

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MASS INTENTIONS****Sat., May 1 to Sun., May 9**

Saturday Vigil, May 1: Anniv - Charles Butter (Family)	4:30 PM Church
Sunday, May 2: Arnold Hoffman (Brother, Bill)	7:30 AM Church
Sunday, May 2: Anniv - Andy Leto (Wife & Children)	9:30 AM Chapel
Sunday, May 2: 50th Wedding Anniv - Edward & Stella Churchill	11:30 AM Church

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, May 3: Anniv - Stephen Kurash (Allene & Jaimie Slavinsky)

Tuesday, May 4: *Parish Family of Saint John of God*

Tuesday, May 4: 6:30 PM, Chapel: Novena Prayers to St. Anthony (week 8)

Wednesday, May 5, 8:30 AM, Chapel: *37th Anniversary of Ordination - Fr. Lou Vallone*

Wednesday, May 5: Nancy Fearon (Joseph Fearon)

Thursday, May 6: Sue, Ralph & Charles Merks (Rose Rita)

Friday, May 7: Stephen Vergenes (Brothers & Sisters, Nieces & Nephews)

Saturday, May 8, 1:00 PM, St. Mary Cemetery Chapel
Mass celebrated for all our beloved dead of our parish and those buried at our cemeteries.

Saturday Vigil, May 8: **4:30 PM Church**
Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

Sunday, May 9: **7:30 AM Church**
Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

Sunday, May 9: **9:30 AM Chapel**
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Readings for the Week of May 2, 2010

Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-35
Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-29/Rv 21:10-23/Jn 14:23-29

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“YEAR OF THE PRIEST” PARISH PRAYER**God, give us worthy priests in sufficient numbers.****SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

This Sunday, May 2, is the final class for this catechetical Sunday School year. Wishing all students a safe and happy summer.

MOTHER’S DAY

Next Sunday, May 9, is Mother’s Day. All mothers will be honored at our Masses celebrated for the weekend of May 8/9. As a token of recognition, each mother will receive a special gift.

**STEEPLE CHASE NEWS
SHOP AND DINE RAFFLE**

If you like to grocery shop and eat out Steeple Chase Drive is sponsoring a **Shop and Dine Raffle** on June 14, 2010. It will be based on the official three digit Pennsylvania lottery number drawn at 7 p.m. that date. All numbers are played straight as drawn. **ONE** winner will receive \$50 certificates/cards from: Foodland Market, Giant Eagle, Shop N Save, The Capital Grille Ground Round, LeMont Restaurant, Miller’s Seafood and Restaurant, The Pine Restaurant & Bar and Ditka’s of Pittsburgh.

Tickets cost \$5.00 and will be on sale soon, however if you want **any special three-digit** number in **advance**, or are interested in selling these tickets to your family, friends, or co-workers please call Terry 412-331-3443 or Charlotte 412-331-2453 before May 15, 2010.

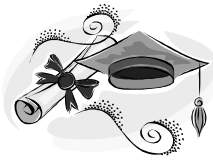
FIRST COMMUNION NEWS**RETREAT**

A Retreat for those preparing for First Communion will be held on Wednesday, May 12, from 8:20 AM to 2:30 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. Lunch will be provided for the students. If you have any questions, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

**CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, May 16 at the 11:30 AM Mass in the Church at St. Mary’s. Students should be in Church by 11:00 A.M.

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



ATTENTION GRADS

Are you graduating from high school, college, law school, etc. this spring? If so, you and your family are invited to attend the

Graduate Appreciation Mass taking place on Saturday, May 22, at the 4:30 PM Mass in the Church at St. Mary's. Following Mass a reception will be held in the Gathering Place. **Any and all "grads" are welcome**, but we ask that you please RSVP by Monday, May 17, to Steven Swank at 412-331-8573 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital especially: **Presbyterian** - Russell Kohl

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 Sarah Werkstein, Joseph Rizzo and Louis Vignone whom God has called. Please remember them 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."*

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We wish to congratulate Edward and Stella Churchill who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this Sunday, May 2, at the 11:30 A.M. Mass.

Edward and Stella were married on April 30, 1960 at St. Francis de Sales Church by Fr. Thomas P. O'Connor. May the Lord continue to bless your years together.

BINGO KITCHEN NEWS

If you have some extra time (which we know is very hard to come by these days) between 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM on Wednesdays, we **really need** help in the Bingo Kitchen. Any amount of time you could help us would be **most appreciated**. Please call Lil Pelkington at 412-771-4673.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Beatrice Lex who celebrated her 91st birthday on April 25.

May the Lord continue to bless you!

