

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, January 10-Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Joseph Brazinski  
(Jill, Scott, Stone & Blaise)

**Sunday, January 11– Baptism of the Lord**

7:30 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (Baldauf Family)

9:00 A.M. - Carl Swindell, Sr. (Ed Schmidt)

10:30 A.M. - Elizabeth Polanowski  
(Doris & Jim O'Hare)  
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Edward Doyle (Wife, Flo & Family)

**Monday, January 12– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Carolyn Kovacs (Reitmeyer Family)

**Tuesday, January 13– Hilary, bishop and doctor**

8:00 A.M. - Prayers of Gratitude (Cathy Gasior)

**Wednesday, January 14– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Teresa Dobos (Steve & Rose Dobos)

**Thursday, January 15– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Carl Swindell  
(Beverly Buddemeyer & CCD Family)

**Friday, January 16– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Teresa Dobos (CCD Family)

**Saturday, January 17– Anthony, abbot**

5:00 P.M. - Edward Mindzikiewicz &  
Bernardine Stanley  
(Bernardine Mindzikiewicz & Janice)

**Sunday, January 18– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 A.M. - Marie C. Engelhart  
(Library Golden Agers)

9:00 A.M. - Albert & Elizabeth Weiss  
(Regis & Marlys Schoedel)

10:30 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (Lauritzen Family)  
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Carl Wirtz (Ange Taboni & Family)

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

Rosemarie Jabo, Tony & Jeannie Obidzinski, Tom Kiley, Laurie Smyth, Marnie Rennie, Louise Hillman, Emily Herring, Bill Jurgevich, Michael Pro, Father Jerome Vereb, Paul Pro, Tim Zalewsky, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villella, Kathleen Gearhart, Hank Marzina and Deacon Bill Strathman. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for John the Baptist for one week in Memory of Kenneth Crocco, requested by Evelyn Dietz. **Altar Bread & Wine in Memory** of Kenneth Crocco, requested by Evelyn Dietz.

**Financial Statement**

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$9820.00  
New Years Collection.....\$2990.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Now well into the New Year, we welcome Monsignor Edward Burns, from St. Paul Seminary who will serve the 10:30 and 12:00 Noon Masses this Sunday, encouraging young men to consider the vocation to the priesthood....we pray for them and all considering their vocations, allowing the Lord to lead....parishioners are welcome to take a poinsettia this week-end, and we all thank Mr. Kevin and the entire crew of volunteers, including the youth group, for setting up and removing the Christmas decorations, and of course, many thanks for all the remembrances....this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us that we all are destined to be incorporated into Christ, also hear the Father's words "You are my beloved!"

Father Pribonic

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**Second collection Today** is for Repairs and Replacements. **Second collection next week** is for St. Anthony School for Exceptional Children programs throughout the Diocese.

**Finance Council Meeting:** Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00P.M. in the Lucas Room.

**Charter Bus to Mass at 3:00 P.M.** on Sunday, January 25th, with Bishop Zubiak presenting the "Manifesting the Kingdom" Award to Mrs. Carol Sherratt. First come, First Served, please call Rectory to reserve a seat by January 16th.

**Protecting God's Children Workshop:** Tuesday, February 3, in the Multipurpose room on the second floor of the school. Door open at 6:00, class starts promptly at 7:00 P.M..Last chance before Lent Fish Fries to get compliant!!!! Please contact the Rectory to register.

**Baptism Meeting:** Monday, January 26th at 7:00P.M.in the Rectory for parents of first child baptism, please call the Rectory to register.

**Come join the St. Vincent DePaul Society:** Meetings first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30P.M.. The meetings are held in the Lucas Room. All are Welcome!

**Financial Statements for 2008:** If you wish to have a statement, please indicate by writing the word "statement" on you Sunday envelope.

**Mass request for 2010 will be taken after February 15, 2009.** Please send names, dates, and payment in an envelope marked masses 2010 and return the envelopes to the Rectory. All masses will be on a first come first served basis. Remember your loved ones by a Sanctuary Lamp for \$5.00 for the week, and/or Altar Bread and Wine for \$25.00 for the week. Weeks still available in 2009, call the Rectory to schedule.

