

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Sat, Feb. 23, 2008 to Sun, March 2, 2008

Saturday Vigil, Feb. 23:	4:30 PM Church
Wilfred "Bob" Roussey (Wife & Family)	
Sunday, Feb. 24:	7:30 AM Church
For Parish Family of St. John of God	
Sunday, Feb. 24:	9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Lucille S. Renschler (Helen Haas)	
Sunday, Feb. 24:	11:30 AM Church
James N. Caputo (Carol & Bill Bayer)	

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Feb. 25:	Anniv - John Pavlovich (Wife, Marie)
Tuesday, Feb. 26:	Gertrude Amon (Paul & Pat Donahue)
Wednesday, Feb. 27, 8:15 AM, Chapel:	Joyce Jullian (SJG School Staff)
Wednesday, Feb. 27:	Margaret Muha (Mike Jablonsky)
Thursday, Feb. 28:	For the Living - 89th Birthday - Joseph Giedl
Thurs., Feb. 28, Stations of the Cross, 1:15 PM, Chapel	
Friday, Feb. 29:	Anniv - Bob Wagner (Wife & Children)
Friday, Feb. 29, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM, Church	

Saturday Vigil, March 1:	4:30 PM Church
Grace D'Domenicus (Heather Johnston & Angie Lipa)	
Sunday, March 2:	7:30 AM Church
Anniv - Gizella Gerger (Lil, Gizelle, & Peg)	
Sunday, March 2:	9:30 AM Chapel
Kay & Ed Zamanski (Sister, Marge Panno & Family)	
Sunday, March 2:	11:30 AM Church
For Parish Family of St. John of God	

Readings for the Week of February 24, 2008

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

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 1:15 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows.

**Parish Office Hours:**

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

**ECUMENICAL SERVICES**

The traditional Lenten Ecumenical Services will continue on the Tuesday evenings during Lent in St. John of God Parish, the Church at St. Mary's at 7:30 PM. This year's theme for the services is the "Beatitudes." This Tuesday, February 26, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will conduct the services with Rev. John Bateson as Celebrant focusing on "Blessed Are the Meek." A social will follow the services in the Gathering Place. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to join us for these spirit-filled evenings.

CALLING YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults—married or single—join other young adults from the Pittsburgh area for a talk by Dr. Edward Sri on how Pope John Paul II's practical wisdom can transform your relationships with the opposite sex. This free event will be held this Friday, February 29, at 7 PM at the Gilmary Center, located near the Pittsburgh airport at 601 Flaugherly Run Road, Coraopolis, PA. A free will offering will be taken. For more information, please call 412-264-8400.

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, call John Fatula, 412-331-8573.

CATHOLIC VISION OF LOVE PARENT MEETING

All parents of students in grades 5-8, both SJOG School and Sunday School are to attend a parent meeting on Thursday, March 13, from 7-8 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. A letter is being sent to parents explaining what will be covered that evening. If you have any questions, please call John Fatula.

BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to a Bible Study, led by John Fatula, this Wednesday, Feb. 27, 6:30 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. All are most welcome.

PARISH SHARE NEWS

The second collection this weekend, Feb. 23/24, is for the Parish Share Program. There is a blue envelope in your packed of envelopes for this purpose. If you forgot your envelope this week, you may bring it another time that is convenient. See the Pastor's Corner for more information on our 2008 assessment.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The next Core Team Meeting takes place on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Office. The Core Team is a group of teens in grades 9-12 who meet monthly to talk about our faith, plan the Youth Group's activities, and socialize. We are always on the lookout for new members and hope YOU will join us! For more information contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Feb. 25 (Mon.)** - Mass at Mary Pat's Personal Care Home, 1085 Dohrman St., West Park. Mass Intention: Roger Rippole by Wife, Carol & Family
- Feb. 25 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.
- Feb. 25 (Mon.)** - Making Gnocchi, 6 PM, Pizza Kitchen
- Feb. 26 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's.
- Feb. 27 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15
- Feb. 27 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.
- Feb. 29 (Fri.)** - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM. See the menu in today's bulletin.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEB. 16 / FEB. 17**

Saturday	365
Sunday	776
Total Weekend Attendance.....	1,141
Total Weekend Offertory.....	\$7,055.00
Parish Share Assessment 2008	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....	\$8,465.24
Balance on Parish Share	\$78,572.76

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR
NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The next program will be held on Sunday, March 9, 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.

