

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 3– Saint Thomas

5:00 P.M. - Ben Rayner
(Gary, Patty, Michael Rizzo)

Sunday, July 4– Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - John Knabish (Remlinger Family)

9:00 A.M. - Henry J. & Genevieve Gitnik
(Paul Gitnik)

10:30 A.M. - Doris O’Hare (Peg Gallagher)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Ann & Mike Komar (Fuller Family)

Monday, July 5– Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria

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

Tuesday, July 6– Saint Maria Goretti

8:00 A.M. - Steve Griffin (Wife, Vera)

Wednesday, July 7– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Rev. Leo Vanyo

Thursday, July 8– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Paul & Dorthy Blahut (Sister, Pat Ault)

Friday, July 9– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Rev. Leo Vanyo

Saturday, July 10– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - SJA Youth Group
5:00 P.M. - Colleen Boyer Wood (Mom& Dad)

Sunday, July 11– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Marilyn Lorincy (ChaskyFamily)

9:00 A.M. - Carl Swindell (Judy & Jason Maranche)

10:30 A.M. - Doris O’Hare (Anisko Family)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Helen Penz (Wendell Family)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Bob Bittner, Tim Zalewski, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Patricia Rice, John Wozniak, Jeannie Obidzinski, Thomas Kiley, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Vilella, Fran Teaman, Anthony Lucking, William Prendergast, Frank Mathews, Louise Hillman, Corey Bak, Ann Morrison & Tom Morrison, Flo Doyle, Cathy Furno, Angelo Bontempo, Vince Jordan, Anna Pierce, Donna Antis, Tom Schmidt, Lindsay Johnston, Mary Tracey, James Jones, Melvin Inks, Mary Grace Falcione and Gabriel Cipollone. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

Altar Bread and Wine for one week in memory of Colleen Boyer Wood, requested by Mom & Dad.

Financial Statement

Last Week’s Income was:

Regular Collection \$8,579.00

Peters Pence.....\$1,735.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor’s Desk

Here’s hoping everyone has a very enjoyable Fourth, and let’s not forget to thank God for all the blessings which we have here in the United States of America, despite our faults and difficulties...let us be reminded to pray for peace, a swift return of our troops from the front, safety for all of our public personnel, protection of the unborn, an end to partisan bickering and a new beginning of co-operation for the good of the country!....again another stellar Festival being planned by Ms. Tootie Hale and our valiant volunteers....again, thanks to Ms. Hale and all those who are responding to our call....plan to visit the New to You first floor of the school after all Masses....please note we begin publication next week with the JS Paluch Co. which has been of service to the Church in the United States for many years with missalettes, hymnals, publications, and the like....

Father Pribonic

Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism: Monday, July 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory, call to register.

Congratulations: to Guy and Linda Mattola celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 27! Cent’anni Guy and Linda.

Rest in Peace: Margaret Costa, 92 life-long member of St. Joan of Arc Church, sister of Fran Dantry, mother of Wayne and Greg...Sister Floretta Hoerster, CDP 100 years old, Aunt of Sister Kathy Hoerster, CDP...and Gilda Murray, mother of George Murray.



SJA FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

Can’t make it to the Islands this summer?

Don’t worry...we’re bringing the islands to you on **Wednesday, August 4th** we’ll be opening our Festival with the cool island sounds of **Tom Watt ~ The Buffettman**. So wear your flip flops and your favorite flowered shirt, bring your beach chair and settle back to enjoy your cheeseburger. Join us as we celebrate summer at St. Joan of Arc: August 4-7!!!!!!



Thursday: Elvis...A Tribute to the King.



Friday: Back by popular Demand: Johnny Angel & the Halos

Saturday: NEW: Ruff Creek Country Band
(www.ruffcreek.com)

SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL!!!!!!



Scripture Reflection

Today marks the 234th birthday of the founding of our nation. Flags are raised, family gather, fireworks will light up the night sky all across our great land to celebrate this novel idea on human history that "all men are created equal. The patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence in the old city of Philadelphia rang a liberty bell that still makes music in the souls of men and women in this country and around the world. Today, what matters most for us is this conviction that God created humankind for freedom.

