

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES – ST JOHN OF GOD PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th, 2010

4:00PM Eugene Noce r/o Anne Britt
also Alfred Nigsch r/o His Daughter

SUNDAY, JANUARY, 31st, 2010

9:00 AM Eleanor Schuster r/o Husband
Listing of St. John of God Prayer Chain r/o
Dolores Sanhey

11:00AM Patrick Kelly r/o Dorothy Thompson
Nancy Hooyman

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

9:00AM James McLaughlin(1st Anniv.) r/o Red
Hat Ladies
also James Noto r/o r/o Wife, Andrea

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

9:00AM Ed Czeck r/o Mueller & Shopiro
Families
also Leo Gramiak r/o Ray & Kathy Deeley

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

9:00AM Janice Williams r/o Family
also Joseph Neary r/o Tom & Mario Quiggi

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

9:00AM Louise Tennant r/o Son, Bill
also Sabina Barry r/o Altar & Rosary
Society

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

9:00AM Claire Jackson r/o Mary D'Imperio &
Father Robert
also Anthony Corsodeo r/o Bernie & Cindy
Henry

CONVENER'S CORNER

Last Sunday's Gospel reminds us Jesus visited his home town. As was his custom, he attended synagogue and reads from the prophet Isaiah. What he skips was significant for the familiar phrase – (Isaiah 61.2) “A day of Vindication by our God.” was omitted. Could it be that Jesus wanted no part with an “eye for an eye” attitude to be in his follower's mind? For an “I'll get even with you” to be removed from Christian's behavior? The locals of his town reacted by “driving him out of the town” ready to hurl him down head long.”

Many of you were asked recently to come forward to sign a petition of complaint.

Today I am asking you to come forward after raising in your hearts a statement of belief...Do I want to come closer to Jesus? Am I willing to be with Jesus in a way to be comforted, to unburden my heart of any vengeance, from confusion or uncertainty and from false accusations?

Can I be a person who wants to make a difference and note with my body to be in the presence of the Body of Christ? And make this a commitment to come to this parish throughout the day in devotion to the Presence of Jesus in the very house of God where signs of division were executed and replace them with acts of love and prayers for healing. Can I be willing to make a daily Holy Hour?

Bishop Fulton Sheen did this. His spiritual insights teach us still, these many years after his death.

Or, like our own Patron to be, Saint John Neumann, be inspired by his devotion to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in every parish in his Diocese. Did you know about this holy man and his powerful intercession still and in this very parish?

How can we make retribution or thanksgiving, for all the good the Lord has done for us?

The Mission statement of our new parish was carefully worded and important for all of us. “The Parish of St. John Neumann serving the Catholic Community in Lower Township by the Bay invites you to share our time talents and treasures where miracles do happen. Couldn't we be that

community that like the one cleansed leper came back to give thanks to Jesus?

I dream of a day full of busyness where people come and give thanks...where gossip ceases and prayer increases, where groups of people pray together not to announce causes of derision or division or misinformation about me or any one of you. I want this House of God to be a beacon of prayer, radiating peace, sending a message of hope and spiritual healing.

But the day of Resurrection for Jesus comes after this Sacrifice of Good Friday; and where I need sacrifices in our own day must be made. I need time with the Lord Jesus everyday, not just at a certain morning hour. I want you to be able to come here and know at 3:00 in the afternoon, or on my way to work that I can see Jesus.

What havoc unemployment takes in our lives! How many of you have felt this! Is Eucharistic adoration a part of your job search? Do you find yourself searching aimlessly for a new job, or think it will knock on your door? OK! Maybe you actively are pursuing employment...have you proactively made time to include Jesus in your job search?

My friends can we put aside our worries after we bring them to Jesus. Is there a more visual memory of him in prayer in the Garden, just before his death? Do we have something more pressing in our lives than He did?

Dear friends help me in the next few days before Lent begins to constructively organize our time and prayers to share this vision that the Eucharist is our strength, our joy, indeed our very Parish life Priority.

Sincerely,

Father Soprano

THANK YOU – FROM FATHER BILL

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you today to thank you for all that you have done for Saint Raymond Parish and for me these past 6 ½ years.

Your love and dedication, your kindness and friendship, your gifts and prayers are greatly appreciated. People have said that I accomplished quite a bit since I arrived: New Roofs on all the buildings, new heating system, new air conditioning, etc. Without your help and support it would not have been possible.

A special thanks to all the committees who worked so hard together: The Social Committee for the October Fest, Christmas Bazaar, and my Farewell Brunch, the Choir, who brought joy to all our celebrations, The Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers and of course Ushers. And to my Staff and Office Volunteers: Annette, Arlene, Linda, Pat, Renee, Nancy, Peggy, Joan and Franne for making St. Raymond's such a great parish.

