



**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat, May 24 to Sun, June 1, 2008

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

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

- Monday, May 26:** Anniv - Carmella Prince (Adrian & Jerry Nelson)
- Tuesday, May 27:** Joseph P. Giedl (M/M Joseph J. Giedl)
- Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 PM, Chapel St. Anthony, wk 11**  
Delena Alfarone (Rosemary & Jack Morrow)
- Wednesday, May 28, 8:15 AM, Chapel:** For Students and Staff of St. John of God School
- Wednesday, May 28:** William J. Wolf (Hugo Palermo)
- Thursday, May 29:** Anniv - Carl DeFratti (Wife, Jean & Children)
- Friday, May 30:** Deceased of Cimoch & Dec Families (Cecilia Ellek)

- Saturday Vigil, May 31:** 4:30 PM Church  
St. John of God School 8th Grade Graduation
- Sunday, June 1:** 7:30 AM Church  
For Parish Family of St. John of God
- Sunday, June 1:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Kathryn Elizer (George & Madeline Panno & Family)
- Sunday, June 1:** 11:30 AM Church  
Living & Deceased Members of the 1958 Graduating Class of St. Francis de Sales High School

**Readings for the Week of May 25, 2008**

- Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
- Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52
- Friday:** Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
- Next Sunday:** Dt 11:18, 26-32/Rom 3:21-28/Mt 7:21-27

**Parish Office Hours:**

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon**



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26. Please hold all calls until Tuesday, May 27, unless it is an emergency.

**Please 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.

**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

The solemn thirteen-week novena in Honor of St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, May 27 (week 11), 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.

**REGARDING DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING LENT FOR THE NEEDY**

Sister Theresa wishes to thank everyone for their generosity in the donations received for the needy on Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, and Holy Thursday. We know that in this time of economical, emotional and spiritual stress it is very difficult to have money to give. Fr. Lou's kindness in giving the Ladies of Charity and the St. Vincent de Paul Society use of this money is greatly appreciated. It has been a god-send to us and to those we serve in the community. We are using this money to help with utility and rent bills as well as food certificates and other expenses that families just cannot attend to. Also, thank you for your donations of non-perishable food, paper products, etc. each second Sunday of the month. Following is a breakdown of the contributions received which totaled \$2,839.60: Ash Wednesday, \$626.45; Stations of the Cross, \$250.15; Holy Thursday, \$1,963.00.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 17 / 18**

**Saturday** ..... 285  
**Sunday** ..... 1,242  
**Total Weekend Attendance**.....1,527

**Total Weekend Offertory** ..... \$6,915.00  
**Catholic Relief Services, etc.** ..... \$2,250.00  
**Parish Share Assessment 2008** .....\$87,038.00  
**Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)**.....\$45,624.31  
**Balance on Parish Share** .....\$41,413.69

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Attention teens in grades 8-12: join the Youth Group for the "SJG Summer of Fun!" Activities include mini-golf, sand volleyball, Core Team outings (to CiCi's, the wave pool, and IHOP), a retreat at Gilmory Center, a bus trip to Cedar Point, a day of reflection with other Southwest Deanery teens, a day at Sandcastle Water Park, and more! Details will be available in future bulletins as well as on our parish website: [www.sjogparish.com](http://www.sjogparish.com). For more info or to sign-up contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8573 x11 or [sigyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sigyouthmin@yahoo.com)

## DISCOUNTED SANDCASTLE TICKETS

Do you plan to go to Sandcastle Water Park this summer? If so, you can get discounted tickets AND benefit the Youth Group all at the same time. Just order your tickets online at [www.sandcastlewaterpark.com](http://www.sandcastlewaterpark.com) and when you come to the "Coupon Code" box, enter STJOHNOGWWP for Whitewater passes or STJOHNOGSP for season passes. Whitewater passes will cost only \$17.50 each (regular price \$25.95) and \$3 will be donated to the Youth Group! Season passes are \$64.95 each and earn us a \$5 donation! If you have any questions please call the Youth Office: 412-331-8573 x11.

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.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**May 26 (Mon.) - Memorial Day** - The Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church. No evening prayers

**May 27 (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 28 (Wed.) - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open 5 PM, Early Birds 7, Reg. Games 7:15.

**May 28 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Gathering Place.

*The Pizza Kitchen is on Summer Break.*

## ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

## KENNYWOOD TICKETS

Kennywood Park tickets will be on sale at the school on Wednesday, May 28. A Kennywood representative will be there at 10:30 AM -11:00 AM. This is the only time tickets may be purchased. The school ticket price is \$19. Only cash or money orders will be accepted. No personal checks. Get your tickets to use for the Kennywood school picnic on June 12.

## EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION

Our 8th grade students will be recognized at the 4:30 PM Mass next Saturday, May 31, when they will receive their 8th grade diplomas from St. John of God School. We extend our congratulations and good wishes for the following graduates: *Brian Caldwell, Kayla Cropper, Cassandra Darcy, Nathaniel Deemer, Brandon Duerr, Joseph Giles, Jared Hall, Keatyn Harrison, Luke Iyengar, Tiara Maurer, Kelly McGowan, Mary O'Shea, Matthew Patton, and Jacqueline Weisser.* We ask for God's blessings on our 8th grade graduates as they embark on their high school education.



## SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Luke Iyengar. Luke is the recipient of the Placement Test Achievement Scholarship to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. Luke achieved the top boys' score on the Placement Test. He will be entering as a freshman this fall. Congratulations on a very special achievement.

