



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Sat., Aug. 8 to Sun., Aug. 16, 2009

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)	

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Aug. 10:	Matilda Stangl (Nicholas Fyfitch)
Tuesday, Aug. 11:	Anniv - Chester Bridickas (Children)
Wednesday, Aug. 12:	Betty Murray (Thursday Pizza Group)
Thursday, Aug. 13:	Anniv - Fay Nicoletta (Rose Rita)
Friday, Aug. 14:	Cecilia Ellek (Helen, Joe & Bob Cimoch)

Saturday Vigil, Aug. 15:	4:30 PM Church
Bridget McDermott (Mother & Family)	
Sunday, Aug. 16:	7:30 AM Church
Frank Zalewski (Wife & Daughter)	
Sunday, Aug. 16:	9:30 AM Chapel
Margaret Vignone (Susan & John Gaydos)	
Sunday, Aug. 16:	11:30 AM Church
J.J. Morton and Mark Pilotta (Family)	

Readings for the Week of August 9, 2009

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30---5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

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“YEAR OF THE PRIEST” PARISH PRAYER

God, give us worthy priests in sufficient numbers.



**MISSION APPEAL:
Missionary Visit Scheduled
This Weekend, August 8 & 9**

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

PIZZA KITCHEN NEWS

The Pizza Kitchen Volunteers would like to reopen the Pizza Kitchen in September. However, we are in DIRE NEED of additional new volunteers, men and women. We especially need help in stretching dough, making sauce, making pepperoni and sausage rolls, fried cakes, handling the ovens and helping with placing orders for supplies and follow up of the orders. No experience is required. All jobs are easy to learn. Workers are asked to complete the Diocesan clearance for working with children which is easy to do.

The Pizza Kitchen has been in operation for over 30 years and we don't want to see it close, especially when the parish needs the income. This past fiscal year the Pizza Kitchen donated \$25,000 to the parish. Customers are waiting for us to open. Please consider making a commitment to help your parish by volunteering as your schedule allows, one or two weeks a month or every week with flexible hours between the hours of 7 AM and 2 PM. Even helping from 7 AM to 10 AM would be a tremendous help. If you feel you can help us keep this vital fundraiser for the parish, please call Gloria McNabb at 412-771-5928 or Jan at the parish office at 412-771-5646.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW
AND EXPECTING PARENTS**



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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Lindsay Rose Bressler*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

Parish Office Hours:

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon



FAMILY FESTIVAL 2009
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 14, 15



PARISH FESTIVAL REPORT By Kelly Hall, Chairperson

We will be setting up the booths today, Sunday, August 9, 2009 at 2 pm. We need all available hands.

Volunteers - Many parishioners and school parents have asked how they can help. If you can commit to a day(s) and time, please call Grace Cropper 412-251-3304 to sign up.

We held our last meeting on Tuesday. We finalized our plans and are ready to go!!! This final week of preparation reminds me of my wedding. As the wedding day approached, I was driving everyone crazy (no surprise). I was preparing for things that might go wrong. I had a plan B for everything. My cousin sternly reminded me; no matter how much time I spend planning and driving everyone crazy, things will go wrong. She told me to keep my eye on the prize, my husband. She said, years down the road I wouldn't remember any mishaps. Well eighteen years later, she was right! My memories are full of a spectacular day spent with family and friends...at the end of the evening, I left with the prize.

I find myself repeating the same behavior this week. I am trying to have a plan B for things that may go wrong. What I realize...I cannot predict or prepare for the things that may go wrong, so I'm not going to try. I am going to relax (the best I can) and keep my eye on the prize. The prize is making memories of time spent with our family, friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners. We will work hard, however; we will laugh harder. During this hectic week, stay positive, see only the goodness in each other and say only good things about each other and when we look back, we will remember a spectacular Festival!

Again, I would like to thank each and every one of our parishioners. Whether you chaired a booth, sold and bought raffle tickets, or said prayers for good weather and a success festival, it has all been appreciated. Our parish is only as successful as its parishioners. From my seat, we are very fortunate. Thank you all!!!

ENTERTAINMENT: This has been very interesting to organize. Last week I thought we had finalized all of the entertainment, but I was wrong. Some changes have occurred. The Slavjone Ensemble Dancers will not perform this year. I share your disappointment but, there is good news, we can look forward to seeing the Slavjone Dancers next year. That gives us something to look forward to. I didn't have a plan B so they helped find a wonderful replacement that we will all enjoy. Dana Leasure and Jerry Jumba will perform Eastern European mix of songs and instrumental centered on Carpapho-Rus'. Many of us know Jerry Jumba or someone from his family. He is a hometown boy from the Bottoms. Our area has so much talent!!

Here is the final Entertainment schedule.

Thursday

7:00 PM - Temujin The Storyteller Temujin presents a unique and EDU-TAINING program of family oriented, audience participatory storytelling. All of this is done in the ancient tradition of the "Itinerant African Bard" hailing crowds with his talking drum. He captures the attention all the young and old.

8:00 PM - Mike Gallagher performing Folk Music. Mike is an accomplished Irish and Folk musician. He not only lives in our town but he is from our Parish. Many of us have witnessed his talents during Sunday Masses.

