

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat, May 3 to Sun, May 11, 2008

<b>Saturday Vigil, May 3:</b>	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
Anniv - William Palmer (Arlene & Jerry Miller)	
<b>Sunday, May 4:</b>	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
Eleanor Nau (Jane Nau & Family)	
<b>Sunday, May 4:</b>	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
Anniv - Andy Leto (Wife & Children)	
<b>Sunday, May 4:</b>	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>
Mercedes Millner (Julia Melnick)	

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

**Monday, May 5:** Sophia, Michael, & John Kraynak (Nancy & Barbara & Families)

**Tuesday, May 6:** Pat Funwela (Wife, Rita & Family)

**Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 PM, Chapel St. Anthony, wk 8**  
Walter & Maria Fort, Sr. (Family)

**Wednesday, May 7, 8:15 AM, Chapel:** *For Parishioners, Students and Staff of St. John of God*

**Wednesday, May 7:** Frank DeMarco (Hugo Palermo)

**Thursday, May 8:** Frank Zane (Wife, Pat)

**Friday, May 9:** Rosemarie Butter (Family)

**Saturday, May 10, 1:00 PM., Mass at St. Mary Cemetery Chapel**

**Saturday Vigil, May 10:** **4:30 PM Church**  
*For all Mothers of St. John of God Parish*

**Sunday, May 11:** **7:30 AM Church**  
*For all Mothers of St. John of God Parish*

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*For all Mothers of St. John of God Parish*

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**Readings for the Week of May 4, 2008**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<i>Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a</i>
<b>Monday:</b>	<i>Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33</i>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<i>Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<i>Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19</i>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<i>Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26</i>
<b>Friday:</b>	<i>Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19</i>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<i>Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25</i>
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<i>Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-13/Jn 20:19-23</i>

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MAY 4**

**St. Mary's** - In Honor of the Blessed Mother by Steffie  
**Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Andy Leto by Wife and Children

Our May Devotions will be celebrated as they are every Monday evening during the year in St. Mary's Church. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 6:30 PM followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers. As always, everyone is welcome to come join us as we honor Mary, Our Blessed Mother.

**May**  
**Month of**  
**The Blessed**  
**Mother**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

This Sunday, May 4, is the final Sunday School day for this catechetical year. A closing Mass will be celebrated at the 9:30 AM Mass.

**MOTHER'S DAY**

Next Sunday, May 11, is Mother's Day. All mothers will be honored at our Masses celebrated for the weekend of May 10/11. As a token of recognition, each mother will receive a special gift.

**FIRST COMMUNION NEWS****RETREAT**

A retreat for those preparing for First Communion will be held on Wednesday, May 14, from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. Lunch will be provided for the students. If you have any questions, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

**CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, May 18, at the 11:30 AM Mass in the Church at St. Mary's. The First Communicants should arrive at the Church by 11:00 AM.

**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

The solemn thirteen-week novena in Honor of St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, May 6 (week 8), 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.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Sto-Ken-Rox Meals on Wheels will hold its Annual Spaghetti Dinner this 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 available.

## 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](mailto:sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com).

## SEEKING ADVENTURE?

The Youth Group is partnering with the Boy Scouts of America to start a **"Venturing Crew"** here at St. John of God. Venturing is open to young men and women age 14 (who have completed the eighth grade) through age 20. The crew can participate in a variety of activities including camping, mountain climbing, white water rafting, scuba diving, skiing, and many others! To join the SJG Venturing Crew, contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8573 or [sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com) (we are also in need of adult volunteers). For more information on "Venturing" check out: <http://www.scouting.org/Venturing.aspx>.



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

#### Only 9 Seats Remaining

Tuesday, June 17-18, 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

## HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Kindred** - Marianne Caristo *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 Georgia Cook, Genevieve Huffman, and Julia Telech whom God has called. Please remember them 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."*

## ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

## SOCCER AND ACTIVITY CAMP

Registration and permission forms are available in the school office for the Youthtowne weeklong summer soccer and activity camp. It will be held June 23-27, with a bus departing the school at 9:30 AM and returning at 2 PM. The camp includes soccer skills, arts and crafts, games exploring nature, prayer and much more. Camp is open to students who will be entering first through fifth grades. There is no charge. Deadline for completed applications is Friday, May 23, 2008. Space is limited to 40 students. Don't miss the opportunity! Sign up now!

