

Liturgy Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 8:00 Our Lady of Grace Church
- 9:30 Roland Yorke (Family)
- 11:30 Brie Dreistadt (Zupon Family)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 6:45 Monica Vernino (Kathy Kuntz)
- 9:00 Edmund Romutis (Mark Romutis Family)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 6:45 James Henke (Dana Skrzycki)
- 9:00 Bob Erny (Wife, Dolly and Family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 6:45 Laura Walters (Kate and Gerry Scheirman)
- 9:00 Mary Vansach (Family)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 6:45 Michael Mazur (Ann Korpiel)
- 9:00 Callista M. Hoehn (Petley Family)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 6:45 Mr. & Mrs. Victor Pesavento (Family)
- 9:00 Thomas Bauman (Peg Bauman)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 9:00 Lynn Joseph (Doreen Catizone)
- 12:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 6:00 Tracy Krug (Family)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 8:00 Our Lady of Grace Parish
- 9:30 Anthony Muraco (Family)
- 11:30 Michael F. Kohler (Family)
- 1:00 Parish Baptisms



MONEY COUNTERS

This week: J. Farrell, P. Matvey, J. Dressel
 Next week: J. Hungerman, E. Biagetti, G. Hvizdos

ALTAR SOCIETY SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 6

T. Rogers



MARRIAGE PREPARATION - Pre-Cana sessions for those planning to marry are scheduled for Friday evening and all day Saturday, March 13-14, 2009 at Our Lady of Grace Church. To register, or for more information, call the parish office at 412-279-7070 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. There is a limited number of couples who may attend.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick especially James Patrick, Herb Wilhelm, Bill Kelly, Helen Knuth, Anthony Pasquarelli, Margaret Maddox, Joe Besso, Frank Walasik, Jr., Charlie Scarvace, Bill Snyder, Karlie, Audrey Flowers, Mary Weidl, Carl Rupprecht, Ed Calabrese, Marge Wallace, Glenn Mamula, Gladys Feather, Alberta Taylor, Don Wiwel, Rosemary Serowik, Laura Seli, Ron Morris, Paul Weinheimer, Carl Apone, Joan Patti, Kelly Supan, Teresa Splain, Adele Koczaja.

COME UNDER THE SEA WITH OLG! - It is time once again for the school's dinner auction and we need YOU. We are now accepting auction item donations and advertisements for our auction that will be held on Saturday March 28, 2009 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Southpointe. It is a fun social event and a great way to support our school. Tickets are also available so get yours before they are all gulped up! Please contact Suzie Mox for more information at 412-278-4030. We hope to see you there!

Activities Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- Hoagie Sale, Keefer Hall after Masses
- 9:30 Children's Liturgy of the Word, Church, Keefer Hall
- 10:45 Rel. Ed., School, Conroy Hall, Library
- 7:30 AA, Conroy Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 9:30 Catholic Scripture Study Leader Meeting, Rectory
- 10:00 St. Vincent de Paul, Staff Center
- 7:30 Little Rock Scripture Study, Staff Center

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 9:45 Little Rock Scripture Study, Staff Center
- 6:00 Rel. Ed., School, Conroy Hall, Library
- 7:00 Rosary, Church
- 6:30 Cadets, Staff Center (upstairs)
- 7:00 Catholic Scripture Study Mtg., Staff Center
- 7:30 Pgh. Civ. Orch., Conroy Hall
- 8:00 Choir, Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 9:30 Catholic Scripture Study, Keefer Hall, PC Room
- 3:30 Science Club, Conroy Hall
- 6:30 Rel. Ed., School, Conroy Hall, Library
- 7:00 Pre-Baptism Class, Staff Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 7:00 Boy Scouts, Conroy Hall
- 7:00 Exercise (Women's Guild), Keefer Hall
- 7:00 Parent Information Night, School, Library
- 7:30 RCIA, Staff Center
- 7:30 Finance Council, Rectory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 8:00 Tiger Clinic, Miller Pavilion (until noon)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:30 Children's Liturgy of the Word, Church, Keefer Hall
- 10:45 Rel. Ed., School, Conroy Hall, Library
- 6:30 Youth Group, Staff Center
- 7:30 AA, Conroy Hall



Stewardship

Treasure - Last Week's Collection - \$12,967

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY - Pvt. John Gallagher, Spc. Brendan Gallagher, SO2 David Balistreri, Spc. Michael Gangone, SFC Richard F. Lawrence, Spc.4 Nicholas Talarico, Lt. Michael Makrucki, Cpl. Ronald S. Strang, II, PFC Gregory Halloran, 2nd Lt. Adam Ewoldsen, Adam Ginter U.S. Army, 1st Lt. Kendall Seli, Lance Corp. Daniel Mulvihill, Master Sgt. Daniel Mulvihill, Sr., Airman 1st Class Tim and Kate Mulvihill, Capt. William J. Shields, Pvt. Anthony J. Laitta, Pvt. 1st Class Angelo Morasca, Lt. Kelsey Barley, 2nd Lt. Christopher Lauff, 1st Sgt. Rick Oddi, Sr. Airman Dion Julian, Capt. Aaron L. B. Cox, Maj. Steven Tingley, Lt. Steve Fichter, Col. Gregory Mark Ferketish, Capt. Sam Gazzo, Lnc. Cpl Ryan Kelsey, Sgt. Dustin Huff, 2nd Lt. Meghan Cumpston, Gnry Sgt. Stephen Lorenzetty, Lt. Jason Simon, Maj. J. J. Serowik, Sgt. Matthew Tardio, PV2 Erik Lind, Maj. Thomas H. Huzzard, Lance Cpl. Mark Grosso.



HAVE YOU SHOPPED FOR YOUR VALENTINE YET? Don't forget to exchange your dollars for shopping gift/debit cards before you shop! Drop by the school or parish offices during the week or stop after masses on the weekend. Your support and participation in this program is appreciated by the whole parish community.



As we begin the new month of February in this dark, cold and snowy winter season, I want to remind everyone that Monday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and Tuesday, February 3, is the Memorial of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. While neither are days of obligation, both have a rich liturgical tradition involving candles.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord recalls the biblical episode of Joseph and Mary bringing the baby Jesus to the temple as prescribed in the law of Moses. Originating in 4th century Jerusalem, this feast came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th century. The readings highlight Christ as the promised Messiah and 'light' for all the nations. Presented in the temple and recognized by the prophets Simeon and Anna, Jesus is revealed as the light of the world. This feast used to be called Candlemass Day because the Church traditionally blessed the candles used at Mass on this day.

The Memorial of St. Blaise recalls the 4th century bishop of Sebaste in Armenia who was martyred for the apostolic faith. Because of a miracle traditionally attributed to St. Blaise in which he healed a boy with a fish bone stuck in his throat, the Church blesses throats on this day with candles blessed the day before on the Feast of the Presentation. When we went on our November pilgrimage to Medjugorje, we made a one-day side trip to Dbrovnik on the Adriatic coast of Croatia. In Dbrovnik, one of the oldest and most intact walled cities in Europe, we had Mass at the Church of St. Blaise, who is revered by both the West and the East. There we purchased beautiful, braided candles to be used for the blessing of throats on the Memorial of St. Blaise.

Candles have been used in the liturgy from the beginning of our faith as a sign of Christ, the light of the world.

Rev. Richard A. Infante
Pastor

OLG WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Please mark your calendar for our gathering schedule for 2009:

Wed., March 4th—Mass at 7:00 p.m. ... then to Keefer Hall where we have invited a speaker in to teach us about and discuss MARY, the most blessed woman and mother. All women of the guild and PARISH are encouraged to attend.

Wed., April 1st—(no foolin') Guild Gathering, beginning with mass at 7:00 p.m. Meet in Keefer Hall after. Details to follow.

Sunday, April 19th—Royal Tea ... sponsored by Guild. Look for details in bulletin, a lovely way for women to spend the afternoon.

Wed., May 6th—Guild Gathering, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m., meet in Keefer Hall after. Details to follow.

June—RUMMAGE SALE many hands are needed **throughout the week**. Largest fundraiser of the YEAR.

August—Parish Festival Week ... Guild sponsors White Elephant Sale and a dinner.

We are hoping to have a day trip or two this Spring. If you would like to be added to updates via email, please send email address to ETKING@VERIZON.NET or check the weekly bulletin.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION NOVENA—WEEK SIX -

“Open your mouth on behalf of the mute and for the rights of the destitute. Open your mouth, decree what is just, defend the needy and the poor!” (Proverbs 31:8-9). “Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart” (The Gospel of Life, #3). By spiritually adopting an unborn child threatened by abortion, you have taken to your heart one who cannot speak for him or herself, who is destitute of all rights, whose dependence (neediness and poverty) is total. In many ways our society has set itself against these little ones. Thank you for continuing to pray for your spiritually adopted child. (Spiritual Adoption Prayer: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.)

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1 29:39.

REST IN PEACE

Helen Walsh, sister of Phyllis Jansen, sister-in-law
of Pat Liberati



IT'S STORY TIME! - Our Lady of Grace Pre-School invites all 3 and 4 year olds to attend **Story Time** on **Friday, February 6th** in the school library at 10:00 a.m. (Please arrive at 9:50 a.m.). Story Time includes stories, a craft activity and a snack. Bring your children—invite your neighbors, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. All 3 and 4 year olds are welcome! Questions, contact Mrs. Liz Stumpf at 412-279-6611. Story Time will be held on a monthly basis. Mark your calendar now for next month's story time on Friday, March 6th.

SCHOOL NEWS

All are cordially invited to **Informational Evenings** for those interested in:

- Full or Half Day Kindergarten and/or Grades 1 thru 8 for the 2009-2010 school year on **Thursday, Feb. 5th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the OLG School Library.
- 3 or 4 year old Pre-School for the 2009-2010 school year on **Thursday, Feb. 12th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the OLG School Library.

Ms. Lindsay Pfister, School Principal, will be available to provide information and answer questions about our programs and school. Some of the faculty will also be available to discuss faith formation, curriculum and answer questions. Meet other OLG parents and tour the school (computer labs, art room, gym, etc.). Personal tours given every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Call 412-279-6611 to register or schedule an appointment. Registration packets will also be available each evening if you would like to register at this time (certain paperwork and deposit required).

2008 CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS - Statements are now available **to those parishioners who request them**. Please fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or bring to the parish office. **REMINDER:** Please remember to mark your contribution amount on the outside of your envelopes throughout the year to help assure accuracy in recording your donations. Thank you.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

