

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MASS INTENTIONS****Sat, April 12 to Sun, April 20, 2008**

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

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

<b>Monday, April 14:</b>	Sister Amdeus Bauer (Ann Ritter)
<b>Tuesday, April 15:</b>	Richard Coperich (Wife & Children)
<b>Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 PM, Chapel</b>	<b>St. Anthony, wk 5</b>
Charles, Rosemarie & Dennis Butter (Family)	
<b>Wednesday, April 16, 8:15 AM, Chapel:</b>	<i>For Parishioners, Students and Staff of St. John of God</i>
<b>Wednesday, April 16:</b>	Ted Shubert & Stella Slovick (Sister, Adella & Walter Mistarz)
<b>Thursday, April 17:</b>	Donald Mulvihill (Wife & Family)
<b>Friday, April 18:</b>	Delena Alfarone (Margaret Cillo)

<b>Saturday Vigil, April 19:</b>	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
Jim Brown (Charlotte)	
<b>Sunday, April 20:</b>	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
Nick Liberato (Ron Amity)	
<b>Sunday, April 20:</b>	<b>9:30 AM Church</b>
Elizabeth Stokes (Dom & Sue Barbaro)	
<b>Sunday, April 20:</b>	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>
Anna Murcko (Ann Bergherm)	

**Readings for the Week of April 13, 2008**

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF APRIL 13**

**St. Mary's** - In Memory of Richard Coperich by Wife and children  
**Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Placon and Sepac Families by Placon Family

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon****Parish Office Hours:****9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday thru Friday)****SPECIAL NOTE**

We would like to thank John Ciangiarulo for opening the Church doors on Sunday mornings at St. Mary's for the 7:30 AM Mass. John has been doing this service for the past two years but has now informed us that he is no longer able to do so. Therefore, the priests will open the Church on Sunday mornings at 7:00 AM. If there is someone who comes earlier that would like to open the Church, please let the priests know or call the parish office. For the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturdays, the Church doors will open at 3:30 PM.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES**

Fr. Scott Seethaler will conduct two Marriage Preparation Classes which fulfill Diocesan requirements. They are Saturday, June 14, 2008 and Saturday, October 18, 2008. Both classes will be held from 9 AM to 5 PM at St. Augustine Social Hall, 37th St., Lawrenceville. The cost of the day is \$50 per couple and includes a continental breakfast and a lunch. Pre-registration is required by calling 412-682-6147. If you are interested in this class, call soon as these classes fill quickly.

**PARENT / CHILD MEETING**

There will be a Parent / Child Meeting for First Communion this 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 15 (week 5), 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: *Alexa Christine Schmitt and Anthony Joel Schmitt*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

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



**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS  
VOLLEYBALL**

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to play volleyball this 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](mailto:sgyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

The St. John of God Women's Guild will have a meeting this 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.

**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

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 5 / APRIL 6**

Saturday .....	363
Sunday .....	840
<b>Total Weekend Attendance.....</b>	<b>1,203</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$6,944.10</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment 2008 .....</b>	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....</b>	<b>\$27,761.51</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share .....</b>	<b>\$59,276.49</b>

**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.

**FATHER RYAN ARTS CENTER  
PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE**

Focus on Renewal (FOR) presents three public performances this Spring featuring:

**"Cinderella"** performed by the Sto-Rox High School's Project Theater - Friday, April 25 at 7 PM in the Sto-Rox High School Auditorium (1107 Valley Street)

**"Dancing through the Decades: Elementary and Middle School Performance"** with a special **"Tribute to Pittsburgh: Creative Drumming Circle"** Sunday, April 27 beginning at 3 PM in the Sto-Rox High School Auditorium (1107 Valley Street)

**"Quibbles and Skits"** performed by the Sto-Rox Adult Acting Troupe - Friday, May 2 at 8 PM in Craftonian Hall, Crafton, PA (48 Division Street - follow 51N Blue Belt)

Tickets for all shows are \$4 for adults and free for children 12 years old and younger, and will be sold at the door. All proceeds benefit the Sto-Rox community arts education classes. For more information call 412-771-3052 or e-mail [pmoran@forstorox.org](mailto:pmoran@forstorox.org).

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**April 14 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.

**April 15 (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 16 (Wed.) - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15.

**April 16 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

**April 18 (Friday.) - PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM - Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

**HOSPITAL**

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Kindred** - Marianne Caristo **Life Care** - Augie Vignone **Ohio Valley** - Anthony Brank **West Penn** - Linda Seretti Also for those ill at home (especially 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 Families of Vincent D. Hall and Catherine Jarvis (mother of Donald and Dennis Jarvis) 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."*



### GRADUATE APPRECIATION MASS

Are you graduating from high school, college, law school, etc. this Spring? If so, you and your family are invited to attend the **Graduate Appreciation Mass** taking place on Saturday, May 24, at the 4:30 PM Mass in the Church. Following Mass a reception will be held in the Gathering Place. Any and all "grads" are welcome, but we ask that you please RSVP by 5/19 to Steve Swank at 412-331-8573 x11.

### 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.

### 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).

### SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH RAFFLE

The Sisters of St. Joseph are holding a raffle in conjunction with their 46th Annual Spring Luncheon. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Winners are based on the PA Big Four 7 PM Number. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded from May 17-21. If you wish to purchase a ticket, please contact Sister Theresa Kunzler at 412-771-5646. Many blessings and a grateful thanks for your support.

