

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT****MASS INTENTIONS****Sat, Feb. 27 to Sun, March 7, 2010**

- Saturday Vigil, Feb. 27:** 4:30 PM Church
Robert Priddy (Wife & Children)
- Sunday, Feb. 28:** 7:30 AM Church
Anniv - Olga "Honey" Crivelli with Anthony rembr'd
(Children)
- Sunday, Feb. 28:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Lucille Renschler (Joyce Baumgartner & Family)
- Sunday, Feb. 28:** 11:30 AM Church
Albert Gerger (John & Betty McDermott)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, March 1:** Nancy Fearon (Joseph Fearon)
- Tuesday, March 2:** John Pavlovich (Wife, Marie)
- Wednesday, March 3: 8:30 PM, Chapel:** Bill Stropkaj
(Rita Brethauer)
- Wednesday, March 3:** Patty McDermott (Sr. Theresa
Kunzler)
- Thursday, March 4:** Joseph Marczak (Jean DeFratti)
- Friday, March 5:** Johanna Rosner (Flo Coperich)
- Friday, March 5, Stations of the Cross, 12:30 PM, Chapel**
- Friday, March 5, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM, Church**

- Saturday Vigil, March 6:** 4:30 PM Church
Mafalda DiVecchio (Betty & Vince Parey)
- Sunday, March 7:** 7:30 AM Church
Mildred Hoffman (Son, William)
- Sunday, March 7:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Domenic & Julia Primavera and Crescenzo &
Virginia DiNardo (Family)
- Sunday, March 7:** 11:30 AM Church
Margaret Vignone (Rita Brethauer)

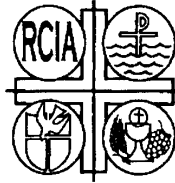
Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

- Sunday: Gn 15:5-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 1/Lk 9:28b-36
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

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"YEAR OF THE PRIEST" PARISH PRAYER**God, give us worthy priests in sufficient numbers.****RITE OF SENDING**

This Sunday, February 28 at the 9:30 AM Liturgy, our candidates preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church 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. 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.

**DO YOU LIKE TO EAT OUT?**

If so the Steeple Chase Drive has a deal for you.

One winner will receive all of the following:
A dinner for two at the **Monterey Bay Fish Grotto** and **13 \$50** gift certificates/cards from great restaurants in Kennedy, McKees Rocks, Robinson, Southside Works, Downtown, Sewickley, North Hills, Mount Washington, and Bridgeville. If you can't use them, re-gift them to your family, the person who shoveled your snow, or use them as Easter, graduation, wedding, birthday or anniversary gift. They can all be yours. Tickets cost \$10.00 and are based on the 7 P.M. PA lottery on Monday, March 8, the Feast of St. John of God. Don't be left out. Tickets are on sale before and after each Mass, at the Pizza Kitchen, Parish Office and Bingo. We do need help in selling tickets beyond the parish limits; if you are interested in selling these tickets to your family, friends, neighbors or co-workers please call Terry, 412-331-3443 or Charlotte, 412-331-2453.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: *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 Betty Straccia, Stanley Bialek, Harold Dietz, Mary Dombrowski, Julia Dombrowski, Mary Gall, Louise Ligouri and Josephine Burton 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, may the martyrs receive them at their coming and take them to Jerusalem, the holy city."*

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., March 3) we are at the St. Malachy "Upper Room" (located on the second floor of the school building) from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. For more info, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com.

FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Looking for a fun family night out? Everyone will enjoy the Talent Show taking place on Saturday, March 6 at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Seminary's O'Conner Hall. A variety of acts will thrill and entertain you! Admission is only \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6-17 (children age 5 and under are free). All proceeds benefit Holy Family Institute. Sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Council.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

Feb. 20 / 21

Saturday	354
Sunday	722
Total Weekend Attendance	1,076

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS

For the Weekend of Feb. 20 / 21

Regular Offertory Collection	\$7,866.54
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(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	\$ 24,917.00
Remaining of 2010 Goal	\$ 58,644.00

(This is the tax paid to the Diocese. We must remit this entire amount to the Diocese of Dec. 31. Any surplus then remains in the parish, tax free.) See today's Pastor's Corner for more information on parish share.

March 3 (Wed.) - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin at 7:15 PM.

March 5 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN AND IT'S FALAGONE FRIDAY! To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM – 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

REGISTRATION

St. John of God School, which offers a preschool program for three and four year old and full day for Kindergarten through eighth grade, welcomes new students and families for the 2010/2011 school year. Tuition assistance is available. Please call Sr. Anna Marie Gaglia at 412-331-8501 for more information or to register.

