

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.

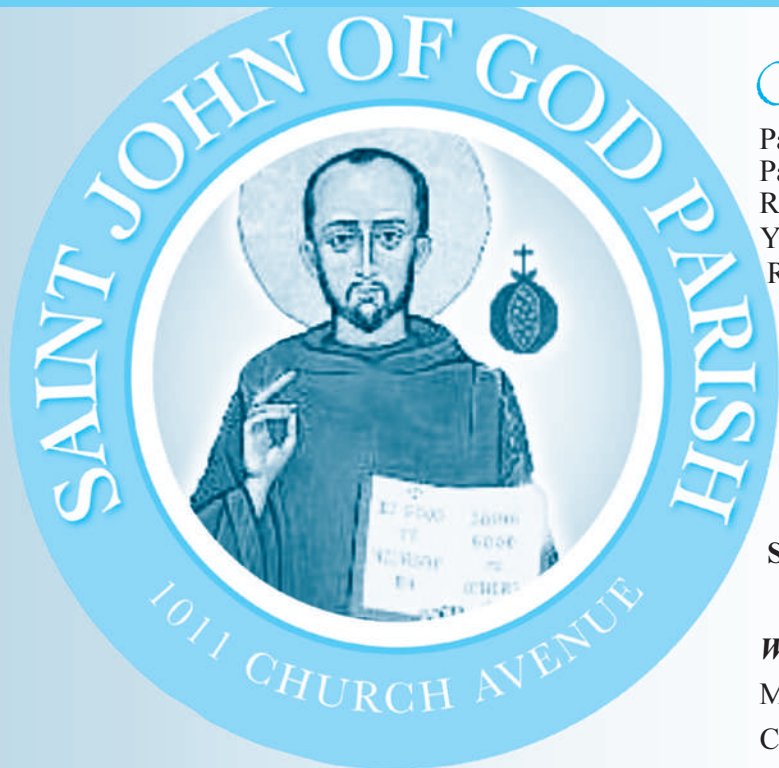
Reconciliation (Confession): 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM (Church) and following the 4:30 PM Mass (Church) and by appointment.

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*



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER****MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, April 30 to Sunday, May 8**

Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 30: 10:30 PM Church
John "Boo-Boo" King & Philip & Rose Crivelli & Nick Martin
Families (Pat & Tom Pavik)

Sunday, May 1: 7:30 AM Church
Albert Gerger (John & Betty McDermott)

Sunday, May 1: 9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Andy Leto (Wife & Children)

Sunday, May 1: 11:30 AM Church
Anniv - Anna Marie Mussari (Anthony, Diane & Andrea
Mussari)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, May 2: Parish Family of Saint John of God

Tuesday, May 3: Carl Wincalow (Mike, Leyte & Mikey
Tomchak)

Tuesday, May 3: 6:30 PM, Chapel: Novena Prayers to St.
Anthony (week 8)

Wednesday, May 4: William Eberle (Estate)

Thursday, May 5: Paul Reilly (Cousins)

Friday, May 6: Jane Gray (John & Margaret Coppler)

Saturday Vigil, May 7: 4:30 PM Church
Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

Sunday, May 8: 7:30 AM Church
Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

Sunday, May 8: 9:30 AM Chapel
Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

Sunday, May 8: 11:30 AM Church
Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2011

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The 13-week novena to St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, May 3 (week 8). 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.

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

Our parish family of St. John of God offers prayerful congratulations and welcome to *James Martin, Tonette Pucci and Jessica Mayowski* on their full

initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We also offer prayerful congratulations and welcome to *Mitchell Worthington* who was baptized at the Easter Vigil. May our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, continue to bless all of you with grace throughout your lives of faith.

MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, May 8, is Mother's Day. All mothers will be honored at our Masses celebrated for the weekend of May 7/8. As a token of recognition, each mother will receive a special gift.

GRADUATE APPRECIATION MASS

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 21, 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 16, to Steve Swank at the Youth Office (412-331-8525 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

This Sunday, May 1, is the final class for this catechetical Sunday School year. We wish all students a safe and happy summer. Hope to see you in Church!

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS**RETREAT**

A Retreat for those preparing for First Communion will be held on Wednesday, May 11, from 9:00 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 412-331-8501.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, May 15, at the 11:30 AM Mass in the Church at St. Mary's. Students should be in Church by 11:00 A.M.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

There will be a Youth Group meeting this 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** this Wednesday, May 4, from 7 PM 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 23 / 24**

Easter Saturday	176
Easter Sunday	1,114
Total Weekend Attendance	1,290
Holy Thursday.....	282
Good Friday (Noon) Why Must He Die	500
Liturgy of Good Friday, 6:30 PM.....	172
Total Good Friday Attendance.....	672

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of April 23 / 24**

Regular Offertory Collection	\$ 4,929.00
Easter Donation	\$10,154.00
Holy Thursday (for the needy)	\$ 1,540.00

(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
Contributions to date	\$42,955.00
Remaining on goal.....	\$40,545.00

(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.)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 1,352.50
-------------------------------	-------------

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

EASTER CHORAL CONCERT



The Adult Choir of SJG will present an Easter Choral Concert before Mass next Sunday, May 8th, at 11:00 AM in St. Mary's Church. The 11:30 AM Mass will begin promptly as scheduled.

