



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat, Sept. 27 to Sun, Oct. 5, 2008**

- Saturday Vigil, Sept. 27:** 4:30 PM Church  
Antonetta Presutti (Family)
- Sunday, Sept. 28:** 7:30 AM Church  
In Honor of St. Theresa (Charlotte)
- Sunday, Sept. 28:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Anniv - Carolyn Campalong (Daughter & Grandchildren)
- Sunday, Sept. 28:** 11:30 AM Church  
Lucia, John & Tony DeSerio (Ida & Family)
- Sunday, Sept. 28:** 7:45 PM Chapel  
Parish Family of St. John of God

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

- Monday, Sept. 29:** Hubert Gotjes (Anna Ritter)
- Tuesday, Sept. 30:** Mary Theresa Dedola (Mom & Sal)
- Wednesday, Oct. 1, 8:30 AM, Chapel:** Wilfred "Bob" Roussey (Barb Skrinjar & Michelle Lista)
- Wednesday, Oct. 2:** Edith Civitate (Stella Meglio & Family)
- Thursday, Oct. 3:** Harry Wagner (Melanie Mars)
- Friday, Oct. 4:** Mafalda DiVecchio (Lisa Marks)

- Saturday Vigil, Oct. 4:** 4:30 PM Church  
Helen Schriener (Charlotte & Patti)
- Sunday, Oct. 5:** 7:30 AM Church  
Living & Deceased Members of the St. Francis de Sales Class of 1948
- Sunday, Oct. 5:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
John J. Dombrowski, Sr. (Sister-in-law, Mary Dombrowski)
- Sunday, Oct. 5:** 11:30 AM Church  
Anniv - Settimio Puppo (Wife & Family)
- Sunday, Oct. 5:** 7:45 PM, Chapel  
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**Readings for the Week of September 28, 2008**

- Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32
- Monday: Dn 7:9-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
- Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28**

**MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF LUCIA, JOHN AND TONY DESERIO BY IDA AND FAMILY  
**ST. MARY'S** - IN MEMORY OF ANN GIEDL BY PATSY AND PATTY

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM**

Our Confirmation Preparation Program begins this Sunday Evening, September 28, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. This time frame includes Mass at 7:45 P.M. Parents with their ninth grade confirmands (those who will be confirmed) are required to attend the program this Sunday, September 28. The remaining Confirmation program sessions on October 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, and the Retreat (tba) are required for the confirmands only.

Anyone in tenth grade or older (including adults) who has not been Confirmed and is Baptized and has received the Holy Eucharist is welcome and encouraged to attend the Confirmation Preparation Program. Please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573 to register for the program and for more information.

Bishop David Zubik will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for those in our Confirmation Preparation Program on Sunday, November 23, during the 11:30 A.M. Mass in St. Mary's Church.

**FIRST PENANCE NEWS  
PARENT/CHILD MEETING**

There will be a Parent/Child meeting for First Penance next 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.

**APOLOGY**

We wish to apologize to Catherine and Richard Smith whose names were inadvertently omitted from the list of R.C.I.A. Catechists in last week's bulletin. May God bless you in a special way for your willingness to help on the R.C.I.A. team.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 20 / 21**

<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>275</b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>780</b>
<b>Total Weekend Attendance</b> .....	<b>1,055</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,972.75</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment</b> .....	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)....</b>	<b>\$75,700.78</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share</b> .....	<b>\$11,337.22</b>

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**FLAG FOOTBALL**

All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to play flag football **this Sunday, September 28**. Meet at the Youth Center at 2:00 PM with your permission form.

**TOUR ST. ANTHONY'S CHAPEL**

SJOG teens are invited to join other high school age youth from the Southwest Deanery for a Day of Reflection on Sunday, October 12. We'll be touring St. Anthony's Chapel in Troy Hill which has the largest collection of saint relics in the United States! To sign-up, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or [sigyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sigyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**HAYRIDE & BONFIRE**



Bring the entire family to Youhtowne for a hayride and bonfire on Friday, October 17, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Fr. Larry and parishioners from Most Holy Name of Jesus and St. Aloysius

parishes will be joining us. Hot dogs and marshmallows will be provided; we are asking each family to bring either snacks or cookies to share. For directions go to [www.youthtowne.com](http://www.youthtowne.com).

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION - OCT. 4 & 5  
DISASTER RELIEF — HURRICANE IKE**

The recent damage caused by Hurricane Ike has created tremendous needs for assistance throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, as well as in the countries of the Caribbean.

In response to this extraordinary need, Bishop David Zubik has asked all parishes to consider taking up a *voluntary second collection* for Disaster Relief to help our suffering brothers and sisters. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, metropolitan archbishop for the affected dioceses in Texas, has expressed his gratitude for our offer of assistance. A portion of the collection also will be sent to Catholic Relief Services for aid to international victims, primarily in the island nations of the Caribbean.

