

Mass Intentions**Saturday, January 31– John Bosco, priest**

5:00 P.M. - Ralph Bakalarczyk (Schneider Family)

Sunday, February 1– Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Teresa Dobos (Sam & Tami Kildare)

9:00 A.M. - Francis Hinkofer (Jim & Joan Lane)

10:30 A.M. - Mary Kubis (Paul Kubis, 48th
Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Carl Wirtz (Sister Helen Bekum)

Monday, February 2– Presentation of the Lord

8:00 A.M. - Gerald Fosbaugh (Terri Letender)

Tuesday, February 3– Blaise, bishop

8:00 A.M. - Joyce Phalin (Jerry Varsel)

6:30 P.M. - Prayer Service For Good Health and
Blessing of the Throat**Wednesday, February 4– Weekday**8:00 A.M. - Monica Cunningham
(Roger & Donna Antis)**Thursday, February 5– Agatha, virgin & martyr**

8:00 A.M. - Marie Sherer (Joe & Sharon Maltis)

Friday, February 6– Paul Miki, martyrs

8:00 A.M. - Ronald W. Reidl (Jean Ivons)

Saturday, February 7– Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Peter Gualazzi (M/M Gutrie Taboni)

Sunday, February 8– Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Robert Valetti (Joe & Sharon Maltis)

9:00 A.M. - Elizabeth Mooney (Joyce Chasky)

10:30 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (Bea & Chuck Stanko)
- People of the Parish12:00 Noon - Joe Kimmel
(Margaret & John Willingham)**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 Jurgeovich, Michael Pro, Father Jerome Vereb, Paul Pro, Tim Zalewsky, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villella, Kathleen Gearhart, Hank Marzina and Deacon Bill Strathman, Marion Clerici, Esther Priore, Dale Kerr . Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for the Blessed Virgin in memory of Norma Chasky, requested by Dale Chasky.**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for John the Baptist in Memory of Paul Matthews, requested by Jeanne Matthews, Shawna & Family.**Altar Bread & Wine** for one week in Memory of Norma Chasky, Requested by Dale Chasky.**Financial Statement**

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$10,490.00

Thank you for your generosity.**From the Pastor's Desk**

Well, with the beginning of February we hope for better and warmer days....please note prayer service for good health and blessing of throats on Tuesday, February 3, at 6:30 P.M.registration is underway for our elementary school and pre-school....why not consider sending your children to a Christ-centered zone in a family setting?....parishioners are welcome to join us at the pastoral council meeting Tuesday, February 10, at 7:00P.M. in the Schuster Room...mainly to help the Pastor make decisions about the ongoing building and maintenance needs....any suggestions, please call Father....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection Today is for Repairs and Replacements: recent expenses for this collection include: repair of freezer in the hall \$548; repair of windshield in parish van \$276; plumbing fixtures: \$107; repair of school roof \$441; rectory dryer \$49.00; elevator repair \$235; Christmas decorations for hall \$275....Where does all the money go?

Prayer Service For Good Health and blessing of the throats. Tuesday, January 3, at 6:30P.M., St. Blaise Day.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Shuster Room, Parishioners may attend.

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.

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

Save The Date: SJA WOMENS RETREAT May 29-31, 2009. For more information call Karen 412-831-1517.

Have you checked out our web site? Being updated weekly, and now has a whole new look!!!!
www.mystjoan.org

Rest in Peace: Father Bruno Asturi, Pastor of St Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church, Upper St. Clair.

The Catholic Men's Fellowship and Adult Faith formation office will be hosting two evenings of presentations (Feb. 6th and 20th) at St. Paul Seminary on John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Both evenings include dinner and materials; the cost is \$20 each or \$40 per couple, paid at the door. For Registration please call 412-456-3115 Chris Chapman.

