



MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Nov. 22 to Sun, Nov. 30, 2008

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

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Nov. 24: Ruth & Bill Resetarits (Debbie Dono Roseman)

Tuesday, Nov. 25: Julia Lyscik (Yola Gray)

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Julia Telech (Ed & Barbara Pisarchuck)

Thanksgiving Day, 9:30 AM, Church

Thursday, Nov. 27: Parish Family of
 St. John of God



Friday, Nov. 28: Mafalda DiVecchio (Mary Smigiel)

Saturday Vigil, Nov. 29: 4:30 PM Church
 Anniv - Rosemarie Butter (Family)

Sunday, Nov. 30: 7:30 AM Church
 Bruce E. Gray (St. John of God Ushers)

Sunday, Nov. 30: 9:30 AM Chapel
 Anniv - Joseph Ferraro, Sr. (Wife, Marge & Family)

Sunday, Nov. 30: 11:30 AM Church
 Anniv - Anna Marie Ciramella (Frank & Jennie)

Readings for the Week of November 23, 2008

Sunday: Ez 34:11-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-19b;64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please Note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the BULLETIN DEADLINE for Nov. 30 is MONDAY Noon



CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

Bishop David A. Zubik will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our students in the Confirmation Program in St. John of God Parish and St. Catherine of Siena Parish this Sunday, November 23, 2008 during the 11:30 A.M. Mass in St. John of God Parish, the Church at St. Mary's. We offer heartfelt congratulations to those confirmed. The parish family of St. John of God and St. Catherine of Siena prays that these young men and women will always be open to the presence, love, wisdom, guidance and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Congratulations To:

<i>Alexandra Barone</i>	<i>Kaylee Jochem</i>
<i>Brian Caldwell</i>	<i>Rachael Kish</i>
<i>Tyler Charie</i>	<i>Alyssa Lee</i>
<i>Celine Colbert</i>	<i>Kristina McConville</i>
<i>Kayla Cropper</i>	<i>Kelly McGowan</i>
<i>Brandon Duerr</i>	<i>Courtney Meyers</i>
<i>Krista Farwell</i>	<i>Mary O'Shea</i>
<i>Nathan Faulk</i>	<i>Melissa Puppo</i>
<i>Joseph Giles, III</i>	<i>Dominic Rizzuto</i>
<i>Jared Hall</i>	<i>Tori Roman</i>
<i>Samuel Hall</i>	<i>Natalya Smarra</i>
<i>Keatyn Harrison</i>	<i>Amanda Stotlemyer</i>
<i>James Haun, Jr.</i>	<i>Nikolas Vescio</i>
<i>Blaire Hunter</i>	<i>Jacqueline Weisser</i>

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LATE HONORABLE CATHERINE BAKER KNOLL

On Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. in St. John of God Parish, the Church at St. Mary's, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated in memory of our parishioner, the late Honorable Catherine Baker Knoll. Everyone is welcome.

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 of 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 to help them in their ministry to the elderly.

MEETING

The Ushers Club will have a meeting this Monday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Place. If you are interested in the ministry of Ushers, please come to the meeting

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Attention teens in grades 9-12:**

Join us on Friday, December 12, as we travel downtown to the Pittsburgh Crèche (the only authorized replica of the Vatican Crèche in the world). After that we'll stop for dinner (bring extra money) and then walk to PPG Place where we'll ice skate from 6:00 to 11:00 PM. Rink admission is \$7 per person plus \$3 for skate rental. To sign up, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 x11 or sgyouthmin@yahoo.com. Sign up today!

**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 sgyouth@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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There will be no Sunday School classes this Sunday, Nov. 23, due to the celebration of Confirmation in our parish or next Sunday, Nov. 30, as we celebrate the Thanksgiving Day weekend. Classes will resume on Sunday, Dec. 7.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The **Parish Office** will be closed this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28. Please hold all calls until Monday, Dec. 1 unless it is an emergency. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

PIZZA KITCHEN

Due to this Thursday, Nov. 27, being Thanksgiving, the **Pizza Kitchen** will be closed on Friday, Nov. 28. We will be back in operation the following Friday, Dec. 5 which will also be Falagone Friday.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all those who worked, bought tickets, and made donations to the Spaghetti Dinner. A very special thanks to the Women's Guild for donating the sauce and meatballs. The dinner was a great success. We raised \$2,300. Thanks again!

