

Mass Intentions**Saturday, April 25– Mark, evangelist**

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

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. - Marion Hudak (Steve Hudak, Jr.)

Monday, April 27–Easter Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Gertrude Kronenberger
(Tom & Carol Nath)
3:00 P.M. - Mount Vernon :Steve Hudak, Sr.
(Steve Hudak, Jr.)

Tuesday, April 28 – Peter Chanel, priest & Louis Mary de Montfort, priest

8:00 A.M. - Olympia Henry (Audrey & Paul Jones)

Wednesday, April 29- Catherine of Siena

8:00 A.M. - Joe Kimmell (Regina Wittinghouse)
9:00 A.M. - Tim Locke (SJA Faculty & Staff)

Thursday, April 30– Pius V., pope

8:00 A.M. - Raymond E. Shine (Family)

Friday, May 1– Joseph the worker

8:00 A.M. - Mercedes Wingertsahn
(Elaine, Randy, Karen & Larry)

Saturday, May 2– Athanasius, bishop

5:00 P.M. - Carol Corvino (SJA Faculty & Staff)

Sunday, May 3– Fourth Sunday of Easter-World Day of Prayer for Vocations

7:30 A.M. - Robert & Marian Roell (Maria Cosner)
9:00 A.M. - Lenny Prividy (Baldesberger Family)
10:30 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (Ron & Ruth Platt)
- People of the Parish
12:00 Noon - Edward Doyle (Flo & Elisa Doyle)

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, Stephen Nicholas, Jericho Fedor, 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.....\$10,909.00
Parish Share collected.....\$78,564.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

This past Wednesday we honored our administrative personnel; Ms. Sharon Gomber, Ms. Bev Buddemeyer, Ms. Carol Sherratt. Mr. Jonathan Cuniak, Ms. Peggy Rodi, Ms. Deana Muro, and Sister Kathy Hoerster, CDP, who provide invaluable competence to the smooth running of our parish, not to mention the long hours of dedication and work on internal affairs as well as meeting with the public....we would not be what we are without them, and many thanks to them from all of us....please join us on Friday morning, May 1 at 9:00AM when we will raise a new stars and stripes in memory of Norman J. Wernert, as requested by Bob and Laura Wernert, and a new state flag requested by Jan and Larry Guess in Honor of their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary....Thanks, also to Jonathan Winfield for taking over the scheduling of the Eucharistic ministers, please attend the meeting on Monday, May 4, 7:00PM in the church....there are some openings in our school and please stop by the merchant certificate table after Mass....

Father Pribonic

Thank You: To the Wingertsahn Family for a grand gift to our school in Loving Memory of Wife and Mother Mercedes.

Thank You: To George and Linda Straka for fresh cut floral arrangement at the St. Joan of Arc shrine at the entrance to Domremy Pavilion in memory of Salvador and Adeline D'Amato.

Parents of first child baptism: Monday, May 18, at 7:00PM in the Rectory, please call to register!

Eucharistic Minister Meeting: Monday, May 4 at 7:00 P.M. All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend. Until the new schedule is established, simply return to the schedule for the week of February 23, Thank you!

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!!!

ALSO: DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE DUMPSTER AT THE GARAGE.

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Scripture Reflection

The Gospel lesson from Saint Luke records a simple type of ignorance. After the travelers to Emmaus returned to the room full of Jesus’ disciples in Jerusalem, they told how their darkened minds became illuminated by the risen glory of Christ as he blessed and broke the bread with them. All of that day they walked with the Lord, heard him speak to them, had their hearts stirred by his words, but only recognized him as he performed those acts so reminiscent of the Eucharist at their table. “How could they fail to recognize their risen Lord?” we might ask. Well, the same way we do. These Disciples could scarcely imagine a world where death did not get the final say, where good triumphed over evil; it was a world only possible in and through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And the disciples back in Jerusalem were in the same frame of mind. Even when Jesus appeared to them too, they were “incredulous for joy and were amazed.” In fact it was only when Jesus “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures” that the disciples were finally freed from their ignorance.

And this is the great insight about this simple form of ignorance shared by all of persons of good will. The mysteries of Christian faith stretch our minds and souls, and they are not discerned only by studying hard and memorizing phrases. Study is important, to be sure. But there is an element of revelation, not just discovery, to Christian faith. We must be open to learn, and place ourselves in a position to learn, but faith is not unearthed like the discovery of hidden dinosaur bones, nor mastered like arithmetic formulae. Faith is imparted, revealed, given gladly and freely by a generous God who wants every person to know Him. The cure for the simple ignorance of the would-be disciple is openness and willingness to receive the gift of God’s revealed truth. As the book of James put it, “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him” (James 1:5).

EXTRA HAND: NEED your grass cut, or yard work done? Any other misc. house work needed. Call for a free estimate. Bill 412-708-7939 or 412-854-5321

Altar Server Schedule	
Saturday, May 2, 2009	
5:00 P.M.	- C. & J. Counihan
Sunday, May 3, 2009	
7:30 A.M.	- B. & S. Swiss
9:00 A.M.	- N. & M. Leng & C. Dembiczak
10:30 A.M.	- C. Shakespeare, N. Burke, J. Winfield
12:00 Noon	- A. Rigatti, T. Ashton

Dear Joan,

I have been attending the Saturday 5:00 mass for the last few weeks and have noticed something that has been very troubling to me.



First of all I want to mention that I have been at other churches in the South Hills, but when you go to mass at St. Joan of Arc, you can not pray!

It’s impossible to meditate or pray a rosary with the amount of noise occurring in the back of church. I’m not saying talking in whispers, or low tones, I’m speaking of loud talking and laughing. I do believe a few weeks ago I heard someone singing “Miss America.”

What ever happened to “respect for the Blessed Sacrament?” I notice your church has two candles in the Sanctuary so I’m pretty sure Jesus is present, but evidently that is not shared by these people in back of church.

Out of respect for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament would you please ask these people in the back of church to speak softly, or modify talking at mass, considering others who are trying to pray and meditate.

I hope to return to St. Joan at some other time, but for now I will find another church for prayer and meditation,

Signed: A Friend in Jesus

Walk in South Park for Good Cause:

The Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills is having its annual walk on Saturday, May 16, 2009, starting at Craig Grove in South Park. Registration is at 9am and the walk begins at 10am. The walk will be 2 miles and will take about 1.5 hours (rain or shine!). Call 412-833-7445 to register and get your sponsor sheets; walking will benefit your own health and the money you raise will help to save unborn babies' lives. The Pregnancy Resource Center helps young women with unwanted pregnancies to see the worth of the human life they are carrying and many of these young women change their minds from abortion to life.

Dilemma Over 2000 Years Ago:

About this time of year, 2010 years ago, Mary must have had some misgivings when she had to tell her parents and her future husband that she was pregnant. Mary didn't exactly have a dilemma because she had already acquiesced to the Angel Gabriel that she would bear a child - a special child - God's son; so she knew this pregnancy was special - but it still must have had its awkward moments. Many young women today are faced with the same dilemma and, unfortunately, turn to abortion. They think that this is an escape from an unwanted pregnancy; statistics prove that they are burdening themselves with guilt and stress for the rest of their lives - to say nothing of the unborn lives that are destroyed. Who knows what special people lost that God-given chance of life. Nina Hughes, Respect Life Committee Chairperson

*******CCD NEWS*******

Congratulations to these young men and women who received Communion for the first time today; Haley Abt, Rachel Boyles, Nicole Clydesdale, Dylan DeDominicis, Alyssa Dixon, Lucas Erdner, Natalie Farmerie, Matthew Fedorek, Alexander Gamrat, Cathryn Holmes, Colton Jezioro, Nicholas Kolano, Antonio Llopart, Anthony Locante, Maria Ann Massimino, Vanessa McArdle, James McCann, Kyle McCormick, Kaitlyn Morrison, Rose Nath, Alaina Nypaver, Sean Recktenwald, Jeffrey Remark, Connor Remington, David Repine, Ryan Scandrol, Trevor Schlater, Zac Schwarzel, Rachel Urquhart, Tyler Urquhart, Alexa Will, Alex Will, and Cassidy Zandier
We welcome them to the table of our Lord!

Prayer Shawl Meeting: Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 P.M. in the Gathering Place. Everyone is welcome. This will be our last meeting until September, however, we will continue to present prayer shawls during the summer months, if requested. Requests and or questions can be directed to Carol Lacher at 724/ 348-4692.
A Blessed~Happy Summer from SJA Prayer Shawl Ministry.

National Day of Prayer; May 7, 2009 All citizens are invited at 12o'clock noon to the Bethel Park Community center for a brief time of prayer for our Nation, leaders and armed forces. This local observance involves all churches of our community. Christians across America will be uniting in prayer for our Nation on that day.

St. Joan of Arc School's Spring Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009. Ticket sales for the event have ended, however if you wish to contribute to this event, we are currently seeking donations for the chinese auction. Donations will be accepted in the school office during school hours. Thank you for your support of St. Joan of Arc School.

Cahal Dunne in Concert: St. Thomas Moore Church: Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Tickets on sale \$25.00 per person available in Parish Office.

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).** Kathie Gasior 412-833-7561

DESSERTS NEEDED - for the May 1 fish fry. Please drop them off in The Gathering Place.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS - baseball t-shirt suggested for the May 1 fish fry.

******Donut Sale:** Fresh homemade donuts will be on sale after all masses this week. Proceeds benefit the Appalachia Work Camp. \$6.00 dozen \$3.00 1/2 dozen

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 .

FISH FRY - Friday, May 1 from 11 AM to 7 PM in The Gathering Place. Check out the coupon in this bulletin to save \$1.00 when you purchase baked or fried fish.

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. Sign up in the kitchen or RSVP by May 1 to Carol Sherratt 412-854-3173

***** **YOUTH GROUP** *****
8TH GRADE WORK CAMP - Meet 7 AM on Friday, May 1 in the Schuster Room for a short prayer service prior to departing for Greene County. We will work rain or shine. Our return will be May 3 in time for the youth group mass/meeting. All gear should be dropped off on Thursday, April 30 in the Schuster Room at 6 PM

YOUTH GROUP MASS/MEETING - Sunday, May 3. Mass 10:30 AM followed by a meeting in the Schuster Room 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. This will be our final meeting of the school year. All 8th grade and high school students are invited.

FISH FRY

St. Joan of Arc Church
6470 Library Road, South Park
(412) 854-3173

This coupon good for
\$1.00 off each

Fried or Baked FISH
(including combo & special)

Certificate valid Friday, May 1, 2009
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM