

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22– Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 P.M. - Raymond E. Shine Jr. (Family)

Sunday, August 23– Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Loretta Elko (Mona Griffin)

9:00 A.M. - Norma Chasky (Dale Chasky)

10:30 A.M. - Robert Kotula (Jay & Marilou Briggs)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Emil Piciucco (Flo & Elisa Doyle)

Monday, August 24–Bartholomew

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

Tuesday, August 25– Louis of France, Joseph Calasanz

8:00 A.M. - Susan Geslak (Jeff & Maria Willoe)

Wednesday, August 26– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Bill Fike (Terry & Donna Tressler)

Thursday, August 27– Monica

8:00 A.M. - Marion Clerici (Sandra & John Bayus)

Friday, August 28– Augustine

8:00 A.M. - Chester Bennet (Tom & Pat Cummings)

Saturday, August 29– Martyrdom of John the Baptist

3:00 P.M. - Wedding: Lauren Keyes to
Nicholas D’Alessandro

5:00 P.M. - Jennie Martini (Daughter: Margaret)

Sunday, August 30– Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Marion Clerici (Sandra & John Bayus)

9:00 A.M. - Leo Bebout (Bebout Family)

10:30 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (Julia Porter)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Joseph Kimmel (Janice, Donna,
Charmaine, & Sam)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Rosemarie Jabo, Jeannie Obidzinski, Marnie Rennie, Louise Hillman, Emily Herring, Michael Pro, Paul Pro, Tim Zalewsky, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Vilella, Kathleen Gearhart, Judy Zadkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Penny James, Stephen Nicholas, Margaret Smith, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Frank Tapolci, Oscar Spaziani, William Pendergast, Jerry Ault, Palma Kokowski, Camryn Surman, Janice Will, John Kirpsak and Anthony Capone. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

Financial Statement

Last Week’s Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$9,667.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor’s Desk

I won’t use the “S” word with “opening”, delaying my comments until next week-end....I suppose it’s time to remind everyone to pray for an end to legislative impasse in our State, as well as for deliberations on healthcare reform....please note article in today’s bulletin....I am happy to announce that we hired Mona Musser as “Hall Manager” and thank her for her willingness to take over for Mrs. Sherratt, who is continuing as a “consultant” to Mrs. Musser and also to the Youth Ministry for as long as necessary....thanks to the cooperation of our volunteers and the close work of Mr. Paul Shannon, Beverly Buddemeyer, and Sharon Gomber, we received a very good rating of compliance with the Church’s National Safe Environment Policy and await the national audit in October.

Father Pribonic

Second Collection this Sunday, August 23 is for the Saint Vincent De Paul Society.

Second Collection Next Sunday, August 30 is the annual Missionary Co-Op Appeal.

Parents of first child baptism: Monday, August 31, at 7:00PM in the Rectory, please call to register!

Position Available: beginning part-time Youth Minister at St. Joan of Arc Church, please apply with Pastor.

Rest in Peace: Irene Barna, Frances Partyka., Elizabeth Slater-Koontz, mother of Dan Koontz, Leona Opferman, mother of Richard, and William Jurevich, husband of Betty.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Blessed Mother for one week in Memory of Norma Chasky, Requested by Dale Chasky.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for John the Baptist for one week in Memory of Jennie Martini, requested by Daughter Margaret.

Altar Bread and Wine for one week in Memory of Norma Chasky, requested by Dale Chasky.

Attention all Saint Joan of Arc Volunteers and Saint Joan of Arc School Parents and Parishioners The Diocese has just sent a memo to our Administrator Mr. Paul Shannon that as of August 21, 2009 anyone who is in the Data Base and is not compliant will be removed. If you still have your Child Abuse Clearance, please return to the Rectory as soon as possible. Please check on www.diopitt.org to see where the next Protect God’s Children class will be held. The next tentative class at St. Joan of Arc will be in mid to late September. Thank you.

Scripture Reflection

Whenever we read God’s Word, it is vital that we do so aware of its context. A verse is a part of a paragraph; a paragraph normally a part of a chapter; a chapter of a book; and a book a part of the larger treasure of the Bible. Ephesians 5:21 and 22 could be the poster child for context. Why? Hear both if these verses again. “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.”

