SAINT JOHN OF GOD

Office Telephones
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Parish Fax.............................................................412-331-0678
Deacon Leonard Thomas.....................................412-812-4557
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Social Hall (Bingo and Pizza Kitchen) .............. 412-331-8530

Mass Schedule
~ Low Gluten Hosts Available For Communion ~
~ See Priest Before Mass ~
Saturday Vigil........................................................4:30 PM Church
Sunday.................................................................9:45 AM Church
Weekday Schedule
Monday—Friday....................................................9:30 AM Church
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM an 5:30 PM

Parish Clergy
Rev. Louis F. Vallone                                  Rev. Regis J. Ryan
Rev. Robert J. Zajdel                           Deacon Leonard Thomas

Staff
Ms. Elna Johnson, Director of Music
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Mrs. Janice Lipa, Parish Secretary, parish@sjogparish.com
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(Vatican News)

Bulletin Deadline:
Tuesday Noon
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 20 to
Sunday, May 28, 2017

Saturday Vigil, May 20:  4:30 PM Church
Anniv - Albert Frydlewicz (Wife, Mary & Children)

Sunday, May 21:   9:45 AM Church
Susan Tutino (Mom & Dad)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH
Monday, May 22: Agnes Gerger (John & Betty McDermott)
Tuesday, May 23: Tom Hermanowicz (Don & Jane Rubolino)
Tuesday, May 23: St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited
following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary’s Church and
at 6:30 PM in St. Mary’s Church, (week 10)
Wednesday, May 24: Jean Wilczynski (Mary Lou & Pete
Mochnack & Florence Spada)

The Ascension of the Lord
Wednesday Vigil, May 24:
4:30 PM, Church: Parish Family of Saint John of God

Thursday Holyday, May 25:
9:30 AM, Church: Parish Family of Saint John of God
(Eucharistic Adoration following 9:30 AM Mass, closing
with Benediction at 6:00 P.M. before the 6:30 PM Mass)

6:30 PM, Church: Parish Family of Saint John of God
Town Hall Meeting will immediately follow the 6:30 PM Mass

Friday, May 26:  Edna Priddy (Paul & Joan Stedler)

Saturday Vigil, May 27:  4:30 PM Church
In Honor of the Blessed Mother (Rosemarie Litterini)

Sunday, May 28:  9:45 AM Church
Gabriel & Anna Jedinak (Ed & Gloria McNabb)

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW
AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next class will be held on Sunday, June 11,
from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM in the Gathering Place at
St. Mary’s. To register or for more information,
please call the parish office at 412-771-5646.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. John of God Parish will
celebrate a Day of Eucharistic
Adoration on Ascension
Thursday, May 25th.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
will take place immediately after the
9:30 A.M. Mass in St. Mary’s Church. There will be
special prayers including recitation of the Rosary
and specific intentions for each hour. The schedule
is:

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.: Deceased Members of
St. John of God Parish
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon: Vocations for the Diocese
of Pittsburgh
12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M.: Men and Women in the
Armed Forces
1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.: The Sick and the Infirmed of
St. John of God Parish
2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.: Success for On Mission for
the Church Alive!
3:00 P.M.: Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.: For the Priests, Deacons,
and Religious of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.: For Law Enforcement
Personnel and those in Public Service
5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.: For the Special Intentions of
St. John of God Parish Members
6:00 P.M.: Benediction before the 6:30 P.M. Mass
for the Ascension

Anyone wishing to participate in a specific hour are
most welcomed to do so. Parish groups are encour-
aged to take specific hours.

AN OPEN INVITATION OF WELCOME

Non-Catholics and non-parishioners are always
welcomed guests.
Inactive, unsure or irregular Catholics are lovingly
encouraged to reconnect with the Faith.
New parishioners are joyfully received in our
community. Please call the parish office.
Our hearts are large and there is plenty good
room for all.

SAINT JOHN OF GOD, PRAY FOR US.
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

This Thursday, May 25, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation. Following is the Mass schedule in St. John of God Parish for this day.

May 24, Wednesday Evening Vigil
4:30 PM, Church at St. Mary’s

May 25, Thursday Holy Day
9:30 AM, Church at St. Mary’s
6:30 PM, Church at St. Mary’s

Eucharistic Day of Adoration, Thursday, May 25. See bulletin notice for more information.

TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Church following the 6:30 PM Mass on Ascension Thursday, May 25. This is the perfect opportunity to ask Fr. Lou any questions or voice any concerns that you may have. All parishioners are encouraged to come and participate in this form of governance for St. John of God Parish.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

May 13 / 14

Saturday ........................................................ 425
Sunday ......................................................... 510
Total Weekend Attendance ................................ 935

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS

For the Weekend of May 13 / 14

Regular Offertory Collection ......................... $ 4,745.00

(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 2017 ............................... $ 87,265.00
PSP Collected beginning 12/1/16 .. Thank You! ... $ 59,024.00
Remaining on 2017 Goal ................................ $ 28,241.00

(This is the tax paid to the Diocese. We must remit this entire amount to the Diocese by Dec. 31. Any surplus then remains in the parish, tax free.)

SANTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MAY 21

ST. MARY’S - IN MEMORY OF ERNIE, DAVID, AND TOM DIECKS
BY SHIRLEY DIECKS

† QUOTE FROM THE POPE †

“Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds, and to have the patience to carry our own cross.” Pope Francis

The Rosary is prayed at 9:00 AM before the 9:30 AM Mass Monday through Friday in St. Mary’s Church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

May 23 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary’s Church and at 6:30 P.M. in St. Mary’s Church, the 13-week St. Anthony Novena begins (week 10).

May 24 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin at 7:15 PM.

May 26 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary’s Church.

PIZZA KITCHEN IS ON SUMMER BREAK!
See you in September!

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 Ida Ligouri, Lily Shearer and Charles (Butz) Wagner, Jr. whom God has called home. 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.”
ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The 13-week Solemn Novena to St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, May 23 (wk 10). The novena prayers will be recited after the 9:30 A.M. Mass and again at 6:30 P.M. in St. Mary’s Church. Let us come together to honor St. Anthony and ask his help for the special needs that each of us has.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, May 20/21, there will be a combined second collection for the Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America and the Church in Africa. The proceeds from this single drive will be divided among the four causes. Please be as generous as your means allow. We thank you in advance.

AWAKEN EVENT!

Fr. Joe Freedy will lead AWAKEN, a night of dynamic preaching, powerful music and Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. this Monday, May 22, at St. Malachy Church. Come to rekindle the fire of your faith and experience the powerful love of the Lord in a new, radical way. Fr. Joe will speak about the adventure of living a passionately Catholic life and falling in love with your faith. Don’t miss this opportunity to become fully alive in the Lord. All ages welcome. There is no cost. For more information, please call St. Malachy, 412-771-5483.

ON MISSION: A NEW PENTECOST

Come, Holy Spirit and fill us with your gifts of Right Judgment and Courage. Give us right judgment so that we may know what is good for ourselves and for the Church and always choose what is right. Give us courage that we might step outside of our comfort zone, take risks and think outside of the box in order to renew the Church and the world. As we journey On Mission for The Church Alive! inspire us to be open and trusting to the changes that await us and strengthen us to live our baptismal call of building up the Kingdom of God on earth. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to stay informed.

MEMORIAL DAY

The parish office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. We will be back Tuesday, May 30.

OLSH RALLY FOR MCNALLY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP 5K/1 MILE WALK

Come join Our Lady of the Sacred High School on June 10, 2017 for a 5K race/1 mile walk through the OLSH campus! Kids under 8 participate for free and strollers are welcome! There will be face painters, music, and other entertainment, making this a fun event for whole family! Register by June 1 to ensure you receive a t-shirt! The registration fee is $25 if paid by June 9; $30 if paid on race day. Proceeds benefit the Michael McNally Endowed Scholarship Fund. To register or for more information, visit www.olsh.org/alumni/rallyformcnally.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

“If you love me...” (John 14:15) If you love me, you’ll clean the bathroom, watch the kids, make enough money to support us ... The list can be endless - and so is love. What would your beloved love you to do for them today? It’s OK to ask. Mind reading not re-quired. ~ ©2017 by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

In a Troubled Marriage? Please call Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or email 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.
Once again Saint John of God Parish will join Saint Malachy Parish for Vacation Bible School.

His Kingdom endures forever! At Mighty Fortress VBS, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their next test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation - their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! Hold it high. The battle is done. In Jesus the victory is won!

All children from age 3 to those completing 5th grade are invited to attend.

Each day will be filled with bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks. **Registration Fee is $15.00 per child if you register by June 19.** After June 19 registration fee is $20 per child. Please make checks payable to “Saint Malachy Parish.”

