

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

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*



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****MASS INTENTIONS****Sat, March 12 to Sun, March 20, 2011**

- Saturday Vigil, March 12:** 4:30 PM Church
Anthony DeAngelis (Wife, Mary)
- Sunday, March 13:** 7:30 AM Church
Gizella & Frank Gerger (Lil, Gizelle & Peg)
- Sunday, March 13:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Parish Family of Saint John of God
- Sunday, March 13:** 11:30 AM Church
Anniv - Virginia Rakowsky (Lee Cehelsky)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, March 14:** Nellie Sabol (Bea Stempkowski)
- Tuesday, March 15:** Anthony Zianni (Flora Bryan)
- Tuesday, March 15: 6:30 PM, Chapel:** Novena Prayers to St. Anthony (week 1)
- Wednesday, March 16:** Elvira Angelilli (Paul & Rose Cercone)
- Thursday, March 17:** Anniv - Joseph Bridickas (Family)
- Friday, March 18:** Anniv - Helen Valicenti (Mary Sesti, Sue & Glenn Spohn)
- Friday, March 18, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM Church**

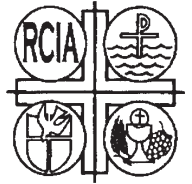
- Saturday Vigil, March 19:** 4:30 PM Church
In Honor of Saint Joseph (Charlotte)
- Sunday, March 20:** 7:30 AM Church
James A. Vlasach (Family)
- Sunday, March 20:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Gus Faramelli (Ida & Family)
- Sunday, March 20:** 11:30 AM Church
Anniv - Brad Pucci (Wife & Children)

Readings for the Week of March 13, 2011

- Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 /Mt 4:1-11
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-16/Rom 4:13-22/Mt 1:16-24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon**RITE OF SENDING**

This Sunday, March 13, at the 9:30 AM Liturgy, our catechumen and 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, Tonette Pucci and Jessica Mayowski in your prayers as they celebrate these rites and enter the Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

**PLEASE REMOVE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

On Tuesday, March 22, our cemetery workers will be removing Christmas decorations from the graves at St. Mark and St. Mary Cemeteries to get ready for Easter and the Spring season. Decorations not removed by this date will be taken off by the workers and then discarded shortly after.

BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to a Bible Study, led by John Fatula, this Tuesday, March 15, immediately following the 6:30 PM St. Anthony Novena Prayers in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

The Ladies of Charity of St. John of God Parish invite everyone to a **Lenten Evening of Reflection** this 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.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

We will begin the 13-week novena to St. Anthony this Tuesday, March 15, 2011. The novena prayers will be recited after the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church and at 6:30 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. All are welcome.

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

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.

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.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
March 5 / 6**

Saturday	315
Sunday	440
Total Weekend Attendance	755

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of March 5 / 6**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 6,102.00

(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	\$ 25,050.50
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

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MARCH 13

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF WILFRED "BOB" ROUSSEY BY WIFE AND FAMILY

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF MARIE MCNABB BY LORI AND JIM ROSENWALD

Saint John of God, pray for us.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are celebrated in St. John of God Parish every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

March 14 (Mon.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 1:45 PM

March 14 (Mon.)- Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

March 15 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church and at 6:30 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel (week 1).

March 16 - 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 16 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Mtg, 6-7:30 PM, *Gathering Place* - Call Jeff Kotek, 412-855-1933, for information.

March 18 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

March 18 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN! To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM – 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

TRIP TO AUSTRIA

In the early part of the 20th century, Austrians and Germans populated St. Mary's Parish, now a part of St. John of God. For those of you who are Austrian by descent or Austrian of heart, the Austrian American Cultural Society is planning a trip to Austria for September 17 to 27, 2011. The trip will include stays in Vienna and Salzburg, as well as the province of Burgenland, the origin of many Austrians who emigrated to the USA. It will include the Cathedral of St. Stephan in Vienna, the Silent Night chapel, the shrine of Mariazell, among other places and an opportunity for family tree research for those who wish. Cost: about \$3500.00, including transportation (from Pittsburgh), hotels, all breakfasts, 4 dinners and most tours. Contact: Sister Mary Traupman (mtraupman@verizon.net or 412-391-7445) or Pat Super Moskun (724-556-9826) or Charlotte Schuch Ardinger (412-264-7726).

NIGHT AT THE RACES

A meeting to help plan a Night at the Races in St. John of God Parish will be held on Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place. Everyone who is interested in helping with this event is most welcome. For more information, please call Kelly Hall at 412-331-4702.



