

## 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*





## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 4 to Sun., Feb. 12

<b>Saturday Vigil, Feb. 4:</b>	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
William Hoffman, Sr. (Son, William)	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 5:</b>	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
Louis & Josephine Demmel (Son, Don)	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 5:</b>	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
Leo & Mildred Wozniak (Daughter, Theresa & Family)	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 5:</b>	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>
Anniv - Margaret Belmont (Sons & Daughters)	

### WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

<b>Monday, Feb. 6:</b>	<i>Parish Family of Saint John of God</i>
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 7:</b>	Andrew John Tomsco (Morning Mass Friends)
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 8:</b>	Donald Seibert (Phyllis Seibert & Family)
<b>Thursday, Feb. 9:</b>	<i>Parish Family of Saint John of God</i>
<b>Friday, Feb. 10:</b>	<i>Parish Family of Saint John of God</i>

### Saturday, Feb. 11, 1:00 PM:

**Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery Chapel** celebrated for our beloved dead and those buried at our cemeteries.

<b>Saturday Vigil, Feb. 11:</b>	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
Antonetta Presutti (Family)	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 12:</b>	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
Joseph & Cecilia Giedl (Son, Joseph)	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 12:</b>	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
Dominic DiNardo (Wife & Family)	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 12:</b>	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>
Anniv - Tony Zianni (Sister, Flora Carpeloti)	

### Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

<i>Sunday:</i>	Jb 7:1-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
<i>Monday:</i>	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
<i>Tuesday:</i>	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
<i>Wednesday:</i>	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
<i>Thursday:</i>	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
<i>Friday:</i>	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
<i>Saturday:</i>	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
<i>Next Sunday:</i>	Lv 13:1-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon**

## WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE FEBRUARY 5, 2012



The annual 2012 World Day for Consecrated Life will be marked in Dioceses nationwide this Sunday, February 5, 2012. The theme is **"For the Sake of the Gospel!"** On

this day we celebrate the lives of all the consecrated religious who have gone before us and those who continue in the day-to-day faithfulness of their lives.

Bishop David A. Zubik invites religious communities to the Noon Mass and reception at St. Paul Cathedral this Sunday, February 5, in celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life. All parishioners, friends and relatives are invited to participate in this Mass in honoring our religious women and men. Your presence is most welcome.

Please continue to pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

## DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH LECTURE SERIES

**February 15, 2012 - 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.**

**Saint Paul Seminary, O'Connor Hall**

### "THINGS THAT MAKE US CATHOLIC"

**Bob Rice, Guest Speaker**

You walk into a Church and instinctively reach for Holy Water. Someone puts ashes on your forehead and you leave them there all day. These are things that Catholics do, but is there more in what Catholics are? Come join us for an insightful evening as we take a deeper look into the things that make us Catholic. The lecture is free - all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists.

Speaker and author, Bob Rice, ministers to over twenty thousand people each year through his numerous conferences, presentations, workshops, and music. His creative use of humor, personal stories, and extensive knowledge of the Faith have made him an internationally sought after speaker for people of all ages. Bob Rice is an Assistant Professor of Catechetics at the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5

**ST. MARY'S** - IN MEMORY OF ARNOLD HOFFMAN BY BROTHER, WILLIAM

**Mother of Sorrows** - IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE JOHN AND CARMELLA RIPPOLE AND MANNO FAMILY BY FAMILY

**YOUTH NEWS**

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to play laser tag on Monday, February 20 (President's Day - no school). Cost is \$6 for one game, \$11 for two, \$15 for three, and \$19 for four. **Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, February 15.** To sign up, contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or [sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The class will be held next Sunday, February 12, 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.



**SOUPER BOWL**

Teens from the Youth Group will be holding a soup pot in the back of the Church and Chapel this weekend, February 4/5, after the Masses. They will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring, an annual nationwide collection meant to help those who are less fortunate. If you are able, please consider dropping a dollar in the soup pot. All money collected will be donated to the Focus on Renewal.

**STEEPLE CHASE CASH RAFFLE**

Steeple Chase Drive is sponsoring a Cash Raffle on April 18, 2012 and there will be **TWO** winners. The **first** winner will receive **\$100** based on the official 1st Number Drawing **3-digit PA lottery number drawn at mid-day**. The **second** winner will receive **\$500 cash (donated by Jim Crivelli Chevrolet, Inc.)** based on the official 1st Number Drawing **3-digit PA lottery number drawn at 7 P.M. that date**. All numbers are played straight as drawn.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE  
January 28 / 29**

Saturday .....	315
Sunday.....	697
Total Weekend Attendance.....	1,012

Tickets, courtesy of **Jim Crivelli Chevrolet, Inc.** will be on sale soon at a cost of \$5 per ticket. However, if you want any special 3-digit number in advance or are interested in selling these tickets, please call Charlotte, 412-331-2453 or Terry, 412-331-3443. The seller of the winning tickets will receive a **\$25** gift card for Red Lobster for mid-day and a **\$50** gift card for Juliano's Restaurant & Catering for 7 P.M.