FLEA MARKET NEWS

Are you finding a lot of unwanted items while doing your Spring cleaning? Remember, don't throw anything away! Save the items for our upcoming Flea Market (to be held this summer). Keep searching your garage, attic, closets, drawers and basements for that "elegant junk" to become someone else's treasures.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHES BIN

While you're finding those items for our Flea Market, remember, no clothes or shoes are accepted. BUT, there is a St. Vincent de Paul bin located on the parking lot at St. Mary's for your used clothing and shoes. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be most grateful for these donations.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

April 24 / 25

Saturday	310
Sunday	748
Total Weekend Attendance	1,058

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS

For the Weekend of April 24 / 25

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,255.45

(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 2010	\$83,561.00
Contributions to date	\$50,806.00
Remaining on goal.....	\$32,755.00

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

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next program will be held on Sunday, May 23, from 1 - 4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. For more information or to register, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-800-808-1235

THE WEEK AHEAD

May 3 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

May 4 (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 8)

May 5 (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.

May 5 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Mtg, 6-7:30 PM, *Gathering Place* - Call Jeff Kotek, 412-855-1933 for information.

May 7 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

May 7 (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.

NOTE

The Pizza Kitchen will be open through May 28. After that our dedicated workers will be on a well-deserved summer break. Remember, most of our menu items, especially pizzas, pepperoni rolls, spinach rolls, sausage rolls and falagones freeze very well. Stock up your freezer for your upcoming party(ies) (Communion, Graduation, Birthday) or just for a summer get together.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MAY 2

ST. MARY'S - IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER BY STEFFIE ORLICH

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF DOM DIMICHELE BY WIFE, DOLLY

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCIES

There are two vacancies now available at Sto-Rox Plaza, Chartiers Ave. Call 412-331-4112 if you are interested. Senior housing (62 or older) and government subsidized.

FELICIAN SISTERS SPRING CRAFT SHOW

Come enjoy and shop for homemade gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduations, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. at the Felician Sisters Spring Craft Show on Saturday, May 8, 10 AM to 4 PM, 1500 Woodcrest Ave, Coraopolis, PA. The sisters and their friends have created many beautiful items. If you have any questions, please call Sr. Roseann at 412-264-2890.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION



Thursday, May 13, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation. Following is the Mass schedule in St. John of God Parish for this day:

May 12, Wednesday Evening Vigil
4:30 PM, Church at St. Mary's

May 13, Thursday Holy Day
9:30 AM, Church at St. Mary's
11:00 AM, Chapel at Mother of Sorrows
6:30 PM, Church at St. Mary's

TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Church at St. Mary's following the 6:30 PM Mass on Ascension Thursday, May 13. The meeting will deal with general issues in the Parish. All are invited and encouraged to participate in this form of parish governance.

VOLUNTEERS

The Felician Sisters are now recruiting volunteers. Time and talent to suit your interest. There is an immediate, urgent need for receptionists!! Morning, afternoon or evening hours. If interested, please call Sr. Denise, Volunteer Director, at 412-424-4681.

FATHER RYAN ARTS CENTER
SUMMER 2010

420 Chartiers Ave, McKees Rocks
412-771-3052

This Summer the Father Ryan Arts Center will introduce new art classes designed to challenge, engage and encourage students. The next semester will focus on "Urban Green," with classes that incorporate environmentally friendly, naturally sustaining or earth-inspired ideas to motivate students not only to think creatively, but socially and environmentally too. Look for detailed descriptions of the new summer schedule online at www.FatherRyanArtsCenter.org. You may also pre-register online. Receive a \$5 discount from your tuition total if registered before or on June 11, 2010. Art classes begin the week of June 14, 2010.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This Thursday, May 6, our nation will celebrate a National Day of Prayer. There are local events happening in the McKees Rocks area to mark this special occasion. In the morning at 8:30 there will be a breakfast held at the Father Ryan Arts Center for pastors and church spiritual leaders. The speaker will be Father Ryan. At 12 Noon, a brief prayer service will be held at the entrance of Chartiers Crossing shopping plaza, at the site of the old bank building. In the evening there will be a special service held at the Second Baptist Church of McKees Rocks. That will be a time of inspiration and prayer with a message coming from our Great God through the willing servant, Rev. Michael Murray, Pastor of Second Baptist. Everyone is most welcome to attend the prayer service at Noon and the evening service at Second Baptist (please call 412-331-6332 for time of evening service).

A Prayer for the Nation, written by Franklin Graham, this year's Honorary Chairman of the National Day of Prayer follows. Americans across the land will pray this very prayer at Noon on Thursday, May 6.

**PRAYER FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS**

Lord,

We are thankful for the abundant blessing You have bestowed on America. Our forefathers looked to You as Protector, Provider, and the Promise of hope. But we have wandered far from that firm foundation. May we repent for turning our backs on Your faithfulness.

We pray that this great nation will be restored by Your forgiveness.

From bondage, You grant freedom.

From the state of despair, You offer peace.

From the bounties of Heaven, You have blessed - not because of our goodness - but by Your grace.

