



**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Oct. 11 to Sun, Oct. 19, 2008

- 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
Parish Family of St. John of God

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, Oct. 13:** Anniv - Philip Tedesco (Ron & Tee Amity)
- Tuesday, Oct. 14:** Nick & Anna Sobol (Daughter & Family)
- Wednesday, Oct. 15, 8:30 AM, Chapel:** *For Students and Staff of Saint John of God School*
- Wednesday, Oct. 15:** John F. Ellek (Son, John)
- Thursday, Oct. 16:** Frank Zalewski (Tom Giacomino)
- Friday, Oct. 17:** Anniv - Jean Czesnocha (Mary & Russell Kohl)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

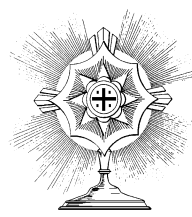
Saturday, Oct. 18, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Church

Saturday, Oct. 18, Wedding, 2:30 PM, Church:
Brandt Wilson and Melissa Otey

- Saturday Vigil, Oct. 18:** 4:30 PM Church
Anniv - Frances & Attilio Battista and Pearl Houdeshell (Family)
- Sunday, Oct. 19:** 7:30 AM Church
Joanne Kelly (Friend, Sue Sunderland)
- Sunday, Oct. 19:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Settimio Puppo (Son, Dominic & Family)
- Sunday, Oct. 19:** 11:30 AM Church
Scott DeAngelis (Mother & Brothers)
- Sunday, Oct. 19:** 7:45 PM, Chapel
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Readings for the Week of October 12, 2008

- Sunday:** *Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14*
- Monday:** *Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32*
- Tuesday:** *Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41*
- Wednesday:** *Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46*
- Thursday:** *Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54*
- Friday:** *Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7*
- Saturday:** *2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9*
- Next Sunday:** *Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21*



**SAINT JOHN OF GOD PARISH
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL**

In observance of the special celebration of a "Year of St. Paul the Apostle", June 29, 2008 - June 29, 2009, Bishop David Zubik has declared that for the Diocese of Pittsburgh this will also be a year devoted in a special way to Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Saint John of God Parish will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Saturday, Oct. 18, beginning at 11:00 A.M. in the Church at St. Mary's ending with Benediction at 1:00 P.M.

All parishioners are strongly encouraged to come spend some time during this time frame in quiet prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist. As we offer our praise and adoration to our God, let us pray especially for an increase in vocations to the ordained ministry, consecrated life, married life and the single life for the Church in Pittsburgh.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Our Confirmation Preparation Program continues this Sunday Evening, October 12, 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. Information: Call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.



**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM
FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

This program will be held this 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.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 4 / 5**

Saturday	318
Sunday	811
Total Weekend Attendance	1,129
Total Weekend Offertory	\$ 6,604.75
Victims of Hurricane Ike	\$ 3,139.00
Parish Share Assessment	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)....	\$82,950.78
Balance on Parish Share	\$ 4,087.22

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF OCTOBER 12

- MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF FRANK MAZZARO BY DAUGHTER, LOIS AND FAMILY
- ST. MARY'S** - IN MEMORY OF MILDRED G. HOFFMAN BY SON, WILLIAM

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 this Sunday, October 12, from 2:00-5:00 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.

HAYRIDE & BONFIRE

Bring the entire family to Youhttowne 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.



BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS

The Southwest Deanery Youth Council will be making blankets for the homeless on Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 AM until 7:30 PM at Gilmary Center. In an effort to defray the cost of materials the SWDYC is asking for donations from the parishioners in each parish of the deanery. Teens will be collecting donations at St. John of God after the Masses on the weekend of October 25 & 26. SJOG teen, Mia Gorney, will also be speaking about the service project at the Masses that weekend. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity! God bless!

ZITI DINNER THIS SUNDAY

The Sto-Ken-Rox Meals on Wheels will hold its Annual Ziti Dinner this 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 and are available at the door. Take-outs available. There will also be a Chinese Auction & Bake Sale. We hope you will support this important community service.

CEMETERY NEWS

Please be advised that as of October 15, 2008, the water at both St. Mark's and St. Mary's Cemeteries will be turned off for the fall/winter season. The water will be turned back on in May 2009, just in time for spring planting. If you have any questions, please call Bob Dudek at 412-331-1309.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

LOOKING FOR GOLFERS

We are looking for 14 golfers to participate in a Golf Outing on Sunday, October 26, that will benefit SJOG School and three other Catholic Schools, as well.

4-Player Scrambler: 1:00 PM
Shotgun Start
Sunday, October 26
\$40 Per Golfer - 9 Holes



If you are interested in the Golf Outing and would like more information, please call the school office at 412-331-8501.

CELEBRATE WITH US

Believe it or not we are almost at the end of the first semester of the 2008-09 school year. We are off to a great start. On Wednesday mornings at 8:30 AM, Fr. Lou has liturgy with the whole school. If you are able to come, we would love to have you join us to celebrate the Eucharist.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER, SUNDAY, NOV. 2
For the Benefit of St. John of God School**

Serving 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Adults \$7.00 - Children \$5.00

Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses next weekend.

