



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*



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT****MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Dec. 10 to Sun., Dec. 18, 2011

Saturday Vigil, Dec. 10: Anniv - James Mars (Family)	4:30 PM Church
Sunday, Dec. 11: Edward E. Martonik (Children)	7:30 AM Church
Sunday, Dec. 11: Anniv - Mary Aluise (Family)	9:30 AM Chapel
Sunday, Dec. 11: Anniv - Charles Butter (Family)	11:30 AM Church

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Dec. 12: Mary Ann Pilotta (Family)
Tuesday, Dec. 13: James E. Brennan & Helen Regan Brennan (Family)
<i>Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 PM, Church Advent Communal Penance Service</i>
Wednesday, Dec. 14: Carol Kenzie Irwin (Brennan Family)
Thursday, Dec. 15: Parish Family of Saint John of God
Friday, Dec. 16: Edward Kurtz (Bob & Clarita Weismann)

Saturday Vigil, Dec. 17: Antonetta Presutti (Family)	4:30 PM Church
Sunday, Dec. 18: Parish Family of Saint John of God	7:30 AM Church
Sunday, Dec. 18: John Schiralli (Ang Depaolo)	9:30 AM Chapel
Sunday, Dec. 18: Bob Tankosh (Family)	11:30 AM Church

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2011

<i>Sunday:</i>	<i>Is 61:1-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28</i>
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17</i>
<i>Next Sunday:</i>	<i>2 Sm 7:1-16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38</i>

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF FRANK PAVLAKOVICH BY ROSE SCAPPE
MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF STELLA ROSENWALD BY LORI AND JIM ROSENWALD

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Some of our young members will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance for the first time **this 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.

**ATTENTION: ALTAR SERVERS
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS**

Sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy at St. Mary's and Mother of Sorrows for those ministers who are available to serve one of the Christmas Masses. Please sign-up soon so we know who will be there.

ANGEL TREE:**Reminder To Those Who Took An Angel**

All gifts must be returned by this Sunday, Dec. 11. If you forgot your gift, please bring it to the parish office on Monday morning, Dec. 12.

**STEEPLE CHASE
BOUNTIFUL HARVEST RAFFLE WINNERS**

The winning number based on the official first-drawn 3-digit number on Wednesday, November 28, 2011 was **221 owned by (Liz) Wasel.** She received a Macy's \$200 Gift Money, Get Go \$100 Gift Card, The Cheesecake Factory \$50 Gift Card, Silver Star Meats Deli Shop \$25 Gift Certificate, Boni's Floral Shoppe \$50 Gift Certificate, Pierogies Plus \$60 Gift Certificate, and \$25 Edible Arrangements Robinson. The **seller** of the winning ticket, **John Farley,** received a **\$50 gift card.**

We would like to extend a **SPECIAL THANKS** to our Bountiful Harvest Sponsors: *Anthony M. Musmanno Funeral Home ~ Macy's ~ The Cheesecake Factory ~ SilverStar Meats Deli Shop ~ Boni's Floral Shoppe ~ Pierogies Plus ~ Edible Arrangements Robinson*

Thank you to all who bought and helped to sell the tickets. All tickets were sold...*Way to Go!* **THANKS !**

*Please keep our Priests, Seminarians,
Deacons and all Religious in your prayers.*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. (MONDAY THRU FRIDAY)**



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 Ice 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 sigyouthmin@yahoo.com.



PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
December 3 / 4

Saturday	312
Sunday	692
Total Weekend Attendance.....	1,004

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of December 3 / 4

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 6,870.00

(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 2012	\$??????????
PSP Collected as of 12/1/11	\$ 536.00
Remaining on 2012 Goal	\$??????????

We have not yet received our assessment for 2012, but all contributions to Parish Share as of Dec. 1 will be allocated to our assessment for 2012. 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.

POINSETTIA DELIVERY

Anyone wishing to help deliver Christmas poinsettias to our shut-ins, please stop in the Pizza Kitchen between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM on **Friday, Dec.16, 2011**. The flowers may be delivered at your convenience. Thank you in advance.

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Remember Saint John of God Parish in your will.

