

Mass Intentions

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. - Sandy Schwenning (Husband Bill,
daughter and grandchildren)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Helen Vehec (Kris Kessler & Family)

Monday, March 22– Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Oscar Spaziani
(Linda & George Straka)

Tuesday, March 23– Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo

8:00 A.M. - Thomas Kaczmarek (Scandrol Family)

Wednesday, March 24– Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Marnie Rennie (Jim & Sue Kaiser)

Thursday, March 25– The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 A.M. - Helen Palonis (Swiess Family)

Friday, March 26– Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Louis Gigliotti (Donna & Joe Czarny)

10:30 A.M. - Stations of the Cross

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Saturday, March 27– Lenten Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Ivo Bozic & Stjepan Pranjic
(Pranjic Family)

Sunday, March 28– Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

7:30 A.M. - Judith Gries Zabkar
(Guy & Linda Mattola)

9:00 A.M. - Gary Spalla (Mary Lou & Jay Briggs)

10:30 A.M. - Richard Baldauf (Catherine & Family)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Mary Kubis (Paul Kubis & Family)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Bob Bittner, Tim Zalewski, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Jan Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Camryn Surman, Rosemarie Jabo, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney, John Wozniak, Jeannie Obidzinski, Thomas Kiley, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villella, 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!

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for one week in Memory of John the Baptist in Memory of Daniel Chasky, Requested by Chasky Family.

Financial Statement

Last Week’s Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$10,428.00

Repairs & Replacements.....\$1,380.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor’s Desk

Today we welcome Father William Fischer, OSFS, who will address us concerning the sponsorship of needy children via the Christian Foundation for Children and aging....we have two weeks of Lent remaining and if we haven’t begun any spiritual practice it is not too late!....join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7:30 PM....next Sunday will be Palm Sunday, and if you are reading Luke’s Gospel this Lent, now would be the time to start reading the Passion account which culminates the story of the “Compassionate Savior” whom we cannot know well enough....Please return Parish Share pledges!

Father Pribonic

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

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

Eucharistic Ministers Please pick up the New Schedule starting April in the Sacristy.

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 TODAY. Donation is \$10.00.

Confessions: an integral part of preparing for Easter: Extra Confessors: Monday, March 29 from 1:30-3:00PM and two confessors Tue & Wed, March 30 & 31 from 4:00-5:00PM and 7:00-8:00PM.

Holy Week Schedule:

April 1– Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 PM. Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00PM. Collection benefits the Father Peter A. Kuenzig Tuition Aid Fund.

April 2– Good Friday: A day of fast & abstinence Liturgy with veneration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion at 1:30PM. Collection for the Holy Land; offerings at the cross for St. Anthony’s bread (Soup Kitchen) Sarajevo, Bosnia. Stations of the Cross at 7:30PM.

April 3– Holy Saturday: The paschal fast may be continued until the first Mass of Easter. Blessing of Easter Food at 1:30PM. Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30PM.

April 4– The Great Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord. Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon.

First Collection: Easter Collection

Second Collection: Sunday’s Collection

Scripture Reflection

I wonder if you have noticed a phenomenon that seems to keep showing up in our 21st century culture. It shows up here and there in car designs, fashion, architecture, even music. Ford Motor Company tries to work with the re-designed Thunderbird only to stop production and put the Thunderbird style in its storied past. Fashion designers give it a whirl on the runways of Paris and Milan. Residential builders pull dusty volumes off the shelves looking at home designs popular in the 40' and 50's. We call it "retro"; bringing from the past an idea, a style, a "look" we think deserves another chance. "What's old is new again."

When it comes to our faith we also greet that which is new with reservation, suspicion, even contempt. Why, what we've believed all our life has worked well for 20, 30, 50 or more years, hasn't it? Why change what we believe, how we think, the way we worship, or anything about our Christian experience. Retro, maybe. But the new? Maybe not.

The texts we heard read from Isaiah and John have this retro feel to them. God tells his people in exile "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the dessert." This "new thing" is really old. It's what I call God's "retro" work among his people. Just as God led a slave people from Egyptian bondage through the wilderness to the Promised Land, now, some 700 years later, God is doing "a new thing" that looks and feels exactly like God's work of old. What's old is new again.

Next Sunday, we will gather to remember our Lord's triumphant entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Holy Week begins seven days from now. What if this week, sometime in the next few days, you took a few moments to reflect on what God longs to do in your life. What sin needs to be confessed, forsaken, and forgiven? What old attitude needs replacing by a vision for who you could be and want to be as a follower of Jesus Christ?

What you may discover in the next few days is the gift of retro faith in the One who goes before you to a bloody cross, giving his life for your sins and the sins of the world. What you may in fact come to see anew is the simple faith that brought you into the relationship with Jesus Christ—a faith that may have gotten "old", stale, even forgotten—is new again by simply standing to your feet and receiving the new thing God would do in your life. Amen

Get ready to volunteer for the Saint Joan of Arc Festival or anyone who is going to Appalachia.

