

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26– Cosmas & Saint Damian
 5:00 P.M. - Tom Mahr (Prayer Shawl Ministry)

Sunday, September 27– Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 A.M. - Michael O’Toole
(Frank & Mary Lavelle)
- 9:00 A.M. - Doris Kubala (Jan & Larry Guess)
- 10:30 A.M. - Barbara Despres (Despres Family)
- People of the Parish
- 12:00 Noon - Robert Ryan (Pat & Carol McGinley)

Monday, September 28– Wenceslaus, Lawrence Ruiz, and companions, martyrs

- 8:00 A.M. - Sick Members of the Parish

Tuesday, September 29– Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels

- 8:00 A.M. - People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 30– Jerome, priest

- 8:00 A.M. - Deceased Members of the Parish
- 10:00 A. M.- School Mass: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of all the Students and Staff at Saint Joan of Arc School

Thursday, October 1– Therese of the Child Jesus

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

Friday, October 2– Guardian Angels

- 8:00 A.M. - Gerald Fosbaugh (Wife, Karen)

Saturday, October 3– Weekday

- 3:00 P.M. - Wedding: James Ganley Jr. to Melissa Hampsay
- 5:00 P.M. - Walter Wrzesinski
(Bernardine Mindzikiewicz)

Sunday, October 4– Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 A.M. - Gloria Manka (Dolores Lang)
- 9:00 A.M. - Richard Horn (Gretchen Buehler)
- 10:30 A.M. - Michael Baldauf (Jan & David Dietz)
- People of the Parish
- 12:00 Noon - Joe Kimmell
(Margaret & John Whittingham)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Rosemarie Jabo, Jeannie Obidzinski, Marnie Rennie, Louise Hillman, Emily Herring, Michael Pro, Paul Pro, 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 ,Jan Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Frank Tapolci, Camryn Surman, Chuck Vasco, Owen Crnetic, Janice Will, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney . Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

Financial Statement

Last Week’s Income was:
 Regular Collection.....\$8333.00
 Bishop Education Fund.....\$1172.00

Thank you for your generosity.

From the Pastor’s Desk

Thanks to everyone’s co-operation we have entered into another school year, bringing with it again our renewed activities, time again for our monthly “Fish Fry”....we are grateful for all volunteers who make our Fish Fry such a great success!....

Father Pribonic

Parish Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

October 16-18-men theme: “Lord, tell me a story to guide me”. Phone 412-381-7676 to make reservations.

September 30: “Feast of St Jerome, early biblical scholar who stated “To be ignorant of the Scriptures is to be ignorant of Christ!”

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for one week for the Blessed Mary in Memory of Paul Matthews, Requested by Jeanne Matthews.

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for one week for John the Baptist in Memory of John Grosko, Requested by Wife, Judy & Family.

Father Ray’s Quotes: Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Protecting All God’s Children:

Anyone who has not been completely cleared will be getting a post card in the next few weeks.

If within the 14days to follow, you do not complete or contact the Rectory your name will be removed from the data base.

If your name is not in the data base, and you do not have all your paper work done, your name will be removed from the volunteer list. This is a directive from the Bishop’s Office.

Blessing of Animals will take place on the campus of Sisters of St. Francis Whitehall on the lawn of the St.

Francis Academy Building . Saturday, October 3 at 1P.M. Sponsored by the SFA Alumnae Association.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, October 3,2009

- 5:00 P.M. - J. & C. Counihan

Sunday, October 4, 2009

- 7:30 A.M. - M. Donahue
- 9:00 A.M. - A. Krajina, D. Morgret,
C. Shakespeare
- 10:30 A.M. - A. Stein, A. Kyle, C. Dembiczak
- 12:00 Noon - T. & A. Ashton, C. Bajkowski

Scripture Reflection

Marriage and its meaning have been battered around for centuries. Starting with mosaic law to current legislation initiatives defining marriage. The whole convention of romance, love, and meaningful relationship was spawned during the eighteenth century’s Enlightenment and heightened with nineteenth-century Romanticism. Before then, there were no Hallmark Cards.

