

Mass Intentions**Saturday, March 13- Lenten Weekday**

- 11:00 A.M. - Memorial Service: Oscar Spaziani
 5:00 P.M. - Rose Marie Powers
 (Husband Frank Powers & Family)

Sunday, March 14- Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 7:30 A.M. - Maureen Roberts (Josephine Scherer)
 9:00 A.M. - Thomas A. Wernert (Bob McKinley)
 10:30 A.M. - Robert J. Michalek (Wife Marie)
 - People of the Parish
 12:00 Noon - Michael Quinn (Mother)

Monday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 A.M. - Matilda Kubiak (Children)

Tuesday, March 16- Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 A.M. - Anita Falace (Mary & Salvatore Vitale)

Wednesday, March 17- Saint Patrick

- 8:00 A.M. - Chuck Lewis (Hegedus Family)

Thursday, March 18- Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

- 8:00 A.M. - Jane Donahue
 (Mike Donahue & Family)

Friday, March 19- St. Joseph Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 A.M. - Joseph & Louise Hegedus
 (Hegedus Family)
 9:00 A.M. - Rev. Leo Vanyo

Saturday, March 20- Lenten Weekday

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

Sunday, March 21- Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 A.M. - Nancy Behary (Jan Oglesby)
 9:00 A.M. - Daniel Chasky (Chasky Family)
 10:30 A.M. - Sandra Schwenning (Husband Bill,
 Daughters & Grandchildren)
 - People of the Parish
 12:00 Noon - Helen Vehec (Kris Kessler & Family)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Bob Bittner, Tim Zalewski, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Camryn Surman, Rosemarie Jabo, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney, John Wozniak, Jeannie Obidzinski, Thomas Kiley, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Vilella, Fran Teaman, Anthony Lucking, William Prendergast, Frank Mathews, Louise Hillman, Mary Moran, Ray Schreiber, Marisa Petraglia, Ann Morrison & Tom Morrison, Flo Doyle, Mary Lou Davis, Joan Inks and Gabriel Cipollone. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

Rest in Peace: Jerry Ault, husband of Pat..

Financial Statement

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$11,004.00

Parish Share 2011 Collected\$60,820.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

I think that all parishioners enjoyed the presence of Bishop Zubik and Diocesan Seminarians on Friday, and they were able to see our famous Fish Fry in action, under the direction of Mona Musser and nearly 100 volunteers who generously see to the prep work, execution, and clean-up of a dinner of which we can all be proud....a good number of people also prayed the Stations of the Cross with the Bishop, and I remind all of the three more Fridays in Lent....we fondly remember Bishop John B. McDowell, who served the local church of Pittsburgh so well for nearly sixty years...He is remembered mostly for his dedication to Catholic education, and on each occasion of visiting St. Joan of Arc Parish always questioned the well-being of the school and calling its maintenance "A work of love"....may he rest in God's eternal peace!....next Sunday we welcome Father William Fischer OSFS, of Erie, who will speak regarding the Christian Foundation for Aging and Children.... A few years ago, Father Gerald Lutz addressed our congregation on this theme, asking parishioners to "sponsor" a child in a third world country....there is no collection, and you may visit www.Hopeforafamily.org....if anyone is willing to help host the Footprints for Peace Walkers on Monday, March 29, please contact me, Sister Kathy, or Chris Roach....these people march to call awareness to the alternative lifestyle of the Gospel: simplicity and non-violence.... A good number of people have sent in their Parish Share pledges, and I thank you dearly, and that applies also ahead of time for those who will be sending them in this month....everyone working for the good of the whole parish!....Pregnancy Resource Center thanks us for the gift of \$2,619 from January Collection!

Father Pribonic

Second Collection today is for Repairs and Replacements.

Second Collection: March 21 is for Catholic Home Missions and Campaign for Human Development.

Second Collection: March 28 is for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism: Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory, call to register.

Easter Flower envelopes maybe sent in now with names of loved ones to be commemorated at all Easter Masses on April 4. Deadline for envelopes is Sunday, March 21. Donation is \$10.00.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Blessed Virgin Mary for one week in Memory of Matilda Kubiak, Requested by her Children.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for John the Baptist for one week in Memory of John Kubiak, Requested by his Children.

