

**PENTECOST SUNDAY****MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat, May 10 to Sun, May 18, 2008**

- 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
- Sunday, May 11:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
For all Mothers of St. John of God Parish
- Sunday, May 11:** 11:30 AM Church  
For all Mothers of St. John of God Parish

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

- Monday, May 12:** Alfred Peters (Tom Giacomino)
- Tuesday, May 13:** Mary C. Beasock (Husband & Children)
- Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 PM, Chapel St. Anthony, wk 9**  
Delena Alfarone (Joe Prince)
- Wednesday, May 14, 8:15 AM, Chapel:** William J. Wolf  
(St. John of God School Staff and Students)
- Wednesday, May 14:** In Thanksgiving
- Thursday, May 15:** Dolly Arch (Husband, Bob & Family)
- Friday, May 16:** Anniv - Ralph, Sue & Charles Merks  
(Madeline)

- Saturday Vigil, May 17:** 4:30 PM Church  
Dorothy Heiser (Joe & Joan Herbert)
- Sunday, May 18:** 7:30 AM Church  
For Parish Family of St. John of God
- Sunday, May 18:** 9:30 AM Church  
Anniv - Elizabeth Spadaccia, and Ralph V. Ciccone with  
Vera remembered (Family)
- Sunday, May 18:** 11:30 AM Church  
First Holy Communion

**Readings for the Week of May 11, 2008**

- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1Cor 12:3b-13/Jn 20:19-23
- Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1
- Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MAY 11**

- St. Mary's** - In Memory of Marie McNabb and Stella Rosenwald by Children
- Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Tom and Fay Nicoletta by Madeline and Rose Rita

**Parish Office Hours:**

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

**15TH ANNIVERSARY  
SAINT JOHN OF GOD PARISH**

This Sunday, May 11, 2008 as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we also celebrate our **15th Anniversary as the Parish Family of Saint John of God**. As we did fifteen years ago, let us come together to ask God's Spirit to continue to bless and nourish us. As tongues of fire descended upon the Apostles over two thousand years ago, may this same light fill our lives with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May each of us carry this light with a vision of doing God's will. Let us reflect in all we do, the loving presence of God in the world today.

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

A retreat for those preparing for First Communion will be held this 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 next 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.

**FLEA MARKET NEWS**

Plans for our Fabulous Indoor Flea Market are in high gear and the dates it will be held will be confirmed soon. In the meantime, we need you to search your garage, attic, basement and drawers for that "elegant junk" to become someone else's treasures. **You may drop off items on Saturday, May 17, from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Pizza Kitchen.**

Please Note: NO CLOTHING, SHOES, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, OR LARGE APPLIANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**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.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**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 sigyouthmin@yahoo.com (we are also in need of adult volunteers). For more information on “Venturing” check out: <http://www.scouting.org/Venturing.aspx>.



**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

The solemn thirteen-week novena in Honor of St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, May 13 (week 9), 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.

**HOSPITAL**

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Ohio Valley** - Marie Kresak **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 Catherine Cizmarik, Carol Lapaglia, Lawrence Karpuszk, and George Schneider (son of Margaret Schneider) whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed in your prayers. *“May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- May 12 (Mon.)** - Mass at Mary Pat Rickerd Nursing Home, 1085 Dohrman St., West Park, 1:30 PM  
Mass Intention: Hilda Tarquinio by Mary Scinio
- May 12 (Mon.)** - May Devotions including Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary’s Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.
- May 13 (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 14 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15.
- May 14 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

**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!

**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.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 3 / 4**

<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>380</b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>797</b>
<b>Total Weekend Attendance</b> .....	<b>1,177</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$6,905.87</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment 2008</b> .....	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....</b>	<b>\$37,692.66</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share</b> .....	<b>\$49,345.34</b>



*Wishing All  
Mothers a Very  
Happy and  
Blessed Mother's  
Day!*

*She is clothed with strength and dignity, and  
She laughs at the days to come.*

*She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her  
tongue is kindly counsel.*

*She watches the conduct of her household.  
Her children rise up and praise her.*

*Give her a reward of her labors, and let her  
works praise her.*



*Proverbs 31*

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?**

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235

Source: "Know the Rules ... After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)

### **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.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **THANK YOU**

A very special thank you to our Sunday School Catechists, Aides and Helpers for sharing your faith, time and talent in teaching our Sunday School students:

- K Lynn Powell; Aides, Kelly and Kristen Powell
- 1 Mary and Shelly Saval
- 2 Sue Bopp; Aides, Danni Jaye and Amanda Farrell
- 3 Kathryn Cain; Aide, Ashley Krause
- 4 Grace Savatt
- 5A Giovanna and Andrew Margo
- 5B Phyllis Seibert
- 6 Cheryl DeAngelis
- 7 Rose Dombowski
- 8 Stephen Tomsko; Aide, Amber Beasock

Helpers: Marsha McGrosky, Carla Wissner, Adele Puppò, Katherine Jochem and Edward Trembulak

May Our Lord's richest blessings be upon you now and always. May your desire to pass on the faith to our children inspire others to do the same.

#### **PERFECT AND EXCEPTIONAL ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to those had perfect attendance this past Sunday School year:

*Brandi Kolas, Brandon Bobak, Taylor Bobak, Mia Scrabis, Isabel Scrabis and Logan Golling*

Congratulations to those who had exceptional attendance (one miss all year):

*Morgan Helfrich, Ashleigh Geier, Daniel Moose, and Kaylee Jochem*

May the Lord bless each one of you in a special way in the days ahead. Keep up the great work!