Therefore, **next weekend, October 4 and 5**, a *voluntary* second collection for Disaster Relief caused by Hurricane Ike will be taken at all Masses celebrated in St. John of God Parish. Checks are to be made payable to St. John of God Parish with Disaster Relief, or Hurricane Ike written in the Memo of the check. Please be as generous as possible to this special appeal, and we thank you in advance for your help.

**ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS**



**PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE  
BREAKFAST**

St. John of God School will sponsor a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast **this Sunday, September 28**, at the Social Hall from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Tickets at the door: \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (2-12), and \$18 for a Family (2 adults and up to 4 children).

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Everyone is invited to come to the St. John of God School Scholastic Book Fair **this Sunday, Sept. 28**, immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass until 12:30 PM in the school library. Join us to browse and purchase quality books for all ages. Profits from the Book Fair allow us to add to our school library and our classroom libraries.

**CELEBRATING THE ARTS!**

**Father Ryan Arts Center  
Grand Opening Celebration  
October 4 and 5, 2008**

Celebrate the history, cultural diversity and revitalization of our community during the Father Ryan Arts Center's grand opening weekend in McKees Rocks.

**Saturday, October 4, 2008**

**11:30 AM to 5 PM and 7 PM to 9 PM**

Sto-Rox Marching Band, welcome by Father Regis Ryan and guest speakers, naming and ribbon cutting ceremony at 12:00 Noon!

**Sunday, October 5, 2008**

**12:00 Noon to 5 PM and 7 PM to 9 PM**

Open House with additional opportunities for artistic exploration and appreciation!

Enjoy hands-on arts activities, free food, family-friendly events, guided tours, gallery exhibits, live performances and much more! For information or a schedule of events, please visit [www.forstorox.org](http://www.forstorox.org).

**ADULT CHOIR WILL SING**

The SJOG Adult Choir will be singing next Sunday, October 5, at 1:00 PM at the Father Ryan Arts Center as part of the Grand Opening Celebration. All parishioners are invited to tour this beautiful Cultural Center and to hear our Choir in concert in the adjacent theater: Complimentary refreshments will be served.



October 2008

<b>Oct. 4 - 5</b>	<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Sun 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Tkacik John Friel	Donna Klocek Spohn Mary Ann Scrabis	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Joanne Malenock Tom Burgunder
<b>Altar Server</b>	Alex Adams Tom Adams Wesley Cropper	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Jacob Scott Kevin Barbour Christopher Cercone	Michael Dorrenbacher Wesley Dorrenbacher Matthew DiSanto
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Christina Phillips Tom Phillips Carole Yunker Gerrie Bayer Terry Fedio Rosemarie Litterini	Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath Ron Amity Sr. George Wolf	Lucille Coppola Margaret Ferraro Wanda Mruczek Steve Tomsko Frank Troff Bill Stropkaj, Sr.	Gizella Fedorka Dominic Puppo Patsy Mance Eleanor Vith
<b>Oct. 11 - 12</b>	<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Sun 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Tkacik Tom Burgunder	Michael Ivosevic Tami Ivosevic	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Wanda Mruczek John Friel
<b>Altar Server</b>	Cassandra Cropper Wesley Cropper Michael Roussey	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Eric Hall Jared Hall Emily Halbedl	Christopher Linnert Brian Benedetti Matthew DiSanto
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Steffie Orlich Anne Lutz Zacharias Mike Tomsko Alexis Adamchik Gerrie Bayer Rosemarie Litterini	Nina Ivosevic Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath	Al Condeluci Liz Condeluci Eric Hall Kelly Hall Margaret Ferraro Theresa Davis	Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Tracy Olanyk Mary Ann Scrabis
<b>Oct. 18 - 19</b>	<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Sun 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Terry Fedio Ann Tkacik	Donna Klocek Spohn Tom Burgunder	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Julienne Giuliani Joanne Malenock
<b>Altar Server</b>	Alex Adams Tom Adams Anna Marie Kilonsky	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Kevin Barbour Christopher Cercone Jacob Scott	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl volunteer
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Carole Yunker George Wolf Alexis Adamchik Christine Phillips Tom Phillips Steffie Orlich	Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath Nina Ivosevic	Bill Stropkaj Sr. Angela Ciccone Margaret Ferraro Dominic Puppo Frank Troff Lucille Coppola	Gizella Fedorka Patsy Mance Eleanor Vith Mike Tomsko
<b>Oct. 25 - 26</b>	<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Sun 7:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Charlotte Schriener John Friel	Tami Ivosevic Mary Ann Scrabis	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Tracy Olanyk Tom Burgunder
<b>Altar Server</b>	Cassandra Cropper Michael Roussey Wesley Cropper	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Eric Hall Jared Hall Emily Halbedl	Brian Benedetti Matthew DiSanto Christopher Linnert
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**HOSPITAL**

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Fair Oaks** - Marie Reiter **Marian Manor**- Bob Lang **Mercy** - 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 Family of Caroline Miller (mother of Alberta Bagay) whom God has called. Please remember 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."*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sept. 29 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church-Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