Scripture Reflection

There is a sense of exhilaration that comes with being forgiven, and Paul was hopeful that this joy would be contagious.

Nowhere is this joy more poignantly expressed than in today's Gospel. The son and brother we have come to call the "prodigal" is never named. Perhaps his anonymity makes it easier for readers to see something of themselves in him. His life, by his own choice, had spiraled down until it seemed that he could fall no further. He could have remained there, at the lowest point, wallowing in self-pity and self-loathing. He may have thought that he deserved his desperate situation, and no one would have disagreed with him. But there in that pigsty he decided to let go of his sinful past and try for a new beginning. At this turning point in the Lucan parable, the evangelist tells readers, "He came to his senses." Rather than dwelling on himself and the mess he had made of his life, the son began to think of the goodness and love of his father. This thought enabled him to let go of what he had become and entrust himself to his father's mercy.

Here lies the lesson for Lenten believers. Essential to the process of reconciliation and forgiveness is being able to welcome God's mercy with empty, open arms.

To bring this very special moment of homecoming to life, the 17th-century Dutch artist Rembrandt painted a larger-than-life portrait, which now hangs in The Hermitage museum in St. Petersburg, Russia. When he saw the painting on a trip to the former Soviet Union in 1986, Henri Nouwen shared his experience in *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. "The more I gazed at the painting," wrote Nouwen, "it became, somehow, the heart of the story of God and God's people. All of the Gospel is there. All of my life is there. All of the lives of every beloved sinner are there. The painting has become a mysterious window through which I can step into the kingdom of God. It is like an open gate that allows me to enter into the presence of the God who loves me."

This same God beckons to each of us today to let go of the past and without looking back, to run into the loving and open arms of our Maker.

Monday Morning Bible Class continues this week following the 8AM Mass. Information call Sister Kathy.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Meeting Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 P.M. in the Gathering Place. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome. If you have any questions or requests for a prayer shawl, please call Carol Lacher at 833-2400 ext 40. The Ministry is looking forward to seeing all of its friends after the long winter break.

Dear Joan:

I was reading something in the bulletin last week about some people coming here to protest nuclear weapons. Do we have anything to worry about ?

Signed: Chatty Cathy

Dear Chatty Cathy,

No there shouldn't be anything to worry about. The "protesters" are part of the Footprints for Peace group which seeks to raise awareness about the danger of nuclear weapons. This is in keeping with the position of the Vatican and its delegation to the United Nations. The Vatican and Popes have always urged the world leaders to rid ourselves of nuclear weapons.

This group is made up of various people who are marching from Oak Ridge TN to the United Nations. Our parish will offer them dinner on Monday of Holy Week and they are willing to discuss with our people about their mission. It is a fitting way to enter into Holy a Week, in imitation of our Lord who certainly proclaimed a life of simplicity and non-violence. Parishioners are welcome to meet the marchers on Monday evening about 7:00PM, and if anyone is willing to help host them, he/she may contact Father, Sister Kathy or Mr. Chris.

Signed: Joan d' Arc

Tickets are available now for St. Joan of Arc School's Spring Fashion Show which will be held on Sunday, April 11th in the Gathering Place at St. Joan of Arc Church. The Spring Fashion Show is a great opportunity to enjoy lunch with friends and view the latest spring styles by T. J. Maxx and Philip Pelusi. Plus, you can win great gift baskets, the 50/50, a designer purse, the table centerpiece, and gift certificates to hotels, restaurants, and more! Order your tickets today at the certificate table, in the school office, or by calling Diane at 724-348-8107. \$25 donation ~ All proceeds benefit the children of St. Joan of Arc School. In addition, we are currently seeking large empty baskets for the Chinese Auction. Baskets can be brought to the school office during school hours.

Congratulations to Robbie Amrhein and Paul Vernacchio, seniors at Bethel Park High School and members of St. Joan of Arc Church. Both Robbie and Paul were awarded Scouting's highest honor, the Eagle Scot Award this past weekend. Congratulations Robbie and Paul, on a job well done!

