

Mass Intentions

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| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Margaret H. Smith |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | The People of the Parish |
| | 10:00a.m. | Bartolo Liberatore |
| Mon. | 8:00a.m. | Keith A. Adams |
| Tues. | 8:00a.m. | Mary "Ping" Little |
| Wed. | 8:00a.m. | Tom Davis |
| Thurs. | 8:00a.m. | Mark "Jim" Kuhn |
| Fri. | 8:00a.m. | Vincent P. Pisula |
| Sat. | 5:30p.m. | Katherine Sneeingier |
| Sun. | 7:30a.m. | Stanley Starzec |
| | 10:00a.m. | The People of the Parish |



Offertory Procession

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| Sat. Jan. 21 st | 5:30p.m. | Mr. & Mrs. Len Buckley |
| Sun. Jan. 22 nd | 7:30a.m. | Mr. & Mrs. Bob Benson |
| | 10:00a.m. | Mr. & Mrs. George Zimmerman |

From the Pastor: In December 1988, Frank Rossi, a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer wrote about one of St. John Neumann's recent miracles. This article was picked up from the wires by various newspapers across the country and run in December 1988 and January 1989. The following is an excerpt:

PHILADELPHIA - Six years ago, three weeks before Christmas, a 7-year-old boy named Chucky McGivern came in from school with chicken pox. His mom, Nancy, put him to bed on that Thursday, but instead of getting better, Chucky got worse.

On Friday he was bad. On Saturday, when Chucky lost consciousness, Nancy McGivern called the doctor again. Chucky was admitted to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where doctors diagnosed his problem: Reye's Syndrome, a rare disease of the nervous system, brain and liver almost unique, and often fatal, to children...

Don't be afraid when you see him, the McGiverns were told. But they were. Chucky was white and cold, his body hard. A tube in one leg went to his liver, another to his kidneys there were tubes in his nose, another down his throat a machine monitored his heartbeat. The worst was the large bolt in his skull - inserted to relieve pressure on his brain, the doctors said. Chucky looked dead. The Reye's Syndrome was so advanced, his chance of survival was small. Even if he lived, his brain might be damaged so badly he never would be able to take care of himself again.

Nancy McGivern...wanted a miracle, but she knew miracles happen for the chosen and she didn't feel chosen. The only way to attack the problem now was with prayer, and in this the McGiverns had strong allies. Three relatives had given her religious medals, and one was of St. John Neumann, the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. Nancy knew St. John Neumann. When she was a child, her aunt took her to novenas at the Shrine of St. John Neumann. She hadn't been there in years because, at this point in her life, Nancy had not

been attending church much. She threaded the three medals on a safety pin, placing the St. John Neumann medal in the center then she pinned the medals to the pillowcase next to Chucky's head. A few days later her cousin came to visit, and from his wallet, he pulled a piece of cloth. It was from a robe once worn by Bishop Neumann. The saint was going to become an important person in Nancy's life. She just didn't know it yet. She pinned her cousin's relic to the pillow on the other side of Chucky's head, next to the bolt protruding from his skull.

In a few days, Chucky McGivern, slipped closer to death. His lungs collapsed, his kidneys...stopped working. Nancy McGivern said she didn't want her son kept alive by machines. Somebody in the family checked on him every 15 minutes.

In the between times, all they could do was sit in the waiting room. One night when Nancy and Chuck and Nancy's uncle sat watching television, a kid came into the room. He looked poor, off the streets. He was perhaps 11 or 12, wore a shabby plaid jacket, had rumpled hair and wore black-rimmed glasses. The boy walked into the waiting room, looked at Chuck and walked out. Chuck wondered what this kid was doing in this part of the hospital this time of night, but he said nothing. Meanwhile, Nancy had gone into Chucky's room and found that the medal of St. John Neumann had been turned face down. She unhooked the safety pin and turned it face up again. She left the room. When she returned, the medal was face down again. She unpinned it and turned it face up. The third time it happened, she was certain the stress was getting to her. She mentioned it to her husband. Together they went into the room and found the medal turned face down. It didn't make sense. Whoever was doing it had to unhook the safety pin, take one medal off, flip the St. John Neumann medal over, rethread the other medal and attach the pin to the pillow again. The McGiverns asked nurses and family. All denied they had touched the pin. Still, when either parent left and returned, the medal was face down.

That was only the beginning, on Sunday night Nancy was standing alone in the room when two nurses came in. Not seeing her there, one said to the other, "He's not going to make it." When she heard this, Nancy turned her face away, and there on the wall, stuck with masking tape and crooked, as though it had been placed there by a child, was a picture of St. John Neumann. No one knew where the picture had come from. On Monday, the doctor told the McGiverns Chucky had pneumonia.

To be continued...

If you need a donation statement for tax purposes please contact the Parish Office at 637-2721.

There is a container in the back of Church for your pennies! For the month of January we will be participating in the "Pennies for Life" program. You are asked to donate one penny

for each year of your life, or more. We have collected \$116.65 so far, let's keep it going!

Direction for Our Times: come join our Parishioner Wendy McCall in Our Lady's Chapel on Sat. Jan. 21st at 10:00am to pray the rosary and read the monthly locution message from Jesus, as given to Anne, a lay Apostle. For more information, call Wendy at 717-969-2452. All are welcome! Check out the website: www.directionforourtimes.org.

The Delone Catholic Class of 2020 will host a dance in the lobby of the Lawrence B. (Sonny) Sheppard Gym for area 8th grade students, Sat. Jan. 21st. The dance will be from 7:00 – 9:00p.m. and the cost is \$5.00 Snow date will be Apr. 8th.

E-Minister Mandate Renewal training will be held Sat. Jan. 28th at St. Vincent Church, 240 Third St. Hanover. Please contact the Parish Office, 632-2721, prior to training for you to be registered through the Diocese.

Delone Catholic Music Assoc. will hold a Zumbathon Sun. Jan. 29th from 1:00 – 3:00p.m. in the Sheppard Gym. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per student.

A fundraiser will be held for our Parishioner Austin "Jr." Staub who is currently fighting cancer. An "AYCE Wing Night" with a DJ will be held Sat. Feb. 11th at Irishtown Fire Company. Doors open at 4:00p.m. and wings will be served from 5:00 – 8:00p.m. You must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets will NOT be sold at the doors, advance tickets are \$20.00 and can be obtained by calling Missy or Frank Felix at 632-1521.

St. Aloysius Coach, Cash & More Bingo – Featuring Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors and more – will be held Sun. Feb. 19th (snow date Feb. 26th) at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, 29 S. Queen St., Littlestown. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., Bingo starts at 1:30p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Must have an admission ticket to enter and play. For tickets call the parish office at 717-359-4513.

Sacred Heart School News

Our School is hosting a Father/Daughter Dance for school and CCD students as well as Parishioners of Sacred Heart, on Fri. Feb. 3rd from 7:00 – 9:30p.m. in the Parish Hall. For more information contact the School Office at 632-8715.

Home & School Assoc. is holding a Friday Night Cash Bingo Feb. 17th in the Parish Hall. (Snow date Feb. 24th) Doors open at 6:00p.m. Early Birds 6:30 and Regular Bingo begins at 7:00p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for 6 cards. Tickets purchased prior to Feb. 17th will be eligible for a special \$10.00 drawing. Call the School Office for tickets or more information, 632-8715.