***** EASTER BREAD *****

Anna Marie Stropkaj, President of the Women's Guild, along with the Ladies of the Guild (and their helpers, too) will be baking their traditional, delicious Easter Bread again this year on Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11. Please fill out the order form below. You **MUST** pick up your order on the date indicated beginning at 4:00 P.M.

DONATIONS

We are asking for donations of ingredients (flour, sugar, eggs, margarine, oranges) or money to buy these ingredients to help defray the cost of this project. You may bring your donation any Thursday or Friday morning to the Pizza Kitchen or Wednesday evenings to the Bingo. Monetary donations can be put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Easter Bread" or given directly to the parish office. Thank you in advance. For more information, please call Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We are very grateful that this tradition will continue this year, but our volunteer force is thinning out. Without volunteers this project will become a memory of the past. If you can help out anytime during the two days, we can put you to work. Please call Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392 or the parish office. Don't forget, we make enough bread to share with the shut-ins of the parish to let them know they are always remembered in our daily prayers and are still an important part of St. John of God Parish. If you are looking for a special Lenten service, helping with the Easter Bread would surely be something worthwhile.



SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF FEB. 24

- St. Mary's** - In Memory of Hank Golembiewski by Wife, Pat and Family
- Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Grace D'Domenicus by Heather Johnston and Angie Lipa

EASTER BREAD ORDER FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Date of Pick-up (check one) Beginning at 4:00 P.M. each day

_____ Monday, March 10 _____ Tuesday, March 11

How Many: _____ 2 lb. loaf - \$6.00 (*Only one size available*)

Drop order form in the collection basket or bring to parish office by Friday, March 7, 2007.

March, 2008

March 1 - 2	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Terry Fedio Patricia Golembiewski	Tami Cotcher Michael Ivosevic	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Joanne Malenock Tracy Olanyk
Altar Server	Brian Benedetti Dallas Woods Michael Roussey	Patrick Jennings Martin Lyscik	Christopher Cercone Eric Hall Jared Hall	Michael Dorrenbacher Wesley Dorrenbacher Pamela Reedy
Eucharistic Minister	Christina Phillips Tom Phillips Ellie Brown Rosemarie Litterini Carole Yunker Alexis Adamchik	Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath Mary Ann Scrabis	Frank Troff Theresa Davis Margaret Ferraro Anne Lutz Zacharias Donna Placon Paul Bingham	Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Eleanor Vith Mike Tomsko
March 8 - 9	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Ann Tkacik Rick Slonchka	John Friel Tami Cotcher	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Julienne Giuliani Mary Ann Scrabis
Altar Server	Alex Adams Tom Adams Matthew DiSanto	Patrick Jennings Martin Lyscik	Jared Hall Pamela Reedy	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Brian Benedetti
Eucharistic Minister	Gerrie Bayer Steffie Orlich Charlotte Schriener George Wolf Alexis Adamchik Mike Tomsko	Michael Ivosevic Nina Ivosevic Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill	Ron DePascale Angela Ciccone Kelly Hall Eric Hall Dominic Puppo Bill Stropkaj Sr.	Gizella Fedorka Patsy Mance Wanda Mruczek Anne Lutz Zacharias
March 15 - 16	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Patricia Golembiewski Tom Burgunder	Donna Klocek Spohn Joanne Malenock	Ron DePascale Steve Tomsko	John Friel Wanda Mruczek
Altar Server	Michael Roussey Dallas Woods Matthew DiSanto	Patrick Jennings Martin Lyscik	Christopher Cercone Eric Hall Jared Hall	Alex Adams Tom Adams Pamela Reedy
Eucharistic Minister	Terry Fedio Rosemarie Litterini Carole Yunker Donna Placon Mike Tomsko Ellie Brown	Mark Honath George Wolf Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill	Al Condeluci Liz Condeluci Frank Troff Neve Mell Paul Bingham Theresa Davis	Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Eleanor Vith Gizella Fedorka
March 22 - 23	Sat, Easter Vigil 9:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Charlotte Schriener Ann Tkacik	Tami Cotcher Michael Ivosevic	Lou LaCivita Steve Tomsko	Tom Burgunder Tracy Olanyk
Altar Server	Rick Slonchka Brian Benedetti Matthew DiSanto	Patrick Jennings Martin Lyscik	Jared Hall Pamela Reedy	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Dallas Woods
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March 29 - 30	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Terry Fedio Patricia Golembiewski	Donna Klocek Spohn John Friel	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Mary Ann Scrabis Tracy Olanyk
Altar Server	Michael Roussey Alex Adams Tom Adams	Patrick Jennings Martin Lyscik	Christopher Cercone Eric Hall Jared Hall	Brian Benedetti Matthew DiSanto Pamela Reedy
Eucharistic Minister	Carole Yunker George Wolf Eleanor Vith Alexis Adamchik Gerrie Bayer Ellie Brown	Mark Honath Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill Anne Lutz Zacharias	Bill Stropkaj Sr. Paul Bingham Theresa Davis Donna Placon Angela Ciccone Margaret Ferraro	Gizella Fedorka Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Wanda Mruczek