The concert will include several Easter Anthems, traditional and contemporary, including the famous *Surrexit Christus* by Pergolesi and favorites such as the beautiful *Ave Verum* by W.A. Mozart. This concert is free and open to anyone who would like to attend.

MOUNT ASSISI SPRING FESTIVAL

This 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.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

May 2 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

May 3 (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 4 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin 7:15 PM.

May 6 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

May 6 (Friday) - 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MAY 1

ST. MARY'S - IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER BY STEFFIE
MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF ANDREW R. MARTONIK BY WIFE, ROSE AND FAMILY

OAM 2011



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2011

Older Americans: Connecting the Community

Older Americans: Every May since 1963, people in towns and cities across the country have come together to celebrate the enormous contributions of older Americans—borne of wisdom, experience, and the will to realize their dreams and speak their minds. Older Americans Month is our chance to show our appreciation and support our seniors as they continue to enrich and strengthen our communities.

The theme of this year's celebration—**Older Americans: Connecting the Community**—pays homage to the many ways in which older adults bring inspiration and continuity to the fabric of our communities. Their shared histories, diverse experiences, and wealth of knowledge have made our culture, economy, and local character what they are today. The theme also highlights the many ways technology is helping older Americans live longer, healthier and more engaged lives.

Older Americans Month is an occasion to show appreciation and support for our seniors as they continue to enrich and strengthen our communities.

The month we would like to suggest one of the following: **Pray for the elderly** in our parish who are experiencing the grieving of physical and mental disabilities, loss of independence, loss of friends, lost of home. **Offer your services** to Meals on Wheels for a month. **Send a card or call** an older person who may have lived in your neighborhood and has moved in with a relative or nursing home.

SPRING EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED

On Thursday, May 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at St. Bernard Parish, Mt. Lebanon, (Clairvaux Hall) 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 for the evening, but a free-will offering will be taken. Anyone interested in learning about the Annulment Process in the Catholic Church is welcome to attend. It is a good opportunity for adult faith formation.

PARISH SHARE

Next weekend, May 7/8, there will be a second collection for the Parish Share Program. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 receive the Lord's Blessings.*

SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Families of *John Prokopec, Katherine H. Delach, Florence M. Schaming and Albert Tankosh* whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers.

"Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."

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 to 4:00 PM (Those who wish may attend Liturgy at 4:00 PM). In this day of reflection for mothers and grandmothers, Sister 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.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for a hope-filled prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 14, from 9 AM to Noon at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh in Coraopolis. Hear speaker Trudy Harris, RN, retired hospice nurse and devout Catholic, tell her story of her growth in faith and love as she accompanied many people at the end of their life's journey. With heightened senses and awareness, her hospice patients begin to see and hear with spiritual eyes and ears. These experiences have much to teach us and give comfort and hope. Trudy began her work with hospice in the early 1980s and eventually became the President of the Hospice Foundation for Caring. Trudy is the author of two books, *Glimpses of Heaven*, which has sold over 300,000 copies and is published in nine languages and *More Glimpses of Heaven* published in Nov. 2010. The cost of the breakfast is \$18. Registration deadline is Friday, May 6. To register, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or Kay at 724-772-6749 or download a registration form at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church (1290 Silver Lane, Robinson Twp.) from 9 AM to 1 PM on Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13. This two-day course is open to the entire community, and is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, age 50 and over. Course completion will allow for insurance rate reductions. (To qualify for reduction, both drivers within the same household must attend.) This is an important opportunity to learn to drive more efficiently and safely, and this course is the most recognized comprehensive course offered nationwide. It provides an opportunity to identify individual problem areas and apply strategies to improve driving behavior. Sign-up today by calling the Ascension Office at 412-859-3711 or email office@ascensionlutheranchurchofpa.com.

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

Next weekend, May 7/8, 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, May 7/8. Thank you in advance for helping us to help others.

GIRL SCOUTS OF W.PA: GIRLS DAY OUT

Saturday, May 7 (two sessions: 10 AM - 2 PM)

Celebrate Mother's Day with a special shared afternoon of fun, inspiration and art at the Father Ryan Arts Center on Saturday, May 7. Mothers and daughters (or grandmothers, aunts, nieces, caregivers) will create art together and discover movements and rhythms for fun and fitness through four interactive, artistic programs designed to strengthen the bond between parent and child while exploring creative, meaningful experiences. Girl Scouts in kindergarten through third grade and their moms will learn the hottest new *LINE DANCE* moves in a fun and rhythmic *YOGA* poses and controlled breathing techniques; and experiment with sounds and beats, learn interactive songs, and explore *MUSIC & RHYTHM*. Sign up for Girls Day Out at http://www.gswpa.org/files/forms/2010-11-smore-fun-events-registration-form_fill-in.pdf. **Not a Girl Scout? That's ok** - register at www.lgswpa.org today.