The texts heard today echo that grand idea that freedom and liberty are our birthright. The prophet casts a vision of a free and liberated Jerusalem; free from war and liberated to experience the full blessings of God. Luke records our Lord's sending of the apostles to announce the coming Kingdom of God. Their mission was simple; Go from town to town and declare, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." Freedom was breaking into history in the liberating word and work of Jesus Christ. Nothing mattered-not food or clothing or even reputation-quite like God's coming kingdom.

Years would pass before the apostle Paul would expend his life's energies to tell the story of Jesus across the northern Mediterranean region. From modern Turkey the extremes of the Greek peninsula and eventually Rome, Paul gave his life for what he believed mattered most. But not all accepted his message. In fact, Paul knew the lash of the whip, the sting of pelting stones, and the loneliness of prison far too often. Why? Because more than a few could not accept the simple good news that God loves us, has lavished grace on us in Jesus Christ, and is calling us to the radical freedom of love.

Truth be told, we still struggle with this one fundamental idea of the Christian faith. Radical freedom is well scary to some and threatening to others. And yet Paul, bruised, beaten, and unbowed, said with great confidence, "May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." All was secondary, in fact did not matter, except "a new creation" in Christ. Radical freedom was, for Paul, "everything."

So what must we do to embrace what matters most? Above all else, embrace God's gift of love poured out in Jesus Christ. The cross is and will always be God's expression of love. From that splintered beam of wood, God showed us that love matters most. Love matters most when anger seethes and disappointment hurts. Love matter most when frustration drains energy from hope and bitterness wrings joy from dreams. What matters most? The cross of Christ that conveys God's love matters most.

Finally, dare to be a person who lives the freedom that is yours in Jesus Christ. I can think of no better day this year to joyfully celebrate the gift of freedom than today. These texts, chosen long ago to be read on this Sunday, smile on our nation's birthday with God's great promise. Our Lord's death on the cross and his glorious resurrection have made us free. Celebrate that freedom in Christ for nothing else matters quite as much as that. Amen

PS: No Dear Joan this week; Joan is on vacation.



Sweepstakes Raffle - Ca\$h Ba\$h - Our 2010 Sweepstakes Raffle tickets were mailed out to all parishioners last week. Please do your best to purchase the tickets yourself or sell them to family and friends. The raffle is an important fundraiser - our one constant - and we are in need of your cooperation and support. Please remember to enclose the stubs with your payments. And, don't forget, when you send in the full \$50 for the 25 tickets we will send you a FREE Cash Bash Ticket (\$10 Value). Additional Raffle and Ca\$h Bash tickets are available, please call the Rectory at 412-833-2400. Be entered in the **Early Bird Drawing prize of \$100** by returning your sold book of raffle tickets by Sunday, July 4th to qualify for the July 6th drawing at 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory. The winning ticket will go back in the barrel to be eligible for the August 4-7 drawings. Thank you and Good Luck!

Grocery Bag Game: Again we are asking the Parishioners to help with purchasing items for the Grocery bag game. The donation is simple and very inexpensive: Please pick up a grocery bag in the vestibule of the church, donate 1 item of each category, and deliver the bag back to the vestibule between June 26 and August 1st. Thank you for all your support!!!!!!!!!!!!



Cooler of Cheer: We need your help with donations for the cooler of cheer. We need bottles of liquor, wine coolers, beer, soda, snacks, etc. Please bring these items to the rectory.

Chinese Auction: Please consider donating a themed basket to our Festival's Chinese Auction. The great ideas and generosity of our parishioners always make this booth an enjoyable stop!

Volunteers Are Needed: It takes many volunteers each evening to make our festival run efficiently and be successful- we are counting on our wonderful SJA parishioners once again to step forward to volunteer.

