

## 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.

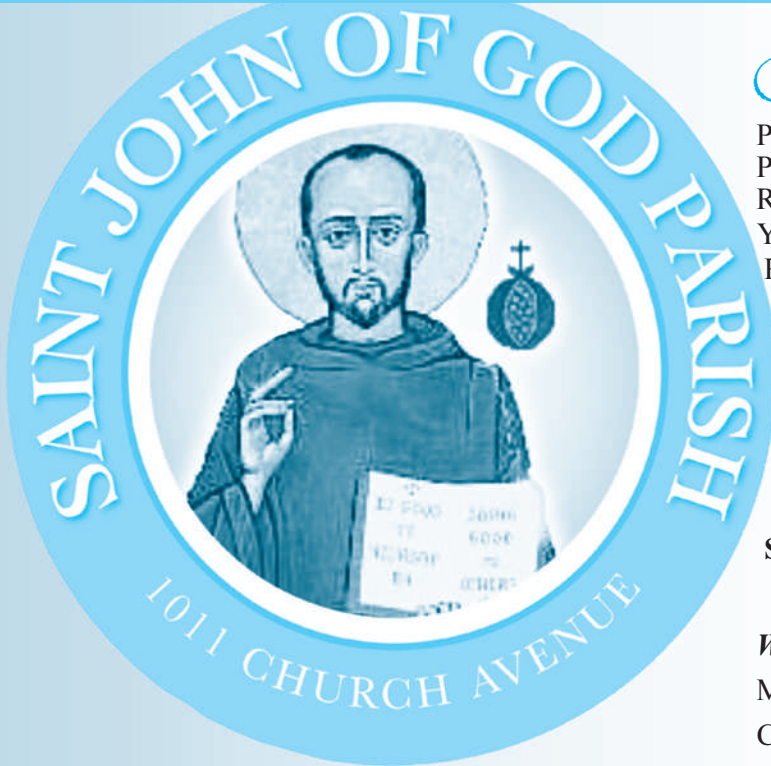
**Reconciliation (Confession):** 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM (Church) and following the 4:30 PM Mass (Church) and by appointment.

**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*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT****MASS INTENTIONS****Sat, April 2 to Sun, April 10, 2011**

<b>Saturday Vigil, April 2:</b> Joseph Orlich (Wife, Steffie & Family)	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, April 3:</b> Kevin Krauth (Father, Jerry)	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, April 3:</b> Anniv - Antoinetta Mazzotta & Deceased Family Members (Casimiro Mazzotta)	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday, April 3:</b> Marco DiCesarespada (Family)	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>

**WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH**

<b>Monday, April 4:</b> Parish Family of Saint John of God
<b>Tuesday, April 5:</b> Evelyn D'Orazio (Jane Bubenheim)
<b>Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 PM, Chapel:</b> Novena Prayers to St. Anthony (week 4)
<b>Wednesday, April 6:</b> Anniv - Vincent Hall (Family)
<b>Thursday, April 7:</b> John & Cecilia Ellek (Son, John)
<b>Friday, April 8:</b> Elizabeth Kikel (Cecilia, Susan, Elizabeth, Sara & Larry)
<b>Friday, April 8, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM Church</b>
<b>Saturday, April 9, 1:00 PM:</b> <i>Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery Chapel</i> celebrated for our beloved dead and those buried at our cemeteries.

<b>Saturday Vigil, April 9:</b> Anniv - John "Boo-Boo" King, Philip & Rose Crivelli Family & Nick Martin Family (Lydia King)	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, April 10:</b> Skip Amity (Mom, Dad & Tracey)	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, April 10:</b> Anniv - Patsy Aluise (Family)	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday, April 10:</b> Bridgett McDermott (Mother & Family)	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>

**Readings for the Week of April 3, 2011**

<i>Sunday:</i>	<i>1 Sm 16:1b, 6-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41</i>
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53</i>
<i>Next Sunday:</i>	<i>Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45</i>

**LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

St. John of God Parish will celebrate a Lenten Communal Penance Service next Monday, April 11, at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Church. The evening will provide time for reflection, prayer, and the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. All adults and students are encouraged to participate as we prepare ourselves spiritually for the Easter Triduum and the celebration of Easter Sunday, the most holy days of our Catholic Christian Faith.

