

Office Telephones

Parish Office/Residence	412-771-5646
Parish Fax	412-331-0678
Religious Education (Sunday School).....	412-331-8501
Youth Ministry	412-331-8525
Religious Ed/Youth Ministry Fax.....	412-331-8500
Bingo (Social Hall/Mother of Sorrows).....	412-331-8530
Cemeteries (St. Mark's/St. Mary's).....	412-331-1309
Pizza Kitchen (Fridays)	412-331-8530

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM Church - (St. Mary)
Sunday	7:30 AM Church
	9:30 AM Chapel - (Mother of Sorrows)
	11:30 AM Church

Weekday Schedule

Monday–Friday	9:30 AM Church
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and 5:30 PM	

Celebration of the Sacraments

Infant Baptism: Call office to schedule.

Adult Baptism: The R.C.I.A. program sees to the needs of adults who wish to become Catholic.

Reconciliation (Confession): 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM (Church) and following the 4:30 PM Mass (Church) and by appointment.

Holy Eucharist: Available for those who are sick and confined to home. Call the Parish Office and we will bring the Eucharist to you.

Anointing of the Sick: Available for those who are seriously ill or anticipating surgery after the 7:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday at the Church at St. Mary's, and by request.

Marriage: Anyone who wishes to marry should contact the Office at least six months prior to the desired date.

Inactive Catholics: Are lovingly welcome back to the faith. **New Parishioners** are joyfully invited to join our community. Please call the Parish Office.

Parish Clergy

Rev. Louis F. Vallone Rev. Regis J. Ryan
Rev. Robert J. Zajdel Deacon Robert J. Stein

Staff

Mr. John Fatula, *Director of Religious Ed.*
Ms. Elna Johnson, *Director of Music*
Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, *Director of Finances*
Mrs. Janice Lipa, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. Andrew Burkholder, *Cemetery Manager*
Mr. Wayne Summers, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Mr. Steven Swank, *Youth Minister*

Safe Environment Coordinators

Mr. John Fatula, *Sunday School*
Mr. Steven Swank, *Parish*



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Nov. 26 to Sun., Dec. 4, 2011

- Saturday Vigil, Nov. 26:** 4:30 PM Church
Thomas Spisak (Sarah & John Castelli)
- Sunday, Nov. 27:** 7:30 AM Church
Norbert & Elizabeth McDermott & All Deceased Family Members (John & Betty McDermott)
- Sunday, Nov. 27:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Joseph Ferraro, Sr. (Wife, Marge & Family)
- Sunday, Nov. 27:** 11:30 AM Church
Edgar Morton (Family)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, Nov. 28:** Joseph & Cecilia Ellek (Son, John)
- Tuesday, Nov. 29:** Parish Family of Saint John of God
- Wednesday, Nov. 30:** Edward Pastin (Marlene Kunach)
- Thursday, Dec. 1:** Anniv - Stanley Stempkowski (Ann Yost)
- Friday, Dec. 2:** Frances Spada LoPresti (Mother & Family)

- Saturday Vigil, Dec. 3:** 4:30 PM Church
In Honor of the Infant Jesus (Rosemarie)
- Sunday, Dec. 4:** 7:30 AM Church
Louis & Josephine Demmel (Son, Don)
- Sunday, Dec. 4:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Joseph, Frank & Beatrice Spadaccia (Angela & Marian)
- Sunday, Dec. 4:** 11:30 AM Church
Anniv - Carl T. Wincalow (Bobby & McKenzie Wissner)

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2011

Sunday:	Is 63:16b-19b; 64:2-7/1Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH STEMPKOWSKI BY LINDA CELEDONIA AND DR. JOE STEMM FAMILY
MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF STANLEY STEMPKOWSKI BY BUB JOSECK AND FAMILY

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, Dec. 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Following is the Mass schedule in St. John of God Parish for this day:



Dec. 7, Wednesday Vigil, 4:30 PM, Church

Dec. 8, Thursday, Holy Day:
9:30 AM Church and 6:30 PM Church.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Following the 6:30 PM on Thursday, Dec. 8, in the Church at St. Mary's, there will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Church. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come hear the Pastor's report and participate in this form of governance of the parish.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There are no classes this Sunday, Nov. 27, due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Classes will resume next Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011 for all students.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next class will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. To register or for more information, call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Carter Novak Dilanni and Amelia Kathryn Wilker*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

R.C.I.A. NEWS

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming for those already Baptized will be celebrated next Sunday, Dec. 4, during the 9:30 AM Mass in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. Let us keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers.

