



**SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat, Feb. 13 to Sun, Feb. 21, 2010

- Saturday Vigil, Feb. 13:** 4:30 PM Church
Anniv - Hank Golembiewski (Wife & Family)
- Sunday, Feb. 14:** 7:30 AM Church
Alvin Keller (Bea Stempkowski)
- Sunday, Feb. 14:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Patsy Aluise (Hugo Palermo)
- Sunday, Feb. 14:** 11:30 AM Church
Wedding Anniv - Bob & Cathy McNeilly

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, Feb. 15:** Mercedes Liguori (Rose & Joe)
- Tuesday, Feb. 16:** Jeffrey Rosenwald (Mom & Dad)



Feb. 17, 2010

- 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. 18:** Anniv - Anthony DeAngelis (Wife, Mary)
- Friday, Feb. 19:** Tom Walsh (Tom, Dave, Phil, Kevin & Gary)
- Friday, Feb. 19, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM, Church**

- Saturday Vigil, Feb. 20:** 4:30 PM Church
Antonetta Presutti (Family)
- Sunday, Feb. 21:** 7:30 AM Church
Margaret Cerovski & Husband, George rem'd (Daughter, Mary)
- Sunday, Feb. 21:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Dom DiMichele (Dino, Ursula & Demetrius)
- Sunday, Feb. 21:** 11:30 AM Church
Mildred Byrom (St. Vincent de Paul Society)

NOTE: There is no Bingo on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF ROBERT CRAWFORD BY SPECIAL FRIEND, DONNA
MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF BILL STROPKAJ BY COOTSIE AND PAUL EHLE

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, February 17, 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.

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 come and participate in the governance of St. John of God Parish.

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.

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. The day and time that Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows will be forthcoming.

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday thru Friday)
Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

ATTENTION TEENS IN GRADES 9-12

Looking for something fun after school? Then come hang out on Wednesdays and enjoy games, food, friends and fellowship! The location alternates between St. John of God and St. Malachy, and this week (Wed., Feb. 17) we are at the St. Malachy "Upper Room" (located on the second floor of the school building) from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Join us! For more info, contact at 412-331-8573 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com.

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWS

The February 12 issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* was mailed to every registered household in the Diocese. No bulk copies of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* will be available in the Church or Chapel this weekend, February 13/14.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

Feb. 6 / 7

Saturday	snow
Sunday	snow
Total Weekend Attendance	snow

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS

For the Weekend of Feb. 6 / 7

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 809.00

(This is ordinary income from contributions for the general running of the parish. It is subject to a 17.6% tax to the Diocese of Pittsburgh.)

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

PSP Assessment for 2010	\$ 83,561.00
PSP Collected To Date	\$ 23,304.00
Remaining of 2010 Goal	\$ 60,257.00

You can see that we have received our 2010 Parish Share Assessment. We are allocating to that. More information to come in February about our 2010 assessment.

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
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:	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

† † † † † † † † † †

"YEAR OF THE PRIEST" PARISH PRAYER

God, give us worthy priests in sufficient numbers.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

NIGHT AT THE RACES: STO-ROX

Saturday, March 6 @ 6 PM
St. John of God Social Hall
Tickets \$20

Includes Dinner, Beer & Pop - BYOB
21 or over only

For tickets call the School Office
at 412-331-8501 or 8525.

NIGHT AT THE RACES: CRESCENT

St. Catherine of Siena Parish will sponsor a Night at the Races the evening of Saturday, March 20. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner followed by the races. Please mark your calendars to welcome in spring with your friends at this event. Bring your family and friends and fill a table. Volunteers to help at the function are needed. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

FESTIVAL NEWS



IT'S TIME . . . to have our first meeting regarding the *Parish Festival*. Please come to the first meeting this Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place at St. Mary's. If you would like to come and need a ride, please call Kelly Hall at 412-331-4702. Hope to see you there.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Vincentian Regency** - Honey Gerger **West Hill Rehab. Center** - Evelyn D'Orazio **Mercy** - Fr. Joseph Markalonis, T.O.R. *Also for all 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 Stephanie Domka and John Karas whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers. *"May the Angels lead them into paradise and may they with the once poor Lazarus have rest everlasting."*

BLOOD DRIVE

Central Blood Bank of Pittsburgh is having blood drives for the people of Haiti. For locations and more information, please call 412-209-7010.