INVITATION TO SENIORS 55 AND OLDER

The AARP Chapter #2203 would like to invite seniors 55 and over to come and join their group. They meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Kennedy Fire House next to the Pink building in Kennedy township. The meeting starts at 12 PM. You can come in at 11:30 AM. The agenda includes a short meeting, refreshments, sometimes entertainment and then if you wish you can stay for bingo. For more information, please call John Friel at 412-771-5183. Come enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: *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 Mary Catherine Drobish and Rita Mortell whom God has called. Please remember her and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers. *"They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."*

**ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
STEEPLE CHASE DRIVE****CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
KICK-OFF RAFFLE WINNERS!**

1st Winner receives \$200 of Pennsylvania Lottery Scratch-Off Tickets based on the official 3-digit PA State **Mid-Day Lottery Drawing** on March 8, 2011

#733 Tim & Peg Fedio

2nd Winner receives \$300 of Pennsylvania Lottery Scratch-Off Tickets based on the official 3-digit PA State 7 P.M. Lottery Drawing on March 8, 2011

#214 Myra McMillen



We would like to extend a special **THANKS** to our Kick Off Raffle Sponsors:

*Thank
You*

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

**Thank you to all who bought and help sell the
tickets!**

PIZZA KITCHEN NEWS**LENTEN SPECIALS**

During Lent the Pizza Kitchen will be selling ready-to-eat Haluski as well as fresh made Ricotta Gnocchi (quick frozen). Orders can be placed by phone (412-331-8530) 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
(No Experience Necessary)**

Gnocchi will be made on the following **MONDAY EVENINGS**: March 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.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW
AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The next Baptismal Program will be held on Sunday, April 10, 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

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our local Meals on Wheels is in dire need of runners and drivers. Whether you have only a few hours one or two days or can volunteer every day, your assistance is greatly needed. For more information, please call Connie at Meals on Wheels mornings at 412-771-4304.

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN

Don't miss the 6th Annual Diocesan wide Gathering of Catholic Men on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the AJ Palumbo Center at Duquesne University. It is a day of prayer, fellowship, worship and inspiration. The theme of the 2011 Gathering, "Fight the Good Fight," is intended to inspire men to build virtue and conquer temptation. For more information, please contact John Taormina at 412-475-0306 or visit the web at www.cmfpitt.org.



GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

As you plan your giving for 2011 consider that there are ways to make revocable or irrevocable planned and deferred gifts to the parish in addition to outright cash. Here are some options to consider.

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IRA Rollover Available for Use in 2011

Individuals over 70 ½ years of age may once again make direct distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to charities, parishes, schools, etc. of up to \$100,000 per year. Please instruct your IRA custodian (broker, bank, etc.) to transfer funds directly to your parish as a gift. There is no taxation on funds withdrawn from your IRA for this purpose. You may include your minimum distribution (or any amount up to \$100,000) by making your IRA donation by December 31, 2011.

Making a Provision in Your Will

When you make a bequest (provision) in your will for your parish, please have your attorney word the provision this way, "I give, devise and bequeath to (insert the name and address of your parish or school), a charitable organization, the sum of \$____; or ____% of my estate; or ____% of the residue of my estate; or the following property (describe home, real estate, bonds, accounts, insurance policy, etc.) to be used for its general purposes (or indicate specific purpose(s) or restricted use). For a free brochure entitled "How to Make a Will that Works," call Paul Stabile at 412-456-3055.

Transfer a Gift of Stock to Your Parish

Call 412-456-3055 to facilitate a transfer of stock. You will be asked if your gift is being restricted for a certain use such as a building fund, scholarships, parish share or is unrestricted for the parish's greatest need.

Establish a Named Endowment Fund

Your current donation or a future gift through your will can establish a named fund in the Diocesan Foundation or Common Fund Trust that will benefit your parish forever.

Gifts of Life Insurance

You may take out a life insurance policy making the parish the beneficiary. If the parish is to receive 100% of the policy, you may claim the annual premium each year as an income tax deduction. Paid up policies may be cashed in

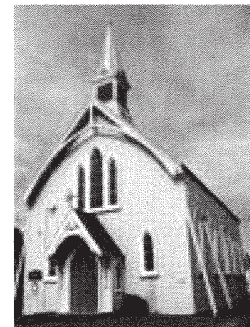
and the proceeds donated. See your insurance professional to discuss.

Gift Annuities – Donate as you Invest

Charitable Gift Annuities provide for your own and your family's financial future with a dependable, secure, and unchanging life income as you provide income for your parish with the remainder of the annuity.

