

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY****MASS INTENTIONS****Sat, May 17 to Sun, May 25, 2008**

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

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, May 19: Anniv - Elmer Pello (Dghtr, Mercedes & Family)
Tuesday, May 20: William J. Wolf & Deceased Family Members (Kyle Family)
Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 PM, Chapel St. Anthony, wk 10 Josephine "Jay" DeJulio (Jennie Macosko)
Wednesday, May 21, 8:15 AM, Chapel: For Students and Staff of St. John of God School
Wednesday, May 21: Delena Alfarone (Hugo Palermo)
Thursday, May 22: Gertrude Amon (Marion & Gus Lang)
Friday, May 23: Anniv - Aldo DiGuilio (Wife, Amy & Family)
Saturday, May 24, 2:30 PM, Church: Wedding - Peter Meyer and Jennifer Ginosky

Saturday Vigil, May 24: 2008 Graduates' Appreciation Mass	4:30 PM Church
Sunday, May 25: For Parish Family of St. John of God	7:30 AM Church
Sunday, May 25: For Parish Family of St. John of God	9:30 AM Church
Sunday, May 25: For our Parish Family; especially celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Mary's High School Class of 1958	11:30 AM Church

Readings for the Week of May 18, 2008

Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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

It is with great joy in our hearts that we welcome our children to the Table of the Lord as they receive our Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday, May 18, at the 11:30 AM Mass. May they always be as close to our Lord as they are on this very special day.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2008**

<i>Christopher Agnew</i>	<i>Christopher Linnert</i>
<i>Kevin Barbour</i>	<i>Logan Matson</i>
<i>Nicole Bernon</i>	<i>Bryce Meriweather</i>
<i>Demetrius Berry</i>	<i>Donavin Meriweather</i>
<i>Brandon Bobak</i>	<i>Jack Mullen</i>
<i>Taylor Bobak</i>	<i>Cecilia Murrell</i>
<i>Alec Bopp</i>	<i>Daniel O'Shea</i>
<i>Hannah Chestnutt</i>	<i>Kendall Paige</i>
<i>Cassandra Cropper</i>	<i>Isabela Paixao</i>
<i>Marissa Daloiso</i>	<i>Kaleb Schirnhofner</i>
<i>Brandon DeLoe</i>	<i>Corey Schumann</i>
<i>Alyssa Drexler</i>	<i>Jacob Scott</i>
<i>Anthony Facht</i>	<i>Mia Scrabis</i>
<i>Jamie Fowkes</i>	<i>Dustin Snyder</i>
<i>Jessica Fowkes-Palitti</i>	<i>Emily Stanko</i>
<i>Haley Gault</i>	<i>Emma Tomei</i>
<i>Emily Halbedl</i>	<i>Grace Weisser</i>
<i>Nathan Johnston</i>	<i>Mackenzie Wissner</i>
<i>Kara Killcrece</i>	<i>Aubre Workman</i>
<i>Jacob Kownacki</i>	

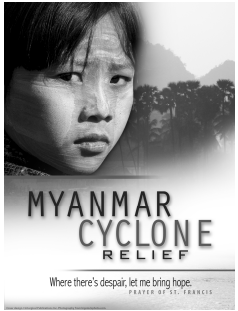
**SPECIAL MUSICAL THIS SUNDAY, MAY 18**

The First Baptist Church of McKees Rocks invites all parishioners to a very special musical production, "In Christ Alone," this Sunday evening, May 18, at 7 PM at the Church on Russellwood Avenue at Valley Street. This is a musical about the resurrection victory! It is uplifting and moving. There will also be a presentation by our local youth drama-dance group, the ROCKS. There will be refreshments afterward.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The solemn thirteen-week novena in Honor of St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, May 20 (week 10), 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.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon



THE CYCLONE IN MYANMAR

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is supporting the emergency relief and response efforts of the Caritas Internationalis network in the most affected areas of Myanmar after Cyclone Nargis struck on May 3.

The latest reports of some 100,000 dead and one million homeless demonstrate dire conditions in which basic food, shelter and water are urgently needed.

Significant support is critical to ensure that life-saving assistance reaches the most vulnerable people quickly. Catholic Relief Services will be providing direct aid in Myanmar and will be the best means to provide assistance. The **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, May 17-18, 2008, 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.

