



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Sept. 13 to Sun, Sept. 21, 2008

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

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, Sept. 15:** Robert Haushalter (Cindy Mark Anthony)
- Tuesday, Sept. 16:** Richard Boni (Jim Keenan)
- Wednesday, Sept. 17, 8:30 AM, Chapel:** *Students and Staff of St. John of God School*
- Wednesday, Sept. 17:** Anniv - Clementine Zanfino (Phyllis Seibert & Family)
- Thursday, Sept. 18:** Anniv - Josephine Vogel (Husband, William & Family)
- Friday, Sept. 19:** Edith Civitate (Joyce Pecorelli & Family)

- Saturday Vigil, Sept. 20:** 4:30 PM Church
Anniv - Wilfred "Bob" Roussey (Wife & Family)
- Sunday, Sept. 21:** 7:30 AM Church
Parish Family of St. John of God
- Sunday, Sept. 21:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Anna Marie Ciramella (Lydia Federico)
- Sunday, Sept. 21:** 11:30 AM Church
Anniv - Ann Giedl (Daughters & Families)

Readings for the Week of September 14, 2008

- Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17*
- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27, Lk 2:33-35*
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17*
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35*
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50*
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3*
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49/Lk 8:4-15*
- Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a*

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY DELIA BY WIFE, ROSE RITA
ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF ANTONIO CIRIGLIANO BY WIFE AND CHILDREN

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Sept. 21, at the 9:30 AM Mass in Mother of Sorrows, St. John of God Parish will join with parishes around the United States in the celebration of Catechetical Sunday. All R.C.I.A. catechists, Catholic School teachers, Sunday School catechists, and those helping in the Baptismal Program and Youth Ministry Program will be commissioned to serve. Light refreshments will follow this Mass in the Social Hall. Let us keep in our prayers all those involved in the crucial ministry of catechesis in our Parish.

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.



BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

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

ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 6 / 7

Saturday	265
Sunday	828
Total Weekend Attendance	1,093
Total Weekend Offertory	\$ 6,753.00
Parish Share Assessment	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)	\$74,797.78
Balance on Parish Share	\$12,240.22

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

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.

FIRST PENANCE NEWS
PARENT/CHILD MEETING

There will be a Parent/Child meeting for First Penance on Sunday, October 5, from 2-4 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel.



FIRST PENANCE

We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Penance on Monday, December 15, at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Church. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Presbyterian** - Genevieve Speicher **Marian Manor**- Bob Lang **Fair Oaks** (2200 W.Liberty Ave, Apt. 405, Pgh 15226) - Marie Reiter **Villa St. Joseph** - Pauline Broskey *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 Mafalda DiVecchio, Joseph Prince, and James Battista (brother-in-law of David Julian) whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed 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."*

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The Law of Christianity in today's Gospel is the Law of Gravity in reverse. "No one goes up .. except the one who has come down." Today Jesus teaches us to lay "down" our self interests so we, and those we love, might have life more abundantly. Self interests can be obstacles to our happiness.

BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND
Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend, September 13/14, the annual collection for the Bishop's Education Fund will be taken at all Masses. If you forgot your envelope this week, you may bring it another time that is convenient.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER BOOKS

Enjoy Books (\$27), Entertainment Books (\$20), and Kids Stuff Books (\$25) are available for sale in the school office. To order yours or for more information, please call 412-331-8501.



LOTTERY CALENDARS

Lottery Calendars for the month of October are now available in the school office for a donation of \$5 for two numbers. All winners are based on the PA Daily Number Drawing at 7 PM. Stop in the school office or call 412-331-8501.

