



**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat, Oct. 4 to Sun, Oct. 12, 2008

- 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  
Parish Family of St. John of God

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

- Monday, Oct. 6:** Robert Sunderland (Daughter, Sue)
- Tuesday, Oct. 7:** Anthony DeLia (Wife, Rose Rita & Family)
- Wednesday, Oct. 8, 8:30 AM, Chapel:** James Battista (Joe Escobar)
- Wednesday, Oct. 8:** Anniv - Dennis Butter (Family)
- Thursday, Oct. 9:** Josephine Vogel (Elizabeth Barth)
- Friday, Oct. 10:** Julia & Domenic Primavera (Daughter, Pearl & Family)

**\*\*\* Saturday, Oct. 11, 1:00 PM,  
St. Mary Cemetery Chapel \*\*\***

*Mass celebrated for all our beloved dead of our parish and those buried at our cemeteries.*

- Saturday Vigil, Oct. 11:** 4:30 PM Church  
Louis J. Stanson (Charlotte & Patti)
- Sunday, Oct. 12:** 7:30 AM Church  
Eugene Ritter (Ritter Family)
- Sunday, Oct. 12:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Anniv - Edward Coppola (Family)
- Sunday, Oct. 12:** 11:30 AM Church  
James Vlasach (Joe & Marge Kovach)
- Sunday, Oct. 12:** 7:45 PM, Chapel  
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**Readings for the Week of October 5, 2008**

- Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43*
- Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37*
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42*
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4*
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13*
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26*
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28*
- Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14*

**FIRST PENANCE NEWS  
PARENT/CHILD MEETING**

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

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM**

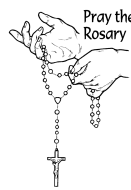
Our Confirmation Preparation Program continues this Sunday Evening, October 5, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. This time frame includes Mass at 7:45 P.M.

**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 this Wednesday, October 8, at 6:30 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. Please contact John Fatula at 412-331-8573 for more information.

**OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

October Devotions will be prayed as they are every Monday evening. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 6:30 PM followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers. As always, everyone is welcome to come pray the Rosary, especially during the month of October, and honor Mary, our Blessed Mother.



**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi which coincide with our Annual Blessing of the Animals snuck up on us again! But never fear, we can't forget our precious pets and the joy they bring us. So, our annual Blessing of the Animals will take place **next Saturday, October 11, at 1:00 P.M.** by St. Mary's parking lot. Bring your creatures, big and small, as we ask God's blessings upon each of them.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 27 / 28**

<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>286</b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>852</b>
<b>Total Weekend Attendance</b> .....	<b>1,138</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,903.05</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment</b> .....	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)....</b>	<b>\$81,691.78</b>
<b>Balance on Parish Share</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,346.22</b>

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**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, from 2-5 PM. 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 Youthtowne 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 snacks (chips, cookies, etc.) to share. For directions go to [www.youthtowne.com](http://www.youthtowne.com).

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM  
FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The next program will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 1-4 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. To register or 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: *Caden Michael Halajcio and Morgan Victoria Helfrich*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

**HIPAA NOTICE**

The Hipaa Law (Health Insurance and Accountability Act) has been in effect since 1996. No hospital, nursing home, etc. will call local parishes or give any information as to a particular client. It is up to family members to alert the parish office when a family member is in the hospital, nursing home, personal care home, etc. If they want their name printed in the bulletin for the parish to pray for them, we must have family permission to do so. Please keep in mind that it has become more difficult to keep track of people for visits or flowers as they may move around from one facility to another. It is a good policy to call the parish office and let us know what is happening with your family member. We know that this may be a difficult time in your life but it helps to be supported by prayer.

**ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS**

Thanks to all who supported the Pancake Breakfast. It was a huge success!

Hoagie sale this week - \$5.00 each. Orders must be in by October 10th.

Entertainment Books	\$20.00
Enjoy Books	\$27.00
Kids Stuff Books	\$25.00
Monthly Lottery Tickets	\$ 5.00

First through eighth grades are going to Youthtowne on October 17th. This is a great outdoor day—full of games, hikes, and fresh air. Parents are encouraged to chaperon.

