



**DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Nov. 8 to Sun, Nov. 16, 2008

Saturday Vigil, Nov. 8 :	4:30 PM Church Harry Gasiorowski (Wife, Mildred & Family)
Sunday, Nov. 9:	7:30 AM Church Anna & Eugene Ritter (Ritter Family)
Sunday, Nov. 9:	9:30 AM Chapel Anniv - Rose Funwela (Family)
Sunday, Nov. 9:	11:30 AM Church Anniv - Andrew R. Martonik (Wife, Rose & Family)
Sunday, Nov. 9:	7:45 PM Chapel Parish Family of St. John of God

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Nov. 10:	Caroline Miller (Ed & Alberta)
Tuesday, Nov. 11:	Anniv - Leo Spardy
Wednesday, Nov. 12 8:30 AM, Chapel:	For Students and Staff of St. John of God School
Wednesday, Nov. 12:	Josephine Bridickas (Family)
Thursday, Nov. 13:	Pauline Broskey (Stephanie T. Matula)
Friday, Nov. 14:	Harry Lubinski, Sr. (Wife, Helen & Son, Harry)

Saturday Vigil, Nov. 15:	4:30 PM Church Ted Skepanski and Nellie & Andrew Yanok (Joyce & Family)
Sunday, Nov. 16:	7:30 AM Church Rich & Elsie Hamerski (Norbert Chasarik & Family)
Sunday, Nov. 16:	9:30 AM Chapel Deceased Members of the Ciccone & Spadaccia Families (Karen & Angela)
Sunday, Nov. 16:	11:30 AM Church Anniv - Alfred Peters (Wife & Family)

Readings for the Week of November 9, 2008

Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/1 Cor 3:9c-17/Jn 2:13-22
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13,19-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

LIGUORIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

This weekend, Nov. 8/9, you will have a special opportunity to bring *Liguorian* magazine into your home.

Liguorian is a leading Catholic Magazine published by the Redemptorists and reaches about 200,000 each month. It gives solid and straightforward answers to the important questions and problems facing Catholics today.

A special presentation will be made about *Liguorian* magazine at each Mass this weekend, Nov. 8/9, and subscription envelopes will be distributed. Catholic reading is important for people of all ages. It provides guidance, answers, education and inspiration. We highly recommend *Liguorian* and hope that you will subscribe this weekend.

CONFIRMATION NEWS



Our Confirmation Preparation Program concludes this Sunday Evening, Nov. 9, 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.

RETREAT

Our Confirmation Retreat will be held on Monday, November 17, at Gilmary Center from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. Candidates should meet at St. Mary's parking lot by 8:20 AM for transportation to the retreat. We will return to St. Mary's approximately at 3 PM. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM
FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The program will be held this Sunday, Nov. 9, from 1-4 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS?

Please donate your used clothing, coats, and shoes (old worn out tennis shoes will also be accepted) to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You may place your donations in the clothes box located by the side of the garages at St. Mary's parking lot.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



“TACO TAG TUESDAY”

This Tuesday, November 11 (NO SCHOOL— Veterans Day) is **“Taco Tag Tuesday”**. All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to get tacos for lunch and then play laser tag at Laser Storm. To sign-up, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com. Join us!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

St. 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 PM. The fee of \$65 includes a light breakfast and buffet luncheon. For more information, please call St. Joseph Parish at 412-264-6162.

**ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 1 / 2**

Saturday	298
Sunday	866
Total Weekend Attendance	1,164
Total Weekend Offertory	\$ 7,262.66
Parish Share Assessment	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!)	\$91,526.28
Excess Parish Share	\$ 4,488.28

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



HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially:

- Marian Manor** - Bob Lang **Manor Care/ North Hills** - Rosemarie Marasco, Rose Rosenwald
- Southside** - Paul Reilly **Sycamore** - Mercedes Liguori
- West Hills Health & Rehab** - 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 Ann G. Fusina whom God has called. Please remember her and 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.”*

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

St. John of God School is forming a School Advisory Board. Father Vallone will appoint 12 members to the School Advisory Board from the following categories: parents of children enrolled in the school (4); members of the faculty (2); representation from the Parish Finance Committee (1) and Pastoral Council (1); the community at large (4). The categories are not exclusionary, and the term of service is two years, renewable twice at the discretion of the Pastor for a total of no more than six years. We are seeking interested parishioners and parents. If you are interested or would like to recommend another person (after talking with the person) **please give the names to Father Vallone by Monday, November 10**. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide a stable group of interested and committed individuals to assist the Pastor and Administration of St. John of God School in their duties of governance of the Parish ministry through Catholic School Education. The members volunteer their experience, knowledge, expertise, and efforts in an advisory capacity.

CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 10, from 12:30 to 3 PM and 5:30 to 8 PM. Parents have already scheduled appointments by returning the form sent home with their child(ren).

THANKSGIVING BREAD

Next weekend, November 15/16, bread kits consisting of one package of five frozen loaves of bread, zip lock bags, a Thanksgiving Prayer, and instructions will be available at the Gathering Place. We are looking for seven (7) people to volunteer to bake these loaves at home and bring them to the Mass on Thanksgiving Day to be blessed and given to each family. The kits can be picked up after any of the Masses next weekend, November 15/16. Thanks in advance for your help.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



This weekend, Nov. 8 & 9, is the last weekend we are collecting food for the Thanksgiving baskets for families.

Monetary donations will still be gratefully accepted. Please mark the envelope “Thanksgiving Dinner” and place it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you. The non-perishable food we collect on Thanksgiving Day will be given to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

HELP DELIVER CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We invite you to help take Christmas flowers to our sick and shut-in of the parish as part of your Advent practice. Flowers can be pickup at the Pizza Kitchen on Wednesday, Dec. 17 and Thursday, Dec. 18. You can deliver the flowers whenever it suits your schedule. Please call Sr. Theresa at the parish office if you can help us deliver the Christmas flowers.

**GRATITUDE AND A WISH FOR BLESSED MINISTRY**

Fr. Peter Debo, Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Arua, Uganda extends warm appreciation and thanks to the parish family of St. John of God for the kindness and generosity extended toward Fr. Augustine during his stay at St. John of God when he was in the USA for mission appeals this past summer. Please continue to keep Fr. Peter Debo, Fr. Augustine and the people of Arua, Uganda in your prayers.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS KRAYNAK
BY CELILIA ELLEK

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF ANNA MARIE CIRAMELLA BY
MOTHER AND FATHER

MEETING

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a meeting on Monday, November 10, at 7 PM in the Gathering Place.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel Jesus is clear: our homes are meant to be "my Father's House" where everyone grows in love under the protection of commitment and forgiveness and not a "marketplace" where we store our "trophies" of consumer spending.

UNIQUE TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS

This Tuesday, Veterans Day, many local restaurants are part of a unique tribute to our nation's veterans called DiningSTOCK. As a part of a group of four, all vets dine for free at participating restaurants. These establishments will also donate a portion of **all** their Veterans Day food sales to local Christian non-profits that assist homeless and disabled vets. Call 412-726-7206 for the location of a participating restaurant near you or to arrange to donate directly to those who assist those who once stood on battlefields in our place and now need a hand. There are over 1000 homeless vets in Allegheny County alone.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Nov. 10 (Mon.) - St. Vincent de Paul Society Mtg, 7 PM in the Gathering Place.

Nov. 10 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Nov. 11 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Nov. 11 (Tues.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel.

Nov. 12 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

Nov. 12 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Meeting, 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Place.

Nov. 14 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Nov. 14 (Fri.) - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

As you know, all SJG volunteers who have contact with children (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, adult altar servers, sacristans, cantors, ushers, bingo workers, pizza kitchen workers, festival workers, school volunteers, Sunday school teachers & volunteers, youth ministry volunteers) are required by the Diocese to attend a Protecting God's Children workshop. If you are a member of any of these groups and have not yet attended, a workshop will be held here on Tuesday, December 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM in the School library. To register, contact Steve Swank, Safe Environment Coordinator, at 412-331-8573 x 11 or sigyouth@yahoo.com. If you cannot attend this particular workshop, let us know and we can provide you with a list of other upcoming dates/locations. THANK YOU for your tireless dedication to our parish and for helping to ensure that it is a safe environment for our children.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Bishop Canevin High School will hold its seventh annual Holiday Craft Show on Sunday, Nov.16, at Bishop Canevin High School from 10 AM to 4 PM.

The event will feature over 100 crafters in a festive, holiday environment. "Crafts with Katie" will also return where children can make their own ornament or gift while adults shop. A free shuttle bus service will be provided for additional parking next door at St. Paul Seminary. For more information or a table registration form call 412-922-7400, ext 24 or visit www.bishopcanevin.org.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Join other couples from throughout the Diocese at a Day of Reflection for married couples on Saturday, November 15, from 9 AM to 6 PM at the Holiday Inn, Green Tree. The \$60 per couple fee includes all materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and a romantic dinner. Make it an optional Friday and/or Saturday getaway at the Holiday Inn by booking from our block of reserved rooms. Sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Family Life and Catechesis, 412-456-3160, and the Department for Black Catholic, Ethnic & Cultural Committee, 412-456-3170

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

An old age problem for human beings is to think of the body as something evil that must be transcended. However, Catholics know better than that even if it remains a temptation. Sister M. Timothy Prokes, FSE will talk about this in the second installment of this year's lecture series.

