

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat., Jan. 19, 2008 to Sun., Jan. 27, 2008

Saturday Vigil, Jan. 19:	4:30 PM Church
James Vlasach (Chris & Linda Miller)	
Sunday, Jan. 20:	7:30 AM Church
For Parish Family of St. John of God	
Sunday, Jan. 20:	9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Dominic DiMichele (Wife, Dolly & Family)	
Sunday, Jan. 20:	11:30 AM Church
Carl Erharth (Mr. & Mrs. James Cosgrove)	

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Jan. 21:	Mary Richter (Peg, Lil, & Gizelle)
Tuesday, Jan. 22:	Sophie Katrenich (Betty Appleton)
Wednesday, Jan. 23, 8:15 AM, Chapel:	For St. John of God School Staff and Students
Wednesday, Jan. 23:	Connie Meyers (F. Braidic)
Thursday, Jan. 24:	Wilfred "Bob" Roussey (Frank & Rachel Murgja)
Friday, Jan. 25:	Mary C. Beasock (Husband & Children)
Saturday Vigil, Jan. 26 :	4:30 PM Church
Mercedes Millner (Carole Yunker)	
Sunday, Jan. 27:	7:30 AM Church
For Parish Family of St. John of God	
Sunday, Jan. 27:	9:30 AM Chapel
Ted Pszolkowski (Wife)	
Sunday, Jan. 27:	11:30 AM
Catholic Schools' Week Opening Mass - For Students, Staff, and Parents of St. John of God School	

Readings for the Week of January 20, 2008

Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Saturday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JAN. 20

St. Mary's - In Memory of Mary Ann and Julius Meyer by Barbara Meyer

Mother of Sorrows - In Memory of William Campalong, Jr. by Sister and Family

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday Noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday thru Friday)

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY FOR THE
ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL PROGRAMS
AND DEPAUL SCHOOL FOR HEARING
AND SPEECH**

This Sunday, January 20, is very special because the second collection will be used to carry on the much needed services to students with special needs provided by St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech.

This collection is a two-fold win. Not only does it help two very unique and nationally recognized education programs for special needs children, all proceeds collected will be credited towards our Parish Share Assessment for 2008. Please be as generous as your means allow.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The deadline to sign-up for the trip to Seven Springs Mountain Resort is this Wednesday, 1/23! To sign-up contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8573 x11 or on the web at sigyouthmin@yahoo.com. The trip will



take place Saturday, January 26. There are many activities available including skiing, snow boarding, snow tubing, and much more (check out www.7springs.com). We are still very much in need of adults who are registered in the diocesan database to drive – if you can help please call the Youth Office.

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

We will be mailing to you a list of your contributions for 2007 by January 31, 2008. If you do not receive envelopes, you will not receive a report. If you receive envelopes, but didn't use them, you will receive a report marked \$0.00 contributions, and the computer may deactivate you. You may be removed from the envelope list. And your status is reduced to inactive parishioner, which means that you will not qualify for things like sponsorship certificates and a number of other things. Of course, you always have the right to come to Church, receive the sacraments if you are spiritually disposed and call upon the clergy for pastoral service. But you will lose some of the privileges of active participation.

Since we will not compute the report till the end of January, you have time to make contributions for the 2007 year, but you must make it clear to us that it is to be credited to the 2007 account. We have started the 2008 contribution records already.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parishioners: This is the second installment on information about St. John of God School. This information is in response to surveys from the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. All schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh participated in the evaluations by this commission over the past 10 years. This is St. John of God's second survey in six years for the purpose of continuing accreditation with the Middle States Commission.

Questions were indicated as to whether or not: "Administrators, teachers, students, and parents are prepared through formal training and experience to impart knowledge of the Catholic Faith."

We do not have records regarding the parents, but for teachers:

- It is a requirement of the Diocese of Pittsburgh that no one may teach religion in the Catholic School until they have completed basic courses in theology: Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and the Catholic Philosophy of Education.
- All teachers and administrators must consistently update theology through courses offered by the Diocese, or they may take courses at Catholic Universities. Certification to teach religion must be renewed every five years. All religion teachers are certified by the Diocese of Pittsburgh to teach religion.
- Our school counselor has a master's degree in theology and counseling.
- Our present principal has a doctorate in history with a strong background in Church History. She has theology/religious education credits equal to or beyond a master's degree.
- We have weekly liturgy, daily prayer and religious instruction. Religious instruction is 30-40 minutes daily for each grade and is based on Diocesan curriculum and Diocesan approved religion text books. There is a consistent interaction of teachers and other school personnel with students encouraging them to act in a Christian and profoundly human way.

We will continue these reports regarding the Middle States Survey until we have covered the various areas of interest or concern. Thank you so much for your interest and support.

**NOTE ON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK
January 27 through February 1**

Once again you are invited to events of Catholic Schools Week beginning with the opening Mass next Sunday, January 27, 2008 at 11:30 AM in the Church at St. Mary's. See next week's bulletin for more details on activities during Catholic Schools Week.