St. John of God Steeple Chase Super Bowl Football Pools winners for February 7, 2010

Indianapolis Colts vs New Orleans Saints

\$100 Pool

1st QUARTER

Indianapolis Colts 10 New Orleans Saints 0
Gizmo owned by Christine Ansell \$500

HALF-TIME

Indianapolis Colts 10 New Orleans Saints 6
Jillo owned by Jill Edel / John Varhol, Jr \$1000

3rd QUARTER

Indianapolis Colts 17 New Orleans Saints 16
MEM owned by Mary E. Medvitz \$500

FINAL

Indianapolis Colts 17 New Orleans Saints 31
FOUR SISTERS owned by Marlene Hawk \$3000

CONGRATULATIONS!

\$30 Pool

HALF-TIME

Indianapolis Colts 10 New Orleans Saints 6
KJD owned by Kevin DeAngelis \$500

FINAL

Indianapolis Colts 17 New Orleans Saints 31
Gary O. owned by Gary Olshenske \$1000

Second \$30 Pool

HALF-TIME

Indianapolis Colts 10 New Orleans Saints 6
Grammy Joe owned by Joanne Heinlein \$500

FINAL

Indianapolis Colts 17 New Orleans Saints 31
Sponge Bob owned by Darlene Sachs \$1000

CONGRATULATIONS!

2011 Steelers Here We Come!

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

Holy Trinity Youth Ministry is hosting a Festival of Praise in Holy Trinity Church on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Come for an evening of charismatic worship music led by a live worship band. The evening is open to everyone. For more information, please contact Jason Gawaldo at 412-809-9259 or www.holytrinityrobinson.org.



This is a call to all children/young adults from 3rd grade to high schoolers interested in serving the Church as an altar server. If interested, please leave your name and number at the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call Steve

Tomsko at 412-331-3510 or Kelly Cropper Hall at 412-331-4702. A meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

A Women's Guild meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 23, at 7 PM in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows. All women of St. John of God Parish are invited and most welcome to this meeting. We will discuss this year's Easter Bread project. For more information, please call Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392.

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 26-28 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 available. Sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-353-5348 or go online to www.ccp.org and click on Rachel's Vineyard. Registration deadline is February 19, 2010.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Feb. 15 (Mon.) - Mass at Mary Pat Rickerd Nursing Home, 1085 Dohrman St, West Park, 1:30 PM Mass Intention: Deceased of the Sobol & Rippole Families by Carol Rippole

Feb. 15 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Feb. 16 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Feb. 17 (Wed.) - **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO**

Feb. 17 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Mtg, 6-7:30 PM, *Gathering Place* - Call Jeff Kotek, 412-855-1933 for information.

Feb. 18 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

Feb. 18 (Fri.) - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM – 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

STEEPLE CHASE DINNER

Come celebrate and honor the faith and dedicated service of the priests of St. John of God Parish in this Year for the Priests.

Pope Benedict XVI declared June 2009 to June 2010 the Year For Priests. The Steeple Chase Drive is sponsoring a benefit dinner on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at the LeMont on Mt. Washington to honor current and former priests of St. John of God Parish. The proceeds from this event will be used to defray costs of repair to the roof and steeples of St. Mary's Church of St. John of God Parish that were extensively damaged in 2009. Honorees are the following: Reverends Louis Vallone, Robert Zajdel, Regis Ryan, Lawrence Smith, William Terza, Michael McDermott, Stephen Kresak, Christopher Mbogu, Paul Householder, Patrick O'Brien, Richard Lelonis, and Albert Semler.

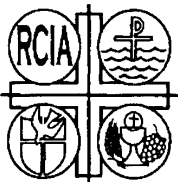
The cost of dinner is \$60. A VIP reception will precede the dinner. Cost of reception and dinner is \$90. All reservations must be in by Friday, March 26, 2010. Consider reserving a table. If reservations and payments are made **by March 15**, you can take advantage of the **Spring Forward Special: \$50 dinner or \$80 VIP reception and dinner.** Valet parking \$5.

Dinner choices include Sautéed Apricot Chicken, Char-grilled Atlantic Salmon, Veal Portobello. Dress Code: Roman Collar/Respectful Attire.

So get together with your friends and family and reserve a table for this tribute. Questions and reservations call Charlotte 412-331-2453 or Terry 412-331-3443.

