

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9- Christmas Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Elizabeth Gannon
(The 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 Ihnat)

Monday, January 11- Week Day

8:00 A.M. - Salvatore & Lucia Centofanti
(M/M C. Leombruno & Teresa Reid)

Tuesday, January 12- Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Fred Henefeld (Panucci Family)

Wednesday, January 13- Saint Hilary

8:00 A.M. - William Bozak (Angie Lytle)

Thursday, January 14- Weekday

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

Friday, January 15- Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Charlotte O'Neill
(Ken Gibson Family)

Saturday, January 16- Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Tom Mahr (Jan Oglesby)

Sunday, January 17- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Helen Vehec (Kris Kessler & Family)
9:00 A.M. - Carl Swindell (Mike Donahue)
10:30 A.M. - Eugene Molinaro
(Tony & Carol Balistreri)
- People of the Parish
12:00 Noon - Edward Doyle
(Flo & Elisa Doyle)

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, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney, Mel Binge, John Wozniak, Jeannie Obidzinski, Thomas Kiley, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villillo, Pat Cummings, Fran Teaman, Oscar Spaziani, Ann Morrison & Tom Morrison. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Blessed Virgin in Memory of Elizabeth Gillen, Requested by Joyce Chasky.

Altar Bread & Wine for one week in Memory of Elizabeth Gillen. Requested by Joyce Chasky.

Financial Statement

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$10,569.00

New Years Collection.....\$3011.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

Again many thanks to all who made our church and liturgies so beautiful, the ministers, the musicians, the choir, the cleaning people, set-up staff, watering committee... the Masses were truly up-lifting and enjoyable, I hope for all!...thank you to Bill and Brandon Schneider for tightening the pews in church...please pick up a poinsettia or two this Sunday...plan on attending our school pasta dinner on January 31....

Father Phillip Pribonic

Second Collection today 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.

Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00PM

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

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

Congratulations: To Erin Brannen and Ian Valenta, who promised marriage vows before the Lord and His people on Friday, January 8, 2010.

Thank You! A special heart felt thank you for all the kindness, gifts, cards, and best wishes extended to me this holiday season. Your generosity is over whelming. God Bless You,

Sister Kathy

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance at South Hills Bible Chapel 300 Gallery Drive McMurray. Free tax service starting February 1 through April 15 Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 2PM. No Saturdays. No appointments necessary. Please bring W2 forms, real estate tax receipts, sales receipts for large purchases interest and dividend statements. And also bring Federal and State returns from 2008.

Reminder: All volunteers, the deadline of December 31, has passed. Any applications that are not complete are being 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

The Sunday following Epiphany always finds us listening again to the story of our Lord’s River, we believe somewhere just south of the Sea of Galilee. There, in that often muddy, meandering trickle of a river, John dipped our Lord’s body into waters rich in the history of Israel. And when that happened, the Gospel lesson tells us a voice came from heaven saying “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

To set the stage for that event, Luke gives us a tiny detail that piques my imagination this morning. Hear again the first sentence from today’s lesson: “As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire.”

In a word, John disarms their expectations by pointing to the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus, not John will be the One who brings God’s Kingdom. Jesus, not John, will baptize them with the very presence of God– Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus, not John, is alone worthy of being the promised Messiah of God. Do you see it? The people were focused on John. They expected John to be God’s anointed Messiah. But alas, John was the herald, the voice that prepared the way for Jesus and his holy week.

Expectations are slippery realities, aren’t they? Someone more cynical than I might say, “Keep your expectations low. That way, you’ll never be disappointed.” I think not. I think such an attitude steals something very precious in our souls. It steals the God-given gift of standing on tip toes, of daring to see beyond the far horizon, of believing that the best is always within us and maybe even just beyond us. It is this expectations reality I want us to consider on this Sunday when, long ago, so many had their expectations refocused and re-imagined.

Disarming expectations is an invitation God delivers to us on this Sunday when we remember again the Baptism of the Lord. If the people of that day had it all wrong about John and what to expect from him, how are we missing the gift God would bring us? Perhaps we would revisit the expectations we have places on each other and remember that in so many areas of our lives, only God can meet our deepest needs. Yes, our Lord Jesus Christ comes as the only One worthy of our life’s full devotion.

Dear ones, by disarming our shallow and misplaced expectations, God summons to us this Lord’s Day to take focus off of what others can do for us, in their place, see what God comes in Christ to do within us. And his work, a work of Holy Spirit and fire, is nothing less than God’s good news to us who place on others and ourselves expectations only God can meet. Unrealistic expectations? Disarm them today with God’s help, and in doing , finding again One who is the Messiah, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday Morning Bible Study will meet Mondays, 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!

