

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sat., May 9 to Sun., May 17, 2009

Saturday Vigil, May 9: 4:30 PM Church
For All Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

Sunday, May 10: 7:30 AM Church
For All Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

Sunday, May 10: 9:30 AM Chapel
For All Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

Sunday, May 10: 11:30 AM Church
For All Mothers of Saint John of God Parish

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, May 11: Agnes Fedio (Olga & Marianne Muraska)

Tuesday, May 12: In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother (Rosemarie Litterini)

Wednesday, May 13, 8:30 AM, Chapel: Mariann Duerr (SJG School Staff)

Wednesday, May 13: Ann Fusina (Joseph & Margaret Kovach)

Thursday, May 14: Julia Lyscik (Joseph Pandl)

Friday, May 15: Ralph, Sue & Charles Merks (Madeline)

Saturday Vigil, May 16: 4:30 PM Church
Rosemarie Butter (Family)

Sunday, May 17: 7:30 AM Church
For Parish Family of Saint John of God

Sunday, May 17: 9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Ralph V. Ciccone w/mother, Vera rembr'd (Angela)

Sunday, May 17: 11:30 AM Church
Edward Martonik (JoAnn Taus)

Readings for the Week of May 10, 2009

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26,34-48/1Jn4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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Parish Office Hours:

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

MOTHER'S DAY

This Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day. All mothers will be honored at our Masses celebrated this weekend, May 9/10. As a token of recognition, each mother will receive a special gift.

Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all!!!

SAINT JOHN OF GOD PARISH
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL

In observance of the special celebration of a "Year of St. Paul the Apostle", June 29, 2008 - June 29, 2009, Bishop David Zubik has declared that for the Diocese of Pittsburgh this will also be a year devoted in a special way to Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Saint John of God Parish will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Tuesday, May 19, beginning at 9:00 A.M. in the Church at St. Mary's ending with Benediction at 7:30 P.M.

All parishioners are strongly encouraged to come spend some time during this time frame in quiet prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist. As we offer our praise and adoration to our God, let us pray especially for an increase in vocations to the ordained ministry, consecrated life, married life and the single life for the Church in Pittsburgh.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The 13-week novena to St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, May 12, 2009 (week 9). The novena prayers will be recited after the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church and at 6:30 PM (novena prayers only) at Mother of Sorrows Chapel.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW
AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The program will be held next Sunday, May 17, from 1-4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For this year's Vacation Bible School we will once again be joining St. Malachy Parish. SonRock Kids Camp will be held Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26. Stay tuned.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Attention teens in grades 8-12! Join us for a fun afternoon on Sunday, May 17. We'll begin with Mass at Noon at St. Paul Cathedral, then venture over to the Original Hot Dog Shop for lunch, and then return to the cathedral lawn for a game of Ultimate Frisbee! To sign-up, contact Steve at 412-331-8573 or sjgyouthmin@yahoo.com (sign-up deadline is Tuesday, May 12).

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 23, 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 18 to Steve Swank at 412-331-8573.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
May 2 / 3**

Saturday	275
Sunday	1,030
Total Weekend Attendance.....	1,305

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of May 2 / 3**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 6,210.00

(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 2009	\$93,361.00
Contributions to date	\$47,686.20
Remaining on goal.....	\$45,674.80

(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.)

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, May 16/17, there will be a combined second collection for Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Africa. The proceeds from this single drive will be divided among the four collections. Please be as generous as your means allow.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

MARKET DAY NEWS

Market Day Orders are due in to the school by Monday, May 11th. Order pick up is 5/18/09 from 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM.

FLEA MARKET NEWS

Plans for our Fabulous Indoor Flea Market are in the works and the dates it will be held will be confirmed shortly. In the meantime, we need you to search your garage, attic, basement and drawers 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, shoes, and purses. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be most grateful for these donations.

WELCOME

Our parish family of St. John of God offers prayerful congratulations to Krista Dominici on her initiation into full membership with the Church. May our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, continue to bless you with grace throughout your life of faith.

BIBLE STUDY



A Bible Study, led by John Fatula, will be held this Wednesday, May 13, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MAY 10

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF JULIA LYSCIK BY COLANTONI FAMILY

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF JULIA LYSCIK BY YOLA GRAY

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate William and Elizabeth Gerwell who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. William and Elizabeth were married on May 2, 1959 in St. Mark Church by Rev. Michael Thomas Gubanich. May the Lord continue to bless your years together.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday, May 21, 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 20, Wednesday Evening Vigil
4:30 PM, Church at St. Mary's

May 21, 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 21. The meeting will deal with general issues in the Parish. All are invited and encouraged to participate in this form of parish governance.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital, especially: **Willow Lane** - John Hanobik **Shadyside** - Tom Harbaugh *Also for all those ill at home (especially Sr. Leah Turberville) 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 Families of Gary R. Mays, Stephen R. Kurash and Rev. Joseph M. McMahon (brother of Patricia K. and Vincent M. McMahon) whom God has called. Please remember them and 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."*

THE WEEK AHEAD

May 11 (Mon.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Ave., 1:30 PM

May 11 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

May 11 (Mon.) - St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting, 7 PM in the Gathering Place

May 12 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's and at 6:30 PM in Mother of Sorrows (wk 9 of 13 wk novena).

May 13 (Wed.) - **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM

May 13 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Meeting, 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Place.

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

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The ladies group "Friendship Circle" of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is planning a "Salad Luncheon" on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM. The theme is Holiday Seasons, each table will reflect a different holiday season. There will be a Chinese Auction for Centerpieces and Karaoke. Free will offering will be accepted. Men and women, young and old, come and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship. Please RSVP by May 11 to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church office at 412-771-1933.