Scripture Reflection

Do you see it? When our Lord says, "Be silent!" he speaks across the ages to all of us with a word that is nothing less than good news. This command that echoes off the stone walls of that old synagogue in Capernaum is a good word for us today. It is what I call a saving silence that invites our attention and has within it the gift of grace. Just what is this saving silence? I would suggest that this saving silence commanded by our Lord is first an invitation to name the noisy emptiness of our lives. God forbid that any of us, or anyone we know or love, would know the debilitating torment of this man long ago. But one does not have to be mentally ill or immobilized by pain to know life can quickly become a noisy, empty exercise. Your life is full of busy, noisy activity, but not fulfilled by any one of them. The raw but redeeming truth of it all is that we can have much without being much; we can have a life with high volume without being in a life with high value. The good news Jesus brings begins with a saving silence that creates a space for God. But then what? What happens next when the noise turns silence, when God speaks to the crowded business of our lives? What Then? The story suggests the silence Jesus brings is not always easy to accept. We pride ourselves with our connections, our full calendars, and our important activities. These noisy occupants within are not easily dismissed. They may have so defined who we are, we may not welcome the possibility of evicting them for other, lesser known replacements. What then, indeed! No, I am not suggesting that we throw away our Day Timers or discount the good and ennobling work we do. Neither am I imagining a life without work, exercise, hobbies, the arts, or play. What I am saying is that the madness of our day, noisy that it is, can crowd out the very One who can make and keep us sane and in our right minds. So hear again the words of Jesus: "Be silent, and come out!" And in this silence, let's bid our Lord welcome. Amen

Dear Joan:

I was reading in the paper last week about a local cemetery providing burial space for pets. I was wondering if the priests are willing to go to the cemetery for the dog or cat's burial.

Signed: Precious Paws

Dear Precious Paws:

Yes, Father has heard about burials for pets. The best way to handle this is to tell a story that happened a few years back. One day a parishioner lost his pet an Irish Setter of sixteen years. He asked the priest to go to the burial, but he said he was too busy and really didn't go for the idea. The parishioner called around to various ministers and finally found one who agreed to go. Later he told Father about it. He said the minister was glad to go then and that he paid him \$300 for attending. Father then asked the parishioner: "Why didn't you tell me the dog was Catholic?"

Signed: Joan d'Arc

Held over by Popular Demand: Sister Kathy's Tai Chi Classes. Classes will be continued into February, and February 18th being the last session. Come enjoy, relax, and become one with the spirit.

Attention All Fish Fry Volunteers – Mark your calendars! - Tuesday, February 24th from 7:00pm to 8:15pm in the Gathering Place for an evening of reflection with Sr. Kathy. This will offer you an opportunity to pause and reflect on the great service you provide to your parish all year round. To be a volunteer is a blessing – and a gift to the Parish. Please call the rectory if you are able to attend. God Bless.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: February 13-15 at the Tofftress Resort, State College, Pa. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775.

Are you looking for a medical mission experience close to home? Then join our "volunteers with heart" team of clinical and non-clinical professionals at the Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center in downtown Pittsburgh. Physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, nurses and individuals with clerical and organizational skills are needed. Free parking is provided. If you would like to share in the service of helping others, then call 412-456-6699.



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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: MEETING Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. If you need a prayer shawl for yourself or another, all you need do is ask. Please feel free to call Carol Lacher at 724/348-4692.

St. Louise de Marillac Parish is offering Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Classes on the Following Mondays: Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23; from 7 to 9 P.M. Registration is required. Parish Office number: 412-833-1010.

Saint Paul Seminary, Thursday, February 5th, Free lecture from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. in the auditorium. "Have no Contempt for their Youth: The Story of Today's New Faithful," by Colleen Carroll Campbell.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 7, 2009

5:00 P.M. - C. & J. Counihan

Sunday, February 8, 2009

7:30 A.M. - B. Swiess, M. Hopeck, Z. Palen

9:00 A.M. - T. Brdar, A. & K. Swindell

10:30 A.M. - A. Stein, N. Burke, D. Morgret

12:00 Noon - K. Messner, T. Ashton



Fresh Donuts on sale after all masses this week. Proceeds benefit the Appalachia Work Camp. \$6.00 a dozen \$3.00 half-dozen

FISH FRY
Friday, February 6
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
For take-out call 412-854-3173



DESSERTS - needed for fish fry. Please drop them off in The Gathering Place on Friday, February 6.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS - Suggested t-shirt for February 6 is **YELLOW**.

Youth Group

YOUTH GROUP MASS - for all 8th grade and high school students on Sunday, February 8 at 10:30 AM. We'll save you a seat!