NIGHT AT THE RACES: STO-ROX

Sponsored by St. John of God School

Saturday, March 6 @ 6 PM

St. John of God Social Hall

Tickets \$20

Includes Dinner, Beer & Pop - BYOB

21 or over only

Tickets are available at the School Office or Parish Office

Call 412-331-8501 or 8525 for more info

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to a Lenten Bible Study, led by John Fatula, on Tuesday, March 2, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

We wish to congratulate Carmella Magnelli who celebrated her 97th birthday on February 16, 2010. Happy Birthday! May the Lord continue to bless you.

CATHOLIC VISION OF LOVE PARENT MEETING

A parent meeting for Catholic Vision of Love will be held on Sunday, March 14 after the 9:30 AM Mass to 11:15 AM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. All parents of students grades 5-8, both SJG School and Sunday School, are required to attend this meeting. For any questions, 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 12:30 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows and at 6:30 PM in the Church at St. Mary's.

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM HOFFMAN SR. BY SON, WILLIAM **MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF THERESA AND JOSEPH CELLETI BY MARY AND LOU

Parish Office Hours:

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

The St. John of God Steeple Chase Drive Year for Priests Dinner

Thursday, April 8, 2010 *6:30 p.m. VIP Reception / 7:30 p.m. Dinner*
Le Mont Restaurant (on beautiful, scenic Mt. Washington), 1114 Grandview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA

The St. John of God Steeple Chase drive is sponsoring a dinner to honor current and former priests of St. John of God Parish in this Year for Priests as declared by Pope Benedict XVI. We the faithful would like to show special appreciation for the men who have answered Christ's call to serve as priests. This is an open invitation. Come celebrate the faith and dedicated service of these men. Proceeds from this event will be used to defray costs associated with damages to roof and steeples of St. Mary's Church of St. John of God Parish. Honorees include Rev. Louis Vallone,* Rev. Robert Zajdel*, Rev. Regis Ryan*, Rev. William Terza*, Rev. Paul Householder*, Rev. Lawrence Smith*, Rev. Albert Semler, Rev. Patrick O'Brien, Rev. Christopher Mbogu*, Rev. Richard Lelonis, Rev. Michael McDermott*, Rev. Stephen Kresak*, and special guest Monsignor William Ogradowski, Regional Vicar.

**Planning to attend*

Reservations: (VIP Reception includes Wine, Beer and Hors d'oeuvres)

Spring Forward Special By March 15

Dinner Only \$50 per person

VIP Reception & Dinner \$80 per person

After March 15, 2010

Dinner Only \$60 per person

VIP Reception & Dinner \$90

Dress Code: Roman Collar/Respectful Attire

Registration:

- † Please make check payable to: **St. John of God Parish** and mark your envelope "Year for Priests"
- † Return registration with payment to St. John of God Parish, 1011 Church Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 by U. S. Mail, SJOG collection basket or office mail drop
- † All reservations and payments must be received by **Friday, March 26, 2010**
- † Valet parking \$5.00 payable on arrival at LeMont
- † Questions call 412-331-2453 or 412-331-3443

The St. John of God Steeple Chase Drive Year for Priests Dinner Reservation

(Please return completed form with payment to St. John of God Parish)

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

Please reserve:

Spring Forward Special (Reservations by March 15, 2010)

_____ Dinner Only at \$50 each

_____ VIP Reception & Dinner at \$80 each

Reservations made after March 15, 2010

_____ Dinner Only at \$60 each

_____ VIP Reception & Dinner at \$90 each

- I want to reserve a table of 8 or 10. Please attach list of all names with meal choices.

Dinner Choice: (Please specify, one choice per person)

_____ **Chicken Milanese** # _____ **Char-Grilled Atlantic Salmon** # _____ **Veal Portobello** (w/artichokes, peppers & Madeira demiglaze)
 (breaded w/lemon butter) (w/honey-soy marinade & glaze)