## YOUTHTOWNE SUMMER CAMP

Registration and permission forms are available in the school office for the Youthtowne summer camp. The campsite has changed from the Youthtowne barn to the **Gilmory Retreat Center in Coraopolis**. It is open to students between the ages of 5 to 11 (grades Kindergarten through 5th). The weeks for the summer camp this year are **July 21-25 or August 11-15**. Camp starts at 9:30 AM and ends at 2 PM each day. Daily activities center on the themes of circus, sea, jungle, garden and fiesta! Lunch is included - **transportation is not provided**. Deadline for completed applications is Friday, May 23, 2008. Camp size is limited to 40 students. Sign up soon!

#### ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 26 / APRIL 27

Saturday .....	325
Sunday .....	830
<b>Total Weekend Attendance.....</b>	<b>1,155</b>

<b>Total Weekend Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$5,665.35</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment 2008 .....</b>	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....</b>	<b>\$36,303.66</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share .....</b>	<b>\$50,734.34</b>

## 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.

## ROAD TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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.

**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 Friday, 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year we will again be joining St. Malachy Parish for their Vacation Bible School which will be held Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27. More information will follow in future bulletins.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**May 5 (Mon.)** - May Devotions including Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.

**May 6 (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.

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

**May 7 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

**The Pizza Kitchen  
is on Summer Break.  
We will return in the Fall.**

## DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Everyday life brings with it many challenges for each of us. As members of Christ's Church we are asked to take up the challenge of identifying who Christ is and what he means for us and our world. It is important for each of us to look at our relationship with Christ and see how we respond to him in our lives. Mrs. Suzie McConnell-Serio, most famous for her basketball prowess, helps us reflect upon the demands of a busy life and how Christ must remain the center. Having many different "hats" to wear she sees that Christ speaks to each one of them in new and surprising ways. Pittsburgh native Suzie McConnell-Serio, is an Olympic champion and one of the most highly decorated players in the history of women's basketball. Suzie has worked as a high school head coach with over 300 wins, and was recently named head coach of Duquesne University women's basketball program. We invite you to join us for her presentation, *"Daughter, Mother, Wife, Olympic Star, Coach ~ What's a Woman to Do? How Christ Forms Us through Our Everyday Responsibilities"* to be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium, **Wednesday, May 14**, 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.

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

For Teens With Acne

Now, I'm no doctor, but I'd love to share an article with you that I read while on vacation. (See this is why I need to go on vacation.)

**MILK OF MAGNESIA WORKS TO END ACNE**

**Q** Have you heard of using milk of magnesia on severe acne?

My son has cystic nodular acne. He is 16 and has been under a dermatologist's care for many years.

We have spent thousands of dollars, to no avail. He has recently tried a home remedy: applying milk of magnesia to his face at night before bed.

He looks the best he has in four years. Can you tell us why this is working so wonderfully well?

**A** Milk of magnesia (aka MoM) is a solution of magnesium hydroxide and is best known for its laxative action.

We don't know why MoM might combat acne, but we have heard that this laxative can help clear up seborrheic dermatitis.

In this condition, yeast on the skin causes redness and flakes, rather like dandruff, but on the forehead and chin as well as scalp and eyebrows.

Here is one reader's report:

"I have been using milk of magnesia on my face for the past two months, and my face flakes are gone! I pour it in my hand and massage it on my face (forehead, eyebrows, around the eyes, nose, cheeks and chin) while showering, and rinse it off at the end of the shower. End of problem. It's a great, cost-effective remedy, and it works, too."

**SPRING LUNCHEON**

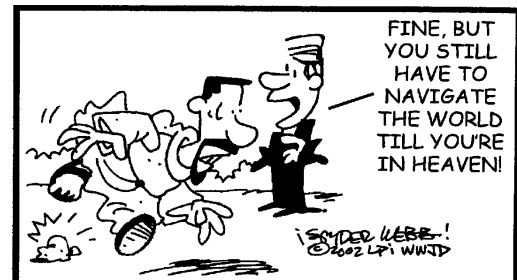
The Sisters of St. Joseph Auxiliary will hold their 46th Annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Sheraton, Station Square, from 11 AM to 3:30 PM. Come for lunch, cards (optional) and special raffles and prizes. Proceeds benefit the Sisters and their ministries. Cost is \$30 per person. There will be motor coach transportation to the Sheraton from the Baden Motherhouse at 10 AM that Saturday for \$5 round trip. For information or to make bus or luncheon reservations, please call Sister Karen at 724-869-6592.

