



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat, Oct. 25 to Sun, Nov. 2, 2008

- 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  
Parish Family of St. John of God

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

- Monday, Oct. 27:** Delena Alfarone (Joanne Alder)
- Tuesday, Oct. 28:** Peter, Agnes, Patricia, JoAnn & Betty Deltondo (Family)
- Wednesday, Oct. 29, 8:30 AM, Chapel:** For Students and Staff of Saint John of God School
- Wednesday, Oct. 29:** Helen, Libby, & Eddie Maksin (Margaret Roberts)
- Thursday, Oct. 30:** Madeline Catanzarite (Husband & Family)
- Friday, Oct. 31:** Mafalda DiVecchio (Rita Cerrone & Family)

**Feast of All Saints**

- Vigil: Friday, Oct. 31, 4:30 PM, Church**  
Parish Family of St. John of God
- Saturday, Nov. 1, 9:30 AM, Church**  
Parish Family of St. John of God



**\*\*\* Saturday, Nov. 1, 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, Nov. 1: All Souls** 4:30 PM Church  
For all the Deceased of St. John of God Parish Family
- Sunday, Nov. 2: All Souls** 7:30 AM Church  
For all the Deceased of St. John of God Parish Family
- Sunday, Nov. 2: All Souls** 9:30 AM Chapel  
For all the Deceased of St. John of God Parish Family
- Sunday, Nov. 2: All Souls** 11:30 AM Church  
For all the Deceased of St. John of God Parish Family
- Sunday, Nov. 2: All Souls** 7:45 PM, Chapel  
For all the Deceased of St. John of God Parish Family

“Remember those who have gone before us...”



**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

Next Saturday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints. We, at St. John of God Parish, will celebrate Mass in honor of All Saints on Friday, Oct. 31, at 4:30 PM in the Church and on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 9:30 AM in the Church. This year, the feast is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation but all are encouraged to come and honor all saints and thank them for their prayers and intercessions before God on our behalf.



**NOVEMBER:  
A TIME TO REMEMBER**

The month of November is traditionally a time for us to remember in a special way those who have preceded us in death. A book in which you are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones is placed in the back vestibule of the Church and Chapel.

**ALL SOULS DAY**

Next Sunday, November 2, is All Souls Day. It is a day on which we remember all the faithful departed, especially those who have been buried from St. John of God Parish since last All Souls Day. We invite everyone to come celebrate with us next Sunday 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. Please share this information with family members and invite them to attend this special remembrance next Sunday, November 2. Let us join together in prayer to remember our loved ones.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 18 / 19**

<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>312</b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>814</b>
<b>Total Weekend Attendance</b> .....	<b>1,126</b>
<b>Total Weekend Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,045.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Assessment</b> .....	<b>\$87,038.00</b>
<b>Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!) ...</b>	<b>\$90,057.78</b>
<b>Excess Parish Share</b> .....	<b>\$ 3,019.78</b>

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](mailto:sigyouthmin@yahoo.com).

LADIES OF CHARITY  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

In September of 2009, the Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will host a National Assembly to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their founding.

To help defray costs of this gathering, the Ladies of Charity is having a Cookbook fundraiser. The cookbook is comprised of a collection of recipes by the Ladies of Charity, Diocese of Pittsburgh. Besides the wide variety of wonderful, delectable recipes, the cookbook also contains an informative history of the Ladies of Charity. The hard-covered, spiral-bound, cookbooks sells for \$15.00 each and are available at the parish office from 9 AM to 5 PM. Checks should be made payable to the Ladies of Charity. If you need more information, please call Sr. Theresa at 412-771-5646.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Next Sunday, November 2, you are reminded to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed.



## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Our Confirmation Preparation Program continues this Sunday Evening, October 26, 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

The next program will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9, 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

## ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

## SPAGHETTI DINNER, SUNDAY, NOV. 2

St. John of God School is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner next Sunday, November 2, serving 11 AM to 6 PM at the Social Hall. Adults \$7.00 - Children \$5.00 - Tickets are available at the school office or at the door. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the school office at 412-331-8501.

