



**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat, Aug. 2 to Sun, Aug. 10, 2008**

- Saturday Vigil, Aug. 2:** 4:30 PM Church  
Andrea Litterini (Family)
- Sunday, Aug. 3:** 7:30 AM Church  
Thomasina Cassiani (Family)
- Sunday, Aug. 3:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Alfred Peters (Mel Weinstein)
- Sunday, Aug. 3:** 11:30 AM Church  
James N. Caputo (Carol & Bill Bayer)

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

- Monday, Aug. 4:** Parish Family of St. John of God
- Tuesday, Aug. 5:** Anniv - Margaret Muha (Irene Muha & Family)
- Wednesday, Aug. 6:** Irene Martonik (Agnes Tarquinio)
- Thursday, Aug. 7:** Dennis Butter (Family)
- Friday, Aug. 8:** Mathilda Stangl (Wayne & Kathy & Family)
- Saturday, Aug. 9, 1:00 PM:** *Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery Chapel*
- Wedding, Saturday, Aug. 9, 2:30 PM Church:**  
*Adam Rudy and Rebecca Gallick*

- Saturday Vigil, Aug. 9:** 4:30 PM Church  
Dominic Bennet (Mary DeAngelis)
- Sunday, Aug. 10:** 7:30 AM Church  
Phil & Jay Tedesco (Family)
- Sunday, Aug. 10:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Andrew & Mary Stropkaj (Bill & Anna Marie)
- Sunday, Aug. 10:** 11:30 AM Church  
*Parish Family of St. John of God*

**Readings for the Week of August 3, 2008**

- Sunday:** Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
- Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36
- Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36
- Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Hb 1:12-2:4/Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF AUGUST 3**

- MOTHER OF SORROWS** - In Memory of Lena Alfarone by Frank and Alfreda Wilson
- ST. MARY'S** - In Memory of Mary Bennet by Lori and Bunny

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

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

On Friday, August 15, we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Following is the Mass schedule for this day in St. John of God Parish:

- August 14, Thursday Evening Vigil  
4:30 PM, Church at St. Mary's
- August 15, Friday Holy Day  
9:30 AM, Church at St. Mary's  
6:30 PM, Church at St. Mary's



**TOWN HALL MEETING**

Following the 6:30 PM Mass in the Church at St. Mary's on the Feast of the Assumption, there will be a Town Hall Meeting. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate in this form of parish governance.

**HELP MAKE PIZZAS**



This Monday, Aug. 4 and Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 8:00 AM, we will be making pizzas for the Festival in the Pizza Kitchen at Mother of Sorrows. Anyone wishing to help us with this pizza endeavor is most welcome to join us. No experience is necessary!

**THANK YOU**

Lucille Coppola, chairperson of the Flea Market, wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all of those who devoted their time and efforts in making this year's Flea Market successful. Your help and support to this important fundraiser for the parish is most appreciated.

We are happy to report that a total of \$3,016.80 was realized. Excellent, thank you, everyone!

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 26 / JULY 27**

<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>250</b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>596</b>
<b>Total Weekend Attendance</b> .....	<b>846</b>

<b>Total Weekend Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,486.90</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment 2008</b> .....	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)</b> .....	<b>\$64,452.53</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share</b> .....	<b>\$22,585.47</b>

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon**



THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY  
AUGUST 7, 8, 9



# Come to the Festival!!!

THE P.V. REPORT  
Fr. Al Semler

FESTIVAL HOURS  
4:00 PM TO 10:00 PM  
(Inside: Food, Bake Sale, etc.)

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
(Outside: Games, Bingo, etc.)

Well fans, this is our **BIG FESTIVAL** week. If you haven't signed up to help yet, please call me on Monday. You can just come to help in the Kitchen at 9 AM to Noon on Wed., Aug. 6; Thurs, Aug. 7; Fri., Aug. 8. Don't forget, we'll need help for Tear-Down on Sun., Aug. 10, 2 PM.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We will have a van service from St. Mary's parking lot to the Festival site.

