



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat., Aug. 1 to Sun., Aug. 9, 2009

- Saturday Vigil, Aug. 1:** 4:30 PM Church
Anniv - Harry Wagner (Wife & Family)
- Sunday, Aug. 2:** 7:30 AM Church
For Parish Family of Saint John of God
- Sunday, Aug. 2:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Emelia & Dominic Aluise (Anna Marie & Bill)
- Sunday, Aug. 2:** 11:30 AM Church
Anniv - David O'Shea (Mom & Dad)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, Aug. 3:** Mary Bernett (Lori Bunny)
 - Tuesday, Aug. 4:** Joseph Buzon (Charles & Robert Buzon)
 - Wednesday, Aug. 5:** Deceased of Magnelli, Colantoni & DeCroce Families (Carmella Magnelli & Family)
 - Thursday, Aug. 6:** Rudolph Papst, Jr. (Rosemarie Martin)
 - Friday, Aug. 7:** Verna Rehtorik (Daughters, Dorothy & Laverne)
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- Saturday Vigil, Aug. 8:** 4:30 PM Church
Vincent & Mary Celedonia (Children)
 - Sunday, Aug. 9:** 7:30 AM Church
Nicholas Sacco, Sr. (Wife & Children)
 - Sunday, Aug. 9:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Mafalda DiVecchio (John Cassiani)
 - Sunday, Aug. 9:** 11:30 AM Church
Anniv - Steve Wojtkowski (Family)

Readings for the Week of August 2, 2009

- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:10-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25---14:1, 26-35/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Friday:** Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30---5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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“YEAR OF THE PRIEST” PARISH PRAYER

God, give us worthy priests in sufficient numbers.



MISSION APPEAL: Missionary Visit Scheduled For The Weekend of August 8 & 9

Fr. Arokiasamy David (Fr. David) from the Diocese of Coimbatore, India will be speaking at all our Masses next weekend, August 8 & 9, about the missionary work being done in this part of the world. A second collection will be taken at all the Masses on Aug. 8 & 9 to help financially support this ministry. Please be as generous as your means allow.

AN INVITE FROM FR. AL

Fr. Al invites you to his Bazaar next Sunday, Aug. 9 from 1 PM to 9 PM. They will have chicken and ham dinners from 1 to 6 PM. A Gold and Red Chinese Auction, Bingo and many other Bazaar items including a HUGE FLEA MARKET will be there for your enjoyment. Take 79 North to the Mars exit which is Route 228. Go right. 228 has a left turn and joins Route 8 for two miles. When 228 turns right, you don't turn but continue on Route 8 for about one McKees Rocks block. Turn right into the Holy Sepulcher parking lot. Someone will show you where to park. There will be a shuttle service to get you to the FUN area. Hope to see you there! Then I hope to join you on Thursday or Friday of your Festival.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS



The class will be held next Sunday, August 9, from 1-4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. For more information or to register, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Sonni Marie Krall*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

PARISH SHARE NEWS

We will not have a second collection for Parish Share next weekend, due to the Missionary Co-op visit by Fr. David from India. You may, though, still bring your blue Parish Share envelope next weekend. We will have a second collection for Parish Share the following weekend, Aug. 15/16. Bottom line: Just bring your Parish Share envelope any week that is convenient for you. Thank you in advance.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

BATTLE OF THE YOUTH GROUPS



Youth Groups from the Southwest Deanery will compete in various athletic games and challenges at the "**Battle of the Youth Groups**" on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Gilmary Center. Teens (entering grades 9-12 in the fall) are needed for the SJG team - all you need to participate is a permission form! To join our roster, contact Steve by this Thursday, Aug. 6: 412-331-8573 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com.

DISCOUNTED SANDCASTLE TICKETS

Are you still planning to go to Sandcastle Water Park this summer? If so, you can get discounted tickets AND benefit the SJG Youth Group at the same time. Just order your tickets online at www.sandcastlewaterpark.com and when you come to the "Coupon Code" box, enter the following number, 300900023. Whitewater passes will cost only \$21.50 each (regular price \$27.99) and \$3 will be donated to the Youth Group! If you have any questions, please call the Youth Office at 412-331-8573. Thank you!

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
July 25 / 26**

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| Saturday | 301 |
| Sunday | 634 |
| Total Weekend Attendance..... | 935 |

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of July 25 / 26**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,532.51

(This is ordinary income from contributions for the general running of the parish. It is subject to a 17.6% tax to the Diocese of Pittsburgh.)

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

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| PSP Assessment for 2009 | \$93,361.00 |
| Contributions to date (Thank You!)..... | \$70,572.15 |
| Remaining on goal..... | \$22,788.85 |

(This is the tax paid to the Diocese. We must remit this entire amount to the Diocese by Dec. 31. Any surplus then remains in the parish, tax free.)

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF AUGUST 2

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF JACOB LEBEC BY WIFE AND SONS

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF PLACON AND SEPAC FAMILIES BY PLACON FAMILY

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

**WE ARE ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS
PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8 UNTIL AUGUST 1**

For more information or to register, please call Sr. Anna Marie Gaglia at 412-331-8525.

FESTIVAL MEETING

The next Festival Meeting is scheduled for this **Tuesday, August 4, 2009** at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place. Hope to see you there.

HEAVENLY DESSERTS

We already know Festival time is coming quickly and everybody is scurrying to help out in any way they can. One booth that everybody looks forward to is the Baked Goods Booth (formerly known as the Bake Sale). We have a new chairperson this year so we are asking all of our generous St. John of God (and friends) famous bakers to really help us out and get out their famous recipes and start baking up a storm! (ok, we know you probably don't even have those secret recipes written down) Either way, we want your cookies, cakes and pies; your strudels, candies and muffins; your tarts, pastries and scones ~ whatever your most delicious heavenly delight might be ... Bake it up and bring it to our booth on whichever Festival day is most convenient for you. In the past we would go by the alphabet, but we are inviting you to choose the day you want to donate (and you are welcome and encouraged to donate more than once). We know each and every morsel will delight our Festival patrons and we want to thank you in advance for your donations.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital. *Also for all 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 Elizabeth Hothouse and Elizabeth Pochatko whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their Families 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." (Roman Ritual)

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-800-808-1235**

**SAINT JOHN OF GOD
PARISH FAMILY FESTIVAL
August 13, 14, 15 (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)**

**☆☆☆ PARISH FESTIVAL REPORT ☆☆☆
By Kelly Hall, Chairperson**

Well, countdown has begun and there is a lot of electricity in the air. Can't you feel the excitement!!! Well, here is what still is needed to have a successful Festival.

RAFFLE TICKETS: We have 800 sold, 500 tickets out to be sold and 600 that need sold. I appreciate all the wonderful efforts in selling these tickets, but I am going to ask to please sell more. I know I sound like a broken record but that is the biggest part of the Festival. I will make you a deal; if you sell all of them this year, I promise to have them out by February of next year so we have more time to sell.

ENTERTAINMENT: We need families to sign up for the Cake Off, Baby Crawl, Toddler Tot Walk and Family Game Show. Register by calling the parish office at 412-771-5646. Remember, call your family, neighbors and friends. These events are open to all! Our entertainment this year is wonderful. I want to let you all know that the group I was waiting on was able to confirm and will be performing on Friday, Aug. 14, at 7 PM. It is the Slavjone Ensemble Dancers. They are spectacular and well worth the wait. It will be a wonderful performance.

Here is a recap of our other performances:

Thursday, Aug. 13: 7 PM, Temujin the Storyteller
8 PM, Mike Gallagher will perform Folk Music

Friday, Aug. 14: 7 PM, The Savjone Ensemble Dancers ~ 8 PM, Johnny Fontane performs hits from Frankie Vallie, Frank Sinatra & other tunes ~ 9 PM, Teenage Rock Band - These are teenagers from our parish that have formed their own band. How lucky are we that they are willing to share their talents with us!

Saturday, Aug. 15: 5 PM (if we have contestants signed up) *Baby Crawl* ~ 5:30 PM (if we have contestants signed up) *Toddler Tot Walk* ~ 6 PM, (if we have contestants signed up) *Family Game Show* ~ 8 PM, Mirella the Musician will delight the audience with Italian and American Melodies.

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On site will be Ed Bourne, the one-man band, who will play dinner music while we dine from 6 PM to 8 PM on Saturday and Oldies will fill the air from Doo Wop Dan. That's something to look forward to.



**BOOTH SET UP
Sunday, August 9, 2009
2:00 PM**

**BOOTH TEAR DOWN
Sunday, August 16, 2009
2:00 PM**

All available hands are needed and will be very much appreciated! The more help we have, the faster we get done!

CHINESE AUCTION: We still need themed gift baskets or large ticket items. Currently, we have four Steelers Tickets, four Pirate Tickets, Sports Bag, Teachers Basket to name a few. 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!

There is much to be done, many laughs and memories to make. Please help in any way possible. OH! Don't forget to put in your request for good weather. Thank you again!

MORE RAFFLE INFO

Each Raffle Ticket has five numbers for \$10.00. There is a prize option OR a cash option. Winner decides. The winning number is based on the **PA Lottery Big Four 7:00 PM drawing on August 13, 14, 15** (Thursday, Friday & Saturday). Tickets are available after all Masses or at the parish office.

Here are the Prizes:

Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009
Laptop Computer or \$400 Cash Option
Seller of winning ticket receives \$50

Friday, Aug. 14, 2009
TV or \$500 Cash Option
Seller of winning ticket receives \$50

Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009
2009 Harley-Davidson Sportster Motorcycle
Or \$5,000 Cash Option
Seller of winning ticket receives \$50



BLUE KNIGHTS

PA VII

Annual Nick Uva and George "Maytag" Horner Memorial Ride

Sunday, August 16, 2009
Rain or Shine

North Park Ice Skating Rink • Registration 9-11 AM

\$15 Rider / \$10 Passengers and Non-riders:
Includes: Coffee, Donuts & Pig Roast Luncheon

Fully-Escorted Ride
Through the Beautiful North Hills of Pittsburgh

- Ride Leaves Promptly at 11AM

There will be Games and Trophies, Vendors On-Site and a DJ. A Catholic Mass will be held by the Blue Knights Chaplain, Fr. Lou Vallone, at 10 AM. All are welcome. For more information, visit www.bkpa7.com.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2009, beginning with a Mass at 3 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 in 2009, and would be interested in attending the celebration along with the other jubilarian couples, please call the parish office or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than September 6, 2009. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Aug. 3 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Aug. 4 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's.

