

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18– Easter Sunday

5:00 P.M. - Lawrence Kunkel (Jane Kunkel)

Sunday, April 19– Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 A.M. - George Donoghue (SJA CCD Family)

9:00 A.M. - Louis Ruzzi (Jean Ruzzi)

10:30 A.M. - Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry (5th Anniversary Prayer Shawl Ministry)

- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Rose Piciucco (Flo Doyle & Family)

Monday, April 20–Easter Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Lawrence Modrak (Lorraine Modrak)

Tuesday, April 21– Anselm, bishop & doctor

8:00 A.M. - Jennie Santo (Gail McDowell)

Wednesday, April 22– Easter Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Ann Curimsky (Gail McDowell)

Thursday, April 23– George, martyr & Adalbert, bishop

8:00 A.M. - Lou Lorincy (Family)

Friday, April 24– Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest

8:00 A.M. - James P. Quinn (Wife, Mary Lou)

Saturday, April 25– Mark, evangelist

5:00 P.M. - Carol Levis Tirella (Leonard & Adrienne Maist)

Sunday, April 26– Third Sunday in Easter

7:30 A.M. - Ed Eggert (Joe & Sharon Maltis)

9:00 A.M. - Conrad Gerhold (Wife, Doris & Sons)

10:30 A.M. - Robert Mobrey (Jean Ruzzi)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Ralph Bakalarczyk (Schneider Family)

1:30 P.M. - First Communion Group Mass
Marion Hudak (Steve Hudak ,Jr.)

Altar Bread & Wine for one week in Memory of Curt Markham, Requested by his Mother.

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, Norm Brody, Delores Klose, Judy Zadkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Penny James, Father Joe Kurutz and Ed Stetar . Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

Financial Statement

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....	\$6200.50
Easter Collection.....	\$13,684.00
Holy Land Collection.....	..\$1387.00
Soup Kitchen Collection.....	\$384.00
Parish Share Collected.....	\$78,564.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

Father Ray, Sister Kathy and I want to thank everyone for participating in the Lenten and Easter Season liturgies, as well as all the general support for the parish and in volunteering at the fish fry and decorating the church...helping with the Youth Group, RCIA, School, and CCD program, for Ms. Deana and the work of the choir, Mrs. Tracey with the liturgy and altar servers and presentation of the church, and all who contributed to the many various charities which we have during this season, not the least of which is the many CARE packages prepared by our youth group for shipment to our service men and women overseas...we need to continue to pray for their protection and speedy return home!...and of course we will be welcoming our youngsters to the table of the Lord during this season!

Father Pribonic

Meeting with Eucharistic Ministers: Monday, May 4 at 7:00PM in the Church; to review the spirituality of the ministry, review procedures, and revamp the schedule. Until the new schedule is established, simply return to the schedule for the week of February 23, Thank You.

Parents of first child baptism: Monday, April 27, at 7:00PM in the Rectory, please call to register!

Evening with Bishop Zubik for those interested in considering the priesthood, Saturday, May 7, 2009 4:30-800PM at St. Paul Seminary, please call 412-456-3048 for information.

Finance Council Meeting: Monday: April 20, 2009 at 7:00P.M. in the Schuster Room.

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.

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH ON LIBRARY ROAD AND NO PARKING OPPOSITE AT THE FESTIVAL HOUSE PER DIRECTIVE OF SOUTH PARK TOWNSHIP THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!!

Scripture Reflection

Notice Jesus is not upset by Thomas’s questions or his need for closer examination. He is not offended by ours either. There is room around Jesus for Thomas, and all those like him who can only come to authentic faith by means of questions, handling and wrestling with faith themselves. Christian faith is never intimidated or offended by honest questions, searching doubt or rational thinking. Although not everyone must come to faith the way Thomas did, all of us must claim faith for ourselves. Christianity is influenced by the community of faith, preserved by the church, nurtured in Christian homes, but in the end each of us must come to terms with the claims of Christianity for ourselves. It cannot be caught like the flu, nor borrowed like a loaned sweater. It is a personal journey each of us makes to Christ. But whatever the path, that journey ends in the same confession for each of us, to say with Thomas to Jesus, “you are my Lord and my God.”

CCD NEWS

This Sunday will mark the beginning of First Communion Sundays. We have a total of 64 children who will be receiving First Communion during this Easter Season. Banners will reserve their pews for the children and their families in the front of church. The First Communicants will be bringing up the offerings at their Masses. April 26th will be the group Mass date. An extra 1:30 Mass has been added for that day. Please pray for the children and their families as we welcome them to the table of our Lord! Congratulations to all our First Communicants!

A special congratulations to Jessica Dean who received Communion for the first time at the Easter Vigil with her father, James.

Congratulations to these young men and women who received Communion for the first time this weekend. Adam Slater, Michael Kutschke, Alexa Zevola, Sean Conroy, Ryan Luppe, and Ryan Tischler.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, April 25, 2009
 5:00 P.M. - M. Welsh, T. Wockley

Sunday, April 26, 2009
 7:30 A.M. - M. Donahue
 9:00 A.M. - T. Brdar, A. Krajina, D. Morget
 10:30 A.M. - A. Stein, G. Kyle, J. Gastmeyer
 12:00 Noon - C. Bajowski, K. & A. Swindell

Donut Sale

Fresh homemade donuts will be on sale after all masses next week. Proceeds benefit the Appalachia Work Camp.
 \$6.00 a Dozen \$3.00 Half- Dozen

Happy 5th Anniversary to SJA Prayer Shawl Ministry
COMFORTING STITCHES: 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. Any questions, please call Carol Lacher at 724/348-4692.

