

*Jesus Lives!*  
WE ALSO WILL LIVE!  
John 14:19

**EASTER SUNDAY****MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat, March 22 to  
Sun, March 30, 2008



**Saturday, Easter Vigil, March 22:** 9:30 PM Church  
*For Parish Family of St. John of God*

**Easter Sunday, March 23:** 7:30 AM Church  
*For Parish Family of St. John of God*

**Easter Sunday, March 23:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
*For Parish Family of St. John of God*

**Easter Sunday, March 23:** 11:30 AM Church  
*For Parish Family of St. John of God*

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

**Monday, March 24:** Anniv - Virginia Szucs (David & Audrey Szucs)

**Tuesday, March 25:** Anniv - Louis Cusano (Wife, Flo)

**Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 PM, Chapel St. Anthony, wk 2**  
Andy Leto (Dom & Sue Barbaro)

**Wednesday, March 26, 8:15 AM, Chapel:** *For Students and Staff of St. John of God School*

**Wednesday, March 26:** Bill Dalesandro (Wife, Roberta & Family)

**Thursday, March 27:** Katherine Van Dyke (C. Quest)

**Friday, March 28:** Robert F. Wolf (George & Marge Wolf)

**Saturday, March 29, 2:30 PM, Church**  
Wedding - David Kapinskis and Christina McNamee

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**Saturday Vigil, March 29** 4:30 PM Church  
Anniv - James Vlasach (Susie, Mike, Michael & Natalya Smarra)

**Sunday, March 30** 7:30 AM Church  
*For Parish Family of St John of God*

**Sunday, March 30** 9:30 AM Church  
Joseph, Frank & Beatrice Spadaccia (Angela & Marian)

**Sunday, March 30** 11:30 AM Church  
Helen Bromley (Michele Timchak)

**Readings for the Week of March 23, 2008**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

**Parish Office Hours:**

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

**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 witnesses to your faith. All families 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.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, March 24. Please hold all calls until Tuesday, March 25, unless it is an emergency.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

There are no Sunday School classes this Sunday, March 23. Classes will resume next week for all students on Sunday, March 30.

**WILD IRISH FLING**

Everyone is invited to the Wild Irish Fling on Saturday, March 29, from 7:00 PM to ? In the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows. , Cost is \$10 per person which includes a light buffet. B.Y.O.B. (set-ups provided) - Beer sold separately. Dance to the tunes of a great a D.J. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Eleanor Vith at 412-331-3832 or Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392. Reservation deadline is Monday, March 24. Sponsored by the St. John of God Women's Guild

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**March 24 (Mon.)** - Mass at Mary Pat Rickerd Nursing Home, 1085 Dohrman St., West Park - Mass Intention: Macosko Family by Jennie Macosko

**March 24 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.

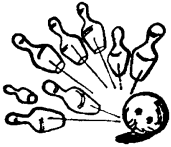
**March 25 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's and at the 6:30 PM Mass in Mother of Sorrows.

**March 26 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15.

**March 26 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

**March 28 (Friday.)** - **Pizza Kitchen!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



The sign-up deadline for Cosmic Bowling is this Thursday, 3/27! The Cosmic Bowling outing will take place this Friday, March 28 from 9:00 PM to Midnight at Paradise Island Bowl. All teens in grades 8-12 are invited! Cost is \$16 per person (includes shoe rental) and a permission form. To sign-up contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x 11 or [sigyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sigyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**ATTENTION TEENS IN GRADES 9-12  
WELCOME FOR BISHOP DAVID A. ZUBIK**

High school aged teens of the Diocese are invited to a special youth welcome for Bishop David A. Zubik. The event will be held on Sunday, April 6 at Bishop Canevin High School. It will start with a concert, then prayer, followed by a reception. For details and registration information, please call the Youth Office at 412-331-8573 x 11.

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

Saint Paul Seminary  
High School and College Students

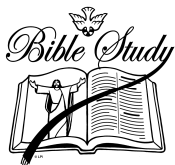
*Celibacy and Chastity:  
Priestly Service in Today's Society*

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**

The solemn thirteen-week novena in Honor of St. Anthony will continue this Tuesday, March 25 (week 2), at the 6:30 PM Mass in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. The novena prayers will continue to be recited every Tuesday following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.



A Bible Study, led by John Fatula, will be held this Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

**CHILDREN AND THE INTERNET  
WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW**

Twens and teens need guidance as they express themselves, create content and interact with others on the Internet.

Parents are invited to come to a three hour workshop to explore what young people are doing online and how parents can talk with them about the choices they make.

The workshop will be led by Julia Tebbets, Educational Technology Leader from Sewickley Academy.

When: Saturday, April 5th  
Time: 2-5 PM  
Where: Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church  
1760 Pine Hollow Road 15136  
Donation: \$5 per family

Advanced registration (adults only please) is necessary. You may register online at [Mission-Adoption.org](http://Mission-Adoption.org) or call 412-860-1017. (It is requested that you don't call the Church.)