In her talk entitled "St. Paul's Challenge: Glorify God in Your Bodies", Sister Timothy will base her talk on this passage from 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

Sister Timothy is well qualified to speak on this topic as she has published a number of articles and a book on this topic. The book is entitled Towards a Theology of the Body and Mutuality: The Human Image of Trinitarian Love.

Sister M. Timothy Prokes' presentation will be held at St. Paul's Seminary Auditorium, Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:30 PM. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons, and catechists. The lecture is free — all are welcome to attend. Bring a Friend.

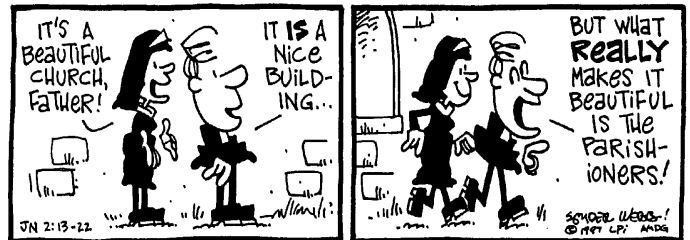
THE EX-PV STRIKES AGAIN

Fr. Al Semler

I had to say Thank You one more time. Thank you for a great 22 1/2 months. I've had a chance now to read all the beautiful cards from the children and adults, too. Thank you again for your goodness to me.

Here's an update on the telephone. The office number is 724-586-7610 and that has a tape which I won't get messages until the next day. The office answers usually from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday thru Friday. If you are calling me after that or if you get the tape call 724-586-9704. If I don't answer hang up and try again, waiting at least 10 minutes. And PLEASE no calls after 9:30 PM until 5:30 AM. The Lord knows I need my beauty rest.

DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN



HOST YOUR UPCOMING EVENT AT THE FATHER RYAN ARTS CENTER

Are you planning a party, performance, workshop or meeting? The state-of-the-art Father Ryan Arts Center offers plenty of amenities and unique spaces for any event including birthday parties, café rental, one-on-one instruction rooms, conferences, wedding and baby showers, performances and more. For more information, please call 412-771-3052 or visit www.FatherRyanArtsCenter.org.

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER*Fr. Lou Vallone*

Two Sundays ago we completed the "October count" program of the diocese. Each year we must make an exact count of everyone who comes to Mass, and come up with an average attendance. So far, we are in line with everyone else: on any given Sunday, only about 38% of our registered parishioners are at Mass (an average of 1123 people came each Sunday out of 2940 active parishioners.) That means that 2 out of 3 people who say they are practicing the faith are not practicing very well on any given Sunday. I am sure that each one has his or her reasons that are cogent to them. But I found this little piece on the internet:

There is an advertisement for a Church in Virginia that lists the top 6 reasons why people should come to their Church. The first was: "If the preacher's sermon is bad, he gets 'gonged' and we go home early." And the last was: "The chicks dig our sermons." No, this was not a skit from Mad Magazine or Saturday Night Live. It was a for real promo for a Christian Church that also promises in the ad "Relevant and funny messages" and "Live, nightclub-style band." And their motto is: "You never knew Church could be like this!" Frankly, I don't think I want to know.

Now that the contentious elections are over (and I am deliberately writing this on Tuesday noon before the results are in) perhaps we can all get back to some civil discourse with each other. I recommend the following to all members of all parties:

THE BEST OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Speak to people - nothing is as nice as a cheerful greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to people's ears is the sound of their own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like something about almost anyone if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others. It will be appreciated.

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9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to the controversy - your side, the other side, and the right side.

10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what your do for others.

Here is also a list of further thoughts: Don't be surprised by trouble. Look for partial solutions even if an entire solution can't be found. Know that you have considerable control over the outcome. Interrupt any negative trains of thought. Use your imagination to rehearse success. Be cheerful even when you can't be happy. Make sharing good news a habit. Know what you have control over and what you don't. Accept what cannot be changed.

**VETERANS DAY
November 11, 2008****Prayer**

Heavenly Father,
on this day, help us remember those
who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.
Enkindle in our consciences a desire
to serve those who served their country selflessly.
Give us the grace to aid those
who have given aid and protection to us and others
both here and overseas.
Let us never forget the causes for which they fought
or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.
May we be always be mindful of those
who paid the price for our freedom,
just as your Son gave his life
to free us from the bondage of sin.
Amen.

NOTICE

All Veterans flags will be removed from St. Mark's and St. Mary's Cemeteries beginning Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

SILENT RETREAT

Are you serious about deepening your relationship with Christ? A silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius may be what you are looking for. Gilmary Center, five minutes from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, is offering a silent retreat for men from January 16-18, 2009 and for women from June 12-14, 2009. Call Gilmary at 412-264-8400 for additional information.