



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Aug. 9 to Sun, Aug. 17, 2008**

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

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Aug. 11: Anniv - Chester Bridickas (Children)

Tuesday, Aug. 12: Aldo DiGiulio (Daughter, Carol & Sons)

Wednesday, Aug. 13: William J. Wolf

Thursday, Aug. 14: Anniv - John Seretti (Wife, Gloria & Family)

Thursday, Aug. 14, Vigil of the Assumption
4:30 PM, Church: Gertrude Amon (Ruth McHugh)

Friday, Aug. 15, Feast of the Assumption
9:30 AM, Church: Olga Crivelli (Angela & Bill Laughlin)
6:30 PM, Church: Anniv - Bridget McDermott (Mother & Family)

Saturday Vigil, Aug. 16: 4:30 PM Church
Gisella, Julia, Angeline, Albert & Frank Sideritch (Family)

Sunday, Aug. 17: 7:30 AM Church
Margaret & George Cerovski (Daughter, Mary & Family)

Sunday, Aug. 17: 9:30 AM Chapel
Joseph Ferraro, Sr. (Wife, Marge & Family)

Sunday, Aug. 17: 11:30 AM Church
Parish Family of St. John of God

Readings for the Week of August 10, 2008

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a,13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Day: Rv 11:19a;12:1-10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-32/Mt 15:21-28

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.

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.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUG. 2 / 3**

Saturday 263
Sunday 663
Total Weekend Attendance 926

Total Weekend Offertory \$ 6,454.75
Parish Share Assessment \$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!) \$64,744.53
Balance on Parish Share \$22,293.47

Parish Office Hours:
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday thru Friday)
Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

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 this 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.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Pizza Hut Fundraiser. Together we raised \$14.46 for the Youth Group.

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 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.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **South Side** - John Hanobik
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 Harry Wagner and Elizabeth Adamczyk 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."

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF AUGUST 10

MOTHER OF SORROWS - In Memory of Emmanuel and Agnes Vergenes by Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

ST. MARY'S - In Memory of the Topol, Belanek and Orlich Families by Steffie

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL

School will begin for Grades K - 8 on Monday, August 25. Monday, August 25 and Tuesday, August 26 will be half days with dismissal at 11:30 AM. Preschool Four-Year Olds will start on Wednesday, September 4.



BUS INFORMATION

Our school districts mail the bus information to your home a week or two before school begins. If you do not have your information by August 18, it is strongly suggested that you call the department of transportation of your school district.

ENJOY BOOKS

2009 Enjoy Books are for sale in the school office at a cost of \$27. Over 1,200 local offers are included in the book. Call 412-331-8501 to order yours or for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Aug. 11 (Mon.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Avenue, 1:30 PM

Aug. 11 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church-Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Aug. 12 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Aug. 13 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Marquis Derrill Thomas, Jr. and Raymond Anthony Trovato.* May you continue to grow in God's love.



BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next program will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14 from 1 to 4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register for the class or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

**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: Choraleets: 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 or tricountychoirs.com.

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.

GIANT ONE DAY 25¢ RUMMAGE SALE

St. Aloysius Church, 3616 Mt. Troy Road, Reserve Township will hold a giant one day 25¢ sale on Saturday, August 23 (8 AM to 1 PM) in the parking lot of the Church. Women's and Children's summer clothing 25 cents each piece. For more information, call 412-821-3610.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's Gospel: "Lord, save me."



*In the Spirit
we call God
our Father*

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
SEMINAR**

Fr. Stan Gregorek, Pastor of St. Mary Church,

Cecil, and Fr. Joe Luisi, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carnegie, will be co-sponsoring the Life in the Spirit Seminar at the two parishes for a joint effort spanning five consecutive Tuesdays from August 26 to, and including, September 23. Each session will begin at 7:00 PM and end about 8:30 PM except for Session Four, which will last until 9:00 PM. Three sessions will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and two sessions will be held at St. Mary Parish, Cecil. The schedule is as follows:

Session One: "God's Love" on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at SEAS (St. Ignatius Church) at 7 PM.

Session Two: "Salvation and New Life" on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at St. Mary's Church, Cecil at 7 PM.

Session Three: "Receiving God's Gift" on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at St. Mary's Church, Cecil at 7 PM.

Session Four: "Praying for Baptism of the Holy Spirit" on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at SEAS (St. Ignatius Church) at 7 PM - 9 PM.

Session Five: "Growth and Transformation in Christ" on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at SEAS (St. Ignatius Church) at 7 PM.

The best way to "get to know Jesus" is through the Life in the Spirit Seminar. Fr. Francis Martin, an internationally known Scripture scholar, says that Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the only way to cut through our secular culture. Mark your calendars now for the seminar. It is recommended (if possible) to attend all five sessions to reap the benefits of the Life in the Spirit Seminar.

