

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 24– Anthony Mary Claret**

- 3:00 P.M. - Wedding: Angela Flaherty to Christopher Havrilla
- 5:00 P.M. - Josephine Gierlack (Dora & Stanley Gierlack)

**Sunday, October 25– Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 A.M. - Lee Pauley (Steve & Sherry Wardzinski)
- 9:00 A.M. - Shirley McKenley (M/M D. Brodnos)
- 10:30 A.M. - Sandy Schwenning: Birthday Remembrance (Bill, husband) - People of the Parish
- 12:00 Noon - Joseph Regina (Taylor Family)

**Monday, October 26- Weekday**

- 8:00 A.M. - Rose Nwanski (Monica Pagano)
- 3:00 P.M. - Mt. Vernon: Al Mosi (SJA Faculty & Staff)

**Tuesday, October 27– Weekday**

- 8:00 A.M. - Gloria Manka (Brother, Bill Schwenning)

**Wednesday, October 28– Simon & Jude**

- 8:00 A.M. - Raymond Shine Jr. & Sr.( Family)
- 10:00 A.M. - SJA School Family

**Thursday, October 29– Weekday**

- 8:00 A.M. - Linda Spinelli (Monica Pagano)

**Friday, October 30– Weekday**

- 8:00 A.M. - Judy Burns (Tom & Pat Cummings)

**Saturday, October 31– Weekday**

- 5:00 P.M. - Tom Mahr (Clem & Carol Lacher)

**Sunday, November 1– All Saints**

- 7:30 A.M. - Dolores Lis (Dee Bleil)
- 9:00 A.M. - Louis Lorincy (Family)
- 10:30 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (Cheryl Lynn Cooper) - People of the Parish
- 12:00 Noon - Joe Kimmell (Virginia Wittingham)

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:**

Rosemarie Jabo, Jeannie Obidzinski, Marnie Rennie, Louise Hillman, Emily Herring, Michael Pro, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villella, Kathleen Gearhart, Judy Zabkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Stephen Nicholas, Margaret Smith, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Camryn Surman, Chuck Vasco, Aileen Spamer, Sharon Malits, Bonnie Rowan, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney . Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

**From the Pastor’s Desk**

Here it is the end of the month and please don’t forget to “Fall Back” next weekend, we gain that precious hour of sleep, only to lose it in 4 months (why bother?)...I am pleased to announce that the Rt. Rev. Douglas Nowicki, Archabbot of St. Vincent Arch Abbey in Latrobe will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 2009 class on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 PM....rounding out Respect to Life Month, our Respect Life Committee will be at the doors of the church this week-end seeking alms for Genesis which helps pregnant women in distress....we must do all that we can to help the needy during the time of pregnancy, lest they despair!....also, with all the concern about swine flu, why aren’t people concerned after the safety of our water, with dangerous levels of toxicity in two Western Pa Waterways?....

Father Phillip Pribonic

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**South Hills Interfaith Ministries:** 5301 Park Ave in Bethel is an Inter-Faith Ministry that serves the people of the South Hills. They offer a variety of services, including counseling, a food pantry, a clothing store, emergency assistance, and a program for youth of all ages. You may volunteer to help them at their location. For more information or questions, please call 412-854-9120.

**Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism:** Monday, November 30, 2009 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 Phyllis Kiracko, Requested by Evelyn Dietz.

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for John the Baptist in Memory of Frank Tapolci, Requested by Anita Yopek.

**Altar Bread & Wine** for One Week in Memory of Frank Tapolci, Requested by Anita Yopek.

**Catholic Men’s Fellowship-** “The Word Became Flesh: Are You Listening?” An Advent Morning for Men- November 21, 2009 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. All of are invited for breakfast, fellowship, speakers, and prayer at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish to prepare for the upcoming Advent Season. Reservations are limited to the first 250 men. Cost \$10.00. To register contact your parish’s Catholic Men Fellowship by November 16th or go to [www.stelizparish.org](http://www.stelizparish.org).