Does your marriage need a re-birth? In this season of the Resurrection make an effort to get out of the darkness of a troubled marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on April 24, 2009, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Pittsburgh Fantasy in Wood will be held on May 2, 10:00AM to 5:00PM and May 3, 10:00AM at the Castle Shannon Fire Hall. Wood Crafts of all Varieties, and demonstrations, tools and book vendors. Admission is \$3.00 for adults.

Cahal Dunne in Concert: St. Thomas More Church Saturday, May 9,2009 at 7:00 PM Tickets on sale \$25.00 per person available in the Parish Office weekdays 9AM to 4:30PM.

Spring Fling: Arts, Crafts and Antiques Fair, Saturday, April 18,2009 9:00Am –4:00PM St Benedict the Abbott Church, McMurray, Pa.

Dear Joan,



I haven’t seen any police presence at the crossing for the church lately? I do see Green Pedestrian crossing signs against the church front wall. Maybe someone could put them in the middle of the street, so cars would slow down or even stop to let people cross.

Signed: Bea Careful

Dear Bea Careful,

South Park Township has rescinded police coverage on Saturdays and Sundays for crossing people after Mass. Please cross at your own risk and be careful! Also, please be advised about the No Parking ban in front of church and also on the other side of Route 88 at the festival house. Thank you for your cooperation!

Signed: Joan d’Arc

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: Appalachia Work Camp Annual **Mothers Day Brunch**, No waiting in Line Sunday May 10th First sitting 10:00AM to 11:30AM, Second sitting 1:00PM to 2:30PM Cost: Adults \$17.00 Children 12 and under \$10.00, 4 and under free. Includes: Made to order omelets, Fruit Salad, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Roast Beef, Baked Ham, Chicken Tenders, Shrimp, Penne Pasta with Marinara, Greens Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Garden Salad, Toast, Danish, Dessert. For reservations Call Debbie Lafferty at 412-854-9033 Leave Message or after each mass starting Saturday, April 18th 2009 in Atrium.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS - To thank you for your service, an appreciation dinner will be served in The Gathering Place on Wednesday, May 13. 6:00 PM social hour, 7:00 PM dinner. RSVP by May 1 to Carol Sherratt 412-854-3173

*******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 to Mrs. Sherratt by April 19.

WHEW! - 77 teenagers came together on Holy Thursday/Good Friday for 24 hours of togetherness. In addition to participating in church services, the youth group help set up for the fish fry, packed care packages for the troops, helped at a no-kill dog shelter, cleaned classrooms at SHIM, helped SHIM pack boxes for their upcoming move, put together memory photo albums, performed a talent show at Mt. Vernon Nursing Home, and played games with residents of Manor Care in Bethel Park.

Dear Parishioners, Thank you so much for once again donating for the Lenten Troop Drive for the Military stationed overseas. Through your incredible donations the Youth group was able to pack and ship over 250 boxes on Good Friday. We really appreciate the donations and know that the troops are always grateful to receive mail from home. Thank you and God Bless. Summer Tissue

INJURED MARINE FUND - Due to the generosity of our parishioners, \$215 was collected for the Semper Fi Fund which helps injured marines and their families.

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 412-833-756.

Ladies Aux VFW Post 6664 is having an indoor flea market. Location South Park Municipal, Sunday Apr 26, 2009, 9AM to 3PM

Tickets are still available for St. Joan of Arc School's Spring Fashion Show which will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009. 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 many great prizes! The deadline to order tickets is this Wednesday, April 22nd. Order forms are available at the certificate table, in the school office, or by **calling** Diane @ 724-348-8107. In addition, we are currently seeking donations for the chinese auction held during the Fashion Show. Donations will be accepted in the school office during school hours. Thank you for your support of St. Joan of Arc School.

This week at Saint Joan of Arc School...

Monday, April 20...Rainforest Bake Sale during Lunch
Tuesday, April 21...8th Grade Egg Drop, Middle Level Science Fair, MPR 7PM
Thursday, April 23...NO SCHOOL, Diocesan Teacher Inservice
Friday, April 24...SJAmboree 2009! Free Dress Down Day
Saturday, April 25...Market Day Pickup

On Wednesday, April 22, the students in Kindergarten through 4th grade will be traveling to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History on a field trip. Students will be going on a guided tour of the new dinosaur exhibit as well as view the other exhibits at the museum. Sounds like a fun and educational day at the museum! Enjoy!

Enrollment for the 2009-10 school year at Saint Joan of Arc School continues. We have availability in three year preschool, as well as grades 1-8. Our four year preschool and Kindergarten classes are now full. For more information, to schedule a tour or to register your child to join our school family, please call Mr. Jon Cuniak, school principal at 412/833-2433. You can always learn more about our school by visiting our website at www.mysjaschool.org.

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

I SUPPORT 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.

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