

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat, March 8, 2008 to Sun, March 16, 2008

Saturday Vigil, March 8:	4:30 PM Church
Anniv - Anna Bennet (Daughter, Mary DeAngelis)	
Sunday, March 9:	7:30 AM Church
<i>For Parish Family of St. John of God</i>	
Sunday, March 9:	9:30 AM Chapel
Ernest Funwela (Family)	
Sunday, March 9:	11:30 AM Church
Anna Murcko (Clare & Evelyn Knapp)	

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, March 10:	Gertrude Amon (Ray & Linda Terpack & Family)
Tuesday, March 11:	Agnes Haraby (Husband & Family)
Wednesday, March 12, 8:15 AM, Chapel:	<i>For Students and Staff of St. John of God School</i>
Wednesday, March 12:	Pat Funwela (Wife, Rita & Family)
Thursday, March 13:	Dorothy Heiser (Julia Karabinos)
Thurs., Mar, 13 Stations of the Cross, 1:15 PM, Chapel	
Friday, March 14:	Anniv - Rose DeLia (Rose Rita)
Friday, Mar, 14 Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM, Church	

Saturday Vigil, March 15:	4:30 PM Church
Wilfred "Bob" Roussey (Wife & Family)	
Palm Sunday, March 16:	7:30 AM Church
<i>For Parish Family of St. John of God</i>	
Palm Sunday, March 16:	9:30 AM Chapel
Frank DeMarco (Wife & Family)	
Palm Sunday, March 16:	11:30 AM Church
Anniv - James Vlasach (Wife & Children)	

Readings for the Week of March 9, 2008

Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are 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 continues this Tuesday evening 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, March 11, Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church will conduct the services with Fr. Ron Larko as Celebrant focusing on "Blessed Are the Merciful." A social will follow the services in the Gathering Place. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to join us for these spirit-filled evenings.

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 this Thursday, March 13, from 7-8 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. We will discuss the Catholic Vision of Love program, outline the curriculum materials, explain the parent's role and answer any questions you might have. If you need further information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

FIRST PENANCE AND COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Our children will be celebrating **First Penance** this 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 at 412-331-8573.

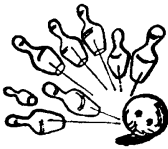
SEVEN CHURCH VISITATION

Following our Parish's celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 PM on Holy Thursday, Mar. 20, we will once again have a bus going on the traditional Seven Church Visitation. Everyone is invited to participate in this beautiful old custom of visiting seven churches as prayerful pilgrims. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Church and Chapel if you would like to join us. The bus will leave from St. Mary's parking lot following the Mass and return approximately at 11:30 PM to St. Mary's.

BLESSING OF BIKES

On Palm Sunday, March 16, immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's, we will have the annual Blessing of the Bikes sponsored by the Mon Valley Hog. After the blessing, we will go on a short run, weather permitting. If anyone has a motorcycle bike (preferably) or any bike and would like to be a part of the blessing, you are most welcome to join us.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



COSMIC BOWLING

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to go Cosmic Bowling on Friday, March 28 from 9:00 PM to Midnight at the Paradise Island Bowl! Cost is \$16 per person (includes shoe rental) and the sign-up deadline is 3/27. To sign up contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sjyouthmin@yahoo.com.

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

On Easter Sunday, March 23, Bishops David Zubik, Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00 PM. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witness to your faith. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, March 12, Noon to 3 PM or Thursday, March 13, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAR. 1 / MAR. 2

Saturday	345
Sunday	857
Total Weekend Attendance.....	1,202
Total Weekend Offortory.....	\$6,764.24
Human Development, etc.	\$1,473.00
Parish Share Assessment 2008	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....	\$16,155.51
Balance on Parish Share	\$70,882.49

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Kindred** - Marianne Caristo, Rae Mishizen **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 Catherine Fahrenhold, Elizabeth Braidic, and Mary Lucci 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.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

HELP WANTED

Cook/Manager for St. John of God Cafeteria
 Great Hours
 Work While the Kids are at School
 Serv-Safe Certified Preferred
 Call Francine, 412-977-0863

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

It's time to spring ahead! You are reminded to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night, March 8. This information would have been more useful last weekend, but Daylight Savings Time snuck right up on us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There will not be Sunday School on Palm Sunday, March 16 or Easter Sunday, March 23. Classes will resume on Sunday, March 30.