**SIGN UP
TODAY**

New to You - Drop off Dates: Drop off items will be accepted **every weekend until July 25th** Saturdays 4PM - 630PM .. Sundays 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM. **PLEASE NOTE LOCATION HAS BEEN MOVED TO SJA SCHOOL! Pre Sale after ALL MASSES !!!!!!!!!!!** Check out the designer purses and collectables!!!!!! Ask about the new fine jewelry (bracelets) FOR SALE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

School News

The School Office will be closed for the month of July, however Mrs. Davis will be checking e-mails and messages. Regular office hours resume on August 2nd from 8:00-12:00. God Bless you all, Mrs. Louanne Davis

Calling More Saints!!

We already mid-summer! Registration is on-going for St. Joan of Arc School. Please call our school office at 412-833-2433 to discuss our educational program in a faith based setting. Our academics as well as our numerous extra curricular and athletic programs provide for a well-rounded child. We offer half and full-day kindergarten!!

Attention: Business People, Accountants, Lawyers and Architects Did you know you can give your state taxes to our Catholic school? The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program allows you to give up to \$300,000 a year to St. Joan of Arc School. You receive a 90% tax credit if you give for two consecutive years. The money goes to help needy families with tuition assistance. Call Dr. Ron Bowes at the diocese, 412-456-3090 and just mention tax credits or go to www.newpa.com and click on Educational Improvement Tax Credits. Businesses fill out Appendix I SO and fax to 717-772-3581. With your help, students can have "The Great Beginning That Lasts A Lifetime".

Youth Group News

Cookies Wanted: When the Appalachia work camp volunteers open their brown bag lunch at the job site, the cookies they find inside are like a little hug from home. If you are able to donate homemade or store bought cookies, drop them off at the rectory Monday through Thursday of this week between the hours of 9AM to 3PM. Because the weather, hot and humid, chocolate doesn't hold up well...except for chocolate chip cookies. They will be loaded on the truck with all our gear and supplies, so please package them well. And thanks for the hug!!!

Appalachia Loading information: Volunteer campers should bring their gear (Tent, tools, duffle bag) to the SJA lower parking lot on Friday, July 9th between 6PM and 7PM. **Appalachia Departure:** All are invited to celebrate Mass with the work camp volunteers at 8AM on Saturday, July 10. (This mass does not count for your July 11, Sunday obligation) After mass the campers are asked to quickly enter the vehicles so we can be on the road by 9AM. We ask everyone to pray for the safe return of our summer mission workers.

Youth Attending Kennywood: All youth going to Kennywood on Tuesday July 6th should meet in the lower parking lot at 9:30. See you then!

CCD

We are in need of CCD teachers for next year's program. Can you consider this very important ministry? Contact Bev Buddemeyer at 412-835-3724 for more information.

Protecting All Gods Children:

The Diocese has enforced a 5 year renewal of both State Police and Child Abuse Clearances. If your clearances have expired or if they are about to expire you will receive new forms in the mail. Please fill these forms out and return them to the Rectory as soon as possible. The Parish will pay for the reprocessing fees. Any questions please contact Paul Shannon on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 at 412-833-2400.

Giving to your Parish...there are ways to make planned, outright, or deferred gifts to the parish...in your will, gifts of life insurance, a gift of stock (which provides tax advantages), or charitable gift annuity (to the Diocese...and you will be paid a fixed income for as long as you live at a rate far above those paid by banks and most of the income is tax-free, call Mr. Stabile at 412-456-3055 (Diocese)

Has your MARRIAGE become cold or unloving? Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? Don't give up -- Give Retrouvaille a try. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on July 9, 2010, contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or e-mail 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

MASS WITH BLESSINGS FOR HEALING: Nativity Parish, will once again welcome Fr. William Kiel, Pastor at St. Bernard Parish in Indiana, PA for a Mass with blessings for healing. The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nativity Gym (due to damage to our Church from the winter storm.) For more information 412-655-3000

Father Ray's Quote: Forbidden fruits create many jams.

Altar Server Schedule**Saturday, July 10, 2010**

5:00 P.M. - J. Nadorlik, C. Jess

Sunday, July 11, 2010

7:30 A.M. - T. Brdar

9:00 A.M. - J. Riske, C. Dembiczak, D.Morgret

10:30 A.M. - A. Remlinger, L. Campolong

12:00 Noon - T. Ashton, E. Aronhalt, A. Davis