#### **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.

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

On the weekend of May 17-18, 2008, there will be a combined second collection for Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; the Church in Latin America; and the Church in Africa. The proceeds from this single drive will be divided among the four collections. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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

As Father Lou mentioned at the Town Hall Meeting, I will be facilitating our search committee as we look for a new Principal to lead our St. John of God School community. If any school parent wishes to be considered for the one school parent position on the committee, they should call Jan or I by Tuesday at 5:00 PM, May 13.

Think Festival '08  
and how YOU can help.

**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, this **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.

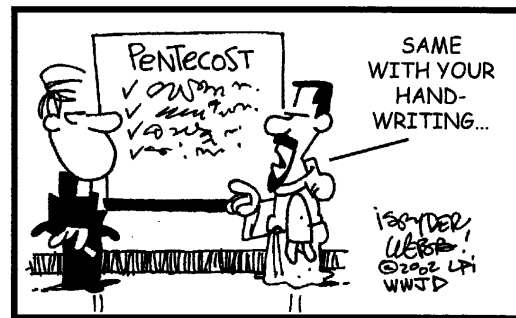
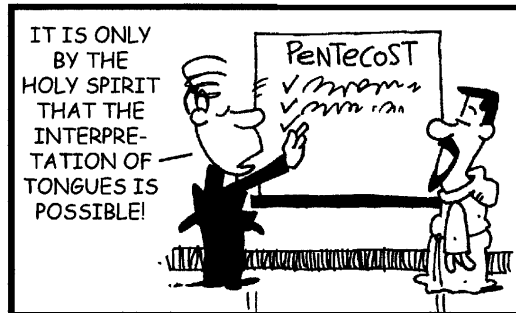


**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The next Baptismal Program for new and expecting parents will be held on Sunday, June 8, 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.

Reminder:  
The Pizza Kitchen is on Summer Break.

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**FATHER RYAN ARTS CENTER**

Father Ryan Arts Center Summer Arts Education Classes Forming Now! Focus on Renewal (FOR) welcomes you to explore your creative side this summer through these inspiring and exciting six-week workshops: Call 412-771-3052 for registration / information.

**Preschool Dance (ages 3-6):**

Tues. & Thurs. (10-11:30 AM) Instructor: Gerry Pastin  
June 16 through July 26 at the Butterfly Garden Gymnasium (225 Olivia St.)

**Elementary Dance (ages 7-11):**

Tues, Wed., & Thurs. (9-10:30 AM) Instructors: Pearlann Porter & Sammie Zier  
June 16 through July 26 at the Sto-Rox High School Auditorium (1105 Valley St.)

**Middle School Dance (ages 12-14):**

Tues., Wed., & Thurs. (11-12:30 PM) Instructors: Pearlann Porter & Sammie Zier  
June 16 through July 26 at the Sto-Rox High School Auditorium (1105 Valley St.)

**Puppet Pals - Puppetry Class (ages 7-13):**

Wed. & Thurs. (10 AM-12 PM) Instructor: Kristen Barca  
June 16 through July 26 at FOR Family Health Center lower level (710 Thompson Ave.)

**Kids Krafts (ages 8-14):**

Mon., Tues., & Wed. (11 AM-1 PM)  
Instructor: Amy DiMichele June 16 through July 26 at Christ Community Church (900 Chartiers Ave.)

**Painting for Adults (ages 18 and older):**

Sat. (10 AM-12 PM) Instructor: Amy DiMichele  
June 16 through July 26 at the Sto-Rox High School 1105 Valley St. - art room #107)

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

I had many topics to consider for the Pastor's Corner this week: the 35th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood; our First Communion celebration (past at St. Catherine, future at St. John of God); Mary's Month of May; Pentecost (the birthday of the Church universal, and the 15th birthday of St. John of God Parish); and of course, the biggie, Mother's Day. No contest: mothers trump everything else! And so I offer this essay from a mother herself about her role in society:

**What Do You Do All Day? (Reflections of a Mother)**

A few months ago, when I was picking up the children at school, another mother I knew well, rushed up to me. Emily was fuming with indignation. "Do you know what you and I are?" she demanded.

Before I could reply - and I didn't really have one handy - she blurted out the reason for her question. It seems she had just returned from renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office. Asked by the woman recorder to state her "occupation," Emily had hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself.

"What I mean is," explained the recorder, "do you have a job or are you just a ...?"

"Of course I have a job," snapped Emily. "I'm a mother."

"We don't list 'mother' as an occupation... 'housewife' covers it" said the recorder emphatically.

I forgot all about the story until one day I found myself in the same situation at our Town Hall. The clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high-sounding title, like "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar."

"And what is your occupation?" she probed.

What made me say it, I do not know. The words simply popped out. "I'm a Research Associate in the

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field of Child Development and Human Relations." The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in mid air, and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pompous pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

"Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?"

Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I replied "I have a continuing program of research (what mother doesn't) in the laboratory and in the field (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters (the whole darned family) and already have 4 credits (all daughters).

Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are in satisfaction rather than just money."

There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door.

As I drove into our driveway buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my new lab assistants---age 13, 7, and 3. And upstairs, I could hear our new experimental model (six months) in the child-development program, testing out a new vocal pattern.

I felt triumphant. I had scored a beat on bureaucracy. And I had gone down on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another..." Home...what a glorious career. Especially when there's a title on the door. (Author unknown).

Happy Mother's Day to you pros!

## 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.*