

## 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

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> .....	4:30 PM Church - (St. Mary)
<b>Sunday</b> .....	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

## Staff

Mr. John Fatula, *Director of Religious Ed.*  
 Ms. Elna Johnson, *Director of Music*  
 Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, *Director of Finances*  
 Sister Theresa Kunzler, C.S.J., *Social Ministry*  
 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*





**EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
MASS INTENTIONS**

*Sat, Feb. 26 to Sun, March 6, 2011*

**Saturday Vigil, Feb. 26:** 4:30 PM Church  
Elizabeth Leja (Tom & Cathy Geibel & Family)

**Sunday, Feb. 27:** 7:30 AM Church  
*Parish Family of Saint John of God*

**Sunday, Feb. 27:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Anniv - Lucille Renschler (E. Bruno)

**Sunday, Feb. 27:** 11:30 AM Church  
Albert Gerger (John & Betty McDermott)

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

**Monday, Feb. 28:** Anniv - Olga Crivelli (Children)

**Tuesday, March 1:** Mary Cook (Hartford, CN) - (Hohl Family)

**Wednesday, March 2:** John & Carmella Rippole (Cootsie & Paul Ehle)

**Thursday, March 3:** Evelyn D'Orazio (Carmella & Francis Magnelli)

**Friday, March 4:** Anniv - Honey Gerger (Isabelle Pfinstl)

**Saturday Vigil, March 5:** 4:30 PM Church  
Mildred Hoffman (Son, William)

**Sunday, March 6:** 7:30 AM Church  
Mary Mell (SJG Ushers)

**Sunday, March 6:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Deceased of Tedesco Family (Family)

**Sunday, March 6:** 11:30 AM Church  
Vivian Herbst Mochnick w/Michael E. Herbst remembered  
(Elaine Herbst Family)

**Readings for the Week of February 27, 2011**

*Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34*  
*Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27*  
*Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31*  
*Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45*  
*Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52*  
*Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26*  
*Saturday: Sir 51:12c-20/Mk 11:27-33*  
*Next Sunday: Dt 11:18-32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27*

**Parish Office Hours:**

**9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday thru Friday)**

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Next Wednesday, March 9, is Ash Wednesday. Following is the schedule for this day in our parish of St. John of God:

9:30 AM, Church: Mass with Ashes  
12:15 PM, Church: Service with Ashes  
6:30 PM, Church: Mass with Ashes



Homebound relatives can receive ashes from family members who have participated in one of the Masses or Service during the day.

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

Following the 6:30 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday in the Church at St. Mary's, there will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to come and participate in the governance of St. John of God Parish.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in St. John of God Parish every Friday during Lent (beginning March 11) at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Church.

**LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION**

The Ladies of Charity of St. John of God Parish invite everyone to a **Lenten Evening of Reflection** on Thursday, March 17, at 7 PM conducted by Fr. Joe Markalonis in the "Gathering Place". In order to have the proper amount of materials needed, please R.S.V.P. if you are coming to Sr. Theresa at the parish office, 412-771-5646 or Joann Lex at 412-331-5043.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR  
NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The Baptismal Program will be held next Sunday, **March 6**, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. To register or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Colin Alexander Rogers, Noah George Schumann and Vincenzo Anthony Urbano*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Young people are invited to two upcoming retreats. High school teens (grades 9-12) are invited to attend on March 25-27 and middle school youth (grades 7-8) are invited on April 2-3. Both retreats will be held at Gilmory Center. Cost per person is \$95.00 for high school and \$80.00 for middle school and includes overnight accommodations and all meals. For more information, please contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or [sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

There will be a Protecting God's Children workshop here at Saint John of God Parish on Sunday, March 27 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the MOS Social Hall. This is one of the five items required for all volunteers under the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. To register, contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8525 or [sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE**

**Feb. 19 / 20**

Saturday .....	315
Sunday.....	776
Total Weekend Attendance .....	1,091

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS  
For the Weekend of Feb. 19 / 20**

Regular Offertory Collection .....\$ 5,534.00

(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 2011 .....	\$ ????????
PSP Collected as of 12/1/10 .....	\$ 18,649.50
Remaining of 2010 Goal .....	\$ ????????

We have not yet received our assessment for 2011, but all contributions to Parish Share as of Dec. 1 will be allocated to our assessment for 2011. 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

**BIBLE STUDY**



All are welcome to a Bible Study, led by John Fatula, this Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. For more information, please call

John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

**PIZZA KITCHEN NEWS**

**Volunteers Needed  
No Experience Necessary**

We need help with assembling pepperoni and sausage rolls on Friday mornings, dressing the pizzas or any other area as needed. We also could use some help in folding boxes on Thursday mornings. Thanks in advance.