This seminar is being sponsored by Mission Adoption Support Group and Ken Mawr UP Church.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MARCH 23**

**St. Mary's** - In Memory of Marie McNabb by Children  
**Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Anthony Crivelli by Ronald Masciola

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAR. 15 / MAR. 16**

<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>450</b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>829</b>
<b>Total Weekend Attendance</b> .....	<b>1,279</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offortory</b> .....	<b>\$8,745.34</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment 2008</b> .....	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)</b> .....	<b>\$24,748.51</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share</b> .....	<b>\$62,289.49</b>

**HOSPITAL**

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

**SYMPATHY**

Please remember 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."

**WEST HILLS SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT**

When: Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 3:00 PM

Where: West Allegheny High School, Imperial, Pa

The West Hills Symphonic Band Concert is offered free to the public, promoting the fine arts in the West Hills community since 1967 and saluting our country's military veterans and active service personnel. Selection highlights will include "Overture to Candide", "The Gladiator", "The Wizard of Oz" and other fine musical literature.

**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.

**ANNUAL BLUEGRASS CONCERT**

Enjoy local bluegrass bands and help Catholic Charities' St. Joseph's House of Hospitality for homeless senior men when you attend the 10th Annual Bluegrass Concert Benefit, Friday, April 18, 7:30 PM at Synod Hall in Oakland. Tickets are \$20 with discounts for students and seniors. Children under 12 are free. Call 412-471-0666, ext. 227.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

*Today's Gospel instructs us Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The dying experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.*

**TEA AND FASHION SHOW**

A Tea and Fashion Show will be held in Mount Assisi's Social Hall on Saturday, April 5, 1-4 PM to benefit Mount Assisi Academy Preschool.

Children's clothes by Target, Dick's and Kohl's will be modeled. A delicious lunch, door prizes, basket raffle and 50/50 raffle will be featured. Call 412-761-6004 for tickets.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The next program will be held on Sunday, April 6, from 1-4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

**THE ANNULMENT PROCESS**

The annulment process, or Declaration of Marriage Nullity, as it is properly called, is often misunderstood. Anyone interested in learning about this process is invited to attend a special program at St. Paul Seminary on Wednesday, April 16, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The presenter will be Fr. Brian Welding, Tribunal Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. This program is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call 412-456-3160 or email [familylife@diopitt.org](mailto:familylife@diopitt.org).

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

A Spring Day of Recollection for Members of the Auxiliary to the Sisters of St. Joseph will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at the Motherhouse in Baden presented by Rev. Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap. The day will begin with registration and Continental Breakfast at 9:00 AM. Presentation at 9:30, Eucharistic Liturgy at 11:30 AM and Lunch served at 12:15 PM. Reservations are required. Space is limited. For reservations, please call sister Karen at 724-869-6592 or email her at [csidevks@stargate.net](mailto:csidevks@stargate.net) no later than March 28. Please consider a \$5 donation to cover the cost of lunch.

**UNA FESTA ITALIANA  
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008**

**8 PM TO MIDNIGHT  
EPIPHANY CHURCH**

**ACROSS FROM MELLON ARENA**

Lydia's Place, a nonprofit organization that helps incarcerated women and their children rebuild their lives, is sponsoring the first Una Festa Italiana. Come for a hearty Italian dinner, dancing, silent auction and other surprise festivities. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please call or email Rosemary McLaughlin at 412-367-7118 or [rosemarymclaugh@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarymclaugh@gmail.com).



## DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Often Catholics and Christians in general lack imagination about how to bring the Gospel into places that are not specifically "religious." Dr. Jim Towey, president of Saint Vincent college in Latrobe, PA has spent years working on ways to incarnate the love of Christ in policy and politics. He worked for 12 years as legal counsel to Mother Teresa of Calcutta and lived two years in her missions caring for those dying of AIDS. As Director of the White House Office of Faith-based and community Initiatives, he sought to apply the lessons learned from Mother Teresa to the problems of America's poor. Join us for Jim Towey's presentation, *Mother Teresa: Being an Icon of Christ in a world that Needs His Love* to be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium, Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 PM. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists. The lecture is free - all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

## DOO-WOP DINNER DANCE

A Doo-Wop Swing Dinner Dance will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, South Pointe (15 minutes from Carnegie; off Route 79 South) on Friday, April 18, 2008, from 6 PM until 11 PM. The cost is \$60 per person or \$100 per couple. There will be a Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar, Door Prizes, Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle and lots of Dancing. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 412-276-1011 ext. 10. Proceeds benefit the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Capital Campaign.