I would also like to thank John Mathis, Dan Gilliam, Frank & Eileen Casey, Kathy Plumbly Al and all those who helped in any way with the brunch. It was delicious. Special thanks to our youth: Boy Scouts and Wildwood Catholic Girls and Cape Winds Florist. Thanks also to Father Ted Cassidy, Father Richard Gallagher and Father Miles Barrett for all your help over the years.

Although these 6 ½ years have gone quickly, I am still am in shock about retiring, but after much prayer and reflection, I have made the decision.

I ask your prayers as I begin this new chapter in my life.

Thank you again for everything. Please know you will be in my prayers.

God Bless,
Father Bill

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COLLECTION TOTALS
WEEK OF SUNDAY JANUARY 30th
ST. JOHN OF GOD

Ordinary Collection \$5,041.00
School Subsidy \$1,706.00

I'm happy to include the weekly figures of the Candle Offering \$102.00 and the Poor Box \$120.00/The very good news is the total collection raised \$6,000 for Haiti, and sent to the Diocese in your name.

LITURGICAL ROLES – ST. JOHN OF GOD
PARISH

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY JANUARY 30TH

4:00 PM M.DRESSEL, R. HOOYMAN, I. HURD, E. PATTERSON, P. GAFFNEY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31TH

9:00 AM R. KLEMM, E. MCNEILL, J. OXLEY, M. OXLEY, B. VAN ORDEN

11:00 AM P. GAFFNEY, L. KEENE, J. NEILL, B. PETTIT, P. SPARKS

LECTORS

SATURDAY JANUARY 30th

4:00 PM M. CZESCIK
D. DOOLEY

SUNDAY JANUARY 31st

9:00 AM K. BIEBERBACH
J. DEVER
11:00AM M. KOBIK
N. MATTEUCCI

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th

4:00 PM J. WALSH, G. MASTERSON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST

9:00 AM KASEY WHITTEN, KARLI WHITTEN
11:00 AM J. GINDVILLE, D. CASSEL

LITURGICAL ROLES – ST. RAYMOND
PARISH

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 30/31st

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY

4:00 PM. Helen Bleil, Bob Marriner
& Bernadette Krebs

SUNDAY

8 AM. Bill Hartley, Cass Moore, Ellen Krause

10 AM. Celine Hohenstein, John Malinowski, Jose Soto

LECTORS

ALTAR SERVERS

Schedule Not Available

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The ladies are sponsoring a BAKE SALE to be held on February 6th and 7th. All cakes are \$5.00. Please stop by and support our ladies.

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Anyone wishing to receive a report of your 2009 contribution to the Church, please call St. John of God office between 9 AM. and 2 PM. At 884-1656. The folks from St. Raymond's, please call the rectory after 1:30 PM. 886-5366. Thank you.

MASSES AT ST, RAYMOND

SATURDAY

4:00 PM.

Mary Ellen Crowley r/o Sarah Keenan
Robert J. Vain r/o Bernadette Sethman

SUNDAY

8 AM.

Lew Rice r/o Wife, Sally

Special Intention of Olga Ward (Birthday) r/o Pat Tater

10 AM.

Sharon Francis r/o Lola & Joan

Special Intention of Marie DiFabio r/o Marie

WEEKDAY MASS

J. GINDVILLE
Thursday, February 4th – Lew Rice r/o Wife, Sally

BREAKFAST IS BEING SERVED

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their MONTHLY BREAKFAST today (Sunday) at their council Home on Breakwater Road in Erma. Time: 8 AM. To 12 Noon.

CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism Classes, held at St. Raymond's Parish, will be canceled until the beginning of Lent. For further information please call Tom Logue at 889-8245.

SICK OF ST. RAYMOND PARISH

Please remember those who are indisposed or homebound and family members who would like to be remembered in a special way in your prayers: Karin Graves, Cass Murphy, Joan O'Connell, Ernie Rissling, Ida McCabe, Jim Sweitzer, Bernie Corrigan, Glenn Rickards, Dottie Price, Helen Conwell, Joan Pauciello, Ruth Longinotti

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Come Let Us Adore"

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. John of God Parish every Friday after the 9 AM. Mass until the noon hour, also the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday will be from 9:30 AM. To 8:00 PM. The Eucharist is the chief source of growth in our spiritual life. Pope John Paul II tells us: "The church and the world have a great need of Eucharist Adoration. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love." Come let us adore – spend a few minutes with your Loving Lord. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary Devotions are prayed every Friday at 3 PM. In the Chapel;

St. Raymond Parish also has weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday after the 9 AM. Mass until 12 Noon. All are welcome to come and pray with us.

