

Mass Intentions**Saturday, May 23– Easter Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Stanley W. Gierlack, Sr.
(Dora & Stanley Gierlack)

Sunday, May 24– Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 A.M. - Robert Dailey
(Lucille, Amy & Stephen)
9:00 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (David & Diane Hirak)
10:30 A.M. - Marie C. Engelhart
(Gallagher & Doehring)
- People of the Parish
12:00 Noon - Frank Getty (Pat Getty & Families)

**Monday, May 25– Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII
Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, and**

8:00 A.M. - Sally Saussy
(Daughter Linda & Family)

Tuesday, May 26– Philip Neri, priest

8:00 A.M. - Joseph Pointer –1 Year Anniversary
(Wife & Sons)

Wednesday, May 27– Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 A.M. - David Lucas, Father of Mike Lucas
(Ken & Judy Martin)

Thursday, May 28– Easter Weekday

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

Friday, May 29– Easter Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Paul & Catherine Blahut
(Pat & Jerry Ault)

Saturday, May 30– Easter Weekday

5:00 P.M. - George Kicinski, Jr. (Debra Novotnak)

Sunday, May 31– Pentecost Sunday

7:30 A.M. - Betty Witwicki
(Husband Raymond & Family)
9:00 A.M. - John Dubich (M/M Paul Buehler)
10:30 A.M. - Adelle Braun (Library Golden Agers)
- People of the Parish
12:00 Noon - Dolores Lis (Eugene & Eleanor Lis)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Rosemarie Jabo, Jeannie Obidzinski, Marnie Rennie, Louise Hillman, Emily Herring, Bill Jurgevich, Michael Pro, Paul Pro, Tim Zalewsky, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Vilella, Kathleen Gearhart, Marion Clerici, Judy Zadkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Penny James, Stephen Nicholas, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, and Ed Stetar. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

Rest in Peace: Bernadette Frank, wife of Donald, and David Sharbaugh, Father of Beth.

Financial Statement

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$8270.50
Regular Collection week May 10.....\$9961.00
Repairs & Replacements.....\$1,440.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

I hope that spring is here, anyway it means Spring Cleaning in the Gathering Place, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8AM till 4PM and who knows, Mrs. Sherratt may even give you an award for showing up!....coming on our calendar also is the Holy Hour, May Crowning, anointing of the sick, and the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday at 7:00 PM.... The Feast of St. Joan of Arc on Saturday, May 30, and certainly not least the Great Feast of Pentecost...are you sending out any "Happy Pentecost" cards this year?....where all the merchants on this?....they could make something big and profitable out of it all, I think....anyway without the Holy Spirit, there would be no faith in Jesus, no church, no people doing good...which the Spirit accomplishes even if people don't realize it!...the Spirit is given for the forgiveness of sins and for the praise and glory of the Father, through Jesus!...and lets not forget our beloved fallen of the armed forces, whom we commemorate this week-end.... May God have mercy on them all, and may we all be open to the Spirit of Peace!....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection next week for St. Vincent DePaul.

May Crowning, Prayer Service "With Mary we pray for the Spirit" Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00PM in the church.

Requesting Holy Communion in the Home: Please call the Rectory and speak to Father or Sister so that arrangements can be made.

Parents of first child baptism: Monday, June 29, at 6:30PM in the Rectory, please call to register!

Notice for Eucharistic Ministers: If you were unable to attend the meeting, please be advised that until June 6-7, the schedule for March'09 will be in effect, simply apply the week on the month to the corresponding week of May. With the new schedule, we will have two teams, A(weeks 1-3-5) and B(weeks 2-4). Please contact Jonathan Winfield at js.winfield@verizon.net to indicate your preference of Mass time and team. If you are unable to make the time, please make arrangements for a sub.

Congratulations to Samantha Huwe, who received Communion for the first time this weekend. We welcome her to the table of our Lord!

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for one week for the Blessed Virgin in Memory of Paul & Catherine Blahut, requested by Pat & Jerry Ault. **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for John the Baptist in memory of Dominic Salvucci, Sr., requested by Nicole & Gia Salvucci. **Altar Bread & Wine** for one week in memory of Dominic Salvucci, Sr., requested by Nicole & Gia Salvucci.

