



Office Telephones

Parish Office/Residence	412-771-5646
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Youth Ministry	412-331-8525
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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*



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****MASS INTENTIONS****Sat, April 9 to Sun, April 17, 2011**

Saturday Vigil, April 9: 4:30 PM Church
Anniv - John "Boo-Boo" King, Philip & Rose Crivelli Family
& Nick Martin Family (Lydia King)

Sunday, April 10: 7:30 AM Church
Skip Amity (Mom, Dad & Tracey)

Sunday, April 10: 9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Patsy Aluise (Family)

Sunday, April 10: 11:30 AM Church
Bridgett McDermott (Mother & Family)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, April 11: Parish Family of Saint John of God

**Monday, April 11: 6:30 PM, Church: Communal
Penance Service**

Tuesday, April 12: Elvira Angelilli (Donna Angelo)

Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 PM, Chapel: Novena Prayers to
St. Anthony (week 5)

Wednesday, April 13: Adeline Colville (MJW)

Thursday, April 14: Mary Mell (Family)

Friday, April 15: William Stephenson (M/M Craig Voland)

Friday, April 15, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM Church

Saturday, April 16, Funeral Mass, 9:30 AM, Church:
Marie E. Rodgers

Saturday Vigil, April 16: 4:30 PM Church
Anniv - Mary Litterini (Family)

Sunday, April 17: 7:30 AM Church
Deceased Members of Joseph & Santa Caro Family
(Daughter)

Sunday, April 17: 9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Joseph Rizzo (Wife & Children)

Sunday, April 17: 11:30 AM Church
Anniv - Louis Vignone (Rita Brethauer)

Readings for the Week of April 10, 2011

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/1Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

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

St. John of God Parish will celebrate a Lenten Communal Penance Service this 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 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.

EASTER BREAD REMINDER

Those who ordered Easter Bread are reminded to pick up your order on the day you specified, either **Monday, April 11 or Tuesday, April 12** beginning at 4 PM each day. If you forgot to submit an order form, there will be extra Easter Bread available on a first-come, first-serve basis each day. Call Anna Marie Stropkaj at 412-771-2392 if you have any questions.

If you can help out anytime during the two days, please call Anna Marie Stropkaj. 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.

DONUT SALE THIS WEEKEND

St. Malachy School is having a donut sale this Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10. There will be students selling the donuts at St. John of God Parish after all the Masses this weekend. The donuts are freshly made and cost \$4.50 for a half dozen and \$6.50 for a dozen.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The program will be held this Sunday, April 10, from 1-4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

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 \$20 per person. For more information, please contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

April 2 / 3

Saturday	341
Sunday.....	693
Total Weekend Attendance	1,034

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS

For the Weekend of April 2 / 3

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 6,176.00

(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	\$ 83,500.00
PSP Collected To Date	\$ 35,478.00
Remaining on 2011 Goal	\$ 48,022.00

(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

Catholic Campaign for Human Development.....	\$3,782.47
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	
National Collection for Black and Indian Missions	

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

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."*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday, April 17 and Easter Sunday, April 24. Classes will resume the following Sunday, May 1, which is also the final Sunday School class for this catechetical year.

PALM SUNDAY, April 17

Blessing and Procession with palms at all Masses

1:00 PM **Blessing of Bikes**

Parking Lot @ Church @ St. Mary's



Holy Week

Schedule

HOLY TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 21, 2011

6:30 PM, Church at St. Mary

At the conclusion of the Mass, there will be a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the place of reposition. The Church will remain open for visitation and adoration until 12 Midnight.

There will be a bus for the Seven-Church visit leaving the Church following the Mass.

Good Friday, April 22, 2011

Noon, 12:00 PM, Church at St. Mary

"Why Must He Die?"



6:30 PM Liturgical Services, Church @ St. Mary
Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011

Noon, 12:00 PM, Church at St. Mary

Blessing of Food

10:30 PM, Easter Vigil

Reception of the R.C.I.A. Candidates into Full Communion with the church



Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011

7:30 AM, Church at St. Mary

9:30 AM, Chapel at Mother of Sorrows

11:30 AM, Church at St. Mary

Blessing of Children and their Easter Baskets after each of the Masses on Easter Sunday.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF APRIL 10

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

OTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF SEPAC AND PLACON FAMILIES BY FAMILY

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.

Saint John of God, pray for us.

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.

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, just meet in the parking lot after Mass. **There is no need to sign-up for the Seven Church visitation.**

Note:

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

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. 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.

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.

**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.

**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.

EASTER FLOWER PICKUP

For those kind people helping us to deliver Easter flowers to our shut-ins of the parish can pick up the flowers at the Pizza Kitchen this Thursday, April 14 from 10:30 AM to Noon and Friday, April 15, from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Thank you in advance.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The 13-week novena to St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, April 12 (week 5). 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.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DINNER

Make plans to bring your spouse to the Marriage Enrichment Dinner at Gilmory Center on Thursday, April 28, at 7 PM. Enjoy a six course dinner and hear a talk that will strengthen your marriage. Guest speakers are Regis and Libbie Flaherty. Call 412-264-8400 for complete information or email info@gilmorycenter.org. Registration forms can be down loaded from website at www.gilmorycenter.org under the "Upcoming Events" tab. Deadline is April 26.

