



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, July 12 to Sun, July 20, 2008

Saturday Vigil, July 12:	4:30 PM Church
60th Wedding Anniv - Joseph & Ann Lachowicz (Children & Grandchildren)	
Sunday, July 13:	7:30 AM Church
Parish Family of St. John of God	
Sunday, July 13:	9:30 AM Chapel
John LaCivita (Richard LaCivita)	
Sunday, July 13:	11:30 AM Church
Gaetano, Francesca, Luigi, Frances & Cindy Magliocco (Antonio Magliocco)	

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, July 14:	Delena Alfarone (Tom Giacomino)
Tuesday, July 15:	Anniv - Linda Balzer (Mother & Dad)
Wednesday, July 16:	Kathy O'Donnell & Son, Dennis (Debbie & Family)
Thursday, July 17:	Deceased Members of the Lutz and McIntosh Families (Deetza Lutz & Family)
Friday, July 18:	John C. Kyle (George & Marge Wolf)
Saturday, July 19, 2:30 PM, Wedding:	Joshua Dickinson and Ashley Novak

Saturday Vigil, July 19:	4:30 PM Church
Ted Skepanski (Wife, Joyce & Family)	
Sunday, July 20:	7:30 AM Church
Eleanor Nau (Cindy Czuczman & Sal Conea)	
Sunday, July 20:	9:30 AM Chapel
James & Catherine Serapiglia & Granddaughter, Kimberly (Family)	
Sunday, July 20:	11:30 AM Church
Antonio & Anna Ippolito (Daughter, Maria Puppo & Family)	

Readings for the Week of July 13, 2008

Sunday:	<i>Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23</i>
Monday:	<i>Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1</i>
Tuesday:	<i>Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24</i>
Wednesday:	<i>Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27</i>
Thursday:	<i>Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30</i>
Friday:	<i>Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8</i>
Saturday:	<i>Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21</i>
Next Sunday:	<i>Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43</i>

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JULY 13

MOTHER OF SORROWS - In Memory of Linda Balzer by Mother and Dad

ST. MARY'S - In Memory of Stella Kiesnowski by Daughter

Altar Servers

New Altar Servers will be trained this Tuesday, 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.



**ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FABULOUS INDOOR FLEA MARKET
NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 8 AM TO 4 PM
SUNDAY, JULY 20, 9 AM TO 1 PM**

One person's stuff may be another person's treasure. Come search for all kinds of treasures in our air-conditioned social hall at Mother of Sorrows Chapel next weekend, July 19 and 20.

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!

MEATBALLS

We will be making meatballs for the Festival on Tuesday, July 15, at 6:30 PM in the Pizza Kitchen. Anyone who would like to help us in this endeavor is most welcome to join us. If you need additional information, please call Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392.

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 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 call the Youth Office: 412-331-8573 x11.

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 jubilant 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.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 5 / JULY 6**

Saturday	245
Sunday	672
Total Weekend Attendance	917
Total Weekend Offertory	\$ 6,218.00
Parish Share Assessment 2008	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....	\$55,557.75
Balance on Parish Share	\$31,480.25

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



We wish to congratulate Joseph and Ann Lachowicz who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this Saturday, July 12, at the 4:30 PM Mass. Joseph and Ann were married on July 14, 1948 in St. Mark's Church by Fr. Regis Rogan. May the Lord continue to bless your years together.

THE WEEK AHEAD

July 14 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

July 15 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

July 16 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Ohio Valley** - Ann Coppola and Marie Kresak *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 Victoria L. Suslovic and Raymond Szajkowski (uncle of Christine Phillips) 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."*

SHARE YOUR TALENTS

Chartiers Manor Personal Care Home at 814 Chartiers Avenue, McKees Rocks, is looking for adults to help in the activities department. The activities could include but are not limited to: crafts, calling Bingo, playing cards, gardening, reading to the visually impaired, sharing traveling experiences, just plain socializing, etc. Everyone is gifted with a special talent. If you have some time to share yours with the elderly residents at Chartiers Manor, please call Sue, activities coordinator, at 412-250-2024 for more information.



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.

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

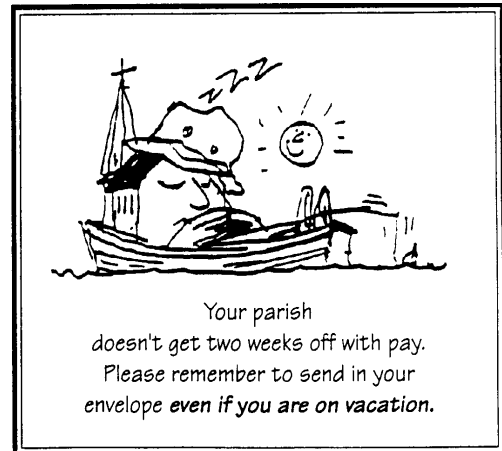
The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice how in today's Gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp 5 minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR FREE HEALTH
CARE CENTER**

The Catholic Charities' Free Health Care Center located in downtown Pittsburgh is looking for a dietician 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@ccpgh.org or 412-456-6698 for more information. We look forward to welcoming you to the Catholic Charities family!

HOLY INNOCENTS CHURCH FESTIVAL

Holy Innocents Church in Sheridan will hold its Annual Festival on Thursday, July 17; Friday, July 18; and Saturday, July 19. Food Booths open at 6 PM and Game Booths open at 6:30 PM. Saturday Food Booths open at 4:30 PM and Game Booths open at 6:30 PM. Call 412-331-2068 for more information.

