

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Oct. 18 to Sun, Oct. 26, 2008

- 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**
Parish Family of St. John of God

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, Oct. 20:** Andrew Kaspruk, Jr. (Cecilia Ellek)
- Tuesday, Oct. 21:** Louis Joseph Rosner (Sister, Joan)
- Wednesday, Oct. 22, 8:30 AM, Chapel:** *For Students and Staff of Saint John of God School*
- Wednesday, Oct. 22:** Anniv - Skip Amity (Mom, Dad & Tracey)
- Thursday, Oct. 23:** Anna Marie Ciramella (Pat Giacomino)
- Friday, Oct. 24:** Grace Rizzo & Jeremiah Ford (Pat & Marty Celedonia)

- Saturday Vigil, Oct. 25:** **4:30 PM Church**
Hugo & Caroline Sideritch (Family)
- Sunday, Oct. 26:** **7:30 AM Church**
Albert Frydlewicz (Wife, Mary & Family)
- Sunday, Oct. 26:** **9:30 AM Chapel**
Kenneth E. Chestnutt (Wife & Family)
- Sunday, Oct. 26:** **11:30 AM Church**
George Schneider (Agnes & Terry Fedio)
- Sunday, Oct. 26:** **7:45 PM, Chapel**
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Readings for the Week of October 19, 2008

- Sunday:** *Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21*
- Monday:** *Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21*
- Tuesday:** *Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38*
- Wednesday:** *Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48*
- Thursday:** *Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53*
- Friday:** *Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59*
- Saturday:** *Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9*
- Next Sunday:** *Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

LIVING ROSARY

During this lovely month of October dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the Women's Guild invites all of our parishioners to join them in the **Living Rosary**. Please come to the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows this Tuesday, October 21, at 6:30 PM where we will continue this beautiful tradition in honor of Mary. Afterwards, all are invited to the Social Hall to share some refreshments.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Our Confirmation Preparation Program continues this Sunday Evening, October 19, 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.

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 this 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.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 11 / 12**

Saturday	272
Sunday	833
Total Weekend Attendance	1,105

Total Weekend Offertory	\$ 5,593.00
Parish Share Assessment	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)	\$88,886.78
Excess Parish Share	\$ 1,848.78

We have successfully raised and paid off the Diocese on our PSP assessment for this year! Thank you for your generosity. From this point on, we get to keep for ourselves all PSP contributions to the end of the year, and tax-free at that. Please continue to use your monthly envelopes at the same rate — it is a year round campaign for us. God bless you for your cooperation.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

'TACO TAG TUESDAY'

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to "Taco Tag Tuesday" on Tuesday, November 11 (NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day). We'll be going to get tacos for lunch and then play laser tag. To sign-up, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.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 in St. John of God Parish after all the Masses next weekend, 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!

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Oct. 20 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.
- Oct. 21 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.
- Oct. 21 (Tues.)** - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel.
- Oct. 22 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.
- Oct. 22 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Place
- Oct. 24 (Fri.)** - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Ohio Valley** - Liz Cinkovich **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 Julia Lyscik whom God has called. Please remember her and all our dearly departed and their families 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."*

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.

**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 are available at the school office or after any of the Masses on the weekend. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the school office at 412-331-8501.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GILMARY CENTER

Please visit www.gilmarycenter.org and see complete information regarding upcoming events which include the Marriage Enrichment Dinner on Oct. 24, Single Women's Retreat, Oct. 31 through Nov. 2, and the Eucharistic Conference taking place on Sat., Nov. 1, beginning at 9:30 AM and ending with a Youth Rally in the evening. Deadlines are fast approaching, register today, Call 412-264-8400 for additional information.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Meditation, also known as contemplative prayer, is the prayer of silence and listening. Meditation is a form of silent, imageless prayer which is deeply rooted in Christian tradition. St. Joseph Spirituality Center in Baden, PA invites you to experience this deeply-rooted prayer in an ***Introduction to Christian Meditation***, presented by Sister Cynthia Comiskey, on Thursday, October 30, from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Fee is \$15. To register, contact Sister Marian Mills at 724-869-2151 ext 6609.

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!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

This 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF OCTOBER 19

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF ROBERT PRIDY BY WIFE AND CHILDREN

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF SCOTT DEANGELIS BY MOTHER AND BROTHERS

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

THE P.V. REPORT

Fr. Al Semler

BREAKING NEWS—TUESDAY AFTERNOON

You know how I keep repeating that Mary said "yes" and Joseph said "yes" to surprising requests. Well, I received one of those surprising requests. Bishop Zubik asked if I'd be willing to become Pastor at Holy Sepulcher in Glade Mills. I had an 11:30 appointment with him this morning and left his office with this official appointment. It will take effect on Monday, October 27, 2008.

This now puts me into the most difficult times I find being a priest. The time of saying so long to we meet - to the joy of approaching a new challenge. The time when I leave people I've come to love and enjoy working with to a cast of good people, but people I don't know. It's a challenge and an opportunity. I can do it because I know it's God's guiding hand giving me the "PUSH".

Let us continue to Love and Pray for each other.

HOLY HOUR FOR MEN WITH BISHOP ZUBIK

"THE CHURCH ALIVE"

WHEN: Saturday, October 25, 2008

WHERE: St. Paul Seminary
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205



8:00 AM: Refreshments

8:30 AM: Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh

9:30 AM: Personal testimonies from Rich Dovi and Mark Joseph on the theme;

"Getting Excited About Our Faith"

10:00: Program Ends

RSVP is requested. Email; pat@cmfpitt.org

All married and lay men of all ages are invited.

