

Office Telephones

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT****MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Dec. 17 to Sun., Dec. 25, 2011

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| 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 |

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

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| Monday, Dec. 19: Stu Hergenroeder (Family) |
| Tuesday, Dec. 20: Melvin Mixer (Family) |
| Wednesday, Dec. 21: Brother McMahon (Wife & Family) |
| Thursday, Dec. 22: Phyllis Vayo (M/M Thomas Miller) |
| Friday, Dec. 23: Anne & Neal Musmanno (Family) |

**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**

(All Masses celebrated for Christmas will be offered for the Parish Family of Saint John of God.)



Readings for the Week of December 18, 2011

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| Sunday: | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Monday: | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 |
| Tuesday: | Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Wednesday: | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 |
| Thursday: | 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 |
| Friday: | Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 |
| Saturday: | Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79 |
| Next Sunday: | Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-25/Mt 1:1-25 |
| | Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 |
| | Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 |
| | Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 |

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.

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26. Please hold all calls until Tuesday, Dec. 27 unless it is an emergency.

Pizza Kitchen: The Pizza Kitchen will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. The Pizza Kitchen will be back in operation on Friday, Jan. 6, 2012.

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Classes will resume for all students on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM

The annual Christmas program of Carols and Anthems will be sung by the St. John of God Adult Choir on Christmas Eve beginning at 11:30 PM with Mass beginning at Midnight.

Selections from the Christmas Program will also be sung by the Adult Choir before Mass on Sunday, January 1, 2012, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM and on Saturday, January 7, 2012, The Epiphany of the Lord, from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

**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.



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 11 / 12**

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| Saturday | 298 |
| Sunday..... | 647 |
| Total Weekend Attendance..... | 945 |

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of December 11 / 12**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,324.00

(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

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| PSP Assessment for 2012 | \$?????????? |
| PSP Collected as of 12/1/11 | \$ 6,370.00 |
| 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.

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 Oriolo, Ann Dalesandro and William Eritz whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers. *"May the Choirs of Angels receive them, and may they with the once poor Lazarus, have rest everlasting."*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

STEEPLE CHASE

HARVEST RAFFLE CORRECTION



We apologize — Last week's bulletin inadvertently had the wrong date for the Harvest Raffle Drawing. The correct date for the drawing is Wednesday **November 30, 2011**. The winning number based on the official first-drawn 3-digit number on Wednesday, **November 30, 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 !*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Dec. 19 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Dec. 20 (Tues.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in St. Mary's Church - More info call Elna 412-812-4549

Dec. 20 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Dec. 21 - 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. 22 (Thurs.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in St. Mary's Church - More info call Elna 412-812-4549.

Dec. 23 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

Dec. 23 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN CLOSED!

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The class will be held Sunday, January 8, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. To register or for more info, call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Jaxson Thomas Harbaugh*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**Christmas Eve:**

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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**MASS SCHEDULE FOR
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Sunday, January 1, 2012 is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Our Mass schedule will be the usual weekend schedule.

Saturday Vigil, December 31, 2011

4:30 PM, Church @ St. Mary's

Sunday, January 1, 2012

7:30 AM, Church @ St. Mary's**9:30 AM**, Chapel @ Mother of Sorrows**11:30 AM**, Church @ St. Mary's**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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 18

St. Mary's - IN MEMORY OF JAMES TREEMARCHI BY WIFE AND FAMILY **Mother of Sorrows** - IN MEMORY OF JOHN AND CECILIA ELLEK BY SON, JOHN

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.

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.

STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS

December 8, 2011

Steelers vs. Browns**Half Time Score: Steelers 7 Browns 3**

R R P owned by Ray Placon \$100

B.E.T. owned by Roberta Clapperton \$100

Final Score: Steelers 14 Browns 3

Irish Ian owned by Barbara Mollica \$150

DENNY'S LUCK owned by Dennis Nolder \$150

CONGRATULATIONS and LET'S GO STEELERS!**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.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Bishop David A. Zubik and all current and future Catholic School students, the Office for Stewardship and Development of the Diocese of Pittsburgh express thanks for the generous gift of \$1,387.00 made by St. John of God parishioners to the Bishop's Education Fund. This gift will help to keep Catholic education affordable and available to the families of this Diocese. Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND

F.Y.I. Don't forget that there is a lost and found box in the back of the Church for those items that may have been left behind after Mass. Currently, the lost and found has a variety of stuff from glasses to hats and gloves for men, women and children. Please stop after Mass and take a look to see if your lost item is there.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's Gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

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 _____

STEEPLE CHASE SUPER BOWL POOL UPDATE

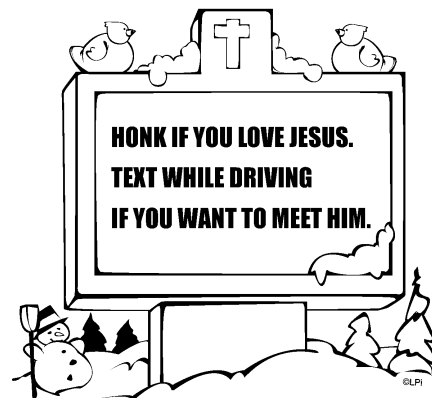
We are starting our second \$35 pool, the \$100 Pool is 3/4's full; thank you. These make great holiday, birthday or anniversary or "just because" gifts and we will even gift wrap!!!! If you already bought one, here is a chance to now be in the second \$35 pool. Final payment is due January 25, 2012 which is fast approaching ... So don't be left out, join in on the fun and help keep Father smiling!!!! Questions??? Call Terry at 412-331-3443 or Charlotte at 412-331-2453.

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.



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Fr. LowVallone

A regularly scheduled Town Hall Meeting was held following the Holy Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception in the Church. These are some of the issues discussed:

1. The vicar for clergy personnel communicated to me early this month regarding my assignment as Pastor of St. John of God. Since my term as Pastor of St. Catherine extends until 2013, it has become the interim policy of the diocese to allow Pastors of multiple parishes to remain in place until all of his terms end at the same time. This means that, all things being equal, the situation will remain as it has been and I shall be Pastor of both parishes until the issue is raised again with the end of my term in 2013. But as in all things with the reduced number of priests and how fluid things are in the Church, there are no guarantees given.

2. The transition to the new translation is going as smoothly as can be expected. I remind everyone they are welcome to take home the people's pew cards if they wish to pray and learn their new parts. You can keep them at home, and we will replace those taken in Church. (I have already ordered another 1000 cards to be split between the parishes. Thanks to those who donated the money for them.) Also, you may take home a missalette for those who are dependent upon hearing the Mass on TV or radio or praying it themselves. These have all the new parts including the priests' prayers. Here are two websites for those who might want to order their own copies either for home or to bring to Church with them:

A. www.mosacks.com. This site has many options. I think the best is the one called "Daily Roman Missal." It has everything in one book for every day of the year and is only \$60.

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B. www.magnificat.com. This is a site that will let you subscribe to a monthly missal/prayer book. It is a little expensive, but it is an excellent resource for daily Divine Office, Mass, lives of the saints and various prayers. I use it myself.

Either one of these would make a great Christmas gift to an individual or a family.

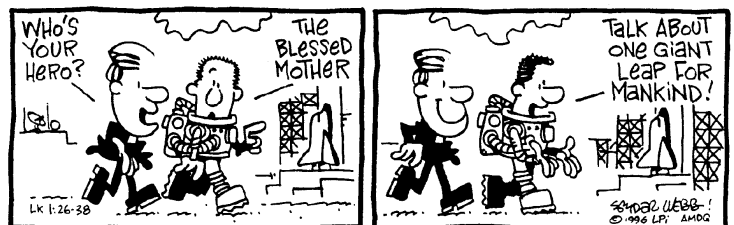
3. We have paid off our Parish Share for 2011 and have been able to keep about \$18,000 for ourselves. Therefore, we will roll over that amount beginning with the December collection. The amount of the goal will read ?????? until we receive our assessment in March, but we will keep a running account of what you contribute to give us a headstart. Thank you for your generosity to the parish and diocese!

4. We have completed the work on mounting the new crosses on the front steeples. Of course, more problems were found below the crosses (holes, slates missing, etc.) We have received a bid to continue the work from the top down, but with the bad weather and the fact that we don't have enough money yet, we will delay the work until the Spring. Please keep being generous to the Steeple Chase Fund!

5. The drop in the offertory continues to be a concern. I have been contemplating an offertory increase appeal, but since the diocese is investigating a Capital Fund Drive, which will involve an assessment on our parish, but the proceeds of which we will share in, I will wait until we receive more information from them.

And remember, it ain't Christmas until it's Christmas!

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saint John of God, Pray for us.

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.