



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, July 5 to Sun, July 13, 2008

Saturday Vigil, July 5:

4:30 PM Church

Anniv - Michael Valentino (Daughter, Mary DeAngelis)

Sunday, July 6:

7:30 AM Church

Parish Family of St. John of God

Sunday, July 6:

9:30 AM Chapel

Aldo DiGuilio (Wife, Amy & Family)

Sunday, July 6:

11:30 AM Church

Paul, Helen & Viki Bliss (Family)

ALTAR SERVERS

New Altar Servers will be trained on Tues., July 15 at 6 PM at the Mother of Sorrows Chapel. Boys and girls, going into Grade 3 next school year and those older are eligible. They need their parents permission and a commitment to serve Mass when scheduled. A parent or guardian should bring them to the practice and help them fill in a form which would say what Masses the server could serve. If your child is interested in this ministry of serving at the altar, please bring him or her to this training.



FLEA MARKET NEWS

Our Fabulous Indoor Flea Market will be held on Saturday, July 19, from 8 AM to 4 PM and on Sunday, July 20, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

In the meantime, we need you to keep searching your garage, attic, basement and drawers for that "elegant junk" to become someone else's treasures.

We kindly ask that if you are donating electrical appliances, to please make sure they work. And, it would save our volunteers oodles of time if you would wash any glassware before donating them. Your help will be VERY MUCH appreciated! Thank you!

The last two days you may drop-off items are Thursday, July 10 from 5-8 PM and Saturday, July 12, from 9 AM-12 Noon at the Pizza Kitchen.

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

SVDP CLOTHES BIN

There is a St. Vincent de Paul clothes 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.

SENIOR VOUCHERS

The Focus on Renewal (F.O.R.) will be distributing Senior Vouchers this Tuesday, July 8 at 9 AM at the F.O.R. Community Center, 701 Chartiers Avenue.

To receive a voucher you MUST be at least 60 years of age, meet income guidelines (\$19,240 for a single, \$25,900 for a couple) AND MUST SHOW DOCUMENTATION PROVING AGE AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY RESIDENCY. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. To receive a voucher you must appear in person with your documentation this Tuesday, July 8. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Readings for the Week of July 6, 2008

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JULY 6

MOTHER OF SORROWS - In Memory of Andrew and Mary Stropkaj by Bill and Anna Marie

ST. MARY'S - In Memory of John Sr., John

Parish Office Hours:

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

All teens (entering grades 9-12 in the fall) are invited on an outing to the **wave pool** on Thursday, July 24. Cost is only \$4 per person. To sign-up contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x 11 or 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 and when you come to the "Coupon Code" box, enter STJOHNOGWPP 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 call the Youth Office: 412-331-8573 x11.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Our Parish will collect non-perishable food as well as paper products and soap for the needy among us. You may bring your donation with you to any Mass next weekend, July 12/13. Thank you in advance.

ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 28 / JUNE 29

Saturday	272
Sunday	682
Total Weekend Attendance	954

Total Weekend Offertory	\$ 5,663.75
Parish Share Assessment 2008	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....	\$54,492.75
Balance on Parish Share	\$32,545.25

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Ohio Valley** - Ann Coppola
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 Helen Bernett and Joseph Zymroz 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."*

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

St. John of God School Kindergarten Program is currently accepting registration for the '08-'09 school year. We offer a full day progressive reading and mathematics curriculum. Students also participate in various specials daily including drama, art, computer technology, music, gym, and Spanish. To ensure enrollment please register early because class size is limited. Financial aid forms are available by contacting the School Office at 412-331-8501.

**FOUR-YEAR OLD PROGRAM
Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Program**

The four-year old program is structured to give students exposure to language arts, mathematics, social studies, science and religion in an engaging and supportive environment. Students will also have music, art, and gym. Class size is limited. Classes will be full day from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM Register early as limited spaces are available. Financial aid forms are available by contacting the School Office at 412-331-8501.