LEAVE ST. MARY'S PARKING LOT

4:30  
5:15  
6:00  
6:45  
7:30  
8:15

LEAVE FESTIVAL FOR ST. MARY'S

6:15  
7:00  
7:45  
8:30  
9:15  
9:15  
10:00

**RAFFLE:** We **"NEED"** your returns by Tuesday, Aug. 5, to the rectory office. There is a slot in the front door if you're just dropping off tickets. Need more? That's good! We have more that need "hustled." We have enough returns to cover the prizes. So, every return now is profit. So, your help is appreciated. Tickets **"MUST"** be returned by the 7:00 PM PA Drawing to be eligible to win on each given day.

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



## MORE FESTIVAL NEWS

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

More than ever, our Festival provides a lot of fun for children of all ages. Visit the Children's area, and try out our MOON WALK "CAR SLIDE"! Let us hear the joyful voices of our children.

### SPECIAL MASS

For the convenience of the Festival workers, there will be a special Mass on Saturday evening (August 9) in Mother of Sorrows Chapel after the Festival closes for the evening. Mass time will be approximately 10:30 PM. This will provide a few extra hours to sleep on Sunday morning.

### BAKE SALE

We are appealing to our talented bakers to donate baked goods (homemade or store bought) for the Festival. You may bring it with you to the Festival any day that is convenient.



### REMINDER ABOUT RAFFLE TICKETS

On Thursday, Aug. 7 and Friday, Aug. 8 if you do not drop off your sold raffle tickets by 4:00 PM at the rectory office, just bring them up to the Festival so we are sure to have them by 7:00. On Saturday, Aug. 9, bring your tickets to the Festival. Don't drop off any tickets at the rectory on Saturday.

### MYSTERY BOX

Betty Murray is in charge of a new raffle this year called the "MYSTERY BOX". Betty will be in the Pizza Kitchen on Sun., Aug. 3; Mon., Aug. 4; and Tues., Aug. 5 from 8 AM to 12 Noon to accept gifts for the "Mystery Box". If you have any questions, please call Betty at 412-771-1664.

### HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **South Side** - John Hanobik

**Mercy** - Vickie Fantozzi

*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 Cassidy and Frank Giammarco 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."*

## DIOCESAN CELEBRATION FOR FAMILIES

Our Diocese, along with the Universal Church, is celebrating the Year of St. Paul. In conjunction with this event, Bishop Zubik invites all families to a **Family Fest** on Saturday, August 23 from 11 AM to 5 PM at St. Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road, Crafton. Registration begins at 11 AM and Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon by Bishop David Zubik, followed by a picnic lunch, Seminary tours, games for all ages and craft centers for children. Lots of music will also fill the day from Noon onward. The cost is only \$25.00 per family; \$5.00 per single adult. In case of financial hardship, please call the Office for Family Life at 412-456-3160 for a confidential fee adjustment. Registration deadline is Monday, August 18. Please call 412-456-3160.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### A DAY AT SANDCASTLE WATER PARK

Teens (entering grades 9-12 in the fall) are invited to spend the day at Sandcastle Water Park on Thursday, August 14. Tickets are only \$17.50 each if you sign-up by August 11 (after that they are \$29.95 each)! To sign-up contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sjyyouthmin@yahoo.com.

### 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 this Tuesday, August 5 at Noon for lunch at the SJG Gathering Place. 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.

### DISCOUNTED SANDCASTLE TICKETS

It is not too late to get your discounted Sandcastle Water Park tickets AND benefit the SJG Youth Group! 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 — they will cost only \$17.50 each (regular price \$25.95) and \$3 will be donated to the Youth Group! If you have any questions call the Youth Office: 412-331-8573 x11.

## PARISH SHARE

Next Sunday, August 10, the second collection will be for the Parish Share Program. There is a blue envelope in your packet of envelopes for this purpose. If you forget to bring your envelope next week, just bring it any time that is convenient.



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, August 9/10. Thank you in advance.

### MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

### SVDP CLOTHES BIN

Just a reminder that 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.

### DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS

Auditions for the 2008-2009 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year, as well as an Ecumenical Christmas Festival at Heinz Hall. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and be at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. If you are interested, you may schedule an audition by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office, 412-456-3042, before August 7.