Times to receive the Sacrament of Penance before Easter are our normal times on Saturday, April 9 and April 16, from 3:30 to 4:15 PM and 5:30 PM in St. Mary's Church and Monday, April 11 at the Communal Penance Service. **There will be no Confessions heard during Holy Week or on Holy Saturday.**

The most opportune time to go to Confession before Easter is at the Lenten Communal Penance Service on Monday, April 11, 2010.

**RCIA RETREAT**

An R.C.I.A. Retreat will take place on Palm Sunday, April 17, from 1:30 to 4:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. Please keep our Candidates in your prayers as they prepare for full initiation into the Catholic faith. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

**FIRST COMMUNION NEWS**

A Parent/Child Meeting for First Communion will be held this Sunday, April 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

**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. Join us as we walk with Christ on His journey to Calvary.

**Special Note** - The Sunday School Eighth Grade Class will host the Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Church on Friday, April 8.

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

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

The Diocesan celebration of Hosanna is scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 17, from 1:00 to 6:30 PM at Duquesne University's Palumbo Center. All teens in grades 8-12 are invited. Hosanna features nationally known speakers and musicians along with Mass celebrated by Bishop Zubik. Cost is \$15 per person before March 31, and \$20 thereafter. For more information, please contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or [sigyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sigyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE  
March 26 / 27**

Saturday .....	323
Sunday .....	632
Total Weekend Attendance .....	955

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS  
For the Weekend of March 26 / 27**

Regular Offertory Collection .....\$ 3,083.93

(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 ..... \$ 83,500.00  
 PSP Collected To Date ..... \$ 33,386.00  
 Remaining on 2011 Goal ..... \$ 50,114.00

(This is the tax paid to the Diocese. We must remit this entire amount to the Diocese by December 31. Any surplus then remains in the parish, tax free.)

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Japan Disaster Relief.....\$3,782.47

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

**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

The 13-week novena to St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, April 5 (week 4). 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.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW  
AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The Baptismal Program will be held next 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

*Saint John of God, pray for us.*



**ORDINATION MASS**

We have received from the Diocese two tickets for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Waltersheid and the start of his ministry as our Auxiliary Bishop.

The Ordination Mass will be celebrated on Easter Monday, April 25, at Saint Paul Cathedral beginning at 2:00 PM and attendees are asked to be present and seated by 1:40 PM.

If two parishioners from our parish family would like to represent Saint John of God at this important event, please call the parish office at 412-771-5646. The tickets will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis and does not include parking.

**BLESSING OF BIKES**

On Palm Sunday, April 17, immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's, we will have the annual Blessing of Bikes sponsored by the Mon Valley HOG (Home Owners Group). After the blessing, we will go on a short run, weather permitting. If anyone has a motorcycle bike (preferably) or any bike and would like to be a part of the blessing, you are most welcome.

**HOSPITAL**

Please remember in your prayers all parishioners who are in the hospital. *Also for those ill at home, in nursing homes and shut-ins; that they may continue to receive the Lord's Blessings.*

**SYMPATHY**

Please remember all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers. *"May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

**SEVEN CHURCH VISITATION**

Following our Parish's celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 PM on Holy Thursday, April 21, we will once again have a bus going on the traditional Seven Church Visitation. Everyone is invited to participate in this beautiful old custom of visiting seven churches as prayerful pilgrims. The bus will leave from St. Mary's parking lot following the Mass and return approximately at 11:30 PM to St. Mary's. The Church will remain open until 12 Midnight. If you are interested in going, there are sign-up sheets in St. Mary's Church and Mother of Sorrows Chapel.

Note:

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to be present at the 6:30 PM Mass on Holy Thursday.

**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON**

Athletes of Action is hosting the 2nd annual Memorial Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, April 16, from Noon to 2 PM at the Kennedy Twp. Firemen's Banquet Hall, Pine Hollow Rd.

Athletes of Action is a McKees Rocks based non-profit organization that honors current & deceased athletes and coaches from our area, promotes Christian values, raises scholarship money for worthy student athletes, and fosters community building and networking.

This year's program features keynote speaker, Jim O'Brien, Pittsburgh Sports Historian and Author, with several other guest speakers and celebrities.

A catered buffet luncheon menu includes: baked stuffed chicken breast w/gravy, Italian hot sausage w/pepper & onions, baked lasagna w/meat sauce, tossed salad, squash and zucchini casserole, twice baked stuffed potatoes, rolls, butter, bottled water, coffee, tea & dessert. There will also be four exciting raffle available. For ticket information, please call Bob Zitelli, 412-771-8937 or email [razit@hotmail.com](mailto:razit@hotmail.com). Deadline for tickets is Sunday, April 10. All proceeds benefit Athletes of Action Scholarship Fund.

