



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Aug. 16 to Sun, Aug. 24, 2008**

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

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Aug. 18: Walter Wozniak (Joe & Kathy Glowark)

Tuesday, Aug. 19: Frank Bernard (George & Marge Wolf)

Wednesday, Aug. 20: Mark Pilotta & J.J. Morton (Family)

Thursday, Aug. 21: Helen Valicenti (Paul & June Loedding)

Friday, Aug. 22: Virginia & Crescenzo DiNardo (Pearl DiNardo & Family)

Saturday Vigil, Aug. 23: 4:30 PM Church
Albert Gerger (Wife, Agnes)

Sunday, Aug. 24: 7:30 AM Church
Eleanor Nau (John & Rose Czuczman)

Sunday, Aug. 24: 9:30 AM Chapel
Bill Dalesandro (Wife, Roberta & Family)

Sunday, Aug. 24: 11:30 AM Church
Mary Litterini (Family)

Readings for the Week of August 17, 2008

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

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUG. 9 / 10**

Saturday 310

Sunday 585

Total Weekend Attendance 895

Total Weekend Offertory \$ 5,026.75

Parish Share Assessment \$87,038.00

Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!) .. \$69,982.53

Balance on Parish Share \$17,055.47

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

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.



**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.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Beaver Medical Center** - Norma Jean Downey **Marian Manor/Greentree** - Bob Lang *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 Marie Carrabbia, Olga Martonik, Helen Suchanek, Stephen Wojtkowski, and Frank Zalewski 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 17

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH FERRARO BY WIFE, MARGE AND FAMILY

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF MARY LEBEC BY FAMILY

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM (MONDAY THRU FRIDAY)**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

ATTENTION TEENS IN GRADES 9-12



The Annual Gateway Clipper Dinner Dance (sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh) will take place on Sunday, November 2, 2008 but tickets must be preordered now! To reserve your spot, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com. Tickets are \$25 each and include a three hour boat cruise and dinner. Deadline to sign-up is September 5, but the number of tickets are limited so don't delay!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Aug. 18 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church-Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Aug. 19 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.



Aug. 20 (Wed.) - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

Come early and get something to eat from the kitchen before Bingo begins. Then you won't have to cook!

SOCIAL MINISTRY INSTITUTE

Bishop David Zubik will be the keynote speaker at the 19th Annual Social Ministry Institute sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Friday, September 19, 2008 from 8 AM to 5 PM at the Radisson Hotel, Green Tree. Recognizing that there is much work to be done in the Lord's vineyards, this year the Institute will focus on the invitation to each of the faithful of the Church to become a part of the "Church Alive." Mass, fellowship and workshops will also be offered.

A special invitation is extended to all persons engaged in the service of the Church through prayer, pastoral councils, social ministry, education, works of charity, outreach ministry, pastoral care, and social concerns advocacy.

Registration is \$35.00. For more information or to request a conference brochure, call 412-456-6975.

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.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Next Sunday, August 24, 2008 the American Legion Post 618, 526 Broadway, Stowe Township, will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner from Noon to 6 PM for the benefit of the Italian American War Veterans Sto-Rox No. 30. Cost: Adults \$7.00 and Children, 12 and under, \$3.50.

HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The R.C.I.A. program sees to the needs of adults who wish to become Catholic. Please contact John Fatula at 412-331-8573 for more information if you are interested.

GROWING IN CHRIST

The Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality is pleased to announce the availability of the first on-line course, *Growing in Christ*. This three-part series is for clergy, religious, and laity and all those entrusted to their care. You will treasure every lesson in Epiphany's *Growing in Christ* series. Please call 412-341-7494 or toll free 1-877324-6873 to register. The cost is \$60 per course.

"MEDITATION GARDEN"

Everyone at McDermott Funeral Home is proud to extend to our community an invitation to dedication ceremonies for a "*Meditation Garden*" for families and friends to enjoy next Sunday, August 24, between 12 PM and 2 PM. The "*Meditation Garden*" is located directly behind the funeral home in Kennedy Township on Williams Street.