**THEY ARE BACK!!!**

We are selling Paczki the FRIDAY BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY. The kinds of Paczki available will be Apricot, Levkar and Plain. The preparation date will be Thursday, March 3, starting around 11 AM. We will need help shaping, frying and filling the doughnuts. We already had a generous parishioner donate the apricot and lekvar fillings. Orders can be placed by phone on the day of the sale, FRIDAY, MARCH 4 by calling 412-331-8530. Paczki will be \$8.00 a dozen and \$4.00 for a half dozen.

**LENTEN SPECIALS**

Beginning Friday, March 11, the Pizza Kitchen will be selling ready-to-eat Haluski. We will also be selling fresh made Ricotta Gnocchi (quick frozen). Orders can be place by phone (412-331-8530) starting March 11 through April 15 for that particular Friday. We are placing a limit of two 2 lb. bags per week due to the high demand of this delicious dish. Amount available for sale will be based on the amount made for that particular Friday.

**HELP MAKE GNOCCHI**

Gnocchi will be made on the following MONDAY EVENINGS: March 7, 14 and 21 starting at 6:00 PM. Gnocchi will also be made on the following THURSDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON: March 17, 31 and April 7 starting at 11:00 AM.



If you would like to help us with this endeavor or have any questions, please call Rose Dombrowski at 412-771-7438. Thank you and God bless you for your help in continuing this great tradition of fund raising for our parish.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27**

**MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF JOYCE JULIAN BY FAMILY

**ST. MARY'S** - IN MEMORY OF EDIE KETCHEL BY FAMILY

### STEEPLE CHASE KICK-OFF RAFFLE SPONSORS

Saint John of God Steeple Chase Drive would like to extend a special **THANKS** to our Kick-Off Raffle Sponsors:

Anthony M. Musmanno Funeral Home  
Donald S. Dazen DMD  
EyeGotcha - Dr. Claudia J. Wendel  
Joyce's Homemade Cookies  
Kennedy School of Driving  
Margie's Place  
Schneider's Auto Repair & Radiator Service  
Theresa's Italian Bakery  
Saint John of God Parishioners who donated  
scratch off tickets

***(It is not too late if you still want to donate any  
scratch offs)***

Thank you to all who bought and help sell the tickets. The date of the raffle is March 8, Feast of Saint John of God and if you still want to purchase the few raffle tickets we have remaining, they are on sale at each of the Masses, at the Parish Office, Bingo and Pizza Kitchen, or call Terry @ 412-331-3443 or Charlotte @ 412-331-2453. Thank you for your continued support.

### 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.*

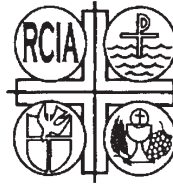
### SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Family of Maureen Flaherty, Josephine Johnston, Elizabeth Kikel and Clara Piwowar (aunt of Christine Tempalski) whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers. *"Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."*

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Ten couples just completed their Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Come experience the joy they found April 8-10 at the Toftrees resort in State College, PA. Call 412-635-7775 to apply or visit the web at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Facebook: WWME SW PA.

### RITE OF SENDING



On Sunday, March 13, at the 9:30 AM Liturgy, our candidates preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church will celebrate the Rite of Sending. In this rite, their sponsors and formation team speak on their behalf regarding their preparation, and the community sends them forth with blessings to the Rite of Election with Bishop David Zubik at St. Paul Cathedral at 3 PM. Please keep James Martin and Tonette Pucci in your prayers as they celebrate these rites and enter the Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Feb. 28 (Mon.)-** Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

**March 1 (Tues.) -** St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's.

**March 2 (Wed.) - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin at 7:15 PM.

**March 2 (Wed.) -** Cub Scout Mtg, 6-7:30 PM, *Gathering Place* - Call Jeff Kotek, 412-855-1933, for information.

**March 4 (Fri.) -** Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

**March 4 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN AND IT'S FALAGONE FRIDAY!** To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM – 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

### THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

The Peace and Justice Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph will show *The Power of Forgiveness*—a film that explores the important work of forgiveness and the struggle that people of all faiths have in honoring it—on Friday, March 11. Sister Jeanette Bussen will guide discussion and reflection on the film at both an afternoon (12:30-2 PM) and an evening (7-8 PM) showing. To register, call 724-869-6587.

### LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER

St. Joseph Spirituality Center in Baden, PA will sponsor a *Lenten Day of Prayer* on Tuesday, March 15 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. This time of reflection, presented by Sister Donna Marie Tahaney, is an opportunity for brief presentations, quiet reflection and prayer together. A fee of \$20 includes lunch. To register, call 724-869-6587.

