

# SAINT VINCENT



October 4, 2009

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Rectory

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## Bulletin Deadline:

**12:00 Noon Monday in Writing**

**Masses:** **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM • **Sunday:** 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 AM  
**Weekdays:** 6:30 AM • **Saturday:** 6:30 AM  
**Holy Days:** 6:30, 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM

**Confessions:** Saturday: 11:00 to 12:00 Noon and Thursday before First Friday; 3:30-4:30 PM

**Eucharistic Holy Hour:** Wednesday: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

**Rosary:** Saturday at 4:40 PM

**Parish Registration:** New Parishioners are most welcome and should register at the rectory as soon as possible. If moving out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

**Baptisms:** It is necessary that parents attend a Baptism Preparation Program before the Baptism of their first child. Baptism Preparation classes can be completed at either St. Hilary (Sr. Marlene, 330-867-1055) or at St. Sebastian (Marival Ciarlariello, 330-865-5905). Call either parish for times and registration details. Proof of attendance should be presented to St. Vincent Church prior to the baptism.

**Marriages:** Couples intending to marry should call at the rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to the marriage. It is required to have copies of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation records, if these Sacraments are not received at St. Vincent. Wedding times on Saturday are at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM.

**Parish School of Religion (PSR) Pre-School - 8th:** Classes are September through May. Classes are held in St. Vincent Grade School on Sundays from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Convert Classes):** Classes begin in September. For information, call 330-535-3135.

**Hospital/Sick/Shut-in Visitation :** Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner is hospitalized, shut-in or ill.

**Funerals:** Please notify a Priest as soon as possible regarding arrangements, either personally or through the funeral director.

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### Masses for the Week

#### SATURDAY, October 3, 2009

5:00 PM Jim Gentner—Birthday \* Baptism of Ian Harrison Yurechko at this Mass

#### SUNDAY, October 4 \* 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### \*Respect Life Sunday

- 7:00 Diane Paris—Birthday
- 9:00 John Abell
- 11:00 Blanche O’Neil—Anniversary



#### MONDAY, October 5

6:30 Michael Beskitt—Birthday

#### TUESDAY, October 6 \*St. Bruno, St. Marie-Rose

##### Durocher

6:30 John Michalec

#### WEDNESDAY, October 7 \* Our Lady of the Rosary

6:30 Joseph Demarco—Birthday

##### 7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church



#### THURSDAY, October 8

6:30 Mass For Our Parishioners

#### FRIDAY, October 9 \* St. Denis & his companions, martyrs, St. John Leonardi

6:30 Norm Menendez—Anniversary

#### SATURDAY, October 10 \* Jewish observance: Shemini

##### Atzeret

- 6:30 Michael Beskitt
- 2:00 **Wedding:** Kevin Aurand and Michelle Fair
- 5:00 PM Michael Michalec—Anniversary \* Baptism of Bella Ann Richie

#### SUNDAY, October 11 \* 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Marilyn Davis
- 9:00 Living & deceased members of St. Vincent High School Class of 1945
- 11:00 Living & deceased Members of the Urdiales & Martinez Family—Anniversary of Richard



**COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, September 27, 2009**  
**Thanks for your Support!**

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 15, 500.00
Collection of September 27.....	\$11,865.51
Children’s Envelopes .....	\$29.51
Communications Collection.....	\$837.00

**THANK YOU!**

### KRUMBS FROM THE KRAKER-BARREL

#### A PROMISE IS A PROMISE



How am I doing, boss?  
 What do you mean, Minnie?  
 I mean, are you going to let me stay?  
 What kind of question is that, Minnie?

As you know, boss, I've never been able to stay in one place. I keep getting moved from one home to another, so I was just wondering how long it would be before I had to go to another home.

If it makes you feel any better, Minnie, I have never sent a dog of mine away. Both Timmie and Vinnie stayed with me until the day they died.

That does make me feel better, boss, but still I sometimes have my doubts.

Is that because of your past experience, Minnie?

It’s partly that, boss, but also I know that sometimes I can be a problem, and it makes me worry that you may get so impatient that you will make me find another home.

I don’t think you should worry about that, Minnie, although it is true that you can try a person’s patience, especially when the weather turns angry. I don’t understand why you get so nervous and noisy during a rain storm. I’m telling you, you’re insufferable at times like that.

I’m sorry, boss, but I can’t help it. Ever since I was a little puppy I have been terrified of thunder and lightning. I try to get a handle on myself, but I just can’t get over my fear. I hope times like that don’t come between us.

Minnie, let me tell you something. The day you came here, I made a decision that you would be our new church dog, and even though you still have much to learn, I will not change my mind about that.

But, boss, what if I never become the kind of church dog you were looking for? What if, as they say, I just don’t cut the mustard?

Well here’s the way it is, Minnie. Sometimes people make promises to each other, but then things happen they didn’t foresee. They start losing faith in each other, and pretty soon they don’t like each other as much as they once did.

