

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, March 21– Lenten Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Bernard Kowalski (SJA School)

**Sunday, March 22– Fourth Sunday in Lent**

7:30 A.M. - Edward Weise (Melvin Lucas)

9:00 A.M. - Michael Baldauf  
(Regis & Marlys Schoedel)10:30 A.M. - Catherine LoPresti  
(M/M Richard Matessa)  
- People of the Parish12:00 Noon - Dolores Lis  
(Jim Striebich & E. Mahoney)**Monday, March 23– Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop**

8:00 A.M. - Erma Scott (Lori Katlubeck)

1:30 P.M. - Meadowcrest: Dan Wells (Gill Family)

**Tuesday, March 24– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Bernadine Senchensen (Cathy Gasior)

**Wednesday, March 25– Annunciation of the Lord**8:00 A.M. - Sandy Schwenning  
(Husband: Bill, Daughters, and  
Grandchildren)**Thursday, March 26– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Thomas O'Keefe (Pat Getty)

**Friday, March 27– Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Ester Priore (Breisinger Family)

**Saturday, March 28– Lenten Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Teresa Dobos (Jodi &amp; John Stout)

**Sunday, March 29– Fifth Sunday in Lent**

7:30 A.M. - David Lucas (Mike &amp; MaryAnn Lucas)

9:00 A.M. - Michael Baldauf  
(Library Golden Agers)10:30 A.M. - Marie Engelhart (Peg Harchelroad)  
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Richard Sekinger (Louda Family)

**Among the faithfully departed,** please pray for Olympia Henry, Mother of Linda Mattola, Carol Corvino, Mother-in-law of Mrs. Pat Corvino (Teacher at SJA School) and Anita Heidenreich, sister of Rich Heidenreich.

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

Rosemarie Jabo, Tony & Jeannie Obidzinski, Marnie Rennie, Louise Hillman, Emily Herring, Bill Jurgevich, Michael Pro, Paul Pro, Tim Zalewsky, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villella, Kathleen Gearhart, Marion Clerici, Dale Kerr, Ralph Lauterbach, Delores Klose, Angie Lytle, Judy Zadkar, Darlene Lewis, Mike Mitrik and Ed Stetar. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

**Financial Statement**

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$10,287.00

Parish Share Collected.....\$63,000.00

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

On March 11, I, Ms. Bev, Mr. Tony Hickton, Mr. Mike Palus, Mr. Chris Ponticello of the Diocesan Legal Office, South Park Township Manager: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Board of Supervisors: Walt Sackins, George Smith, and Dave Buchewicz, and PennDOT District Traffic Manager: Todd Kravitz, and Representative Matt Champion from Senator Pippy's Office, and Representative Carol Burke from Representative Levdansky's Office attended a meeting at the township Municipal Building to discuss the safety issues of our people and children crossing Library Road. The meeting was productive from all sides, and steps are being taken to relocate the crosswalk, improve the lighting, install signage, and forbid parking on both sides of the highway....we owe all a hearty "thank you" and trust everyone's patience, but above all attention when crossing Library Road at any time....no one can be "SAFE" enough!...Mark your calendar Festival Date is set: August 5-8.

Father Pribonic

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**Second Collection** this Sunday is for the Campaign for Human Development and Home Missions, next Sunday for St. Vincent De Paul Society.

**Parish Share 2009**— Please help us to raise our commitment to the Diocese (93,000) and to top that figure with all extra monies staying in the Parish! Please make a pledge for a minimum of \$250 payable over ten months; greater pledges most gratefully accepted!

**Post Card Campaign**---Please use post cards provided to urge federal elected officials to oppose FOCA, or e-mail messages as per last weeks bulletin.

**Class for Parents of First Child Baptism:** Monday, March 30 at 7:00PM in the Rectory, please call to register.

**The Liturgy of the Hours** is the official set of daily prayers prescribed by the Roman Catholic Church to be recited at various hours of the day, by clergy, religious orders, and laity. The Mass, and the Liturgy of the Hours constitute the official public prayer life of the church. During Lent, Sister Kathy will offer "Liturgy of the Hours" morning prayer every Wednesday morning after Daily Mass.

**The semi-annual Evening of Reflection for those who are Separated or Divorced,** will be offered on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary, (Domenec Hall) Crafton. For further information call 412-456-3160 or [www.familylife@diopitt.org](mailto:www.familylife@diopitt.org)

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for the Blessed Virgin in Memory of Norma Chasky, requested by Dale Chasky.

**Scripture Reflection**

There is more. This surprising, lavish love of God comes to us as a gift. God brings eternal life from certain death and in so doing, saves us by grace we do not deserve and can never earn. Paul's words are immortal: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Here is one of the great mysteries of our human experience wrapped up in an enigma.

