



**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Nov. 15 to Sun, Nov. 23, 2008

- 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)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, Nov. 17:** Rose Toth (Eleanor Kovacs)
- Tuesday, Nov. 18:** Anniv - Edgar Morton (Family)
- Wednesday, Nov. 19 8:30 AM, Chapel:** Agnes Fedio
(St. John of God School Staff)
- Wednesday, Nov. 19:** Mary C. Beasock (Husband & Family)
- Thursday, Nov. 20:** Edward P. & Janet S. Wolf (George & Marge Wolf)
- Friday, Nov. 21:** Frank Zane (Family)

- Saturday Vigil, Nov. 22:** **4:30 PM Church**
Kay & Ed Zamanski (Mary F.)
- Sunday, Nov. 23:** **7:30 AM Church**
For Parish Family of St. John of God Parish
- Sunday, Nov. 23:** **9:30 AM Chapel**
Hilda Tarquinio (Family)
- Sunday, Nov. 23:** **11:30 AM Church**
Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Readings for the Week of November 16, 2008

- Sunday: Prv 31:10-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30
- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/Mt 25:31-46

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF ROSEMARIE BUTTER
BY FAMILY

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF MARY C. BEASOCK BY HUSBAND
AND CHILDREN

CONFIRMATION NEWS

RETREAT

Our Confirmation Retreat will be held this Monday, November 17, at Gilmary Center from 9:00 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 3:00 PM. If you need 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 next Sunday, November 23, during the 11:30 Mass in St. Mary's Church. Candidates and their Sponsors should be seated at the Church by 10:45 AM.

THANKSGIVING BREAD

This weekend, November 15/16, bread kits consisting of one package of five frozen loaves of bread, zip lock bags, a Thanksgiving Prayer, and instructions are 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 this weekend, November 15/16. Thanks in advance for your help.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

All teens in grades 9-12 are invited to visit the Pittsburgh Crèche and then go ice skating at PPG on Friday, December 12. To sign-up, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sgyouthmin@yahoo.com. Join us!

FOOD COLLECTION ON THANKSGIVING DAY

As we gather for the celebration of the Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day (9:30 AM in the Church at St. Mary's), we ask you to bring a gift on non-perishable food or paper products to be brought up as your offering at Mass. These items will be given to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

GNOCCHI DINNER

The St. John of God Women's Guild is sponsoring a Gnocchi Dinner on Sunday, November 30, serving Noon to 6 PM at the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under. A limited number of tickets are available. You can get yours after any of the Masses in the Church or Chapel or by calling Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There will be no Sunday School classes next Sunday, Nov. 23 due to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish or the following Sunday, Nov. 30 as we celebrate the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The St. John of God Women's Guild will meet this Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows. All women of St. John of God Parish are welcome.

BINGO AT OLSH

A Turkey Bingo Festival will be held on Saturday, November 22, at the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Angela Activities Center from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Early Birds at 6:00 PM • 6 Bingo Cards for \$5
Turkeys - Bingo - Games of Chance - Special Raffles - Silent Auction - Food Specials - Many "New" Surprises - For more information, please call OLSH at 412-264-5140.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

We still have the following fundraiser items available:

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

Call the School Office, 412-331-8501 for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Nov. 17 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Nov. 18 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Nov. 18 (Tues.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel.

Nov. 18 (Tues.) - St. John of God Women's Guild Mtg, 7:00 PM in the Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows.

Nov. 19 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!** - MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM, Early Birds 7 PM, Reg. Games begin at 7:15 PM.

Nov. 19 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Meeting, 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Place.

Nov. 21 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Nov. 21 (Fri.) - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM-1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

This Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

526 Broadway Avenue 15136

\$7.00 Adults \$3.50 Children under 12

Tickets at the Door

50/50 Raffle and other prizes

Dinner prepared by Chef Matt

Take-outs available

Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary



Your
Chance
to Say
Thanks

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR
RELIGIOUS**

"Share in the Care"

Next Sunday, Nov. 22/23, the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken at all Masses. Please share in the care of our elderly religious by giving generously in the second collection next weekend. Thank you.

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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Like the servants in today’s Gospel, God has given us special assets and expects us to totally invest ourselves in them. Laziness or being too busy is not tolerated. Family was freely given to us and is our most precious asset. Invest yourself!

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

Saturday	295
Sunday	802
Total Weekend Attendance	1,097
Total Weekend Offertory	\$ 5,688.99
Parish Share Assessment	\$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!).	\$97,139.30
Excess Parish Share	\$10,101.30

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

ANGEL TREE



Beginning next weekend, Nov. 22/23, we will once again have an Angel Tree in the Church at St. Mary’s and the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows as a sign that St. John of God Parish is a caring community.