### AUDITIONING

### TRICOUNTY CHOIR INSTITUTE'S VILLAGE SINGERS, TEEN CHORALE, CHORALEERS

Attention Singers from 2nd Grade through 80 years of age!! Do you love to sing? Haven't sung since High School or College? Want to learn how to sing better? Meet people who share your love of music? Want your children to have proper voice training and learn proper breathing techniques? Come and join one of our choirs! No need to drive downtown for this professional training, only go as far as Sewickley for rehearsals! Auditions are now being scheduled for the community choirs of TriCounty Choir Institute: Choraleers: 2nd-8th grade; Teen Chorale-High School; The Village Singers-Adults. Please call the director, Linda Wallace, for more information to schedule a private audition now through Labor Day week in September at 412-741-3463 or [lindaswalace@comcast.net](mailto:lindaswalace@comcast.net) or [tricountychoirs.com](http://tricountychoirs.com).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Aug. 4 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church-Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

**Aug. 5 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

**Aug. 6 (Wed.)** - **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO - It's FESTIVAL time!** Come play Bingo at the Festival, August 7, 8, 9 - Bingo begins at 6:00 PM.

### AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

A two-day classroom refresher course for people 50 and older to review safe driving practices will be held at Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church, 1760 Pine Hollow Road, Kennedy Township on Thursday and Friday, August 14 & 15, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

The instructor will be Bill Pearson. The cost is \$10.00 payable to AARP. To reserve your place in the class, please mail your check to Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church. If both husband and wife drive, both must take the course to receive a discount on their car insurance. For more information, please call 412-331-2863.

### 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### POLISH DAY CELEBRATION

The 17th annual Polish Day Celebration will take place on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at Kennywood Park. Call Wanda Walat at 412-771-1254 for more information on tickets and discounts.

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

"Ferragosto" is the name of a specifically Roman holiday. It means "days of August" (not unlike our American cliché of the dog days of August), and originally referred to August 13, a pagan summer celebration of the Roman Empire. As has been the Church's genius for millennia, when Christianity took over, it put the feast of the Assumption of Mary on August 15, thus "baptizing" the heathen into the Christian context. Although it at first meant one day, like Topsy "it just grew" to include the entire span of mid-July to the beginning of September. That time in Rome is very hot, very humid, very uncomfortable. Therefore, the Romans shut down practically everything and go away to find some relief from the heat at summer homes, the sea, etc. Even the Pope has left Rome already, as he has done every summer at this time, beginning a personal vacation in the Italian Alps then moving to the summer Papal residence at Castello Gandolfo. No work gets done, and you are out of luck if you need something repaired or documented.

Unfortunately, for us here in the States no such universal cultural hiatus exists - although many take individual vacations (like Fr. Rege this week). Life goes on at about the same pace. In fact, sometimes the pace picks up a bit.

At SJOG our school is in full swing preparing for the new scholastic year - registering students, tuition interviews with families, preparing the physical plant and so on. We of course have the Holyday schedule to contend with (like a Sunday in the middle of the week) and pre-planning for the year at both SCAT and SJOG .

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Therefore, at SJOG we have our annual Parish Festival Thursday through Saturday at the Mother of Sorrows sight and we still need lots of help with the booths and food and games and especially the sale of the raffle tickets. Once we have all had our community building and fun (and hopefully make a few dollars for our operating budget) we will have a Town Hall Meeting following the 6:30 Mass on the Holy Day, Friday August 15 right in the Church at St. Mary. It will not be a heavy agenda, but a general report on how the Parish is fairing to this point.

One the other hand at SCAT, we will have a very important Town Hall Meeting following the 6:30 anticipated Mass on Thursday August 14 in the Church. There are some crucial (and positive) financial issues to be discussed and acted upon. The finance committee will have to sign some papers that evening, so they all need to be there.

In both cases, members of the Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees and staffs are expected to be present, but all parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend so that they may hear the reports, ask their questions and offer their opinions to the Pastor to aid his governance of the Parishes.

We would all rather be in the mountains with the Pope or at the seashore with Fr. Rege, but those of us who ain't so lucky to fully celebrate Ferragosto can offer up our hot and sweaty efforts on behalf of the Parishes for the extension of the Kingdom of God in Southwestern Pennsylvania and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

*...from 5 loaves and 2 fish,  
 all ate and were filled.*



*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.*