**Nanny Available:** Call Alethea at 724-288-6117

**Financial Statement**

Last Week’s Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$8,500.00  
Mission Offering.....\$2338.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Scripture Reflection**

It's the "leaving Jericho" part of this familiar story that has come and haunted my mind. As you might imagine, I believe this tiny but profound phrase has much to teach us. For one thing, people in that part of the world in that time wanted to go to Jericho. And, once you were there, you never wanted to leave. In Jesus' day, Jericho was like Palm Springs; a desert oasis that pampered the rich. Had golf been then what it is today, Jericho would have been the golfing Mecca of the Middle East. Once you got there, you wanted to stay.

Jericho required all the support systems the wealthy expect. Archaeologists have excavated lavish villas with indoor plumbing and mosaic-adorned spas. The wealthy of Jericho needed artisans to create frescoed baths and ornate gardens. Zachaeus, the second tax-collector had a lucrative assignment, collecting levies from the rich who played and stayed in Jericho.

Knowing that leads me to ask: What if Jericho is a metaphor for life? And if it is, could Jericho represent for us, at least today, the good life we have imagined and, for the most part, expect? And if it is, all of us at some time will find ourselves leaving Jericho. We will leave a delightful moment when we felt life could not hold any more wonder. The birth of a child, the vacation we never wanted to end, the job that had all the right things going for it and none of the wrong, a neighborhood with folks next door we really liked. Jericho is shorthand for the good life that, sooner or later, requires leaving.

And if that is so, what do we find when we leave Jericho? At the very least, the story tells us we may well find a Bartimaeus. We may find a shouting, needy broken life that needs sight, hope, encouragement, a future. In a word, we may find a reality that is more real than what we knew in Jericho. Let me explain.

When life is brimming with joy, when all seems to be going our way, and especially when we can grasp and hold all the good things we think we deserve the great temptation is to think that's what life is about. My greatest temptation when living in Jericho is to think I have a right to indulge myself with whatever makes me happy. If I can afford it, I should have it. The temptations in the tap water of Jericho are many: selfishness, pride, lust, greed, and sloth would be a few.

Leaving Jericho sends us in the direction of Jerusalem. For Jesus, that meant betrayal, suffering, rejection, and a cross. For us, at the very least, it means we move in the direction of self-giving and sacrifice. Leaving Jericho finds our feet climbing the steep path to Jerusalem. And there, in the Holy City, we learn that God is the One who loves us in our blindness, finds us in sin, and saves us from living the good life of self-centeredness. And only in Jerusalem, before a splintered cross and beneath an angry sky, do we see that the heart of God is a heart of love.

Dear Joan,

Some churches have a Parish Nurse, do we have one?



Signed: Thanks

Dear Thanks,

At the present time our Parish does not have a Parish Nurse. Some Parishes have hired nurses to be available to parishioners for a number of needs. If there is a demand this issue can be brought before Parish Council.

Signed: Joan d'Arc

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**Life Enrichment Club:** Next Meeting Wednesday **November 4** at 11:00 AM to 1:00PM. All participants are asked to bring their *favorite bread and their recipe* to share; (size for serving 5 people). **This month's Topic:** *The Journey to Advent, Speaker: Father Eugene Lauer.* Please Bring a friend.

**Bible Discussions:** continues Monday mornings from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM in the Gathering Place with Sister Kathy.

**Next Prayer Shawl meeting** November 12, in the Gathering Place.

**Wheeling Island Festival of Lights**— St Sylvester School is sponsoring a trip to Wheeling Festival of Lights via deluxe Motor Coach on Saturday November 28. Dinner at the Wheeling Park Country Buffet; guided tour of Oglebay Festival of Lights; Winter Fantasy indoor Light Show and more. The cost is \$48.00 per person Children 12 and under 439.00 includes all tips and gratuities. We will leave St. Sylvester parking lot at 2:00PM and return 10:00PM. For info call Kathy 412-885-1342

<b>Altar Server Schedule</b>	
<b>Saturday, October 31, 2009</b>	
5:00 P.M.	- C. & J. Counihan
<b>Sunday, November 1, 2009</b>	
7:30 A.M.	- Mike Donahue
9:00 A.M.	- A. Krajina, D. Morgret, C. Shakespeare
10:30 A.M.	- A. Stein, A. Kyle, C. Dembiczak
12:00 Noon	- Mike Donahue

Youth Group News:

**CAN YOU USE AN EXTRA HAND?** - On Saturday, November 7 members of the SJA youth group are offering their FREE service to help you rake leaves, clean closets, clean the garage, light housekeeping, holiday decorating, etc. They will be accompanied by an adult chaperone. If you would like us to pay you a visit, call Laura Stein 412-653-8858 no later than November 2. This service is free and youth group members have been instructed not to accept payment for their services.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWSLETTERS** – We've gone GREEN! All interested high school students were included in a USPS mailing telling them how to access the on-line youth group newsletter. If you need further instruction or if you were inadvertently omitted from the mailing, please e-mail Mrs. Sherratt at: [sjayouthgroup@comcast.net](mailto:sjayouthgroup@comcast.net) If you don't have access to the internet, please leave a message at the rectory 412-833-2400 ext 34.

**DAY OF SERVICE** - All 8th grade and high school students are invited to join the youth group in helping our community with a variety of tasks (leaf raking, closet cleaning, etc.). We'll meet in The Gathering Place for breakfast at 8:30 AM on Saturday, November 7. After completing our work, we'll return to The Gathering Place for pasta. Parent pick up is 3:15 PM. Layer your clothing. Bring a rake and work gloves. Return a signed permission form by Sunday, November 1.

School News

**Lottery sales are open till December.** Please send requests for lottery tickets to Tammy Manion c/o Ethan – Grade 2. Any questions, please call 724-348-9036. Thank you Tammy for all of your organizing!

**Enjoy Books:** Enjoy Coupon Books are on sale after all Masses at the Certificate Table or you can purchase through the School Office. Cost of the books is \$27

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**\*\*\*Food Certification Classes:** Anyone interested in taking the class for food certification can do so on Saturday, November 14, 2009. We will be holding the classes in The Gathering Place. The course including the certification test will be given in one day. The class starts at 8 a.m. and is approximately 8 hours, including the 2 hours for the exam. A working lunch and refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending, please call to register by Friday October 23, 2009. Thank you. 412-854-3173 Mona Musser, Pavilion Manager

**The Semi-annual Evening of Reflection** for those who are Separated or Divorced, sponsored by the Office for Adult and Family Formation of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be offered on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 7-9, at the auditorium of St. Paul Seminary, Crafton. The topic: "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People". For further information, please call 412-456-3160.

**Joyful Reflections with Father Scott Seethaler:** Saint Simon & Jude Parish, Greentree. Wednesday October 28 9:30 Am session– Opportunity for Seniors to Reflect on how God works through different seasons of their lives.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will be held November 20-22 at the Bishop William Connare Center Greensburg, Pa. For further information call 412-635-7775.

**Holy Family Parish,** Second Street, West Newton, is sponsoring an ALL PAPER Bingo on Sunday Dec 6 in the social hall. The \$25 ticket (\$20 if bought in advance) includes 20 games that will pay \$100 each (if more than 100 people are playing), a \$1000 jackpot (3 for \$5)(if more than 100 are playing), a set of specials and a luncheon. CALL 724 872-6123 TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET AND GET MORE INFORMATION.

**St. Norbert Church** in Overbrook will be hosting an Autumn Fest Roast Pork Dinner on Sunday, November 1, 2009 from 1-6 pm. The dinner will include: Roast Pork or Hot Dog, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Applesauce, Rolls, Butter, Coffee or Tea and Dessert. Soda and Beer available. Adults : \$9.00, Children under 12, \$5.00. Music and Entertainment.

**The Sister's of St. are** having their annual Craft Show on their campus in Whitehall on Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 14 from 10AM till 2:00PM. Any questions, please call 412-885-7232.

**Stop, relax and reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas** at the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God 5th Annual Crèche Display on Saturday, December 5th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Sunday, December 6th from 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM at the Sisters' Motherhouse. Offered as a ministry of the Sisters, the Crèche Display is Free to attend and features over 200 crèches and nativity scenes loaned to the Sisters by family and friends. Those interested in entering a crèche or nativity scene should call Sister Mary Ann Lostoski at (412)885-7403 or visit [www.osfprov.org](http://www.osfprov.org). For eligibility, crèches must be received with completed registration forms at the Motherhouse by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 20th.

**Father Ray's Quotes:** We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.