FUNDRAISERS

We still have Entertainment Books (\$20), Enjoy Books (\$27), and the Monthly Lottery Calendar (\$5) available in the school office. Call 412-331-8501.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Students will begin their Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday, Nov. 26 with dismissal at 11:30 AM. There will not be a School Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 26. Students will be attending the Mass on Thanksgiving Day, 9:30 AM in the Church at St. Mary's. School resumes on Tuesday, December 2.



Your
Chance
to Say
Thanks

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
"Share in the Care"

This 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 this weekend. Thank you.

EFFICIENCY APARTMENTS FOR THE ELDERLY

(Applicants 62 years or older)
Leo Meyer Manor, 1015 Church Avenue 15136
ALSO AVAILABLE / OPTIONAL
3 Meals Per Day, Laundry and Housekeeping
Rental assistance available under HUD guidelines
Equal Housing Opportunity
Information: Sr. Barbara Marie, 412-331-8000

GNOCCHI DINNER

The St. John of God Women's Guild is sponsoring a Gnocchi Dinner on Sunday, November 30, serving, Noon to 6 PM in 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. Call Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392 or stop in the parish office during business hours.

BAKED GOODS FOR THE DINNER

If you are able to donate any baked goods for the Gnocchi Dinner (homemade or store bought) please call Anna Marie Stropkaj or bring them the morning of the dinner on November 30 to the Social Hall. Thanks in advance!



CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate Frank and Lena Leone who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on November 25, 2008. Frank and Lena were married on November 25, 1948 in Mother of Sorrows Church by Rev. Carmine Cillo. May the Lord continue to bless your years together.

ATTENDANCE AT ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 15 / 16

Saturday 345
Sunday 745
Total Weekend Attendance 1,090

Total Weekend Offertory \$ 6,719.00
Parish Share Assessment \$87,038.00
Parish Share Collected to Date (Thank You!) \$98,167.30
Excess Parish Share \$11,129.30

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 rate — it is a year round campaign for us. God bless you for your cooperation.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH FERRARO
BY WIFE, MARGE AND FAMILY

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF TERRY SPOHN BY DONNA



HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Manor Care (Greentree)** - Mary DeFillip **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 Mariann Duerr, Paul Reilly, and John Vith (brother of Fran Vith) 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"*

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

The November 21 issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* newspaper has been mailed to every registered household in the Diocese. No bulk copies are available in the Church or Chapel this 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.

ANGEL TREE



Beginning this 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.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

So you did not get invited out for Thanksgiving dinner. Come and join friends and neighbors for a delicious turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, with all the trimmings at the American Legion, Post 618, 526 Broadway Avenue from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. The dinner is free.



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.

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The McKees Rocks Historical Society will hold a Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Chartiers Country Club and a Christmas Concert by the ICTUS Community Choir (Ingram Crafton Thornburg United In Song) including a Chinese Raffle and Money Tree. All are welcome to attend. Please call Vicki at 412-771-4266 for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Nov. 24 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Nov. 24 (Mon.) - Ushers Club Meeting, 7 PM in the Gathering Place

Nov. 25 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Nov. 25 (Tues.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel.

Nov. 26 (Wed.) - **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO**

Nov. 26 (Wed.) - No Cub Scout Meeting

Nov. 28 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Nov. 28 (Fri.) - **PIZZA KITCHEN CLOSED!** See you next Friday when it will be **FALAGONE FRIDAY!**

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



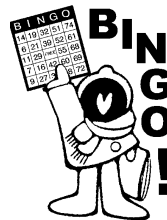
St. Regis Parish and the Latino Catholic Community of the Diocese will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with festivities on Friday, Dec. 12 in St. Paul Cathedral with Bishop David Zubik as principle celebrant.

Ceremonies will begin at 6:30 PM with the arrival of the Image of Our Lady from St. Regis Church to the Cathedral entrance where the Bishop and congregation will greet her with the singing of *Las Mananitas*. A procession into the Cathedral will follow with a color guard of flags of many nations. Mass will begin at 7:00 PM and a reception will follow. All are invited to attend. For information call 412-687-6292.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS / BISHOP'S PROJECT

It is once again time for the annual Bishop's Project sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Crafton Council 875. Next Sunday, Nov. 30, envelopes will be given to parishioners filled with stickers that you can use on your Christmas cards and letters. We ask that you replace the stickers with a donation that you can afford to give. You can return your donation in the collection basket at Mass. Those who may prefer to mail theirs in may do so. Just put SJG on the envelope so we may get credit for the mailing. All proceeds help the McGuire Home and St. Anthony Programs that serve the needs of children with special needs.

