

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.

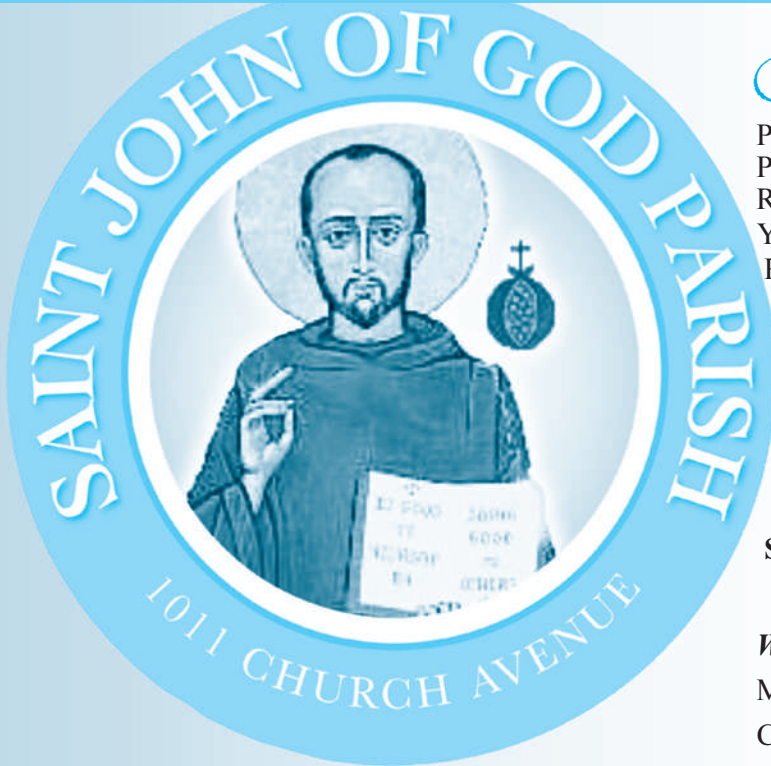
Reconciliation (Confession): 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM (Church) and following the 4:30 PM Mass (Church) and by appointment.

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

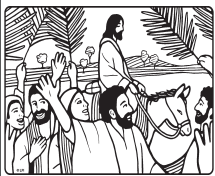
Staff

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*



**PALM SUNDAY****MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 16 to Sunday, April 24

- 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)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

- Monday, April 18:** Parish Family of Saint John of God
- Tuesday, April 19:** Irene & Charles Ehle (Cootsie & Paul Ehle)
- Tuesday, April 19: 6:30 PM, Chapel:** Novena Prayers to St. Anthony (week 6)
- Wednesday, April 20:** Elvira Angelilli (Charles & Diane)
- Holy Thursday, April 21, 6:30 PM:**
Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday, April 22, Noon:**
"Why Must He Die"
- Good Friday, April 2, 6:30 PM:**
Liturgical Services
- Easter Vigil, April 23:** 10:30 PM Church
Parish Family of Saint John of God
- Easter Sunday, April 24:** 7:30 AM Church
Parish Family of Saint John of God
- Easter Sunday, April 24:** 9:30 AM Chapel
Parish Family of Saint John of God
- Easter Sunday, April 24:** 11:30 AM Church
Parish Family of Saint John of God

**HOLY
WEEK**

Readings for the Week of April 17, 2011

- Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-66
- Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- Holy Thursday:** *Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21*
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Good Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Heb4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn18:1-19:42
- Easter Saturday:** Gn 1:1-2:2 /Gn 22:1-18 /Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
- Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34a-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Saint John of God, pray for us.

RCIA RETREAT

This Sunday, April 17, an R.C.I.A. Retreat will take place 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.

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.

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY

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 you to use for this purpose. Thanks in advance.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection to maintain the holy shrines and Franciscan missionaries who serve in the Holy Land will be taken on Good Friday, April 22. Please be as generous as your means allow.

CLOSED FOR EASTER

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Good Friday, April 22 and Easter Monday, April 25. Please hold all calls until Tuesday, April 26, unless it is an emergency.

There are **no Sunday School** classes this Sunday, April 17 and Easter Sunday, April 24. Classes will resume for all students on Sunday, May 1, which is also the final class for this catechetical year.

The **Pizza Kitchen** will be closed on Good Friday, April 22. We will be back in operation the following Friday, April 29.

TWO COLLECTIONS ON EASTER SUNDAY

On Easter Sunday, April 24, there will be two collections. The first will be for the regular Sunday offertory for April 24 and the second collection will be for your Easter gift to the Parish.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

There will be a Youth Group meeting on Monday, May 2, after school at the SJG Youth Center. All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to attend as we plan our summer activities calendar.



All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to a **Scavenger Hunt** on Wednesday, May 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM (meet at the Saint Malachy Church Hall). Think you can solve the clues and win the hunt? Bring your detective skills! For more information, please contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
April 9 / 10**

Saturday	312
Sunday	747
Total Weekend Attendance	1,059

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of April 9 / 10**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,708.00

(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	\$ 41,613.00
Remaining on 2011 Goal	\$ 41,887.00

(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.)