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS  
For the Weekend of January 28 / 29**

Regular Offertory Collection .....\$ 6,370.00

(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.)

**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.*

**PARISH SHARE PROGRAM**

PSP Assessment for 2012 .....	\$ ????????
PSP Collected as of 12/1/11 .....	\$ 22,905.00
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.

**SYMPATHY**

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Family of John J. McKnight, Harry J. Hawk Sr, and David E. Bonner 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."*

**PIZZA KITCHEN — GNOCCHI**

We will be making gnocchi for sale during Lent on the following Monday evenings (5:30 PM - 8:00PM): February, 13, 20, and 27 AND March 5, 12, and 19. Gnocchi Sales will begin Friday, February 24, at a cost of \$7.00 for a 2 lb. bag with a limit of 3 (three) bags per customer during the Lenten Season. If you have any questions, please call Rose Dombrowski at 412-771-7438. Thank you.



**60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Steve and Betty Tomsko who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this Monday, February 6, 2012. Steve and Betty were married at Mother of Sorrows Church on February 6, 1952 by Fr. Carmine Cillo. May the Lord continue to bless your years together!

## 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.*



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. Malachy PTG is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, Feb. 5, from 8 AM to 1 PM in the Church Hall. Because blueberry pancakes were such a hit last month, we will be serving them again along with traditional pancakes. Price for adults is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (ages 2-12). All breakfasts include your choice of pancake flavor, bacon or sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Come hungry!

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day will be celebrated the weekend of February 11/12, 2012. There will be a diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on Saturday, February 11, at St. Kilian Parish, Cranberry Township. It will begin with Mass at 5:30 PM with Very Rev. Phil Farrell, as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. A presentation by Rev. Charles Bober, Pastor of St. Kilian, will follow. All engaged and married couples are invited to attend. Donation is \$10.00 couple. To register please call the Office for Adult and Family Faith Formation, 412-456-3160.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

**Feb. 7 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

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

**Feb. 8 (Wed.)** - Boy Scout Meeting, 6-7 PM, Gathering Place - For info, call Don Garrett, 412-452-5657.

**Feb. 8** - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin at 7:15 PM.

**Feb. 10 (Fri.)** - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

**Feb. 10 (Fri.)** - **PIZZA KITCHEN!** To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM to 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

## 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 to any Mass next weekend, Feb. 11/12. Thanks in advance.

## LOVEWALK FOR THE POOR

The 22nd annual "Lovewalk for the Poor," sponsored by the Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, is scheduled for 2:00 PM, Sunday, February 12, at Sacred Heart Church in Shadyside. All participants are invited to bring diapers, wipes and formula for Catholic Charities and non-perishable food items for EECM Soup Kitchen. What makes the Lovewalk unique is participants carry collected items after Mass with them on a one mile walk as a way of experiencing the hardships of the homeless who must carry their possessions with them at all times. For more info, please contact the Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at [oyyampgh@diopitt.org](mailto:oyyampgh@diopitt.org) or call 412-456-3140. Everyone is welcome!

## YEAR END STATEMENTS

All 2011 year end statements have been mailed to parishioners. If you did not get yours, please call the parish office, 9 AM to 5 PM, 412-771-5646.

*Please remember*

*Saint John of God Parish in your will.*



### SISTER STRIKES AGAIN!

Just when you thought it was safe to go into the classroom . . . Sister is back! And so are the nun-stop laughs. With the blessings of the archdiocese, Sister has assembled banners, filmstrips, mimeographed handouts, historical facts, and hysterical insights as she conducts her class in an overview of Heaven and Hell, comparing them to a catholic version of Chutes and Ladders. Sister also offers her personal list of sins for the new millennium. (in case you were wondering, tattoos, body-piercings, and botox injections are high on her list.) With all the wit, wisdom, and wackiness of the original, *Sister Strikes Again!* is bound to bring back former students and make millions of new converts.

Nun-stop laughs return to St. Ferdinand Church with Late Nite Catechism: *Sister Strikes Again!* The original play is coming to **St. Ferdinand Church/Oldenski Hall, on Saturday, March 24, 2012.**

There will be 2 shows—**Matinee @ 1:30 PM** (prices \$37.50 & \$32.50) - **Evening Show @ 7:30 PM** (prices \$47.50 & \$42.50.)

Tickets are on sale now! Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Raffles - Refreshments - Snacks will be available (not included with ticket).

It's a Great Show! For more information/tickets, please call 724-452-9589 or visit [www.STFERD.org](http://www.STFERD.org) or [www.funnynun.com](http://www.funnynun.com).



### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

*In today's Gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that "Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."*

### PARENTING POINTERS by Susan Vogt

*Parents naturally want their children to be successful in life and love. "When raising children focus on enduring values and character - the success that counts will fall into place." (Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference) Wealth and good looks are nice but can be false friends. Go for integrity and compassion.*

*Saint John of God, Pray for us.*

### HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman

### MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for a powerful prayer breakfast on **Saturday, February 25, 2012** from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Sharon Lee Giganti give an eye-witness account of the devastation that often follows when the New Age Movement's principles are applied to everyday life. With her testimony, she tells about the deceptions of New Age and the sure remedy, the knowledge of the one true God. The cost of the breakfast is \$20.00. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906 or go to [www.magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org). Registration deadline is Friday, **February 17th.**

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

*"They brought to Jesus all who were ill." (Mk 1:32) How do you like to be treated when you are ill? Do you want to be left alone or fussed over? What about your spouse? Don't assume that what you like is what your beloved would like. Ask.*

### PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

St. Louise De Marillac Parish, 320 McMurray Road, Upper St. Clair, PA will be offering a Pre-Cana Course. Classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning **February 13 through March 12 at 7 PM.** Course fee per couple is \$75.00. For more information or to register, please call 412-833-1010.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL RETREATS

In March the Diocese of Pittsburgh is sponsoring over night weekend retreats for Middle School (grades 7-8) and High School (grades 9-12) students at Gilmary Center. The retreats will be conducted by NET (National Evangelization Team) Ministries, an organization led by college age students who take a year off to travel the country and work with teens to help them know God. The weekend promises to be a life-changing event for all, including a lot of fun, faith and time to come closer to God. Middle School retreat is **March 3-4** and High School is **March 9-11.** Space is limited. Contact 412-456-3140 for more information or to reserve your space.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

*Fr. Lou Vallone*

(By request, this is a repeat of last year's Corner. Since the Steelers aren't in it, we can console ourselves with reading about it.)

Special vesture; dedicated songs; ritualized actions; communal celebration; universal gathering of all ages, races, classes, genders; commitments of loyalty; good vs. evil; litany of heroes and invocation of ancestors; distinctive space: all of these are elements of liturgy and the practice of religion. But this Sabbath day they do not apply to any denomination or deity. Rather, they are all applicable terms for a unique occurrence called "Super Bowl Sunday", which is this today.

Every year, our society "goes over the top" in its observance of the American Football Championship Game known as the Super Bowl. We have been doing this for over four decades, forty-five years. And it gets bigger and bigger as time goes on. Consider the price of a ticket (face value, not scalpers' prices): Super Bowl I - \$6 to \$12; Super Bowl XIV - \$1000 - \$3200; TV audience - from 20 million to 850 million; price of 30 seconds of commercial time - \$60,000 to \$3 million. (As a special interest this year, one beer company has bought a series of one (1) second ads for the Super Bowl. Since commercials are the most fun, I can't wait to see what they can do in one second. I may take notes for my homilies.) In less than one generation, this sports fest has exploded from a mere logical end of the season endeavor to an event that consumes the time and energy and interest of an entire culture.

The parallels with religion are not accidental. It is a national liturgy, a worship experience that involves values and actions that cannot be explained by reason alone, but rather must be interpreted "through the eyes of faith". It is emotion, feelings, that undergird the Super Bowl phenomenon, not logic and rationality.

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Everything from point spreads to the scramble for tickets are driven by the heart, not the head. In all aspects, it has become a national mystical experience instead of a recreational diversion.

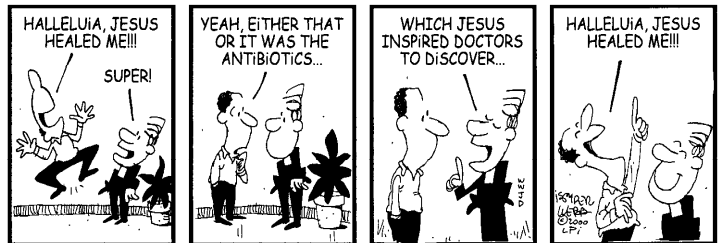
One might think that I, as a person of the cloth, would decry such fervor as blasphemy. But on the contrary, I look to the very roots of our Christian faith, St. Paul's writings specifically, to place this process in context. Paul himself often used metaphors from the world of sports to help explain the theology and spirituality of his gospel message. He made concrete and real to his listeners what sort of response to the Lord he hoped for in their lives by drawing analogies to what they were familiar with in their secular pursuits. What we feel about sports is not in contradistinction to what we feel about faith, but rather can be assimilated even as a parable.

Some reading this may think this essay is a veiled rationalization for the fact that I myself am a rabid fan who sits entranced before the boob tube, or in my bleacher seats hollering and screaming for my beloved Steelers—a defense to justify my "fandom for football".

OK, I'll buy that!



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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.*

*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.*