



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
MASS INTENTIONS  
Sat, Sept. 6 to Sun, Sept. 14, 2008**

<b>Saturday Vigil, Sept. 6:</b>	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
Ernest & Mary Litterini (Family)	
<b>Sunday, Sept. 7:</b>	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
Joseph & Cecilia Giedl (Giedl Family)	
<b>Sunday, Sept. 7:</b>	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
Deceased Members of the Catanzarite Family (Family)	
<b>Sunday, Sept. 7:</b>	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>
Anniv - Stella Kiesnowski (Daughter)	

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

<b>Monday, Sept. 8:</b>	<i>Parish Family of St. John of God</i>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 9:</b>	Deceased Faculty of McKees Rocks, Stowe, & Sto-Rox
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 10, 8:30 AM, Chapel:</b>	<i>Students and Staff of St. John of God School</i>
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 10:</b>	Harry Wagner (Wildonger Family)
<b>Thursday, Sept. 11:</b>	Frank Zalewski (Charlotte Schriener)
<b>Friday, Sept. 12:</b>	Carl DeFratti (Cousin, Geri Meyers & Family)
<b>Saturday, Sept. 13, 1:00 PM, St. Mary Cemetery Chapel</b>	<i>Mass celebrated for all our beloved dead of our parish and those buried at our cemeteries.</i>
<b>Saturday, Sept. 13, Wedding, 2:30 PM, Church:</b>	<i>Kenneth C. Merks and Clarice P. Frioni</i>

<b>Saturday Vigil, Sept. 13:</b>	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
Andrew Litterini (Family)	
<b>Sunday, Sept. 14:</b>	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
<i>Parish Family of St. John of God</i>	
<b>Sunday, Sept. 14:</b>	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
Michael Crisci (Wife & Family)	
<b>Sunday, Sept. 14:</b>	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>
Antonio Cirigliano (Wife & Children)	

**Readings for the Week of September 7, 2008**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<i>Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20</i>
<b>Monday:</b>	<i>Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16,18-23</i>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<i>1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<i>1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26</i>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<i>1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38</i>
<b>Friday:</b>	<i>1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42</i>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<i>1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49</i>
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<i>Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17</i>

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON**

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



Sunday School classes begin this Sunday, September 7 in St. John of God School promptly at 9:00 AM. The children will attend the 9:30 AM Mass in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. After Mass this Sunday, September 7, the children will return to their classrooms for a snack and the parents are invited to come to the classrooms to meet the teachers. The children will be free to go home after this. If you have any questions, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Anyone interested in the ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is invited to a short meeting this Monday, September 8, at 7 PM in the Gathering Place. No reservations are required.

**PIZZA KITCHEN NEWS**

The St. John of God Pizza Kitchen will reopen this Friday, September 12. This year there is a desperate need for additional volunteers. Workers are needed on Thursdays between 8 AM and 11 AM and on Fridays between 7 AM and 3 PM. If you are available during either day for even an hour or two, and want to help keep this long-time parish tradition going, please call Linda Honath at 412-771-1418. The Pizza Kitchen is a great way for you to meet other parishioners, learn the secrets of our famous recipes, have a hand in raising funds for your parish, and, most importantly, to have a good time while serving others.

**ADULT CHOIR**



Rehearsals for the SJOG Parish Adult Choir will begin this Tuesday evening, September 9, from 7-9 PM at the Mother of Sorrows Chapel. The Choir sings on a rotating Mass schedule throughout the season. Anyone interested in singing with the Choir should contact the Organist/Director, Elna Johnson, after Mass or call 412-812-4549. Basic audition requirements will apply.

**THANK YOU**

We wish to thank the family and friends of Harry Wagner and Rosemary Bayer for the donations made to the St. John of God Parish Renovation Fund in their memory. May Harry and Rosemary and all our beloved dead now live in the eternal happiness of heaven.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**FLAG FOOTBALL**

All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to play flag football on Sunday, September 28. Meet at the Youth Center at 2 PM with your permission form. For more info contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or [sigyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:sigyouth@yahoo.com).

**YOUTH GROUP CORE TEAM**



Have you ever considered joining the SJG Core Team? The Core Team is a group of teens in grades 9-12 who meet monthly to plan the Youth Group's activities in four areas: spiritual, service, athletic, and social.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, join us at our next meeting this Monday, September 8 at 7 PM in the Youth Office. We hope YOU will join us!

