



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat, July 19 to Sun, July 27, 2008**

- 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)

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

- Monday, July 21:** Ann Lutzky (Agnes Gerger)
- Tuesday, July 22:** Carol Ann DeFrancesco (Mom & Dad)
- Wednesday, July 23:** Anniv - Edward Martonik (Family)
- Thursday, July 24:** Alfred Peters (Albert Sempronio Family)
- Friday, July 25:** Anniv - Kathleen Mortell (Family)

- Saturday Vigil, July 26:** 4:30 PM Church  
James Vlasach (Grandchildren; Evan, Zachary, & Paige Brown)
- Sunday, July 27:** 7:30 AM Church  
*Parish Family of St. John of God*
- Sunday, July 27:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Michael Crisci (Wife & Family)
- Sunday, July 27:** 11:30 AM Church  
Anna Murcko (Ann Bergherm)

**Readings for the Week of July 20, 2008**

- Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
- Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
- Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JULY 20**

**MOTHER OF SORROWS** - In Memory of Leo and Anne Giedl by Patsy and Patty

**ST. MARY'S** - In Memory of Placon and Sepac Families by Placon Family

**Parish Office Hours:**

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon**

**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.

**LASAGNA ROLL-UPS**

Last week we made the meatballs. Now on Monday, July 21, we will be making **Lasagna Roll-ups** for the Festival in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in lending a hand to help with this roll-up endeavor is most welcome. If you need more information, please call Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392.

**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!

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



All teens (entering grades 9-12 in the fall) are invited on an outing to the **wave pool** this Thursday, July 24. Cost is only \$4 per person. Also, mark your calendar for **sand volleyball** on the evening of Thursday, July 31. To sign-up for either activity, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x 11 or [sigyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sigyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**DISCOUNTED SANDCASTLE TICKETS**

If you are going to Sandcastle Water Park this summer, you can get discounted tickets AND benefit the Youth Group 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 call the Youth Office: 412-331-8573 x11.

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR TEENS**

The Southwest Deanery Youth Council is sponsoring a Day of Reflection for young people entering grades 9-12 in the fall. Join us on Tuesday, August 5 at Noon for lunch at the SJG Gathering Place, located in the garage building at St. Mary's. After lunch we'll travel to St. Anthony Chapel in Troy Hill to view the largest collection of saint relics in the United States! To sign-up, contact Steve in the Youth Office.



**HOSPITAL**

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Ohio Valley** - Marie Kresak **V.A./Oakland** - Lou Ciangiarulo *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 Joseph C. Miller, John L. Vojtecky, and Betty Schuster (died 3/22/08, memorial prayers were said this past week at St. Mary Cemetery) whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed in your prayers. *"May the Angels lead them into paradise, may the martyrs receive them at their coming, and take them to Jerusalem, the holy city."*

**ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS**

**Responsibility of School Parents/Guardians**

Sister Anna Marie Gaglia, Interim Principal, mailed a letter this past week to all parents/guardians who have children registered for the upcoming 2008-09 school year. The letter outlined a number of issues including clarification of the financial responsibility for providing a quality education for your children. We reiterate the following three points to parents/guardians.

1. If you want to receive consideration for financial aid, you must complete the PSAS application by July 31. Please call the school office, 412-331-8501, if you need a form or if you need assistance in filling out the form.

2. Individual and confidential tuition contracts must be signed by every family before the beginning of school. In order to make this possible, Sr. Anna Marie Gaglia will be available on the following days in the school office: Monday, July 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM; Tuesday, July 29 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM; and on Wednesday, July 30 from 8:00 AM to Noon. You do not have to make an appointment, just show up during the above times. If this is not a good week for you, please call the school and make another appointment, 412-331-8501.

