

**From Fr. Ralph**

**An Urgent Message**

Dear Parishioners, you may recall I had mentioned at weekend Masses that we had a significant budgetary problem. I mentioned that the budget was out of balance by \$94,700. I hope that this high number creates concern in the parish on how we are to make a dent in balancing the budget during this year.

On July 21, 2009 I met with the Parish Finance Council to discuss this problem, and came up with the following plan.

This weekend members of the Finance Council will address the Parish to personally alert parishioners to the problem that we have in meeting our budget needs. Also, please consider helping in the following ways: 1) Please support the parish by purchasing our annual Lottery ticket. If we sell all of these tickets we can make \$17,000. 2) We are asking you to consider giving more in the offertory as part of your weekly offering. 3) Please support raffles such as the current one where you can win a set of Steelers tickets for the December game with the Baltimore Ravens. 4) Please support the upcoming fundraiser in the Spring centered around the modeling of wedding dresses from the past and present (more details to come). And please be faithful in supporting the Parish Share Program. In the past few years we have been exceeding our goals and therefore supplementing parish budget deficit with the received refunds.

Please take these preceding four points seriously. I know that everyone is experiencing difficulties during these challenging economic times but the future financial health of this parish is at stake. Anything that you can do to support, to serve more faithfully would be greatly appreciated. We all, as parish, need to be concerned and take care of both spiritual and financial needs of our parish. Please be generous, and remember "Nothing is impossible with God".

**H1N1 Flu - What You Need to Know and Do**

Over the years as each flu season arrives, concerns are raised over the possibility of transmitting viruses during liturgical celebrations. With concern this year over the epidemic potential of the H1N1 flu virus, we are called to be particularly vigilant. The potential for an individual to contract the flu virus exists everywhere. Viral diseases are most often passed along through coughs, sneezes or physical contact.

This is the time to remind parishioners that each person should be responsible for taking precautions as he/she sees fit. The decision whether or not to receive the Body and Blood under both species remains with the individual communicant. Christ is real and truly present under each species. Those uncomfortable receiving from the Cup during the flu season should not feel obligated to do so. Similarly, it is to remind parishioners that there is no single gesture required for the Sign of Peace. During the flu season, a bow is a perfectly acceptable means to express our peace in Jesus Christ before we share the Eucharist. It is also to remind all parishioners of the importance of good hygiene. Parishioners are not bound by any obligation to attend Mass if they are sick or have been exposed to the flu. They should return to church only when they are well.

Common sense and good hygienic practices can lessen the impact of the flu.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1  
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY, 10/26 - WEEKDAY**

*Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17*

12:05 Deceased McKay Family (McKay Children)

**TUESDAY, 10/27 - WEEKDAY**

*Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21*

12:05 Betty McKenzie (Anniv) (R. McKenzie)

**WEDNESDAY, 10/28 - SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES**

*Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16*

12:05 Parents of G. & K. Lutz

**THURSDAY, 10/29 - WEEKDAY**

*Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35*

12:05 All Souls in Purgatory (M. Taylor)

**FRIDAY, 10/30 - WEEKDAY**

*Rom 9:1-5/ Lk 14:1-6*

12:05 Pasquale Melaragno (Amity Lodge #45)

6:05 Benediction (O.L.Q.P. Church)

**SATURDAY, 10/31 - WEEKDAY**

*Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29/Lk 14:1,7-11*

5:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners

**SUNDAY, 11/1 - ALL SAINTS**

*Rv 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a*

8:30 Deceased Family and Friends of K.J.

10:00 Living and Deceased Members St. Cyprian's  
Rosary Society

10:30 Andrew Ban (R. Shields)

**Sharing Our Blessings: October 18**

Weekly Offering/offertory envelopes .....	\$3,489.00
Loose offering .....	\$261.00
Parish Share .....	\$344.00
<b>2009 PARISH SHARE GOAL .....</b>	<b>\$71,706.00</b>
World Mission Sunday .....	\$750.00
Loose offering .....	\$170.00
Benedictine Appeal.....	\$320.00

**2009 Parish Share Program (PSP) Update**

There is **\$5,354** in outstanding pledges, which we count on will be paid in due time. This parish obligation must be achieved by December 31. It is also the parish's opportunity to raise extra funds as any amount surpassing the goal could be available un-assessed for our parish needs. We invite all to support the PSP.