PIZZA KITCHEN NEWS

The Pizza Kitchen will be open this Friday, but closed on Good Friday, March 21. We will be back in operation the following Friday, March 28.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, March 21 and Easter Monday, March 24.



ADS FOR BULLETIN

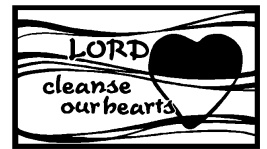
This Monday, March 10, Mr. Mike Davey of Liturgical Publications, Inc. (company that publishes our weekly bulletin) will be at the parish office soliciting ads for our bulletin. If you are not a current ad sponsor and would like to be, please call Mr. Davey at the parish office this coming week Monday through Thursday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- March 10 (Mon.)** - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Ave., 1:30 PM - Mass Intention: Nameer Hana
- March 10 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.
- March 11 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's.
- March 12 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15
- March 12 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.
- March 14 (Fri.)** - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

FIRST PENANCE and COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 10, 2007
6:30 PM Church @ St. Mary's



Palm Sunday: *Blessing and Procession with palms at all Masses*

Saturday, March 15, 2008:

4:30 PM Church @ St. Mary's

Sunday, March 16, 2008

7:30 AM Church @ St. Mary's

9:30 AM Chapel @ Mother of Sorrows

11:30 AM Church @ St. Mary's



1:00 PM Blessing of Bikes:
Parking Lot @ Church @ St. Mary's

**HOLY TRIDUUM**

Holy Thursday, March 20, 2008

6:30 PM Church @ St. Mary

At the conclusion of the Mass, there will be a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the place of reposition. The Church will remain open for visitation or adoration until 12 Midnight.

There will be a bus for the Seven Church Walk leaving the Church following the Mass.

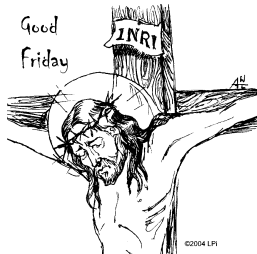
Good Friday, March 21, 2008

Noon, 12:00 PM Church @ St. Mary's

Ecumenical Service

WHY MUST HE DIE?

Presented by the 25 member Teen Chorale of the Tri County Choir Institute. The cast is comprised of students from area junior / senior high schools and colleges. This play is a meditation through music, liturgical dance and drama on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. All are cordially invited to come for this spiritually uplifting presentation. A free-will offering will be taken.



6:30 PM Liturgical Services Church @ St. Mary's

Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, March 22, 2008

Noon, 12:00 PM Church @ St. Mary's

Blessing of Easter Food

Easter Vigil, 9:30 PM Church @ St. Mary's

Reception of the R.C.I.A. Candidates into Full Communion with the Church

Easter Sunday March 23, 2008

7:30 AM Church @ St. Mary's

9:30 AM Chapel @ Mother of Sorrows

11:30 AM Church @ St. Mary's

Blessing of Children with their Easter Baskets after each of the Masses





WILD IRISH FLING

Mark your calendar and plan to be at the "Wild Irish Fling" on Saturday, March 29, from 7:00 PM to ? in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows. By then we will be in the glorious Easter season and ready to kick up our heels to the tunes of a great D.J. Cost is \$10 per person which includes a light buffet. B.Y.O.B. (set-ups provided) - Beer sold separately. This event is being sponsored by the St. John of God Women's Guild. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Eleanor Vith at 412-331-3832 or Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF GOD

This Saturday, March 8, is the Feast of Saint John of God, our Patron Saint. Let us continue to pray to Saint John of God and ask for his continued guidance and intercession for all of us.



DONATE YOUR USED CLOTHING

When you begin spring cleaning your closets and drawers, please consider donating your old clothing to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There is a clothes bin for this purpose at St. Mary's parking lot. Thanks!

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MARCH 9

St. Mary's - In Memory of Wilfred "Bob" Roussey by Wife and Family **Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Charles Hawk by Wife and Family

REMINDER — EASTER BREAD

Those who ordered Easter Bread are reminded to pick up your order on the day you specified, either Monday, March 10 or Tuesday, March 11 beginning at 4 PM each day. Call Anna Marie Stropkaj, 412-771-2392, if you have any questions.