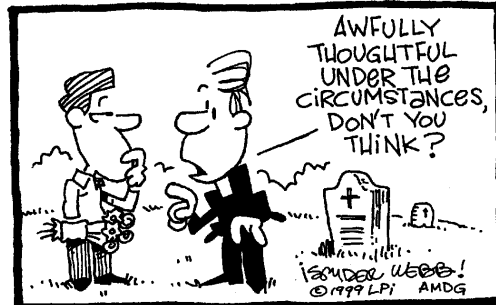
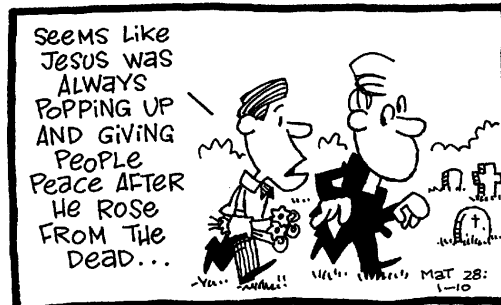
## 17TH ANNUAL AUCTION DINNER

Bishop Canevin High School's 17th Annual Auction Dinner "Celebrate Pittsburgh" will be held on Saturday, April 19, at Heinz Field. Tickets are only \$75 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent and live auctions, raffles, prizes and much more. Reservations are now being accepted. For complete information and a full listing of auction items, visit <http://auction.bishopcanevin.org> or call 412-922-7400, x 27.

## GET ACQUAINTED DAY

High School juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Sunday, April 13. Registration is from 11:30 to 11:45 AM, followed by an introduction to Saint Vincent College and a student panel as well. The day will conclude at 3 PM. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549, email [admission@stvincent.edu](mailto:admission@stvincent.edu), or register online at [www.stvincent.edu](http://www.stvincent.edu).

EASTER



## GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN

APRIL 12, 2008

A.J. PALUMBO CENTER

AT DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Theme: **PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER**

Join Dynamic Speakers:

Bishop David A. Zubik, Mike Clark,  
Father Larry Richard, Deacon Alex Jones,  
Robert Rogers, Father Jim Wehner,  
and Peter Herbeck.

Whether you are a grandfather, father, single man, or son, whatever your level of faith or whatever your level of spiritual needs, come and see how your life can be changed.

"COME AND SEE" (John 1:39): That is what Jesus said to John the Baptist's two disciples when they asked Him where He was going. That is our invitation to you. Come and see how your life can be changed:

- Become a better individual, husband, father, and follower of Christ.
- Become a better leader, coworker, employee or employer.
- Learn how to be more Christ centered in your daily obligations and responsibilities in living out your Catholic faith in today's world.

You and your fellow men will enjoy the entire day together. Doors open at 8:30 AM and the closing Mass is at 4:00 PM. Boxed Lunch is included. For more information call 412-276-2685 or visit [www.cmfpitt.org](http://www.cmfpitt.org).

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

Today is the culmination of the High Holy Days of our Christian Faith. Spiritually, theologically and liturgically, it has been akin to a roller coaster ride. Unlike the Christmas holiday, a merry season of unalloyed joy, Holy Week shifts a lot.

We go from the high of the triumphal procession into Jerusalem to the low of the Passion in the same liturgy on Palm Sunday. We shoot back up again on Holy Thursday with the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral blessing all of the oils for our sacramental use throughout the year, and stay on that ascent through the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and the ordained priesthood. But we plummet again before the night is out as we keep vigil with the Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane, right into the Good Friday low of the Passion and Death of Jesus. We sort of coast through Holy Saturday on a plateau, but now we rise to the greatest of heights with the Easter Vigil: lighting the new fire, blessing the new water, receiving in new members by baptism and confirmation. And of course, soaring with the Resurrection of the Risen Lord in our glorious Easter Sunday Masses. On this high we stay for the next fifty days, until Pentecost. Quite a ride!

As rich as all this liturgical activity is, somehow Easter does not carry with it the same emotional punch as Christmas, nor is it as universally entered into by non-believers. Bunnies and bonnets and dyed eggs and baskets some how fall short of the impact of the Star and Tree and wreathes and candy canes and other accouterments that the Yule Tide brings. Maybe we are more urgent at Christmas because of the depths of winter, and more laid back at Easter because of the dawning of

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Spring. But even the paler symbols of Easter carry their hidden spirituality:

**Jelly Bean Prayer**

Red is for the blood He gave,  
Green is for the grass He made,  
Yellow is for the sun so bright,  
Orange is for the edge of night.

Black is for the sins we made,  
White is for the grace he gave,  
Purple is for His hour of sorrow,  
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans,  
Colorful and sweet,  
Is a prayer, is a promise,  
Is a friend's small treat.

Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



*For they  
did not  
yet  
understand the  
scripture that he  
had to rise from  
the dead.*

John 20:7

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

Our fasting and prayers have brought us to the Glory of Easter. When we do penance to prepare for a special moment, it really makes the Celebration of that Event EXTRA SPECIAL. So, let us celebrate Easter with much "gusto". I wish each and everyone of you a Happy Easter. I pray that the Glory of the Lord may live in your hearts for the rest of your life . . . And beyond.

*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.*