The American Heart Association conducted a ROPE-JUMPING EXHIBITION at St. John of God School. They had a two-fold purpose.

1. To encourage children to exercise for the purpose of good heart health.
2. To raise money for heart research.

During gym class during Catholic Schools Week, the children will have a jump-a-thon. The students are seeking sponsors for their quest of promoting good heart health. If you would be interested in sponsoring a student, please call the school.

Should you want any additional information regarding the school, you may phone 412-331-8501 or e-mail schoolsjog@comcast.net or come visit the school.



**FIRST PENANCE NEWS
PARENT/CHILD MEETING**

In preparation for First Penance, there will be a mandatory Parent and Child Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. **First Penance will be celebrated** on Monday, March 10, at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Church. This will take place during a **Communal Penance Service** to which the whole parish is invited and encouraged to participate in. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 12 / JAN. 13**

Saturday	345
Sunday	825
Total Weekend Attendance	1,170

Total Weekend Offertory	\$6,125.80
Parish Share Assessment 2008	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)	\$5,946.70
Balance on Parish Share	\$81,091.30

You can see that we have received our 2008 Parish Share Assessment. We are allocating to that. More information to come in February about our 2008 assessment.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On Sunday, February 3, 2008, World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated at the 11:30 AM Mass in the Church at St. Mary's. The theme this year is "Blessed." We will celebrate the lives of all the consecrated religious who have gone before us, and those who continue in the day-to-day faithfulness of their lives. We have thirteen women religious who minister/live in our parish at the present time. For the gift that each of these women religious are to our area and the Church, we give thanks for their faithfulness in the "heat of the day."

Sr. Ruth Bearer, CSJ
Sr. Margaret Berry, CSJ
Sr. Mary Canice Ciraula, CSJ
Sr. Sarah Crotty, CSJ
Sr. Ann Frances Hanley, CSJ
Sr. Marjorie Kelly, CSJ
Sr. Theresa Kunzler, CSJ
Sr. Marlene Luffy, CDP
Sr. Catherine O'Malley, CSFN
Sr. Sue Ann Orange, CSJ
Sr. Barbara Marie Symkowiak, CSSF
Sr. Leah Turberville, CSSF
Sr. Lois Ann Wuenstel, CDP

A social will follow after Mass in the Gathering Place so that you can meet the Sisters, and for some of you, be able to visit and rekindle friendships.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Jan. 21 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.
Jan. 22 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's.
Jan. 23 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM - Early Birds 7 PM - Reg. Games Begin at 7:15 PM.
Jan. 23 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.
Jan. 25 (Fri.) - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Veterans/Aspinwall** - Joseph Marczak **Manor Care** - Marianne Caristo, Helen Valicenti Also for those ill at home, in nursing homes, and shut-ins, that they may continue to receive the Lord's Blessings.

SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Families of Frank Dantini and Karen Harris whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed in your prayers. "May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

MEALS ON WHEELS PIEROGHI SALE

The Sto-Ken-Rox Meals on Wheels will be selling Pieroghi (potato cheese or potato sauerkraut) every weekday during Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 8 AM to Noon at Christ Community Church basement, 900 Chartiers Ave. Cost is \$6 per dozen. For more information or to place an order, please call Connie between 8 AM and Noon at 412-771-4304, Monday through Friday.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next program will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2008, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register for the class or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There will not be Sunday School Classes next week on January 27. The teachers will be having an in-service day. Classes will resume for all students the following Sunday, February 3, 2008.

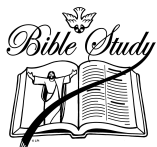
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day is to be celebrated the weekend of February 2-3, 2008. There will be a Diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008 at St. James Parish in Sewickley. It will begin with Mass at 5 PM in the Church with Bishop Winter, as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. A presentation by Fr. Dan Valentine will follow. Donation is \$10.00/couple. To register please call the Office for Family Life and Catechesis at 412-456-3160.

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.

BIBLE STUDY



A Bible Study, led by John Fatula, will be held on Wednesday, January 23, at 6:30 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. All are most welcome to join us.

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Christ says "he who is faithful in little things shall be faithful in big things." Mike Clark, well-known TV News Anchor reflects upon the challenges that crop up in day to day life and the virtues necessary to remain faithful when things get difficult. Mike Clark has been anchoring the news at WTAE-TV Channel 4 since 1995. Mike's work as a news anchor, reporter and writer has been recognized for its excellence. He was cited for his distinguished field anchoring of Pope John Paul II's visits to the United States and has received the Cardinal Fulton Sheen Television Award for his series of reports on the presentation, "**The Everyday Challenge to Follow Christ's Path**" to be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium, Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 PM. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists. The lecture is free - all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASSES

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Respect Life Mass at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood on Sunday, January 20, 2008 at noon. At the same time, Parish Respect Life Chairpersons will be commissioned.