BIBLE STUDY

A Bible Study, led by John Fatula will be held this Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

Saint John of God, Pray for us.



YOUTH NEWS

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to visit the Pittsburgh Crèche (the world's only authorized replica of the Vatican Crèche) and then go ice skating at the PPG Rink on Friday, Dec. 23. Rink admission is \$7 per person plus \$3 for skate rental. Sign-up deadline is Monday, Dec. 19. To sign up, contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com.



GNOCCHI SALE

On the Fridays during Advent (12/2, 12/9 and 12/16), the Pizza Kitchen will be selling 2 lb. bags of gnocchi (frozen) at \$7.00 per bag. DUE TO HIGH DEMAND, there is a limit of 2 bags per customer/order. No orders will be taken over the telephone. If you have any questions, please call Rose Dombrowski at 412-771-7438.

PROTOCOL FOR REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE

Follow these steps when there is reasonable cause to suspect that a minor has been abused while in a church entity:

- Notify the Pastor, Fr. Lou Vallone, of the occurrence: 412-771-5646. If not available, please notify the Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Steven Swank: 412-331-8525 or John Fatula: 412-331-8501.
- The Pastor reports the occurrence to the proper civil authorities (911).
- The Pastor reports the occurrence to the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313.
- A written report must be made within 48 hours of the telephone report and sent to the Allegheny Department of Human Service, Office of Children, Youth and Families. A copy of the guidelines can be found at the Parish Office.
- The Pastor will then notify staff personnel of the occurrence and that a report has been made, and who the reporter is.

The Child Protective Services Law of Pennsylvania grant immunity from civil suits for those who make a "good faith" report of suspected child abuse.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
November 19 / 20**

Saturday	327
Sunday	796
Total Weekend Attendance.....	1,123

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of November 19 / 20**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,402.00

(This is ordinary income from contributions for the general running of the parish. It is subject to a 17.6% tax to the Diocese of Pittsburgh.)

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

PSP Assessment for 2011 (adjusted)	\$82,901.00
Contributions to date	\$99,989.25
Excess Parish Share..(corrected).....	\$17,088.25

We have successfully raised and paid off the Diocese on our PSP assessment for this year! Thank you for your generosity. From this point on, we get to keep for ourselves all PSP contributions to the end of the year, and tax-free at that. Please continue to use your monthly envelopes at the same rate - it is a year round campaign for us. God bless you for your cooperation.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Retirement Fund for Religious\$3,628.00

(These collections are mandated by the Diocese for specific purposes. These moneys are remitted in total to the Diocese and are not taxed)



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Some of our young members will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on **Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 PM in St. John of God Parish, St. Mary's Church.** This will take place during an Advent Communal Penance Service to which the entire parish family is invited and encouraged to participate in. This will be the perfect opportunity to go to confession before Christmas.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Nov. 28 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Nov. 29 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Nov. 29 (Tues.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in St. Mary's Church - More info call Elna 412-812-4549

Nov. 30 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin at 7:15 PM.

Dec. 2 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

Dec. 2 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN! AND IT'S FALAGONE FRIDAY! To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM to 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

STEEPLE CHASE SUPER BOWL POOL

Regular season football is still underway, and we don't know who will play in this year's Super Bowl yet. But, we do know the game is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012 between the AFC and the NFC. We hope the AFC team is the Steelers, but even if it isn't, we are offering two versions of a Super Bowl pool. There are 100 blocks in each pool. One pool will cost \$35 and will have four payouts for a total of **\$1,700: \$100** 1st qtr., **\$500** half time, **\$100** 3rd qtr. and **\$1,000** final.

The other pool will cost \$100, and will have four payouts for a total of **\$5,000: \$500** 1st qtr., **\$1,000** half time, **\$500** 3rd qtr., and **\$3,000** final. (Payment plan is available for the \$100 pool only, final payment due January 25, 2012.) For this pool only you will get 4 sets of numbers. One set for each quarter. The first set will be for 1st quarter score, the second set for half-time score, the third set for the 3rd quarter score and the last set for the final score.