CASINO BUS TRIP

VFW Lt. "Buddy" Lewis POST #5343 Villas – Casino Bus Trip. Monday, February 8th, Taj Mahal, Cost \$19.00 with return of \$30.00 in Bonus Slot Play. Bus leaves from the Post parking lot, Bayshore Road & Atlantic Avenue at 9 AM. Call Joe DiMascio at 886-6870 for tickets.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The folks in Nazareth were proud of Jesus, their home-grown celebrity. When he told them his mission was to those outside his

family and friends, they felt cheated and angry. Jesus did not back down: It is important to care for those entrusted to us in our family but we must go beyond family and care for strangers also.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Evelyn Dixon, Steven Grau, Pat Grispingo, Ed Lutz, Joan McGinnis, Janet Meyer, Cathy Miele, Dottie Mueller, Peggy Nailie, Zita Jennings, Andrea Noto, Florence Anderson, Peg Austin, Donna Bates, Rita Behnke, Jan Bieniecki, Donna Castagna, Patty Chace, Dolores Davis, Ann Nigsch, Margaret & Vito Palumbo, Michael Papdi, Cathy Piszko, Edward Poserino, Rita Williams, Jeff Reid, Donna Marie Riggi, Mary Stehr, Julia Wright, Marie Pflaumer, Dennis Murray, Patrick Denney, Anna Martin, Jane Rumsey, Albert Cremin, Stan Tabor, Nancy Barnes, Mary Mallon, William O'Brien, David Prodoehl, Diane Read, Meghan Hannigan, Gabrielle Moriarty and all those who are seriously ill.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to all those who donated coats and blankets to the drive that was held at St. Raymond Parish these past few months. The drive is now over with more than 500 coats and 200 sheet sets and blankets donated.

May God continue to bless you for your generosity.

Love and prayers
Tony Bevivino

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK –

JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 6TH.

This year's theme is Catholic Schools:

Dividends for Life – Morals, Discipline, Faith and Knowledge. See the green envelope on the website for the complete schedule.

Cape Trinity Catholic (opening September, 2010) is thrilled to announce a partnership with Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. See more information in the newsletter posted on the school website.

Registration for the 10-11 school year are now taking place, call 884-4437 for more information.

RESPECT: WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO US?

A few week's ago Father Soprano gave a beautiful homily here at St. John of God Church. At the end of his sermon, he informed the parishioners in attendance that at Saturday's 4 o'clock Mass at St. Raymond's someone stood up at the pulpit and asked the congregation to sign a petition to remove Father Soprano. Apparently he is disliked and not wanted at St. Raymond's. The lovely homily was completely forgotten as I was in shock and amazed. I can't imagine any priest allowing such a hostile and derogatory announcement directed to a brother priest and delivered from his pulpit. **WHERE HAS OUR RESPECT GONE?**

Evidently, some feel he has not done anything to unify the parishes in the merge. They feel he has not shown his presence in the parish at all. Explanation....Father Bill was still there at that time as pastor and in charge until this past week. Therefore, Father Soprano could not do anything until Father Bill retired. According to the Bishop, Father Soprano's residence is at the site of St. John of God.

Change is not an easy thing to accept and we at St. John of God realize how you feel. We were in the same boat. However, Father Forbes elected to retire early and Father Soprano went to work taking care of business which he will do now at St. Raymond's. Please give him a fair chance and the respect he deserves.

I am praying that we can get past this unrest and merge successfully as one Catholic Community, with two worship sites, under the parish name of St. John Neumann.

Eleanor Myers, Parishioner
St. John of God

ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH QUATERLY REPORT

October 21, 2010

- Spirit Players' to be held on October 24 and 25, 2009, with an encore performance on November 14 and 15, 2009.
- There was discussion of holding Mission week with the return of the Dominican priests from two years ago. Council President will discuss with Father Soprano.
- Discussion ensued regarding Ministry Weekend in December.
- Creation of a cookbook was introduced.

November 18, 2009

- Spirit Players' performance were successfully held. Window curtains to match the stage curtain will be installed in 2010.
- Dominican priests that visited St. John of God approximately two years ago will again visit February 12, 2011 (before Lent) and November 26, 2011 (beginning Advent).
- Ministry Weekend will be held on December 5 and 6, 2009.

December 16, 2009

- Ministry Weekend was combined with Hospitality Weekend and enjoyed by the parishioners.
- A beef and beer will be held on January 30, 2010 at The Knights of Columbus Hall by the spirit Players.
- Good Samaritan Program is still expanding and open for volunteers.
- Updates of the St. John of God/St. Raymond Cookbook have and will continue to be provided in both churches' bulletins.