EVENING FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

St. Joseph Spirituality Center in Baden, PA, will sponsor *Nurturing the Heart and Conscience of Children*, an evening for parents and teachers on Wednesday, October 1, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Presented by Maureen and Eoin Gormley, parents of two children, and Sister Lynn Miller, a foster parent for the Office of Children, Youth and Families of Allegheny County, this evening explores the development of the heart and conscience of a child from a personal perspective. Fee is \$5. To register, contact Sister Marian Mills at 724-869-2151, ext. 6609.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sept. 15 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church-Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Sept. 16 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Sept. 16 (Tues.) - Women's Guild Meeting, 7 PM in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows - See today's bulletin for more information.

Sept. 16 (Tues.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in Mother of Sorrows Church.

Sept. 17 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

Sept. 17 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Meeting, 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Place. Info: Jeff, 412-855-1933 or Ray, 412-200-0388.

Sept. 19 (Fri.) - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

The **St. John of God Women's Guild** will resume meetings for the upcoming season with an invitation to our entire parish family and friends. Come for an informative seminar on Estate Planning **this Tuesday evening, September 16, at 7 PM in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows**. All women and men are welcome. Please read the following for more information:

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

You've received many seminar invitations but not like this...Estate Planning tips made simple and fun!

Learn "The 10 Tips You & Your Heirs Can't Live Without"

Laugh while you learn the answers to these questions:

- How do I pass my estate probate free to my family? Ten minutes to a healthier estate.
- How do I minimize Uncle Sam's share of my IRA? Four ways to pay less inheritance tax.
- Should I deed my house to my children or put them on my bank accounts?
- Do I need a Living Trust? What are the pros and cons?
- How do I protect my assets from the nursing home? Answers for you and your parents.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE SEMINAR - THE INFORMATION IS PRICELESS!

About the Speaker's

Linda Sekely, Esq. is a practicing estate, elder, and tax attorney with 23 years of experience. She is a national speaker and instructor for the Certified Senior Advisor program.

Linda is the founder and executive director of Pennsylvania Elder Estate Advocacy Services, a non-profit educational organization. This is the non-profit organization that is sponsoring this seminar. Attorney Sekely has been named to the prestigious National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Dr. Gerald M. Zidak, Jr., FICF, PH.D is a financial advisor with over 20 years experience assisting individuals with their family, retirement, college and estate planning needs with offices in Western Pennsylvania. Jerry is also an educator teaching other professionals to do the same.

Jerry is the Co-Founder of the Pennsylvania Elder Estate Advocacy Services (P.E.E.A.S.), a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of peoples in preserving their estates for the continuation of their family trees. Jerry serves as an Executive Director for the P.E.E.A.S. performing educational seminars for all types of organizations and churches.

Linda and Jerry concentrate in these areas:

Estate documents - Wills, Power of Attorney, Living Trusts
 Estate administration after death of a loved one
 Elder law including family consulting for memory impaired clients
 Medicaid planning education in case of a nursing home residence
 Asset preservation in case of a nursing home residence
 Initial consultation is complimentary - free time but priceless information

**MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
 7 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT MOTHER OF SORROWS
 We look forward to seeing you there!**

For more information check out the website at www.peeas.org



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 any questions and more information if you are interested.

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



BENEFIT CONCERT TO FEATURE IRISH MUSIC



Guaranteed Irish, Mike Gallagher, and Sally Folan-Grab's Irish Dancers will perform in the Sounds of Charity, a concert of traditional Irish music to benefit the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill and their Far East Missions. The event, to be held at Seton-LaSalle High School (Brookline) on Saturday, September 27, 2008 opens with a dessert reception and basket raffle at 6:30 PM. The concert follows at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$25. Call Sister Patrice Hughes at 412-343-1382 for more information or to purchase tickets, or visit www.scsch.org (News & Events) to register on-line through a secure link.

THE P.V. REPORT

Fr. Al Semler

My fund-raising days are OVER, at least till next week. This week I dedicate to the SPIRITUAL:

"WHO WE ARE"
A Parish Retreat Mission



Fr. Fred Pompei will be coming to St. John of God to preach at all the weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, Oct. 13, 14, 15 at 6:30 PM, he will present his "Who We Are" Parish Retreat Mission.

