

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12- Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 P.M. - Stanley (Sr) & Josephine Gierlack (Stanley (Jr) & Dora Gierlack)

Sunday, September 13- Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Betty Kit Witwicki (Husband, Raymond & Family)

9:00 A.M. - Shirley McKinley (Tom & Regina Wernert)

10:30 A.M. - Sandy Schwenning (Daughters & Grandchildren)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Ermond Mazzolini (Depres Family)

Monday, September 14- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 A.M. - Helen Vandzura (Bugle Family)

1:30 P.M. - Meadowcrest : Patients & Familes of Meadowcrest

Tuesday, September 15- Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 A.M. - Irene Barna (Ken & Judy Martin)

Wednesday, September 16- Cornelius, pope & Cyprian, bishop

8:00 A.M. - William Jurgevich (Stan, Grandson & Great Grandson)

Thursday, September 17-Robert Bellamine, bishop

8:00 A.M. - Robert D. Kocur, Sr. (Dennis Lis)

Friday, September 18- Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Jeanne Sweeney (Dick & Betty Sweeney)

Saturday, September 19- Januarius Bishop

5:00 P.M. - Tom Mahr (Audrey & Paul Jones)

Sunday, September 20- Twenty Fith Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Margaret Emery (Platek Family)

9:00 A.M. - Norman J Wernert (Catherine & Kevin Baldauf)

10:30 A.M. - Olympia Henry (Catherine & Kevin Baldauf)

12:00 Noon - People of the Parish

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 Villella, Kathleen Gearhart, Judy Zadkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Stephen Nicholas, Margaret Smith, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar ,Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Frank Tapolci, William Pendergast, Camryn Surman, Janice Will, Ethan Loney, John Kirpsak and . Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for one week for the Blessed Virgin Mary in Memory of Jeanne Sweeney, Requested by Dick & Betty Sweeney.

From the Pastor's Desk

School is underway and we are grateful for everyone's cooperation to make our school a great success ...and our CCD begins this Monday and Wednesday and we are grateful for those who make it a success...join the 7th graders who will begin class with a prayer service in honor of the Holy Cross on Monday at 7:00 PM in the church...parishioners are welcome to venerate the cross, a great opportunity, since many do not "make it" on Good Friday...we take this opportunity to thank and encourage all the catechists in our parish!...we are always in need of catechists, and also in need of someone to conduct children's liturgies in the Gathering Place for children K-4...We must remember to pray for all those in government, that they have the divine wisdom to do what is right and just for all the people, and we pray for an end to the wars in which our country has been long involved and mercy upon all the departed.

Father Pribonic

Second Collection this Sunday is for Repairs and Replacements.

Second Collection Next Sunday is for the Bishop's Education Fund.

Parents of first child baptism: Monday, September 28, 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.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for one week for John the Baptist in Memory of Eugene Murphy, Requested by His Family.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross—Monday, September 14, Masses at 8:00 & 9:00 (school children) with veneration of the cross to follow. Please take this opportunity to re-commit to Christ our Savior! Also, the 7th grade CCD will attend a Prayer Service at 7:00PM and parishioners are also welcome. We adore you O Christ and We praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

Financial Statement

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection.....\$10,052.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Reflection

Mark moves us in another direction this Sunday, for the next seven Sundays there are no miracles, but there are important instructions. At this point in the journey to Jerusalem, Jesus tends to be more involved with the immediate needs of his followers. He probably senses that they need to know how the next several months will play out as to his life on earth and how it will affect theirs. When he teaches this time, he doesn't use parables. To take the parable apart and discuss it to death would be asking too much at this point in their travels. Jesus had a mission to fulfill, and it will be fulfilled in Jerusalem. So, no parable today.

To cut through the discussion group process, he asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" Not satisfied with the answer, he asks again. Peter acclaims, "You are the Christ." Jesus says to them in very clear language with no parabolic metaphor that he will suffer and die and rise again. To no surprise to anyone, Peter bristles with deficient understanding and actually becomes ticked off and yells at Jesus. Jesus tell him to get out of the way.

Jesus pronounces declarative sentences that are direct commands to all of them. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Next week Jesus will have to repeat his announcement about his death and rising. He also will have to deal with the disciples who are unsettled about "who is the greatest." They dummy up when Jesus asks them "What were you arguing about on the way?" Passive aggression has been around for a long time.

Rest in Peace: Robert Kocur, brother of Vera Griffin.