PARISH SHARE

Next Sunday, July 13, there will be a second collection for the Parish Share Program. There is a blue envelope in your monthly packet of envelopes for this purpose. If you forget to bring your Parish Share donation next weekend, you may bring it anytime that is convenient. Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

July 7 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

July 8 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

July 9 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

July 11 (Fri.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor, 814 Chartiers Avenue, 7:00 PM

CUB SCOUT NEWS

The Cub Scouts are taking a summer break. Meetings will resume in mid August.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

FRANCISCAN BLEND COFFEE

Franciscan Blend Coffee is now available from the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God. Franciscan Blend is a rich and robust blend of Fair Trade coffee available in 12-oz bags of ground regular for \$10.99 each. Supporting Fair Trade coffee allows poor farmers and their families to earn a better income for their hard work, allowing them to hold on to their homes, keep their kids in school and invest in the quality of their harvest. Proceeds from the sales also benefit the Sisters' ministries, as well as defray the increasing cost of caring for their retired and infirm Sisters. Franciscan Blend is produced locally for the Sisters by Arbuckle's Coffee Company in Verona, PA. It is available on the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God website at www.osfprov.org or by calling 412-885-7223.

Franciscan Blend Coffee is also available in special packaging for commercial coffee urns at competitive prices. Call 412-885-7223 for details.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS**

A BRASS ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 PM

On The Lawn of the Church
618 Russellwood Avenue

You are cordially invited to attend this fun-filled evening of music presented by *The Elevated Brass*, conducted by David Archer. The group plays a variety of music, including sacred, classical, popular and jazz.

The concert will be held outdoors, weather permitting, or inside in the event of rain. Free "make-it-yourself" ice cream sundaes will be provided by Remember When.

Come and bring your lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy a starry evening of fun and fellowship.

For additional information, call the Good Shepherd Church office at 412-771-1993.

DID YOU KNOW?**Where Do Your Kids Go To Have Fun?**

Protecting children from harm extends beyond the time that they are under your direct supervision. Know where your children spend their time when school is out or they are not in the house. Where do they gather and play with other kids? Are there other adults in the area? If so, who are they, and what reason do they have to be there? Knowing the answers to these questions will help you to keep your kids safe even when you are not with them.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION FOR FAMILIES

Our Diocese, along with the Universal Church, is celebrating the Year of St. Paul which began on June 29, 2008 and extends until June 29, 2009. In conjunction with this event, the Office for Family Life and Catechesis of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will sponsor a special day for families at St. Paul Seminary. On Saturday, August 23, 2008, Bishop Zubik invites all families (nuclear, step, blended, single parent, etc.) to a special Mass which he will celebrate at 12:00 Noon. The day will include a catered picnic lunch, a tour of St. Paul Seminary, games and lots of fun for everyone! Be sure to mark this date on your calendar. Interested families can call 412-456-3160 for more information. Further registration information will be forthcoming.

IT'S VACATION TIME!

For some, it's fishing . . . For others golf, tennis, or just a motor trip, any one of which changes the daily and weekly job routine. Have a good time. Keep yourself and your family safe and healthy.



Before you go, why not use your offering envelopes for those weeks that you'll be having fun-in-the-sun? Mail them in now, and you'll know you're helping your Parish meet bills that must be paid each week. You can be a conscientious parishioner by knowing you have contributed. God bless you!

POLISH HILL FESTIVAL

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Polish Hill will hold its Parish Festival on Saturday, July 19, 1:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Bake sale, ethnic food, raffles, bingo, sale of Polish items and games are featured. Mass at 4:00 PM. Polka dancing outdoors after Mass.

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

A prom for adults with cognitive and physical disabilities

Sponsored by The Celebration of Life, a new charitable organization in the Pittsburgh area.

Saturday, July 19, 2008 - 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Sisters of the Divine Redeemer - Social Hall
999 Rock Run Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037
(just off Rt. 51 and Rt. 48...south of Pittsburgh)

Transportation *may* be available from your area...if we have enough interest. To register and request transportation help, please call 724-327-9019 or e-mail Angela at abdpm@comcast.net or visit the web at www.TheCelebrationOfLife.net.

HELP MAKE PIEROGI

We need ladies and gentlemen to help make pierogi for our Festival. We will be making them this Monday and Tuesday, July 7 & 8 at 8:00 AM in the Pizza Kitchen. If we do not get any volunteers we will not be able to offer this ethnic tradition to those who visit our Festival. Please call 412-771-4673 if you can help or just show up on Monday morning.

GIFTS AND GIFT BASKETS

Donation of gifts and gift baskets are starting to come in for our Chinese Auction Booth and people are being very generous as always. We still need YOUR help, though! If you and/or your family would like to put together a gift basket for the auction or make a donation of a new gift, we would really appreciate it. Our business manager usually solicits outside of the parish for some of the bigger ticket items, but this year she is expecting twins and is limited in what she can do and, especially, carry. With that being said, she is relying heavily on parishioner donations this year. In the past people have been very creative and have come up with some really wonderful themes for their baskets. If you are looking for some suggestions, here they are: Ethnic Baskets, Movies, Car Care, Restaurant Gift Cards, Department Store Gift Cards, Gas Gift Cards, Picnic theme, Romance packages, Stationery, Fishing theme, Outdoors, Seasons, Teenagers, Children, Gardening, Lottery etc. – really anything that sparks your creativity will be welcome! If you would like to make a donation for this booth, please call Mary Ann at the parish office. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

VOLUNTEERS FOR FREE HEALTH CARE CENTER

The Catholic Charities' Free Health Care Center located in downtown Pittsburgh is looking for a dietitian to join its team of professional volunteers and provide diabetic counseling. If you are interested in helping our neighbors in need to improve their health, please contact Diane Redington at dredin@ccpqh.org or 412-456-6698 for more information. We look forward to welcoming you to the Catholic Charities family!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Like Jesus, we received a mission in today's Gospel, the difficult and exhausting mission of raising a family. Like Jesus we are not alone in our mission. Today Jesus tells us "Come to me and I will give you rest."

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

Our Festival '08 is NEXT MONTH. Wow! It's getting close - only 32 days away. We've now sold over 20% of our tickets. That's \$5,030 in returns. BUT, we have 2,000 to go. So, if you haven't stepped up to buy and/or sell, now's the time to do so. Stop in the rectory between 9 & 5 on Monday to Friday or call me, Fr. Al, for a special appointment.

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

And thanks to those of you who have already dropped off those new and unused "gifts." They will be put to good use. And don't forget those used and unneeded items can go to the Flea Market. Boy, this sure is a "fun time" of the year.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2008, beginning with a Mass at 3:00 PM at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral.



If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary any time during 2008 and would be interested in attending this joyous celebration along with the other jubilarian couples, please call the parish office or drop a note in the collection basket no later than July 27, 2008. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Granted, they were young, only college age, and older persons sometimes have a tendency to underrate youth. And granted, they were not well dressed but in jeans, and on a downtown street business attire commands more respect. And granted, they were interrupting those perhaps hurriedly on their way to important doings. And granted, the document presented to them was several pages long, typed on standard 8 ½ by 11 paper that was a bit worn from the heavy handling, and people are not impressed by the mundane. And granted, being asked to sign one's name is a commitment that is approached with caution. But all things considered, it is still a bit surprising that when a political science class tried to get people to sign a paper that began with the words: "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another" and contained phrases like: "We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," eight out of ten people (80%) refused to do so. In fact, the pollsters in some instances were berated for being everything from communists to anarchists to religious fanatics.

The text was not authored by the college kids. In fact, this week it became 232 years old, certainly not a novel idea. It is, of course, the Declaration of Independence, the foundational charter of our country's existence, and yet 80% of Americans asked on the street to sign their names to it declined the opportunity.

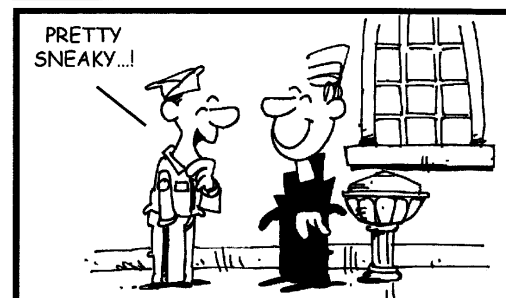
It is not that the document is perfect. Even at the time written 'all men' meant literally only white,

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property owning males: black skinned African slaves, red skinned indigenous natives, yellow skinned Oriental immigrants, all females and minor children were presumed excluded. And certainly, since it several times calls upon a singular Supreme Being for authority, it violates the sensibilities of polytheists, atheists and agnostics alike. But nevertheless, it would seem that the inheritors of this charter, those who have spent their whole lives as the beneficiaries of the system it created, those who daily benefit from the governmental philosophy and practice that it instituted, would be more amenable to signing their name to it in acquiescence.

On the other hand, maybe they were literally interpreting the words of St. Paul from the letter to the Galatians that 'it was for liberty that Christ freed us' and they wanted to witness to the separation of Church and State by their refusal. Then again, maybe not.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.