You have given us freedom to worship You in spirit and in truth as Your holy Word instructs. May our lives honor You in word and deed. May our nation acknowledge that all good things come from the Father above.

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that our nation should set apart a day for national prayer to confess our sins and transgressions in sorrow, "yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon...announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

"We have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some

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superior wisdom and virtue of our own...we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to God who made us! It behooves us then...to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

Help us to pray earnestly for our president and leaders who govern, that they will humble themselves and seek Your guidance so that everything we do will shine the light of Your glory in a darkened world.

May our prayers as a people and a nation be heard and blessed **for such a time as this**. We make this plea in faith, believing in the mighty name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

St. Malachy PTG is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, from 8 AM to 1 PM in the Church hall. Breakfast includes delicious pancakes, sausage or bacon, coffee, tea, juice. Prices are as follows - \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids (ages 2-12). Tickets available at the door. For more information, please call Amy Maxin at 412-331-6870.

SPAGHETTI DINNERS

Sunday, May 2, Noon to 5 PM at St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church, 204 Olivia St., Bottoms - Adults \$7 Children \$4 (under 12). Tickets available at the door. Info & take out: 412-331-5605.

Sunday, May 2, 4 PM to 7 PM in the Bishop Canevin High School cafeteria - Sponsored by the Baseball Team - For ticket information, please call 412-922-7400 ext. 20.

Sunday, May 16, 1 PM to 6 PM at the American Legion, 526 Broadway - Advance ticket sale, Adults \$7 Children under 12 \$3.50 - Adult tickets at the door will be \$8. Info & take out: 412-331-9083.

**HIGHMARK WALK
TO BENEFIT FOR's FOOD PANTRY
Saturday, May 22 @ Schenley Park**

Join the Focus on Renewal team "**100 FOR 100**" to raise money for the agency's Emergency Food Pantry. FOR is hoping to recruit at least 100 walkers who will each raise \$100 for the food pantry. Join the team, get your friends and family to donate on your behalf and help FOR reach their goal of \$10,000 for the Food Pantry. You may register online at www.walkforahealthycommunity.org. If you need more information, please call Maree Gallagher at 412-771-6460, ext 300.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

I had intended this week's Pastor's Corner to be a meditation reflecting about my 37th anniversary of ordination and give some stats about my classmates. I had made notes and planned to develop them this week into a "2-parter" since I will be out of town this week during the anniversary itself. However, I had placed the notes somewhere on my desk, and now I can't find them. Some people use the alphabet as a filing system. Some categorize by topic. I use what is known as the archeological method of filing: the older stuff is on the bottom, the new stuff gets tossed on top. My desk usually looks like the aftermath of a pinpoint mini-tornado. Most times, I can locate what I need rather quickly; other times, like now, things I need migrate to the Bermuda Triangle or some such mysterious never-never land.

However, instead of feeling bad about the condition of my desk, I read an article in the PG Business section that rather makes me proud, and in fact ties in with part of what I had wished to write about the life of a priest in these times.

Although I am sure that Jesus, Peter, and many centuries of apostolic successors and clerics never envisioned it, a Pastor today is a CEO of what would qualify as a medium size business. I am the "boss" of more than 50 employees and run a gross budget of over \$1,500,000 per year. In all respects (except my salary!) I am an executive. No seminary courses ever prepared us for that role; none of us really contemplated or imagined it; I don't think we like it. But it is the reality.

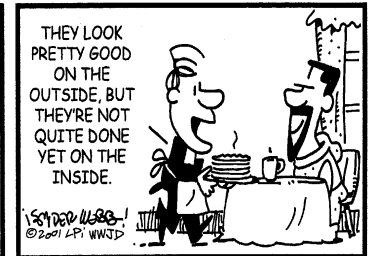
Now for the article: a comparative study was done between bosses who have messy desks vs. those who keep neat desks. The stocks of messy bosses

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rose an average of 3.5 points last year, while the stocks of the neat ones fell 1 point. Three times as many messy bosses were inclined to give Christmas bonuses than neat bosses. 71% of bosses with sloppy desks are in favor of affirmative action, while only 21% of bosses with clean desks are. Bosses who are slobbs struck out on their own by leaving home a full three years sooner than those who are tidy. And while more than half of the slovenly executives described themselves as popular in high school, less than one in five of the meticulous ones thought they were well liked in their adolescence.

In short, the type of chief whose desk is a clutter can be characterized as more independent, more adventurous, more generous, more forward looking, more likable and more effective than his counterpart whose desk is always in perfect array. That's not a bad set of adjectives for a priest who is forced to be a CEO, is it? Even if he can't find his notes to write his Pastor's Corner because of his messy desk.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

We had our first Parish Festival Meeting. Those in attendance all agreed to have a Parish Festival, and the dates decided on are Thursday, August 19; Friday, August 20; and Saturday, August 21. We will hold another meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Gathering Place. Bring your ideas and suggestions.

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.