

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*





THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 24, 2011
to Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012

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

7:30 A.M., Church @ St. Mary's

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.)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Dec. 26: James Zanfino (Phyllis Seibert Family)

Tuesday, Dec. 27: Raymond Cziczin (Paul & Barb Keeley)

Wednesday, Dec. 28: Margaret Belitskus (Patrick & Joyce Belitskus)

Thursday, Dec. 29: Edward Kurtz (Cy & Zora Kurtz)

Friday, Dec. 30: Anniv - Madeline Nicoletta (Rose Rita)

Saturday Vigil, Dec. 31: **4:30 PM Church**
Andrew & Mary Litterini (Family)

Sunday, Jan. 1: **7:30 AM Church**
Parish Family of Saint John of God

Sunday, Jan. 1: **9:30 AM Chapel**
Parish Family of Saint John of God

Sunday, Jan. 1: **11:30 AM Church**
Parish Family of Saint John of God

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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 AND NEW YEAR'S

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26. Please hold all calls until Tuesday, Dec. 27 unless it is an emergency. We will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 in observance of New Year's.

Pizza Kitchen: The Pizza Kitchen will be closed on Friday, 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 next Sunday, January 1, 2012, Feast of the 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 25

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF TOM WALSH BY BETTY JO AND FAMILY **Mother of Sorrows** - IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY DELIA AND TOM, FAY AND MADELINE NICOLETTA BY ROSE RITA

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

YOUTH NEWS



All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to go snow tubing at Seven Springs Mountain Resort on Monday, January 16 (no school - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). Cost is \$25 and the sign-up deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 11. To sign up or to get more information, please contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8525 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
December 17 / 18**

Saturday	326
Sunday.....	644
Total Weekend Attendance.....	970

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of December 17 / 18**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 6,165.00

(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	\$ 6,619.00
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 Bertha Kowalik, Rose Broniszewski, Joseph Cusano and Sam Catanzariti 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)

STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS

**December 19, 2011
Steelers vs. 49ers**



Half Time Score: Steelers 0 49ers 6
Winter Slush Fund owned by Ken Sofranko \$100
Crytzer Corner owned by Chris Crytzer \$100

Final Score: Steelers 3 49ers 20
Jumpin Joan owned by Joan Bannon \$150
Customer Gift Baskets owned by Lori Altmeyer \$150
CONGRATULATIONS and LET'S GO STEELERS!

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

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Dec. 26 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.
- Dec. 27 (Tues.)** - No Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Dec. 28 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.
- Dec. 28 - 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. 30 (Fri.)** - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.
- Dec. 30 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN CLOSED!** The Pizza Kitchen will reopen on Friday, Jan. 6, 2012.

**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.

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.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

January, 2012

January 7 - 8	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Patricia Golembiewski Tom Burgunder	Donna Klocek Spohn John Friel	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Mary Ann Scrabis Joanne Malenock
Altar Server	Michael Roussey Alex Adams Tom Adams	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Emily Halbedl Wesley Cropper Jacob Scott	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Grace Diehl
Euch. Min.	Donna Placon Steffie Orlich Terry Fedio Charlotte Schriener Mike Tomsco Carole Yunker	Claudia Hemphill Nina Ivosevic Ron Amity Michael Ivosevic	Dominic Puppo Steve Tomsco Alexis Adamchik Theresa Davis Kelly Hall Mark Honath	Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Wanda Mruczek Patsy Mance
January 14 - 15	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Ann Tkacik Tom Burgunder	Tami Ivosevic John Friel	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Joanne Malenock Donna Klocek Spohn
Altar Server	Anna Marie Kilonsky Tom Adams Alex Adams	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Ray Corcoran Eric Hall Jared Hall	Alexis Nagel Emilie Nagel Michael Dorrenbacher
Euch. Min.	Rosemarie Litterini Charlotte Schriener Mike Tomsco Carole Yunker Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb	Ron Amity Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath Mary Ann Scrabis	Al Condeluci Liz Condeluci Alexis Adamchik Theresa Davis Kelly Hall Eric Hall	Wanda Mruczek Patrick O'Connor Eleanor Vith Anne Lutz Zacharias
January 21 - 22	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Tom Burgunder Patricia Golembiewski	Donna Klocek Spohn Tom Burgunder	Children's Mass Children's Mass	John Friel Mary Ann Scrabis
Altar Server	Alex Adams Tom Adams Anna Marie Kilonsky	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Daniel Moose Wesley Cropper Emily Halbedl	Elizabeth Diehl Victoria Diehl Grace Diehl
Euch. Min.	Steffie Orlich Charlotte Schriener Mike Tomsco Carole Yunker Julienne Giuliani Terry Fedio	Ron Amity Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath Nina Ivosevic	Dominic Puppo Steve Tomsco Alexis Adamchik Theresa Davis Eric Hall Kelly Hall	Patsy Mance Edward McNabb Gloria McNabb Patrick O'Connor
January 28 - 29	Sat 4:30 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 9:30 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Ann Tkacik Tom Burgunder	Michael Ivosevic Tami Ivosevic	Children's Mass Children's Mass	Joanne Malenock Wanda Mruczek
Altar Server	Michael Roussey Alex Adams Tom Adams	Tim McGuillan Dallas Woods	Jacob Scott Ray Corcoran Jared Hall	Alexis Nagel Emilie Nagel
Euch. Min.	Rosemarie Litterini Terry Fedio Steffie Orlich Charlotte Schriener Mike Tomsco Carole Yunker	Nina Ivosevic Ron Amity Claudia Hemphill Mark Honath	Eric Hall Alexis Adamchik Theresa Davis Kelly Hall Dominic Puppo Frank Troff	Eleanor Vith Patrick O'Connor Anne Lutz Zacharias Patsy Mance