What happens then, boss?

It depends, Minnie. If they remember the promise they made, they just make up their minds to keep the promise, or else they go their separate ways.

Are you saying there’s no “or else” for you and me?  
 Let’s just say a promise is a promise in my book.

**H1N1 FLU**— Due to the severity of the H1N1 Flu virus, it seems prudent to take whatever measures are necessary to protect ourselves and our children. For that reason, we will suspend the use of the **Cup at Holy Communion**, until the threat is over. You may also want to do what our children now do at Mass. Rather than shaking hands with our neighbor, we simply turn to them and offer a **simple bow**.

**MARRIAGE MINISTRY:** Couple to Couple Ministers help prepare couples for marriage. Some training is required and will be provided on five consecutive Tuesdays, beginning November 3, at St. Mary Church in Hudson. If you are able and willing to explore this as a ministry, please contact Fr. Kraker at 330-535-3135. *P.S.—He needs help!*

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS:** Sunday is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. His love for all God's creation is the reason we bring our pets to be blessed and to thank God for the blessing our pets are to us. There will be a Blessing of Animals this Sunday afternoon, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the parking area behind the church.



**III** Kevin P. Aurand, St. Thomas More, Arlington, VA and Michelle Fair, St. Thomas More, Arlington, VA  
**II** Patrick J. Carroll, St. Vincent and Amanda Reagan, St. Sebastian

**WELCOME** to St. Vincent's Parish Community, **Ian Harrison Yurechko**, Son of John and Amanda Rasbach who will be baptized at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 3.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of **Betty Harris, Elizabeth Santi Russo and Tom Wheeler (our bulletin representative)**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.



**HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. — *Mark 10:14*

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God's love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and

welcome Christ's love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it. —Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

Today's readings focus on marriage. Through Marriage, God calls and equips baptized couples to actually become a Sacrament! Christ's love is present in a special way through them that is crucial for the well-being of family, church and society. Did you know the U.S. Bishops are writing a pastoral letter and have a website about marriage! Visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) and discover good news about marriage today!

That God's powerful love and grace will re-invigorate the committed love of husbands and wives and also restore the honored place of marriage in society, *let us pray to the Lord.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

**Connecting the World with God's Word!** Thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Communications Campaign? Because of parishioners like you, the Church is able to minister and evangelize through local and national communications efforts. Programs funded by CCC keep the world connected to the Word through Web sites, downloadable podcasts, daily readings, radio shows, televised Masses and so much more. To learn more about how your money is making a difference through CCC, please visit our website at [www.CatholicCommunicationsCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationsCampaign.org).

**ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL** is pleased and proud to announce that senior **Olivia Walter** has been named by the National Merit Scholarship corporation as a semifinalist in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Olivia is the daughter of Theodore and Barbara Walter of St. Vincent Parish. Congratulations!

**BLANKET SUNDAY "COVERS" MANY NEEDS**— Next weekend is **BLANKET SUNDAY**, sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. When you come to Mass, simply make a cash donation. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church or place your donation

in an envelope marked "Blanket Sunday Donation" and put these in the collection basket. Your money will go further through bulk purchases of blankets and other items for families, children, the elderly, homeless, and other needy individuals in our own metropolitan area.

**RCIA CLASSES BEGIN** this Monday evening at 7:00 in the Scullen Room. There are 17 people signed up for instructions and we will be needing people to serve as Sponsors. A Sponsor is the person who accompanies those who are making the journey to become members of our Church. The Sponsor attends the classes together with their candidate and helps them become familiar with Catholic practices. There are few ministries in the Church more rewarding than this. If you can do this, please plan on coming to the first class Monday evening. If you are unable to come this Monday, but would be able to come after that, please call the rectory (330-535-3135). Thank you!

### FATHER KRAKER IS GOING TO JAIL!

Father has agreed to go to jail for Muscular Dystrophy on October 29. If you want him out, you will have to provide bail of \$1200. Please consider making a gift to provide for his release. All his bail money will be used to help children. Donations of \$25 or more will be gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to **MDA**.

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry is growing by leaps and bounds and additional adult leaders are needed! We're looking to train a team of adults to help us work on retreats, service projects, faith based programs, fundraisers and social events involving the youth in our parish. Come to an informational meeting on Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm at the home of Harry and Cathy Sivec (1356 Jefferson Ave.) for all of the exciting details! **All are welcome!**

#### Senior High Youth Ministry

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who worked at the St. Bernard's Soup Kitchen last weekend! We had an impressive 61 people work together to cook for and serve the poor in our community! Thanks for your support!

#### October

10- **Social Justice Family Movie Night-** featuring **Akeelah and the Bee** - **Rated PG** Sponsored by Sr. High Youth Ministry, HASA and Social Justice Committee St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall, Doors open 5:30 p.m. Movie is followed by dinner and discussion. Great event for parents and teens to enjoy together! Cookie donations are needed!