Please send registration form along with payment to St. Malachy Parish, Religious Education Office, 343 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis, Pa. 15108

For more information contact Steven Swank at 412-771-7480 or swankymca@gmail.com

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**Vacation Bible School Registration**

Name __________________________ Birthdate ______________________

Street Address __________________ City ____________ Zip ________

Home Phone ____________________ Cell Phone ___________________

Parent(s) Name(s) ___________________________________________

In Case of an Emergency, contact __________________ Phone ____________

Allergies or Medical Problems ___________________________________

School Grade Just Completed ________ Name of Home Church, if any ________________
THE THIRD ANNUAL
AFRICAN JOY MASS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Celebrating the great gifts of our Catholic faith
Saturday, June 3, 2017 ~ 4:00 P.M. Mass at St.
Stephen Catholic Church (Hazelwood) 5115 Second
Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229
Joyful Praise ~ Liturgy ~ Music ~
Authentic African Food (suggested food donation of $5)

All are welcome to come and experience how joy-
fully the Church in Africa celebrates liturgy with great
festivities, songs and liturgical movements.

ATTENTION ALL USHERS

We will have a meeting for all
ushers of St. John of God Parish
on Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30
P.M. in the Gathering Place. All
ushers (or anyone interested in
this ministry to the parish) are encouraged to come
to this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

NOTRE DAME CODING &
ROBOTICS CAMP AT OLSH

Students entering grades 6 through 8 are invited to
participate in the Notre Dame Coding & Robotics
(CORE) Camp, sponsored by the University of Notre
Dame’s Center for STEM Education! The camp will
start Tuesday, June 13 and continue through Friday,
June 23 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at OLSH.
Aimed specifically at middle school students, camp-
ers will work collaboratively, learn basic program-
ing skills in Snap! and Python, and use the engi-
neering design cycle to solve problems. They will
even get to design and code their own robotic pet!
Register now at www.olsh.org/summercamp, or by
calling 412-262-3300.

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE FOR VOCATIONS

Come to praise God for the five men to be ordained
to the priesthood and pray for an increase in priestly
vocations at the Festival of Praise for Vocations,
Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Paul Cathe-
dral. The night includes Adoration, a reflection from
Bishop Zubik, praise and worship music by Carl and
Erin Stuvek, Evening prayer sung by the St. Paul
Cathedral Schola, opportunity for confession, and a
light reception. For more information, please contact
Theresa Sullivan at tsullivan@diopitt.org or
412-456-3123.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

"If you love me you will keep my
commandments." It's really as
simple as that. We are only
paying lip service to the Lord if
we externally declare ourselves
to be Christians but don't follow
through on a life that confirms it.

In our modern culture, we often think of love as a
feeling or a kind of devotion. It is thus all too
common to separate love from appropriate action.
Perhaps we reassure ourselves that we love Jesus
because we believe that he is the Son of God and
our personal Savior. But these thoughts—or even
any grateful or pleasant feelings that come along
with them—are not the fullest manifestation of real
love. Rather, as Jesus tells us directly in today's
Gospel, "Whoever has my commandments and
observes them is the one who loves me."

Now, for those of us who may be asking what
exactly these commandments are, it's helpful to
remember Jesus' response when he was questioned
on the subject. "You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all
your mind. This is the greatest and the first com-
mandment. The second is like it: You shall love your
neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37-39). These funda-
mental principles embrace everything that Jesus
calls us to do. If we put God first and foremost in our
lives, and if we treat our neighbors as we would wish
to be treated, then all the rest falls into place. The
Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and any other
fundamental Christian codes of behavior are all
summed up here. Indeed, if we truly seek to love
Jesus, putting him first and following his ways won't
feel like a burden but rather like a beautiful blessing.

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

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OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY
I am currently grading the exams from my canon law course at Duquesne Law School. CCD has ended at both parishes (at St. John of God for the last time, sighhhhh) and we are facing graduations on all levels of education and the end of the academic year. Religious education is especially difficult in this day and age. And I wonder what Jesus had to deal with, even among his inner circle. So here is what it might have been like when Jesus tried to teach the beatitudes to the apostles.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are the meek.
Blessed are they that mourn.
Blessed are the merciful.
Blessed are they that thirst for justice.
Blessed are you when persecuted.
Blessed are you when you suffer.
Be glad and rejoice for your reward in heaven is great.

Then Simon Peter said, "Are we supposed to know this?"
And Andrew said, "Do we have to write this down?"
And James said, "Will we have a test on this?"
And Philip said, "I don't have any paper."
And Bartholomew said, "Do we have to turn this in?"
And John said, "The other disciples didn't have to learn this."
And Matthew said, "May I go to the bathroom?"
And Judas said, "What does this have to do with real life?"

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Duquesne University’s largest open house event, DuquesneFest, will be held this summer on Sunday, June 11, 2017 beginning at 8:00 A.M. This exciting day is a fun way for Fall 2017 high school seniors to learn more about the University. Register online at www.duq.edu/duquesnefest.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. “I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you.”

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-888-808-1235

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