What Jesus was facing when he was confronted by the Pharisees asking about the legality of divorce was the interpretation of Mosaic Law. Being a good teacher, he asked what they thought. They responded, “Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her.” Immediately, Jesus turned the tables on them. He expanded the confrontation to include them, their human condition, and inserted another dimension—the hardness of heart. Jesus condemned their citing Mosaic Law as a cover up for skirting the real issue of the plan of God that started in Genesis. We hear about that plan in the first reading of chapter 2 of Genesis. It is important to remember that chapters 1 and 2 occurs before sin. The debate in today’s Gospel takes place in the world of sin, and that world is still with us.

This hardness of heart was displayed when the disciples tried to prevent an approaching crowd of children who came to Jesus for attention, for comfort, for his touch. Jesus rebuked the disciples and proceeded to embrace the children, bless them, and placed his hands on them.

So, what are some of the basics of health care reform?

Health care reform especially needs to protect those at the beginning of life and at its end -- the most vulnerable and the voiceless. It is essential that reform include long-standing and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates and uphold existing conscience protections for health care providers. Abandoning current federal policies on abortion funding and conscience protection, thereby forcing people to pay for or participate in abortion would be morally reprehensible and a repudiation of the understanding of individual freedom and the rights of conscience that goes back to the American Revolution.

Universal coverage should be universal, including everyone. Health care reform cannot leave people out because of pre-existing conditions, chronic illnesses, their place of work or because they cannot afford insurance. Reform should not leave people out because of where they come from or when they arrived here."

-- Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl, writing in Politics

Kindergarten CCD begins October 7th. We still have a few openings in the class. Call the Religious Education office at 412-835-3724 to register your child.

The Ministry of Altar Server: The Ministry of Altar Server is open to all boys and girls from 4th to 12th grades who have received First Communion. Not everyone will be called, and not everyone is accepted into this Ministry. A deep sense of reverence and love for the Eucharist is essential. You will become an example to those who attend Mass. Your attention to the prayers and actions of the Mass itself and to the duties that you perform in assisting the priest are seen by all who attend Mass.

There may be days or times that you might not feel like serving, but you know that it is not a feeling that we are talking about, but your devotion to the Eucharist.

This is a commitment of service with duties and responsibilities similar to joining baseball, football, or any outside event. You must be willing to set some **“Spiritual Time”** aside to become a good Altar Server.

This commitment and service cannot be done alone. We must have parental support to this Spiritual Commitment and you must be willing to make few sacrifices in orders that your sons and daughters may become true “Minister of Altar Server”.

In the next few weeks, I will be announcing a meeting for all those interested in becoming Altar Servers. I also request **the current** Altar servers attend the meeting to discuss changes in the Mass. I am hoping to have follow up meetings to begin training on Thursday evening or Saturday afternoon for the new Servers.

I urgently request parents to attend the meeting with your son/daughter to understand and appreciate this Ministry’s responsibility and commitment that your child is accepting.

I am hoping that we will have a “good turnout” to this invitation to become “Ministers of Altar Server,” and look forward to working with you.

PAX VOBISCUM

Mike Donahue; [email:mjdirish57@verizen.net](mailto:mjdirish57@verizen.net)

**Festival Volunteer
Appreciation Breakfast
Sunday, October 11**

All volunteers and their families who graciously volunteered for our festival, be it before, during or after the festival, are invited to come to an Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday October 11, 2009 following the 9:00AM Mass. Please join us in Domremy Pavilion for a hot breakfast buffet of fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, cereal, muffins, danish, juices, milk, coffee, and tea.

Your tireless efforts, time, talent and devotion made our festival a success. Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or call Patty Kearney at 724-348-4411.