Why is it that we so relish receiving that special gift on our birthday or anniversary, so enjoy unwrapping beautiful packages on Christmas from family and friends, and yet stand suspiciously distant from God's great gift to us in Jesus Christ? Of all the gifts we could receive across the span of our years, none compares with the gift of eternal life given us through the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord.

John could not have written it any plainer: "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." In this most beloved sentence from John's Gospel, we hear deep in the lonely corridors of our souls that God's gift, God's surprising gift, is eternal life. Yes, that means life beyond this life with God in God's eternal kingdom. But it also means life now takes on the quality of eternity; life infused with grace, life brimming with hope, life unfettered by fear.

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**Saint Mary of the Mount Parish Social Ministry** is sponsoring an educational seminar on **Sunday, March 22**, from 1:00-3:00 pm in Sullivan Hall, 115 Bigham St, Mount Washington. The topics will be 'Hospice' and 'Caring for the Caregiver.' Questions answered: What is hospice? Who is eligible? Can I stay at home? How does it help my family? and many more including how to take care of yourself as you take care of an ill family member. The presentation is free; but please pre-register by Wednesday, March 18th. Call Karen Coughlan in the parish office at 412-381-0212 x 4 to pre-register. Don't miss these informative speakers!

**Parent Pointers:** Let the beginning of Spring be a prompt to share nature with your child. Even if it's still chilly or rainy in your neck of the woods, get out into the woods - if not today, soon. Don't let your child suffer from nature deficit disorder.

Altar Server Schedule	
<b>Saturday, March 28, 2009</b>	
5:00 P.M.	- C. & J. Counihan
<b>Sunday, March 29, 2009</b>	
7:30 A.M.	- S. & B. Swiess, Z. Palen
9:00 A.M.	- N. & M. Leng, C. Dembiczak
10:30 A.M.	- C. Shakespeare, J. Winfield, N. Burke
12:00 Noon	- A. Rigatti, J. Gastmeyer, C. Bajkowski



**Shamrock Shootout!...** The Donahue Family is pleased to announce that the Fourth Annual Shamrock Shootout will take place at 8:00 AM, Saturday, July 25 at the Butler Golf Course in Elizabeth Twp.. All proceeds will go to the Jane Donahue Tuition Fund established in memory of our departed Mother/Wife. The fund provides financial assistance to families sending their children to St. Joan of Arc School. Additional details will be communicated in a few weeks.

Thank you, Mike Donahue & Family.

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**Dear Joan:**

Here are some quotes I came across recently:

"The observance of the church concerning feasts and fasts are tolerably well kept., since the rich keep the feasts and the poor keep the fasts"



...Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your door forever....Quit griping about your church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong....If the parish wants a better preacher, it only needs to pray for the one it has!

**Signed: Sue the Surfer**

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**Current Economic conditions** have placed an increased demand for all items we have available in our Food Pantry. Therefore on Saturday/Sunday March 28-29, we are asking parishioners to bring to Church your offerings of non-perishable food, and paper products. Your donated items are to be placed in bags against the wall in the hallway of Domremy Pavilion before all masses on the above noted dates only. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need of our combined help.

**Our St Vincent DePaul conference** will have a truck in our parking lot on Saturday *April 18*, 10 to 12 Noon and 4-6 PM, and 8 AM to 12 Noon on Sunday April 19. Contributions of clothing, household items, small appliances, kitchenware, etc. will be accepted.

**Ladies Aux VFW Post 6664** is having an indoor flea market. 8 foot table rentals are available for a cost of \$15 each (table cost to benefit Operation Troop Appreciation). Location South Park Municipal, Sunday Apr 26, 2009, 9AM to 3PM. Call today to rent your space. Kathie Gasior .. 412-833-7561.

**Veronica's Veil** Starts March 21 and will run through Sunday April 5, 2009. For reservations please call 412-431-5550.

**South Park Lions Holding Their Annual Bingo Event:** At Library Fire Hall on Saturday March 28th. Doors open at 5:30 PM for Early Bingo. 7PM for Main Event. \$4000.00 *Bingo Pot!!!!*

**ISUPPORT ADOPTION! Pasta Dinner:** April 25, Sat. Time: 2 to 7 Library Fire Hall Dinner \$8.00 Tickets also at door. Darla and Wayne Klose (724) 348-0617 Thanks!! All proceeds help families with Adoption Expenses.