**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.

THE P.V. REPORT : FESTIVAL '08
Fr. Al Semler

We are moving along in the right direction. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Lil Pelkington and her crew for making pierogi last week. It's so good to see people come together, accomplish a needed task and have a good time socializing. That's what building a parish family is all about.

Hey, kids, remember that big "moon walk slide" we had last year? Well, we have a new and improved, bigger and better one coming this year. And our scout troop will be running it. So, our younger boys can have fun and ask questions about scouting. That's a good daily double.

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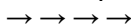
We now have 23% of our tickets returned sold. So it's time for the "BIG PUSH". My good friend and helper, Charlotte, wrote this for me: **Wanted 50 people** to sell 10 lottery tickets to family, friends, business associates, neighbors or complete strangers. They make nice birthday gifts. Please consider taking a package of 10 tickets or even 5 and help us sell these tickets. You could make someone very happy as they could win an **IPOD or \$250 or a Laptop Computer or \$400 or a TV or \$500** or the ultimate gas saver a **2008 Harley-Davidson Sportster Motorcycle or \$5000**. And the **bonus** if you sell the winning ticket you will receive cash from \$25.00 to \$500.00. So please help us sell the tickets, (or Father Al will have to stay on vacation). The winning number is based on the 7 PM PA Lottery, only 2500 tickets are being sold and you get 4 numbers on each ticket...what a GREAT DEAL for 10 bucks. Also, if you haven't already bought a ticket or two please see the sellers at each of the Masses or contact the Parish Office and we will see that you get a ticket. Thank You for helping to make our Festival 2008 a success.



And my big finale for this week - We need YOU to sign up to help. We will begin putting the booths together and setting up the "dining room" on Saturday, August 2, at 9 AM. We'll need kitchen help on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9

AM till Noon. And, we'll need people to work the booths during our open hours on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday any time from 6 PM to 10 PM.

So, please fill out the following form if you can help.



I Can Help:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Set Up, Sat., Aug. 2, 9 AM _____

(Kitchen Help) 9 AM

Wed., Aug. 6 _____

Thurs., Aug. 7 _____

Fri., Aug. 8 _____

Tear Down, Sun., Aug. 10, 2 PM _____

HELP AT AN OUTSIDE BOOTH

6-8 PM

8-10 PM

Thurs., Aug. 7 _____

Fri., Aug. 8 _____

Sat., Aug. 9 _____

Or you can call Helen Jarvis at 412-771-6346 and she will sign you up for a certain booth. Please return this form via the collection basket or mail by July 28. Thanks and, by the way, the pay won't be much but the benefits are "out of this world!"

**ST. JOHN OF GOD
 PARISH FESTIVAL**

AUGUST 7, 8, 9

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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

I was at several meetings last week along with some brother priests, listening to guys saying how happy they were that it was summer and things had slowed down for them. I contemplated the catch up work I have since my return from Rome, the successful festival at St. Catherine, the preparatory uproar for the festival at St. John of God, the July 4th Holiday, the end of the financial year work, the reorganization of the personnel and administration at our cemeteries, the reorganization of space and schedules at SJOG school under our interim principal, the more than 10 capital repair and improvement projects at all three of the church buildings I am responsible for and the fact that the diocese just informed us that we may be audited this summer. (Not to mention the fact that Fr. Al is going on vacation AGAIN!) What slowdown? The only thing that has fallen off is Church attendance since summer began. Although this is understandable, with vacations and all, it is not a condition we want to become habit with anyone.

Therefore, consider this:

TEN little Christians came to church all the time; one fell out with the priest: then there were nine.
 NINE little Christians stayed up late; one overslept on Sunday: then there were eight.
 EIGHT little Christians on their way to heaven; one took the low road: then there were seven.
 SEVEN little Christians chirping like a chick; one didn't like the music: then there were six.
 SIX little Christians seemed very much alive; one got "travelitis": then there were five.
 FIVE little Christians pulling for heaven's shore; one stopped to rest a while: then there were four.
 FOUR little Christians, each busy as a bee; one got his feelings hurt: then there were three.
 THREE little Christians couldn't decide what to do; one couldn't have his way: then there were two.
 TWO little Christians - each won one more; add them up - two times two make four!
 FOUR little Christians worked early and late; each one brought one: now there were eight!
 EIGHT little Christians, if they decide as before, in just seven Sundays we'd have 1024!

Summer or not, slow down or not, see you in Church!

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**ST. MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
 FOOD & FUN FESTIVAL
 July 23 - 26, 2008**

- Church Open Daily For Your Prayers
 - Ukrainian Foods and Baked Goods
 - Ukrainian Collectibles
 - Bingo
 - Fun Games For All Ages
 - Chinese Auction
 - Live Entertainment Daily
 - Food Service, 4 PM to Close
 - Much More!
- Wednesday, July 23, 6 PM, Opening Ceremony and Greetings
 - Thursday, July 24, 7 PM, Parade from Robb Street to Ella Street
 - 8:15 PM - A Memorial Service for all Veterans, Police Officers and Firefighters who have fallen asleep unto the Lord -- The United States Marine Corps Veterans Military Funeral Detail will be the Honor Guard at the Memorial Service for Veterans. All Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters who are present will stand as the Honor Guard for their comrades who have fallen asleep unto the Lord.
 - 8:45-10 PM - Spike Real the 'Digital D.J.' will "Spin Records"
 - Friday, July 25, 8:30 PM - 11 PM, Johnny Angel and the Halos will perform.
 - Saturday, July 26, 5 PM - 7 PM, "Clueless the Clown" will entertain children of all ages.
 - 6-10 PM - Sam Pugliano Polka Band will perform.