16- **Carnival of Horrors at Blossom Music Center** The Wicked Woods, The Fun House and The Freak show 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. All three attractions for \$15.00. Call if you need a permission form

26 - **Peer Ministry Confirmation Festival of Praise** St. Sebastian Church 7:00-8:30 pm

#### Junior High Youth Ministry -October

3 - **Halloween Hayride, Corn Maze and Bonfire** May's Farm from 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$10.00 fee

10 - **St. Vincent Confirmation Retreat** 9am-3pm CYO office on Biruta St. in Akron

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14 - **St. Vincent Clean Up** 2:30-4:30 pm Meet by gym after school with a change of clothes

27 - **St. Sebastian Clean Up** 2:35-4:30 pm Meet in Zwisler Hall after school with a change of clothes

#### Call Cathy Sivec with questions

Home-330 835-1427

St. Sebastian- 330 836-2233 ext. 105

St. Vincent- 330 535-3135 ext. 11



Altar Servers

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** St. Vincent Grade School and P.S.R. Students currently in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, who attend Mass regularly and are active members of St. Vincent's Parish and who have an interest in the Ministry of Altar Server should contact Dominic Fallucco at 330-253-1808 or 330-864-1383 no later than **October 6th**. **Please note:** No forms will be sent home from school or P.S.R. Classes.



#### CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:

Registration for Girls and Boys Basketball is now open. Any child in Grade 3 through 8 interested in playing Basketball should register now. Practices will begin after October

25. Sign up sheets will be available at the Elementary School and at PSR Classes. Coaches and Assistant Coaches are needed as well. For additional information or assistance, please contact Parish CYO Registrar Jeanne Locastro 330-836-3237 or jeanneloc@yahoo.com or Athletic Director Walt Whitmyer 330-808-4549 or walterwhitmyer@sbcglobal.net.

**Please note:** St. Vincent Parish High School Students interested in playing CYO Basketball should contact Jeanne Locastro at 330-836-3237 or Walt Whitmyer at 330-808-4549.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following people who won the Altar Society's 300 Club Drawing for the month of September: Stephanie Halaiko, Daughters of Divine Charity, Thomas Theresa and Jeanne Locastro.

The drawing for the month of October will be held on Monday, October 26.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY....AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Join us and members of Youth Ministry and HASA in Zwisler Hall following the 4:30PM Liturgy next Saturday, October 10 for dinner and discussion of the movie *Akeelah and the Bee* (rated PG) in light of Catholic teaching on Human Dignity: The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the person is at the core of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching; and Rights and Responsibilities: Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities – to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** The St. Vincent de Paul Society and Auxiliary need your help! We ask that parishioners please remember our needy neighbors in the parish area while doing weekly shopping by purchasing an item or two from the following wish list for donation to our food pantry. We need peanut butter, jelly, saltine crackers, boxed potato mixes, spaghetti sauce (plastic jars or cans), canned meats, beef stew/chicken and dumplings, chunky soups, tuna, chili with beans, and macaroni and cheese to help replenish our food supply each week. Containers are located at the church entrances for all contributions. Thank you for partnering with us in this mission in the past! May God bless you as you open your hearts to our present request for our brothers and sisters in need! *St. Vincent de Paul Society and Auxiliary*

**Prayers of the People for Clusters of Occupations for October 4** That those working as **scientists of life** may recognize their responsibility to be examples of faith to their co-workers and the citizens of our community.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL** will have an Open House for families of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students on Sunday, October 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. **Archbishop Hoban High School** will administer a Placement/Scholarship test to 8th grade students on Saturday, October 10 and Saturday, October 17. Testing will begin at 8:30 a.m. Students may pre-register by calling the admissions office at 330-773-6658. There is a \$15 test fee.

**OUR LADY OF THE ELMS HIGH SCHOOL** is hosting an Open House next Sunday, October 11, from 12-3 p.m. You are invited to not only meet our faculty and students, but to also take a tour of our outstanding school. No RSVP is necessary. We are located at 1375 West Exchange St. in Akron. If you have questions, please call 330-867-0918 or visit [www.TheElms.org](http://www.TheElms.org).

**ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Please join us for a Community Pancake Breakfast at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School on Sunday, October 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In the Student Center. The cost is \$6.00 per person and includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, and juice. Proceeds go to our Parent's Club for help with Student Retreats and After Prom expenses! Sponsored by the SEC (Secondary Education Commission). Need more details or ticket information? Call SEC president, Mike Dedinsky, at 1-330-920-1783 or email him at [penlover@roadrunner.com](mailto:penlover@roadrunner.com).

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from "popery" to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a "chapel." Catholic "Emancipation" was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil! --Rev. James Field, (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**ENCOURAGEMENT** As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul.—Anonymous