Tuesday, Jan. 8 for the following Sunday of Jan. 13, 2008.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to two upcoming events!

The first is a roller skating party on Monday, January 21 (NO SCHOOL – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Neville Roller Drome. Cost is \$5.00 per person plus \$1.50 for skate rental. Sign-up deadline is 1/17.

The second event is a day at Seven Springs Mountain Resort on Saturday, January 26. There are many activities available including skiing, snow boarding, snow tubing, and much more (check out www.7springs.com). Sign-up deadline is 1/23. *Adults who are registered in the diocesan database are needed to drive – if you can help please call the Youth Office.*



To sign-up for either event, contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8573 x11 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

SNAP PROGRAM (STOP NOW AND PLAN)

Could your child benefit from:

Problem Solving Anger Management
Self-Control Life Skills

Wish you could change your child's behavior with a SNAP of your finger?

If you have a boy who is *between the ages of 6-11*,

Contact the SNAP Program

412-331-7712 (Holy Family Social Services)

For more information about this **FREE** program!

Holy Family Social Services' SNAP Program (Stop Now and Plan), located in McKees Rocks, is seeking tutors and childcare volunteers for evenings during the week. The SNAP Program is aimed at reducing offending behavior and improving social competence in boys ages 6 through 11. Tutors will help the identified child in academics and the child care volunteers will baby sit younger siblings while parents are in group sessions. For more information please contact Holy Family's volunteer program at 412-766-9020, ext. 304.

VERONICA VEIL PLAYERS

The Veronica Veil Players announce auditions for the 2008 production of America's Passion Play, Veronica's Veil. We are looking for all ages from young children through older adults. Production run dates are the first three Saturdays and Sundays in March. Speaking and non-speaking roles are available. Auditions are on Thursday, Jan. 3 from 6-8 PM. Call 412-431-5550 to schedule an audition.

ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please note that due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the Attendance, Offertory and Parish Share information for the weekend of December 22/23 and Christmas will be published next week.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS**CAFETERIA WORKER**

Would you like to earn some extra money while your kids are at school? Well, here's your chance. St. John of God School Cafeteria has an opening for someone to cook, serve, and clean up, hours are 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. If you are interested, please call Francine at 412-996-5622 for more information.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

It is good Joseph was tuned into God for directions. He was "warned" to flee to Egypt, then to return to Israel and later to move to Galilee. Open your heart to God's direction in your life. What new place is God leading you in 2008? Listen and let the Lord lead!

SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sympathy to all Families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Please remember them and all our dearly departed in your prayers. *"May the Choirs of Angels receive them, and may they with the once poor Lazarus, have rest everlasting."*

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially, Kathy Hyjek (Sewickley Valley), Frank Pavlakovich (Veteran's). *Also for those ill at home, in nursing homes, and shut-ins, that they may continue to receive the Lord's Blessings.*

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

The office for Vocations is hosting an overnight gathering at Saint Paul Seminary Friday and Saturday, January 25-26, 2008 for all college and career age men who are interested in learning more about the priestly formation program, seminary life, and the priesthood itself. The schedule includes time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, discussions led by our seminarians, a review of the priestly formation program by the Rector, Father James Wehner, and opportunity for individual discussion with the Diocesan Vocation Director, Father Thomas Sparacino. For more information, please contact Father Thomas Sparacino at 412-672-9763 or Father James Wehner at 412-456-3048.

Ministry Schedule

January 2008

Jan. 5 - 6	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Terry Fedio Ann Tkacik	Tami Cotcher Tom Burgunder	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Donna Klocek Spohn John Friel
Altar Server	Michael Roussey Brian Benedetti Matthew DiSanto	Patrick Jennings Martin Lyscik	Jared Hall Eric Hall Pamela Reedy	Michael Dorrenbacher Wesley Dorrenbacher Dallas Woods
Euch. Min.	Christina Phillips Tom Phillips Steffie Orlich Donna Placon Carole Yunker Alexis Adamchik	Michael Ivosevic Nina Ivosevic Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill	Paul Bingham Theresa Davis Kelly Hall Eric Hall Bill Stropkaj Sr. Steve Tomsko	Gizella Fedorka Anne Lutz Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb
Jan. 12 - 13	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Patricia Golembiewski Charlotte Schriener	Joanne Malenock Mary Ann Scrabis	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Wanda Mruczek Tom Burgunder
Altar Server	Alex Adams Tom Adams Brian Benedetti	Patrick Jennings Martin Lyscik	Christopher Cercone Eric Hall Jared Hall	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Matthew DiSanto
Euch. Min.	Gerrie Bayer Ellie Brown Rosemarie Litterini Rick Slonchka George Wolf Mike Tomsko	Mark Honath Julienne Giuliani Alexis Adamchik Ron Amity Sr.	Ron DePascale Neve Mell Frank Troff Angela Ciccone Al Condeluci Liz Condeluci	Eleanor Vith Patsy Mance Gizella Fedorka Anne Lutz
Jan. 19 - 20	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Ann Tkacik John Friel	Tami Cotcher Donna Klocek Spohn	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Julienne Giuliani Joanne Malenock
Altar Server	Michael Roussey Dallas Woods Matthew DiSanto	Patrick Jennings Martin Lyscik	Jared Hall Eric Hall Pamela Reedy	Alex Adams Tom Adams Brian Benedetti
Euch. Min.	Terry Fedio Steffie Orlich Donna Placon Carole Yunker Gerrie Bayer Ellie Brown	Claudia Hemphill George Wolf Alexis Adamchik Ron Amity Sr.	Margaret Ferraro Dominic Puppo Paul Bingham Theresa Davis Kelly Hall Eric Hall	Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Mike Tomsko Mary Ann Scrabis
Jan. 26 - 27	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Patricia Golembiewski Rich Slonchka	Michael Ivosevic Tom Burgunder	Lou LaCivita Steve Tomsko	John Friel Donna Klocek Spohn
Altar Server	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Michael Roussey	Patrick Jennings Martin Lyscik	Christopher Cercone Eric Hall Jared Hall	Matthew DiSanto Pamela Reedy Dallas Woods
Euch. Min.	Rosemarie Litterini Charlotte Schriener Gerrie Bayer Ellie Brown Steffie Orlich Donna Placon	Nina Ivosevic Mark Honath Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill	Bill Stropkaj Sr. Frank Troff Anne Lutz Eleanor Vith Alexis Adamchik Paul Bingham	Gizella Fedorka Patsy Mance Wanda Mruczek George Wolf