Spaghetti Dinner, November 2, 2008 in the School Hall - Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

For tickets, orders, or for more information on any of the above, please call the school office at 412-331-8501.

**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, October 11 / 12. Thank you.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- Oct. 6 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church-Rosary begins 6:30 PM.
- Oct. 7 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.
- Oct. 7 (Tues.)** - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in Mother of Sorrows Church.
- Oct. 8 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.
- Oct. 8 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Place. Info: Jeff, 412-855-1933 or Ray, 412-200-0388.
- Oct. 10 (Fri.)** - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM–1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF OCTOBER 5**

- MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF DENNIS BUTTER BY FAMILY
- ST. MARY'S** - IN HONOR OF ST. THERESE BY MARY

**LETTER FROM THE BISHOP**

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh,

The month of October each year is dedicated to Mary, especially under her title of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. October is also Respect Life Month. This year's theme - *Hope and Trust in Life!* - echoes the message of our Holy Father's visit to the United States, when he encouraged us to overcome the weary skepticism of modern culture with a fresh commitment to hope and trust in life.

During Respect Life Month, the national group "40 Days for Life" will be encouraging prayer and fasting. I particularly encourage parish groups to pray in solidarity with those who also are witnessing to the Gospel of Life.

Legalized abortion, which not only disrespects human life but destroys life at its earliest stage, contributes to a much wider societal disregard for the sacredness of human life. The month of October is an opportune time to pray the Rosary in support of the many pro-life issues that Catholics are encouraged to promote in the light of our faith.

- As Catholics we must insist that assaults on the dignity of human life represent a profound moral evil. *Abortion and euthanasia are preeminent threats to life*, based on a concept of "choice" that is fundamentally flawed. So too, we must pray and emphasize that *human cloning and destructive research on human embryos are direct affronts to the dignity of human life*.
- As Catholics, we must pray and recognize that *the principle of human dignity calls us to act preferentially on behalf of the poor: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, welcoming the immigrant and acting to protect the environment for future generations*.
- As Catholics, we must pray and support global efforts to *curtail torture, genocide and racism, and to end war and terrorist attacks on innocent lives*.

As Bishop, I encourage all the faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to join with me this October in another type of campaign—a campaign of prayer, particularly in the form of the Holy Rosary. Let us ask Mary our Mother, the Immaculate Conception and Patroness of the United States and Co-Patron of our Diocese, to intercede on behalf of our great nation and our precious local Church for a new *Hope and Trust in Life*.

Grateful for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with "God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend David A. Zubik  
Bishop of Pittsburgh

**FATHER RYAN ARTS CENTER**  
420 Chartiers Avenue  
McKees Rocks  
**Grand Opening Celebration**  
***This Saturday, October 4, 2008***  
***7 PM to 9 PM***

***This 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!

**OUR ADULT CHOIR SINGS**

The SJOG Adult Choir will be singing this 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.

**ZITI DINNER**

The Sto-Ken-Rox Meals on Wheels will hold its Annual Ziti Dinner next 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.

**MARRIAGE PREPARTION COURSE**

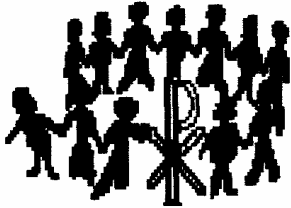
Saint Joseph Parish in Coraopolis is offering a one day Marriage Preparation Course which is being prepared in conformity with diocesan guidelines. The class will be held on January 24, 2009 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The fee of \$65 includes a light breakfast and buffet luncheon. For more information, please call Saint Joseph Parish at 412-264-6162

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Next Sunday, Oct. 12, the second collection will be for the Parish Share Program. There is a blue envelope in your packet of envelopes for this purpose. If you forget to bring your envelope next weekend, just bring it any time that is convenient. Thanks!

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

I share with you a letter from Fr. Fred Pompei concerning our Parish Mission. Fr. Fred will be preaching at all the Masses next weekend to invite you. Please try hard to attend.



