

Mass Intentions**Saturday, April 4– Isidore, bishop**

5:00 P.M. - Chuck Young (Ron & Carol Macy)

Sunday, April 5– Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion7:30 A.M. - Taboni & Gualazzi Family
(M/M Gutrie Taboni)

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

10:30 A.M. - Michael Baldauf
(Marylou & Jay Briggs)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - William Caggiano (Carol Pavlik)

Monday, April 6– Monday of Holy Week

8:00 A.M. - Joseph Pointer (Wife & Sons)

1:30 –3:00 PM Reconciliation

Tuesday, April 7– Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 A.M. - Michelina Baiano (Husband)

4:00-5:00 PM Reconciliation

7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, April 8- Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 A.M. - George O'Connor, Sr.

(Mike & Betty Jo Mitrik)

4:00-5:00 PM Reconciliation

7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Thursday, April 9-Holy Thursday (Lord's Supper)

8:00 A.M. - No Mass

7:00 P.M. - Bernard Kowalski
(Kowalski & Dailey Families)
- Olympia Henry (Pat & Jerry Ault)**Friday, April 10- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

8:00 A.M. - No Mass

1:30 P.M. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 11– Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil

8:30 P.M. - Ed Harchelroad (Wife, Peg)

Sunday, April 12– Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord7:30 A.M. - Daniel Bradley
(Rose, Mike & Sean Bradley)
- Taboni & Gualazzi Family
(M/M Gutrie Taboni)9:00 A.M. - Sandy Schwenning (Husband, Bill,
Daughters & Grandchildren)10:30 A.M. - Gregg Dusch (Wife, Maureen)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Deceased Farrelli Family (Family)

Financial Statement

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$9201.00

Parish Share Collected.....\$74,326.00

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

Having entered into April, we hope that spring will stay with us, and as we begin the Holiest Week of the year, may we renew our Lenten resolutions and plan on confessing our sins and taking part in the liturgies of Holy Week, please refer to this bulletin for the complete schedule...parishioners may take Easter water after Mass on Easter and bless your homes and children with the prayer provided in the next week's bulletin...at the Easter Vigil this Saturday at 8:30 PM we welcome Harry Sperling, Carole Lucchesi, Sharon Taylor, James Dean, Charles Allard, and Samantha Bowkley into full Communion in the Catholic Church...and on Holy Thursday, we welcome Sister Kathy, Jonathan Winfield, Donna Parlak, Marion Gregg, Judy Kendall and Christopher Scott as Eucharistic ministers and wish to thank all for their willingness to serve...at the 7:00 PM Mass we will also recognize the service of our Youth Group by washing the hands of twelve workers from the Appalachian Workcamp....

Father Phillip Pribonic

Second Collection today is for Repairs and Replacements.**Collection on Holy Thursday** is for tuition aid Father Pete Keunzig Fund for our School.**Collection on Good Friday** for the Holy Land: the basket at the cross for the Franciscan Fathers soup kitchen in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina.**First Collection** on Easter is for the Easter Offering. **Second Collection** on Easter is for Regular Sunday Collection.**Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat**, and this fast may be kept until Easter Mass.**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!**Confession Schedule For Holy Week:** Monday, April 6 1:30-3:00 PM Four priests will be on hand; if possible, please come at this time and you may jump into line at anytime, even though our school children will be there as well. Tuesday, April 7: 4-5PM and 7-8 PM, Wednesday, April 8: 4-5PM and 7-8PM.**Holy Week Masses****Holy Thursday Mass: 7:00PM****Good Friday Liturgy: 1:30PM****Good Friday-Stations of the Cross: 7:30PM****Blessing of Easter Food, Holy Saturday at 1:30 PM****Easter Vigil-Holy Saturday at 8:30PM****Easter Sunday:7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM and NOON****Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for the Blessed Virgin in memory of Olympia Henry, requested by Pat & Jerry Ault.**Altar Bread and Wine** for one week in memory of Olympia Henry, requested by Vonnie & Rodger Rigatti.**Class for Parents of First Child Baptism:** Monday, April 27 at 7:00PM in the Rectory, please call to register.