In light of the crisis in Myanmar, Bishop Zubik has indicated that 70% of this collection will be devoted to Catholic Relief Services and 10% will be given to the three other causes of the combined collection. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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>.



GRADUATES’ 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 **Graduates’ Appreciation Mass** taking place next 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 Monday, May 19** to Steve Swank at 412-331-8573 x11.

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 this 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 this 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 MAY 10 / 11

Saturday	344
Sunday	782
Total Weekend Attendance.....	1,126
Total Weekend Offertory	\$5,994.35
Parish Share Assessment 2008	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....	\$44,708.31
Balance on Parish Share	\$42,329.69

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

Please remember in your prayers our dearly departed whom God has called home.
“May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”



CHINESE AUCTION GIFT BASKETS GALORE

It's time to start thinking **FESTIVAL** and about all of the wonderful booths we offer. We especially need your help this year. We need Themed Gift Baskets (i.e. basket of cheer, baby basket, beauty basket, sports basket, holiday basket, Irish basket, Italian basket, Mexican Fiesta, Children's Games, Gourmet Teas or Coffees, Lottery Tickets etc...) or Unique Gift items to be raffled off at the Chinese Auction booth. A big hit always seems to be Pirate or Steelers Game Day tickets and Restaurant Gift Cards. If you have access to any of these tickets we would appreciate the donation. Putting together a themed basket could become a nice family project with each member of a family contributing something to the basket and decorating it for the Chinese Auction. If you would like to make a donation for this booth, please call MaryAnn at the parish office. Everybody has been so generous in the past and very creative. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

Only 4 Seats Remaining
June 17-18, 2008

Leave St. Mary's Church Parking Lot
Tuesday, June 17, @ 7:00 AM

Arrive Home Wed., June 18, approx. 10:30 PM

\$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

\$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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year we will once again be joining St. Malachy Parish for their Vacation Bible School which will be held Monday, June 23 thru Friday, June 27. Stay tuned.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MAY 18

St. Mary's - In Memory of Mary C. Beasock by Husband and Children **Mother of Sorrows** - In Memory of Steve Vergenes by Brothers and Sisters, Nieces and Nephews

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The St. John of God Women's Guild will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 20, in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass. All women of the parish are welcome.



A Bible Study, led by John Fatula, will take place on Wednesday, May 21, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. We will focus on the Readings for Sunday, May 25. All are welcome to come join us.

THE WEEK AHEAD

May 19 (Mon.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Ave., 1:30 PM

May 19 (Mon.) - May Devotions including Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.

May 20 (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 21 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15.

May 21 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

The Pizza Kitchen is on Summer Break.

ANNUAL PLANT AND BAKE SALE

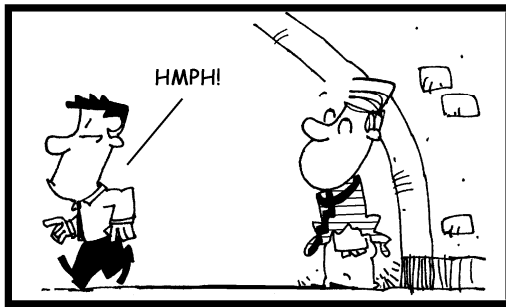
Mark your calendar! The Annual Plant and Bake Sale of the Kennedy Garden Club will be held this year on Saturday, May 24, 2008 from 9 AM to 2 PM. As in the past, the event will be held at Kenmawr Plaza near the Ohio Valley General Hospital Wound and Pain Care Center. Offered for sale will be locally grown plants, perennials, annuals, hanging baskets and many other items for the garden. A Bake Sale will be part of the event, as will a Chinese Auction and a Garden Basket Raffle. So come for a day of fun and take home something special for your garden.

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, call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

TRINITY SUNDAY



GIANT RUMMAGE SALE!

St. Aloysius Church, 3616 Mt. Troy Road in Reserve Township will have a Giant Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 24 (8 AM-2PM), and Sunday, May 25 (12:30 PM-3:30 PM). Huge 18 rooms of treasures, food and raffles! Additional items arriving regularly! Something for everyone! Many Formal gowns, sizes 3-18, reasonable prices. Information: 412-821-3610.

MEMORIAL DAY

Next Monday, May 26, is Memorial Day. The Parish Office will be closed on that day.

