

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2– Saint Basil & Saint Gregory

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5:00 P.M. - Sophie Gerlock
(Stanley & Dora Gierlack, Jr.)

Sunday, January 3– The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 A.M. - Frank Tapolci
(Thomas & Colleen Lally)

9:00 A.M. - Elizabeth Gillen
(Joyce Chasky)

10:30 A.M. - Michelina Baiano (Husband)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - John Plevel & Edward Pazo
(Joseph & Helen Ferencic & Family)

Monday, January 4– Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 A.M. - Doris O’Hare (Ginny Inhat)

Tuesday, January 5– Saint John Neuman

8:00 A.M. - Jack Pavlick
(Ken & Judy Martin)

Wednesday, January 6– Blessed Andre Bessette

8:00 A.M. - Raymond Barwatt (Family)
10:00 A.M. - School Family

Thursday, January 7– Saint Raymond of Penafort

8:00 A.M. - Maureen Roberts (Tess Eggert)

Friday, January 8– Christmas Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Samuel Allen Felix
(Candelore Family)

Saturday, January 9– Christmas Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Elizabeth Gannon
(Fingers & Macy Families)

Sunday, January 10–The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 A.M. - Maureen Roberts
(Joe & Sharon Malits)

9:00 A.M. - Leo Bebout (Family)

10:30 A.M. - Albert Boss
(Mal & Marie Zakis)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Doris O’Hare
(Ginny Inhat)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Judy Zabkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Tim Zalewski, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Camryn Surman, Rosemarie Jabo, Aileen Spamer, Donna Helbley, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney, Mel Binge, John Wozniak, Jeannie Obidzinski, Thomas Kiley, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villillo, Pat Cummings, Ann Morrison & Tom Morrison . Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your

Financial Statement

Last Week’s Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$7,982.00
Christmas Collection.....\$16,916.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor’s Desk

A VERY Blessed and Happy New Year from me and Father Ray, and our entire Staff, we are grateful to the Lord for bringing us to this New Year!...as we should be always...today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Christ’s manifestation to all peoples.... Christ the Truth from the Father, Light from Light, True God from True God....whom we worship and adore....today at noon we will join Bishop Bernard Hebda, native of our Diocese and recently named Bishop of Gaylord Michigan, for a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Paul Cathedral....Thank you Kevin Baldauf and the youth group volunteers for helping to set up the Nativity Scene....and thank you to all the parishioners and visitors who contributed so well throughout the season, purchased certificates, supported the school fund-raisers, and of course, continue to pray for the Lord’s grace upon us!.... I am pleased to announce that Mr. Christopher Roach, of Pittsburgh, has accepted the position of Parish Youth Minister and will begin part-time this month working with Mrs. Sherratt until he begins as full time minister.

Father Pribonic

Second Collection next Sunday is for Repairs and Replacements.

Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism: Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. Please call to register.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for one week for the Blessed Mother in Memory of Francis Pelan, Requested by Sister in laws; Fran & Rose.

Altar Bread & Wine for one week in Memory of Francis Pelan, Requested by Sister in laws; Fran & Rose

Financial Statements for 2009: If you wish to have a statement, please indicate by writing the word “statement” on you Sunday envelope.

Reminder: All volunteers , the deadline of December 31, is quickly approaching. Any applications that are not complete will be removed from the data base, and you will no longer be able to volunteer. You will be notified by mail that your name has been removed and you will have to start the process all over again. Any questions, please contact the Rectory during business hours.

Scripture Reflection

A favorite game of children of all ages is hide and seek. There is a certain thrill on thinking that one can become momentarily invisible to the seeker. Then come the peals of delight and surprise when the hiding place is discovered and once again one's whereabouts are clearly known. Today's feast centers on the hiddenness of God's plan having been revealed to all, without discrimination. For Jew and Gentile alike, God's love bursts forth like a light that pierces the darkness, like a child's squeal of delight when found. There is no hiding from this wondrous gift as it reaches to the end of the earth.

There is a tradition in Latin America and in Hispanic communities in the United States that on El Dia de los Reyes, the "Day of the Kings," a small plastic baby Jesus is hidden in a cake baked specially for the feast day. The figurine is nestled within the dough, signifying the efforts to hide the child Jesus from the evil intentions of King Herod. As the cake is cut, the slicing knife represents the danger posed to the infant Jesus by the cruel King.

In the Gospel, the danger is most palpable as the exotic visitors from the East wisely discern the true king who has been revealed, in contrast to Rome's puppet king, who wants to engage in a sinister version of hide and seek. Herod tries to get the Magi to "search diligently for the child" and then bring Herod word when they find him. But the plan foiled when a divine warning in a dream directs the Magi to return to their country by another way.

These visitors from an unknown land also lead us to reflect in the gifts that come to us in hidden ways from those we regard as strangers. Their odd dress, their different colored skin and unintelligible tongue immediately put us on guard.

Those who are often different are often a source of fear for us, but in today's Gospel they are friends, co-heirs to the promise and the first to recognize the hidden plans of God. In the Gospel narrative, these extraordinary visitors appear briefly. Would we welcome such strangers, who reveal the hidden Holy One in our midst, if they were to stay?

Flowers in Memory or Honor of:

- Pat & Chester Sroczynski**
(Patty, Ken, Katie & Maggy Welsh)
- Donald & Kathryn Ferito**
(Paul & Mary Kay Hindes)
- Adam & Gerry Englert**
(Daughter, Audrey)



Father Ray's Quote: A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

Dear Joan,



This letter is from a former parishioner. My family and I attended St Joan from 1995 to 2009. In November of this year, we relocated to another state. I wanted to write to the parishioners as well as Father Pribonic and Father Gualtieri in reference to the family of St. Joan's.