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 20, 2010
 5:00 P.M. - M. Donahue

Sunday, March 21, 2010
 7:30 A.M. - B. Swiss
 9:00 A.M. - T. Brdar, D. Morgret, J. Riske
 10:30 A.M. - A. Stein, C. Dembiczak, D. Morgret
 12:00 Noon - K. Messner, E. Aronhalt, A. Davis

SUNDAY BREAKFASTMarch 21st, 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

This week at St. Joan of Arc School:**March 14th** - 8th Grade Recognition @ Hillcrest Christian**March 16th** - Lent "Art/Religion" Crosses being made with buddies**March 18th** - Sarris Candy Delivery**March 19th** - 9:00 Mass (Grade 5)**March 19th** - 23rd St. Joan of Arc Book Fair (Schuster Room)

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!

Lock-In: Don't Forget! Registration forms for the Lock-in are due by March 28th. Don't miss this great 24 hour event starting Holy Thursday and into Good Friday. More information is located in the monthly newsletter.

If you are having trouble accessing the newsletter please contact Mr. Chris at 412-267-7622 or SJAYouthGroup@comcast.

Care Packages for the Troops – As in years past the youth will be collecting, and assembling care packages to be sent to our Troops overseas. Please consider assisting in this effort by obtaining a name and supply list located in the back of the church. Items should be turned in by Sunday March 28th. If you have intent for a large donation to be dropped off during the week you may contact Mr. Chris at (412) 267-7622.

Get Ready for the Lenten Fish Fry**Friday, March 19****And every Friday EXCEPT Good Friday!!!!****11am to 7pm Eat-in or Take out available****412-854-3173**

Desserts needed for the Fish Fry on Fridays during lent. You may drop them off in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your continued support.

Experience a spiritual adventure and the opportunity to share in the faith journey of others at St Joan of Arc. Prayerfully consider making a retreat this year at St. Paul of the Cross. Information call Melissa Coe, 412-308-6754.

Easter Blessing of the Families: April 4, 2010 Bishop David Zubik and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 2:00 PM. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

Father Ray's Quote: Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.

March Madness Returns! After a long winter, March returns and so does our March Madness Raffle. For a \$5 donation you'll get a ticket with 3 teams in the NCAA Tournament with a chance to win one of 6 prizes totaling \$1500 in cash. Tickets will be available at the Certificate Table near the entrance to the Gathering Place after all Masses starting on March 7th. Get in the Game!

St. Joan of Arc School is happy to announce the dates for its Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held in the Schuster Room in the main school building on the weekend of 20, 21 March 2010 after all masses. We have a Web Site, <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stjoa>, for our Fair so that you can preview a sample of the books in advance. While not listed in the website there are quite a few religious books at the fair. Come on in and share the joy of reading with your children and grandchildren and help St. Joan of Arc School raise money to maintain a quality Catholic education. Thank you.

The Franciscan Child Day Care Center is sponsoring their 4th Annual Indoor Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 20th at the Center. Participants can choose to attend either the 9:30 AM or the 10:45 AM egg hunt, followed by a pancake and sausage breakfast. Admission is \$2.00 for children and \$5.00 for adults. Due to limited seating, reservations must be made calling (412)882-5085 by Friday, March 12th.

NEED HELP AROUND THE HOUSE AFTER THE BIG SNOW CALL BILL 412-854-5321 or 412-708-7939 ,CAN DO MOST ANYTHING YOU NEED ,CLEAN UP THE YARD,GUTTER WORK, TRIM TREES JUST ASK. BILL SCHNEIDER

Rescue: Stories of Uncommon Courage

SHIM Interfaith Holocaust Observance Service, April 25, 2010 *Join others of faith for the SHIM Interfaith Holocaust Observance, Beth El Congregation of the South Hills, Sunday, April 25, 2010, 7:30 PM.*

Save the Date: Dr. Doo Wop Dinner & Dance. April 17th from 6 to 11. For Tickets call Jan Reis at 412-833-8231. Tickets \$20.00 each or \$35.00 for a couple. More information to follow!!!!!!!!!!