Here is how the Angel Tree works:

1. Come to the tree and take an Angel ornament. Purchase and wrap the gift in Christmas paper. **No bows please.** Save the Angel, and after wrapping the gift, **attach the Angel to the gift.** This ensures proper delivery to the person.
2. When you have filled the request, come back to the tree with your tagged gift and place the wrapped gift under the tree.

Important: Be sure to bring your gift back to the same tree at the same place that you took it from with the same Angel attached.

REMINDER TO PICK UP CANDLE

The candles that were lit on All Souls Day in remembrance of those who have died this past year are to be picked up in the Sacristy after Mass this weekend, November 15/16. After this weekend the candles will be discarded.

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

The November 21 issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* newspaper will be mailed to every registered household in the Diocese. No bulk copies will be available in the Church or Chapel next week. Besides the regular news and features, the issue is set to include:

- The popular Family Advent Calendar, containing ideas for fun and meaningful activities.
- Articles exploring the significance of the Year of St. Paul and the opportunities for Eucharistic adoration that parishes are offering.
- Talking with a range of people about how they see that our Parish is alive.
- An explanation of how Advent is different from Christmas.
- A continuation of our 40th anniversary series on 1968.
- Listing of parish events during Advent and Christmas.

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.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Bishop Canevin High School will hold its seventh annual Holiday Craft Show this 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 visit www.bishopcanevin.org.

MAKE A GIFT THROUGH AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

If you are over the age of 70½, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, the amount of this distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal legislation enacted on October 3, 2008 extends the opportunity for you, for the remainder of 2008 and throughout 2009, to make a direct distribution from IRA to a qualified charity, such as St. John of God Parish. Such distributions, while not subject to income tax, will still count toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution. For more information about how you and your parish can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact the parish office or Paul Stabile, the Director of Planned Giving for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh at 412-456-3055.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS



The next program will be held on Sunday, December 14, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information or to register, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.



HOSPITAL

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

Manor Care/North Hills - Rosemarie Marasco, Rose Rosenwald
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

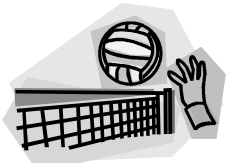
We wish to extend our sympathy to the Families of Dolores (Dolly) Presutti, Francis D. McMahon, and Robert Lang whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers. *"They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are"*

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS 5TH ANNUAL CRÈCHE DISPLAY

Stop, relax and reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas at the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God 5th Annual Crèche Display on Friday, December 5, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Sisters' Motherhouse, located at 3603 McRoberts Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234. Offered as a ministry of the Sisters, the Crèche Display is FREE to attend and will feature over 100 crèches and nativity scenes loaned to the Sisters by family and friends. Those interested in entering a crèche or nativity scene should call Sister Mary Ann Lostoski at 412-885-7403 or visit www.osfprov.org. For eligibility, crèches must be received with completed registration forms at the Motherhouse by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 21.

VOLLEYBALL FOR SINGLES

Volleyball for singles 21 and over will take place at the Pittsburgh Classical Academy, Sheraden, on Tuesdays, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Cost is \$3.00. Sponsored by the Catholic Alumni Club. For more information, visit www.cacpittsburgh.org or call Gary Urbatis at 412-331-3436.



PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Next Sunday, the feast of Christ the King, our diocesan bishop, David Zubik, at the 11:30 Mass at the Church of St. Mary of St. John of God Parish, will administer the sacrament of Confirmation, the final sacrament of initiation, to a total of 29 members of St. Catherine and St. John Parishes combined. These people will take their place as fully adult members of our Catholic Christian Faith. Many years ago, at a former pastorate of mine, a sponsor of just such a person offered these thoughts to the whole class. I repeat them here for the delectation of this year's confirmands.

“Some thoughts for you to reflect on:

- We have bigger houses but smaller families.
- We have more compromise but less time.
- We spend more money but enjoy less.
- We have more knowledge, but less judgment.
- We have more medicines, but less health.
- We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.
- We talk too much, we love only a little, and we hate too much.
- We reached the moon and came back but find it troublesome to cross the street and meet our neighbors.
- We have conquered outer space but not inner space.
- We have higher incomes but lower morals.
- These are the days with more liberty, but less joy.
- These are the times of finer houses, but more broken homes.
- That's why from today on: do not keep anything for a special occasion because every day that you live is a special occasion.

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Take out of your vocabulary phrases like “One of these Days” and “Someday”.
 Let's tell our families and friends how much we love them.
 You should not delay anything that adds laughter and joy to our lives.
 Every day, hour and minute are special.”

Please pray for the 2008 confirmation class of both parishes, for our bishop who joyously joins and leads us, and for all the soldiers of Christ the King. May the Holy Spirit guide us all always.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

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.