### EVENING WITH THE BISHOP and HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS May 8, 2008 - Saint Paul Seminary

4:30-5:30 PM (*Open to All Interested Men*)

- Meet the Seminarians
- What Is a Seminary?
- What Does a Priest Do?
- What Are the Requirements?
- How Long Does It Take to Be a Priest?



5:50-6:30 PM

- Tour of the Seminary
- Cookout and Social

7:00-8:00 PM (*Open to All*)

- Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Bishop David Zubik, Presider and Homilist
- Priests ~ Deacons ~ Religious ~ Youth Groups ~ Knights of Columbus ~ Serra Clubs
- *Come and Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood*
- Outdoor Reception

This is a gathering for young men who want to learn more about the priesthood. If you want more information, please call 412-456-3048.



The Holy Hour is open to everyone. There is no cost, but seating is limited. Call 412-456-3048 to register.

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

*The shepherd in today's Gospel called each sheep by name. Naming is a serious family function because our name is our life-long identity, connecting us to a family history and how we will be remembered forever.*

### MCKEES ROCKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bernie Agreen, a Project Manager for the McKees Rocks Historical Society, is asking for pictures and articles from anyone who want to help with the formation of a book about the McKees Rocks area. Please call Bernie at 412-331-4048 or email [BSulzerAgr@aol.com](mailto:BSulzerAgr@aol.com) if you can help or for more information.

**THE P.V. REPORT: FESTIVAL NEWS**

**By Fr. Al Semler**

As usual at this time our Festival plans are moving slowly and “behind the scenes.” But you can begin thinking about items for the “silent auction” or reserving August 7, 8, and 9 to help at a “stand” of some sort. You may have some gifts you received but can’t use, drop them off at the Rectory and I’ll find a “use” for them. I’ll run this for two weeks since I’m on vacation. We had a saying in the seminary, “Repetition is the springboard to monotony.” But is also a good way to implant information.



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.

**CUB SCOUT FOOD DRIVE**



St. John of God Cub Scout Pack 64 will be collecting non-perishable food for the needy on the weekend of April 26/27. Boxes will be placed at entrances of the Church and Chapel for you to place your donation. We thank you in advance for your help.

**WISDOM, AGE AND GRACE:  
A Celebration of Later Life**

Bishop David A. Zubik will celebrate Mass and deliver the keynote address at the Catholic Charities 15th Annual “**Wisdom, Age and Grace: A Celebration of Later Life**” Conference. “The Peace We Seek” is the theme of the event to be held on **Friday, May 9, 2008** at the Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh North, Mars. Join us for an opportunity for celebration, inspiration and education among older adults, professionals in the aging ministry, clergy, family caregivers, and anyone interested in growth in later life. Advance Registration Required. Registration fee is \$43 or \$33 for those 62 or older. To register and for more information including workshop topics and presenters, contact Catholic Charities Elderly Services Program at 412-456-6979.

**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**

"Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head"; "Singin' in the Rain"; "A Rainy Night in Georgia"; "Baby the Rain Must Fall"; and at least a dozen other tunes that I do not have room to list: no manifestation of weather has been so widely celebrated in song as rain. Musical approaches to rain run the gamut from the invitatory "April Showers" to the mandatory "Rain, Rain, Go Away!"

Even literature and aphorism rely heavily on the image of rain to make a point. We are advised that "into every life a little rain must fall" and are reminded that even "mercy falleth like the gentle rain . . . on the just and unjust alike." Rain is such a common and universal experience that we relate to it on all levels, conscious and unconscious. We readily identify with it, we accept it unconditionally as part of our every day life. And usually our approach to it is upbeat, as in the songs and adages. Our general attitude is approving and appreciative.

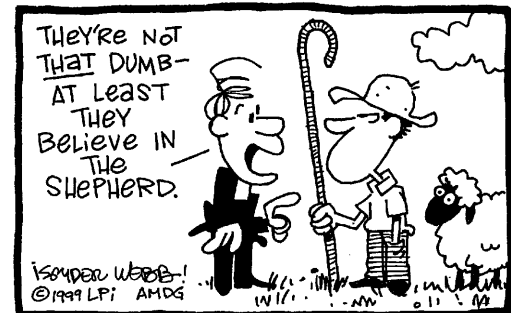
But if we read the headlines sometimes, we may have second thoughts about the blessing of rain. Often savage storms have belabored parts of our country, and even our metropolitan area. Cruel floods often take an enormous toll in damage to property and life. As I write this Wednesday, a thunderstorm has wiped out my chance to get a motorcycle ride in. Sometimes we get a spell when it seems like forever since we have seen the sun. Days are long and overcast; the sky is gloomy; everything seems perpetually damp. It is a statistical fact that when rainy weather extends over a long period of time, depression mounts; suicide rates increase; violence seems to rise; human relations deteriorate. Too much even of a good thing gives the opposite effect. We definitely do not feel like singing.

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There is no doubt that God graces us daily, individually and collectively, but often we must make some mental and spiritual adjustment in our hearts to accept those graces. It would be nice in the human scheme of things if the weather were like Camelot "where the rain may never fall till after sunset . . . and the weather must be perfect all the year". But it is God's will that must be accepted, not our own, even if we do not understand how such devastation fits into His Divine Plan for the world or for each of us individually. We must learn to say "Thank You, Lord!" for everything He sends us, and have enough hope and trust and confidence in His Divine Providence that He is watering His world, and ours, in preparation for some necessary growth in our lives.

So - "Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain."

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF 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.