



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, April 5 to Sun, April 13, 2008

- 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 Chapel
John LaCivita (Ann & Lucille Coppola)
- Sunday, April 6:** 11:30 AM Church
Aldo DiGuilio (Wife, Amy & Family)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, April 7:** Anniv - Jim Mortell (Family)
- Tuesday, April 8:** Mary Litterini (Family)
- Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 PM, Chapel St. Anthony, wk 4**
Leo & Millie Wozniak (Daughter, Theresa & Family)
- Wednesday, April 9, 8:15 AM, Chapel:** *For Parishioners, Students and Staff of St. John of God*
- Wednesday, April 9:** Skip Amity (Mom, Dad & Tracey)
- Thursday, April 10:** Sophie Jencik (Susan, Michael, Nicholas & Alexis Norman)
- Friday, April 11:** Bridget McDermott (Mother & Family)
- Saturday, April 12, 1:00 PM: Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery Chapel**

- Saturday Vigil, April 12** 4:30 PM Church
Richard, Willard, Donald & Charles Butter (Family)
- Sunday, April 13** 7:30 AM Church
For Parish Family of St. John of God Parish
- Sunday, April 13** 9:30 AM Church
Sophie Jencik (Family)
- Sunday, April 13** 11:30 AM Church
Arthur, Regina & Kimberly Keenan (Family)

Readings for the Week of April 6, 2008

- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF APRIL 6

St. Mary's - In Memory of Michael and Anna Tempalski by Family
Mother of Sorrows - In Memory of Frank Stasa by Betty Pasquarelli

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS
VOLLEYBALL**



Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to play volleyball on Friday, April 18 at 7:00 PM in the gym (MOS Social Hall). Join us and bring a friend! For more info contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

PARENT / CHILD MEETING

There will be a Parent / Child Meeting for First Communion next 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.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The solemn thirteen-week novena in Honor of St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, April 8 (week 4), at the 6:30 PM Mass in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. The novena prayers continue to be recited every Tuesday following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Emma Rose DeFillip, Curtis John Sabo, Jr., and Nicholas William Sicilia*. May you continue to grow in God's love.



BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

Sunday, May 4, is the next scheduled Baptismal Program that you may register for. The class is held 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.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAR. 29 / MAR. 30**

Saturday	393
Sunday	808
Total Weekend Attendance	1,201

Total Weekend Offertory	\$6,887.55
Parish Share Assessment 2008	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....	\$27,020.51
Balance on Parish Share	\$60,017.49

Parish Office Hours:

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

FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH TRIP TO SENECA NIAGARA - PRESQUE ISLE

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

\$155 per person dbl occupancy @ Seneca
Single (\$235) & triple (on request) rates available
Receive \$20 Slot Credit & \$20 Food Voucher at Seneca
Credit/Voucher to be determined at Presque Isle

Leave St. Mary's Church Parking Lot
Tuesday, June 17, @ 7:00 AM
Arrive Home Wed., June 18, approx. 10:30 PM

\$25.00 Non-Refundable Deposit
Due At Time Of Reservation

Make check payable to: St. John of God
Mail to: Gizelle Fedorka
112 Sarah Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

For any questions / reservations
Call Lucille @412-298-6106
Or Gizelle @ 412-331-6736

THE WEEK AHEAD

April 7 (Mon.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor Personal Care Home, 814 Chartiers Avenue, 1:30 PM.

April 7 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.

April 8 (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.

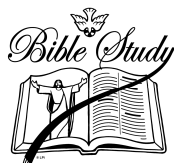
April 9 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15.

April 9 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

April 11 (Friday.) - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

WAIT! DON'T THROW IT AWAY!

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.



A Bible Study, led by John Fatula, will take place on Wednesday, April 9, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. We will focus on the Readings for Sunday, April 13. All are welcome to come join us.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Ohio Valley** - Rosemarie Bayer and Gloria House **Kindred** - Marianne Caristo Also for those ill at home (especially Linda and Mary Seretti), 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 William J. Wolf (brother of George Wolf) whom God has called. Please remember him and 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."

A TRIBUTE TO BILL WOLF: by Fr. Al Semler

At the children's Mass for and at St. John of God School, the First Reading was from the Acts of the Apostles 5:17-21. It was recounting the story where some apostles were arrested and jailed.

"But that night an angel from the Lord opened the doors of the jail and led the apostles out.

The angel said, 'Go to the temple and tell the people everything about this new life.'

So they went into the temple before sunrise and started teaching."

People have been doing this ever since. Bill has been one of them. He became a very successful business man and used that success to spread the name of Jesus far and wide especially by educational opportunities for children and youth. His love for Pope John Paul II inspired him to underwrite the costs so many of our young people could attend World Youth Days all over the World. Many of our Catholic Schools, High School and Grade School, have continued to exist because of his generosity (including St. John of God School). Quite a few disadvantaged children have a new lease on life because he recognized their need and helped them. Many parishes have youth ministers and churches have been refurbished due to his generosity. Plus, I'm sure there are many other kind acts I'm not aware of.

Bill had a great love for the "Rocks" as he grew up here and was proud of it. Join me in prayer that he now enjoys his place in heaven. He truly was a "Good and Faithful Servant."