WORLD MISION SUNDAY

Next Weekend, October 18 & 19, a second collection will be taken at all Masses for World Mission Sunday. Through prayer and financial help, friends of the Propagation of the Faith help the worldwide missionary work of the Church; the continuation of Jesus' mission. Please be as generous as your means allow in the second collection next weekend.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Oct. 13 (Mon.)** - Mass at Chartiers Manor, 814 Chartiers Ave., 1:30 PM
- Oct. 13 (Mon.)** - NO Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers .
- Oct. 14 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.
- Oct. 14 (Tues.)** - NO Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 15 (Wed.)** - **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!**
- Oct. 15 (Wed.)** - NO Cub Scout Meeting
- Oct. 17 (Fri.)** - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

Parish Retreat Mission, October 13, 14, 15

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

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

**“WHO WE ARE”
A Parish Retreat Mission
October 13, 14, and 15**

Fr. Fred Pompei will be preaching at all the weekend Masses this Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12 in St. John of God Parish concerning our Parish Retreat Mission, “Who We Are”. 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.

Following is the schedule for these three days:

Monday, October 13

6:30 P.M.

“Who We Are Mission”

Tuesday, October 14

6:30 P.M.

“Who We Are Mission”
and
Confessions

Wednesday, October 15

6:30 P.M.

“Who We Are Mission”
and
Refreshments

(to follow in the Gathering Place)



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Please make every effort to attend at least one of these inspiring and uplifting evenings. **All parish activities (i.e., Bingo) and meetings have been cancelled to allow everyone the opportunity to experience our Parish Retreat Mission, “Who We Are” as Catholic Christians.** Hope to see you there!

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day, November 2, is a day on which we remember all the faithful departed. But it is also a special day on which we remember all who have been buried from St. John of God Parish since last All Souls Day. Since All Souls Day falls on a Sunday this year, we invite everyone to come celebrate with us at the 11:30 AM Mass in the Church at St. Mary’s. Immediately following this Mass, we will read the names of each deceased person buried from St. John of God Parish in the last year, and a candle will be lit. The lit candle will remain in the Church. A letter will soon be sent to the person who took care of the arrangements for the funeral or the nearest family member only, so please share this information with other family members and invite them to attend this special remembrance on Sunday, November 2, 2008.

ARE YOU CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNECTED?

As Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh prepares to turn 100 in 2010, they want to tell their story by sharing the experiences of volunteers, employees, donors and service recipients, past and present. Perhaps you were adopted through Catholic Charities, or you mentored a refugee family, or you were helped during a very difficult time in your life. Share your memories and your photos online at www.ccpgh.org or call 1-866-683-2730. Stories and photos may also be mailed to: Catholic Charities Connected, 212 Ninth Street, 9th floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 before November 20. All photos submitted by mail will be returned. Together, a century of *providing help, creating hope, and serving all* can be celebrated!

AUCTION AND DINNER

Holy Trinity School is holding its 9th Annual Auction and Dinner—“Viva Las Vegas” on November 8, 2008 at The Fez in Hopewell Township. This event has not only been a Holy Trinity Social event, but also a cornerstone of the fundraising for the past eight years. The price for this event is \$45.00 per person, and includes hors d’oeuvres, gourmet buffet dinner, beer and wine, and wonderful entertainment. Something new this year is a Monte Carlo, with craps, roulette, blackjack and Texas Hold’em to test your luck. Please contact Mary Moody at 412-299-7831 for an invitation. In addition to your presence at the “Viva Las Vegas” event, we are seeking additional help from parishioners, friends and alumni of Holy Trinity to ensure the success of this important fundraiser. We are looking for donations of items to be auctioned. The possibilities are endless; gift certificates, jewelry, vacation accommodations, signed memorabilia, sports equipment, household items, toys, baskets or cash donations. You can also share the names of great connections you have and we will do the rest. Items can be either dropped off (or mailed in) at the school office or call Mary Moody at 412-299-7831 and arrangements can be made for items to be picked up. No items are too big or small.

RETREAT FOR SINGLE WOMEN

Join other single women for a weekend retreat, “Following in the Footsteps of the Saints,” on Friday, October 31 to Sunday, November 2, with Angela Gaughan, retreat director. Contact Gilmary Center at 412-264-8400 for additional information or to register.

CRAFT SHOW TABLES AVAILABLE

Holy Trinity Christmas Craft Show to be held on November 8, 2008 has tables available for rent. Crafters in attendance will have a chance to win a door prize to be offered every hour. All crafts must be hand made. For table rental or for more information, please call 412-787-1468.

PASTA FEAST

Sunday, October 19, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria - Adults: \$8 and Children 10 & under: \$3 — Advanced ticket purchase is recommended. Call 412-264-5140 for more information. Take-outs available

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, October 19, Noon to 5:00 PM in the St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall at 204 Olivia Street, McKees Rocks (Bottoms) - Adults: \$6 and Children under 12: \$3 - Take-outs available. For more information, please call St. John Ukrainian Church at 412-331-5605.