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 Frank Mancini, Susanne DiVecchio and Irene Greshauk 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."

THE WEEK AHEAD

Dec. 12 (Mon.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Ave., 1:45 PM.

Dec. 12 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Dec. 12 (Mon.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in St. Mary's Church - More info call Elna 412-812-4549

Dec. 13 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Dec. 13 (Tues.) - Communal Penance Service, 6:30 PM in St. Mary's.

Dec. 14 - 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. 15 (Thurs.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in St. Mary's Church - More info call Elna 412-812-4549.

Dec. 16 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

Dec. 16 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN! To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM to 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS

December 4, 2011
Steelers vs. Bengals



Half Time Score: Steelers 28 Bengals 7
BoBo owned by Mary Catherine Orlich \$100
Irish Brigade owned by Mullen Family \$100

Final Score: Steelers 35 Bengals 7
Duchess of Boquet owned by Victoria Batcha \$150
E J J owned by Evelyn Janik \$150

CONGRATULATIONS and LET'S GO STEELERS!

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKI)

The Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are available after all Masses or at the parish office. The cost is \$3.00 for a package of four.

GREAT GIFT IDEA

Super Bowl Square(s) . . . can be used as a stocking stuffer or a grab bag gift or that gift for someone who has everything. See the bulletin for complete details. Remember we will even gift wrap.

WIN FREE BINGO ADMISSION FOR ONE YEAR!

That's right, our **EIGHTH ANNUAL BINGO BONANZA!** This year we are, once again, giving away a Bingo Pass for the entire year of 2012. Join us for Bingo on the following Wednesdays - DECEMBER 7, DECEMBER 14, DECEMBER 21 and DECEMBER 28 to be eligible for this spectacular give-a-way. On Wed., December 7 each Bingo player will receive their registration card. Our doors open at 5:00 PM each week with Early Birds playing at 7:00! Our One-Year Free Admission Prize will be awarded on Wed., December 28. To be eligible for this fabulous prize, you must have played Bingo with us each of the Wednesdays listed, registered with us and be present on December 28 to win! Come join us for lots of fun and win some extra Christmas cash. We give away a \$1,000.00 jackpot each week.

ADVENT SPECIALS

During the month of December, the Pizza Kitchen will be selling fresh made Ricotta Gnocchi (quick frozen). Orders can be place by phone (412-331-8530) on Fridays from 8 AM through 1 PM and pick-up times are 11 AM through 3:30 PM on Fridays during Advent. We are placing a limit of three 2 lb. bags this Advent Season due to the high demand of this delicious dish. The price for the Gnocchi is \$7.00 for a 2 lb. bag.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

All are invited to join Bishop David Zubik and Latino Catholics for the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass on Monday, Dec. 12, 7 PM at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland. A festive reception will follow the liturgy in the Cathedral's social hall.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn and St. Joseph is the Patron of the unborn. Pray for us.

2012 CALENDARS

2012 Catholic Church calendars are available at all entrances to the Church at St. Mary's and the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. Remember to stop after Mass and pick one up.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." Philippians 4:4-5

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**Christmas Eve:**

Saturday, December 24, 2011

4:30 P.M., Church @ St. Mary's

(The 4:30 P.M. Liturgy will be the traditional children and family celebration. Small gifts to be shared with the needy children of the neighborhood may be bought to the altar when the children gather for the homily)

Midnight, Church @ St. Mary's

Christmas Day:

Sunday, December 25, 2011

9:30 A.M., Chapel @ Mother of Sorrows

11:30 A.M., Church @ St. Mary's

**CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26.

Pizza Kitchen: The Pizza Kitchen will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Classes will resume for all students on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2011.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHARITIES COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH****Second Collection at all Masses celebrated for Christmas**

A longstanding tradition in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Christmas Day is the Charities collection for Children and Youth. The proceeds from this collection are used to support a number of programs in our Diocese, which serve many children and young people who depend on our generosity and our loving concern for them.

This collection will be taken at all Masses celebrated for Christmas in St. John of God Parish. Also, this collection is a two-fold win. Not only does it help children and youth, but all proceeds collected will be credited towards our Parish Share Assessment. Since we have met our Parish Share goal for 2011, this money will stay in the parish and not be taxed by the Diocese.