YOUTH GROUP MEETING - for all 8th grade and high school students on Sunday, February 8 from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM in the Schuster Room. Representatives from the Women's Crisis Shelter will be our visitors.

SEVEN SPRINGS - Ten seats remain for the February 22 ski trip. We'll attend 9 AM mass at SJA. 10:00 AM depart lower parking lot via Lenzner Motor Coach. Return to SJA 9:00 PM. First people to return permission forms will be given the remaining seats.

Last Sunday I was honored to receive a Manifesting the Kingdom Award from Bishop Zubik at St. Paul's Cathedral. 248 people received the award and more than 100 priests concelebrated the mass including Fr. Pribonic and Fr. Ray. It was a feast for the senses. I was extremely touched by the number of people from St. Joan of Arc who made the trip to Oakland in spite of the terrible weather. And of course there are my best cheerleaders... the youth of this parish. I don't know what the thousands of people in the cathedral thought, but when my name was announced, they gave a standing ovation. From the bottom of my heart I sincerely thank this parish for allowing me to be part of this family, and for the support you give to me in my efforts to serve our Lord. May God Bless You, *Carol Sherratt (Youth Minister)*

Mother/Daughter Day of Reflection: Saturday, April 4, 2009 held at the Gilmary Retreat Center from 9:00 till 4:00 P.M. Cost is \$25.00 and \$5.00 for each additional daughter. For girls age 10 and up. Relationship building, spiritually encouraging and fun. Registration in advance is required. For reservations call 412-264-8400.

This Week at Saint Joan of Arc School...

Monday, February 2...No School for students in grades 5-8
 Tuesday, February 3...Prayer Service, feast of St. Blaise, 1:30PM.

Wednesday, February 4...No School for students in grades K-4

Saturday, February 7... PJAS Competition at Keystone Oaks H.S.

Our PJAS team (Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science) is busy putting the finishing touches on their formal science projects, which they will present at the Regional Competition on Saturday, February 7 at Keystone Oaks High School. They are practicing their presentations with Mrs. Martik and Mrs. Matter after school two or three days a week. Their hard work and dedication are commendable. The students will be competing in the regional competition with hopes of reaching the State Competition, which is held in May at Penn State University. Our team and the projects they will be presenting are: Rhiannon Lewis (8th grade) – Hard Water vs. Soft Water and Connor Leach (7th grade) Are Child-resistant Medicine Bottles Really Child-proof? Good luck to our students. We are proud to have you represent Saint Joan of Arc School.

The Saint Joan of Arc School Forensics Team

recently competed in a tournament at Saint Louise de Marillac School. The students received 8 first place and 8 second place awards. Congratulations to Erica Caracciolo, Rhiannon Lewis, Taylor Remlinger, Connor Leach, Nathan Repine, Lauren Gamrat, Lauren Gugliotti and Kiersten Lewis. Thanks goes to Mrs. Kathy Moeslein, our moderator, for her hard work in preparing our students for this competition!

Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten for the 2009-10 school year is underway! Children must be 3, 4 or 5 by September 1, 2009. For more information on our school, check out our school website www.mysjaschool.org or call the school office at 412/833-2433. Financial Assistance is available! Classes are filling quickly!

The Sisters of the Divine Redeemer, 999 Rock Run Road, Elizabeth Township, are sponsoring 6 "DAYS OF REFLECTION" at their Motherhouse during 2009:
 Sat Feb 21--Tom Rutkoski "Blessed Virgin Mary Reflections" with Bishop Zubik saying Mass; Sun Mar 22--Fr Mark Gruber, OSB "Pro-Life Reflections"; Sun May 17--Fr James Bump "Forgiveness Reflections"; Sat Sep 26--Fr Peter West "Priests for Life Reflections"; Sun Oct 18--Patricia Nosel "End of Life Reflections" with Fr Bump saying Mass; Sat Nov 28--Fr Angelus Shaughnessy "Advent Reflections". Each day includes 3 conferences, Holy Hour, Confessions, Luncheon, Mass and much more all for only \$30 each or \$150 for all 6 paid in advance. Call Sister Rosemary at 412 751-8600 for reservations or more information.