The chart below indicates the approximate annuity payment based on a single life:

Age	Rate
90	9.5%
85	8.1%
83	7.7%
80	7.2%
79	7.0%
75	6.4%
73	6.1%
70	5.8%
68	5.7%
65	5.5%
60	5.2%



With a gift of \$50,000, a person 75 years old will receive an annual payment of \$3,200 (6.4%), of which \$2,275 is tax free, and receive an immediate income tax deduction of \$21,561. Distributions may be direct-deposited on a monthly or quarterly basis to your account. The minimum amount required to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity is \$5,000. For a two-life annuity, the minimum is \$10,000. The average gift annuity is \$40,000.

A Gift of a Retirement Plan Remainder

Retirement plan remainders (IRA, 403B, 401K, etc.) left to your heirs may be subject to both income and estate taxation after your life. If you leave that remainder to your parish or other charity, it will be completely tax free. This doesn't need to be stated in your will. You must designate it by completing a form with your retirement plan custodian, (bank, financial planner, insurance company, etc).

Please remember your parish as you plan your estate. Please consult your own attorney or tax advisor for more specific advice. For information on any gift option please contact Paul Stabile, Director of Planned Giving, Office for Stewardship and Development at 412-456-3055.



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"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

—1 Corinthians 9:10-11

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

(For those at St. John of God, this is a repeat by request of a Pastor's Corner from my first Lent here 5 years ago. For St. Catherine people, it is new. The usual minutes from the Town Hall Meetings have to wait since neither had been held yet when I had to send this corner into the printing company.)

I have a hole in the bottom of my shoe. It is a pair of all leather slip-ons (loafers?) with neat little tassels on the top. (I have not owned lace-up shoes since eighth grade: I'm too lazy to bend down to tie them!) These are a very expensive brand of shoes, Bostonians, that cost \$75 (actually, I paid \$30 for them on a close-out sale; I have never paid retail for anything in my life, considering such a thing tantamount to mortal sin.) What galls me is that the tops are not even broken in yet!

When I was a kid, shoes had a definite life cycle. Around Christmas or Easter, Mommy and Daddy would buy the kids' "new" shoes. These were for dress up only, mainly Sunday Church. When the next major holiday came around, these would be replaced, and the former "new" shoes became the "good" shoes, worn basically for school. After they had become worn and scuffed - and when the latest purchase had been received - this pair was now degraded to "play" shoes. And the cycle would continue: new to good to play. The play shoes would last until you totally outgrew them, or they literally fell apart on your feet. This was because it was not until the final stage that the things were at last broken in, at last comfortable. How I would hate to throw them away, because it was not until they were in terminally fatal condition that they felt good, that I did not mind wearing them.

The tops of these tasseled Bostonians are still in the "new" stage as far as I am concerned - I still need a shoe horn to get them on, they are still stiff and shiny, they are still uncomfortable - and there is a hole in them! An outrage!

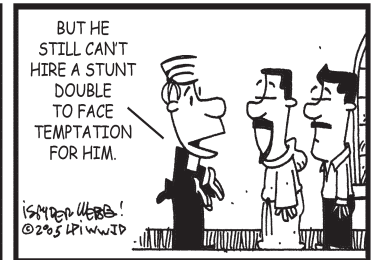
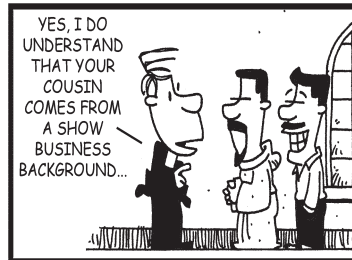
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I could (and probably will) have them resoled (which will no doubt cost about as much as a new pair on sale) but it seems out of joint, unnatural, to repair something that has been worn out before being properly worn in, a contradiction that violates my sensitivities.

On the other hand, Lent has barely begun, still in the shiny "new" and uncomfortable stage, and my resolutions of penance are yet stiff, but the way I live my life is even now showing signs of holes. In the past week, I have caught myself losing my patience and temper and have reacted to some things with apathy and laziness. My penchant for procrastination has not improved at all. (This article was to be given to the secretary early Tuesday morning, in daylight. It is now the dark of night as I sit in the office at the computer, and the secretary has already abandoned me long ago, having completed her work in a timely manner and gone home!)

I guess I cannot in justice be so upset with my shoes, since I seem to need recycling worse than they do!

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



**CATHOLIC VISION OF LOVE
 PARENT MEETING**

A parent meeting for Catholic Vision of Love will be held on Sunday, March 20 after the 9:30 AM Mass to 11:15 AM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. All parents of students in grades 5-8 are required to attend this meeting. For any questions, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

**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.