Office Telephones
Parish Office/Residence..................................................412-771-5646
Parish Fax........................................................................412-331-0678
Deacon Leonard Thomas.................................................412-812-4557
Music Minister..................................................................412-812-4549
Cemeteries (St. Mark’s/St. Mary’s)................................. 412-331-1309
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
Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, Director of Finances
Mrs. Janice Lipa, Parish Secretary, parish@sjogparish.com
Mr. Wayne Summers, Maintenance Supervisor

Safe Environment Coordinator
Mrs. Karen Vinci-Stack, 412-303-7745

Scheduler of Ministries
Jeri Stotlemeyer, sjogscat@gmail.com

www.news.va/en
(Vatican News)

Bulletin Deadline:
Tuesday Noon
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 24 to Sunday, July 2, 2017

Saturday Vigil, June 24:  4:30 PM Church
Edward Bagay (Bill & Dolly Gerwell)

Sunday, June 25:   9:45 AM Church
Andrew & Rose Martonik (Children)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, June 26: Michael Stangl (Wayne & Kathy Cropper)

Tuesday, June 27: Jean Wilczynski (Mary Lou & Pete Mochnach & Florence Spada)

Tuesday, June 27:  St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary’s Church

Wednesday, June 28: Louis Geier (Eric & Kelly Hall Family)

Thursday, June 29: Andrew “Kliney” Lastominsky (Charlotte Patton)

Friday, June 30: Parish Family of Saint John of God

Friday, June 30: Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary’s Church.

Saturday Vigil, July 1:   4:30 PM Church
Deceased Members of Parish & Paul Family (John & Carol Parish)

Sunday, July 2:   9:45 AM Church
Susan Tutino (Family)

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.

MEETING CORRECTION!

All volunteers who helped with the Baptismal Program, R.C.I.A. and Bible Study are invited to a meeting THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 27, (not July) at 7:00 P.M. in the Rectory. We look forward to seeing you there.

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

The annual Peter’s Pence Collection will be taken at all Masses celebrated this weekend, June 24/25.

The theme for the collection is “Be a Witness of Charity,” emphasizing the need to show the mercy of God to others. This annual collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, disease and natural disasters. It is a powerful way for Catholics around the world to assist those most in need. Please be as generous as you can in the second collection today. Thank you.

LET US PRAY FOR:

Rev. Benjamin Barr, Rev. Thomas Gramc,
Rev. David Green, Rev. Alexander Schrenk,
And Rev. Daniel Waruszewski

who were newly ordained to the priesthood on

Saturday, June 24, 2017 by Bishop David Zubik at St. Paul Cathedral.

"O Jesus, Eternal Priest
keep all your priests within the shelter of your Sacred Heart, and bless them abundantly." Amen.
QUO VADIS DAYS

High School guys, don’t miss Quo Vadis Days, three days dedicated to learning more about the priesthood, deepening your faith, and better discerning God’s call in your life. Quo Vadis Days will take place at Cardinal Wuerl High School, July 16-18, and will include brotherhood, Mass, sports, adoration, and dynamic talks. All guys entering 10th, 11th, 12th grades and freshman year of college are welcome. The retreat costs $40; scholarships are available. Register by Friday, July 7 at www.PGHPriest.com.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
June 17 / 18

Saturday ........................................ 405
Sunday .......................................... 480
Total Weekend Attendance .................. 885

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of June 17 / 18

Regular Offertory Collection ...........$ 4,408.00

(Add to 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!.. $ 67,902.00
Remaining on 2017 Goal ..................... $ 19,363.00

(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.)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Mission Co-op ..................................$2,253.00

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Jesus says “Do not be afraid” three times in today’s Gospel and reminds us “all concealed secrets will be revealed.” Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain “hidden in darkness” they will “destroy body and soul.” Healing, understanding and hope are found only “in the light” of openness. “Do not be afraid.”

QUOTE FROM THE POPE

“Our prayer cannot be reduced to an hour on Sundays. It is important to have a daily relationship with the Lord.” 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

June 26 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers - Recitation of the Rosary begins at 6:30 P.M. in St. Mary’s Church - held on the 1st & last Monday of each month.

June 27 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary’s

June 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.

June 30 (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!

FLEA MARKET NEWS

St. John of God Parish will have a Flea Market this year on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30 in the Social Hall, Norwood.

We will have an early-bird presale on Friday, July 28. Must be 12 years of age and older to attend the pre-sale.

Keep searching your garage, attic, basement, closets and drawers for that "elegant junk" that very well may be someone else’s treasures. Donated items may be dropped off at the Social Hall, Norwood, lower level, on Tuesday, June 27, 11 AM to 1 PM; Thursday, June 29, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM & Saturday, July 1 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Please note that we are not able to accept clothes, shoes, electronics, TVs, or exercise equipment. Thank you. For any questions, please call Lucille Coppola at 412-298-6106.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JUNE 25

ST. MARY’S - SAINT JOHN OF GOD PARISH FAMILY
LEO MEYER MANOR CELEBRATES
25TH ANNIVERSARY

The public is invited to Leo Meyer Manor’s 25th Anniversary Celebration this Sunday, June 25, from 2-4 PM. Activities include tour of the facilities, displays, refreshments and souvenirs.

Sister DeLourdes Macurak is the on-site manager for Leo Meyer Manor, 1015 Church Ave., McKees Rocks, a secured building, with efficiency apartments for seniors age 62 and older and individuals 18 years and older who have special physical and mobility needs. Laundry facilities and a beauty shop are on site. For more information, call 412-331-8000 or visit the Christian House Website: www.Christian-housing.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. John of God Parish will once again join with St. Malachy Parish for this year’s summer Vacation Bible School taking place June 26-30 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon at St. Malachy’s in the school building. Join us for bible stories, music, crafts, games, snacks, and lots of fun!

Even if you have not pre-registered for the Vacation Bible School, you may just come on Monday morning. See Steve Swank (412-771-7480).

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next class will be held on Sunday, July 9, from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM in the Gathering Place at St. Mary’s. To register or for more information, please call Tom Adams at 412-999-2985 or the parish office at 412-771-5646.

WE NEED SOME HELP

Every Sunday after the 9:45 A.M. Mass, we have two volunteers who take the Eucharist to the Residents of Rosewood of the Ohio Valley Nursing Home, formerly Chartiers Manor, 814 Chartiers Ave. We need back-up help when these volunteers are on vacation or ill. Please call the parish office, 412-771-5646, if you can help us in this ministry.

“Who shall go for us?” Isaiah 6:8

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

ATHLETES OF ACTION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Over the last eight years, local organization, Athletics of Action awarded thirty-four thousand dollars to thirty-one scholar athletes from the Montour and Sto-Rox School Districts. The 2017 scholar athletes receiving a two thousand scholarship based on their achievements in academics, athletics, extra curricular activities, and community service are: Montour graduates: John Dukewich-attending Penn State University and Kellie O’Toole attending University of Virginia. Sto-Rox graduates: Jalen Council attending Slippery Rock University and Janaya Hazlip attending Bethany College.

The organization will be hosting two scholarship fundraising events: a 21 and over double elimination bocce tournament on Saturday, August 5, at Fairhaven Park, Kennedy Township, and a golf outing on Saturday, September 23, at The Club at Shadow Lakes, Aliquippa. For information contact Bob Zitelli, email zitellir@hotmail.com or phone 412-337-7341. To learn more about the organization, please visit their website at www.athletesofaction.com.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially Sister Theresa Kunzler (Villa St. Joseph in Baden) 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 Christine Mixter, Lori Gumm, Roxanne Thornton, Carolyn Rodgers, and Adela Mistarz whom God has called home. 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.”

SUMMER CHAMBER CONCERT

All are welcome to attend a free chamber concert of sacred music on Sunday, July 9, at 3:00 P.M. at Holy Trinity Parish. Repertoire includes J.S. Bach’s cantata Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich (BWV 150), W.A. Mozart’s infrequently performed motet for double choir Venite Populi (K 260), and F.J. Haydn’s Kleine Orgelmesse (Hob XXII:7). These talented performers and other talented musicians of the Pittsburgh area are under the direction of Brendan Barker, director of music at Holy Trinity. A light reception will follow the performance in the church narthex.
# ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH MCKEES ROCKS, PA

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**July 1 ~ 2017**

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Alexis Nagel  
Brianna Kotek |
| Eucharistic Minister | Claudia Hemphill  
Mark Honath  
Patrick O’Connor  
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## SAM PRAYER MINISTRY

(Substance Addiction Ministry)

Drug and alcohol dependence and abuse causes great distress for both the afflicted and affected loved ones. The magnitude of the pain and suffering is so enormous it is impossible to calculate. But there is hope and there is help. The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) is a ministry of prayer, presentations and personal presence.

On **Thursday, July 6, 2017**, the community SAM Team will gather at **St. Margaret Mary in Moon Township at 7:00 P.M.**, to pray a “Rosary for Recovery” for all those who are afflicted or affected, or have lost loved ones to addiction.

Following the Rosary, there will be an opportunity to gather in fellowship.

**SAM is a supportive ministry for families and individuals and is NOT intended to replace counseling, therapy, treatment, or participation in 12-step programs.**

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Fourth of July holiday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4. We will return on Wednesday, July 5.

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**JUNE 25, 2017**

**BENEFIT RIDE**

FOR LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The annual Teamsters Motorcycle Ride to raise funds for the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home will take place on Saturday, July 8, 2017. Leave at 10:00 A.M. from Teamster Temple, 4701 Butler St., Pittsburgh 15201. Picnic to follow in North Side. Contact Lenny Boyd, 724-898-3058 or Mike Ceoffe, 412-526-7646. Volunteers welcome. All proceeds from the ride will benefit the elderly poor Residents of the Little Sisters Home on Benton Ave., North Side.

**STEEPLE CHASE STEELER**

2017 FOOTBALL POOL

It’s that time . . . . STEELERS and the popular STEEPLE CHASE FOOTBALL POOL capital fund raiser

Our 100 block pool includes 16 regular season games beginning September 10. Payout per game: $100 half-time, $150 final cumulative score. Total cost for all 16 games is $80 or just $5 per game. All names and numbers are randomly drawn in advance. You keep the same block all season, coordinating numbers will change for each game. You will receive the completed pool for all 16 games prior to September 10. Buy one or more squares yourself or partner with someone and double your fun! They make great gifts too! Completed pools are due along with payment of $80 on or before Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

Put “STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL” on the front of the envelope. Questions . . . call Terry, 412-331-3443. Fill out the form below and return it NOW while fresh on your mind. Don’t be left out. Let’s go Steelers!

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Are you familiar with the term “conundrum”? By definition, it means a paradoxical, insoluble, or difficult problem - a dilemma. Many high school and college students probably think their mathematics exams are filled with conundrums! Such difficult problems can lead to the fear of getting the wrong answer; in turn, this fear can lead to a sort of paralysis, where no answer at all seems better than potentially being right.

Jesus offers a difficult problem to his disciples in today's Gospel reading from Matthew. In it, he tells them (and us) to fear only two things: the one who can kill both body and soul; and the Lord. But do we live our lives in fear? Absolutely not, because the fear of the Lord that Jesus speaks of is really a call for us to proclaim the love of God from the very depths of our souls no matter the reaction we may receive. It is our cross to bear.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that there are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (CCC 1831). Receiving these gifts allows us to complete and make perfect all of the virtues we have, and gives us the opportunity to cleanse our minds and easily accept the word of God. With these gifts, we will never again face truly difficult problems alone.

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**PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT COMPLETELY, MAIL TO: SJOG Parish, “Football Pool”, 1011 Church Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136, or place in SJOG (OR SCAT) offertory basket or office mail drop off by Tuesday, August 22, 2017.**

Make checks payable to St. John of God Parish.

I would like to purchase ______ square(s) @$80 per square ~ Enclosed is $_____________

Please Print

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The Pastor’s Cornered 
39th Edition

So the Pastor was away for a bit and rumor had it he was one of the Stanley Cup Keepers on tour with the members of our champion Pittsburgh Penguins! We all know that’s not in our Pastor’s retirement plans so he’s back with us for the duration! Our city sure does like Championship Teams though. There are all kinds of t-shirts, posters and souvenirs showing all three of our Championship Teams and the number of trophies they have won over the years. Our fair city has been said to have the most dedicated and enthusiastic fans around! We stick with our teams even when they aren’t winning ~ although during those tough times, loud voices can be heard from households around town screaming at the game officials for bad calls and our players for not making the plays! We can’t win every single game, but when the chips are down Pittsburgh fans are true and when it comes time for the big Wins ~ Pittsburgh fans are the loudest and proudest!

By now every active Catholic should know the church of Pittsburgh is “on Mission for the Church Alive”. We hear about it on the news, in our parishes and from our Priests. We know the numbers for the Diocese of Pittsburgh are down all over including participating Catholics, Sacraments and Priests. We know it’s now affecting all of us on the parish level and has been for quite some time. We have been to meetings, read reports, have seen the Bishop’s plan for the entire diocese which will affect each and every one of us. It all looks kind of grim, but We are Champions! It is being displayed at both St. Catherine of Siena and St. John of God. Our people are standing up and showing up! We don’t know what the outcome in the end will be just yet, but we do know we are going to be a part of it.

Both parishes have made it through many changes over the course of time. We have seen first hand that the church is not the buildings, but the faithful who fill the pews each and every week. We have seen parishioners go on their vacations yet still give their weekly offering to the parish. We have helped people find a church at their vacation destination so they can still worship on Sunday. We have had former parishioners return while visiting family in the area and make it a point to say hello and how nice it was to be back even if just for a while. We have had visitors compliment how welcomed they felt while worshipping with us. We have generously supported the mission appeals ~ just recently with Fr. Raju Pilla from the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India and included him in our dinner plans so he wouldn’t have to break bread alone ~ even helping him celebrate his birthday while he was with us! We are the Church Alive even during this very uncertain time of transition. Our people are faithful and God is Good! We don’t have a Championship Parade planned by any stretch of the imagination, but our Good and Faithful parishioners show us that We do have Championship Parishes each and every week!

It’s summer and usually that means a slower pace, but we are far from slowing down. We appreciate each and every one of you who are staying the course with us! We appreciate all of the love that you continue to share for your Catholic faith! We appreciate you! We might not have a parade planned, but each week when we see all of the parishioners flocking to be with God ~ That is our Championship Parade!

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-888-808-1235

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.