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Ladies of Charity through the Charitable Works envelope in your packet of envelopes, you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Contained in this week's bulletin is the financial report for the past fiscal year: July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. Here are some reflections to help you understand and interpret it.

1. We have 4 columns: a) 2005-6, in which I came halfway through the financial year and only reflects a few months of my stewardship; b) 2006-7, which was the first full year of my responsibility for the finances of the parish; c) 2007-8, the second full year of my pastorate; d) 2008-9, the supposed projected budget for the year in which we currently are.

2. To deal with the last first (as befits our biblical roots): These numbers are pure conjecture. We are required in May of each year to submit to the diocese a balanced budget (outgo not to exceed income). Although some of the figures are known (salaries, insurance, etc.) most of the figures, like all categories of income, are pure guesses. We try to base them on some fact, but a proposed budget to be honest is a fiction. In reality, I never look at the proposed budget to judge our financial progress, but rather use a year to year comparison each month. That is to say, I compare our income/outgo for each month of the current year against the prior years. If we are ahead, I know we are making progress. As of the first quarter of this year, we are still doing fine.

3. As you can see, our financial health is mostly due to severe economies in expenditures, while our "ordinary income" remained relatively flat over the past 3 years. "Ordinary income" is comprised of offertory collections, fund raisers such as bingo, pizza kitchen, raffles and the festival. Using these figures, we operated on a "surplus" of \$48,000 last year, which went to our savings. This is a \$300,000 turn around from 3 years ago, when we operated at a \$250,000 loss.

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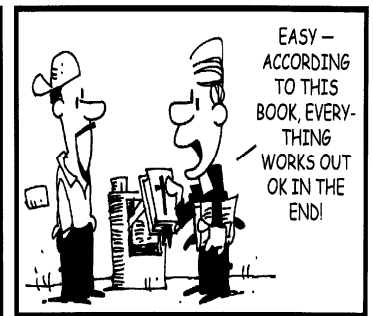
4. Besides ordinary income, we have also had overages on PSP for the past two years, and a capital campaign that have brought in other moneys. These are part of the sources of the funds that you see in our two reserve accounts. In addition, we have expended almost \$300,000 in capital improvements throughout our plant (both St. Mary and Mother of Sorrows) during my pastorate.

5. Our debt continues to grow because of the interest assessments - we have not increased the principle during my administration. We had been over \$1 1/4 million in debt at our peak, which was brought down with the sale of St. Mark, but is now approaching \$1 million again. I still do not have a strategy to deal with this yet, sorry!

The short version is that we have made amazing strides toward economic independence, but there is still a ways to go. More detail will be shared at our December Town Hall Meeting, but feel free to e-mail, write or verbally ask any questions that you have in the meantime.

Thank you so much for your dedication to the parish and your generosity, it works. And I promise to keep working to the best of my limited ability to justify your trust by stewarding your resources with transparency and efficiency. All for the greater glory of God!

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

Saint John of God Parish Financial Report 7/1/2007 - 6/30/2008

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

Operating Income	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009 Budget
Collections at Offertory	\$440,797.34	\$460,828.00	\$438,069.00	\$450,000.00
Donations and Bequests	\$22,002.44	\$36,752.00	\$16,132.00	\$60,000.00
General Fund Raising	\$75,578.23	\$17,264.00	\$75,000.00	\$85,000.00
Investment Income	\$1,368.30	\$5,259.00	\$10,156.00	\$0.00
Other Operating Income	\$9,090.97	\$7,183.00	\$8,793.00	\$8,000.00
Total Operating Income	\$548,837.28	\$527,286.00	\$548,150.00	\$603,000.00
Operating Expense				
Liturgical	\$60,675.61	\$45,046.00	\$45,023.00	\$50,000.00
Administration	\$230,800.48	\$185,655.00	\$164,304.00	\$200,000.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$295,343.41	\$165,135.00	\$111,113.00	\$180,000.00
Rectory	\$45,175.31	\$19,595.00	\$17,287.00	\$20,000.00
Property and Liability	\$107,147.15	\$106,308.00	\$71,451.00	\$80,000.00
Sunday School Program	\$36,269.79	\$34,724.00	\$34,478.00	\$35,000.00
Youth Ministry (surplus)	(+\$5,525.81)	(+3,759.00)	(+687.00)	\$5,000.00
Social Service	\$29,225.69	\$15,537.00	\$16,675.00	\$16,000.00
Community Programs	\$225.00	\$16,050.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00
Social Activities	\$856.32	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
School Subsidy	\$0.00	\$16,477.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Total Operating Expense	\$800,192.95	\$600,768.00	\$499,694.00	\$587,000.00
Surplus <deficit>	<\$251,355.67>	<\$73,482.00>	\$48,456.00	\$16,000.00

PSP 2007 (assessed)	\$ 89,147.00
PSP 2007(collected)	\$113,729.87

Parish Deposit & Loan:

Operating Fund (reserve)	\$374,006.42
Capital Improvement Fund (reserve)	\$122,758.75
Organ Fund	\$7,178.19
Operating Loan Principal <debt>	\$806,846.69
Operating Loan Interest <debt>	\$143,248.58

Festival Gross Income	\$34,321.00
Festival Expenses	\$11,369.00
Festival Net Income	\$22,952.00
Festival Raffle Gross Income	\$17,547.00
Festival Raffle Expenses	\$3,230.00
Festival Raffle Net Income	\$14,317.00

Statistics (as of September 30, 2008)

Active Families	1,663
Souls	2,939
October Count Attendance	1,172
Students in our Catholic School	175
CCD Students	111

Sacramentals (2007 calendar year)

Baptisms	50
First Communion	29
Confirmation	28
Marriage	11
Death	144
Communion Calls	120