## 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 Family of Evelyn Amadio whom God has called. Please remember her and all our dearly departed in your prayers. *"May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

**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.)

**Clay Works (ages 11 and older):**

Wed. & Thurs. (10 AM-12 PM) Instructor: Lu Ann Prill  
June 16 through July 26 at the Sto-Rox High School (1105 Valley Street - art room #107)

**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 Street - art room #107)

**BACK YARD BARBEQUE**

Providence Connections, Inc. a program for families, and sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, will hold its 3rd annual "Back Yard Barbeque" fundraiser at the Children's Museum on June 20, 2008. A pre-event raffle of three prize awards is in process:

1st prize, set of tickets for each of the eight Steelers home games; 2nd prize, set of box seat tickets for five regular Pirate home games; 3rd prize, \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each (\$20 for a 5 ticket book). Call 412-766-3860 for tickets or for more information. All proceeds will be used to continue this ministry to "strengthen families" and "enrich lives". For tickets or for more information, contact Providence Connections at 412-766-3860.

**SUMMER DAY CAMP**

Gilmary Center is hosting a Catholic Summer Day Camp beginning on June 9 and continuing through August 22 for children ages 5 to 12. Attend for a week or for the entire summer. Call 412-264-8400 for additional information.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MAY 25**

**Mother of Sorrows** - In Thanksgiving

**St. Mary's** - In Memory of Max Klocek by Wife and Children

**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.

**GOLF OUTING**

The Bishop Canevin High School Hockey Association Annual Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, June 19, at Lone Pine Golf Club in Washington, PA.

The Shot Gun Scramble tee time is 1:00 PM. Registration will start at 11:30 AM with lunch served. Dinner will be served around 5:30 PM. Non-golfers are invited to come out just for dinner and our usual fabulous Chinese auction and silent auction. Golf and dinner fee, \$100; Dinner only, \$25; Golf only, \$75. Unable to attend? Consider sponsoring a tee! Call or e-mail Marianne King for registration or questions, 724-695-2239 or mkfitness@comcast.net.

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

**THE TICKETS ARE IN! THE TICKETS ARE IN!**

The tickets for our Festival Raffle for August 7, 8 & 9 are in. Ticket sellers can stop at the parish office this week to pick up packets of 5 or 10 or multiples thereof. Next week tickets will be available after all the Masses to purchase or to pick up and take to sell. Tickets are \$10.00 each and we hope that each adult parishioner will account for two tickets by either buying them or selling them. That's \$20.00 like a book used to cost for our previous raffles. It is illegal to mail the tickets like we used to. Now I know none of you want Fr. Lou to get arrested for doing something illegal and I know I don't want his job, so we WILL NOT MAIL TICKETS. If you can't get here ask a family member, friend, or neighbor to get your tickets. I find our parishioners very willing to be neighborly.

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 are 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

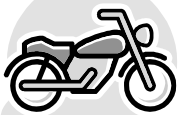
*Seller of winning ticket receives \$50*

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008

2008 Harley-Davidson Sportster  
Motorcycle

Or \$5,000 Cash Option

*Seller of winning ticket  
receives \$500*



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

*There are times a parent feels consumed by the demands of family. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us we are on the right track for we are called to "give our flesh." It is in total giving of ourselves we discover our life and actually give life to others.*

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**CATHOLIC CROSSWORDS**



**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!

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

Tomorrow we observe Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day because the main activity was to decorate the graves of those who died in battle. While most will take up their time with picnics and parades and the general celebratory activities, it behooves us to get back to basics, to remember the reason for the season. Especially in the present when again our country is involved in violent hostilities a half a world away, we honor not the wars, but those who in those wars gave their lives for what they perceived to be a higher purpose. I have chosen these several quotes to focus us on what is important tomorrow, and pray that in the present and the future no more will be added to the honored rolls because peace will reign.

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I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning; I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak, because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it. We honor them in a joyous, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did.  
 ~Benjamin Harrison

Decoration Day is the most beautiful of our national holidays.... The grim cannon have turned into palm branches, and the shell and shrapnel into peach blossoms. ~Thomas Bailey Aldrich

These heroes are dead. They died for liberty - they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad

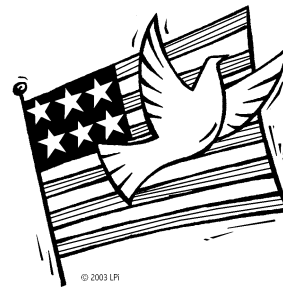
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hemlocks, the tearful willows, and the embracing vines. They sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, careless alike of sunshine or of storm, each in the windowless Place of Rest. Earth may run red with other wars - they are at peace. In the midst of battle, in the roar of conflict, they found the serenity of death. I have one sentiment for soldiers living and dead: cheers for the living; tears for the dead.  
 ~Robert G. Ingersoll

The dead soldier's silence sings our national anthem. ~Aaron Kilbourn

Cover them over with beautiful flowers,  
 Deck them with garlands, those brothers of ours,  
 Lying so silent by night and by day  
 Sleeping the years of their manhood away.  
 Give them the meed they have won in the past;  
 Give them the honors their future forecast;  
 Give them the chaplets they won in the strife;  
 Give them the laurels they lost with their life.  
 ~Will Carleton

Perform, then, this one act of remembrance before this Day passes - *Remember* there is an army of defense and advance that never dies and never surrenders, but is increasingly recruited from the eternal sources of the American spirit and from the generations of American youth. ~W.J. Cameron



*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.*