

Mass Intentions**Saturday, January 23– Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Edward Mindzikiewicz & Bernardine Stanley (Bernardine & Janice)

Sunday, January 24– Ecumenical Sunday

7:30 A.M. - Nancy Behary (Jan Oglesby)

9:00 A.M. - Josephine Anderson (Family & Friends)

10:30 A.M. - Doris O'Hare (Mike Donahue)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Robert Lampe (Wife, Joan & Family)

Monday, January 25– The Conversion of Saint Paul

9:00 A.M. - Helen Palonis (SJA School & Staff)

3:00 P.M. - Mt. Vernon: Spiritual and Temporal Well Being of the Sick and Suffering

Tuesday, January 26– Saint Timothy & Saint Titus

8:00 A.M. - Jane Donahue
(Mike Donahue & Family)

Wednesday, January 27– Saint Angela Merici

8:00 A.M. - Henry J. & Genevieve M. Gitnik
(Paul Gitnik)

Thursday, January 28– Saint Aquinas

8:00 A.M. - Temporal & Spiritual Well Being of Jay Tapolci (Marianne, Daughter)

Friday, January 29– Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Richard Mackey (SJA CCD Program)

Saturday, January 30– Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Donald & Bernadine Connor
(Children)

Sunday, January 31– Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M. - Rosemarie Opferman
(Jim & Jan Lundy)

9:00 A.M. - Janet Schuster & Viola Sicher
(Daughter & Mother, Clara)

10:30 A.M. - Anna Mobrey (Jean Ruzzi)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Stanley & Kathryn Solak
(M/M Glen Butler & M/M Stanley Solak)



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Tim Zalewski, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Camryn Surman, Rosemarie Jabo,

Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney, John Wozniak, Jeannie Obidzinski, Thomas Kiley, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villillo, Pat Cummings, Fran Teaman, Oscar Spaziani, Louise Hillman, Ann Morrison & Tom Morrison. Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!



Rest in Peace: Helen Palonis, Mother of Beverly Buddemeyer, SJA CCD Director

From the Pastor's Desk

Let's all get behind the school and attend the Spaghetti Dinner on January 31....bring the family, bring a friend!....registration for our fine school will begin during Catholic School's week....that is also a day for a "Protecting God's Children" workshop and this is another opportunity to take this class in order to comply with the national charter....all volunteers need to take this class please, and I want to thank all those who have co-operated to help make our parish a safe environment for children....It is gratifying to see so many people from all over the world respond to the crisis in Haiti, our government has sent aid and military, and many private groups have also raised funds and channeled aid....so all is not bad with the world....Father Don Fest, a Josephite Father and brother of parishioner Joann Graeb joined us for midnight Mass....Father Don is a member of an order that was founded after the Civil War to serve African Americans, help build a more just society, and foster the Catholic faith wherever possible. Father is Director of Development for the Josephites (aka: fund-raiser) and I told him he was welcome at any time to come and preach at our Parish....he is located at 1130 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore MD 21202-3802....and you may visit www.josephite.com for more information.....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection Today is for the Haitian Relief through Catholic Relief Service, please visit: www.crs.org.

Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism: Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. Please call to register.

Financial Statements for 2009: If you wish to have a statement, please indicate by writing the word "statement" on your Sunday envelope.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you are in need of a Prayer Shawl, please call Carol Lacher at 412-833-2400 ext 40.

Monday Morning Bible Study will meet Monday, **THIS WEEK ONLY after 9 o'clock mass** in the Gathering Place... next week will follow the 8 AM Mass. Mrs. Carol Lacher will study with us on the "Women of the Bible"...All are welcome!

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance at South Hills Bible Chapel 300 Gallery Drive McMurray. Free tax service starting February 1 through April 15 Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 2PM. No Saturdays. No appointments necessary. Please bring W2 forms, real estate tax receipts, sales receipts for large purchases interest and dividend statements. And also bring Federal and State returns from 2008.

Scripture Reflection

Both the Gospels of Mark and Luke tell us that early in our Lord’s public ministry, he returned to his hometown of Nazareth and attended the synagogue for Sabbath worship. And in both accounts, the hometown folks were gracious, but skeptical; welcoming but not approving. They seemed to be pleased their famous son had come home, but when Jesus preached in their synagogue, their opinion changed.

Full disclosure: today’s lesson does not include the account of the Nazareth congregation’s rage. But if we were to read further in Luke’s fourth chapter-as we will next week- we would see human anger so focused on one person, they would have killed our Lord had he not escaped. The crowd’s approval of Jesus’ reading of the Scripture from Isaiah changed into wrath when Jesus applied the Scriptures to their lives.

Why is that so? Why do you think the folks who watched our Lord grow up now seem indifferent, even hostile to his message? Why, they are the people who taught him the Holy Scriptures. They are the ones who knew his parents, saw him mature into manhood, no doubt owned furniture he and Joseph had made in the carpenter’s shop. Let’s look a bit closer at the lesson we heard from Luke’s Gospel and see if we can discover why our Lord’s return to Nazareth was such a strange homecoming.

I’m not sure, but Luke may give us some hints. For one thing, the story Luke tells begins by admitting that, prior to his writing the Gospel that bears his name, many had attempted to “set down an orderly account” of our Lord’s life. When it comes to the human experience, there is never a shortage of opinion. By the time Luke wrote his Gospel in the latter half of the first century, Mark’s Gospel was already circulating among the churches. Many stories, passed on orally, remembered various aspects of Jesus’ life and ministry. And yes, some of them seemed to be at odds with each other.

I share this observation about the creation of the Gospels we now have in our Bible to remind us that not everyone understood the life and ministry of Jesus the way the catholic church has remembered it. In that synagogue that day in Nazareth, the situation was not a whole lot different. People saw Jesus through the lens of their own experience. They thought they knew him, but missed one of the most important messages, he would ever preach. Their missing Jesus in their midst then is our problem now. We may miss Jesus thinking we already know him.

If we have ears to hear today, we can hear the winsome voice of our Lord Jesus Christ calling us again to be a people who know God’s heart and there make that sacred place home. By God’s grace, may it be so for us who call Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father Ray’s Quote: The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

Donut Sale: Fresh Homemade donuts will be on sale after all masses. Proceeds benefit the Appalachian Work Camp. \$6.00 dozen \$3.00 half- dozen



Pregnancy Resource Center - Baby Bottle

Project: Members of the Respect Life Committee will be at the doors of church, collecting your donations for the Pregnancy Resource Center after all masses during the weekend of January 30-31. This is such a worthwhile project because the PRC of the South Hills provides counseling, free sonograms, etc. to young women with unwanted pregnancies and then gives practical assistance once the baby arrives. Many young women/couples have changed their minds about aborting their babies once they've seen that precious life moving within them via the sonogram; the donations that we make will help to save lives of innocent, helpless babies. Please be generous in your donations. Thank you. Nina Hughes, Chairperson, Respect Life Committee

Deepening My Relationship With God: Day of Reflection for Single Women 18-35. Registration by Friday, January 29. Overnight beginning Friday Feb 5, 7:30PM ending Saturday Feb 6 at 7:30PM. For more information, call Sisters of St. Francis at Mt. Alvernia 412-821-2200 ext 430.

Franciscan Child Day Care Help Wanted:

The Franciscan Child Day Care Center in Whitehall is seeking a part-time caregiver to care for infants and toddlers in the late afternoon, and a full-time caregiver to care for Infants. Experience and nurturing disposition are required. Center offers a great work environment and paid holidays. Benefits for full- time employees includes health insurance. Call 412-882-5085 or email resume to smerlo@osfprov.org.

Financial Statement

Last Week’s Income was:
 Regular Collection\$9,825.00
 St. Anthony & St Paul School.....\$2,076.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 30, 2010

5:00 P.M. - T. Brdar, M. Welsh

Sunday, January 31, 2010

7:30 A.M. - B. Swiess, J. Nadorlik

9:00 A.M. - A. Krajina, J. Riske, C. Dembiczak

10:30 A.M. - A. Stein, D.Morgret, G. Kyle

12:00 Noon - J./C.Counihan, C. Bajkowski,
 T. Ashton

TROPICAL GET A WAY -SJA-Saturday, February 13, 2010, **ONE NIGHT ONLY!** Doors open 6PM. Serving a "Key West" Dinner menu of cheeseburgers, shrimp and chicken. Free beer and soft drinks. BYOB and set ups. Come and enjoy a fabulous evening of live entertainment by Tom Watt, dinner and dancing. Tickets \$35/ person or \$65/couple. For reservations and additional information call (412)854-1089. Benefits Appalachia Workcamp 2010.

Youth Group

SKI TRIP REMINDER: Sunday, January 31st. If you have signed up to attend this event put your ski equipment in the gym and attend SJA's 9 AM mass. We will then board a Lenzner Motor Coach and depart for Seven Springs at 10 AM. Parents pickup time is 9 PM. in the lower parking lot

THANK You: I wanted to thank everyone at the parish for welcoming me over the course of the last couple weeks. Your support of the Youth Group through prayers, volunteering, hoagies, and breakfast are much appreciated by myself and the youth. I look forward to serving in the parish. To contact Youth Ministry call the rectory 412-833-2400 ex. 34 or email sjayouthgroup@comcast.net
~Chris Roach *Youth Ministry Coordinator*

PROTECTING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP: SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010- 10:00AM IN THE MUTI-PURPOSE ROOM

If you haven't attended a Protecting All God's Children Workshop and you are a Volunteer, Please call the Rectory to register during business hours. This is very important especially for FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS. This will be your last chance to become compliant before the Lenten Season. Any person who volunteers in any capacity must be compliant to continue their Ministry.

Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectures, Choir Members, Fish Fry Volunteers, Festival Volunteers, CCD Teachers, School Parent Volunteers, Coaches, and any other Volunteers that has access to children.

Please note that letters are going out to individuals who are not compliant, stating that their Ministry has been suspended. Please don't be one of these individuals, SJA needs our wonderful Volunteers to continue our Ministries. We Need You!!!!

Franciscan Spirit & Life Center

Dinner and Movie Night : Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010
MaryAnn Garfold Time: 6pm-9pm Cost: \$ 10.00
Enjoy a dinner catered by a local restaurant with a dessert bar and beverages. The movie will be "Sister Act" followed by a discussion and snacks. Great evening for singles, couples and all ages. **For further information contact: Mimi DiGregory, 412-881-9207**



Pasta Dinner on January 31

Time: 1:00PM-6PM

Place: Gathering Place

Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tossed Salad Italian Bread/Butter, Dessert/ Beverage

Price of \$7.00 includes all of the above

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

Desserts Needed for Spaghetti Dinner: Please drop off at hall after Sunday Mass on January 31!!!!

St. Joan of Arc School Registration Begins

St. Joan of Arc School Registration will begin for the 2010-2011 school year. Starting February 3 registration is open to all. Registration times are from 8:30am – 2:30 pm in the preschool playroom at St. Joan of Arc. The following items are needed when you register your child:

Original birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Social security card, Up-to-date immunization information
Register now to save your child's spot in our school. We would love to have you join our family. There's always something happening at St. Joan of Arc School. Check us out at 412-833-2433 or at mysjaschool.org.

Catholic School's Week Schedule

January 31– Noon Mass with School Children followed by Open House-Pasta Dinner 1:00-6:00.

February 1– Kindergarten Preview 9:00AM-9:45AM

February 2– Preschool Preview 9:00AM-9:45AM

February 3– Volunteer Appreciation Prayer Service 10:30AM followed by adult reception.

February 4– 10:00AM and 7:00PM Talent Show

February 5– SJA Spirit Day! Pep rally @ 1:15PM

*****Daily Registration at SJA*****

Life Enrichment Club– meets Wednesday, February 3rd at 11:00AM in the Gathering Place...guest speaker Father Timothy Fitzgerald will speak to us on the **Journey To Lent...**All are invited to bring SUPER BOWL FOOD to share at the meeting (Please, remember to bring a copy of the recipe)...all are welcome and please bring a friend...I guarantee you will leave the meeting enriched through Father Tim's Talk. February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise so Father Tim will be able to bless throats to all in attendance. For more information call Sister Kathy at 412-833-2400 ext 33.

Lost: Ladies ring with red stones in bathroom at noon mass on January 17th. If found please return to the Rectory. Thank you for your kindness!