3. The actual cost per pupil for 2008-09 is \$5700. Since each family's portion of tuition will take into consideration your needs and ability to pay we will meet with you privately to sign a contract. Each family is expected to pay a minimum of \$500 or no more than \$3400.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 12 / JULY 13**

Saturday .....	260
Sunday .....	665
<b>Total Weekend Attendance .....</b>	<b>925</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,448.47</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment 2008 .....</b>	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).....</b>	<b>\$61,490.53</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share .....</b>	<b>\$25,547.47</b>



**ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FABULOUS INDOOR FLEA MARKET  
IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT MOTHER OF SORROWS  
LAST DAY THIS SUNDAY, JULY 20, 9 AM TO 1 PM**

There still may be that one special item you've been looking for available at the Flea Market. Come look around and see what you can find.

### THE P.V. RETORT 1<sup>st</sup> Edition

Being the good P.V. that Fr. Al is, he got all his work done BEFORE he went on vacation (yes, you do hear Fr. Lou saying it..... AGAIN!) and left his P.V. report with Jan for this week's bulletin. But we can't let him off that easy!

Airport reports came in to us mid-morning on Tuesday (Fr. Al's departure day) stating that his plane had to be evacuated due to some mechanical malfunction. All travelers aboard that flight were rescheduled for an early afternoon flight departing Pittsburgh 4 hours later than planned. After further review of the cause of the "mechanical malfunction", we found out it was really Fr. Al's ploy to try and sell more raffle tickets at the airport! Not to worry though, the TSA (transportation security administration) Agents were quickly on the job in retrieving Fr. AL to make sure he continued on his way to his Florida vacation.

Later that same day, we received breaking news from the FAA (federal aviation administration) that the new flight had a layover in Charleston, South Carolina. Everybody who knows Fr. Al knows that he only likes to fly direct! Why would he agree to a layover flight? Yep, you guessed it! He was very concerned that he did not sell enough tickets at the Pittsburgh Airport. He had heard so much about Southern Hospitality in S.C. from both Fr. Ryan and Fr. Lou that he figured he would test that hospitality himself and try and unload more raffle tickets on some friendly southerners. Well, as much as Fr. Al wanted to stay and try to sell his tickets, he quickly realized he would miss out on an entire day of vacation (and have to add that to his next trip – which would give Fr. Lou more to harass him about) so he continued on with his flight to Florida.

As you can now guess, Fr. Al really didn't sell many tickets during this adventure which means the work falls back on our parishioners. We really need your help in making this raffle a success – especially selling tickets before/after Mass at St. Mary's at all three entrances. If you could help out, just stop in the sacristy before Mass and pick up a box of tickets (with instructions). If you haven't already bought your ticket, please make sure you do your part in supporting this fundraiser. If you have already purchased a ticket or two, but can afford to buy another or would like to take some extra to sell it would help us reach our goal. Let's all work together and take the load off of Fr. Al by selling and returning as many sold tickets as possible before he returns the weekend of July 26<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to return from vacation realizing that others picked up the slack while you were away! It makes you want to go on vacation --- AGAIN!

### 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.



### THE WEEK AHEAD

**July 21 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

**July 22 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

**July 23 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

### ST. MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH FOOD & FUN FESTIVAL

July 23 - 26, 2008

- 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. 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.

For more information, call 412-331-2362.

### Area Mass Schedule Weekdays

St. Joseph	8:30 AM (M,T,T,F)	Wed. at 7 PM
St. Malachy	7:15 A.M.	
Ascension	8:00 AM	

### Saturday

St. Joseph	6:00 PM
St. Malachy	4:00 PM
Ascension	4:15 PM

### Sunday

8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM
8 AM, 11 AM
9:15 AM, 11:15 AM

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

**FESTIVAL '08**

I've had some really good response and now I'm waiting for you. Did you call or fill in the sign-up sheet to your right? If we all pitch in our festival will run really smooth.

**TICKETS TICKETS TICKETS**

We are just a smidgen under 28% returned. "We're Gonna Do It!" My friend and helper, Charlotte, submitted these "**Top Ten Reasons to Sell Tickets**". Find one you like and "get your Tix."

10. So that Fr. Lou lets Fr. Al go on vacation (again).
9. So that Fr. Al can say to Fr. Lou I will be on vacation next week.
8. So that you can sell the winning ticket or tickets and make **25-500** dollars.
7. So that you can be the envy of your friends with a brand new **TV** to watch the Steelers with Fr. Lou.
6. So that your kids can download all their favorite tunes on their new **IPOD**.
5. So that Fr. Ryan doesn't have to buy all the remaining tickets.
4. So that Cardinal DiNardo can visit us without having to buy raffle tickets.
3. So that you can sell tickets to get even with all your friends who made you buy their raffle tickets.
2. So that all 2500 tickets are sold quickly so that ticket sellers don't have to sell tickets on Chartiers Avenue.
1. So that you can ride to St. Catherine of Sienna in Crescent with Fr. Lou on your new **2008 Harley-Davidson Sportster Motorcycle**.

As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." I'm counting on YOU to lend a hand. So I repeat —We Need You! 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.



See ya then!

Our next Festival meeting will be Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place at St. Mary's. We'll go over our plans on how to "make it happen."



**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*

"Feast or famine!" Everyone has heard or used that cliché sometime in their lives. It refers to the phenomenon that we have all experienced of having an abundance of something at one time, a dearth of the same thing at another time. We swing between too much and too little, almost never having "just enough". Too much food at one meal making us feel stuffed, not enough at another leaving us hungry. Not enough rain to grow the tomatoes, too much that makes us cut the grass twice in one week. Too high a setting on the air conditioning that leaves us sweating, too low that causes us to shiver. (Although I have never heard anyone complain of too little snow or too much money!)

That is how it is right now in terms of priestly service at our two parishes. In the past two weeks, besides Fr. Al, Fr. Rege and I being here to serve you with Mass and the sacraments, we have had a feast of visiting clergy. Fr. Fred Pompei (who did our Advent Mission at SJOG last December, and has been contracted to do a mission for us this coming October) has been staying at SCAT, making a private retreat. Bishop Michael Achopo of Nigeria stayed with us on his swing through the United States visiting his priests who are studying here. (For those of you who have met him, Fr. Ambrose who is chaplain at Ohio Valley Hospital is one of Bishop Mike's priests. Unfortunately, Fr. Ambrose was not available to anoint me last Sunday at the hospital when I spent from 5 to 8 AM in the ER with a kidney stone attack!) And Fr. Augustine Bayo of Uganda is living with us this summer at SJOG during the week while going out to other parishes for mission appeals on weekends. We have had a feast of clergy between the two parishes, so that almost every Mass had a number of options for main celebrant. Ironically, during this period, there were no weddings or funerals at all at SCAT, no weddings and only two funerals at SJOG.

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Now, we are in a famine of clergy. Fr. Al is on vacation (AGAIN!) Bishop Mike has returned to Nigeria. Fr. Fred has gone on to Syracuse to do another mission. And Fr. Augustine has gone to Detroit for three weeks to preach his appeals and won't return till the end of the month. And of course, with only Fr. Rege and I to step into the breach, we had just yesterday not only the evening Mass at each parish, and the attendant confessions, but we each had a wedding and two funerals came in in two days! And so we went from too many priests for our needs to too few to fulfill them comfortably.

Of course, with all the help of the people in the various liturgical ministries and volunteer positions, and our dedicated paid staff at each parish, we were and are able to make do on an interim basis. But this is the direction that things are headed in our diocese: fewer priests, more demands. And the fewer priests that we have are getting older (except for Fr. Al and Fr. Rege who are already old beyond all reckoning to the point it doesn't make any difference to them any more.)

The ordination rite includes the prayer: "Heavenly Father, you supply your Church with worthy priests in sufficient numbers to do Your will." All of the priests mentioned in this Corner as well as countless others are indeed worthy to do God's work among you, His family. However, I might differ with Him on what constitutes "sufficient numbers", at least this week. Pray for vocations to the priesthood so that we can feast everyday!

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: Kaeden Ember Bort and Rocky Donald Keith Bane. May you continue to grow in God's love.

**BAPTISMAL CLASS FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS:** The next class will be held on Sunday, August 10. You may register by calling John Fatula at 412-331-8573 on or after August 1.