

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER****MASS INTENTIONS****Sat, March 29 to Sun, April 6, 2008**

Saturday, Vigil, March 29:	9:30 PM Church
Anniv - James Vlasach (Susie, Mike, Michael & Natalya Smarra)	
Sunday, March 30:	7:30 AM Church
<i>For Parish Family of St. John of God</i>	
Sunday, March 30:	9:30 AM Chapel
Joseph, Frank & Beatrice Spadaccia (Angela & Marian)	
Sunday, March 30:	11:30 AM Church
Helen Bromley (Michele Timchak)	

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, March 31:	Frank & Mercedes Millner (Ron & Joann Malmgren)
Tuesday, April 1:	Special Intention (Nick Solack)
Tuesday, April 1 25, 6:30 PM, Chapel	St. Anthony, wk 3 Baby Ben (Charlotte & Patti)
Wednesday, April 2, 8:15 AM, Chapel:	<i>For Students and Staff of St. John of God School</i>
Wednesday, April 2:	Anniv - Helen Wincalow (Bobby & Mackenzie Wissner)
Thursday, April 3:	Josephine Vogel (Husband & Family)
Friday, April 4:	Calvin Meiers (Frank & Mary Ann Zieger)
Saturday Vigil, April 5	4:30 PM Church Elizabeth Stokes (Mr. & Mrs. Frank Corsetti)
Sunday, April 6	7:30 AM Church Nick Liberato (Ron Amity)
Sunday, April 6	9:30 AM Church John LaCivita (Ann & Lucille Coppola)
Sunday, April 6	11:30 AM Church Aldo DiGuilio (Wife, Amy & Family)

Readings for the Week of March 30, 2008

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MARCH 30

St. Mary's - In Memory of Antonio Cirigliano by Wife and Children **Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Frank Stasa by John and Barbara Balzer

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

Welcome

New Members

CONGRATULATIONS

Our parish family of St. John of God offers prayerful congratulations to Carlos Carrabbia, Calvin Mullen, and Brandt Wilson on their initiation into full membership with the Church at the Easter Vigil. May our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, continue to bless you with grace throughout your lives of faith.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to Anna Marie Stropkaj and the women of St. John of God Women's Guild (and the men who helped them) for their time and effort in making this year's project a great success! Approximately 355 loaves of Easter Bread were made which included 70 for the homebound.

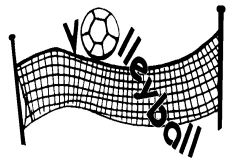
Anna Marie Stropkaj, on behalf of the Women's Guild, extends a very special thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Easter Bread, i.e., time & energy, donation of ingredients or money. Through your generosity, a profit of \$1,836.00 was realized.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The solemn thirteen-week novena in Honor of St. Anthony will continue this Tuesday, April 1 (week 3), 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to play volleyball on Friday, April 18, at 7:00 PM in the gym at Mother of Sorrows. Join us and bring a friend! For more info, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x 11 or 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, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at Bishop Canevin High School. It will start with a concert, then prayer, followed by a reception. For more details and registration information, call the Youth Office at 412-331-8573 x 11 by Thursday, 4/3.

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

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.

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.

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.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
 FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAR. 22 / MAR. 23**

Easter Saturday	192
Easter Sunday	1,570
Total Weekend Attendance	1,762
Holy Thursday	295
Good Friday (Noon) Why Must He Die?	552
Liturgy of Good Friday, 6:30 PM	160
Total Good Friday Attendance	718
Total Weekend Offertory	\$6,418.02
Easter Offertory	\$10,721.10
Parish Share Assessment 2008	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....	\$25,674.51
Balance on Parish Share	\$61,363.49

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Kindred** - Marianne Caristo **Sunrise Senior Assisted Living of Cranberry** - Helen Lubinski **Veterans/Aspinwall** - Joseph Marczak *Also for 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 Families of Helen Valicenti, Delena Alfarone, Albert Baker, Josephine DeJulio, Nora Catenacci, and Margaret McCloskey (mother of Barbara Schoedel) whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed in your prayers. *"They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."*

PARENT / CHILD MEETING

There will be a Parent / Child Meeting for First Communion on Sunday, April 13, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

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.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL, 2008

ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH

MCKEES ROCKS, PA

Apr. 5 - 6	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Ann Tkacik Patricia Golembiewski	Tami Cotcher Joanne Malenock	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Julienne Giuliani John Friel
Altar Server	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl	Dallas Woods Tim McQuillan	Jared Hall Pamela Reedy	Michael Dorrenbacher Wesley Dorrenbacher Brian Benedetti
Eucharistic Minister	Christina Phillips Tom Phillips Ellie Brown Steffie Orlich Rick Slonchka Mike Tomsco	Michael Ivošević Nina Ivošević George Wolf Ron Amity Sr.	Kelly Hall Eric Hall Dominic Puppo Steve Tomsco Frank Troff Alexis Adamchik	Tracy Olanyk Patsy Mance Eleanor Vith Anne Lutz Zacharias
Apr. 12 - 13	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Tom Burgunder Patricia Golembiewski	Tami Cotcher Michael Ivošević	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Wanda Mruczek Joanne Malenock
Altar Server	Alex Adams Tom Adams Michael Roussey		Christopher Cercone Eric Hall Jared Hall	Matthew DiSanto Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl
Eucharistic Minister	Gerrie Bayer Terry Fedio Carole Yunker Donna Placon Rosemarie Litterini Steffie Orlich	Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath Ron Amity Sr. Nina Ivošević	Al Condeluci Liz Condeluci Ron DePascale Neve Mell Paul Bingham Angela Ciccone	Gizella Fedorka Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Mary Ann Scrabis
Apr. 19 - 20	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Rick Slonchka Ann Tkacik	Donna Klocek Spohn John Friel	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Tracy Olanyk Tom Burgunder
Altar Server	Brian Benedetti Elizabeth Diehl	Dallas Woods Tim McQuillan	Jared Hall Pamela Reedy	Alex Adams Tom Adams Matthew DiSanto
Eucharistic Minister	Charlotte Schriener Mike Tomsco George Wolf Alexis Adamchik Gerrie Bayer Rosemarie Litterini	Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath	Lucille Coppola Margaret Ferraro Bill Stropkaj Sr. Kelly Hall Eric Hall Dominic Puppo	Julienne Giuliani Anne Lutz Zacharias Patsy Mance Eleanor Vith
Apr. 26 - 27	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Terry Fedio Patricia Golembiewski	Tami Cotcher Joanne Malenock	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Mary Ann Scrabis John Friel
Altar Server	Michael Roussey Brian Benedetti Pamela Reedy		Christopher Cercone Eric Hall Jared Hall	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Dallas Woods
Eucharistic Minister	Steffie Orlich Donna Placon Carole Yunker Alexis Adamchik Gerrie Bayer Rosemarie Litterini	Michael Ivošević Nina Ivošević George Wolf Ron Amity Sr.	Frank Troff Paul Bingham Angela Ciccone Mark Honath Theresa Davis Margaret Ferraro	Gizella Fedorka Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Wanda Mruczek

SOMETHING MISSING?

Something missing from your life? If you're a Catholic man of at least part Irish descent, you're eligible to join the Ancient Order of Hibernians (A.O.H.) fraternal organization.

As a member you'd be involved in community-based efforts such as the Hibernian Hunger Project, the planning and staging of the St. Patrick's Day parade, fund raising golf scrambles and assorted benefits tapping each member's personal skills.

These efforts are designed to support numerous local charities and to cultivate pride in the Irish heritage. For details, please contact Ed Blank, 117 Highridge Circle, Pittsburgh, PA 15234, 412-854-5555 or EDWBLANK@aol.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

March 31 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.

April 1 (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.

April 2 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15.

April 2 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

April 4 (Friday.) - **Pizza Kitchen and it's FALAGONE FRIDAY!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

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.

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.

SPRING CRAFT SHOW RESCHEDULED

The Spring Craft Show sponsored by Holy Trinity School will be held from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, April 12 in the Holy Trinity School cafeteria and Fr. Herrmann Hall. You will have over 100 tables to choose from in selecting the perfect gift or decoration for your home. Hot lunch and baked goods will be available. For further information, please call 412-264-0452.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



ASCENSION SPRING FLEA MARKET

A Flea market will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Church of the Ascension, 114 Berry Street, Ingram, PA. Proceeds to benefit the Church. For more information, please call 412-922-8820 or 412-922-1187.

LIFELINE OF SOUTHWEST PA

LIFELINE of Southwest PA, a Pregnancy Help Center in Beaver County since 1977, invites mature and caring men and women to their Spring Training Classes for new volunteers. Classes will be held on five consecutive Thursday evenings, from 6-9 PM, April 10 to May 8 at the Beaver office. Classes will include understanding pregnancy and prenatal development, facts and effects of abortion, effective listening skills, crisis intervention, post abortion counseling and more. Consider that 37,731 abortions took place in Pennsylvania last year then consider how God could use YOU to help save even one life. For information and registration (required), call the LIFELINE office at 724-728-5651 or 724-843-0505.

SPEAKING OF FLEA MARKETS

Plans are being made for the annual St. John of God Parish Flea Market. Details will be forthcoming, but in the meantime when you are doing your Spring cleaning, don't throw anything away! That item may very well be someone else's treasure. Stay tuned.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Easter and Holy Week are over. It is an adrenaline filled time of year for a parish priest - the riches of our liturgical tradition following one after another, culminating on Easter Sunday when the Church is jam-packed with people - wall to wall, standing, sitting, kneeling, in the choir loft and out the doors. We worry if there has been enough hosts consecrated, if we can get the parking lot cleared in time for the next Mass, if there are sufficient bulletins to be distributed, if the basket got passed to everyone, if the votive candles will hold out. In short, it is the one time during the year in which the anxiety of a parish priest rises because of too much response, because for one day the Church is too successful. And then the weeks following Easter come, with lower than usual attendance, collections, participation, as though to average things out. The low after the high, if you will. The following was sent to me by a parishioner who noticed the let down:

Funny how a \$10 bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the grocery store.
 Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.
 Funny how long are a couple of hours spent at church, but how short they are when watching a movie.
 Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.
 Funny how we get thrilled when a baseball game goes extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

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Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.
 Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.
 Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last minute.
 Funny how much difficulty some people have learning a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip about someone.
 Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.
 Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven, provided they don't have to believe or to think or to say or to do anything to deserve getting there.
 Funny, isn't it?????

Every Sunday is a little Easter - See you in Church!

**He saw
and
believed**



The P.V. REPORT
Fr. Al Semler

Easter was G...R...E...A...T! I hope yours was, too. My thanks to all who sent prayers my way and/or goodies or a card. Each sentiment is very much appreciated.

My prayer for you is that the Risen Christ may dwell in your heart forever. Peace.

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.