Sad indeed is the person who reads or hears verse 22 directed to wives and forgets that verse 21 is directed to all of us. The key to healthy, loving family ties in God’s kingdom is this radical idea of mutual submission. Husbands are called to submit to their wives and wives to their husbands. Children are admonished to submit to their parents and, in deference and love for their children, parents will submit themselves to the needs of their children. Mutual submission is not a death sentence, grinding our wills into the ground of resentment. Rather, mutual submission is a gift we give each other that empowers family to be all God longs for family to be.

The husband who quotes Ephesians 5:22 to his wife, expecting her to grovel in the dirt of his whims, misses the point and will never experience God’s gift of loving family ties. The wife who grits her teeth every time she serves her husband and children misses the point and will rob herself of God’s gift. Children who are not taught to be contributors to the family, respecting their parents’ authority, rarely grow up knowing the power of healthy family ties. The context of today’s lesson call us first to live generously in family, submitting our wills to others, serving each other with a deep reverence for Christ our Lord. Context is critical.

Congratulations to Mary and Sal Vitale on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: “If we ask, God will help us conquer our worries, one at a time.” Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer shawl and the many prayers it represents? If so, your requests and or questions can be directed to Carol Lacher at 724/348-4692.

Altar Server Schedule	
Saturday, August 29, 2009	
5:00 P.M.	- M. Welsh, C. Shakespeare
Sunday, August 30, 2009	
7:30 A.M.	- N. Wilhem, B. Swiess
9:00 A.M.	- D. Morgret, T. Brdar, A. Kyle
10:30 A.M.	- N. & M. Leng
12:00 Noon	- A. Rigatti, C. & K. Swindell

Catholic Tradition and The Health Care Debate....from America Magazine Aug 17-24 2009 or visit:

www.americamagazine.org experts: as long ago as 1945, President Truman called for “health security for all....today, with many people, healthcare has come to be considered a commodity that should be subject to market forces.... The patient should be entitled to the best product at the lowest cost....competition will drive innovation and effective delivery and the role of government is to be involved as little as possible. But in Catholic theology, access to healthy care is a basic social good and both free society and the state have an obligation to protect the right to healthcare and to provide the means for its fulfillment.

If our country were attacked, there would be overwhelming support for mounting a vigorous defense. We do not have a similar agreement about access to health care.

It is very difficult to proceed but there has to be reasoned dialogue on all sides. Three areas are to be distinguished: private practice, public voice, and social institutional presence. Participation in the political process that builds coalitions of support for the right cause are the preferred route.

Is your last child leaving the "nest" soon, or are you already in the empty nest years and looking for ways to make the most of this stage of your marriage? Please join "Marriage Enrichment in the Empty Nest" for eight sessions every other Friday at 7:30 pm in the Upper Room beginning September 11. Some topics to be discussed are: Building a Partner Focused Rather than a Child Focused Marriage, Effective Communication, Building a Deeper Friendship, Renewing Romance, Changing Roles with Aging Parents and Adult Children, and Spirituality. A fee of \$20 per couple will cover the cost of the book and supplies. Please call Bonnie at 724-776-9177 to register, or email bunny@stferd.org.

Auditions for the 2009-2010 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Father Jim Chepponis, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul’s Cathedral throughout the year. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to the limited rehearsal schedule, and must be at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office 412-456-3042 before August 25.

Father Ray’s Quote:

Don’t let your worries get the best of you, remember Moses started out as a basket case.

CCD NEWS

Register your children for CCD before August 31st. Registration can be completed by completely filling in the registration form and returning it with a check. Forms are in the vestibule of the church. You can return your form by placing it in an envelope marked CCD and dropping it in the collection basket. **If you are an active member of St. Joan of Arc parish, the materials fee is \$45.00 for one child or \$75.00 for 2 or more children. If you are an in-active member or outside the parish, the fee is \$60.00 for one child or \$90.00 for two or more children.** (You are considered an active member if you come to Mass regularly and contribute to the church via the envelope system.)

