

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

Sat., Feb. 2, 2008 to Sun., Feb. 10, 2008

Saturday Vigil, Feb. 2:	4:30 PM Church
Anniv - Hank Golembiewski (Wife, Pat & Family)	
Sunday, Feb. 3	7:30 AM Church
Gregory Onyszko (Onyszko Family)	
Sunday, Feb. 3:	9:30 AM Chapel
Frank DeMarco (Wife & Family)	
Sunday, Feb. 3:	11:30 AM Church
<i>Living and Deceased Consecrated Religious</i>	

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Feb. 4: Eleanor Cooper (Eileen & Bobby)
Tuesday, Feb. 5: George Jencik (Ken Kovach)



Feb. 6, 2008

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

All Masses celebrated on Ash Wednesday will be for the Intention of the Parish Family of St. John of God

Thursday, Feb. 7: Anniv - Frank Zane (Zane Family)
Friday, Feb. 8: Rose Toth (Eleanor Kovacs)
Friday, Feb. 8, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM, Church
Saturday, Feb. 9: 1:30 PM, Mass, St. Mary's Cemetery Chapel
Saturday, Feb. 9: 2:30 PM, Wedding
John R. Brough, III and Nicole M. Schiralli

Saturday Vigil, Feb. 9:	4:30 PM Church
Josephine Hanobik (John, Children & Grandchildren)	
Sunday, Feb. 10:	7:30 AM Church
<i>For Parish Family of St. John of God</i>	
Sunday, Feb. 10:	9:30 AM Chapel
Elizabeth Stokes (Richard & Elizabeth D'Loss)	
Sunday, Feb. 10:	11:30 AM
Antoinette Presutti (Family)	

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2008

Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-14b, 24-30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

This 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
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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.

HOMEMADE GNOCCHI

We will be selling two pound bags of homemade gnocchi in the Pizza Kitchen on Fridays during Lent, but we need volunteers to help make them. Please join us to help make the gnocchi for this endeavor on Monday evening, February 4, at 6 PM in the Pizza Kitchen at the social hall. The Lenten season is always a busy time in the Pizza Kitchen, so please consider volunteering a few hours on a Friday. Men and women of all ages are welcome and no experience is necessary! For more info, please call Linda at 412-771-1418. Hope to see you there!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

This weekend, Feb. 2/3, World Marriage Day is celebrated in our Diocese. The theme for World Marriage Day has been permanently been adopted as "Love One Another." This phrase is the commandment given by Jesus in John 15:12. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Father wishes us to live. Loving one another is a daily decision, simple but challenging..

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

Parish Office Hours:

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, February 6, is Ash Wednesday. Following is the schedule for this day in our parish of St. John of God:

- 9:30 AM, Church: Mass with Ashes
- 11:00 AM, 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.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refrain from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider the obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Priests and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

8TH GRADE PROGRAM AT LEO MEYER MANOR

As part of their program for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall, the eighth grade students, both Sunday School and SJG School, will host a Bingo for the residents of Leo Meyer Manor on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 1:30 to 3 PM. More info is being sent to parents of the students. If you have any questions, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

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 is our normal weekday schedule: 9:30 AM, Mon. thru Friday at St. Mary's Church and 8:15 AM on Wednesdays at the Chapel.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

God's people in prayer
The traditional Lenten Ecumenical Services will be held on the Tuesday evenings during Lent in St. John of God Parish, the Church at St. Mary's at 7:30 PM beginning on Tuesday, February 12 with Fr. Al as the Celebrant. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to join us for these spirit-filled evenings.

NOTE: Since the Lenten Ecumenical Services are being celebrated in our parish on the Tuesday evenings of Lent, we will not have a 6:30 PM Mass during Lent at Mother of Sorrows Chapel. We will, though, have a 6:30 PM Mass at the Chapel when the Solemn Novena to St. Anthony begins on Tuesday, March 18.

FIRST PENANCE AND COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Our children will be celebrating *First Penance* 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. This would be the most opportune time to go to confession before Easter.



