

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat, April 19 to Sun, April 27, 2008

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

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

<b>Monday, April 21:</b> Mass of Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday, April 22:</b> John F. Ellek (Son, John)
<b>Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 PM, Chapel St. Anthony, wk 6</b> Joseph N. Ferraro, Sr. (Wife, Marge & Family)
<b>Wednesday, April 23, 8:15 AM, Chapel:</b> <i>For Parishioners, Students and Staff of St. John of God</i>
<b>Wednesday, April 23:</b> Anthony L. Salnoris (Wife, Helen & Family)
<b>Thursday, April 24:</b> Joseph Keintz (Anna & Eva Gaal)
<b>Friday, April 25:</b> Edward & Irene Martonik (Family)

<b>Saturday Vigil, April 26:</b> Anniv - Angeline Molitoris (Sandy & Pete Ferraro & Leona Radovich)	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, April 27:</b> <i>For Parish Family of St. John of God</i>	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, April 27:</b> Thomasina Cassiani (Husband, John & Family)	<b>9:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, April 27:</b> Robert Tankosh (Wife, Carolyn)	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>

**Readings for the Week of April 20, 2008**

Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF APRIL 20**

**St. Mary's** - In Memory of Mary C. Beasock by Husband & Children **Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Mary and Guy Rippole Sr., Anthony "Herkie" Rippole and Guy Rippole Jr. by Dolly, Margie and Phyllis

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

Thursday, May 1, is the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. Following is the Mass schedule in St. John of God Parish for this day:

April 30, Wednesday Evening Vigil  
4:30 PM, Church at St. Mary's

May 1, Thursday Holy Day  
9:30 AM, Church at St. Mary's  
11:00 AM, Chapel at Mother of Sorrows  
6:30 PM, Church at St. Mary's

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

There will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Church at St. Mary's following the 6:30 PM Mass on Ascension Thursday, May 1. The meeting will deal with general issues in the Parish. All are invited and encouraged to participate in this form of parish governance.

**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

The solemn thirteen-week novena in Honor of St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, April 22 (week 6), 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.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**April 21 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.  
**April 22 (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 23 (Wed.) - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15.  
**April 23 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.  
**April 25 (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**

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to a "Movie Night" on Friday, May 9 at 7:00 PM in the Youth Center. Join us for food, friends, and fun! For more info contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

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

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Sto-Ken-Rox Meals on Wheels will hold its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 4 at Christ Community Church, 900 Chartiers Avenue from Noon to 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 for Adults, Children under 12, \$3.50. Take-outs will be available. There will also be a Chinese Auction. Your support of this community service will be very much appreciated. For further information, call Lucille at 412-298-6106. Thank you.

**HOSPITAL**

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Kindred** - Marianne Caristo **Ohio Valley** - Anthony Brank **Sycamore** - Augie Vignone **West Penn** - Linda Seretti *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 Rosemarie Bayer, Paul J. Cisar and James R. Caldwell (father of Dorothy Caldwell and brother of Linda Caldwell) 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."*

**CLASS REUNION - August 2, 2008**

Looking for 1963 St. Francis de Sales classmates - Please contact Sue (Dietrich) Harrer, 412-859-3538.

**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

**CUB SCOUT FOOD DRIVE**



St. John of God Cub Scout Pack 64 will be collecting non-perishable food for the needy next weekend, 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.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 12 / APRIL 13**

Saturday .....	340
Sunday .....	878
<b>Total Weekend Attendance.....</b>	<b>1,218</b>

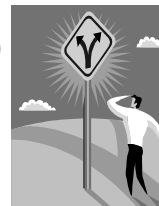
<b>Total Weekend Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$6,675.10</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment 2008 .....</b>	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....</b>	<b>\$28,843.51</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share .....</b>	<b>\$58,194.49</b>

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Matthew Ryan Snoderly*. 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.

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

Catholic Charities is pleased to announce the Fifteenth Annual "**Wisdom, Age and Grace: A Celebration of Later Life**" Conference. This year's theme is "*The Peace We Seek*". The conference will be held on Monday, May 9, 2008 at the Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh, North, Mars. Bishop David A. Zubik will celebrate Mass and deliver the keynote address. The daylong event includes a selection of morning and afternoon workshops, continental breakfast and a full course luncheon. Advance Registration is 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.

**WAIT! DON'T THROW IT AWAY!**

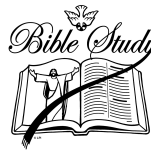
When you are doing your Spring cleaning, don't throw anything away! That item may very well be someone else's treasure at our annual Flea Market. Plans are underway. Details forthcoming. Stay tuned.

**SPRING CRAFT SALE**

The Felician Sisters are hosting a Spring Craft Sale at their Provincial House, 1500 Woodcrest Ave, Coraopolis on Saturday, May 3 from 10 AM to 4 PM. All of the items are handmade by the sisters or friends of the sisters. For further information, contact Sr. Roseann at 412-264-2890.

**SUPER BINGO**

Risen Lord Parish, 3250 California Ave, North Side, will have a Spring Fling Super Bingo next Sunday, April 27. Doors open at 11:30 AM - Early Birds at 12:45 PM, Regular Games begin at 1 PM - \$4,000 in prizes - If you purchase your ticket in advance you will be eligible for a *special raffle*. For tickets or for more information, call Risen Lord Parish at 412-761-1507.



A **Bible Study**, led by John Fatula, will take place on Wednesday, April 23, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. We will focus on the Readings for Sunday, April 27. All are most welcome to come join us.

**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).

**200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

St. Patrick Church, in the Strip District of Pittsburgh, was the First Parish in the City of Pittsburgh, founded in 1808 to serve the Irish community. In honor of this great event, next Sunday, April 27th at St. Stanislaus Church, Bishop Zubik will preside at the 11:00 AM Mass with great Irish music at the Mass and a reception with refreshments in the courtyard of St. Stanislaus Church. All are welcome. For more information, please call 412-471-4767.

**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH RAFFLE**

The Sisters of St. Joseph are holding a raffle in conjunction with their 46th Annual Spring Luncheon to be held on May 17. 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.

**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.

**Parish Raffle**

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*

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



**ANNUAL DESSERT CARD PARTY**

Please join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas as they host their annual Dessert Card Party on Saturday, April 26 at 2:00 PM in St. Joseph's School Cafeteria, Coraopolis. Tickets are \$5. Door & Table Prizes, 50/50, Money Tree, Chinese Auction ~ Don't play cards—Bring your own games. For more information, call 412-264-5413.

**SPRING FESTIVAL**

Next Sunday, April 27, the School Sisters of St. Francis, Mt. Assisi Convent, 934 Forest Ave., Bellevue, invite you to their annual Spring Festival from 12 Noon to 6 PM. Their driveway is off Bellevue Road at Quail Avenue. North Balph Avenue in Bellevue becomes Bellevue Road in Ross Township. Chicken and Halbuky (stuffed cabbage) Dinners (\$8) will be served from Noon until 6 PM. Bingo, Bake Sale, Refreshments, Plant Sale, Crafts, Raffle and Games of all types will be part of the activities for the day.

**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**

This coming week the nation will mark the observance of the activity formerly known as "Take Your Daughter to Work Day." What began as a specific tactic to promote a more dignified and equitable appreciation for women in the economy turned out to be so successful that its premise was extended and it is now promoted as "Take Your Child to Work Day." Thus it is no longer gender specific, but helps a new generation understand what the generation before contributes by way of economic endeavor to the well being of families. I applaud the progress: it is not merely a change in vocabulary, but a positive change in concept. I was going to write more about it, but when I mentioned it, one person said "What would a celibate know about it?" and another cautioned, "Would you want the bishop to think that you know about it?" Both comments were tongue in cheek, but enough to cause me to change my topic.

Also this week the nation has the observance of the activity formerly known as "National Secretaries' Day". What began as a specific tactic to promote a more dignified and equitable appreciation for people (mostly women historically) in this support role also had its focus extended and is now known as "National Administrative Assistants Day." This too is not just a change in jargon or an attempt at being non-gender specific. We have become increasingly a nation that does not produce goods - as in factories and mills and such - but have become more "office oriented." Doctors, lawyers, managers, clergy, human services, politicians, sales people, in fact almost the entire range of our economy has

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become increasingly bureaucratic at least in some aspects of functioning. And those who handle the office parts as support personnel have had to take on duties and skills that are far beyond the impression of "secretaries" who merely type and file and answer phones.

Computer literacy and skills, time management, triage about the constant flood of information coming in by way of mail, FAX, e-mail and walk in constituents, budget considerations, public relations - all of these things are now integral parts of the job description of those who staff the myriads of offices. And along the way, it is no longer the sole domain of women. Administrative assistants, office managers, or any of a number of other terms are now much closer to the reality for these persons who make their living making it possible for their bosses to do their jobs and make their livings.

I was going to make a theological point about all this, but my office managers at the two parishes (Jan at JOG and Helene at SCAT) would probably prefer that I make their job less onerous by shortening the typing they have to do on the bulletin and have me buy them lunch instead to show my appreciation.

**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.

**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.