**FRIDAY FISH FRY**

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

**Lenten Special \$8.50***Fried fish, dinner roll, fries & cole slaw  
(no substitutions)***\*\*\*Telephone take-out orders are accepted\*\*\*****Friday at 10 AM ... 412-854-3173**

**DESSERTS** - Are needed for this Friday's fish fry. Please drop them off in The Gathering Place.

**CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR TROOPS** - Stop by the display board in the church vestibule to pick a "footprint" which contains a wish list from a U.S. troop serving abroad. Don't forget the grocery bag which contains instructions on how to fill the order. The youth group will pack these items into boxes and send them off to the troops on Good Friday. If you have someone you'd like to add to the board, call Carol Sherratt 412-854-3173 and leave the name, rank, branch of military, and mailing address of the recipient. This year we've added a few footprints asking for \$10 to help support wounded troops during their recovery.

\*\*\*\*\***YOUTH GROUP**\*\*\*\*\*

**LOCK-IN** ... Come join us for 24-hours of "togetherness" including a meager meal, confession, Holy Thursday and Good Friday church services, group activities, service projects, and a delicious meal at the SJA Good Friday fish fry. Pack your PJs, toothbrush, and sleeping bag ... this is an over-nighter at St. Joan. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school student are welcome. Return a permission form by March 29.

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**Gathering of Catholic Men: April 18, 2009 A.J. Palumbo Center at Duquesne University.** Doors open at 8:30 A.M. and the closing Mass with Bishop Zubik is at 4P.M. Boxed Lunch is included. Preregistration is \$40.00 or pay \$55.00 at the door. Make checks payable to Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF) Pittsburgh PO Box 13235 Pittsburgh Pa 15243 or call 412-276-2685.

**The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)** is inviting public comment on a proposal to rescind an important December 2008 federal regulation that protects the conscience rights of health care providers. Help protect the rights of our Catholic health care professionals and institutions. Please visit [www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection](http://www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection) to access links to make a comment and to find out more information. **Comments must be posted by April 9, 2009.**

**Catholic Hospice hiring** Part-time LPNS and Certified Nursing Aides: The time at the end of life is an invaluable time for LIVING— an opportunity for both personal and spiritual growth for patients, their families and friends. Fax your resume, cover letter and salary requirements to 724-933-6225.

School News

**Book Fair After Mass ThisWeek:** There will be a Book Fair in the Schuster Room, benefitting the St. Joan of Arc School, after all masses. Come and share the joy of reading with your family.

**We have a year round fund raiser of AVON products.**

Please consider taking a catalog home .. you will be surprised at the variety available. You may place your order by e-mail ([kgasior2@yahoo.com](mailto:kgasior2@yahoo.com)) by phone Kathie Gasior 412-833-7561. St. Joan of Arc School receives 10% of the product cost (before tax) from any order from the St. Joan of Arc Community. If you would prefer to pay by credit card .. you may go on the website to order, pay by credit card and your purchases would be mailed directly to your home Website: <http://www.youravon.com/kgasior>  
Thank you in advance for supporting our school

**Registration for the 2009-10 school year continues at Saint Joan of Arc School.** There are VERY LIMITED spaces available in our Half and Full Day Kindergarten program as well as 3-year Preschool program. Our AM 4 year preschool class is full and we are taking registrations until April 6 for a 4-year PM Preschool class. For more information, to schedule a tour or register for the 2009-10 school year, please call Mr. Jon Cuniak, school Principal at 412/833-2433.

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**The Franciscan Child Day Care Center** is Sponsoring their 3rd Annual Indoor Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 28th at the Center, in Whitehall. Participants can chose to attend either the 9:00 AM or the 10:15AM egg hunt & Breakfast. Admission is \$3.50 for children and \$6.50 for adults. Due to the limited seating, reservations must be made. Proceeds from the event benefit the Franciscan Child Day Care Center, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God.

**Men! Our families are under attack!** Attend the Men's Battle Workshop to release the power of the Holy Spirit to combat the negative forces affecting families. The next workshop will be March 28th from 9AM to 1PM at St. Louise DeMarillac Church in the Bishop Leonard Room.

**Divorce Recovery Speaker** series at St. Benedict the Abbott Church, McMurray on Monday, March 30 from 7:30-9:00PM to hear and discuss the process for a declaration of nullity. There is no fee to attend. However, preregistration is appreciated. Individuals planning to attend may call Dennis Gehrlein at 724-941-9406, at St Benedict the Abbot Parish.

**Join biblical scholars and historical** theologians in a discussion about the ways in which faith communities have interpreted the Scriptures. **March 27, 2009, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Duquesne Union For more information:** [www.duq.edu/receptionhistory](http://www.duq.edu/receptionhistory)