Win FREE Bingo Admission for ONE YEAR!



That's right, our **FIFTH ANNUAL BINGO BONANZA!**

This year we are, once again, giving away a Bingo Pass for the entire year of 2009. Join us for Bingo on the following Wednesdays – **DECEMBER 3, DECEMBER 10 and DECEMBER 17** to be eligible for this spectacular give-away. On Wednesday, December 3 each Bingo player will receive their registration card. Our doors open at 5:00 PM each week with Early Birds playing at 7:00! Our One-Year Free Admission Prize will be awarded on Wednesday, December 17. To be eligible for this fabulous prize, you must have played Bingo with us each of the Wednesdays listed, registered with us and be present on December 17 to win! Come join us for lots of fun and win some extra Christmas cash. We give away a \$1,000.00 jackpot each week. Bingo will be closed on the following Wednesdays: November 26, December 24, and December 31. See you at the Bingo!

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Several years ago in the Sacrament of Penance (i.e., while I was hearing someone's confession), the gentleman expressed concern over the sin of "bad language". Now, the third commandment does enjoin us against using the name of the Lord in vain, but he was referring more to vulgar words, scatological language, monosyllabic Anglo-Saxisms: in short, four letter words. I explained that this was less a moral issue than one of respect. Since usually our language becomes a pattern, a habit, and since in this particular case it often arises from impatience or anger, I advised him to try the tactic of substituting some innocuous, inoffensive words for the ones he had been using. It is less difficult to substitute a harmless habit for a detrimental one than it is to banish habit altogether, so I offered absolution with this helpful hint.

Some months later he returned to the confessional and gave me a report on his progress. He had decided to substitute the phrase "thank you!" for another less edifying explicative. When a driver on the road would exasperate him with a bonehead stunt, he would holler "thank you!" When someone at work would get on his last nerve with unwarranted criticism, he would reply "thank you!" When a neighbor or stranger would offer some verbal insult, he would retort "thank you!" When an unwieldy piece of equipment would frustrate his efforts to accomplish some work, he would ejaculate the phrase in the hearing of others "thank you!" In each of these instances, the emotional tone and tenor would be the same as before, but the words changed radically. And so did his outlook on life!

He explained that the new verbal habit made him more comfortable with himself, but even more

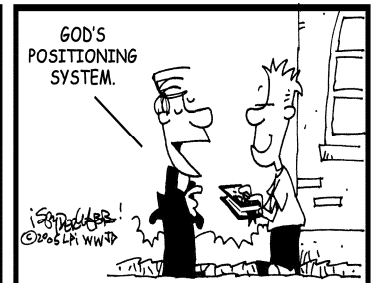
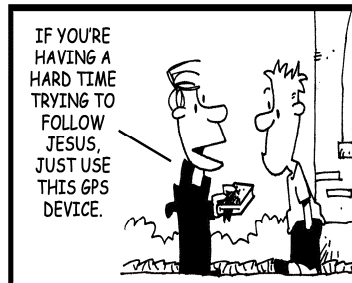
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gratifying was the effect it had on other people and his relation with them. Angry conditions were diffused by the shock of the unaccustomed phrase. Fights that could have broken out were often short-circuited by bursts of laughter. Tense circumstances become relaxed, and even his frustration level had dropped by the "silliness" of the situation put in the perspective of his response.

When I was a child, I was taught that "thank you" was among the magic words in life. With Thanksgiving coming up this week, we all know that individually and collectively we have much to be thankful for, and we will express that at the Church of St. Mary at St. John of God Parish with a 9:30 AM Family Mass, and at St. Catherine of Siena Parish with a 10:30 AM Mass. At both celebrations, we will bless and distribute bread baked by our own parishioners, have a collection of foodstuffs and money for the less fortunate, and most of all we will celebrate with the Eucharist, the paradigm of all Thanksgiving. This is all self-apparent. But in line with the experience of my penitent, I want to take this opportunity to say to all my friends and enemies, to all who have been good and bad to me, to all who have aided and attacked me, to all who have pleased and frustrated me, to all who complimented and offended me:

"THANK YOU, one and all!"

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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.