The focal point of the garden is a labyrinth. "*There are as many different ways to walk the labyrinth as there are individuals. We realize we are not humans on a spiritual path, but rather spiritual beings on a human path.*" (Dr. Lauren Actress)

Families and friends are invited to attend this dedication ceremony and walk along the path while they meditate and enjoy the aroma from the different herbs planted between the stepping stones. Afterwards, you can relax on benches beside a beautiful 11 ft. water fountain while listening to soft music and enjoy light refreshments.



Patricia K. McDermott purchased this property to honor the memory of her father, Bernard W. McDermott who died on June 25, 2005.

ATTENTION

ALL CANEVIN MARCHING CRUSADERS

Bishop Canevin High School invites all alumni to dust off their instruments and come be part of the pre-game and halftime shows at the Homecoming Game on Saturday, September 20, at Dormont Stadium. Please report to the stadium between 5:30 and 6:00 PM (no later than 6:00 PM please). Music and instruments (if needed) will be distributed at that time and we'll have a quick rehearsal before the pre-game. Please R.S.V.P. no later than Wednesday, September 3, to Pauletta Graytck, Director of Music at Bishop Canevin High School, 412-922-7400, x31.

POLKA MASS / DANCE

Saturday, October 4, 2008 - St. Bernadette Parish, Monroeville - 5 PM Mass in Church followed by food and dancing in the Lourdes Center starting at 7 PM. \$10 at the door for ages 16 to adult. Music provided by the Versa J's. Information: Contact Dee Gallagher, 412-628-7132.

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



*In the Spirit
we call God
our Father*

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.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES

Give your marriage well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held September 26-28 at the Four Points Sheraton, Findlay Twp. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check out the web at wwme-pittsburgh.org.

AUTUMN GALA

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God will hold their 4th annual Autumn Gala Grand on Thursday, September 18, at their Motherhouse in Whitehall. The evening begins at 6 PM on Sept. 18 with a hospitality reception with hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner at 7 PM. The evening's menu includes petite filet in a portabella mushroom sauce, shrimp, baby red potatoes, an autumn vegetable medley, Franciscan wine, coffee and dessert. The event also includes a basket raffle and silent auction featuring framed jerseys autographed by Troy Polamalu and Santonio Holmes and two tickets to the Pit vs. Notre Dame NCAA football game on November 1, 2008. Reservations are \$65.00 per person or \$350.00 for a table of six. For reservations or more information, please contact Robyn Gallentine @ 412-885-7232 by September 5. Proceeds from the event go to support the Sisters ministries, as well as the care of their retired and elderly Sisters.

IRISH FESTIVAL

The 18th Annual Pittsburgh Irish Festival will be held September 5, 6, and 7 at the Riverplex (between Waterfront and Sandcastle) West Homestead. Celebrate the Irish heritage and culture through authentic foods, entertainment, traditional step dancing, an Irish marketplace, cultural demonstrations, and children's activities. For more information, call 412-422-1113 or visit www.pghirishfest.org.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: A RETREAT FOR GRIEVING SINGLES

Do you know someone who is divorced, separated, or widowed? A Beginning Experience weekend, September 12-14, 2008 at St. Joseph's Spirituality Center in Baden offers an opportunity for healing one's loss in a caring atmosphere. The Beginning Experience is supported by the Office for Parish Life/Family Life. For information, make a confidential call to Bernadette Warner @ 412-257-0134.

FATHER / SON DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Dads, bring your sons to a Father / Son(s) Day of Recollection at Gilmory Center on Sat., Sept. 13. It will be a day that is relationship building, spiritually encouraging, and fun. Registration by Sept. 9 is required. Space is limited. Call 412-264-8400 for additional information or to register.

**THE P.V. REPORT**

Fr. Al Semler

My THANKS to all who helped make our Festival a very nice success. The cooperation and support of so many people leading up to and during the Festival was wonderful to behold. The set-up and tear-down crews did a great job, too. THANKS TO ALL. We grossed about \$30,000.00. I'll give you a complete report when all the bills are paid.

We are going to have a losers raffle. It's hard to believe that we only had one winner, the T.V., out of four dates. So, we will have a second chance - losers raffle. We are also going to sell the "unsold" tickets so that we have some winners. Here's how it will work. You can buy an unsold ticket for \$2.00. There will be 5 prizes: \$1,000.00 for the exact number, \$300.00 for one number above and below the winning number, and \$100.00 if you miss by two numbers. Of course the tickets you already have are still good. If you already disposed of them your I.D. will do.