**St. John of God Parish**  
 McKees Rocks, PA  
 October 5, 2008

**BLESSING & PEACE!**

The Parish Retreat Mission entitled, **Who We Are**, is being held at your Parish **October 13-15, 2008**, beginning at **6:30pm** each evening.

This Parish Retreat will focus on our Catholic Identity. – We will take a look at what are the Soul, Heart, and Uniqueness of being a Catholic.

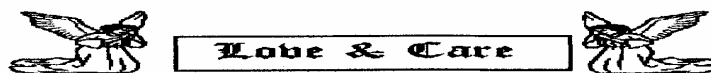
As Catholics, we have much to share about God’s Life, Freedom, Forgiveness and Healing offered to this world. However, in order to do this, we must know Who we are and What is at the core of our goodness, greatness, and joyfulness as followers of Jesus Christ who call ourselves Catholic!

Because, we “follow Jesus Christ,” we share much in common with all Christian Faiths and with all People who are seeking God in truth through Jesus. Thus, it is appropriate for you to invite a friend or neighbor to come with you, whatever Faith they may have. Also, your invitation may be the initial step in the process of re-kindling someone's faith in God.

I am writing this letter to encourage your attendance. Even if you are not able to attend every session, please come when you can. The Lord will most certainly bless you.

Love & Care in the Lord,

Retreat Mission Priest



**SCHEDULE**

**Saturday/Sunday, October 11-12:** Preach at ALL Weekend Masses

**Monday, October 13:** 6:30 PM “Who We Are Mission”

**Tuesday, October 14:** 6:30 PM, “Who We Are Mission” & “Confessions”

**Wednesday, October 15:** Discussion, 6:30 PM, “Who We Are Mission” & “Refreshments”

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

We had intended to do the yearly financial report this week, but since our bookkeeper Mary Ann Jones gave birth to twins last week, we are running a little bit behind. There is plenty of money to pay the bills, but the record keeping has to take a back seat to feedings, diaper changings, burping, photos and the usual frenetic pace of new born life, times two! Whenever we get the data together, we will publish it with a Pastor's Corner to explain it.

Instead, those of you who heard my homily last week in which I posed a riddle have been waiting for an answer. Here it is:

Once upon a time, a person died in his sleep, and found himself on a long straight path, next to a sign "The Road to Eternity." Traveling the road, he came to a split or fork, a Y in the road. There were two persons standing there - identical in their physical aspect - and a sign which read: "Dear Pilgrim: One road before you leads to Heaven, the other to Hell. One being before you is an Angel of God, a truth teller, who must always answer questions truthfully. The other being is one of Satan's Devils, a liar, who will always answer questions falsely. You may only ask one question, of only one being, and then choose and take your path. Good luck!"

If it were you: what question would you ask, of which being, and based on the answer, which road would you take?

Ask the question: "Which road leads to where you belong?"

Ask either being. The angel, who tells the truth, will point to the road to Heaven, where indeed he came from. The devil, who lies, will point to the road to

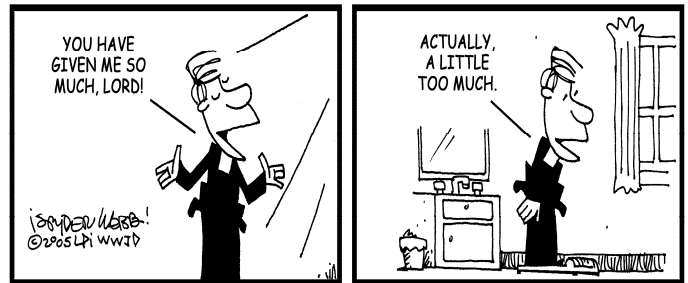
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Heaven as well, since he did not come from there and will answer falsely. Either will give the same answer: the road to Heaven. Take that road.

Which is good advice in any case!

(Several people, from both parishes, e-mailed me the correct answer. I guess Fr. Al, Fr. Rege and I aren't doing such a bad job.)

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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 (especially Barbara Fedora), that they may continue to receive the Lord's Blessings.

**SYMPATHY**

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Family of Janet Lipscomb 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."

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

*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.*