PIZZA KITCHEN MENU



TO ORDER CALL 412-331-8530 ON FRIDAYS BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 3:45 P.M. FALAGONES AVAILABLE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PIZZA:

Pizza w/Romano	\$6.50
Pizza w/Romano & Mozzarella	\$8.00
Pizza w/Romano, Mozzarella & Pepperoni	\$9.50
Pizza w/Romano & Sausage	\$8.00
Pizza w/Romano, Mozzarella & Sausage	\$9.50
White Pizza	\$5.50

EXTRAS:

Hot Sausage	\$1.50
Mushrooms	\$1.50
Mozzarella	\$1.50
Pepperoni	\$1.50

EXTRAS:

Sweet Peppers	\$1.00
Hot Peppers	\$1.00
Spinach	\$1.00

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Sausage Roll (one size only/the former small roll)	\$6.50
Spinach Roll (one size only/the former small roll)	\$6.00
Pepperoni Roll	\$6.50

Pasta & Beans (large) our container	\$2.75
Pasta & Beans (small) our container	\$1.50
Fried Cakes	1 for \$.40
Fried Cakes	4 for \$1.50

FALAGONES:

Potato Falagone - Regular	\$6.00
Potato Falagone - Hot Peppers	\$6.00
Potato & Hot Sausage Falagone	\$6.00
Spinach Falagone	\$6.00
Spinach Falagone - w/Crushed Red Peppers	\$6.00
Spinach Falagone - w/Raisin	\$6.00

SPECIALS AT THE PIZZA KITCHEN DURING LENT ONLY:

Homemade Gnocchi: 2 lb. bag for \$6.00
Homemade Gnocchi: 1 pt. for \$2.50

**THE P.V. REPORT
Fr. Al Semler**



It's time to think FESTIVAL '08!

We need to decide should we do it or not. I heard so many say, "I'm getting too old for this" last year. So, I'll be looking for commitments to move forward. We're looking at the dates of August 6, 7, 8 and 9. This will avoid the August 15 Holy Day. I'm calling a meeting for next **Sunday, March 2, at 4:00 PM** at the Social Hall. We'll have some food and beverages available. I'll be looking for some young people to get involved. We'll review last year's "numbers" and decide if we want to "do it."



**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL
NATIONAL CATHOLIC COLLECTION FOR BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS**

Next weekend, March 1/2, a combined second collection will be taken at all Masses for the above three very important projects within the Church in the United States. Please be as generous as your means allow.