Scripture Reflection

Few, if any of us, can fathom the depth of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. We hear the scriptures read and, through the gifts of bread and wine, remember our Lord's broken body and shed blood. But what is absolutely impossible for us to comprehend is the love of God that would surrender a holy, sinless, innocent life to a mob's madness and soldiers' cruelties. Who is this One with whom we have to do who loves us from the lonely immanence of a splintered tree? What is this love of God that endures the torture of the cross, refusing to hold our sins against us?

Here, dear ones, is the mystery and wonder of this week into which we journey. Here, we gaze upon the Son of God who wears this lonely crown, abandoned by the likes of us to the brutalities of human meanness. Here, between a darkened sky and a trembling earth, God dangles from a tree to love us back to himself. How is this possible?

How? Because this lonely crown is, in an ultimate sense, a crown of trust. Our Lord Jesus Christ, broken by the lash of the whip and blooded by the piercing of a crown's thorns, died trusting God the Father. He endured Calvary's death to show us that nothing can now or ever separate us from God's heart of love.

This holy week is God's invitation to us, broken though we are, to trust that God is the One who is the giver of life, the great Lover of our souls. And when the thorny crown of death pierces our brow and mocks our hope, we of faith can set our face like flint toward the bright dawn to God's Kingdom, believing that God brings life from the terrors that cast ominous shadows over our dreams. This is the promise of Holy Week, given us in Lord Jesus Christ.

Happy 5th Anniversary to SJA Prayer Shawl Ministry
COMFORTING STITCHES: Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been offering Prayers, Warmth, Solace, and Friendship for FIVE YEARS. Please come and help us celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of this spiritual ministry on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 P.M. in the Gathering Place. Everyone is welcome. To-date we have made and presented over 1,100 prayer shawls and rosaries to folks in our parish as well as outside our parish. We are grateful for Father Pribonic, Father Ray, our crafters/friends, and benefactor who so lovingly give of their time, talent, love, prayers, and support. Any questions, please call Carol Lacher at 724/348-4692.

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.

Dear Joan:

I'd like to hear from Bluetooth again. I took the suggestion to start texting and you have to learn a whole new language to text. I found this out when I texted my boyfriend and signed it LOL, which I thought was "lots of love" and well it isn't and now he doesn't answer me anymore.

Then I heard that a bishop in Italy suggested that people give up texting for Lent. As much as texting has been a disappointment for me, I think that I should give it up all together or have Bluetooth give classes on texting. Bluetooth, where are you when I need you?

Signed: Cell Totin' Grandma

Dear Cell Totin' Grandma:

I will be happy to consider giving classes in texting when Lent is over. Please check back. PS: Please be sure to limit yourself to texting!

Signed: Blue Tooth

SPRING CLEANING? Please remember our NEW TO YOU Booth! We are gratefully accepting donations. Must be in very good to excellent condition, no cracks, in working order, all parts, clean. No clothing or shoes. The "Festival House" will be open for drop off beginning **Sat May 2 (4PM - 6PM) and Sun May 3 (8:30AM - 1:30PM)**. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Kathie Gasior 412-833-7561

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.

On Easter Sunday, April 12 Bishops David Zubik, Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00PM. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

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.

St. Joan of Arc School's Annual Spring Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009 in the Gathering Place at St. Joan of Arc Church. The Spring Fashion Show is a great opportunity to enjoy lunch with friends and view the latest spring fashions courtesy of T. J. Maxx and hair and makeup trends by Philip Pelusi. Plus, you can win great gift baskets, the 50/50, a designer purse, the table centerpiece, and gift certificates to hotels, restaurants, and more! Order your tickets today at the certificate table, in the school office, or by calling Diane at 724-348-8107. \$25 donation. All proceeds benefit the children of St. Joan of Arc School.

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 - In observance of Good Friday, desserts will not be available at the fish fry.

CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR TROOPS - Thank you for "cleaning off" the footprint board so quickly. If you didn't get a footprint but would still like to support this effort, you can help pay the postage in mailing these boxes. The cost to send one box is \$11.95 and checks can be made payable to "St. Joan of Arc". Please drop an envelope into the collection basket marked "Troops". If you took a footprint, please attach the footprint to the grocery bag and leave it in the church vestibule.

LENTEN COIN BOX - A collection bin will be placed in the church vestibule through Easter Sunday.

IN MEMORIAM - The youth group has made 700 crucifix pins from nail spikes. They will distribute these crucifixes at the Good Friday church service in memory of Olympia Henry, mother of Linda Mattola.

*******YOUTH GROUP*******

ALL NIGHT BOWLING - Saturday, April 25. Parent drop-off at Brunswick Playmor Bowl at 12:15 AM. Cost is \$16 which includes unlimited bowling, shoes, transportation to SJA where we will be treated to a hot breakfast prepared by our adult volunteers. Parent pick-up at SJA 4:30 AM. Return permission slip by April 19.

LOCK-IN ... So far 71 teenagers have signed up for this event. Arrive 4 PM on Holy Thursday. Put your belongings in the gym. Please bring your red youth group polo shirt.

Please join me (Beth Stroud) on Friday, April 17 at 7PM for a Happy Hour to benefit Catholic Hospice. Joining in the festivities will be representatives from Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple and Cookie Lee Jewelry. Each representative will be sharing a portion of their proceeds with Catholic Hospice - the area's only independent faith-based, **non-profit** hospice program. Happy Hour Info: Friday, April 17, 2009 @ 7 PM 121 Scenic Ridge Drive Venetia, PA 15367. RSVP: 724.260.0646 - home telephone.

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God are sponsoring their 3rd Annual Arbor Day Paper Drive on Friday, April 24th. Paper will be collected all day, but from 7am - 10 am participants will receive samples of Franciscan Blend Fair Trade Coffee and refreshments. Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and other paper to be recycled can be dropped off in the green and yellow collection bins. Due to restrictions, cardboard, telephone books, plastic and non-paper items will not be accepted. For more information, please call (412) 885-7232.

This week at Saint Joan of Arc School...

MONDAY, APRIL 6...Sacrament of Reconciliation, grades 3-8 beginning at 1:30PM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7...Open Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-6:00PM; Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8...12:20 Dismissal, Easter Break Begins

THU. APR. 9- MON. APR 13...Easter Vacation, NO SCHOOL

Thank you to all of our parishioners and school families who share the good news of Saint Joan of Arc School with their families and friends. The word is out on the superior, faith filled education our children receive at our parish school. Very limited spaces are available in our Three year preschool and Kindergarten classes for the 2009-10 school year. We are exploring interest in a four year preschool, afternoon session. We also are welcoming new students in Grades 1-8. For more information, visit SJA School on the web at www.mysjaschool.org or call Jonathan Cuniak the school principal at 412/833-2433.

SJA School has received a generous donation through the EITC program to use exclusively in our three and four preschool program. An application including income verification is to be returned to Mr. Jon Cuniak, school principal, no later than May 15, 2009. This opportunity will help families send their children to preschool where they may otherwise not be able to afford it. For more information, please contact Mr. Jon Cuniak at 412/833-2433.

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) by phone Kathie Gasior 412-833-7561. St. Joan of Arc School receives 10% of the product cost (before tax). If you would prefer to pay by credit card .. you may go on the website to order, and your purchases would be mailed directly to your home. <http://www.youravon.com/kgasior> Thank you in advance for supporting our school

30th Interfaith Holocaust Observance Service Rescue and Loss: Saving the Voices Sunday, April 26, 2009, 7:30 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St Clair. Contact SHIM 412 854-9120 or visit www.ShimHolocaustObservance.net

"Holy Family Parish Youth Ministry, Second Avenue, West Newton will hold a "BINGO" in the church social hall on Sunday, April 19 at 2 PM. Included in the admission price of \$6 is one board, set of specials, magic number and luncheon. We now have 24 ways to WIN as well as cards for the visually impaired. Come on out and have some fun."

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.