Scripture Reflection


Before Jesus left he reminded the disciples once again that they had a job, his job, to do. They were to wait first for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but afterwards they would continue his work around the world through all the ages until he returned again at the end of history. We often remark about the faith in Jesus that the fulfillment of that mission required from the apostles. And indeed, it did require faith from them, as it continues to require from us today, to carry out the mission of our Lord. But just think for a moment about the faith Jesus had in the disciples, and in us. After pouring himself into them for three years, after dying on the cross for the redemption of the world, after returning to them in the power of Easter, Jesus left the entire enterprise of his mission to that of disciples, and by extension, to us. Now that is an amazing faith indeed! Jesus trusted that his disciples would not fail with the mission. After their many failures, from Peter's denial of knowing Jesus, to Judas' betrayal, to all of the disciples repeated failures to grasp the point of his teaching, what an audacious faith was this on the part of Jesus! In fact, the very last question they asked Jesus before he ascended showed how far they still had to go in their understanding, as they revealed just how stuck they were in the notion that he had come to earth to establish an earthly rule for Israel over other nations, leaving them on thrones of authority in the new regime. "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel," they asked with one last question before their Master left.

What a poor question it was! And what poor timing! Can't you almost hear Jesus take a deep breath and sigh toward heaven? And yet, Jesus still trusted these disciples eventually to get it right, with the help of the Holy Spirit. And he was right. With sometimes faltering steps, with uneven progress, through breakthroughs and breakdowns, the Church continues to live into Her high calling to show that the faith Jesus had in each of us was not misplaced. What is the meaning of the ascension of our Lord? It was that defining moment when the disciples, wobbling with a new and exciting purpose, looked up into the clouds to catch one last glimpse of their Lord as he disappeared, carrying eleven pairs of spiritual training wheels back to heaven's attic. And sure enough, things have never been the same since. Thanks be to God!

Needed: A part time person M-W-F from 2 till 6PM to be a companion for an elderly women. No care giving involved Pays \$20.00 a day. If interested call 412-835-5709.

St. Francis Spring Fling on Saturday June 6th from 8:00 AM to 2:00PM at their lower campus. Food, flea market, children's entertainment, pet adoption, games. Spaces still available if interested call 412-882-5085 to reserve a space.

Ahh! Now that Spring has arrived, it means that Summer can't be too far behind which bring our Festival to mind. **The Festival will be held from Wednesday, August 5 through Saturday, August 8 - so please mark your calendar.** As we know, a lot of effort goes into making the Festival successful. Please give some thought on being a part of the biggest fundraiser and community event of our Parish.



Pastoral Council Meeting of May 11: the following was approved: (1)energy saving lighting for the church, (2) sealing and painting of the parking lots (3) outdoor classroom for school/CCD (4) tentative approval of gardening on the farmland. If you are interested in a plot for a garden (\$25.00 fee) for the 2010 growing season, please call the Rectory and this will tell us if there is sufficient interest to till the land, provide water, and fencing for any wildlife!

Protecting All God's Children's classes for the Appalachia Work Camp: June 14th at 10:00AM. For Festival Volunteers and other volunteers July 19 at 10:00 AM; please call the Rectory during business hours to register.

Dear Joan,

I want to tell you about a very clever mom whom I observed in church on Sunday. She was with her 3 year old son and was able to keep him quietly entertained throughout the mass. I don't mean to say Father's sermon was boring, but the 3-year old really had no interest in listening. Rather, the mom had a cloth hand towel on which she drew a racetrack & finish line. She gave her son little race cars and he played with these things quietly during mass. As he raced his cars around the track, there was no noise because he was playing on a towel.

Bravo mom!

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, May 29, 2009
 5:00 P.M. - C. & J. Counihan

Sunday, May 30, 2009
 7:30 A.M. - B. & S. Swiess
 9:00 A.M. - N. & M. Leng
 10:30 A.M. - J. Winfield, C. Shakespeare
 12:00 Noon - T. Ashton, A. Rigatti

SPRING CLEANING - Calling all parishioners... we could certainly use your help Tuesday, May 26 & Wednesday, May 27 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm cleaning The Gathering Place and kitchen. We'll supply the cleaning products. Lunch will be served at noon. Any time you can give is very much appreciated.

*****TEEN NEWS*****

EXPERIENCE PITTSBURGH - If you signed up for this youth group event to ride a Segway and a Just Ducky tour of Pittsburgh, please meet outside the Schuster Room on Sunday, May 31 at 10:00 AM.

Summer Classes at Carlow College:

ECO Camp June 23-25, 2009

This workshop introduces high school girls entering grades 9 to 12 to potential "green" careers. Through labs led by Carlow University professors and professionals, students will learn how the earth functions and sustains life, and learn how energy is generated, the problems associated with it and the "green" alternatives. The fee is \$225 and financial aid is available. For more information, or to register, call (412) 578-8851 or email pettylj@carlow.edu.

Summer Science Nation July 7-9, 2009 This summer workshop introduces high school girls entering grades 9 to 12 to the many diverse careers in biology, chemistry and environmental sciences. Through hands-on lab experiments, field trips to Pittsburgh's research and industry facilities, and meeting with female scientists, they will see a broad range of opportunities available to them in science. The fee is \$225 and financial aid is available. For more information, or to register, call (412) 578-8851 or email pettylj@carlow.edu.

Prepare to Care July 14-16, 2009 This three day interactive workshop introduces high school girls entering grades 9 to 12 to possible healthcare careers. Students will visit UPMC Presbyterian-Shadyside Hospital, Children's Hospital, and learn about healthcare first-hand from doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. The fee is \$225 and financial aid is available. For more information, or to register, call (412) 578-8851 or email pettylj@carlow.edu.

Unwanted Items: 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 :

May 30 Sat .. 4PM to 6PM ... May 31 Sun ... 8:AM - 1PM

Dentists Needed: Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center
Runs: May – June 2009 Dentists...are needed at the Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center. Due to overwhelming demand for dental care among the working uninsured, there is an increased need in our downtown Pittsburgh location. You set your schedule, we'll provide the parking. Information, call Roberta at 412-456-6697.

This week at Saint Joan of Arc School...

Monday, May 25...No School, Memorial Day Holiday
Wednesday, May 27...4-year Preschool Graduation, 10AM
Thursday, May 28...SJAmboree Wrap Up Assembly, 2PM
Friday, May 29... Eighth Grade Class of 2009 Trip to Hershey Park

Congratulations to our graduating Four Year Preschool class of 2009! The students have worked hard this year, learning their alphabet, numbers, shapes, and sequences along with a lot of songs, fun activities and friendship! Above all, our children learned about their faith along with prayers to express their love to God. The members of the 4-year Preschool class of 2009 are: Samantha Achille, Ava Baumcraz, Cole Brdar, Emily Coe, Meghan Erfort, Benjamin Grkman, Madilyn Hetzler, Lauren Ippolito, Kaitlyn Karrenbauer, Ethan Keller, Colton Kraft, Jonathan Lesko, Lauren Luppe, Molly Morgan, Katherine Quirin, Natasha Rakip, Kendyl Seibert, Shane Seiler, Kylene Vas, Kira Williams, and Angelise Zakis. Congratulations also to Mrs. Carol Gamrat, our Preschool teacher and Mrs. Virginia Repine our Preschool Aide on a wonderful year for our students!

Registration for the 2009-10 school year continues at SJA! We have very few spaces available in three year preschool as well as availability in grades 1-8. Many of your questions regarding our parish school can be answered at www.mysjaschool.org. Please contact Mr. Jon Cuniak, school principal directly at 412/833-2433 for more information, to schedule a tour or to register for next year!

Pittsburgh Symphony Concert Benefits Catholic Charities *Runs: May 29/30* Enjoy the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's Community Partners Concert featuring singer Chaka Khan, June 25 at Heinz Hall and support the mission of Catholic Charities to help our neighbors in need. Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert are available via www.ccpgh.org, or 800-743-8560. **Please mention Catholic Charities' 5-digit organization code when ordering: 11760. Thank-you!**

SPAGHETTI DINNER: - St. Norbert Church in Overbrook will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday June 14, 2009 in the Church Hall. Dinner will be served from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm. cost of \$9.00. Children under 12-\$5.00. 412-881-8201.

A Quick Journey Through the Bible will make the Bible approachable by explaining the overarching story of salvation and showing how the various books of the Bible fit together to get that story across. The study will meet Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., May 21 through July 9 at the Our Lady of Grace Staff Center. Cost is only \$20. To register call Marie at 412-279-7070.

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