Aug. 4 (Tues.) - Festival Meeting, 6:30 PM, Gathering Place

Aug. 5 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and regular games begin at 7:15 PM

Aug. 7 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

FESTIVAL BOOTH CHAIRPERSONS

Many volunteers are needed and no one will be turned away. We thank the following list of people who have volunteered to chair a booth. If you would like to work in a particular booth or area, call Grace Cropper, Worker Coordinator Chairperson, at 412-251-3304.

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| American Booth | Dr. Bill Stropkaj, Theresa Davis |
| Beverages | Ron Amity |
| Big Six Wheel | Sue Tutino |
| Country Nook | Eleanor Mrozowski, Marilyn Delach |
| Counting Room | Charlotte Schriener |
| European | Lil Pelkington |
| Falagones | Carol Rippole & Sons |
| Fried Cakes | John Ramsey |
| Funnel Cakes | Dave DiSanto |
| Heavenly Desserts | Mary Ann Jones and Company |
| Ice Balls | Mark Honath & Rippole Boys |
| Instant Bingo | Linda Kyle and Judy Harbaugh |
| Italian Booth | Anna Marie Stropkaj |
| Outdoor Games | Helen and Don Jarvis |
| Outside Bingo | Steve Tomsco |
| Pizza | Linda Honath |
| Poker & Blackjack | Frank Leone |
| 50/50 | Linda Kyle and Judy Harbaugh |

THANK YOU

Wow! We made pieroghi last Monday and what a success it was. THANK YOU to everyone who came to help us with this endeavor. Through the efforts of all 2,771 pieroghis were made for the Festival. Wonderful!

AND

THANK YOU also to everyone who helped make Lasagna Roll-ups on Tuesday evening. It, too, was very successful. What great teamwork!



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 to Mass with you next weekend, August 8/9. Thanks in advance for helping us to help others.

FARMER'S MARKET

Every Thursday through October 29 enjoy fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables delivered weekly to the lobby of the Father Ryan Arts Center, 420 Chartiers Avenue from 10 AM to 4 PM. WIC coupons and senior vouchers are accepted.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

As a priest, my living is made not only from THE WORD (Jesus Christ) but from words (homilies, pastor's corners, counseling, teaching, etc.) I have never really liked the modern habit of taking nouns and making them into verbs. But in this case, I will use one. I feel "conflicted" in writing this corner.

This is the "Year of the Priest" in our Church in honor of the 150th anniversary of St. Jean Marie Vianney. We have been asked to pray, talk, and promote this theme from the pulpit, in gatherings, in bulletins, etc. My problem is that as a priest, if I continue to promote priests, I feel like I am being self-serving, or bragging, or whining or some how being too taken up with myself. A priest is first and foremost "a man for others" and it is uncomfortable to focus attention too much on me and mine. But it is necessary to address this topic.

We all know the heart break, personally and institutionally, that individuals who are priests can cause, while separating that from priesthood which is one of the greatest gifts that Christ the High Priest gave to His Church. I will try to walk the tight rope this year, and as a first attempt will use an essay that had been sent to me anonymously.

"THE PARISH PRIEST"

No matter where he is located the parish priest has to be the sharer of secrets, the carrier of burdens, the fountain of consolation and the pillar of strength. Solitary, he is called "father" by thousands; poor, he enriches the lives of thousands; weak, he gives strength to thousands; unimportant, he does things each day whose importance cannot be told in any tongue on earth. He is never too busy to hear another's sorrows, often too busy to realize his own

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burdens. He is a 24/7/365 man. He is called from his dinner, wakened from his sleep, disturbed at his prayers. He is at the beck and call of any of his people. He is the target of God's enemies, the magnet of God's needy. Occasionally he attracts attention (for good and for ill); but usually he works unnoticed and unacclaimed while he does the noblest work on earth - he keeps Christ in the lives of his people."

I have received a huge packet of material from the diocese: several litanies, holy cards with prayers, sample prayers of the faithful, liturgy aids for Holy Hours and Masses: all of them suggestions for prayers during this year. I have asked our parishioners to say one simple prayer of eight words (taken from the ordination liturgy) once a day to mark the year. It will appear every week in our bulletin in the Mass schedule column. Despite being conflicted about focusing on myself and my sacerdotal brothers, no priest is too proud to ask for prayer.

Parish Prayer for the Year of the Priest

"God, give us worthy priests in sufficient numbers." Amen, and thank you.

18th 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.