**DID YOU KNOW?
Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children.

Source: www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth

**DID YOU KNOW?
Take the Child Safety Quiz**

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's Web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. The site also features an interactive quiz on child safety designed for both adults and children. To take the quiz, visit the NCMEC Web site and click on "Child Safety": www.missingkids.com.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235

Prayer for Healing for Victims of Abuse

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - BREAKING THE SILENCE

The Social Justice Ministry of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Parish in Moon Township will sponsor a program, "Domestic Violence—Breaking the Silence," on Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. Ann Collela-Murray, MA, Training Coordinator for the Beaver County Women's Shelter will be the guest speaker. An interactive program with guest panelists will follow. Members of the panel will include a therapist, an attorney, police officer, member of the clergy and a victim of intimate partner violence. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 412-264-2573.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The St. John of God Women's Guild will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 15, immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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.

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 information, please call 412-264-0452.

MOTHER / DAUGHTER EVENT

Join moms and their daughters, ages 9 to 16, on Sat., April 12, from 9 AM to 4 PM for a day of relationship building, spiritual renewal, and fun at the Gilmory Center, 601 Flaugherty Run Road. Registration is required. The price is \$25.00 per family. Call 412-264-8400 for additional information.

THE P.V. REPORT: FESTIVAL NEWS

By Fr. Al Semler



Since our raffle last year was a very big success, we're going to repeat it. Although we will only hold our Festival for three nights, Thursday thru Saturday, August 7, 8 & 9, we will still have four prizes. The ticket will again have four numbers for \$10.00.

Here's the Prizes:

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008

IPOD or \$250 Cash Option

Seller of winning ticket receives \$25

Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008

Laptop Computer or \$400 Cash Option

Seller of winning ticket receives \$40

Friday, Aug. 8, 2008

TV or \$500 Cash Option

Seller of winning ticket receives \$50

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008

2008 Harley-Davidson Sportster Motorcycle

Or \$5,000 Cash Option

Seller of winning ticket receives \$500

You can pre-order your favorite 4-digit number until April 30, 2008. Just fill in the form below and drop it in the collection basket, or at the parish office or just hand it to me or Mary Ann whenever you see us. The \$10.00 for your number must accompany your request. If you want us to mail you your ticket, you need to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Or we could just keep it on file for you. Requests will be honored in order received.

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. 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.

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.

ASCENSION SPRING FLEA MARKET

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

**FOUR-DIGIT NUMBER REQUEST FORM
FOR AUG. 6, 7, 8, 9, 2008**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

4-DIGIT NUMBER(S) REQUESTED _____

IF ALREADY SOLD, I'LL ACCEPT THE NUMBER IN A BOX OK _____ NO _____

ENCLOSE \$10.00 FOR EACH 4-DIGIT NUMBER REQUESTED

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Tiny bits of shell, multi-hued on one side, white on the other, are lodged in cracks and crevices. Waxy, colored, misshapen orbs are crushed into the carpet pile. Tell-tale smears of brown streak fixtures and handles. Crunchy granules and sodden crumbs litter table and counter tops. Nothing but the detritus of dyed eggs, jelly beans, chocolate bunnies, nut rolls and paschal bread remain, while bathroom scales groan and dentists beam.

Extra hymn books are packed away, the number of bulletins has been reduced, the amount of communion hosts ordered has been cut back to normal quantities, Bibles once again gather dust on the shelf, and people are relieved to find their accustomed pews empty and waiting for them, not to mention their parking spots.

Beer, gum, candy, cigarette, movie and Friday hamburger sales have sharply risen, while the level of contributions in the poor box has dropped.

Lilies droop, hyacinths shed, mums lose their bloom, orchid corsages are either pressed into the family album, stashed in the back of the refrigerator or trashed in the can. Shoes, gloves hats, suits, skirts are no longer shiny and stiff and spanking clean: still pretty, they are now more serviceable than shown off.

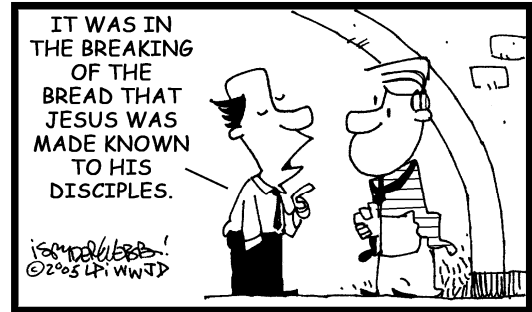
For forty days we have waited, prepared, anticipated, looked forward to and worked for it; and now at last, it has come and gone. We can relax and get back to normal. Easter is over.

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That is the way the calendar of the world sees it. But the Church has just begun - Easter is not one day, two Sundays ago, but is the following 50 days - all one constant and continuous Alleluia celebration of the Risen Lord. The Church should be just as full, the joy just as ebullient, the flowers just as blooming, the feasting just as rich, as it was on the one day. Easter is a state of being, not just a 24 hour period. We must rejoice and be glad in it for days and days to come. In fact, for every day - especially every Sunday, which is the little Easter throughout the year. There is no room here for a post-holiday let down or depression - death is conquered for once, for all, for you, for me, forever! ALLELUIA!

(For our brethren of the Orthodox Faith whose Easter is April 27: Don't read this until next month. It still applies, just a little later!)

3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER



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.