## FOOD COLLECTION

With the preparation of Thanksgiving in our own families, we are reminded of families in our parish who are less fortunate than we. Our parish will collect non-perishable food as well as paper products and soap for families on two weekends: Nov. 1 & 2 and Nov. 8 & 9. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted. Please mark the envelope "Thanksgiving Dinner" and place it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Oct. 27 (Mon.)** - Mass at Mary Pat Rickerd Nursing Home, 1085 Dohrman St, West Park, 1:30 PM  
Mass Intention: Margaret Vignone by Carol Rippole
- Oct. 27 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.
- Oct. 28 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.
- Oct. 28 (Tues.)** - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel.
- Oct. 29 (Wed.)** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.
- Oct. 29 (Wed.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Place
- Oct. 31 (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: **Allegheny General** - Mary DeFillip **Marian Manor**- Bob Lang **Sycamore** - Mercedes Liguori 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 William Eberle, Robert P. Heckert Jr., and Josephine Sommers (mother of Ruth Dines) whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers.

*"They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."*

NOVEMBER, 2008

Nov. 1 - 2	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Tkacik Terry Fedio	Donna Klocek Spohn Joanne Malenock	Children's Mass Children's Mass	John Friel Tom Burgunder
<b>Altar Server</b>	Alex Adams Tom Adams Anna Marie Kilonsky	Dallas Woods Tim McGuillan	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Kevin Barbour	Michael Dorrenbacher Wesley Dorrenbacher Brian Benedetti
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Christina Phillips Tom Phillips Steffie Orlich Carole Yunker Mike Tomsco Gerrie Bayer	Claudia Hemphill Alexis Adamchik Ron Amity Sr. Mary Ann Scrabis	Steve Tomsco Lucille Coppola Margaret Ferraro Dominic Puppo Bill Stropkaj Sr. Frank Troff	Patsy Mance Eleanor Vith Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb
Nov. 8 - 9	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Julienne Giuliani Charlotte Schriener	Michael Ivosevic Tami Ivosevic	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Wanda Mruczek Joanne Malenock
<b>Altar Server</b>	Cassandra Cropper Wesley Cropper Michael Roussey	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Christopher Cercone Jacob Scott Emily Halbedl	Matthew DiSanto Christopher Linnert Brian Benedetti
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Donna Placon Rosemarie Litterini George Wolf Terry Fedio Steffie Orlich Mike Tomsco	Nina Ivosevic Mark Honath Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill	Al Condeluci Liz Condeluci Angela Ciccone Theresa Davis Kelly Hall Eric Hall	Gizella Fedorka Patsy Mance Tracy Olanyk Anne Lutz Zacharias
Nov. 15 - 16	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Tkacik Tom Burgunder	Donna Klocek Spohn John Friel	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Mary Ann Scrabis Julienne Giuliani
<b>Altar Server</b>	Alex Adams Tom Adams Anna Marie Kilonsky	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Jared Hall Victoria Diehl Elizabeth Diehl	Brian Benedetti Matthew DiSanto Christopher Linnert
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Gerrie Bayer Carole Yunker Anne Lutz Zacharias Rosemarie Litterini Donna Placon Steffie Orlich	George Wolf Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath	Eric Hall Lucille Coppola Margaret Ferraro Dominic Puppo Bill Stropkaj Sr. Frank Troff	Patsy Mance Eleanor Vith Mike Tomsco Gizella Fedorka
Nov. 22 - 23	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Terry Fedio Charlotte Schriener	Tami Ivosevic Joanne Malenock	Lou LaCivita Neve Mell	Confirmation Student Confirmation Student
<b>Altar Server</b>	Wesley Cropper Michael Roussey Anna Marie Kilonsky	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Kevin Barbour Jacob Scott Christopher Cercone	Alex Adams Tom Adams Michael Dorrenbacher Wesley Dorrenbacher Matthew DiSanto
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Julienne Giuliani Alexis Adamchik Gerrie Bayer Rosemarie Litterini Anne Lutz Zacharias Steffie Orlich	Michael Ivosevic Nina Ivosevic Ron Amity Sr Claudia Hemphill	Angela Ciccone Theresa Davis Mark Honath Eric Hall Margaret Ferraro Dominic Puppo	Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Wanda Mruczek George Wolf  (continued next page)