**CONFIRMATION NEWS**

Bishop David Zubik will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for those preparing for this important Sacrament on Sunday, November 23, in St. John of God Parish during the 11:30 A.M. Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Our **Confirmation Preparation Program** will begin on Sunday, September 28, from 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM at Mother of Sorrows Chapel. This time frame will include Mass at 7:45 PM. Parents and those to be confirmed are required to attend this first session on September 28. The remaining six sessions and the Confirmation Retreat are for the confirmands.

The Confirmation Program is for those in ninth grade and up and any adults who are Baptized and who received First Eucharist. We are sending a letter with this information to our ninth graders. Those in tenth grade and up, including adults, who wish to prepare for Confirmation at this time must contact John Fatula at 412-331-8573 to register.

**BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND  
Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next weekend, September 13/14, the annual collection for the Bishop's Education Fund will be taken at all Masses. In the past thirteen years, \$6.3 million in assistance has been given to 27,175 children. Your donation will help ensure that the great tradition of our Catholic schools will continue. There is an envelope in your packet of envelopes for this purpose. Please be as generous as possible in the second collection next weekend. Thanks in advance.

**ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS**

**REMINDERS**

Monday, September 8: Parent Meeting for Preschool, 6:30 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel

Thursday, September 11: Parent Meeting for K-8, 6:30 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel

These meetings will give parents an opportunity to hear from Fr. Lou, Sister Anna Marie, and Fr Al. Teachers will be available in their classrooms after the meeting.

Enjoy Books, Entertainment Books, Kids Stuff Books are available for sale in the school office. For more information, please call 412-331-8501.



**HOSPITAL**

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Marian Manor/Greentree** - Bob Lang **Manor Care/Greentree** - Jean Pirro, Marie Reiter **Villa St. Joseph** - Pauline Broskey **Vincentian** - Elizabeth Pochatko *Also for those ill at home, in nursing homes, and shut-ins, that they may continue to receive the Lord's Blessings.*

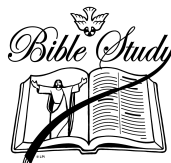
**SYMPATHY**

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Families of Mary Paulos (Polupchick), Raymond C. Merks, and Virginia Weber (sister of Rose Martonik) 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 SEPTEMBER 7**

**MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF AUNT GRACE AND UNCLE AL PIRRO BY DOMENIC AND MARIA

**ST. MARY'S** - IN MEMORY OF HELEN LEWANDOWSKI BY SISTER, MILDRED



A Bible Study led by John Fatula will be held on Wednesday, September 10, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. We will focus on the Sunday Readings for September 14. All are most welcome to join us.

ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUG. 30 / 31

Saturday .....	268
Sunday .....	650
<b>Total Weekend Attendance .....</b>	<b>918</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,692.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment .....</b>	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!) .....</b>	<b>\$72,105.78</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share .....</b>	<b>\$14,932.22</b>

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sept. 8 (Mon.)** - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Ave., 1:30 PM

**Sept. 8 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church-Rosary begins 6:30 PM.


**Sept. 8 (Mon.)** - St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting, 7 PM in the Gathering Place.

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

**Sept. 9 (Tues.)** - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in Mother of Sorrows Church.

**Sept. 10 (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 delicious to eat from our Bingo Kitchen!

**Sept. 12 (Thurs.)** - PIZZA KITCHEN REOPENS! To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

 See the article in today's bulletin about the Pizza Kitchen. We need you to help us keep this long-time tradition going.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

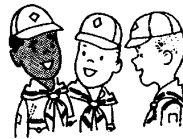
We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Bryce Robert Grecco*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**



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

**CUB SCOUT OPEN HOUSE**



The St. John of God Cub Scouts has resumed meetings. Cub Scouting is for all boys in grades 1-5. All boys interested in joining, along with a parent or guardian, are invited to an **Open House** this Wednesday, September 10, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Gathering Place. For more information, please call Jeff Kotek at 412-855-1933 or email him at [jkotek@alumni.pitt.edu](mailto:jkotek@alumni.pitt.edu) or call Ray Corcoran at 412-200-0388.

**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 questions and more information if you are interested.

**CONNECTING WOMEN'S WISDOM**

On Sunday, September 28, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God will present their fall Connecting Women's Wisdom retreat, Spirituality in a Changing World, from 8:30 AM to 1 PM at their Motherhouse located in the Whitehall section of Pittsburgh's South Hills.

Connecting Women's Wisdom is designed to allow women to take time to focus more clearly, breathe more deeply and live more mindfully. The retreat will begin with a liturgy in the Sisters' Mary Immaculate Chapel followed by brunch and program that includes a group sharing and quiet reflective time. The program is free to attend, but reservations are required. Those interested in attending the Connecting Women's Wisdom retreat should call Sister Althea Anne Spencer at 412-885-7406 no later than Saturday, September 20.