St. Joan is the only thing I really miss since we have moved. I so loved Sunday Masses. Like most parishioners, our family always went to the same mass each week and saw (usually) the same folks (you know how we all love to sit in the same seat each week!) at Mass on Sunday. We watched the kids of some of these families grow from small children to young adults. And my own children grew into young college grads along with all the other children.

A lot of the folks we only knew by sight from each Sundays visit. Through those faces, smiles and handshakes, I felt very blessed to belong. Our new church is bigger, and although it seems to have a tight and functional community, it does not yet have the same cozy feel as St. Joan's does.

Getting back to the folks at St. Joan, I always felt I was among people who are genuinely good a heart...good honest people who, it felt to me, were better than me at being a good Christian. Sure I remember the "squabbling sessions" in the bulletin at times, but I read those entries with a grain of salt. I just could not think ill of the faithful who came each week. I did not want to think ill of them. I was so grateful to be a part of it all each Sunday. And I miss it!

So please stop and think before you pen a letter that is "grumpy". Stop and think that you are really a special group of people who have created a wonderful parish. Someone noticed. And now I do not have the luxury of each Sunday with you all. I wanted to let you all know how I loved my Sunday mornings at St. Joan's.

Sincerely,
"used-to-be" Parishioner

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 9, 2010

5:00 P.M. - M. Donahue

Sunday, January 10, 2010

7:30 A.M. - B. Swiess

9:00 A.M. - T. Brdar, K. & K. Swindell

10:30 A.M. - A. Krajina, D. Morgret

12:00 Noon - K. Messner, A. Davis, T. Ashton

Life Enrichment Club-Meeting, Wednesday January 6th from 11AM to 1:15PM. A video presentation entitled "Where is God When it Hurts" will be shown followed by a reflection by Sr. Kathy— A few surprises will follow, but you have to come to this meeting to find out what they are...Also, food to bring are Tea Sandwiches or Tea Cookies (and Recipe)...See you There!!!

Monday Morning Bible Study will meet Monday, January 4th after 8 o'clock mass in the Gathering Place...Mrs. Carol Lacher will do a four week study with us on the "Women of the Bible"...All are welcome!



Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you are in need of a Prayer Shawl, please call Carol Lacher at 412-833-2400 ext 40.

Tom Watt Island Party~Beat the winter blues. ONE NIGHT ONLY! Saturday, February 13, 2010. Doors open 6PM. We have a new dinner menu this year, free beer and soft drinks. BYOB and set ups. Tickets \$35 per person or \$65 per couple. For reservations and information call (412)854-1089. A great Valentines GIFT!!!

Stress in Your Marriage? – **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 8, 2010, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com

The Silver Ring Thing is a high tech, highly energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage and the dangers of promiscuous behavior. On January 15 at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30-9:00PM The Silver Ring thing will be performing. All teenagers, parents and youth workers are invited to attend. For more information please contact your DRE, Principal, or Youth Minister.

How to initiate a tax free gift from your IRA: Please contact Paul F. Stabile, Director of Planned Giving for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh at 412-456-3055. The above is general information. Please contact your financial advisor or attorney of others advisors for professional advise.

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God needs volunteers to work in the Craft Shoppe at their Motherhouse in Whitehall. Cashiers are needed, as well as assistance with inventory. There are also other opportunities to assist with various craft projects, as well as maintenance of the craft room. Proceeds support the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God. Those interested in volunteering should call Sister Theodora (412) 882-9911.

CCD

CCD Classes Resume January 4th, have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

School News

GIANT EAGLE GIFT CERTIFICATES are available and may now be purchased in the school office. Please stop at the school office from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm to purchase. To order other certificates, your order will be ready for pick up the following day. You may use Giant Eagle gift cards to purchase other gift cards at Giant Eagle to add to your fuel perks. This is a WIN, WIN for everyone! Help support our parish school.

****Save the date** – January 31 – School Pasta Dinner in the Gathering Place This will start Catholic Schools Week which is Jan. 31- Feb. 5, 2010!

Calendar of Events

Mon. Jan. 4 - Classes resume for 2010!

Tues. Jan 5 - 7:00 p.m. Advisory Board Meeting

Sun. Jan 31- Feb. 5 – Catholic Schools Week

*****YOUTH GROUP*****

YOUTH GROUP MASS/MEETING – Sunday, January 10. 8th grade will meet in the Schuster Room from 9:30 AM – 10:25 AM. All 8th grade and high school students are invited to sit with the youth group at the front, left side of church at the 10:30 mass. High school meeting follows from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM in the Schuster Room.



ALL NIGHT BOWLING – Meet at Brunswick Playmor Bowl (Buttermilk Hollow Road) at midnight on Friday, January 15. We'll bowl until 3:00 AM and travel back to SJA via school bus where we'll be treated to a hot breakfast. Parent pick-up at SJA 4:15 AM. Cost is \$15 which includes bowling, shoes, transportation back to SJA, and breakfast. Permission forms are due by January 10.



SKI TRIP – Sunday, February 1. Attend SJA's 9 AM mass and then board a Lenzner Motor Coach as we depart for Seven Springs at 10 AM. Return to SJA 9 PM. Cost will vary depending on your need for lift ticket, skis, etc. Check the youth group newsletter for pricing. Permission forms are due by January 17.

Welcome: Mr. Christopher Roach, New Youth Minister.