**Scripture Reflection**

So what is God saying to us through these three texts on this day when we celebrate the baptism of the Lord? First, baptism reminds us that God is the giver of life. When a person is baptized in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we confess that all life, in all its wonder, complexity, and beauty is a gift from God. We do well to honor the sanctity of life because in doing so, we honor the Giver of Life.

And yet, so many live as if life springs from every imaginable source except God. Though every poll taken in our country continues to reveal that Americans overwhelmingly declare their belief in God, fewer and fewer of our citizens live in ways that honor God's life, God's values, God's presence, much less God's call to faithfulness. The prophet shouts God's invitation to "come to the waters," an invitation God gives to every one of us in our baptism and throughout our Christmas journey."

Second, God's gift of life in baptism calls us to be people who celebrate "the new" in ourselves and others. And just what is "the new"? What I call "the new" is first an awareness, that no matter how difficult and dark life's circumstances may be or become, God longs to bring about that which is new in our lives. It may be a new attitude or a new relationship. It could be a new commitment to faithfulness in prayer and worship or a new devotion to being a caring compassionate human being.

There is a third reality swirling around in the waters of baptism; brings us into a community of brothers and sisters who, like us, have water dripping off their brows. Make no mistake about it, as we heard in the lesson from John's letter, "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God." And, "we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments." What does that mean? At the very least, it means that everyone of us dripping wet Christians has a duty to each other to honor the Lord by honoring each other.

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**Congratulations** to *Jack & June Elder* on their 60th Wedding Anniversary and *Francis & Anna May Donohue* on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.

**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, January 24, 2009**  
 5:00 P.M. - C. & J. Counihan

**Sunday, January 25, 2009**  
 7:30 A.M. - B. Swiess, N. Wilhem  
 9:00 A.M. - T. Brdar, A. Krajina  
 10:30 A.M. - A. Stein, N. Burke  
 12:00 Noon - K. Messner, T. & W. Ashton

**Tickets are still available for the Tom Watt Island Party** for Friday, February 20. Tickets are \$30 per person which include a fabulous island buffet dinner, live music and dancing. For tickets and further information, call Pat Price at 412-854-1089.

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**Dear Joan:**

Father was talking last week about looking online for Catholic Spirituality, do you think you could get a few websites from him?

Signed: Cathy Catholic

**Dear Cathy Catholic,**

Yes, there is plenty available and people may start their search at [www.catholichomilies.com](http://www.catholichomilies.com) and also check out: [www.americamagazine.org](http://www.americamagazine.org) & [www.uscatholic.org](http://www.uscatholic.org). All kinds of portals will open!

Signed: Joan d'Arc

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**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** MEETING Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. If you don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you. Bring a friend, all are welcome. If you don't like to attend meetings but like to help others, this is a ministry you can do at home. Please call Carol Lacher at 724/348-4692 for details and or questions.

**Coming in January: Tai Chi Classes with Sister Kathy!**  
 Tai Chi is an ancient form of exercise that began in China. It has developed over the centuries and today it is practiced by millions of people around the world to improve and maintain good health. The delight of Tai Chi is that anyone can practice it. Some of the benefits for practicing Tai Chi include: reduce stress levels, increase energy, improve concentration, strengthen bones, muscles, and joints, improve heart lung function, prevent age-related ill health, improves overall well being. Tai Chi's movements provide the opportunity to relax and strengthen one's body, without risk of strain or injury. It is also particularly suitable for the elderly as it improves balance and strength. Classes will be held Wednesday mornings beginning January 7, 2009 at 8:30 A.M. in the Gathering Place.

**The New Choices Career Development Program** of Carlow University for single parents and homemakers will begin FREE Career Development classes along with computer classes beginning in February in the city. For more information call 412-821-9504.

**Come join the Choir;** Rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7-8:30. Sing on Sundays alternating masses either 9:00 or 10:30. Youth choir is also looking for new members ages 8-16, rehearsals in library 2nd Sunday of each month.