Auxiliary Bishop Paul J. Bradley will be the Celebrant for the Mass. For more information, call Chapter Respect Life Coordinator, William Schmidt, at 412-766-6574.

A reception will follow the Mass in the Church hall. Susan Rauscher, Secretary, Social Concerns and Director of the Office for Respect Life, will speak on pro-life issues.

On Tuesday, January 22, Bishop Bradley will celebrate a Respect Life Mass at Noon at St. Mary of Mercy Parish, downtown.

The Mass coincides with those thousands of persons participating in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik will be at the march. It marks the 34th anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision in the Row v. Wade case that legalized abortion in the U.S.

COVERED DISH DINNER

Mark Your Calendar for February 19

All women of St. John of God Parish are invited to come spend an enjoyable evening with the Women's Guild at their Covered Dish Dinner on Tuesday, February 19, at 7 PM in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows. Please RSVP to: Marge Ferraro, 412-331-9983 or Anna Marie Stropkaj, 412-771-2392 (let them know what you will be bringing).

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are talking and not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.



LENTEN SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT SERIES

St. Joseph in Coraopolis is offering a six week Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Series. Ian Murphy, a noted speaker and instructor from Duquesne University will be the presenter. The six week study is entitled, "Dying to Oneself" and will meet Thursday evenings beginning March 6th from 7-8:30 PM. The cost is \$20 with a second adult free. Diocesan Enrichment Credit is available and free child care is offered. To register call 412-264-2820. Please bring a Bible and a journal.

PASTA DINNER

The St. Malachy Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Pasta Dinner on Sunday, January 27 in the school cafeteria from Noon to 6 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. They may be purchased at the door. Take out is also available.

COMEDY NIGHT 3

Bishop Canevin High School will proudly present Comedy Night 3 on Wednesday, January 30, in O'Connor Hall at St. Paul's Seminary in Crafton, 7:30 PM. This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for all area high school students. The show will feature alumni comedians: national stand-up headliner Jesse Joyce '96; Darrin Hall '97 and Justin Janosko '98 of the comedy band, "The Lifetime Guarantee" and the singing comedian, Tim Dimond '04. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the comedians during the After Party at The Hop House on Noblestown Road. For complete information visit <http://comedy.bishopcanevin.org> or call 412-922-7400,x 20.



PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Believe it or not, we are only a few short weeks away from the Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 6. So you can mark your calendar for times of Masses, distribution of ashes, Stations, etc. following is the Lenten schedule in our parish. And so you won't forget, we'll run it a few more times.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 6 is Ash Wednesday. Following is the Mass schedule for this day in our parish:

- 9:30 AM, Church: Mass with Ashes
- 11:00, Chapel: Mass with Ashes
- 12:15 PM, Church: Service with Ashes
- 6:30 PM, Church: Mass with Ashes

Homebound relatives can receive ashes from family members who have participated in one of the Masses or Service during the day.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Following the 6:30 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday in the Church at St. Mary's, there will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this informative meeting of the governance of St. John of God Parish.

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT

During Lent we encourage you to attend Mass during the week. Come and pray before the Table of the Lord to ask His help in living out this penitential season. Our daily Mass schedule during Lent will be 9:30 AM, Mon. thru Friday at St. Mary's Church, 6:30 PM on Tuesdays at Mother of Sorrows Chapel, and 8:15 AM on Wednesdays at the Chapel.

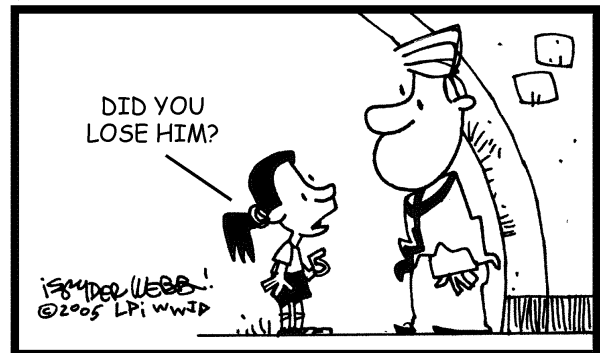
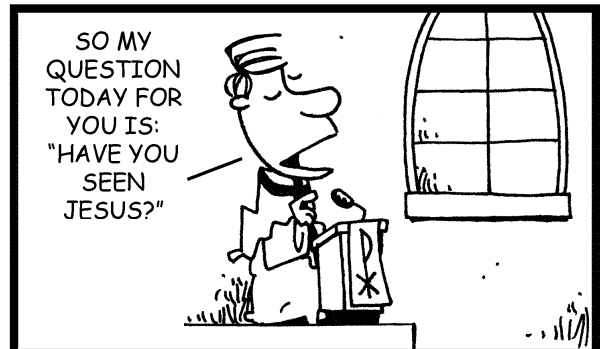
THE P.V. REPORT
Fr. Al Semler

Guess what? The airport wasn't closed because of snow, so I made it back home. I'm always glad to return to my ministry after an enjoyable vacation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Church and on Thursdays at 1:30 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows.

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.