Kindergarten is optional and the class size is limited, so sign up early...first come first served. **CCD classes begin the week of September 14th.**

The class lists have been completed. No more special requests.

The Religious Education Office will be closed the week of September 7th. All students MUST be registered before this date in order to begin class on September 14th.

CCD teachers, please stop by the CCD office on Monday, August 24th, between 10:30 am and 7:00 pm to pick up your books and class lists.

SJA School News

August 26– Kindergarten Orientation– Start time 10:00AM .

There are two openings for Kindergarten, please contact the school office at 412-833-2433.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – is a program developed for all those interested in becoming a Catholic. Here's where I need your help! If, by any chance, you know of someone, or are related to someone who has shown an interest in becoming a Catholic, please contact me at the Rectory Mondays or Wednesdays at 412-833-2400 – thanks and God Bless....Sr. Kathy

Coming in October– A Journey through the Bible- mark your calendars for Tuesdays beginning October 20th through December 8th!!!! Look for more information each week in the bulletin or for information call Sister Kathy 412-833-2400.

We have a year round fund raiser for SJA School on 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. website to order, and your purchases would be mailed directly to your home. <http://www.youravon.com/kgasior>

Dear Chatty Cathy and others:

If I Can Make it There.....

The song is true: if you can make it there, you can make it anywhere, New York, New York....So, the time I've had off in the past weeks was mainly spent in New York and New Jersey, as I was invited to conduct the orchestra for the Paper Mill Playhouse's production of "The Full Monty", starring Elaine Stritch, and several other Broadway notables. (The best example of Elaine Stritch, in a nutshell, is on Youtube....click on the 2004 Emmy Awards....it says it all) Paper Mill has a long tradition of esteemed productions and artists. The walls are covered with past production's photos with the likes of Barbra Streisand, Chita Rivera, Karen Ziemba, Linda Redgrave, Christopher Plummer....well, you get the idea. It was indeed the chance of a lifetime. Conducting jobs are few and far between. So, when the music director at Paper Mill (whom I have worked with on several productions for the CLO), invited me to take the job, I knew what a big opportunity it was for me. He is Tom Helm, and he's music directed several Broadway shows, and countless (no kidding) regional productions. To put it mildly, the invitation itself was a compliment. As many of you know, I have been able to establish myself in the theatre world, and I have worked very hard to use this gift that God has given me. When one gets to the top of the mountain, in this very difficult profession, you simply look up, and all around, and thank God. It was of course a big feather in my cap, professionally speaking, but the biggest thing that I came home with was rest. Here in Pittsburgh, I have several jobs: I work for St. Joan, Carnegie Mellon, Point Park, Pittsburgh CLO, I tune pianos, and other "gigs" throughout Pittsburgh (as a freelance musician, this is a very good problem to have), so when I found myself with only one job, I was truly able to rest. How ironic that Father Phil spoke of that very thing a few weeks ago, and I really think that God intended that trip for me, for that sole purpose. Not for professional achievement, but for spiritual growth. I felt very close to God, closer than ever, on that trip. It was an unexpected journey. I'm continually fascinated by the variety of people I get to be around, and the various talents that they have. We rehearsed at the 42nd street studios in Manhattan, and directly across the street was the Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, where there were giant photos of some of the figures from the museum. So, imagine, if you will, a 100 ft picture of Whoopi Goldberg staring at you through the studio windows..... only in New York!!! Many of you have asked if I would be moving there, and the answer, in short, is no. \$20 bills escape faster than the speed of light-I'd have to play a LOT more hymns!

Please accept my very sincere thanks in the very warm welcome I've received upon my return. I cannot tell you how much that means to me. I'm regularly offered jobs at other parishes (as much as I'd love to flatter myself, so are all of we organist/musicians...don't get excited!), and I can't think of another parish that would treat me better, professionally or personally. I'm grateful to be able to serve you, truly.

My thanks to Father Phil and others at the parish for working with me to make that journey happen.

It is good to be home.

Signed, Diva Keys