The first collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for your regular Sunday offertory and your Christmas offering to the Parish and the second collection will be for the Children and Youth. All benefit the Parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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!

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 _____

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be presented this Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 PM in Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church, 200 Grace St, Stowe Twp. This is the authentic traditional English service that is still staged each Christmas Eve morning at Kings College in Cambridge, England and broadcast at 10 AM on PBS/BBC Radio. The event will feature the Holy Trinity choirs and guest musicians. For your enjoyment, a special Ziti dinner will follow the Lessons and Carols. Also, not to worry, because our Steelers have no game on Dec. 11! Donation \$10.00. For directions and info, please call 412-760-4558. Come, and get into the real spirit of Christmas.

ASCENSION CHURCH HOLIDAY TRAIN DISPLAY

Here's a Train Display for you to see, It's an Open House, you come for free, Visit Ascension's Church Social Hall, You don't have to fight the crowds at the mall, Stop by and say a quick Hello, You'll be leaving with a warm season's glow!



Open House Dates & Times

- Dec. 11: 9AM to 1 PM & 5 to 7 PM
- Dec. 14, 15 & 16: 5:30 to 8 PM
- Dec. 17: 12 Noon to 3 PM & 5 to 8 PM
- Dec. 18: 9 AM to 1 PM & 5 to 7 PM
- Dec. 21, 22, 23: 5:30 to 8 PM

For more information, please call Ascension Parish, 114 Berry Street in Ingram, 412-921-1230.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Focus on Renewal (F.O.R.) is looking for volunteers for a variety of settings. You can volunteer once a week, several hours per month, or daily during the day or evening. Volunteers are needed in the library, development office, thrift shop and other programs. Some computer skills are required for various settings. If you are interested, please call Sr. Sarah Crotty at 412-771-6460, ext 230.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at Mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Fr. Low Vallone

Today, December 11, I mark my 6th anniversary as Pastor of St. John of God and my 5th at St. Catherine of Siena. Beginning with my first pastorate in 1981, I wrote the following article as a commitment to my ministry. I have done so in each of the six parishes I have served as Pastor. As is my custom, I repeat that commitment yearly. It will be up to you to decide whether I live up to it or not.

"I have practiced many a year
And have come a long, long way just to play for you.
So many will be the blessings
And so short will be the time
That I stay with you."

The pop singing duet Seals & Crofts always began their concerts with this signature song: a musical promise of commitment to the time spent together with the audience, a pledge to give their all in talent and energy to form a relationship with their listeners. By this song, they signaled their feeling that their music was not merely a commercial arrangement (you buy the ticket, we sell the melody) but rather the communal sharing of an experience, in which the artists were as dependent upon the response of the hearers as were the hearers upon the artists for providing good music.

If this is true for musicians, it is more so for priests. We have all practiced many a year: through seminary training and internships and the experiences of our past assignments. We have come a long, long way from our homes, families, friends, lives and previous parishes, each with but one thing in mind: to play for you. That is to say, we wish to cherish and serve the people and community that we are sent to on behalf of

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the diocese, the bishop, the Universal Church, the Pope, but most of all on behalf of the One High Priest, Jesus Christ.

Every priest is but a human being; each as such is different from all others in ability, weakness, personality, skills, faults. But all are the same in that they are committed to giving and doing their best for the flock that has been entrusted to their care, within the limits of their individuality. Some of the things that priests do are similar: celebrating Mass; marrying; baptizing; burying; counseling; visiting the sick; teaching and preaching the faith; witnessing by their words and actions their belief and the love of God for His people.

Above and beyond that, to some are given the responsibilities of administration or education or some other charge. But no matter what it is we do, we are dependent upon the good will, cooperation, acceptance, tolerance and support of our people. Like singers, our ministry is empty if it is not interactive and relational with the parishioners. We make the music together, or it is not made at all.

"You can say that I'm your friend
You can see my life begin and end.
I love you, Yes, I do.
You'll always be special to me."



Happy Anniversary, Fr. Lou!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saint John of God, Pray for us.

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-800-808-1235**

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.