**6TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**

On Saturday, September 13, The Willows, located at 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks will hold their 6th Annual Fall Festival. The time is 11 AM to 3 PM. Free admission. Activities will include a petting zoo, balloon artist, pony rides, door prize, caricaturist, bake sale, live entertainment, and craft tables. Also, crafters are welcome - \$10 a table. For more information or to reserve a table, please call Jennifer at 412-331-6139.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

The key word in today's Gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he / she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**FATHER AND SON DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Dads, bring your son(s) to a Father and Son Day of Recollection at the Gilmary Center on Saturday, September 13. It will be a day that is relationship building, spiritually encouraging, and fun. *Registration by Tuesday, September 9 is required.* Call 412-264-8400 for additional information or to register.

**MONTHLY 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 with you to any Mass next weekend, September 13 / 14. Thank you in advance.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008**

**MAIN CELEBRANT BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK**

If you are interested in reserving a seat on the bus, please contact Sr. Jolenta at St. Malachy parish office at 412-771-5483, ext 29. The bus will depart from St. Malachy parking lot at 6 AM.

The cost of the trip is \$45 per person (check payable to St. Malachy Parish). This fee includes the cost of the bus, a boxed meal and drink for each person for the return trip home and the liturgical materials that will be used during the pilgrimage.

Please mail your check to St. Malachy Parish, 343 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108.

*Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey toward heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer. For pilgrims seeking living water, shrines are special places for living the forms of Christian prayer in Church.*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2691*

**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.*

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

"For your faithful people, life is changed, not ended."

These words are from the first preface for the Catholic Funeral Liturgy and are therefore familiar to all priests. Unfortunately, they have been extremely familiar to me since we average about 160 funerals per year at St. John of God and 15 at St. Catherine. In the context of the liturgy, they refer to our faith that once God has called us into existence, we never cease, even if we physically die. The words tell us that life will continue eternally, even if it transfigures to another form that we do not directly experience as yet. This is the supernatural meaning of the words.

This week, however, I am reminded of a more proximate and natural application of that sentence. We are all aware that on Thursday, September 11, we will mark the seventh anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and the World Trade Center in New York City and Flight 93 in Somerset County, PA. Seven years will have gone by since that horrific assault on our nation by people who have perpetrated an incalculable evil. Their purpose was to destroy the American way of life by destruction of these targets.

There can be no doubt that a part of their goal was accomplished: at least in our lifetimes and probably for generations to come, September 11, 2001 will represent an unalterable demarcation. It ranks as a memorable date with things like the Flood, the birth of Jesus, the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the bombing of Pearl Harbor. There is a before and an after for such events that are permanently affixed in people's consciousness.

There are other ways that life in America has changed. Some are very apparent, such as increased security in traveling, or a stricter attention to identification cards. Some are more subtle, such as a tentativeness in our dealings with strangers, or a more aggressive form of patriotism in showing the flag. We are probably not even capable of analyzing or enumerating completely how life had changed. But of one thing we are certain: life in America has NOT ended. In this, the terrorists have utterly failed.

There are many ways to assert this fact this coming week, and in our daily lives. But in particular on Thursday we might want to put aside some extra time for prayer, or even attend a weekday Mass. By re-emphasizing the practice of our faith, we can show that not only has life not ended, but in some regards may have changed for the better.

**THE P.V. REPORT**  
Fr. Al Semler

I hope you all had a very happy and relaxing Labor Day. Over the weekend I received some "Christian One-Liners." I'll share some now and then and hope you enjoy them. "Don't let your worries get the best of you, remember, Moses started out as a basket case." "Some people are kind, polite & sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews" (or their Bingo seats).

Oh! I hear you screaming "but who won the money?" The winning number was 1470 held by Lois DeAngelis. She wins the \$1,000 plus she sold the winning ticket for an extra \$100.00 which she kindly donated to the Parish Share Program. The \$300.00 winners were F.O.R. (Focus on Renewal) sold by Fr. Rege with number 1469 and Ed McNabb sold by Gloria McNabb with number 1471. The \$100.00 winners were Nancy Leto with number 1468 who also was the seller and Dennis Boyd sold by Lydia King with number 1472.

Thank you for supporting our raffle!

## Pray For The Nation



★ WE WILL NEVER FORGET  
★ **SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**  
★ *God Bless America*