Morning Session: Girls Grade K-1 (9 AM to 12:45 PM) **Afternoon Session: Girls Grades 2-3** (1:30 PM to 5 PM) **Location:** Father Ryan Arts Center, 420 Chartiers Avenue, McKees Rocks **Cost:** \$20/per girl & \$15/per mom. **More Information:** 412-771-3052.

CRAFT SALE AT THE FELICIAN SISTERS

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

"COME AND SERVE"

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill invite single, Catholic women ages 18 to 50 to "Come and Serve" our neighbors in Fayette County. This outreach to the poor will be held May 20-22, 2011. Participants will observe and learn the meaning of a life of service urged by the love of Christ in the tradition of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, foundress of the Sisters of Charity.

For registration information, contact Sr. Kathleen McCauley at 724-836-0406, ext 620 (day), 724-836-7940, ext 402 (evening), or kmccauley@scsh.org (e-mail). Additional information is available at www.schsh.org.

REFLECTIONS OF WOMEN

Gallery Opening - Friday, May 6 (6 PM)
Show runs through May 26, 2011

Enjoy an eclectic collection of watercolors, prints, pen & ink and pencil drawings, jewelry and photography from seven local artists including Marygrace Antkowski, Roberta Bennett, Linda Galati, Ann Heckel, Marie Long, Marita Maloney and Evelyn Turocy throughout the month of May. The Gallery @ the Father Ryan Arts Center is open most weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. For hours or more information, please call 412-771-3052.

**PITTSBURGH IS ART DAY OF GIVING
Wednesday, May 11 (12 AM to 11:59 PM)**

Supported by the Pittsburgh Foundation and the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, the Pittsburgh is Art Day of Giving is a 24-hour donation match campaign and opportunity to increase giving to the thriving arts and culture sector in Pittsburgh. Please remember the Father Ryan Arts Center on Wednesday, May 11 (<http://pittsburghisart.pittsburghgives.org/2011/03/21/fr-ryan-arts-center/>). Every donation of at least \$25 will be eligible for matching funds during this campaign. Thank you for your support!

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

Having just celebrated our great redemption at Easter (and having thought that I could take a homiletic break since I had preached so much for Holy Week), I was a bit surprised (and flattered) when a lay canon lawyer from across the state asked me a serious theological question. So, I thought I could get a two-fer by making my response to her my Pastor's Corner for this week:

"Dear Fr. Lou,

Whom do you know in Heaven? I am serious. One person you knew personally whom you know is in Heaven, no doubt about it, and why. Just a short idea. I would love that and it is for a school project I am doing at NYU. If you can, I think you too might just go to Heaven!

Love and prayers, Tish.

Dear Tish,

In the constructs of our faith, we can only "know" someone is in Heaven (i.e., eternally in the presence of the Beatific Vision) if the Church's magisterium has declared so. Therefore, anyone who has been declared of heroic virtue, beatified, or canonized fits in that category. In fact, in my life I have met John Paul II (heroic virtue, soon to be beatified) and Mother Theresa of Calcutta (beatified). I have not personally met anyone who has been canonized.

However, while the Church often uses her authority to declare that someone is in the presence of God eternally, she had NEVER in 2000 years declared the opposite: that someone has been eternally banished from the presence of God (i.e., in Hell.)

continued next column . . .

Although the possibility of Hell must be believed as a doctrine, the actuality of any human soul being there (Judas, Hitler, the bully who used to beat me up in third grade) has never been confirmed by official teaching.

We are therefore free to believe that Hell is empty and Heaven crowded, and therefore to believe any individual whom we have known and who has died to be in Heaven.

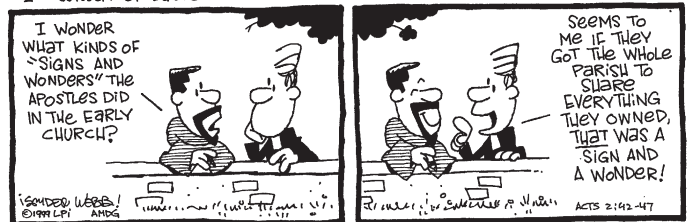
So, to answer your question out of my own piety, and not theological theory, I do know someone who is in Heaven, with no doubt about it: my Mother. (Having raised me, she indubitably deserves it.)

And I have no doubt I will see you there as well, but not too soon!

With affection and blessings, Fr. Lou."

It is no coincidence that I replied this way, since next week is Mothers' Day, and I look for all the living Mothers of both parishes to come to Mass, be honored, and prepare the way for themselves and us to heaven. And of course we pray to and in thanksgiving for those Mothers already in Heaven. Alleluia!

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



**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.

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.