I/we wish to be seated at the same table as: _____

_____ **TOTAL RESERVATION(S)** (Please attach list of all names with meal choices)

- I am unable to attend, but want to make a donation of \$ _____

March, 2010

Mar. 6 - 7	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Terry Fedio Tom Burgunder	Tami Ivosevic Donna Klocek Spohn	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Mary Ann Scrabis Julienne Giuliani
Altar Server	Michael Roussey Alex Adams Tom Adams	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Jared Hall Eric Hall Christopher Cercone	Michael Dorrenbacher Wesley Dorrenbacher Christopher Linnert
Euch. Min.	Christina Phillips Tom Phillips Donna Placon George Wolf Gerrie Bayer Mike Tomsko	Ron Amity Claudia Hemphill Nina Ivosevic Michael Ivosevic	Theresa Davis Margaret Ferraro Kelly Hall Eric Hall Dominic Puppo Frank Troff	Gizella Fedorka Patrick O'Connor Eleanor Vith Anne Lutz Zacharias
Mar. 13 - 14	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Patricia Golembiewski Tom Burgunder	Joanne Malenock Tami Ivosevic	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Nicole Scialabba Tracy Olanyk
Altar Server	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Grace Diehl	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Eric Hall Jared Hall Kevin Barbour	Christopher Linnert Cassandra Cropper Wesley Cropper
Euch. Min.	Steffie Orlich Charlotte Schriener Carole Yunker Gerrie Bayer Terry Fedio Rosemarie Litterini	Michael Ivosevic Nina Ivosevic Ron Amity Claudia Hemphill	Al Condeluci Liz Condeluci Mark Honath Theresa Davis Kelly Hall Eric Hall	Patsy Mance Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Wanda Mruczek
Mar. 20 - 21	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Ann Tkacik Tom Burgunder	John Friel Donna Klocek Spohn	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Joanne Malenock Wanda Mruczek
Altar Server	Alex Adams Tom Adams Michael Roussey	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Emily Halbedl Jacob Scott Christopher Cercone	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Grace Diehl
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Mar. 27 - 28	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Terry Fedio Patricia Golembiewski	Michael Ivosevic Tami Ivosevic	Lou LaCivita Al Condeluci	Nicole Scialabba John Friel
Altar Server	Anna Marie Kilonsky Alex Adams Tom Adams	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Cassandra Cropper Wesley Cropper Kevin Barbour	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Grace Diehl
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PASTOR'S CORNER
FR. LOU VALLONE

There are only two things that are certain: "death and taxes." Everyone is familiar with that cliché. We who are Christians believe that Jesus Christ has conquered death. But not even He has been able to conquer taxes.

The Canon Law of our Catholic Church says in #1259: "The Church can acquire temporal goods by every just means." #1260: "The Church has an innate right to require from the Christian faithful those things which are necessary for the purposes proper to it." #1261 "The Christian faithful are free to give temporal goods for the benefit of the Church." #1262 "The faithful are to give support to the Church by responding to appeals according to the norms issued by the conference of bishops." and #1263 "After the diocesan bishop has heard the finance council and the presbyterial council, he has the right to impose a moderate tax for the needs of the diocese; this tax is to be proportionate to their income." In Pittsburgh, this tax is called the Parish Share Appeal and is imposed on the income of parishes.

It is Parish Share Appeal time again. By now, I think everyone knows what Parish Share is about. Parishes run their operations on a range of incomes: offertory, fundraisers, bequests, etc. Dioceses run their operations by taxing a portion of what Parishes derive. That's right, it is just like the secular government and income tax, except that we have a fixed rate of 17.6% of all income. Each year the diocese computes the Parish income and assesses the amount for the Parish to remit to the diocese.

The diocese then uses that money to run all of its programs: Central Administration, Marriage Tribunal, Seminary, Priest Retirement and Continued Education, Archives, Chaplaincies: in short, any and all support type services that cannot be run by an individual parish. These are supported in the entire six county areas of southwestern Pennsylvania that is the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. This budget is about \$23 million per year.


It is up to each parish to decide how to raise its assessment. We do it the simplest way possible: we take the total amount (about \$84,000) divided into 12 monthly installments (about \$40 per month per contributor). If everyone does his share, we will make our goal. If you can do more, please do. If you cannot, do what you can. Jesus conquered death. Let's take a crack at the taxes.

Parish Share 2010

WHAT? This is the amount which our parish must **\$83,561** 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? This figure is computed by taking 17.6% of **17.6%** all our income (offertory, Festival, donations, bequests, fund raisers, etc.). It is a straight assessment at this percentage for all parishes. This percentage is higher than past years.

WHEN? The Diocesan Drive begins this Sunday, **NOW!** Feb. 28 and we have until December 31, 2010 to pay off the full amount of our assessment. We at St. John of God do 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? In each month's envelop packet, there is a **SIMPLY.** 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 rectory, 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? An overall average of \$40 per month **EVERYONE!** 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."