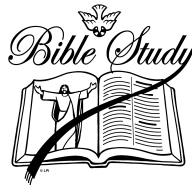
EVENING OF REFLECTION

The Women's Guild of St. Malachy Parish will sponsor a Women's Evening of Reflection on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008 with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 PM. Benediction will be followed by Guest Speaker, Father Angelus M. Shaughnessy, O.F.M. Capuchin. Free-will offering. A social will follow in Weirauch Hall.

CATHOLIC SINGLES, 21 AND OVER

Looking for a new way to meet people, make friends, and share good times with others? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club. The group offers a variety of social opportunities including league athletics, parties, picnics, dances, hiking, volleyball, dinners, scripture study, trips, and many other great events. For more information visit the website: www.cacpittsburg.org.

All are most welcome to come to a Bible Study, led by John Fatula, this Wednesday, August 13, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows.



**The P.V. Report
Fr. Al Semler**

Obviously, this was written before our Festival "opened". But the many people who have been helping is wonderful to behold. I hope you all had a chance to enjoy our Festival. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way. More next week.



BLUE KNIGHTS

PA VII

Annual Nick Uva & George "Maytag" Horner Memorial Ride

**Sunday, August 17, 2008
Rain or Shine**

North Park Ice Skating Rink • Registration 9-11 AM

\$20 Per Bike, Includes:
Coffee, Donuts & Pig Roast Luncheon

Fully-Escorted Ride
Through the Beautiful North Hills of Pittsburgh

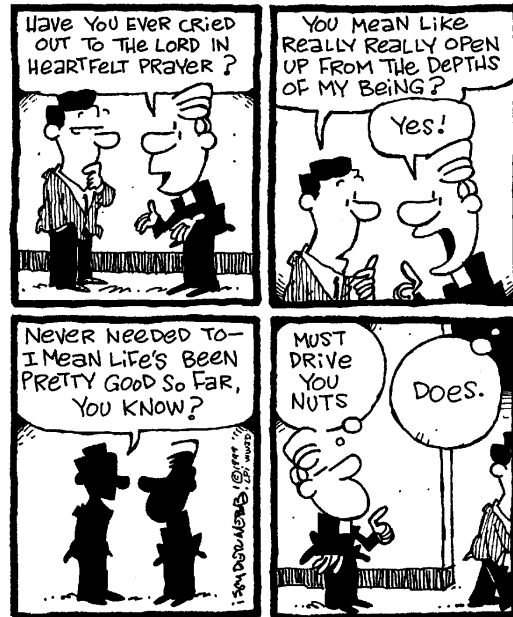
- Ride Leaves Promptly at 11AM

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.

ECONOMY AFFECTS

It takes much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held September 26-28 at the Four Points Sheraton, Findlay Township. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check out the web at wwme-pittsburgh.org.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**DID YOU KNOW?
Internet Safety for Kids**

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. A chat room is similar to an old style telephone party line, except that the teens are typing. Law enforcement has found that child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy and safe access to teens. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their specific physical location.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235

Source: Bob Farley, "Exposing the Dangers of Chat Rooms," featured March 14, 2005, at www.virtusonline.org/virtus

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

(The following Pastor's Corner is mostly directed at those who attend Mass at the Church at St. Mary of St. John of God Parish. Those who attend the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows, and those who attend at St. Catherine of Siena have air-conditioning and are not directly affected by the temperature. But in a show of Parish solidarity, I am printing it for all to read and reflect on.)

Fr. Augustine, who is staying with us at SJOG for the summer, mentioned to me a couple of times in the past couple of weeks that it was simply too hot. Now, when someone from Africa complains about the heat in Pittsburgh, it must really have been something to endure! He went on to hypothesize various ways that we should investigate to air-condition the Church at St. Mary's during these summer months. But inasmuch as we still haven't paid off the heating bills from this past winter, I don't think there is much hope of the financial, not to mention the engineering, challenges to cooling a Church like St. Mary's.

What I continually tell our people every winter also applies for the summer months as well: if the weather poses a health threat to anyone—someone with respiratory problems or the very young or very aged, for example—then do not come to Church, but rather stay in an environment that will not endanger your well being. The commandment is to honor the Lord's Day. The ordinary way to do so for us Catholics is by physically participating at Mass. But this is to honor God, not to challenge Him. If it is a health problem to be at Mass, it is better to stay at home and pray the Scriptures, watch Mass on TV or

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read it out of a missal, or some such reasonable way of setting the Lord's Day apart from all others. It is only a sin if we have every opportunity to safely and reasonably attend Mass, and then deliberately refuse to do so, that we incur sin and must confess it. We need our people to be around for the long term, so exercise discretion!

Now, lest some people thing that I am getting soft on our obligations as Catholic Christians in our worship of our Creator, let me share a few pithy sayings that are germane:

- A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- Are you wrinkled with burden? Come in to Church for a faith lift.
- Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to Church.
- Exercise regularly.
- Give God what's right, not what's left.
- God doesn't want a share in your life, He wants controlling interest.
- Prayer—don't give God instructions, just report for duty.
- Our Church is "Prayer Conditioned".
- To be almost saved is to be totally lost.
- He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.

See you in Church—as much as possible



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.