**FATHER RYAN ARTS CENTER
SPRING ARTS EDUCATION
CLASSES FORMING NOW!**

Focus on Renewal (FOR) welcomes you to explore your creative side this spring through five inspiring and exciting artistic workshops:

Elementary Dance: Tuesdays & Thursdays (3:30 PM - 5:10 PM) January 22 through April 24 at the Sto-Rox Elementary School

Public Performance: Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 3 PM.

Middle School Dance: Tuesdays & Thursdays (2:30 PM - 4:15 PM) January 22 through April 24 at the Sto-Rox Middle School

Public Performance: Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 3 PM.

High School Project Theater: Tuesdays & Thursdays (2:30 PM - 4:30 PM) January 22 through April 24 at the Sto-Rox High School

Public Performance: Friday, April 25, 2008 at 6 PM.

Creative Drumming: Saturdays (10 AM - 11:30 AM) January 19 through April 26 in the F.O.R. Family Health Center (lower level conference room)

Public Performance: Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 3 PM

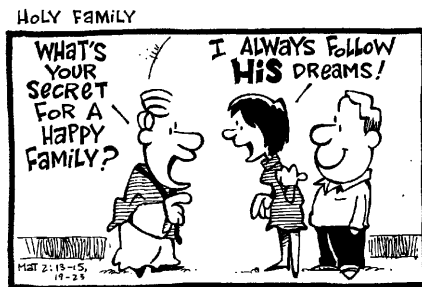
Adult Acting: Wednesdays (7 PM - 9 PM) January 23 through April 16 at the Craftonian Hall in Crafton

Public Performance: Friday, April 18, 2008 at 7 PM

For more information or to register for Spring 2008 classes, contact Patricia Moran at 412-771-3052 or e-mail her at pmoran@forstorox.org.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY

St. Joseph Church in Coraopolis invites children of all ages to pray the Rosary for the unity of the family. The children with their parents, grandparents, or caregiver learn about the mysteries of the Rosary. They meet in the Church the First Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM for approximately 45 minutes. The next Armata Bianca pray nest is January 2. Everyone is welcome. For any questions, contact Karen Kirby at 412-264-6828.



MEN'S RETREAT

The men of St. Catherine of Sienna, Crescent Twp. extend an invitation to all men of St. John of God Parish to join them for a weekend retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on January 25-27, 2008. Conducted by the Passionist Fathers, the retreat offers a quiet, prayerful setting overlooking the city from a hill-top site on the South Side.

Consider taking "time out" and enjoy the fellowship, good food, discussion and an experience which recaptures your peace of mind and the joys of God's creation. For more information, please call Jim Barcaskey, 724-457-7764 or Bob Bittner, 724-378-0903

**EFFICIENCY APARTMENTS
FOR THE ELDERLY**

(Applicants 62 years or older)
Leo Meyer Manor

1015 Church Avenue 15136

ALSO AVAILABLE / OPTIONAL

3 Meals Per Day

Laundry and Housekeeping

Rental assistance available under HUD guidelines

Equal Housing Opportunity

Information: Sr. Barbara Marie, 412-331-8000

St. John of God Parish Membership Form



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Very frequently, people will say to me: "You remind me of someone!" I always answer hopefully: "Sean Connery, right?" But, alas, they always reply: "No, George Carlin!" Now, normally I am not too excited, as a man of the cloth, to be compared to a foul-mouthed, belligerent (and now OLD!) comedian. However, someone just forwarded the following essay to me which George Carlin wrote on the death of his wife. It shows that his Catholic education has not been completely submerged, and it fits perfectly in this Christmas season. (And, yes, it is now finally, and still, Christmas!)

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, yet more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce; fancier houses, but broken homes.

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These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."



When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

THE P.V. REPORT
Fr. Al Semler

WOW! What a kind and generous response. My hardy thank you to all who sent cards, prayers and gifts to celebrate the Christmas Season. Some of those goodies will make me grow in more than wisdom and grace. Your kindness has really made me feel appreciated. It's been a real joy celebrating and serving in your midst this past year. I pray that the Lord will grant you a Happy and Holy New Year. May we continue to grow in His love.