SJA Beatles Tribute— *Relive the Liverpool Experience with the Apples performing a Beatles Tribute on Saturday, October 24, 2009 in the Domremy Pavilion. Doors open at 6PM, an authentic Fish & Chips dinner will be served at 7PM, including beer and soft drinks, BYOB. Tickets \$30.00 per person, call Pat for questions and reservations 412-854-1089 Benefits Appalachian Work Camp 2010.*

St Vincent DePaul Society will have a truck parked in our parking lot on September 19, 9-12 Noon and 4-6PM, and on September 20, 8AM - 12 Noon. Contributions of clothing, household items, etc. will be accepted. Our St. Vincent DePaul Society is currently working on a case involving a young mother and her 4 month old daughter. We are asking for your help on donating items such as child's clothes, kitchen utensils, dishes, bedding and towels. Please bring donations to our truck to be located on our Church Parking lot on Saturday and Sunday , September 19 and 20. Mark these donations or tell us that these donations are for **"FAMILY"**.

Dear Joan,

Children in Church

A little boy was in a relative's wedding,
As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps,
Stop, and turn to the crowds.
While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like
Claws and roar.
So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all
The way down the aisle.
As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from
Laughing so hard
By the time he reached the pulpit.
When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said,
"I was the Ring Bear.."

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Meeting Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 P.M. in the Gathering Place. (**ENTER THROUGH THE ATRIUM DOORS**). If you don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome. Please call Carol Lacher at 724/348-4692 for details and or questions. The Ministry is looking forward to seeing everyone after our summer break.

Father Ray's Quotes:

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, September 19, 2009
5:00 P.M. - J.& C. Counihan

Sunday, September 20, 2009
7:30 A.M. - M. Donohue
9:00 A.M. - A. Krajina, D. Morgret,
C. Shakespeare
10:30 A.M. - A. Stein, A. Kyle, C. Dembiczak
12:00 Noon - T. & W. Ashton, C. Bajkowski

The Bible is more than a book; it is the incredible story of salvation history– God’s glorious plan for leading his people to an intimate relationship with Himself. Come learn the riches of the “greatest story ever told”. A Quick Journey Through the Bible Study, you will learn the major people, places events and themes of the Bible–getting the “big picture” of salvation history. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday mass readings come alive never before. A Quick Journey Through the Bible Study, will be offered at SJA Church in the Schuster Room on *Tuesday evenings*, Starting October 20,2009-December 8,2009 from 7-9PM. To learn more call Sister Kathy Monday or Wednesday’s from 9AM to 10:30AM at 412-833-2400.

Mark your calendars!! Monday Mornings in September – 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study – make reading the bible come alive in your everyday life. Sessions will be held in the Gathering Place immediately following daily Mass. *Sessions begin Sept. 14...* Call Sr. Kathy if you need more information.

Thursday, September 24th - 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Adult Education Series on the Sacraments begins. What do the Sacraments mean to me as an adult? What does the church today teach about Baptism, Eucharist, Penance Confirmation, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders? Presentations by Sr. Kathy. Classes will be held in the Schuster Room. More information in next week’s bulletin.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – is a program developed for all those interested in becoming a Catholic. Begins September 16 at St. Francis. If, by any chance, you know of someone, or are related to someone who has shown an interest in becoming a Catholic, please contact the Rectory Mondays or Wednesdays at 412-833-2400 – thanks and God Bless Sr. Kathy

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: September 23-25 at Seven Spring Resort in Champion, Pa and November 13-15 at Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check us out on the web at wwme-pittsburgh.org.

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>

Youth Group News

Sunday Breakfast in The Gathering Place

September 20 8 AM - Noon
Eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon & more
\$5.00 adult \$3.00 child

Sponsored by SJA Youth Group

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - are invited to attend our first youth group meeting of this school year today from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Schuster Room

SWIM PARTY - Permission forms are due today for next Sunday's youth group swim party at Mrs. Sherratt's house.

HOAGIES - Delicious 12" Italian and turkey hoagies will be on sale after next weekend's masses. Only \$5

School News

Back To School Night @ 7:00p.m. on Sept. 15th

Enjoy Books: Enjoy Coupon Books are on sale after all Masses at the Certificate Table (between the Church and the Pavilion) or you can purchase through the School Office. The book offers you significant savings on many of your purchases while helping to support St Joan of Arc School. Cost of the books is \$27 and all coupons are valid through November 1, 2010. Thank you for your support of this program and Catholic Education.

Fall Harvest Craft & Vendor show Hosted By... Windover Hills UMC Broughton Fire Hall 1030 Cochrans Mill Rd. South Park Saturday Sept.26 10:00Am-3:00PM Shop for that special gift!

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. In today’s busy world, many couples experience anger, coldness, frustration, and loneliness. To register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 25 - 27, 2009, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-

Yards signs: Thanks to everyone who was gracious enough to place one of our festival signs in their yards to spread the word about our festival. We plan on using the signs again next year by just changing the dates. If you haven’t returned your sign, please do so by leaving it at the front door of the festival house. Please return all signs by September 20, 2009. Thank you.