

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Jan. 24 to Sun., Feb. 1, 2009

- Saturday Vigil, Jan. 24:** 4:30 PM Church  
Wilfred "Bob" Roussey (Wife & Family)\*
- Sunday, Jan. 25:** 7:30 AM Church  
Health & God's Blessings - 90th Birthday - Joseph Giedl
- Sunday, Jan. 25:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
For Parish Family of St. John of God
- Sunday, Jan. 25:** 11:30 AM Church  
Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass - For Students, Staff and Parents of St. John of God School

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

- Monday, Jan. 26:** Anniv - Alicia Hohl Boyle (Mother, Marjorie)
- Tuesday, Jan. 27:** Mass of Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, Jan. 28, 8:30 AM, Chapel:** For Students and Staff of St. John of God School
- Wednesday, Jan. 28:** Andrew Triscila (Ray & Catherine Latusick)
- Thursday, Jan. 29:** Dorothy Triscila (Fran, John & Justin Ciamacco)
- Friday, Jan. 30:** Agnes Haraby (Husband & Family)

- Saturday Vigil, Jan. 31:** 4:30 PM Church  
Charles, Rosemarie & Dennis Butter (Family)
- Sunday, Feb. 1:** 7:30 AM Church  
For Parish Family of St. John of God
- Sunday, Feb. 1:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Margaret Gallick (Gallick Children)
- Sunday, Feb. 1:** 11:30 AM Church  
Living and Deceased Consecrated Religious

**Readings for the Week of January 25, 2009**

- Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- Monday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JANUARY 25**

- ST. MARY'S** - IN MEMORY OF FRANK AND PATRICIA ZANE BY ZANE FAMILY
- MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF JOHN LACIVITA BY LOU AND DOLLY LACIVITA

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON****PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS****CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
January 25 through January 31

The current theme, "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service," emphasizes the duty and delight of giving back. Catholicism has a long and rich tradition of direct service to those in need, as well as social justice efforts to end social ills like racism and homelessness. Catholic schools incorporate service projects into the curriculum, teaching students the value of helping others as an expression of faith and good citizenship. St. John of God Students make efforts throughout the school year to do service projects. For example, the eighth grade help in the Pizza Kitchen by making boxes each week and the third grade write letters and create favors for shut-in parishioners. We also have raised money for missions like Operation Safety Net for the homeless. Our most recent project is collecting school supplies for Iraqi children.

We want to thank the St. John of God Parish Community for your continuing support of the ministry of our Parish School.

**HIGHLIGHTS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

- Sunday, January 25: 11:30 AM **Opening Liturgy** in St. Mary's Church
- Monday, January 26: **Book Fair** begins at 9 AM to 2:30 PM and will be open all week.
- Wednesday, January 28: **Liturgy at 8:30 AM** in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. **Dedication of the School Library in memory of Sr. Margaret Berry** will take place following the Liturgy. There will also be an **Open House** and a **Grandparents/Special Persons Tea** in the Social Hall.

**OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST FOR THIS WEEK**

- Tuesday, January 27: St. John of God Crusaders basketball team travel to Sts Simon and Jude - JV game 6:30 PM — Varsity 7:45 PM Good Luck Crusaders!
- Market Day Brochures are in back of the Chapel and Church - Orders are due by February 10 and pick-up date is February 16.
- Lottery Calendars are available in the school office. Call 412-331-8501 for more information on any of the above.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to spend the day at Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park on Monday, February 16 (NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day). There are water slides and extreme rides, including the Shark Attack (check out [www.splashlagoon.com](http://www.splashlagoon.com) for more info)! Cost is \$29.95 per person. To sign-up, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 or [sigyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sigyouthmin@yahoo.com) (*sign up deadline is this Friday, Jan. 30!*)

**LOVEWALK FOR THE POOR**

Teens in grades 9-12 are also invited to participate in the Lovewalk for the Poor on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Parish. The Lovewalk is a worship and social service experience aimed to help the poor of our Diocese. After celebrating Mass, walkers carry previously collected food and clothing donations to a local service institution. This year, we will be collecting baby items for Roselia Center and non-perishable food items for East End Cooperative Ministries. To sign-up for the Lovewalk, call or email the Youth Office.

**DON'T FORGET FALAGONE FRIDAY**  
**JANUARY 30, 2009**

The Pizza Kitchen volunteers will be making Falagones this Friday, January 30. Falagones make a great snack to eat while watching the Super Bowl. Don't forget, falagones as well as our pizzas, sausage & spinach rolls, and fried cakes freeze well. So, order plenty this Friday, January 30, so you will have enough to share with family and friends while watching the Super Bowl (AND THE STEELERS ARE IN IT!)

**YEAR-END STATEMENTS**

We will be mailing to you a list of your contributions for 2008 by January 31, 2009. 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. We are computing the report and you should receive your statement shortly.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

Next Sunday, February 1, 2009, World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated at the 11:30 AM Mass in St. John of God Parish, the Church at St. Mary's. The theme this year is "For the Sake of the Gospel." 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 twelve 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. Sarah Crotty, CSJ*  
*Sr. Anna Marie Gaglia, 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*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

On January 25, 2009 at 3:00 PM in St. Paul Cathedral, Sister Ruth Bearer will receive the Manifesting the Kingdom Award which is presented to a member of a religious institute or society of apostolic life who is exemplary in reflecting the light of Christ through valuable service to the Church. The reasons for nomination were stated thus.

*Sister Ruth has served and advocated for the health care needs of the people of McKees Rocks and the surrounding areas for nearly 23 years. Her leadership and service in varying capacities at the Family Health Center has brought hope to many people who would otherwise suffer from the lack of adequate health care. Her quiet dedication and commitment to the most vulnerable members of our society is a reflection of both the humility and the light of Christ.*

*Congratulations Sister Ruth!*  
*May our Lord continue to bless you as you minister to His holy people!*

**DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES**

What does the future look like for the youth and faith? Join us for an evening with Colleen Carroll Campbell who has thought, investigated, and written about this very interesting subject.

Mrs. Campbell will present a lecture centered on 1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe." The talk is entitled: ***Have No Contempt for Their Youth: The Story of Today's New Faithful.***

Colleen Carroll Campbell is an author, columnist, television and radio host and former White House speechwriter. After beginning her career as a reporter at the Memphis Commercial Appeal, she wrote The New Faithful: Why Young Adults Are Embracing Christian Orthodoxy and is now a fellow at the Washington, D.C. based Ethics and Public Policy Center.

Everyone is invited to her presentation to be held at St. Paul's Seminary Auditorium,

**Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.**

Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons, and catechists. The lecture is **free** - All are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Jan 26 (Mon.)** - Mass at Mary Pat Rickerd Personal Care Home, 1085 Dohrman St., West Park, 1:30 PM

**Jan. 26 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

**Jan. 27 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's.

**Jan. 28 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

**Jan. 28 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Place.

**Jan. 30 (Fri.)** - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

**Jan. 30 (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.

**Blessing  
of  
Throats** We will bless throats in St. John of God Parish after all the Masses celebrated next weekend, January 31 / February 1.

**HOSPITAL**

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Ohio Valley** - Marie Priore **Manor Care/Greentree** - Irene Panizzi, Rosemarie Marasco **West Hills Health** - John Hanobik  
*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 Family of Betty Murray and Patricia Stine whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers. *"May the Choirs of Angels receive them, and may they with once poor Lazarus have rest everlasting."*

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR  
NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The next program will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register or for more information, call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Duke Richard Kadlecik and Joshua Michael Patterson, Jr.* May you continue to grow in God's love.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 17 / 18**

<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>326</b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>507</b>
<b>Total Weekend Attendance</b> .....	<b>833</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,059.00</b>
<b>St. Anthony School and DePaul School</b> .....	<b>\$ 1,853.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment 2009</b> .....	<b>\$93,361.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected as of 12/1/08</b> .....	<b>\$17,453.03</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share</b> .....	<b>\$75,907.97</b>

You can see that we have received our 2009 Parish Share Assessment. We are allocating to that. More information to come in February about our 2009 assessment.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Due to weather conditions and the cancellation of Sunday School last week, there will be class this Sunday, January 25 for all students.

**ST. MALACHY NEWS**

Joshua Gawaldo, a guitar player and singer will perform songs from his new CD entitled *The Way to Life* at all St. Malachy Church Masses (4 PM on Saturday, 8 AM and 11 AM on Sunday) during the weekend of January 31/February 1, 2009. Joshua is a member of the St. Malachy Knights of Columbus, a parishioner of St. Malachy Church, and an alumnus of St. Malachy School. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand after each Mass selling Josh's new CD as a fundraiser. The cost of the CD is \$15. For more information, please call St. Malachy's parish office at 412-771-5483.

**WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING**

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held February 6-8, 2009 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Financial aid is available. Sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh. To register or for more information, call Ann Depner or Karen LaFrance at 412-456-6999 or visit [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org) and click on Rachel's Vineyard. Registration deadline is Friday, January 30, 2009.

**MEN'S RETREAT REMINDER**

The men's retreat scheduled for St. John of God Parish and St. Catherine of Siena Parish at St. Paul's Monastery on Jan. 30 to Feb. 1 will be here before you know it. This is a great opportunity to become closer with God and to deepen your spirituality. For those who have attended previous years have all experienced a closer yet different experience with our own relationships with God. Car pooling is available for those who need it. The retreat begins Friday evening and concludes around Noon time on Sunday. As previously mentioned, yes the Super Bowl is Feb. 1st BUT there is plenty of time for us to get back to McKees Rocks and Crescent Township. We will be home by 1:00 PM. The retreat can be flexible in arrival and departure times for those in need.

For a brochure or for more information, please call Bob Bittner at 724-378-0903 or Jim Barcaskey at 724-457-7764.

**BISHOP WILL CELEBRATE SPECIAL "KICK-OFF" MASS ON JANUARY 31 IN TAMPA**

In conjunction with Catholic Athletes for Christ, Bishop Robert N. Lynch, leader of the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg, will celebrate a special "Kick-Off" Mass on Saturday, January 31, 2009, 4 PM at Christ the King Church, 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa.

The Mass is open to all visiting fans in town for the game, members of the sports community, as well as any local Catholics who might otherwise not be able to make it to Mass on Sunday. All are welcome.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MAKE A GIFT THROUGH AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**

If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, the amount of this distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal legislation enacted on October 3, 2008 extends the opportunity for you, throughout 2009, to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as St. John of God Parish. Such distributions, while not subject to income tax, will still count toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution. For more information about how you and your parish can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact the parish office or Paul Stabile, the Director of Planned Giving for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh at 412-456-3055.

**PASTOR'S CORNER***Fr. Lou Vallone*

This is Catholic Schools Week and beginning with the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, we will be "showing off" the fruits of our ministry of education at St. John of God Parish by highlighting our school children in many different venues: liturgy, special people's tea, book fair, open house, etc. The schedule is else where in the bulletin.

But like a sports team, we see the children who "perform" and are often unaware of the "hidden" team mates, parents, teachers, administration, staff, volunteers, etc., that allow the kids to be our champions. One such unseen support has been newly created for our School: the School Advisory Board. This is a group of a dozen volunteers who agree to meet on a regular basis to advise and give perspective and feedback to the principal and pastor as they fulfill their administrative and decision making roles. The twelve members of the board have already been appointed from a number of constituencies (parents, parish finance council, faculty, community members) and have met to organize, but the real work of the board will be by committees in between board meetings. The chair of each committee must be an appointed member of the board, but they must recruit help and expertise beyond the board to do their work. We are therefore soliciting members for each committee. Below is a description of the committees' work, and the chair of the committee. Call the school to volunteer, and be willing to help if you are approached. Our children are our greatest heritage, and it is the duty of every one of us in the parish to support our championship team!

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**COMMITTEES**

There shall be both standing and ad hoc committees to conduct the work of the Board. To chair a committee, one must be a member of the Board, but membership on the committees is open to any willing and interested individual. The standing committees shall be:

A. FINANCE, which shall coordinate fundraising efforts on behalf of the school, and aid in preparing and maintaining the operating budget and aiding in development. Chair: Patty Paul.

B. CURRICULUM AND PLANNING, which shall aid in areas of programming and educational content and process. Chair: Sharyn Duerr.

C. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND OUTREACH, which shall aid in promoting the good name of the school, recruitment, and advertising the school and its programs. Chair: Tonya Philips.

D. EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, which shall aid in coordinating offerings such as sports, field trips, and programs beyond the educational core curriculum. Chair: Lisa Duerr.

E. TUITION, which shall aid in the procurement of tuition aid and audit the collection of tuition from school families. Chair: Tom Adams.

F. SPIRITUALITY AND CELEBRATIONS, which shall aid in liturgical, paraliturgical and special events, such as school Masses, Stations of the Cross, graduation, First Communion, awards recognition, etc. Chair: Maria Young.

G. AD HOC COMMITTEES, which shall be appointed by the Pastor on an at need basis.

## *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.*