Name: _____

Adults _____ #Children _____

**SAINT JOAN OF ARC
Spiritual & Social Gatherings**

**Fish Fry
Friday, October 2, 2009
11 am. till 7 p.m.
Eat-in or take-out 412-854-3173**

**FISH FRY VOLUTEERS SUGGESTED TEE-SHIRT
COLOR "GOLD"**

DESSERTS NEEDED-For the October 2 Fish Fry
Please drop them off in the Gathering Place.

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. Alternate Menu Available.*

Bible discussions continues on Monday mornings from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM in the Gathering Place.

Sacrament Class continues this Thursday, October 1 at 7 to 8 PM in the Schuster Room. The topic this week is "*Sin and Reconciliation*". All are welcome, free and no registration is necessary.

Life Enrichment Club: Next meeting Wednesday, October 7 from 11:00 AM to 1:00PM. This month's topics include: Stroke Awareness, Beauty tips for Winter, A presentation from our Avon Rep. All participants are asked to bring their favorite salad to share; serving size for 5 people. Invite a friend to join you.

Discover God's plan for your life as you discover his amazing story. You will discover the "big picture" of the biblical story as it is presented in specific books of the Bible. 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 9:30AM to 10:30AM at 412-833-2400. Registration is required, and there is a fee of \$20.00 for materials.

Respect Life: There will be a Respect Life Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 7:30pm in the Schuster Room. Please bring your glasses - thanks to my tardiness, we have almost a year's worth to catch up on. Thank you - looking forward to seeing everybody. New members welcome.
Nina Hughes, Chairperson, Respect Life Committee

School News: Lottery Tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$25.00 giving 365 chances to win in 2010. Cash rewards are \$500 on Valentine's Day, Memorial Day, July Fourth and Thanksgiving, \$125 on the 1st and 15th of the month and \$30 on all other days of the year. The daily winner is based on the 7:00 PM drawing. If interested please contact Tammy Manion at 724-348-9036 or any SJA school parent. Thank you for your support of our school.

Enjoy Books: Enjoy Coupon Books are on sale after all Masses at the Certificate Table or you can purchase through the School Office. Cost of the books is \$27. Thank you for your support of this program and Catholic Education.

Youth Group News: DVDs WANTED - The youth group is collecting new/used DVDs for Monongahela Valley Hospital. MVH is the second largest cancer treatment center in the Pittsburgh area. Patients receive chemo treatments, blood transfusions, etc in small rooms equipped with a TV. Some patients receive treatments for more than 5 hours and even as long as 10 hours. A collection bin will be placed in the church vestibule on October 10 & 11. The DVDs should be rated PG13, PG, or G. These patients are going through a very difficult time in their lives and little things mean a lot.

Youth Group Newsletter - We're attempting to go green! The newsletter will be available through the internet to high school students and approved adult chaperones. If you haven't done so already, please send your name, telephone number, year of graduation (if you're a student), and e-mail address to: sjayouthgroup@comcast.net.

CCD: Student Pick Up Reminder...Safety for all Students! We no longer have a crossing guard (or even a cross walk), it's getting dark out, and the weather can add problems, so it is very important that each of us make that little extra effort for the safety of ALL! To do this we need EVERYONE'S co-operation. **Remember all students are to enter and exit through the front church doors.** Please ... DO NOT park at the sides of the building, DO NOT ask your child to meet you anywhere but in the Church or the parking lot across Rt. 88. (This prevents children from running in all different directions and helps us keep track of where the children are.) Parents with students in grades 1 -3 are to meet their students in the church. Parents with students in grades 4 - 8 are to meet their student either in the vestibule of the church or in the parking lot across the street. At dismissal time, students will be crossed as a group **into the parking lot across the street. All parents must park in the lot across the street. Parents please be patient wait until everyone has reached their cars before exiting the parking lot.** No cars should be on the ramp to 88 while students are still crossing or walking on the ramp. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.