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Nov. 29 - 30	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Tkacik Julienne Giuliani	John Friel Donna Klocek Spohn	Steve Tomsko Al Condeluci	Joanne Malenock Tom Burgunder
<b>Altar Server</b>	Alex Adams Tom Adams Cassandra Cropper	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Emily Halbedl Eric Hall Jared Hall	Christopher Linnert Victoria Diehl Elizabeth Diehl
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Christina Phillips Tom Phillips Carole Yunker Mike Tomsko Alexis Adamchik Terry Fedio	Mary Ann Scrabis Ron Amity Sr. Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath	Liz Condeluci Kelly Hall Eric Hall Bill Stropkaj Sr. Frank Troff Angela Ciccone	Gizella Fedorka Tracy Olanyk Patsy Mance Eleanor Vith

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

So, I had to accept a new assignment to “get” Fr. Lou and my sister, Grace to agree on something. They both think I’m “crazy”. I guess that proves I made the right decision. How often we hear we should be “fools for Christ sake.” Well according to Fr. Lou and Grace, I “got” the first half under my belt. Now I’ll depend on you to pray for me that I “get” the second half “done right.”

Let us continue to pray for each other

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Fr. Al's  
NEW ADDRESS  
(Effective Oct. 27, 2008)**

Rev. Albert J. Semler  
Holy Sepulcher Parish  
1304 E. Cruikshank Road  
Butler, PA 16002-8920

**GNOCCHI DINNER**

The St. John of God Women's Guild is sponsoring a Gnocchi Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 30 in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows Chapel.

**HELP MAKE GNOCCHI**

On Monday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 PM we will be making the gnocchi for the dinner. Your help would be very much appreciated. Just come to the Social Hall on Monday at 6:30 PM. No experience is necessary. We look forward to seeing you there.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF OCTOBER 19**

**MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF JOE URAM BY WIFE, JEAN AND FAMILY**

**ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF JOHN F. ELLEK BY SON, JOHN**

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

Well, we have good news and bad news - and unfortunately it is the same news. Our senior priest/parochial vicar Fr. Al Semler as of Oct. 27 leaves his ministry at St. John of God and St. Catherine of Siena parishes to become the pastor of Holy Sepulcher Parish in Glade Mills, Pa. That is good news for them and bad news for us. Although he did not make his second anniversary of service to us, his impact on our worshipping communities will be eternal. His enthusiasm, open heartedness, generosity and holiness will live in our parish families "per omnia saecula saeculorum" (forever and ever. Amen.)

(As a footnote, I have had 5 parochial vicars in my 27 years and 6 pastorates. None of them made their second anniversary - all of them were transferred to become pastors after being with me. I wonder if there is a pattern here, because the first four were never replaced, which I hope doesn't happen in this case.)

Many may wonder what kind of pastoral planning recycles a priest who stepped down from being a pastor, making him step up again. We all know that there is a scarcity of priests throughout the Church in developed countries. In Pittsburgh, we have half as many priests as we did when I was ordained, and that will be cut in half again in the next ten years. But even more disturbing than the fewer number of priests, there is even a sharper decline in those willing to be pastors.

In the past year, no less than five of our Pittsburgh priests have resigned their pastorates. All but one of them were in their first pastorate and all but one by request returned to being parochial vicars. Fr. Al reversed that trend in volunteering to become a

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pastor again. In the other cases, those priests found that they were unprepared and inexperienced to the degree that they did not feel they were giving worthy service to the people entrusted to their care. Although canon law and sacramental theology define the duty of the pastor as the "care of souls", most of his time has to do with more secular endeavors, such as balancing the budget, managing personnel, looking after the physical plant, running and attending meetings of groups, scheduling, filling out papers and forms and reports - in short, almost anything that is on the face of it "soulless". In today's Church culture, the pastor is more CEO than shepherd, and most priests, especially our younger ones, have not been around long enough to pick up the skills to fulfill that role. No seminary training prepares us for it, and in the past one had upwards of 20 years as a parochial vicar to learn on the job. Now, often the priest is made a pastor after one or two assignments, before his fifth anniversary of ordination. (The current pastor of St. Mary of the Mount, my last assignment, as an example, had not even been born when I was ordained a priest. That makes me feel ancient!)

There are no ready, quick or easy answers to this conundrum. Today was designated by the bishops as "Priest Appreciation Sunday" and letters were sent out to parishes asking them to have some sort of effort to show their parish priests their support and gratitude to them, through programs, cards, spoken words, etc. Most of the pastors I know did not follow up on any of the suggestions, rather preferring to let the day pass in obscurity. As I would have done, except for this Corner.

Be good Catholic Christians, pray for us, and get to heaven when you die. That is all the evidence of appreciation any parish priests needs from his people.

## 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.*