"A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel." Isaiah 9:5



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. Low Vallone

Everyone is used to the warm and fuzzy feelings that the birth of the Christ Child brings during the celebration of Christmas. What most people miss is that all during the Advent season leading up to it, the liturgy's prayers and readings carry the subtheme of the Second Coming of Christ, at the end of time, not just as Redeemer, but also as Judge. The technical term is called "eschatology", the final things. The following parody of the quintessential secular Christmas poem is one of the few I have seen that blends both themes in one. It is something to ponder as we celebrate the Nativity. Merry Christmas!

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
 Not a creature was praying, not one in the house
 Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
 In hopes that Jesus would not come there
 The children were dressing to crawl into bed
 Not once ever kneeling or bowing their head
 And Mom in her rocker with baby on lap
 Was watching the late show while I took a nap.
 When out of the east there arose such a clatter
 I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear
 But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
 With a light like the sun setting forth a bright ray
 I knew in a moment this must be the day.
 The light of His face made me cover my head
 It was Jesus, returning just like He said
 And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth
 I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.
 In the book of life which He held in His hand
 Was written the name of every saved man.
 He spoke not a word as He searched for my name
 When He said "It's not here," my head hung in shame.
 The people whose names had been written with love
 He gathered to take to His Father above.

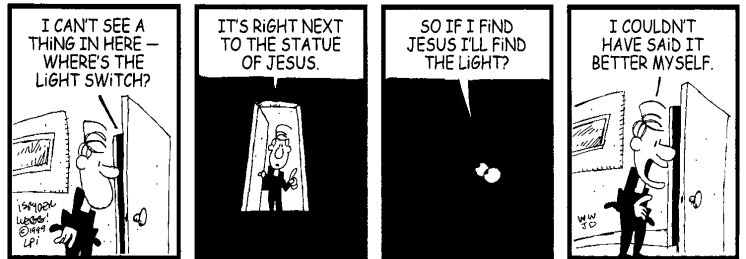
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With those who were ready He rose without a sound
 While all the rest were left standing around.
 I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
 I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
 I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
 Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.
 In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
 The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
 There is only one life and when comes the last call
 We'll find that the Bible was true after all.

Your priests' Christmas gift to each of you is that YOU are our prime intention at all of the Masses on Christmas Day. God bless each and every one of you!



CHRISTMAS



THANK YOU

On behalf of Saint John of God Parish and the Ladies of Charity, we take this opportunity to thank all the people who generously supported the Angel Tree Gift program. We also thank the people who delivered the Christmas flowers to the shut-ins. For all the food contributions throughout the year, and for donating in the Charitable Works envelope every month, we thank you. With your kind help, we have tried to touch the needy of our parish and community. Without your help, it would have been impossible. May the Infant Jesus richly bless you and yours. Merry Christmas - job well done!

Saint John of God, Pray for us.

Remember Saint John of God Parish in your will.

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.