**Ministry Fair Is Coming To Our Parish**

How are you called to serve? Ministry Fair has all the answers. **See you November 7 & 8, after each mass.** The gift of Baptism is greater than any we have received. Our gratefulness should lead us to a sense of duty to fulfill our Christian duty. So pray how God may be asking you to live out your duty as a baptized Christian in St. Peter Parish. Only if you will share your gift will the parish grow stronger.

**Repair and Renovation Fund**

A second collection will be taken for R & R Fund this weekend of October 24 & 25. The collection helps in making many improvements in the parish. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed:**

**All Souls Services at St. Mary's Cemetery** (Mt. Troy Road), will be held Sunday, November 1, 1 p.m. All invited.

**All Souls Remembrance**

Our faithful departed will be remembered in nine Masses especially offered in their memory in the month of November.

**Meetings:**

**North Side Ecumenical Planning Group ...** Monday, October 26, 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady, Queen of Peace church meeting room.

**Parish Finance Council ...** Tuesday, October 27, 7 p.m. in St. Peter's church rectory.

**Ushers & Greeters Ministry ...** Wednesday, October 28, 7 p.m. in Our Lady, Queen of Peace church social hall. Present ushers/greeters and those who are contemplating to become one are invited & encourage to attend this meeting. Contacts: Jim Grieser 412-761-8475 or rectory 412-321-0711.

**Baptism Preparation Class**

is required for all parents interested in having their child baptized. The baptismal preparation classes are scheduled as follows: November 7, November 30, 7 p.m. in C.W.R.S. Pre-registration is required. Please call 412-321-3186.

**Please Pray For ...** Our sick parish members and friends.

**A Reminder**

**Mass Schedule Switch ...** the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass will be celebrated for six months, November 1—April 30, in St. Peter church. Then it will move to Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church May 1—October 31. Please make note of it.

**Liturgical Assignments: October 31 & November 1**

**Altar Servers:**

5:00 p.m. S. & A. Ferris  
8:30 a.m. B. & M. Frisco  
10:30 a.m. S. Lang & J. Berry

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5:00 p.m. L.Ketterman-P.Christenson-D.Degonish-S.Grieser  
8:30 a.m. R. M. Lavery-J. Turba-A. Bailey-D. Hayson  
10:30 a.m. F. & C. Steiner-L. Iannotta-B. Born

**Lectors:**

5:00 p.m. C. Biaggi  
8:30 a.m. C. Finkbeiner  
10:30 a.m. A. Hamilton

**Courtesy Announcements:**

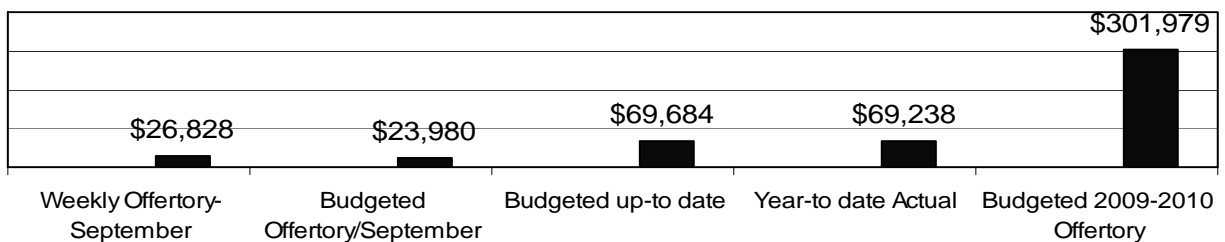
**Open House: Mt. Alvernia High School ...** November 8, 1-3 p.m. for 7 & 8 grade girls & their families; Placement testing November 20; Calls: 412-821-3858 or visit [www.mtalvernia.com](http://www.mtalvernia.com).

**North Catholic ..** November 7, 12-3 p.m.; Calls: 412-321-4823.

**Super Turkey Bingo ...** November 8, 12:30 p.m. early bird, in Risen Lord Parish; \$20 donation includes 12 cards & 4 specials; Calls 412-761-1507.

**Job Opportunity ...** FT/PT Direct Support Professionals (DSP) to help people with mental/development disabilities who live in group homes; Call Jenn 412-381-0277 or send resumé to 2821 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

**Offertory Chart**



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