BENEFIT DINNER

Sunday, October 26, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Bridgeville VFD on Bower Hill Road in Bridgeville for Curt Valet — Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Curt's Challenge - Curt's effort to overcome Ewing's Sarcoma. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at Holy Child School and Bishop Canevin High School. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information call Bishop Canevin High School at 412-922-7400 ext. 20.

OKTOBERFEST

Join the Sisters of Divine Providence for their 7th Annual Oktoberfest next Saturday, Oct. 18, from 1-6 PM. The event will be held indoors at 9000 Babcock Blvd. in the North Hills (between La Roche College and UPMC Passavant Hospital). Proceeds will benefit the Sisters' ministry in Santo Domingo. Lots of activities and giveaways! Visit www.divineprovidencweb.org or call 412-635-5401 for more information.



THE P.V. REPORT
Fr. Al Semler

People keep asking me how we made out at the Festival. My estimate is that we cleared about \$32,000.00. About \$18,000.00 on the "grounds" and about \$14,000.00 on the "raffle". A more exact rendering will come together when we have the chance to "get it together." Thanks again to all of you who helped in any way.

Now for this week.
I hope to see you at the Mission.

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

In this year of St. Paul, Dr. Scott Hahn, Professor, author, and noted speaker, kicks off the Adult Lecture Series with his thoughts on "The Gospel According to St. Paul". Using the opening lines of St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "Paul, a Slave of Jesus Christ" and this passage from Romans 8:31 "What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us", Dr. Hahn will investigate St. Paul's presentation of the Gospel message and what it means for Catholics, and the world, today, We invite you to join us for Dr. Hahn's presentation to be held at St. Paul's Seminary Auditorium, Wednesday, October 22, at 7:30 PM. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons, and catechists. The lecture, as always, is free — all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

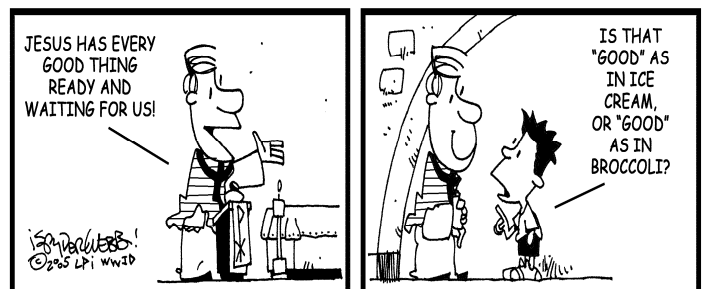
HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Marian Manor**- 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 Family of William Resetarits and Pauline Broskey whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER*Fr. Lou Vallone*

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and this past Tuesday we celebrated that feast. And this year celebrates the 150th anniversary of the apparition of Mary at Lourdes, France.

As anyone who has been raised Catholic knows, the one of the first prayers to be learned is the "Hail Mary." When we learned to repeat this recitation, who of us realized the implications and total submission to the will of God that Mary had, even at that young age? Mary found great comfort in her willingness to have God deal with her in His love. She wanted to give Him her willingness and her apprehension; her love and her submission; her confidence and her reserve; her innocence and her maturity. God gave back to her the isolation of the poor, the tenderness of a mother, the prophecies of Simeon, and the pride of a loving parent, the humiliation of her convicted Son, and the confidence that truth would win over all.

Throughout these stages in her life, Mary remained faithful to her God. Her assurances far outweigh the snags of humanness that followed her and her Son, Jesus.

We reflect on the key events in their lives when we pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary. As we remember these times, we can potentially parallel them to times in our own lives. Maybe some of our troubled times are not as drastic or compelling as those of Jesus and Mary, but they surely can prey on us!

Catholics throughout the world are encouraged to say the rosary especially this month, and to consecrate themselves, their families, their parish, and their dioceses to the Immaculate Heart. One of

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the requests of Our Blessed Mother to St. Bernadette at Lourdes was to pray the rosary daily, pray for peace, and offer sacrifices.

As we begin our Parish Mission at St. John of God this week (and spiritually tied to it at St. Catherine who was a great devotee of the Rosary), we may want to as individuals and as families to pray the rosary, and to dedicate ourselves to Mary:

An Act of Consecration
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Queen of the Holy Rosary, my dearly beloved Mother, I consecrate myself today, in a very special way, to your Immaculate Heart.

By this solemn act, I offer my whole life to you, my heart, my soul, my body, and especially this precious time of my life. Guide me along the way that Jesus has traced out for us: The way of love, of goodness, and of sanctity.

Help me to flee from sin, from evil, and from egoism, and to resist temptations to violence, to impurity, and to drugs.

I promise you to go to confession regularly and to receive Jesus into my heart as my spiritual food of life, to observe the commandments of God and to walk along the road of love and purity.

I love you, O Sweetest Mother of mine, and I offer you my life for the triumph of your Immaculate Heart in the world.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Call the parish office if you are interested and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will call you back.

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.