The names and numbers for each pool will be randomly drawn in advance. You will receive a copy of your completed pool prior to the Super bowl. **Don't be left out - we already have squares sold.**

Purchase a square for yourself or partner with a friend. Consider buying some as Christmas or birthday gifts (**we will even gift wrap for you**). Name your block and fill out the form below. Go Steelers! Questions?? Call Terry 412-331-3443 or Charlotte 412-331-2453.

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SUPER BOWL POOL

PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT COMPLETELY, DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET OR PARISH OFFICE MAIL SLOT, OR MAIL TO: SJOG PARISH, "SUPER BOWL POOL," 1011 CHURCH AVE., MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136. QUESTIONS??? CALL TERRY 412-331-3443 OR CHARLOTTE 412-331-2453/

(PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR \$100 POOL ONLY)

_____ Square(s)@**\$35/square** (**\$1,700** payout) = \$ _____
(AMOUNT ENCLOSED)

_____ Square(s)@**\$100/square** (**\$5,000** payout) = \$ _____
(AMOUNT ENCLOSED)

I would like to name my square(s) _____

Name _____

Full Address w/ZIP _____

Phone _____



We once again have an **Angel Tree** in the Church at St. Mary's and the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows as a sign that St. John of God Parish is a caring community.

Here is how the **Angel Tree** works:

1. Come to the tree and take an Angel ornament. Purchase and wrap the gift in Christmas paper. No bows please. Save the Angel and after wrapping the gift, attach the Angel to the outside of the gift. This ensures proper delivery to the person.
2. When you have filled the request, come back to the tree with your tagged gift and place the wrapped gift under the tree.

If possible, bring your gift back to the same tree at the same Church that you took it from and with the same Angel attached. Gifts are to be returned to the tree by Sunday, Dec. 11. Thanks in advance.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital. *Also for all those ill at home, in nursing homes, and shut-ins; that they may continue to receive the Lord's Blessings.*

SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Family of Genevieve Libonati, Lambert L. Bobiak, Stephanie V. Miscin and Gerald K. Ward whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers. *"May the Angels lead them into paradise, may the martyrs receive them at their coming and take them to Jerusalem, the holy city."*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS / BISHOP'S PROJECT

It is once again time for the annual Bishop's Project sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Crafton Council 875. This Sunday, Nov. 27, envelopes are at all doors of the Church and Chapel filled with stickers that you can use on your Christmas cards and letters. We ask that you replace the stickers with a donation that you can afford to give. You can return your donation in the collection basket at Mass. Those who may prefer to mail theirs in may do so. Just put SJG on the envelope so we may get credit for the mailing. All proceeds help the McGuire Home and St. Anthony Programs that serve the needs of children with special needs.

**WALKING HOUSE TOUR
IN MCKEES ROCKS**

On **Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, from Noon to 4:00 PM**, the McKees Rocks Historical Society will be hosting a self-guided walking tour of certain houses in McKees Rocks. Registration and self-guided tour will begin at St. John of God Parish, the Church at St. Mary's, 1011 Church Ave. (parking available in Church parking lot). Tour will finish at The Christ Community Church, with light refreshments and goody bags for attendees. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 412-444-5136.