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS-TRIP THROUGH OUR LADY OF GRACE All are invited to join the Our Lady of Grace bus-trip to the 37th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 22, 2010. Participants will board the bus at O.L.G. following a special 6 a.m. Mass. The bus will return to O.L.G. around 11:00 p.m. The cost for the trip is \$10 / person. Parents must fill out a permission slip and consent to treat form for any child 18 or younger. In addition, children in grade eight or below must be accompanied by a chaperone. Registration materials are available online at www.olgscott.org/html/march_for_life.html . For more information, contact Marie Milburn, Director of Family Life & Adult Catechesis, 412-279-7070.

Dear Joan,



I read in the bulletin last week that we have a new youth minister, can you tell me anything about him?

Signed: Teen Mom

Dear Teen Mom,

Yes, Mr. Christopher Roach, a resident of Pittsburgh, graduated from Duquesne University in 2006. He is the father of two and has worked as a development counselor, worked with Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh (Home repair for the elderly) and as a family living provider (helping individuals to be comfortable independent living situations.) Mr. Roach begins this month on a part-time basis and becoming acquainted with our program with guidance from Mrs. Sherratt who also will be part of our Youth Ministry for several more months. Please welcome Mr. Roach who will be present for the Mass and meeting this Sunday and the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Signed: Joan d’Arc

Altar Server Schedule	
Saturday, January 16, 2010	
5:00 P.M.	- M. Welsh, J. Nadorlik
Sunday, January 17, 2010	
7:30 A.M.	- B. Swiess, J.& N. Solomon
9:00 A.M.	- A. Krajina, J. Riske, C. Dembiczak
10:30 A.M.	- A. Stein, G. Kyle, E. Aronhalt
12:00 Noon	- J.&C. Counihan, A. Davis

St Joan of Arc School

St. Joan of Arc School was once again accredited by The Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. The Visiting Team stated "The welcome from all in the school community was genuine and gave the Visiting Team a real sense of the family community that is the hallmark of St. Joan of Arc." During their 4-day visit, the commission commended the school on its mission statement and on how "its beliefs are a lived reality within the school community"

St. Joan of Arc School Beliefs are:

- We believe that each child is a gift from God
- We believe that parents are the child's first and primary teacher
- We believe that it is our responsibility to work with the parents of our students to help them reach their fullest potential.
- We believe that teaching is a vocation and we are called to teach as Jesus did.
- We believe that each child is different and our teaching strategies reflect this diversity.
- We believe that extra-curricular activities and athletics develop well-rounded children.
- We believe that our position as teacher makes us role models for our students and parish community.

The commission also recognized that the "support from the pastor and parishioners was overwhelming". Come and visit us during Catholic School's Week 31 Jan – 5 Feb 2010. Private tours can be arranged. There is always something going on at St. Joan of Arc School! Check us out at 412-833-2433 or at mysjaschool.org.

A special thank you to all of our school families and well-wishers. Thank you for giving of yourselves in the true spirit of the season. Your generosity was very appreciated by all of the teachers and staff of St. Joan of Arc School. A special thank you to Kim Zandier for coordinating this gesture. May God's blessing be on each and everyone of you and your family.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Louanne Davis

Save the date!

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010 - School Pasta Dinner from 1:00-6:00 in the Gathering Place. Cooking by our own Mona Musser and coordinated by our school families. Menu will be in next bulletin!!!



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!!! All proceeds to Appalachia Work Camp.

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

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 today.

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.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

January 17 8:00 AM - Noon

The Gathering Place

Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon & More

\$5.00 Adult \$3.00 Child

No tax, no tip, no waiting!

Sponsored by SJA Youth Group

HOAGIES – Home made Italian and turkey hoagies will be on sale after all masses next weekend in the lower parking lot. Only \$5.00 ... What a deal!

*****VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED*****

Adult volunteers are need for a one-day project on Thursday, January 14. The youth group has pre-sold over a thousand hoagies and has promised delivery on the 14th. If you can give a few hours to assemble hoagies, bag lettuce & tomatoes, do dishes, clean up, etc., it is **most appreciated**. We have jobs for those who can sit, stand, walk, or do dishes. Complimentary lunch will be served at noon (and we promise not to serve hoagies!). Any time you can give is MOST appreciated... even an hour or two. Sorry, small children are not permitted in the kitchen.

Father Rays Quote: The church is prayer conditioned!