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

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Family of Christopher Jackson Jr, Zachary Fries, Josephine Mulvihill, Minnie Pszolkowski, Josephine Frankl, Marie Rodgers and Mary Ann Zurosik Bitsko whom God has called. 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."*

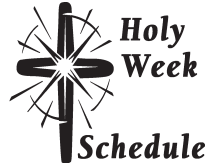
**Bulletin Deadline for Easter Sunday, April 24:
MONDAY NOON, April 18**

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 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?"



Presented by the 35 member cast of Alumni and High School students of the Tri County Choir Institute. This passion play is a meditation through music, liturgical dance and drama on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. All are cordially invited to come for this spiritually uplifting presentation. A free-will offering will be taken.

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.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next program will be held on Sunday, May 22, from 1-4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. For more information or to register, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

THE WEEK AHEAD

April 18 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

April 19 (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 6).

April 20 - THERE WILL BE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin 7:15 PM.



April 22 (Good Friday) - PIZZA KITCHEN CLOSED! We will be back in operation the following Friday, April 29.

FLEA MARKET NEWS

Are you spring cleaning? Wait! Don't throw anything away! Keep those items and donate them to our annual Flea Market (date to be announced). Your unwanted items may very well be someone else's treasures. Times and dates that items may be donated will be announced shortly.

MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

The Felician Sisters are hosting a celebration of Mercy Sunday in their chapel, 1500 Woodcrest Ave., Coraopolis on Sunday, May 1. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. David Moczulski, OFM at 12 Noon followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, private adoration time, refreshments and a Holy Hour from 2:30 to 3:30 PM which includes the Chaplet of Mercy, homily and procession. All are welcome! If attending, please call Sr. Justice 412-264-2890 by Monday, April 25.

SVDP AND LOC THANK YOU

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

We thank you for your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Ladies of Charity through the Charitable Works envelope in your packet of envelopes. Together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain. Thank you for helping us to help others.

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!

Parish Office Hours:

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

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.

EASTER BREAD THANK YOU



We would like to extend *sincere thanks and appreciation* to Anna Marie Stropkaj and all the women and men who helped make this year's Easter Bread project a great success.

The approximate number of loaves made was 375.

Anna Marie would also like to extend a *special thank you* to everyone who helped in any way, i.e., time & energy, donation of ingredients or money. And a great BIG THANK YOU to those who bought the bread!

SIXTY-NINTH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

DIVINE MERCY Sunday is May 1, 2011. Let us process with Bishop-elect William J. Waltersheid with love in our hearts for JESUS in the BLESSED SACRAMENT and Our Lady of Fatima.

Schedule of Events:

There is no noon Mass at Epiphany Church, 184 Washington Place, Uptown, Pittsburgh

1:15 PM	Prelude Music
1:30 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Liturgy of the Word
	Homily and Quiet Reflection

69th International Eucharistic Rosary March and Procession with the MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT from Epiphany Church to Saint Mary of Mercy Church (Stanwix St.) Prayer of the Rosary en route

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at Saint Mary of Mercy Church ~ Crowning of Our Lady of Fatima ~ Light Refreshments to follow in Lawless Hall.

For those who cannot process, there will be recitation of the Rosary at 2 PM at Saint Mary of Mercy Church while the marchers are en route. Any questions call 412-884-3213, 412-885-8822 or 724-468-4306.

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.

CRAFT SALE

Come enjoy homemade articles made by the Felician Sisters and their friends on Saturday, May 7, at the Felician Sisters Convent, 1500 Woodcrest Ave. in Coraopolis from 10 AM to 4 PM. It's a good time to purchase Graduation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthday, etc. gifts. For more information, please contact Sr. M. Roseann at 412-264-2890.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS

St. Joseph Spirituality Center will sponsor *The Call to Motherhood: A Call to Love* on Saturday, May 7, from 12:30 PM to 4 PM (Those who wish may attend Liturgy at 4 PM). In this day of reflection for mothers and grandmothers, Sr. Marguerite Kropinak offers Scriptural insights about God's call to love. Marilyn Sullivan, a mother of three and grandmother of seven children, will reflect on how this call is manifested and exemplified through the experience of motherhood. The fee is \$15. To register, call 724-869-6587.

NORTH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 25TH ANNUAL DINNER

North Catholic High School will hold the 25th Annual Trojan Triumph Dinner / Auction on Friday, April 29, at the Four Points by Sheraton, Cranberry. The auction opens at 6 PM with Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will follow at 7:30 PM.

The evening will also include honoring Rev. Kris D. Stubna, Diocesan Secretary for Education who is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his Ordination. For more information, please call 412-321-4823, ext. 105.