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

**Sept. 30 (Tues.)** - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in Mother of Sorrows Church.

**Oct. 1 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

**Oct. 1 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Place. Info: Jeff, 412-855-1933 or Ray, 412-200-0388.

**Oct. 3 (Fri.)** - **PIZZA KITCHEN AND IT'S FALAGONE FRIDAY!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

**ZITI DINNER**

The Sto-Ken-Rox Meals on Wheels will hold its Annual Ziti Dinner on Sunday, October 12, at Christ Community Church, 900 Chartiers Ave. from Noon to 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. There will also be a Chinese Auction & Bake Sale. We hope you will support this important community service. Also, any donation of baked goods or items for the auction would be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Lucille at 412-298-6106. Thank you.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**



The next program will be held on Sunday, October 12, from 1-4 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. To register or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON**

**ST. MALACHY NATIONALITY FESTIVAL THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 3, 4**

Enjoy foods from Mexico, Italy Slovakia, Germany, France and America, plus wings, pieroghi, fish, gyro and more. Games for all ages, Bingo, raffles, Chinese auction and entertainment, featuring The Magic of Elvis (Thurs. Oct. 2, 7 PM) and the Mass of Christian Joy (Polka Mass on Sat., Oct. 4, at 4 PM) For more information, please call St. Malachy's parish office at 412-771-5483.

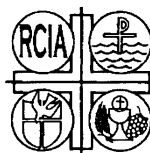
**FLU SHOT CLINIC**

A Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Wed., October 8 at the McKees Rocks Borough Building, 340 Bell Ave., from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Flu Shots available at no charge under Medicare  
\*\*Must present Medicare health insurance card at time of vaccination\*\*

(includes Highmark Security Blue, HealthAmerica Advantra, UPMC for Life, and others!)

Non-Medicare Vaccination Charge: \$28.00  
Information: 412-331-2498



**HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME A CATHOLIC?**

The R.C.I.A. Program sees to the needs of adults who wish to become Catholic. Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 8, at 6:30 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. Please contact John Fatula at 412-331-8573 for more information if you are interested in the R.C.I.A. Program.

**64TH INTERNATIONAL ROSARY MARCH Sunday, October 5**

There will be a Noon Mass at Epiphany Church before the March. Following is the schedule:

1:15 - Rosary March from Epiphany Church (Centre Ave.) to St. Mary of Mercy Church (Stanwix St.)

2:00 - Holy Hour at St. Mary of Mercy Church with Fr. Daniel Vallecorsa, Pastor of St. Regis Church and Chaplain of the Latino Community.

3:00 - Crowning of Our Lady

Refreshments to follow in Lawless Hall.

For those who cannot march, there will be a Noon Mass at St. Mary of Mercy Church followed by the Prayer of the Rosary at 1:15 PM and Holy Hour at 2:00 PM. For any questions, call 413-884-3213.

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

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

This week we begin the preparation classes at both parishes for those ninth grade and older who are to be confirmed on Christ the King Sunday. This is the final sacrament of initiation, making these brothers and sisters of ours full, adult, mature and responsible members of our Catholic Christian Church. Here are some observations that they may well want to take into consideration during their preparation period:

1. Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to get into their pews or their favorite church parking spot.
2. Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
3. It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
4. We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers.
5. When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
6. People are funny. They want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and the back of the church.
7. Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your door for years.
8. Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
9. The phrase that is guaranteed to wake up a congregation: "And in conclusion."
10. If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
11. Not only are the sins of the fathers visited upon the children, but nowadays the sins of the children are visited upon the fathers.
12. God Himself does not propose to judge a man till he is dead. So why should you?
13. Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
14. I don't know why some people change churches. What difference does it make which one you stay home from?
15. A lot of church members are singing "Standing on the Promises" while they are just sitting on the premises.

The program of preparation for the next 6 weeks will include the 4:00 PM Mass each Saturday followed by a talk at St. Catherine, or a 6:30 PM talk followed by 7:45 PM Mass each Sunday at the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows at St. John of God. Although these are primarily intended for the confirmands, it is good continued education for all Catholics of all ages, and therefore everyone is invited to participate. Please pray for those who are going to receive the sacrament: we can always use more recruits to the army of the Lord.

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

**"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.

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My Fund Raising topic this week involves our Cub Scout Program. They will have "ready to eat" or "microwave" popcorn available after all the Masses next weekend, Oct. 4/5, in \$10.00 to \$15.00 packages. At the St. Mary site they will be in the Gathering Place. Stop by and support them. Stock up for the fall and winter seasons. They will also have order forms if you wish to order other goodies.

And since I had to write this on Tuesday, I don't know if we had two workers show up to help in the Bingo Kitchen from 6:30 to 9:30 Wednesday evening. Maybe we can get a crew of people who can come once a month. If you are willing, give me a call.

26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