All volunteers must have their clearances if they are 18 or older!!!! **Protecting All God's Children Class:**
 St Louise—April 6 @ 6:30PM To register @ 412-835-1156
 St. Anne's—April 7 @ 7:00 PM To register @ 412-561-0101
St. Joan of Arc— April 22 @ 6:30 PM to register call the Rectory at 412-833-2400.

Dear Joan,

Please ask "why?" Is the roast burning? Ok. Are you sick? Is Aunt Molly coming in from California and only will be here for one hour? Is fifty to sixty minutes too much time to give to God??? At times there may well be a very good reason for leaving early, but then too it may just be a bad habit that needs to be changed. Our great celebration of God's Word and Sacrament, the Mass, is over as the celebrant reaches the church doors. Leaving early without good reason gives the impression that the Mass, what Jesus personally asked us to do, is a burdensome obligation, to be ended as soon as possible. Think about it, but no finger pointing!

Signed Father Ray

A Few Weeks Left:

Fasting: Feed Your Spirit:

No one needs to be told that we spend millions if not billions on pills, diets and gym memberships, but lack the discipline to control ourselves and our children and prevent damage to our health, not only physical but spiritual.

In our consumer-driven culture we lack self-restraint that is important to every religious tradition.

But fasting produces many positive results:

- 1) Not until one feels hunger in his body can there be empathy for the poor and suffering.
- 2) Better physical health by leading us to a more balanced diet.
- 3) We learn that we don't have to be dependent on external things and stimulation.
- 4) It frees us to spend time in the presence of the Lord, by prayer or scripture reading, and thinking of others: "Is this not the fasting I wish, that you share your food with the hungry and open your doors to the homeless?"

Footprints for Peace marchers will be arriving on Monday of Holy Week. If you wish to help with serving them dinner you may contact Father, Chris Roach or Sister Kathy. You may meet them and discuss their goals or visit www.footprintsforpeace.net.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 27, 2010

5:00 P.M. - M. Welsh, J. Nadorlik, M. Donahue

Sunday, March 28, 2010

7:30 A.M. - B. Swiess, M. Donahue

9:00 A.M. - T. Brdar, J. Riske, A. Krajina

10:30 A.M. - A. Stein, C. Dembiczak, D. Morgret

12:00 Noon - K. Messner, E. Aronhalt, A. Davis



5TH ANNUAL SHAMROCK SHOOT



The Donahue Family is happy to announce the 5th Annual Shamrock Shootout to be held on **July 17th at 1:00 P.M.**, benefiting St Joan of Arc Tuition Fund. Due to our past success, we are moving this year's event to Lindenwood Golf Club in McMurray, Pa. We have decided to keep the Golfers cost the same (**\$90.00 per golfer**) and those interested in attending the banquet the cost will be **\$25.00 per person**. Anyone wishing to attend the event should contact me mjdirish57@verizon.net or call 412-833-8314. We also welcome donation made payable to: "**THE JANE DONAHUE TUITION FUND**" More information will follow, and we thank you for your continued support of this event. Mike Donahue, Sr.

Get Ready for the Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 26

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.

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!!!!!!!

Mark your Calendars: Life Enrichment Club April 7th at 11:00 AM to 1:30PM. More Information next weeks Bulletin. Food & Recipes to bring "Pot Luck".

Union Finley Youth Football Signups: on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Ringold Middle School: Tiny Mite ages 5-7 @ 11:30AM-NOON, Termites ages 7-9 @1:00PM-1:30PM, Mighty Mites ages 10-11 @12:30Pm-1:00PM, Midgets ages 12-13 @Noon—12:20PM. Players must bring a copy of birth certificate. For more information call Jody @ 724-348-4935.

SJA School

March 21 - Book Fair after all masses

March 22-23 - Book Fair for all students

March 26 - Stations of the Cross (Grades 1 and 5)

March 26 - \$1.00 Dress Down "One for the Books"

*** Where are you going to buy your Easter ham?** Where will the Easter bunny get the eggs? Did you know that you can purchase Giant Eagle certificates/gift cards in the school office or after Mass? Your purchases can earn money toward your commitment fee or you can designate a family. For example, If you purchase a \$200 gift card at Giant Eagle that means that you have earned \$ 8.00 (4%) for a St. Joan of Arc family. Come and see the list of businesses which can also be found on our website www.mystjoan.org. You will be amazed at how your purchases can help our school!

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!

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. 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.

Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 12:00 in The Gathering Place. Hoagies will also be sold in the lower parking lot. Turkey or Italian are available. Please come and support the youth of our Parish.

Youth Group

Lock-In: Persons going to the Lock-In at the end of the month must get their permission forms in by next *Sunday, March 28th*.

South Park High School presenting Grease: March 25,26 & 27 at 7:30PM. March 28 at 2:00Pm. Tickets available at door Adults \$8.00, Seniors & Students \$6.00.

Father Ray's Quote: "When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out alright."