Dec. 3 - 4	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Patricia Golembiewski Tom Burgunder	John Friel Donna Klocek Spohn	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Joanne Malenock Mary Ann Scrabis
Altar Server	Anna Marie Kilonsky Alex Adams Tom Adams	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Emily Halbedl Ray Corcoran Wesley Cropper	Michael Dorrenbacher Alexis Nagel Emilie Nagel
Euch. Min.	Christina Phillips Tom Phillips Donna Placon Steffie Orlich Charlotte Schriner Mike Tomsko	Ron Amity Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath Nina Ivosevic	Steve Tomsko Alexis Adamchik Theresa Davis Kelly Hall Dominic Puppò Liz Condeluci	Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Eleanor Vith Anne Lutz Zacharias
Dec. 10 - 11	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Terry Fedio Ann Tkacik	Tami Ivosevic Tom Burgunder	Children's Mass Children's Mass	John Friel Joanne Malenock
Altar Server	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Grace Diehl	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Eric Hall Jared Hall Daniel Moose	Alexis Nagel Emilie Nagel
Euch. Min.	Rosemarie Litterini Carole Yunker Steffie Orlich Charlotte Schriner Mike Tomsko Mary Ann Scrabis	Michael Ivosevic Nina Ivosevic Ron Amity Claudia Hemphill	Steve Tomsko Eric Hall Kelly Hall Alexis Adamchik Theresa Davis Mark Honath	Patsy Mance Wanda Mruzcek Patrick O'Connor Anne Lutz Zacharias
Dec. 17 - 18	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Patricia Golembiewski Charlotte Schriner	Donna Klocek Spohn Mary Ann Scrabis	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Tom Burgunder John Friel
Altar Server	Michael Roussey Alex Adams Tom Adams	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Jacob Scott Ray Corcoran Wesley Cropper	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Grace Diehl
Euch. Min.	Terry Fedio Steffie Orlich Mike Tomsko Carole Yunker Rosemarie Litterini Wanda Mruzcek	Ron Amity Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath Michael Ivosevic	Dominic Puppò Frank Troff Alexis Adamchik Theresa Davis Steve Tomsko Kelly Hall	Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Eleanor Vith Patrick O'Connor
Dec. 24 - 25	Sat 4:30 PM	Sat Midnight	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
	<i>Sign-up Sheets</i>	<i>Sign-up Sheets</i>	<i>Sign-up Sheets</i>	<i>Sign-up Sheets</i>
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Ann Tkacik Terry Fedio	Michael Ivosevic Tami Ivosevic	Lou LaCivita Steve Tomsko	Joanne Malenock Wanda Mruzcek
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PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone



It's Showtime! On this First Sunday of Advent, which is the first Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, new things abound! After 10 years of wrangling, hassling, negotiating, the time has come for the entire English speaking Catholic world to begin praying a new translation of the Mass.

In typical Church fashion, what was required last week in terms of the prayers used for the past 40 years at Mass, is now forbidden. And what was forbidden until today, a new set of words, is required. Not just in the US, but Canada, the British Isles, Australia, India, Africa, the Philippines and anywhere else that English is the official language. So we are not alone in this change.

We have been printing articles for the past three months in each week's bulletin about the reasons and backgrounds for the change. The short version is that the Vatican wished a uniform translation throughout the world and wanted it to be closer to the original Latin text. The success of this endeavor ironically is shown by the fact that NONE of the English speaking countries are happy with it. So we all start on a level playing field.

We will all have to adjust, so this is how it is going to go with our parishes:

1. The people's parts are not radically different. There are pew cards: one sheet, two-sided, large print, color coded with the people's responses. We will all have to read from them for a while before we memorize the new words. The Ladies' Guilds of both parishes have made a donation of them. Feel free if you wish to steal one so you can practice at home - while watching the Mass on TV for example. We will get new ones if we have to.

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2. The music for these parts will all be new as well. We have already started using some of it. The printed music is in the missalettes, but you can read from the card as you learn to sing.

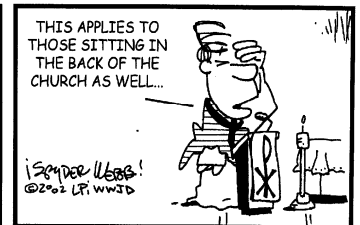
3. The priests' parts are very different. We will have to have our noses stuck in the book as we try to relearn everything. Be patient with us - especially old guys like me who will have to finally buy real reading glasses and stumble along. These parts are printed in the missalettes in your pews. A donation by an individual has provided us with extra missalettes. Don't steal the ones in the pews, but if you want one of your own for at home use and study, they are in a box in the back of the Church, without the plastic cover on them. They will have everything for every Sunday from now to next Advent. Steal these.

4. Any missals, or worship aids that you have had for the past 40 years is now obsolete. You can keep them as souvenirs, or for private prayers. If you want to dispose of them, burn them or bury them or cut them up with a shredder. Don't just put them in the garbage with the coffee grinds and orange peels.

5. We know it ain't going to be easy or pretty for a while as we try to get used to this. But it is still prayer! Don't be afraid of making mistakes, don't be silent: God can figure it out no matter what language or translations we are using. We will get it right and beautiful soon enough if we try. In a few years, people will be saying: "But we've always done it this way!"

I am certain the Lord will be with you through this time of adjustment. And with your spirit!

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. (MONDAY THRU FRIDAY)

St. John of God Parish Membership Form



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory.