

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*





**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Dec. 31, 2011
to Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012**

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| Saturday Vigil, Dec. 31: Andrew & Mary Litterini (Family) | 4:30 PM Church |
| Sunday, Jan. 1: Parish Family of Saint John of God | 7:30 AM Church |
| Sunday, Jan. 1: Parish Family of Saint John of God | 9:30 AM Chapel |
| Sunday, Jan. 1: Parish Family of Saint John of God | 11:30 AM Church |

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

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| Monday, Jan. 2: Deceased of Merscher Family (Estate) |
| Tuesday, Jan. 3: Vickie Fantozzi (Marilyn Delach) |
| Wednesday, Jan. 4: Anniv - Evelyn D'Orazio (Family) |
| Thursday, Jan. 5: Frances Adams (Alice Biril) |
| Friday, Jan. 6: Anniv - Anton Zotter (Theresa Bukowski) |

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| Saturday Vigil, Jan. 7: Andrew Litterini (Family) | 4:30 PM Church |
| Sunday, Jan. 8: Parish Family of Saint John of God | 7:30 AM Church |
| Sunday, Jan. 8: Elizabeth Spadaccia & Lucille Renschler (Family) | 9:30 AM Chapel |
| Sunday, Jan. 8: Anniv - Albert Gerger (Wife, Agnes) | 11:30 AM Church |

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

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| <i>Sunday:</i> | <i>Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21</i> |
| <i>Monday:</i> | <i>1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28</i> |
| <i>Tuesday:</i> | <i>1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34</i> |
| <i>Wednesday:</i> | <i>1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42</i> |
| <i>Thursday:</i> | <i>1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51</i> |
| <i>Friday:</i> | <i>1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38</i> |
| <i>Saturday:</i> | <i>1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11</i> |
| <i>Next Sunday:</i> | <i>Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12</i> |

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JANUARY 1

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF EVELYN D'ORAZIO BY FAMILY

Mother of Sorrows - IN MEMORY OF FRANK DEMARCO BY MARY ANN AND FAMILY

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 in observance of New Year's. Please hold all calls until Tuesday, Jan. 3, unless it is an emergency.

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 are no Sunday School on Jan. 1. Classes will resume for all students next 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 this Sunday, January 1, 2012, Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM and next Saturday, January 7, 2012, The Epiphany of the Lord, from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

SANCTUARY RAILINGS

We thank Pittsburgh Custom Metals right here in the Rocks for the fine custom made hand railings in both the Church and the Chapel sanctuaries. They were hand made within a week so that we would have them for Christmas. It is a matter of safety and utility that prompted us to order them, but they are beautiful as well, picking up the visual themes of the outdoor railings. The Priests, Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be a bit more secure in their ministries because of them as they approach the altar of the Lord.

The cost was \$1,100 for each building (\$2,200). The railings in the Church at St. Mary's have been donated in memory of Ethel A. Lex by her brother, Richard Spisak and his family. Thank You. Anyone who would like to make a donation for the railings in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows, please call the parish office.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW
AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

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

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

Our parish will collect non-perishable food as well as paper products and soap for the needy among us. You may bring your donation with you to any Mass next weekend, Jan. 7/8. Thanks in advance.

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

YOUTH NEWS

All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to go snow tubing at Seven Springs Mountain Resort on Monday, Jan. 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 sgyouthmin@yahoo.com.



STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS

December 24, 2011
Steelers vs. Rams



Half Time Score: Steelers 10 Rams 0
LYDIA owned by Marlene Hawk \$100
Tippy owned by Mike Buczynski \$100

Final Score: Steelers 27 Rams 0
T A M owned by Joanne Lorenz \$150
The Boss owned by Thomas P. Kunsak \$150

CONGRATULATIONS and LET'S GO STEELERS!

CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE, DEC. 24 / 25

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| Saturday, Dec. 24, 4:30 PM | 825 |
| 12:00 Midnight | 550 |
| Sunday, Dec. 25, 7:30 AM | 115 |
| 9:30 AM | 100 |
| 11:30 AM | 350 |
| Total Christmas Attendance | 1,940 |
| Christmas Offertory | \$11,319.00 |
| Sunday Offertory | \$ 5,077.00 |

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Children & Youth\$2,325.00

(These collections are mandated by the Diocese for specific purposes. These moneys are remitted in total to the Diocese and are not taxed. This particular 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 2010, this money will stay in the parish and not be taxed by the Diocese.)

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

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| PSP Assessment for 2012 | \$????????? |
| PSP Collected as of 12/1/11 | \$ 10,044.00 |
| 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.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Jan. 2 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.
- Jan. 3 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.
- Jan. 3 (Tues.)** - Cub Scout Meeting, 7 PM, Gathering Place - For info, call Kim Farrell, 412-331-3398.
- Jan. 3 (Tues.)** - No Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Jan. 4 (Wed.)** - Boy Scout Meeting, 6-7 PM, Gathering Place - For info, call Don Garrett, 412-452-5657.
- Jan. 4** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin at 7:15 PM.
- Jan. 6 (Fri.)** - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.
- Jan. 6 (Fri.)** - **PIZZA KITCHEN AND IT'S FALAGONE FRIDAY!** To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM to 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

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 Deetza Lutz, Ethel A. Lex, and John Montgomery 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."*

DR. KING MASS AND PROGRAM

All are invited to the Annual Dr. King Mass on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 at 12:00 Noon at St. Paul Cathedral with Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid. A light reception, program, and recognition of Dr. King student essay winners will follow the Mass. Sponsored by St. Paul Cathedral & Reconciliation Dialogue Group.



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

"Jesus, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the Lord of all beginnings and endings. Thank you for the many gifts, even the trials, of the year that has ended. Fill me with your grace in the coming year. Help me to make wise choices. Amen."

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held January 27-29, 2012 at the Spiritual Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Financial aid available. Sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Catholic Charities. For more information, visit www.ccpgh.org or call 412-352-5438. The deadline to register is Friday, January 20.

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE FOR LIFE

The 9th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive for Life will be held on Monday, January 16, from 1 to 6 PM at St. Benedict the Moor Church. Support this effort to save lives. Mark the date on your calendar and invite others to donate. Call to pre-register and for more information: Diocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministries, 412-456-3170; Central Blood Bank, 412-209-7245.

PARISH SHARE SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, Jan. 7/8, the second collection will be for the Parish Share Program. We have not yet received our assessment for 2011, but all contributions to Parish Share as of Dec. 1 are being 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.

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.

RECENT CHANGES TO THE ROMAN MISSAL

"The Story Behind the New Roman Missal": Benedictine Father Anthony Ruff will speak about the recent changes to the Roman Missal and the process by which those changes were adopted on Thursday, January 12, 2012 from 7 to 9 PM at the Father Ryan Arts Center, 420 Chartiers Avenue. Father Ruff is a prominent liturgical scholar and professor of liturgy at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota and was an early participant in the official discussions leading to the changes. For more information, please contact Sr. Barbara Finch at 412-716-9750 or b.a.finch@att.net.

WINTER/SPRING

2012 ARTS EDUCATION CLASSES

January 16 - April 14, 2012

Winter/Spring classes begin the week of January 16, 2012 at the Father Ryan Arts Center, 420 Chartiers Avenue. Enrollment is now open. Call 412-771-3052 for more information. The Father Ryan Arts Center is a multi-level facility that specializes in education and cultural enrichment across a spectrum of art forms including theater, music, dance, visual arts, and health and wellness for children, teens and adults through 4 or 6 week sessions and 12-week programs. For class descriptions and more information visit www.fatherryanartscenter.org/classes.



"The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger."

Luke 2:16

RETROUVAILLE - SAVE OUR MARRIAGE

Are you feeling helpless because you think your MARRIAGE is heading downhill? Don't despair. Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) has proved to be an effective program that helps hurting couples rebuild their trust and renew their communication. Call today to start the healing process with a weekend beginning on January 13, 2012. Contact retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or email 3041@retrovaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

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 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.

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

We will be mailing to you a list of your contributions for 2011 by January 31, 2012. If you do not receive envelopes, you will not receive a report. If you receive envelopes, but didn't use them, you will receive a report marked \$0.00 contributions, and the computer may deactivate you. You may be removed from the envelope list. And your status is reduced to inactive parishioner, which means that you will not qualify for things like sponsorship certificates and a number of other things. Of course, you always have the right to come to Church, receive the sacraments if you are spiritually disposed and call upon the clergy for pastoral service. But you will lose some of the privileges of active participation.

Since we will not compute the report till the end of January, you have time to make contributions for the 2011 year, but you must make it clear to us that it is to be credited to the 2011 account. We have started the 2012 contribution records already.

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. Please stop after Mass and take a look to see if your lost item is there.

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The weekend of January 14/15 is very special because the second collection will be used to carry on the much needed services to students with special needs provided by St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech.

This collection is a two-fold win. Not only does it help two very unique and nationally recognized education programs for special needs children, all proceeds collected will be credited towards our Parish Share Assessment for 2011. Since we have met our goal for 2011 this collection will be automatically be deposited in our savings at Catholic Institute and not be taxed.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Fr. Low Vallone

" I was going to do something about my bad habit of procrastinating, but I never quite got around to it." That about sums up how I feel about this week's Pastor's Corner. Since it is the first one of a new year, I had a bunch of ideas floating around in my head of what I would like to write about.

I toyed with the idea of the traditional "10 best /10 worst" lists that everyone in journalism indulges in at this time of year. You know, the 10 best things that happened in our parish in 2011, etc. But when I mentally began compiling the events - there were far more than 10 things that I thought should be included under "best". And far less than 10 bad things that I could think of. Somehow a "87 best / 3 worst" list didn't seem elegant enough.


I then contemplated doing a "year in review" type column, highlighting the many things that have gone on in our parish in 2011. But since I have trouble remembering what I had for lunch two days ago, I was afraid that I would miss some important things, include some trivial things, and if I just stuck with statistical things, the column would be boring: if not for you to read, then for me to write.

The next thought was to do a preview of the year to come: some plans and hopes that I as Pastor have as a vision for the coming year. But the holiday season is so hectic that I have trouble enough figuring out what I need to do next. I don't seem to have the energy at the moment to look ahead. I don't mean to give you the impression that those hopes and plans are absent or unconsidered - I assure you they are there. It is just that I don't relish organizing and making a coherent exposition of them right now. Besides, we all like surprises, don't we?

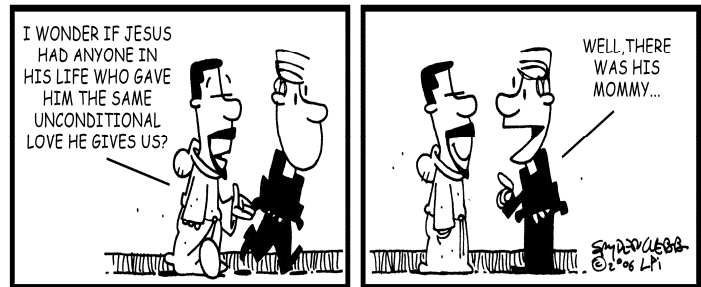
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I finally decided that I would do my Pastor's Corner on New Year's resolutions, but I put off writing the Corner so long that I ran into a stepped up deadline because of the holidays and this has to be modemed in the next 15 seconds or it won't be printed, so I guess that will have to wait until next year. I firmly resolve to do it!

P.S. On a personal note, my gratitude to all who were so kind and generous with cards, gifts, food, greetings, etc. to me over the holiday. I still haven't opened all the Christmas stuff yet, but as I do I say a prayer for each one by name. You and God are much better to me than I deserve. Thank you and God bless you!

A blessed, peaceful and prosperous  New Year to one and all and, it is STILL Merry Christmas!

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



OHIO VALLEY HOSPITAL MINISTRY

There is a need for Extraordinary Ministers to distribute the Holy Eucharist to Catholic patients at Ohio Valley Hospital. If you are interested in this ministry, please call St. Malachy Parish Office at 412-771-5483. You may want to volunteer for a day of a month or weekly. To bring Jesus to the sick and suffering is a grace filled time for you as well as the patient. Please consider this worthwhile ministry.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-800-808-1235

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.