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

Every Wednesday, our Bingo Kitchen volunteers work hard to provide the Bingo players (and workers) with good food and refreshments. We could really use some help in the kitchen any time between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Any amount of time you would be able to help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Carol Ripple at 412-331-2420. Thanks.



A Bible Study, led by John Fatula, will take place on Wednesday, May 7, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. We will focus on the Readings for Sunday, May 11. All are welcome to come join us.

**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER****IN CONCERT: TOM CHAPIN & FRIENDS**

The extraordinarily popular singer will present two shows to benefit THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE, a new nonprofit charitable organization serving adults with physical and cognitive disabilities.

[www.thecelebrationoflife.net](http://www.thecelebrationoflife.net)

June 14th - Family Concert at 3:00 PM at Gateway High School, Monroeville

Gala Dinner & Concert at 7:00 PM at Paradiso Ristorante, Pittsburgh

Ticket info & Reservations: 412-513-6438

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

A regularly scheduled Town Hall Meeting was held after the Ascension Thursday evening Mass. The following are some of the discussions from that meeting:

1. Our financial situation continues to be healthy in terms of PSP and offertory. Income and expenditures have been within the budget parameters, which I remind you have been running in the black and are balanced. No major expenditures are currently contemplated.

2. Fund raising is running quite a bit behind last year, however. Bingo is down (we had some snow days) and we did not do a Mardi Gras dance or raffle. The Pizza Kitchen has matched last year's net income, but there will be no more income from them now till the Fall. We are about \$20,000 off, but not to panic - we will not be needing to integrate the profit from fund-raising until the next financial year begins on July 1. At this point, it is functioning as a liquid reserve, so unless the downward trend continues over a long period of time or worsens, I am not overly concerned. Fr. Al is in charge of fund raising anyway and promises a 6 figure profit for the festival in August.

3. All things pastoral are going well - mass attendance, sacraments, paraliturgies and programs are all well attended and received. We are continuing to build as a unified parish worshipping community. It has only taken us 15 years to get this far, after all, and we intend to be around for a long time. We are planning both a Fall Confirmation and a Fall Revival.

4. The biggest project at hand deals with our St. John of God School. With the death of our principal. Sr. Margaret, it was time to look at the administrative process, budgeting, etc. Fr. Al and I had a long meeting with the Diocesan Schools Office this week, and a plan has been developed:

A. We have been able to operate with very generous donations from an individual donor, who has now died. His successor and the Schools Office will work on a contribution package that will help to stabilize the school finances. As part of that financial restructuring, our Parish, which has not for several years been directly subsidizing the School, will begin next financial year to do so according to the policy of the diocese on funding. We will begin at the minimum level: 10% of our gross income, which will be about \$55,000 per year. Since we are operating in the black (though still \$1 million in debt) we should be able to

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budget for that in the 2008-2009 year without endangering our financial stability.

B. The lines of authority are now clear; we are a Parish School, which makes the Pastor the sole voice of authority and decision making in the school as a ministry of the Parish. There had been some confusion on that in the past. The confusion is over, and there will now be no doubt as to who has ultimate responsibility for the school.

C. As part of that authority, it is the Pastor's task to hire a new principal (albeit with the aid of diocesan guidelines). This will be done by forming a 5 person Search Committee, convened by Fr. Al who will be the "point man" in gathering all information regarding school matters. Sr. Anna Marie, our interim principal, will be one member. I asked the faculty to nominate another. I have asked the Maronda Foundation to nominate a member, and have appointed a parishioner with expertise in education as the fourth. For the last spot, I will accept volunteers from among the school parents. We are now actively soliciting qualified applicants for the job (the Schools Office has the list of requirements.) After all applicants have been interviewed by the Search Committee and their recommendations have been made to me, the priests will conduct a second interview before deciding upon hiring. We hope this process will be completed by August 1.

D. Although much is in flux regarding the School, I want all to know that the priests are committed to its continued existence as part of the Parish's mission to provide quality religious education (along with our Sunday School and related religious education programs.) We ask the patience and commitment of our parents and staff while we plan for the future.

**FLEA MARKET NEWS**

Keep looking for those unwanted items that very well may be someone else's treasures. Drop-off dates for your donations will be forthcoming shortly.

**JUST A REMINDER**

While you're finding those items for our Flea Market, remember, no clothes or shoes are accepted. BUT, there is a St. Vincent de Paul bin located on the parking lot at St. Mary's for your used clothing, shoes, and purses. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be most grateful for these donations.