**STO-ROX GIRLS SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS**

Sunday, Feb. 27, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the V.F.W. on Chartiers Avenue (rear door) ~ Ages 6-18 ~ \$70.00 per girl and \$10 for each sister. Visit the web at [www.leaguelineup.com/srsoftball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/srsoftball) for more info.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

All church personnel (including volunteers in various ministry roles) who have contact with minors are reminded that they are required by the Diocese to complete the following five items: Application in the Diocesan Database, State Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse History Clearance, Code of Pastoral Conduct and Protecting God's Children Workshop. Links to these items can be found on our website: [www.sjogparish.com](http://www.sjogparish.com) (click on "Safe Environment Page" in the left side menu). If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Steve Swank, SJG Safe Environment Coordinator, at 412-331-8525 or [sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com). THANK YOU for your tireless dedication to our parish and for helping to ensure that it is a safe environment for our children!

**HELP FOR GRIEVING SINGLES**

Widowed, divorced or separated? Beginning Experience offers help to hurting "single again" folks. The weekend and optional post weekend sessions focus on a personal inward journey to begin a new life with renewed courage and hope. Grief, regrets, confusion, self doubt? You don't have to go through this alone. There are others walking this hard road. We know the pain. Come to a safe place.

The next weekend will be held March 25-27 at the Gilmory Center in Moon Twp. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, visit [www.BeginningExperience.org](http://www.BeginningExperience.org) or make a confidential call to Steve Smith at 412-367-4948 or 412-720-8694.

**PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWS**

The March 4 issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* will be mailed to every registered household in the Diocese. No bulk copies of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* will be available in the Church or Chapel next weekend, March 5/6.

*Saint John of God, pray for us.*

**ST. MALACHY SCHOOL  
FIRST CALENDAR PARTY**

On Saturday, April 9, St. Malachy School will be hosting their first Calendar Party. We are looking for volunteers to host a table or provide a gift basket for the Chinese Auction table.

The hostess/co-host is responsible for showcasing the items to be raffled from her table and to have a party favor for her guests. Each table will seat 8 to 10 persons. The hostess may also provide an appetizer of their choice which compliments their theme. We already have a Red, White and Blue Table; Lottery Table, South of the Border Table, Cinco de Mayo Table, Fall Harvest Table and a Spring Garden Table.

We know there are many of you that can "outdo" Martha Stewart and Sandra Lee, so if you are interested, please call Rose Dombrowski at 412-771-7438.

**ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS  
SCHOOL FINANCIAL FORMS**

**For St. John of God Parishioners:** When you are submitting a school financial aid form for Fr. Lou's signature, either at St. John of God Parish Office or St. Malachy School Office, please have the form filled out completely, required processing fee check enclosed and postage attached to the envelope. After the form is signed, it be mailed for you.

**THE SNAP PROGRAM  
(Stop, Now and Plan)**

**(Free Program offered by Holy Family Institute)**

**19 May Avenue, McKees Rocks  
3RD ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY EVENT  
Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

**4 PM to 7 PM**

**Space is limited so RSVP now**

**412-331-2684**

***Dinner will be provided***

The SNAP staff will be available to give tours, and answer questions and give updates on how this service is doing. This is a great time to talk about how the SNAP (Stop, Now and Plan) Program can work with you to help your 6-11 year old child, student or client. SNAP is designed for children ages 6-11 who are having behavioral difficulties at home, school and/or in the community.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**  
*Fr. Lou Vallone*

February is kind of a characterless month. Not only is it spelled strangely, but it has other elements that make it less than appealing. Coming in the throws of winter, it is often the most blustery of months. The post-holiday blahs are usually present, not to mention the post-holiday bills. It is the shortest month of the year, which most of us figure is just as well, because we would as soon get it over with. Emotionally, it seems like it is just there to fill a gap in the calendar.

But the month does have some things to recommend it to our attention: it is not totally devoid of interest. In terms of holidays, it of course does not compete with the glamour of the Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's marathon, but there is: Groundhog Day (this year he did NOT see his shadow, and we were immediately hit with more cold and snow storms—the legend lives on!); Presidents' Day; Valentine's Day. In the Church, we get our throats blessed on the feast of St. Blase and honor married couples on World Marriage Day. Sometimes Ash Wednesday is in February.

In America, the whole month is designated as Black History Month, in which we catch up on some of the gaps left in our knowledge of the contributions to our common heritage of our African brothers and sisters. (Trivia: can you name the three African Popes? This is a repeat quiz.) It is also Catholic Press Month, which you are honoring by reading this bulletin, and the Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper which we distribute weekly for free, and any other publications that promote our faith.

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Of course, no time that God gives us is ever a waste or a mere fill in. Every moment is precious that we receive, no matter how bad the weather or how colorless the secular atmosphere or how much drudgery it seems to take to get through the rigors of daily life. As February draws to its dreary close, we must always remember:

"This is the day the Lord has made,  
 let us rejoice and be glad in it."



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN**

Don't miss the 5th Annual Diocesan wide Gathering of Catholic Men on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the AJ Palumbo Center. It is a day of prayer, fellowship, worship and inspiration. For more information, please contact John Taormina at 412-475-0306 or visit the web at [www.cmfpitt.org](http://www.cmfpitt.org).

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline**

**1-800-808-1235**

*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.*