The Mission will focus on our identity as Catholic Christians and how we are called and challenged to follow Jesus Christ in today's culture and society. Please mark your calendars NOW so that you can come and enjoy. Confessions will follow his presentation Tuesday evening, October 14.

HELP FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family Hospice and Palliative Care is pleased to offer *Growing Through Grief*, a free 6-week educational/support program for those dealing with the death of a loved one. The program will begin on Monday afternoon, September 22, at Northland Public Library, 30 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 and end on October 27. Attendance at all six sessions is requested. Pre-registration is required. For further information, please call the Bereavement Department at 412-572-8829.

THE "CHURCH ALIVE"

Join Bishop David Zubik as he celebrates Mass and talks about the "Church Alive" at the 19th Annual Social Ministry Institute, Friday, September 19, from 8 AM to 5 PM at the Radisson Hotel, Green Tree. Workshops and lunch will follow Bishop Zubik's presentation. Registration is \$35.00. *Deadline to register is Tuesday, September 16.* For more information, visit www.ccpgh.org, or call 412-456-6975.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

American Sign Language classes will begin on Saturday, October 4 through Saturday, November 29 from 1 to 2:30 PM at the Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church, 1760 Pine Hollow Road. Classes are free. All are welcome. If interested please call 412-331-2863 and leave your name and telephone number.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Several years ago there was a commercial played during football games that showed two fans bundled up in their seats enthusiastically discussing, that after waiting 20 years, they finally have obtained season tickets on the 50 yard line. They are a little confused by the fact that it is well past the 1:00 PM traditional kick-off time, but speculate that maybe it is a 4:00 start. And then the camera pans back to show a completely empty stadium - with "Cleveland" stenciled in the end zone.

For non-football fans, the joke is that there was for a number of years there was no Cleveland NFL team: the Browns had moved to become the Baltimore Ravens. And of course, if there is no team on the field, there are no fans in the stadium: no game!

Week after week, on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, we have people, both our own parishioners and visitors, show up to honor the Lord's Day by participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The "fans" seem eager and anxious to come to the "stadium" and see the "game" played. But we must field a proper team worthy of the activity - public praise and worship of our God - and of the space - our Church buildings - if we wish to keep the crowd.

It is true that for the validity of the Eucharist, all that is necessary is a validly ordained priest to consecrate the elements of bread and wine. But the fullness of liturgy is the complete participation of the people for the Mass in both the Sacrifice of Calvary and the banquet of the Last Supper. And it takes a team to do this fittingly and well. Servers (male and female, adult and youth); lectors; Eucharistic Ministers; cantors; choir; ushers; sacristans: all of these are members of the team that make for good liturgy in a parish Church. We have been fortunate

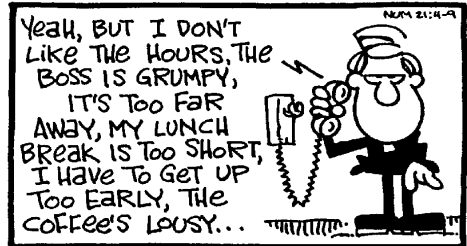
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both at St. John of God and St. Catherine to have had many good people serve in these capacities over the years. But apart from the unusual specimens like Deion Sanders (and if you don't remember him, you depress me with your youth!) most cannot "play every down of every game." In short, we need a large representation of many more people to fulfill these roles so that we can have a rotating schedule of ministers.

There are no particularly special talents necessary, no criterion of worthiness to function in these capacities. It is a matter of service, not reward, and that service is validated by virtue of our baptism, not some degree of favoritism. All it takes is willingness to serve and give some time. We will train you in the skills necessary to do the various jobs. I call on every member of our congregation to volunteer in one liturgical capacity or another. That will be the true renewal of our Church, not just the physical space.

We ask you to call the rectory to add your names to the roster for the new positions, and we will contact you. Let's field the biggest and best liturgical team in the league.

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



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.