BUNNY BINGO

Holy Trinity School is sponsoring a Bunny Bingo this Sunday, March 9, in the school cafeteria on Steubenville Pike, Robinson Township. Cost: \$5 for 3 cards, \$10 for 6 cards and \$18 for 12 cards. Doors open at 3:00 PM— Games begin at 4:00 PM. *Pictures with the Easter Bunny *Family Fun *Food *Prizes *Baskets

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Guardian Angels Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held this Sunday, March 9, in the Parish Center at 1000 Logue Street, West End, from 3 PM to 7 PM. Tickets are \$8:00 for adults and \$3:00 for children under 10. Take-outs available.

THE P.V. REPORT

Fr. Al Semler

Thanks to all who attended our Festival meeting last Sunday for Festival '08. We decided to hold it for three days instead of four. We expect our raffle tickets to be ready by Palm Sunday. Although, I don't have a definite on that. We compared notes on previous raffle results and saw that last year's raffle was more profitable. So, we will duplicate that. However, we will have a different way of distributing tickets. Since it is illegal to mail them to you, we will not mail them out again this year. Many asked me last year why they were not mailed. This is the reason. It's illegal.

Please call me if you are willing to help or drop a note in the collection basket. Remember, "Many hands make light work."

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Sisters of St. Joseph will sponsor a Discernment Retreat - *How Do I Know What God Is Calling Me To In Life?* - for women who are exploring their particular calling in life. The retreat will be held the weekend of April 4-6. Beginning on Friday, April 4, at 7:30 PM and concluding on Sunday, April 6, at Noon, this retreat provides a welcoming environment and prayerful atmosphere for women seeking to listen for God's voice and to pay attention to their inner longings, desires, and aspirations. The fee of \$110 (\$60 for students through scholarships from the CSJ Vocation Appeal Fund) includes meals, lodging, and program materials. For further information, contact Sr. Dorothy Pashuta at 412-661-2528 by March 25.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Saint Paul Seminary
High School and College Students

*Celibacy and Chastity:
Priestly Service in Today's Society*

Friday, April 4 to Sunday, April 6, 2008

Call Father Wehner ~ 412-456-3048

*Learn More About the Priesthood

*Meet the Seminarians

*Prayer — *Recreation — *Fellowship

*Parish Vocation Visits

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

Our annual thirteen-week Solemn Novena In Honor of St. Anthony of Padua will begin on Tuesday, March 18, at the 6:30 PM Mass in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

(Pastor's note: This bulletin was supposed to run in the March 2 bulletin, but it got bumped by the "snow lament". Not wanting to let the sentiments go unsaid, I decided to publish it this week, even if it is a week late. Waste not, want not.)

In the old liturgical calendar, this Sunday was called "Laetare Sunday" - "Rejoice Sunday" - because it signaled that Lent was half over. If we have been faithful to our mortifications and sacrifices and penances, we have much to rejoice (and feel self-satisfied) about. If we have failed a bit, or feel a bit imposed upon, by what we have given up or taken on as our preparation for Easter, indulging in some self-pity, so to speak, perhaps this meditation that I have lifted from another parish bulletin may encourage us to stay the course of self-denial and self-discipline. It is also appropriate since we take up the second collection today for the Bishops' Campaign for Human Development to fund anti-poverty and social service programs.

IMAGINE HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES

To translate your life into the daily experience of one billion human beings today:

- Reduce your annual income to \$200 or less.
- Discard all furniture except for a few old blankets, a kitchen table, and one chair.
- Discard all clothing except for the oldest suit or dress for each member of the family. For the head of the household, keep one pair of shoes.
- Empty the cupboards, except for a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few moldy potatoes, a handful of onions, and a dish of fried beans.
- Dismantle the bathroom, shut off the running water, and remove all electrical wiring.

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Abandon the house itself and move the family into the tool shed, located next to the latrine pit dug in the yard. Cancel all subscriptions to newspapers, magazines and book clubs. Tear up all library cards.

Move the nearest clinic or hospital at least ten miles away, and place a midwife in charge, instead of a doctor.

Throw out all bank books, stock certificates, pension plans and insurance policies, and leave a cash hoard of \$5 for the whole family.

Give the head of the family three tenant acres to cultivate, by hand and hand tools, where he or she can raise \$300 in cash crops, of which 1/3 will go to the landlord, and 1/10 to pay off a money lender.

Lop off 25 to 30 years of life expectancy for every member of the family.

On this level of poverty, many of our brothers and sisters in the world live. With this in mind, it kind of makes our Lenten sacrifices a little easier to bear, huh?

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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.