RITE OF SENDING

On Sunday, February 28 at the 9:30 AM Liturgy, our candidates preparing for the Easter Sacraments will celebrate the Rite of Sending. In this rite, their sponsors and formation team speak on their behalf regarding their preparation, and the community sends them forth with blessings to the Rite of Election with Bishop David Zubik at St. Paul Cathedral at 3 PM.



In the Rite of Election, the Church makes its "election" that is the choice and admission of those Catechumen who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part in the Sacraments of Initiation. Please keep John Hack, Michael Hack and Darlene Dickinson in your prayers as they celebrate these rites and enter the Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

The Ladies of Charity of St. John of God Parish invite everyone to a **Lenten Evening of Reflection** on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 PM conducted by Sr. Mary Catherine Cudnik in the "Gathering Place". In order to have the proper amount of materials needed, please R.S.V.P. to Sr. Theresa at the parish office, 412-771-5646.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS PIROGHI SALE DURING LENT

Potato / Cheese Potato / Sauerkraut
Frozen & ready to heat includes butter & onions
\$7.00 per dozen

Call to order 8 AM to 11 AM - 412-771-4304

Saturday pick-up available: Saturday 3/20 & 4/3
10 AM to 12 Noon

Pick-up Monday thru Friday 6 AM to 12 Noon

Christ Community Church
900 Chartiers Ave. 15136

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 26-28 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 available. Sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-353-5348 or go online to www.ccpgh.org and click on Rachel's Vineyard. Registration deadline is February 19, 2010.

FREE HEALTH CARE CENTER

The Catholic Charities Free HealthCare Center is recruiting experienced mental health professionals to provide limited counseling services for our patients who do not have health insurance. Licensed social workers or psychologists who can volunteer their time on a consistent basis should contact the volunteer coordinator at 412-456-6977. For more information about the Free Health Care Center visit www.ccpgh.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

"If you want to make God laugh, tell Him YOUR plans." There is no more vivid example of this than the weather last weekend.

It was of course the High Holy Days of our secular American culture: Super Bowl weekend. I have written extensively in this Corner in the past about analogies with this event and religious faith. It is, for the secularist, the Sabbath of all Sabbaths. And the plans abounded: parties, food, large screen TV's, travel, mementos, pools, bets, etc.

And then God decided to drop almost two feet of snow in our Pittsburgh area, in a wide belt of storms that paralyzed much of the region. I do not mean to make light of the dangers involved, and indeed there were tragic deaths as a result of the weather. But lots of irony abounded as well.

Several bishops, including our own, hastened to tell people that they were dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass, but curiously added the monitum that regular Masses would be celebrated anyway. Well, yeah, as long as there is a validly ordained priest, the prayers, and bread and wine, Mass is able to be celebrated. But for many places including St. Catherine and St. John of God, they wouldn't be celebrated at the regular place at the regular time, being physically impossible.

The governmental authorities pleaded with people not to go on the roadways, allowing emergency personnel a clear path to do their work. Public transportation ceased. Snow removal crews, including the private contractors we use at both parishes, were not able to even scratch the surface of battling the snow. In short, to tell people that

continued next column . . .

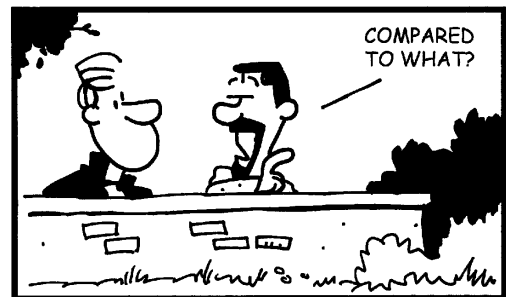
Masses would continue could give nothing but spiritual comfort - it would have been worse than fool hardy for anyone to attempt to attend them.

Therefore, everyone should rest assured that there was no moral guilt for not attending Mass last weekend. Don't worry about it, don't feel bad about it, and most of all don't come to the sacrament of penance to confess it! We priests who celebrated Mass alone physically had every one of you present spiritually. You are covered.

After all, Jesus settled this issue long before there was a Super Bowl when He said: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

(However, we would be most appreciative if sooner or later the offering envelopes that didn't make it to Mass last week would eventually find their way to us. We have a lot of snow removal and utility bills to make up for. Bless you.)

6TH 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.