HOSPITAL

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

SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Families of Lawrence M. Mollica and Kathryn Dobrowolski 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."



RIDE TO CHURCH

One elderly member of our St. John of God parish family is looking for a ride to the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday at the Mother of Sorrows Chapel. If you can help, please call the parish office, 412-771-5646.

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

I stopped in our grade school basketball game last week, just in time to see one of our kids sink a basket. The crowd of course went wild, and the cheerleaders began a chant: "Give 'em another one just like the other one!" Now I am sure these children thought they were being very creative and original - but in fact that chant has been around at least since my grade school days which were not only in another century, but even another millennium. (Dinosaurs walked the earth then.)

It is Parish Share time again. The Diocese began their appeal the first week of Lent, because their process is a rather complex and involved one, with pledges, reminders, special receipts, etc. Two years ago we changed our process for our Parish to a very simple one: we have a monthly envelop and take up a second collection once a month. We compute a figure for the average we need to collect each month from our contributors, and ask every one to put at least that amount in their monthly envelops. If some can afford more, we encourage their generosity. If they can't make the suggested amount, we ask them to do what they can. It is as simple as that.

What was the result last year of this rather primitive approach? Well, for the first time in recent Parish history, we not only made our assessment, we collected \$26,000 over the amount we had to turn into the Diocese. This is critical, because we keep the overage here in our own Parish, for our own ministry, and we do so tax free. That means that our PSP campaign last year netted us \$31,000 in buying power for our Parish - about 7% increase in our total budget. The painting and repairs in the sacristies and vestibules, for example, are being paid for with this overage.

We are now in a new campaign - but actually we are a couple of months ahead, since we have already collected the January and February envelops. We need to raise \$87,000 this year, and if we simply match what we accomplished last year, we will be that much further ahead. Therefore, the new campaign is the same as the old campaign: we ask each contributor to put \$40 per month in the PSP envelop. To compare: The Diocese recommends we ask a minimum of \$500 per parishioner, or \$10 per week (which totals \$520.) We are asking \$480 in total - so we are proposing a discount! All we need to do is to continue to do what we did and are doing and we will be successful.

In short, as your Pastor, in terms of PSP, I am asking: "Give us another one, just like the other one!"
SCORE!

PARISH SHARE 2008**WHAT?
\$87,038**

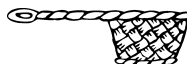
This is the amount which our parish must remit to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If we raise more than this amount, we can retain the excess for our parish (assessment free). If we raise less, then we must use operating funds to cover the difference.

**WHY?
17.6%**

This figure is computed by taking 17.6% of all our income (offertory, Festival, donations, bequests, fund raisers, etc.). It is a straight assessment at this percentage for all parishes.

**WHEN?
NOW!**

The Diocesan Drive has already begun and we have until December 31, 2008 to pay off the full amount of our assessment. We at St. John of God will not visit homes, or send out monthly bills on pledges as the Diocese recommends. We view this as a continued and year round effort.

**HOW?
SIMPLY!**

In each month's envelop packet, there is a blue envelope marked "Parish Share" - cash, check, money order, can all be placed in this, which can be dropped in the collection anytime you are at Church, or mailed in, or left at the parish office, or put in my hand when you are greeting me outside Church. A one time lump sum can be given, monthly installments on a yearly pledge, sporadic payments, when you get your IRS refund: in short, any way, any where, any time - as long as you get the contribution to us, and it is clearly marked Parish Share, it will be gratefully accepted.

**WHO?
EVERYONE!**

An overall average of \$40 per month from each contributor (including visitors) means that we can reach our assessment with some to keep for our local ministry. This program will only work if all of our people participate. We must average this amount. If you are able to give this each month, it will add up to what is needed. If you are able to give more: please do so to help the effort. If you are not able to give this amount, please give as much as you can, every bit helps. Any amount at any time adds to the overall total - and more importantly shows that every member of the parish is a part of the whole - our parish and our Diocese. Percentage of participation is an even more crucial statistic than the amount of money that is given. We need everyone!

"From those to whom much is given, much is expected."