**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.

**LENTEN SPECIALS**

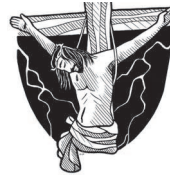
The Pizza Kitchen is selling ready-to-eat Haluski at \$2.00 for a small container and \$4.00 for a large container. We are also selling fresh made Ricotta Gnocchi (quick frozen). Orders can be placed by phone through April 15th for that particular dish. The price for the Gnocchi is \$7.00 for a 2 lb. bag. Amount available for sale will be based on the amount prepared for that particular Friday.

**Gnocchi Preparation** - Gnocchi will be made this **MONDAY EVENING, April 4**, starting at 5:30 PM (You'll be home in time for Dancing with the Stars.) Gnocchi will not be made on Thursdays.

**If you would like to help or have any questions**, please contact Rose Dombrowski at 412-771-7438. Thank you for your help in continuing this great tradition of fund raising for our Parish.

**PARISH SHARE**

Next weekend, April 9/10 the second collection will be for the Parish Share Program. There is a blue envelope in your packed to envelopes for this purpose. If you forget your envelope next weekend, you may bring it anytime that is convenient.

**"WHY MUST HE DIE?" - A Passion Play**

Mark your calendars to attend the Tri-County Choir Institute's musical passion play, **"Why Must He Die?"** here at St. John of God Parish at St. Mary Church on Good Friday, April 22 at 12 noon. Over the past 20 years it has been presented here and throughout the area in over 135 churches of all denominations. In celebration of our 20th year anniversary, we have assembled 20 alumni together with our 15 High School Students of the Teen Chorale for this presentation. They represent many professions as varied as music directors, nurses, teachers, sales and business managers, a professional photographer and a doctor. "Why Must He Die?" is a meditation through music, drama and liturgical dance on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a unique passion play written as a play within a play. Throughout the trial of Jesus by Pilate and the Accusers, the action is repeatedly frozen. The disciples and apostles are then seen reflecting on Jesus' life and reacting to what led to Jesus' impending death. They share their thoughts with the audience as if they too, hypothetically, have been allowed to observe Jesus' trial. The 35 member cast of Alumni and High School students will only be giving 5 performances. It is 1 hour and 20 minutes in length. For more information, please call the director and writer, Linda Wallace at 412-741-3463 or [lindaswallace@comcast.net](mailto:lindaswallace@comcast.net). Don't miss this very special presentation this year!

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF APRIL 3**

**ST. MARY'S** - IN MEMORY OF JOHN "BOO-BOO" KING BY DOMINIC AND JULIET SPINA

**MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF NICK VERINO AND ROSE MONTO A BY FAMILY

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**April 4 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

**April 5 (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 4).

**April 6 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** **BINGO**  
in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM  
Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin 7:15 PM.

**April 8 (Fri.)** - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

**April 8 (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.

**April 8 (Fri.)** - Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM, Church - Hosted this evening by Sunday School 8th grade class.

**GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN**

Don't miss the 6th Annual Diocesan wide Gathering of Catholic Men next 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.cmfitt.org](http://www.cmfitt.org).

**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, April 9/10. Thanks in advance.

**EASTER BREAD**

The Ladies of the Women's Guild (and their helpers) will be baking the traditional, delicious Easter Bread on Monday, **APRIL 11** and Tuesday, **APRIL 12**. Please fill out the order form below. You **MUST** pick up your order on the date indicated beginning at 4:00 PM. Order deadline is Friday, April 8.

**DONATIONS**

To help defray the cost of this project, monetary donations can be put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Easter Bread" or brought directly to the parish office. For more information, please call Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392.

**VOLUNTEERS**

If you can help out anytime during the two days, please call Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392 or the parish office. Don't forget, we make enough bread to share with the shut-ins of the parish to let them know they are always remembered in our daily prayers and are still an important part of St. John of God Parish. *If you are looking for a special Lenten service, helping with the Easter Bread would surely be something worthwhile.*

**EXPLORE!**

*Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a nun?*

The Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting an **EXPLORE!** gathering for eighth grade and high school girls who would like to learn more about the **life of a Sister**.