For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in St. John of God Parish 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to the "Sundae Monday" ice cream social on Monday, February 18 (President's Day—NO SCHOOL) FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 PM in the Youth Center. We'll be playing games, watching movies, and eating plenty of ice cream! For more information, contact Steve at 412-3318573, x11 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 26 / JAN. 27

Saturday	350
Sunday	764
Total Weekend Attendance.....	1,114
Total Weekend Offertory.....	\$5,688.75
Parish Share Assessment 2008	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....	\$7,214.24
Balance on Parish Share	\$79,823.76

Stay tuned for more info about our 2008 assessment.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Marian Manor** - Stu Hergenroeder **Villa St. Joseph** - Sr. Mary Canice Ciraula, CSJ **Veterans/Aspinwall** - Joseph Marczak, Frank Pavlakovich **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 Family of James Rizzo whom God has called. Please remember him 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."

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWS

This week's issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* has been mailed to every registered household in the Diocese. No bulk copies are available in Church this week, Besides regular news and features, the issue will also include the popular Lenten family calendar, containing reflections and ideas for activities as well as a listing of seasonal events scheduled in parishes.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



We will collect non-perishable food products, as well as paper products and soap, for the needy among us. You may bring your donation with you to any Mass next weekend, Feb. 9/10. Thanks in advance!

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

If you visited the school during Catholic Schools Week, you may have noticed the gleaming staircases in the freshly painted school colors of maroon and gray accenting the white marble stairs. This was the inspiration of Sue Tutino and Patty Paul. The women decided to spruce things up a bit, even changing some of the light bulbs. The band of painters expanded to include some parents, grandparents, students and alumni: Bonnie Dorrenbacher, Gina Halbedl, Rochelle and Scooter Hager, John Robb along with Leah and Sara Tutino and Kristen Hayes.

The school received several boxes of white pocket folders thanks to the Suburban Gazette newspaper. Students and faculty made great use of the folders. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the Suburban Gazette newspaper.

Our thanks to Jenny Lee Bakery for supplying cookies for the Sunday Open House.

PUBLISHED POETS

Poems submitted by the following students in Mrs. Sharyn Duerr's 6th, 7th and 8th grade English classes have been selected for publication in the 2008 edition of the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans:

Brandon Duerr, Mary O'Shea, Keatyn Harrison, Kelly McGowan, Jared Hall, Victoria Anderson, Emily Duerr, Brook Matson, Gunnar Dorrenbacher, Tyler Czuczman, Marissa Cook, Phoebe Schirnhofner, Johnny Jumba, Rachel Dailey, Danaya Ellman, Dominic Weisser, Maria DiSanto, Eric Dickinson, and Kayla Cropper. Congratulations to our student writers on their creative expressions!



BLESSING OF THROATS

We will bless throats in St. John of God Parish after all Masses celebrated this weekend, February 2/3, 2008.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next program will be held on Sunday, Feb.10, 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.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Feb. 4 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.

Feb. 5 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's.

Feb. 6 (Ash Wed.) - NO BINGO

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Feb. 8 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN! To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

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 6 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).

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.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER
For The Russellwood Avenue Fire Victims**

This Sunday, February 10, 2008
12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM, Kennedy Fire Hall,
\$7.00 per person - Tickets at the door

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate Rocco and Mary Mell who are celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary this Sunday, February 3. May the Lord continue to bless your years together.

VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT SHOW

The Holy Trinity Parish youth group will sponsor a Valentine's Day Craft Show on Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Holy Trinity School Auditorium and Cafeteria, Steubenville Pike from 10 AM to 3 PM. A wide selection of homemade items will be available in addition to a Chinese auction, bake sale and lunch. Proceeds will benefit the youth group's summer mission trip. For more info, please call Thomas Bayer at 412-264-2862.