Friday

7:00 PM - Dana Leasure and Jerry Jumba performing Eastern European Mix of songs and instrumental centered on Carpapho-Rus'.

8:00 PM - Johnny Fontane performs hits from Frankie Vallie, Frank Sinatra & others tunes

9:00 PM - The Rising is a teenage rock band consisting of Matt Cain, Ben Lex, and Brian Fedorka. These are teenagers from our parish that have formed their own band. With the talent that comes out of our area, maybe we are witnessing the beginning of a future mega rock band. How lucky are we that they are willing to share their talents with us!

Saturday

5:00 PM - (if we have contestants signed up) Baby Crawl

5:30 PM- (if we have contestants signed up) Toddler Tot Walk

6:00 PM- (if we have contestants signed up) Adult/Child Game Show

8:00 PM - Mirella the Musician will delight the audience with Italian and American Melodies.

HEAVENLY DESSERTS

Festival time is on our doorstep 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.

I am happy to report, we will have ladylocks! If you want some, my advice to you would be to get to the bake sale booth before I do. Only kidding, I promise to save some for others.

MORE FESTIVAL REPORT from Kelly Hall

There are a few points I need to stress. The cake off, baby crawl, toddler tot walk and adult/child game show will only happen if two or more people register. The adult/child game show may have been presented as parent and child. That was not the intent and I apologize. It can be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, godparents, friends, or neighbors. The adult/child game show needs one adult and one child. At this time, no one has registered. These events are open to everyone. There is not a registration fee and a small prize will be awarded to the winners. So call your family, friends, neighbors. Tell them to call the parish office at 412-771-5646 and registered.

RAFFLE TICKETS - We still have approximately 600 tickets that need to be sold. Our goal is to sell all of the raffle tickets. We have one week to meet our goal. Call me crazy, but I still believe this can be done. I keep some tickets with me and ask everyone I come across. It works. As we know, selling all of the raffle tickets is a huge part of the Festival's success.

FOOD PREP - Wednesday morning at 10 AM, prep for the falagones ~~~ Wednesday evening at 5 PM, make the falagones ~~~ Thursday morning beginning at 7:30 AM and continuing all morning, make pizzas ~~~

CHINESE AUCTION We asked and we have received themed gift baskets and some large ticket items. Any additional baskets can be left at the parish office. I can speak first hand, they are all very nice but we can always use more.

CAKE OFF- Think you can bake, then this event is for you. Bake a cake and choose a theme to decorate. Here are some examples of themes you can use, jungle, beach, school, church OR create your own.

Cake off rules: Entire creation must be edible including decorations. Cakes must arrive at the social hall no later than 3:00 PM on Friday, August 14, 2009. Each cake will be assigned a number at registration. Voting will be open until 9:30 pm. Cakes can be taken home after the votes have been tallied.

Please call Jan in the parish office to register.

I thank you again for your generosity. Any questions or comments please feel free to give me (Kelly) a call at 412-331-4702.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**"ALIVE AGAIN"**

All high school teens (entering grades 9-12 in the fall) are invited to the "Alive Again" retreat day on Saturday, September 12 from 2 PM to 10 PM at St. Benedict the Abbot Church. The day will begin with break out sessions followed by Mass at 5 PM celebrated by Bishop Zubik, then dinner, and then a special concert at 7:45 PM with Matt Maher! Tickets are only \$15 each; to reserve your ticket contact Steve at 412-331-8573 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

Aug. 1 / 2

Saturday	291
Sunday	673
Total Weekend Attendance	964

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS

For the Weekend of Aug. 1 / 2

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 6,424.24

(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

PSP Assessment for 2009	\$93,361.00
Contributions to date (Thank You!).....	\$71,056.15
Remaining on goal.....	\$22,304.85

(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 9

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF TOPOL, BELANEK AND ORLICH FAMILIES BY ORLICH FAMILY

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF ALDO DIGUILIO BY WIFE AND FAMILY

**SAINT JOHN OF GOD PARISH
STEEPLE CHASE STEELER FOOTBALL POOL**

Lift your eyes to the heavens and behold: scaffolds reaching the roof, steeples and crosses of St. Mary's Church. Inspection reveals needed major repairs at an extensive cost. Fr. Lou will explain in more detail. But for now several fund raisers are being sponsored to help defray the expense. Our first fund raiser is a football pool for the Steeler season minus the first two games because of time constraints.

The pool will include 14 regular season games beginning Sunday, September 27, against the Bengals. There are 100 blocks per game. The payout per game: \$100 at half-time, \$150 the final score. The total cost for all 14 games is \$75 or little more than \$5 per game. One payment of \$75 is due on or before September 8. Or two payments, \$40 by September 8 and final \$35 due by Tuesday, September 22. You will retain the same block for each game. The numbers for each game will be drawn in advance, therefore, your numbers will be different each week. You will receive the completed pool for all of the 14 games prior to September 27. A total of only 100 squares are available. Purchase a single square or partner with your neighbor, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, mom, dad, friend or pew buddy to buy one. Name your block with your given name or be creative with a name.

Forms are due back to the parish office with payment on or before September 8. Completed forms and payment may be put in the collection basket. Put "**STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL**" on the front of the envelope. Any questions call Charlotte 412-331-2453 or Terry 412-331-3443. Let's go Steelers! This is even better than fantasy football.

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 Mary Dunlap whom God has called. Please remember her and all our dearly departed and their Families in your prayers. *"May the Choirs of Angels receive them and may they with the once poor Lazarus have rest everlasting."* (Roman Ritual)


FESTIVAL HOURS - AUGUST 13, 14, 15
4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
(Inside: Food, Heavenly Desserts, Crafts, etc.)
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
(Outside: Games, Bingo, etc.)

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

Leave St. Mary's Parking Lot	Leave Festival Site
4:30	6:15
5:15	7:00
6:00	7:45
6:45	8:30
7:30	9:15
8:15	10:00

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Aug. 10 (Mon.)** - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Ave., 1:30 PM
- Aug. 10 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.
- Aug. 11 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.
- Aug. 14 (Fri.)** - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.



STEEPLE CHASE STEELER FOOTBALL POOL

PLEASE PRINT AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY - Winners will receive a check in the mail.

I would like to purchase _____ square(s) on the SJG Steeple Chase Steeler Football Pool @\$75 per square

Enclosed is _____ (Full Payment) or _____ (\$40 partial - remainder due Sept. 22)

I would like to name my square(s) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

PASTOR'S CORNER*Fr. Lou Vallone*

We would normally be due for a Town Hall Meeting this week. But the Assumption, being on a Saturday, is not a Holy Day of Obligation, and we will be in the midst of our festival besides. (We will not be adding any Masses for the feast, the cemetery Mass is cancelled. You can go to a neighboring parish for morning Mass on Saturday if you wish, but we will gratefully accept your Assumption envelopes anytime you want to turn them in. There will be a 10:15 PM Mass Saturday for the festival workers on site, but that will count for Sunday.) This Corner then will be the virtual Town Hall Meeting for the summer period.

The biggest issue of course is the center spire of St. Mary Church and the roof. Everyone sees we are doing things, and I will try to explain what.

In March, a windstorm blew a 4' x 8' section off the octagonal center spire. We had to put scaffolding up to assess the damage, which was considerable. We also discovered damage to the 3 crosses on the spires: bullet holes! We were advised that approximately \$150,000 worth of scaffolding would be needed to effect repairs. Long and involved discussions with the insurance company ensued (which is why it has been taking so long.) A final compromise was reached, which entailed the insurance company giving us a settlement that was the equivalent of the cost of the scaffolding. They have already paid, and the scaffolding is up. Now, we must pay for whatever repairs are necessary, no matter what the cost. I instructed the roofers and painters that, since we were up there, to fix and repair everything they could reach, thereby committing to an unknown total cost. All the information is not in yet, but here is where we are so far.

1. The octagonal spire has eight arched windows that have rotted wood frames and glass that has been painted over. They are in bad shape and are a hazard. Therefore, we are sealing the arches over with aluminum plating, and decorating them with dark paint on the interior and a simple cross on each. The vent panels are being maintained, and the whole spire will be painted and sealed. Total bid cost for this so far is about \$40,000.

2. New crosses are being fabricated out of aluminum and powder coat paint in gold flake. The center spire will be replaced now, with its base. The

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two front crosses will be put in place the next time we have to bring in a crane for work on the front. Total bid cost for the three crosses is about \$30,000.

3. There are 8 pillars on the Church that at one time had decorative pinnacles on them. Now just a flat base of copper seals those posts. The bid cost to fabricate out of aluminum and put new pinnacles on, thus sealing the pillars, is about \$24,000.

4. We had simultaneously to this project replaced the roof from the rectory to the Church, and above the corridor between the sacristies. We have paid \$18,000 for that.

5. There is a large amount of sealing, replacing slate, painting and other "fix-it" projects that are going on since the scaffolding is up and it would be wasteful not to take full advantage. The total cost of these smaller repairs is not at this time estimated.

We did not intend to enter such an extensive and expensive project at this time, but nature intervened and forced it on us. St. Mary Church has been designated as the main worship and sacramental site for St. John of God Parish - there are no real alternatives except to keep this building safe and sound and useful, and as aesthetic as we can. We are committed.

As you can see, we have already spent \$150,000 on the scaffolding (provided by insurance proceeds); \$18,000 on roofing (out of our operating funds). We are contracted for a little over \$100,000 so far on the roof, with more to come. We currently have \$130,000 in the Catholic Institute in our building fund, so we are OK for the moment. But we of course need to continue to replenish this fund as the work continues. We do have room left on our Parish Share Exemption for the Building Campaign, and we will continue to accept donations for it. But there will also be a series of fund raisers coming up specifically for this project. We are running them under the umbrella title: "St. John of God Steeple Chase Drive." You will hear much more in the future!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO NEWS

There will be no Bingo this Wednesday, Aug. 12. It's Festival time!! You can play Bingo at the Festival on Thursday, Friday & Saturday!

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