

Saturday, September 5, Weekday

4:00 p.m. † John & Stella Amaranto (An.)

Sunday, Sept. 6, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. † John & Molly Sikorski

Monday, September 7, Labor Day

8:30 a.m. † Paul Butera

Tuesday, September 8, Nativity of the BVM

8:30 a.m. † Peter Angiulli

Wednesday, September 9, Peter Claver, priest

8:30 a.m. † Kathy Filo

Thursday, September 10, Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Corcetti & Abraham Families

Friday, September 11, Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Pearl Gagen

10:00- -12 N Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 12, Weekday

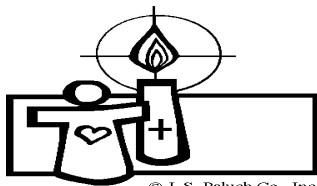
8:30 a.m. † Paul L. Heil

4:00 p.m. † Jacint Calderazzo

Sunday, Sept. 13, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. † Jim Magee



Servers

Schedule

September 12 & 13

4:00 p.m. - Aaron Waner & Marissa Molnar

8:00 a.m. - A. Poullet & Austin Feydt

10:30 a.m. - A. J. & Deanna Callipare

dear Padre

September 6, 2009

What is an occasion of sin?

My grandmother refuses to go to casinos. She says they're "occasions of sin." What is she talking about?

Robert

Dear Robert,

Occasions of sin are people, places, or situations that can easily lead a person to sin or give them an opportunity to commit a sin. There are two types; remote and proximate (also called near).

If the attraction is not strong or has only a small probability of leading to sin, the occasion is remote. Remote occasions of sin are always around us, and we have no obligation to try to avoid them.

If the attraction is powerful or the probability of its leading to sin is great, the occasion is called proximate. Saint Alphonsus suggested that if a person sins four out of ten times in a given situation, that situation should be regarded as a proximate occasion of sin.

Proximate or near occasions of sin are further classified as necessary or voluntary. A necessary proximate occasion cannot be avoided or can be avoided only with great difficulty, for example, an occasion associated with doing one's job or being in prison.

A voluntary proximate occasion is freely and voluntarily entered into. We must avoid voluntary proximate occasions of grave sin.

Among the many means at our disposal for avoiding occasions of sin, the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist have pride of place. Prayer and self-discipline also help.

David Louch, C.Ss.R.

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DUE TO LABOR DAY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.



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CCD Registration - registration letters and forms for CCD have been mailed or e-mailed to those families who had children enrolled last year in CCD. If you are a new family or a family with a change of address and have not received your registration you may pick one up at the church entrances. You may also call the office to have a registration packet mailed or e-mailed to your home. Call 724-568-2331 during regular office hours. First CCD class is Sunday, September 20.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ~ all Ministers **both** at Mass and Homebound are urged to attend meeting on September 21, at 7 p.m. in the church hall. Details to follow in next week's bulletin.

Youth Ministry ~ is in need of Trained Volunteers to assist in our Parish's Y. M. Please prayerfully consider this rewarding Ministry. Call Kate for more information at 724-568-2331 and leave your name and phone number.

His Excellency, Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt will lead the Diocese in Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception followed the next day with a pilgrimage to The Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the dates are November 7 and 8. There is the option of the one or two day trip. Please call our parish coordinator Kate Larko at 724-568-2331.

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving: August 29 & 30

Sunday Offertory.....	\$5,198.50
Loose Collection.....	391.00
Utilities.....	95.00
Catholic University/Catholic Schools....	794.50

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In memory of Robert Reilly by Luke Duriancik & his family

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In memory of Don & Rita Hollinger by the family
In memory of Mike Firek by his wife

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: Bertha Hines, Ralph Carricato and all the sick who need our prayers.

ST. GERTRUDE MEN’S CLUB ~ will meet in the church hall at 7:30 p.m. on September 14 (due to Labor Day on September 7). Please try to attend.

JUST A REMINDER ~ on Friday, and every Friday when school is in session, the Mass will be at 9 a.m.. This is the Children’s Liturgy



PHONE TREE FOR PRAYERS, we have parish members who have joined us in our chain of prayers and we will pray for your needs. They will be praying always in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. If you have a request for special prayers, you can begin the “Phone Tree for Prayers” by calling Fran Milie 412-780-0164 or Josephine Moliterno 724-567-7359.

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner ~ for a Wife and Mother Victoria (Young Mi) Olshansky who is battling aggressive cancer, on Saturday, September 26, at Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church, 271 Main St. Leechburg, from 3:30 p.m.—7 p.m. Cost: \$7. Adults ~ \$3.50, ages 4-12. Tickets: call 724-845-7871 or 724-845-7360.



Any person, age 18 ~ ? Interested in helping at Sunday Night Bingo beginning September 13, at 5:30 p.m., please call the Rectory at 724-568-2331 or 724-244-2991 and leave your name and telephone number. We really need about 20 people to volunteer which would mean that you would probably be asked to work every fourth Sunday. Time will be from 6-10 p.m. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Bingo Committee

THANK YOU ~ for your contributions to last week’s second collection for The Catholic University of America! Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to students from dioceses across the country.

A series of monthly classes on **BENEDICTINE** spirituality will continue on Sunday, September 13, from 3—4:25 p.m. in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic will be “Work in Benedictine Spirituality,” and Fr. Thomas More Sikora, O.S.B., a miller and weaver at the St. Vincent Gristmill, will be the presenter. To appreciate the teaching one does not need to have attended previous sessions.

ALSO

The OBLATES OF SAINT BENEDICT affiliated with Saint Vincent Archabbey will meet at 6:45 on Sunday, September 13, in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic of discussion will be Chapter 10, entitled “Private Prayer,” from the book *The Path of Life*, with emphasis on the need for personal, private prayer to complement communal prayer. Those wishing to pray Vespers with the monks at 5 p.m. and then stay for supper should contact Fr. Donald at 724-805-2291 in advance. Also, Oblates and their guest are welcome to attend the annual Oblate Day at the Archabbey on Sunday, September 20, beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m. For info and registration, contact Chris Karem 724-216-5830 or Fr. Donald.



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Church Hall ~ Doors open 5:15 p.m.
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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. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 25-27, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277.3434.