THE P.V. REPORT

Fr. Al Semler

St. John of God will be hosting the Tuesday evening Lenten program for our Ministerium this year. The series begins on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 PM. We will need baked goods for the social following the Feb. 12 service. If you can donate any tasty baked goods, call Jan or me this week. We will not "do" the Tuesday of Holy Week, but they will attend our Good Friday Stations. Actually, our Good Friday service will begin at 12 Noon with "Why Must He Die?" This is a program directed by Linda Wallace and presented by the Teen Chorale of the Tri County Choir Institute. You will enjoy thoughtful musical meditations on the Passion and Death of Christ - "Why Must He Die?"

The complete schedule will be in next week's bulletin. Plan now to spend your Lenten Tuesday evening HERE.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BE A FELICIAN VOLUNTEER!

The Felician Sisters in Coraopolis are recruiting volunteers for services that include: Receptionist, Clerical, Special Event Projects, and a Special Friend! Hours, days and tasks to suit your schedule. Call Sr. Denise, Volunteer Coordinator, at 412-424-4680.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF FEB. 3

St. Mary's - In Memory of Arnold Hoffman by Brother, William
Mother of Sorrows - In Memory of William Hoffman by Son, William

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Lent is about to begin. Instead of "giving up" something today, consider "giving in." Is there some way you could yield to your spouse this Lent? Just don't pick the same thing lest it become the cyclical, "Whatever YOU want; No, whatever YOU want . . ."

PASTOR'S CORNER*Fr. Lou Vallone*

I keep two calendars on my bureau in my room - the current year and the previous year. I do this to keep track of my weight on a day to day basis. This year I have a weigh in figure for a day that doesn't even exist most years. That day is February 29, a day that exists only once every four years on the calendar. This is so because over the centuries we have learned that our marking of time does not line up exactly with the precession of the sun and moon and stars and the universe. So, we have to fiddle with the calendar to make things come out even. If we did not do this periodically, we would eventually be observing summer in months that say it is winter.

We have long known that our arbitrary assigning of the passage of time to 24 hour days, 7 day weeks, 30 or 31 day months and 12 month years is not a simple, clean and effective way of keeping track. In fact, many calendars have been invented that are straightforward, efficient, and far simpler ways of marking time: everything can be made to come out nice and neat. These new calendars have very precise and consistent "days", "weeks", "months", etc. It is a more logical, rational, and demonstrably better way to do it. But nobody to this point has seriously wanted to make a change.

The same is true for measurements of distance and weight. The metric system is a simpler and more reasonable way to compare how big, or far, or much something is in comparison of other things. But we here in America cling to our strange "inches" and "miles" and "pounds" and "ounces" and "quarts". Even though metric is the law for the past 25 years in the US, nobody to this point seems to want to make a change.

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Then there is the keyboard that I am typing on now. The original placement of the letters came about deliberately to slow people down because the early typewriters could not mechanically keep up with fast human fingers. Things have changed, especially with computers, and many more logical and definitely quicker configurations have been developed, but we still all use the asdf jkl; home keys, even though it is slower and more work. A better way of doing things goes undone because nobody to this point wants to make a change.

There are other examples as well, such as the invented language called Esperanto, which is more consistent, coherent, and easy to speak and understand in grammar, construction and vocabulary than any currently living tongue. But nobody wants to make the change from their native speech. Or there have been many attempts to standardize English spelling, according to phonetics, but the dictionary remains as complex as it is, because nobody wants to make a change.

It is Lent. It is definitely better to be a person of virtue and discipline than an unrepentant sinner. It is more logical and rational and demonstrably an advancement to celebrate Easter as an improved individual than an unrenewed one. All it takes is for somebody, nay everybody, to want and then make the change. When Easter comes, will we still be using the moral equivalent of the Leap Year calendar, the home key typewriter, the non-metric system, or will we improve?

THANK YOU

Sister Bernadette Young, CDP, Coordinator for the Retirement Fund for Religious, wishes to extend thanks and appreciation for the generous response from our parishioners on Nov. 17-18, 2007 when the Retirement Fund for Religious collection was taken. May God bless you for your generosity.

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.