Example: If the number drawn on Labor Day, Sept. 1 at 7 PM is 0000, then 0000 wins \$1,000.00; 9999 and 0001 wins \$300.00; and 9998 and 0002 wins \$100.00. This way you have a ticket with four Big 4 Numbers and five ways to win. That's 20 chances for \$2.00!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The mother in today's Gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief for her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about laying down your life.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

Want a better way to direct your state tax dollars? The state legislature just passed a new addition to the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program which permits C corporations, S corporations and now subchapter S 'businesses to give to your Catholic school (especially St. John of God School) from their tax bill.

Local businesses are encouraged to please consider this fabulous program to help build your Catholic schools (especially St. John of God School). For information go to newpa.com or call Dr. Ron Bowes at 412-456-3090.

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

A regularly scheduled Town Hall Meeting was held following the Holy Day Mass on the evening of the Assumption. Here are some of the matters discussed:

1. The financial year ended on June 30, 2008. A complete detailed report will be given in a September bulletin, but these are the highlights. On a \$550K budget, we paid all bills, did about \$50K in capital expenditures (such as the fixing of the Church vestibules and sacristy), and still had about \$15K as an operating surplus. This represented offertory collections, donations, and about \$100K in fundraising profits (pizza kitchen, bingo, festival, etc.) We realized an overage from our PSP assessment, which we kept tax free and added to our reserve account. We have two reserve accounts: one for capital expenditures on the physical plant and one for operating expenses. Our PSP for this year is on track to be successful again, with about 75% paid off to date. Short version: we operated totally in the black, did some capital improvement and had some left over, making us a financially solvent parish for the 2007-2008 financial year. Congratulations and thank you!

2. Our biggest remaining problem is our debt to the Catholic Institute, which is just short of \$1 million. We have taken no loans since I have been Pastor (in fact, we have paid off about \$250K of the loan due to the sale of St. Mark.) However, the debt does continue to grow with unpaid interest, which is a bit over \$20K per year. To be honest, I do not at this time have a strategy for addressing the loan. We will probably go over the \$1 million mark in the coming year. Sorry!

3. Our festival, thanks to Fr. Al and so many hard working and dedicated volunteers (and the good weather) can be characterized as a great success! We do not have the financial bottom line yet, but it looks like we profited a bit less than last year, but significantly more than the year before, probably about \$30K between the raffle and the festival itself. Once again, the main prize did not go, so we are having a Labor Day Losers Raffle. See Fr. Al's PV Report for details. We will not need to transfer the profit into the operating account till much later in the year.

4. We are embarking on some capital projects as well: a \$36K roof repair at the Mother of Sorrows plant; \$25K in roof repair at the St. Mary site.

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Maintenance is a high expenditure yearly for our Parish, just to keep our ministries going. We still have a Parish Share tax exemption for our Capital Campaign, so all donations are still solicited and welcome.

5. The school is doing well under the reorganizing expertise of our interim principal, Sr. Anne Marie. Beginning this year, we will again start giving monetary subsidy to the School according to diocesan policy, somewhere between \$25K and \$50K. (Each parish must contribute between 10% and 35% of its income to Catholic Schools.)

6. Our cemeteries are under reorganization as well. We have spent about \$75K for new equipment (truck, tractors, etc.). Karen Stack has resigned for family reasons and the new manager is Bob Dudek who formally worked for Mt. Calvary. We are almost out of space at St. Mary Cemetery, but there is almost unlimited capacity at St. Mark.

7. Of course the important thing about a parish is its spiritual life, which here continues to make great strides. The only blip is an unusually large drop (almost 30%) in Sunday attendance during this summer, but we expect everyone back rested and refreshed from their summer vacations and attendance to pick back up.

We are grateful for your generosity and dedication both in hard work and in monetary commitment to keeping St. John of God a healthy, vibrant and self-sustaining parish. I continue to promise to steward your resources with care, transparency and accountability. The less distraction there is for (admittedly necessary) financial concerns, the more energy we can give to the spiritual building of the Kingdom of God. God bless us all