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, January 18 8:00 am to Noon

Featuring pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and more!

\$5 adult \$3 child

**HOAGIES** - Fresh homemade 12" Italian and turkey hoagies will be on sale after masses next weekend. \$5.00

**YOUTH GROUP MASS** - Sunday, January 11 at 10:30 AM. Pews at the front, left side will be reserved for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** - All 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students are invited to join us on Sunday, January 11 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in the Schuster Room. Our speaker is Alicia Kozakiewicz. At the age of 13, Alicia was lured away from the safety of her home by an Internet predator. She was abducted and taken to another state where she was held prisoner for 4 days. Today, she is in college studying forensic psychology and she is here to share her story with us.

**HOLLYWOOD VS FAITH** - Frank Runyeon, Hollywood star of TV and film uses the Beatitudes and writing of St. Paul to critically look at the world of media through the eyes of Catholic teachings. He uses humor to reveal the shortcomings of the media's world view. 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students interested in attending this program should return a signed permission form no later than Jan. 4 to Mrs. Sherratt. We will meet at SJA at 6:30 PM on Sunday, January 11 and travel to St. Benedict the Abbot for the 7 PM performance.

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**Need Help with taxes?** Site South Hills Bible Chapel 300 Gallery drive McMurray PA . Free tax service offered February 2,2009 through April 15,2009, Monday—Friday from 9 Am to 3PM. No appointments necessary, Walk ins only!!!Please bring all pertinent tax documents: W-2 forms, interest, dividend forms, charity donations, etc..

**Duquesne University Tamburitzans:** Sunday, January 25,2009 at 3:00 P. M. in the Upper St. Clair Auditorium, all seats are reserved. Tickets-\$20.00. For Reservation call: Darlene Hoover 412-824-9619

**The Sts. John and Paul & St. Richard Divorced and Separated support group** will begin its next 13 week cycle of meetings on Monday, January 12, 2009. Meetings will be held at St. Richard Church in Rooms 5A & B of the Social Hall from 7:00-8:45 PM. Information should contact Ralph Joy, at 724-933-6226.

**This week at Saint Joan of Arc School...**

Wednesday, January 14... Yearbook Candid Photos

Friday, January 16... 12:20 Dismissal, Faculty Meeting

End of the Second Grading Period

**Preschool registration for the 2009-10 school year**

begins for SJA Parishioners, school families and current preschool families on Monday, January 26, 2009. Open registration begins on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. The 3 year preschool class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 AM and the 4 year class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-11:30AM. Tuition rates are \$1000 for the 3-year program and \$1150 for the 4-year program, payable in ten installments beginning in August. An afternoon session from 12:15-2:45PM will be made available depending on enrollment.

**Kindergarten registration** for the 2009-10 school year begins on Thursday, January 29, 2009. A Preview Night for prospective Kindergarten families will be held on Thursday, January 29 at 7PM in the Kindergarten classroom (Rm. 105). This session will allow families to learn more about our Kindergarten curriculum directly from Mrs. Lisa Belmont, our kindergarten teacher and our school programs from Mr. Cuniak and talk to current Kindergarten parents about their experiences. Registrations for 2009-10 will take place that night as well. We have received a significant number of inquires regarding Kindergarten for next year and anticipate a full class!

***Please share the good news of Saint Joan of Arc School with your families and friends!*** Personal tours are available by calling Mr. Jon Cuniak, school principal at 412/833-2433. Financial assistance is available.

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**MARCH FOR LIFE BUS-TRIP THROUGH OUR LADY OF GRACE**

All are invited to join the Our Lady of Grace bus-trip to the 36<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, January 22, 2009. 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 10:30 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](http://www.olgscott.org/html/march_for_life.html) . For more information, contact Marie Milburn, Director of Family Life & Adult Catechesis, 412-279-7070.

\*\*\*\*\*It's bowl season. Rather than just watching bowl games why not do something more active. Have a family bowling party. Kids too young for real bowling can have a ball with bubbles or clay.