**EXPLORE!** will be held next Sunday, April 10, from 10 AM to 4 PM at St. Joseph Convent in Baden. The program will include Liturgy in the Motherhouse Chapel, brunch with the Sisters, a tour of the Motherhouse, sharing stories of the lives, ministries, prayer and community life of the Sisters, practical questions about the formation of a Sister, and time for questions and sharing. Parents and teachers are also welcome to visit the Convent on this day. There is no fee for this program. For more information or to register, contact Sister Marguerite Kropinak, CSJ, at 724-869-6585 or visit [www.stjoseph-baden.org](http://www.stjoseph-baden.org)

**LIVING STATIONS**

On Sunday, April 10 at 7:30 PM, the St. Joseph Parish Youth Ministry will once again present The Living Stations of the Cross in their Church located at 1301 Fifth Avenue in Coraopolis. Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information, please call Tony at 412-262-9252.

**ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR FEAST DAY**

Come celebrate with St. Benedict the Moor on the occasion of their feast day this Monday, April 4, at 6:30 PM at Centre Ave. & Crawford St. above Mellon Arena, for this special observance for the patron saint of African Americans and Black Missions, and for whom there is a large devotion in Latin America and Sicily.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's Gospel: "Go wash and see."

**EASTER BREAD ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Pick-up (check one) Beginning at 4:00 PM each day

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, April 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, April 12

How Many: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 lb. loaf - \$6.00 (*Only one size available*)

Drop order form in the collection basket at Mass or bring to parish office by Friday, April 8

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

In the old liturgical calendar, this Sunday was called "Laetare Sunday" - "Rejoice Sunday" - because it signaled that Lent was half over. If we have been faithful to our mortifications and sacrifices and penances, we have much to rejoice (and feel self-satisfied) about. If we have failed a bit, or feel a bit imposed upon, by what we have given up or taken on as our preparation for Easter, indulging in some self-pity, so to speak, perhaps this meditation that I have lifted from another parish bulletin may encourage us to stay the course of self-denial and self-discipline.

**IMAGINE HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES**

To translate your life into the daily experience of one billion human beings today:

Reduce your annual income to \$200 or less.

Discard all furniture except for a few old blankets, a kitchen table, and one chair.

Discard all clothing except for the oldest suit or dress for each member of the family. For the head of the household, keep one pair of shoes.

Empty the cupboards, except for a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few moldy potatoes, a handful of onions, and a dish of fried beans.

Dismantle the bathroom, shut off the running water, and remove all electrical wiring.

Abandon the house itself and move the family into the tool shed, located next to the latrine pit dug in the yard.

Cancel all subscriptions to newspapers, magazines and book clubs. Tear up all library cards.

Move the nearest clinic or hospital at least ten miles away, and place a midwife in charge, instead of a doctor.

Throw out all bank books, stock certificates, pension

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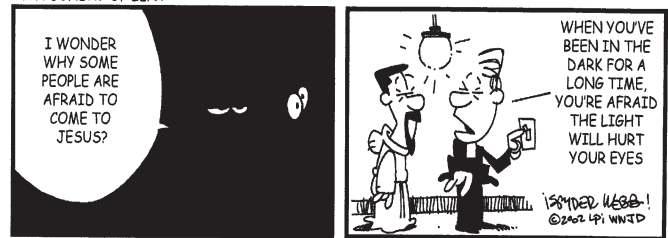
plans and insurance policies, and leave a cash hoard of \$5 for the whole family.

Give the head of the family three tenant acres to cultivate, by hand and hand tools, where he or she can raise \$300 in cash crops, of which 1/3 will go to the landlord, and 1/10 to pay off a money lender.

Lop off 25 to 30 years of life expectancy for every member of the family.

On this level of poverty, many of our brothers and sisters in the world live. With this in mind, it kind of makes our Lenten sacrifices a little easier to bear, huh?

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



**ST. MALACHY SCHOOL**

St. Malachy School, 343 Forest Grove Road in Kennedy Township, is currently taking enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year. The school is fully accredited through the Middle States Association of colleges and schools, providing quality education in a Christian environment for pre-school through eighth grade. Tours available. For more information, please call 412-771-4545 or visit [www.stmalachyschool.net](http://www.stmalachyschool.net).

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

St. Malachy School is having a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, April 3, in Weirauch Hall, from 8 AM to 1 PM, featuring delicious blueberry or traditional pancakes with bacon or sausage, coffee, tea and juice. Tickets available at the door - Adults \$5, Kids \$3.

**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.*