SAVE THE DATE!!

May 14, 2011 (Saturday)
St. John of God "Oldies Dance"

Plans are underway for an "Oldies Dance" to be held in the Social Hall. More information later - Stay tuned!

LIVING STATIONS

This 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 - all welcome.

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. Deadline for tickets is Sunday, April 10. All proceeds benefit Athletes of Action Scholarship Fund.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

April 11 (Mon.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Ave, 1:45 PM

The Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be prayed privately this week.

April 11 (Mon.) - Communal Penance Service, 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Church

April 12 (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 5).

April 13 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin 7:15 PM.

April 15 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

April 15 (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. Note: The Pizza Kitchen will be closed on Good Friday, April 22, so order extra this week!

"WHY MUST HE DIE?" - A Passion Play

Mark your calendars to attend the TriCounty 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 e-mail lindaswallace@comcast.net. Don't miss this very special presentation this year!

**BIBLE STUDY**

All are invited to a Bible Study, led by John Fatula, this Tuesday, April 12, immediately following the 6:30 PM St. Anthony Novena Prayers in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information, please call John at 412-331-8501.

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

On Easter Sunday, April 24, Bishops David Zubik and William Winter and Bishop-elect William Waltersheid will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 2:00 PM (Please note earlier start time!)

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. Come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON

A delicious Soup and Salad Luncheon will be served at Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church located in the Island Heights area of Stowe Twp. at 200 Grace St., on Monday, April 18, from 11 AM to 1 PM. All you can eat for just \$7.00 and includes dessert. For more information, please call 412-331-6459.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-888-808-1235

The Pastor's Cornered
15th Edition

Good News! We are in the home stretch of Lent! Hopefully we have all been steadfast on our journey.

Typically the home stretch portion of any race is when you can clearly see the finish line, but it also is when you must step up your game in order to reach your goal. So this is it folks. Put on your game face and let's make the most of these final days.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday (yep, the Mass with the LONG Gospel!). You have probably been preparing your heart for Holy Week, maybe you have decorated your house in anticipation of Easter and the cooks most likely have their Holiday menus planned. All of this is second nature to us. For the most part we do the same things each year. Food plays an important part in our celebrations - after all, we participate in a special gathering on Holy Saturday to bless the food we will eat on Easter Sunday. If you are looking for some new ways to celebrate Holy Week I am offering a few recipes you might want to try. (These menu items can also aid us when explaining our Catholic traditions to our children or non-catholic friends and family)

Let's begin on Palm Sunday with "Hearts of Palm Dip".
Ingredients: 1 (14.25 ounce) can hearts of palm, drained and chopped - 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated parmesan cheese - 1 cup chopped green onion - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sour cream - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of mayonnaise. **Directions:** Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F - Lightly grease a glass pie plate - In a medium bowl, mix together hearts of palm, both cheeses, green onion, sour cream and mayonnaise - Spread into greased pie plate - Bake uncovered for 20 minutes or until light brown and bubbly - Serve as an appetizer on Palm Sunday with crackers or melba rounds.

On Holy Thursday you can make traditional Czechoslovakian "Judases" (these look like our fried cakes at the pizza kitchen). **Ingredients:** 4 cups of regular flour - 1 cup of milk - 1 ounce of yeast - 1 tablespoon sugar - 2 egg yolks - 8 tablespoons of butter - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of honey - 1 teaspoon lemon zest - 1/4 teaspoon salt - 1 egg yolk for egg wash, beaten with small amount of water - honey thinned with water for glaze. **Directions:** Prepare the leavening mixture using the milk, yeast and sugar. In a separate bowl, blend the butter, egg yolks and honey - Mix in the

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flour - then add the butter and egg mixture - Add grated lemon zest and salt - Leave the dough to rise for one hour - cut strips and shape them into spirals (this shape is to remind us of the rope with which Judas hung himself) - Arrange the rolls on a baking sheet covered with parchment paper and let rise - Preheat oven to 375°F - brush the *Judases* with the egg wash - Bake for about 15-20 minutes at 375°F or until golden brown - While still hot, glaze with honey - Serve at breakfast on Holy Thursday or with dinner leaving enough time to get to Holy Thursday Mass. (If you plan to serve these for breakfast, I would suggest making them on Wednesday)

Next you could serve "Crown of Thorns" for a simple and meatless Good Friday lunch. **Ingredients:** Any round cracker or rice cake (as many as you need to prepare lunch for your participants) - peanut butter or cream cheese (as much as needed for each cracker) - pretzel sticks. **Directions:** Spread peanut butter or cream cheese on each cracker or rice cake - break pretzel sticks into small stick pieces and arrange on top of peanut butter or cream cheese to make a "crown of thorns" - Serve as a simple Good Friday lunch and then go to Church to see "Why Must He Die" or participate in Stations of the Cross.

I do have a recipe to add to your Easter Breakfast or Brunch menu, but let's not get ahead of ourselves - it's still Lent and we still need to be prudent on our journey during this penitential time. So stay tuned to next week's bulletin which will include the recipe for this little treat!

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

On Holy Thursday, April 21, a collection will be taken at Mass for the needy of the parish. There is an envelope in your packet of envelopes for this purpose.

DONATION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, April 22, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.