BLUEGRASS BENEFIT CONCERT

Enjoy the sounds of local bluegrass bands and help Catholic Charities' St. Joseph House of Hospitality for former homeless senior men when you attend the 13th Annual Bluegrass Benefit Concert on Friday, April 29, at 7 PM at Synod Hall in Oakland. Bands performing include Allegheny Drifters, Blue Shades, Fern Hollow Boys, Mac Martin & The Dixie Travelers, Mon River Ramblers and Mountain Therapy. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by calling 412-471-0666, ext. 227 or pdvorc@ccpgh.org.

SPRING LUNCHEON BENEFIT

The Sisters of St. Joseph Auxiliary will hold their 49th Annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 14, at the Sheraton, Station Square, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Join for lunch, cards (optional) and special raffles and prizes. Proceeds benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph and their ministries. Cost is \$30.00 per person. For information or to make a luncheon reservation, please call Sr. Karen at 724-869-6592 or email her at kstoila@stjoseph-baden.org. You may also print and mail the registration form from the website: www.stjoseph-baden.org. The deadline to make a reservation is Monday, May 2.

MOUNT ASSISI SPRING FESTIVAL

On Sunday, May 1, the School Sisters of St. Francis, Mount Assisi Convent, 934 Forest Avenue, Bellevue, invite you to their Annual Spring Festival from 12 Noon to 6 PM. Dinners will be served from Noon to 6 PM. *Bingo, Bake Sale, Raffle, Refreshments, Plant Sale, Crafts and Games* of all types will be part of the activities for the day. The Convent driveway is off Bellevue Road at Quail Avenue. North Balph Avenue in Bellevue becomes Bellevue Road in Ross Township.

ST. TITUS CENTENNIAL

This year, St. Titus Parish in Aliquippa is celebrating 100 years of Catholic faith, family and community (1911 - 2011).

Highlighting a series of centennial activities throughout the year is the St. Titus Centennial Celebration that will be held Sunday, May 15. That celebration includes Mass at 3 PM and a banquet in the church hall afterwards. Tickets cost \$35 per person and can be obtained by calling the St. Titus parish office at 724-378-8561. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, May 1.

GATHERING OF WOMEN

Risen Lord Parish Ladies of Charity, 3250 California Avenue, cordially invite you to a Gathering of Women on Sunday, May 22, 2011. The gathering will begin with 11 AM Mass with light luncheon to follow. Guest Speaker will be Fr. Robert Guay. Cost \$5 ~ Reservation deadline is Sunday, May 15. Please call 412-761-1507 for more information/reservations.

REFLECTION FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED

On Thursday, May 12, from 7-9 PM at St. Bernard Parish, Mt. Lebanon, there will be an Evening of Reflection for those who are separated or divorced. The topic is "**Annulments in the Catholic Church: the Why and the How.**" The presenter will be Fr. Brian Welding. There is no charge. A free will offering will be taken. Please call 412-561-3300 for more information.

The Pastor's Cornered
16th Edition

The Pastor is here and there should be a regularly scheduled official Pastor's Corner, but I promised you last week I would include the Easter Treat in this week's bulletin so here it is. I wanted to give everybody a chance to prepare if you actually wanted to try last week's recipes during Holy week which is why they were included in that bulletin and the same holds true for this Easter recipe. Also if you really want to extend this recipe and relate it to Biblical history - then spend a portion of Holy Week reading John 12 - 18.

For your Easter celebration serve "Resurrection Rolls" for breakfast or with your Easter Brunch.

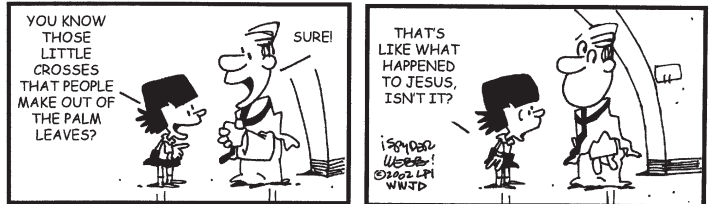
Ingredients: One can of crescent roll dough - 8 large marshmallows (or one for each roll you'll be making) - Melted butter - Cinnamon sugar - Bible or Easter storybook. **Directions:** Assemble rolls and read the story - Read John 19 while the oven is pre-heating according to package directions - Unroll the crescent rolls - Explain this is like the cloth Jesus was wrapped in - Give each participant a marshmallow and explain that it represents Jesus; all white and pure because He was without sin - Roll marshmallows in melted butter symbolizing the embalming oils - Roll marshmallows in the cinnamon sugar; representing the spices used to prepare Jesus' body for burial - Wrap marshmallows in crescent roll cloth, pinching dough together securely; representing how they would have wrapped Jesus' body - Put rolls in the oven;

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symbolizing the tomb - bake for the amount of time specified on the package - While rolls are baking read John 20: 1-18 - Open the tomb and remove rolls - when cool enough to handle break one open and discover what happened to the marshmallows - Jesus is risen!

May you each have a very blessed Holy Week and as our Pastor would say; see you in church - lots!

PALM SUNDAY



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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

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.