Note: The Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass on Monday, May 26. There will not be an evening recitation of the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers on Monday, May 26.

CLASS REUNION - AUGUST 2, 2008

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

11TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Our Lady of The Sacred Heart High School Athletic Booster's are hosting their 11th Annual Gold Outing on Monday, June 9, 2008 at Shadow Lakes Country Club (formerly Beaver Lakes Country Club), Aliquippa. This golf outing raises more than 1/3 of the necessary funds to maintain the current sports programs at OLSH. Your support would be greatly appreciated. For information please contact Booster President, Jack Hinds at 412-264-3711 or Cathy Cochran at 724-544-1793.

THE P.V. REPORT

Fr. Al Semler

Think Festival '08 and how U can help. We'll be having a meeting in the near future. Meanwhile, pray that we will be blessed with a good principal for our school.

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.)

Youth Drumming (ages 7-17):

Sat. (10-11 AM) Instructor: Toeknee Bailey
June 16 through July 26 at FOR Family Health Center lower level (710 Thompson Ave.)

Adult Drumming (ages 18 and older):

Sat. (11 AM-12 PM) Instructor: Toeknee Bailey
June 16 through July 26 at FOR Family Health Center lower level (710 Thompson Ave.)

Adult Acting:

Mon. & Wed. (6-8 PM) Instructor: Mary Randolph
June 16 through July 26 at the Craftonian Hall in Crafton (48 Division 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

This week is Law Enforcement Memorial Week, honoring those in the law enforcement professions, especially those who gave their lives to protect and serve. As a Police Chaplain of many years standing, and one who has several close blood relatives who are police, I dedicate this Pastor's Corner to them:

We have roughly 700,000 Police Officers in the US who create a fine blue line between peace and chaos for hundreds of millions of US citizens.

* 200 of these officers are killed in the line of duty each year, a number that is rising.

* Another 250 officers are shot but saved by bullet proof vests.

* 200,000 police officers are criminally assaulted each year.

* 15,000 of these officers require hospitalization each year.

* 300 police officers commit suicide each year as a direct result of the job.

I have adapted this reflection which originally was written by a law enforcement officer who was injured on the job.

A COP IS....

A cop is a composite of what all people are: a mingling of saint and sinner, of dust and deity.

Cold statistics wave the fan over the stinkers, underscoring instances of dishonesty and brutality because they ARE news. What they REALLY mean is cops are exceptional, unusual - - not commonplace. Buried under the froth is the fact that less than one percent of law enforcement officers disgrace the uniform. That's a better average than among some of the clergy.

He or she is, of all people, one of the most needed, yet most unwanted.

A strangely nameless creature who is "sir" to his face, and "pig" to his back.

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He must be first to an accident, infallible with a diagnosis.

He must be able to restart breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints and above all be sure the victim goes home without a limp. If not, he can expect to be sued.

The police officer must know every gun, draw on the run and shoot where it doesn't hurt.

He must be able to whip two perpetrators twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform, or being brutal.

The cop must, from evidence as flimsy as a single human hair, describe the crime, the weapon, and the criminal, and tell you where he is hiding.

In an instant he must make decisions which require months for a lawyer.

If he hurries, he is careless. If he is deliberate, he is lazy.

If he catches the crook, he got lucky. If he fails to catch him, he is a fool.

If he gets promoted he has political clout; if not, he is a moron.

If he gets hit he's a coward. if he hits you, he's a bully.

If he's friendly, he's a flirt. If he is not, he's a grouch.

A cop must know everything and not tell any of it.

He must know where sin is, yet not partake of it.

A cop is part minister ... social worker ... diplomat ... tough guy ... and a shoulder to cry on.

He is the acting parent of a society that offers little support to him in return.

He runs files and writes reports until his eyes ache, to build a case against a dangerous felon, who will probably get cut a deal by a lawyer, or given a plea bargain by an overworked judge.

He also is an economic genius, for he somehow feeds a family on a cop's salary and stays scrupulously honest in the bargain. A token reminder of society's shameful unwillingness to pay him half of what he's worth.

That is what a Law Enforcement Officer is.

To all of our peace keepers, who devote your lives to protect and serve us:

We are together the vine and the branches, and we thank you and pray that God watch over and preserve you.

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.