ST. MALACHY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All are invited to join the St. Malachy Knights of Columbus for the Living Rosary on Monday, May 11, at 7 PM at St. Malachy Church. Be a part of this distinctive method of reciting the Rosary and honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary during her special month of May.

FAREWELL MASS FOR BISHOP BRADLEY

Auxiliary Bishop Paul J. Bradley has been appointed by our Holy Father as Bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Bishop-designate Bradley will be installed in Kalamazoo on June 5th.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh will bid farewell to Bishop Bradley at a 3:00 PM Mass at St. Paul Cathedral this Sunday, May 10th. Bishop Zubik will preside and Bishop Bradley will be the celebrant and homilist. Following Mass there will be a public reception in the Cathedral's lower hall, so that attendees have an opportunity to wish Bishop Bradley well as he prepares to shepherd the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

The Mass is open to the public and will include a special blessing for mothers on this Mother's Day.

Parking is available at Oakland Catholic High School on a first-come basis.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel, "Abide in me," are appropriate on a day we honor mothers because a special bond connecting mothers and their children extend beyond birth and death. They will always "abide" in each other. It's is a lasting presence.

**IN THESE DIFFICULT TIME
DO YOU
NEED HELP WITH FOOD?**

FOCUS ON RENEWAL MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST

If your income is less than 150% of the federal poverty level (\$1,750 per month for family of two or \$2,650 per month for a family of four maximum) then you qualify for a monthly FOOD BANK. You are welcome to come with proof of address to Focus On Renewal's Community Center any Wednesday or Friday between 2 and 4 PM. All residents of Stowe Township or McKees Rocks Borough or the Esplen neighborhood of Pittsburgh **NOT** living in public/community housing will be served by this food bank.

**A RETREAT DAY FOR
THE VETERAN AND THE FAMILY**

May 22, 2009
John Jay Center
Robert Morris University ☞ Moon Township
Information: 412-244-1244
Free Parking Available

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: *Registration/Exhibits*
10:00 AM: *Keynote Presentation*
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: *Workshops and Exhibits*
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: *Lunch Provided*

This retreat will provide veterans and their families with tools to help cope with deployment, transition and assist with reintegration.

Exhibits ~ Family/Soldier Discussion ~ Massages / Manicures ~ Seminars on Health and Wellness ~ Military Benefits Information ~ Child/Adolescent Discussion ~ Pet Therapy Dog ~ Information on Education Assistance for Veterans

*Children's Corner *Arts & Crafts *Climbing Wall
*Face Painting *Special Appearance by the Pittsburgh Pirate Parrot*

This retreat is FREE of charge, but pre-registration is recommended, as space is limited.

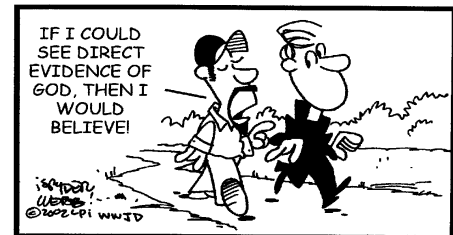
Please RSVP by May 15
By e-mail to traininginfo@comcast.net
or by phone at 412-244-1244

This retreat is sponsored by: Allegheny County, AHCI, Carlow University, Christian Associates of SW PA, Community Care, Mercy Behavioral Health, Robert Morris University, and The Vet Center

**REGARDING DONATIONS RECEIVED
DURING LENT FOR THE NEEDY**

Sister Theresa wishes to thank everyone for their generosity in the donations received for the needy on Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, and Holy Thursday. We know that in this time of economical, emotional and spiritual stress it is very difficult to have money to give. Once again, we greatly appreciate Fr. Lou's kindness in giving the Ladies of Charity and the St. Vincent de Paul Society use of this money. It has been a godsend to us and to those we serve in the community. We are using this money to help with utility and rent bills as well as food certificates and other expenses that families just cannot attend to. Also, thank you for your donations of non-perishable food, paper products, etc. each second Sunday of the month.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS

Providence Connections is now accepting applications for summer camp, **Future Stars of Agape 2009**, for campers ages 5 - 13. **Future Stars of Agape**, which will run from June 22 - August 21, will explore different levels and meanings of love through art expression, environmental knowledge and outdoor recreation. The camp runs Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 6 PM. Breakfast, lunch & snack are provided, along with daily recreation, swimming & field trips. Outdoor adventure activities include hiking, kayaking, fishing & more! Campers will develop skills in the fine & performing arts, with dancing, drumming and visual arts. Campers will be admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sibling discounts are available and possible tuition assistance. Call 412-766-6730, ext 213 to register. Providence Connections, located on Pittsburgh's North Side, is a ministry sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence.

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

The high class cliché in our language is "Pyrrhic Victory.' It is named after a king in the third century BC, who when the ancient Romans were thought to be unbeatable, beat them and beat them soundly. The problem was, Pyrrhus lost so many of his own soldiers in defeating the Romans that his own kingdom fell apart while Rome went on to become a great empire. The phrase describes winning, but at a cost so high that it is self-defeating. Folk wisdom says the same thing: 'He won the battle, but lost the war," or "the operation was a success, but the patient died."

The feminist movement today is in danger of winning a "Pyrrhic victory" in some of its goals. I am not speaking now of their aim to allow an individual to pursue any career that talent and interest qualify her for, regardless of sex, or race or religion. That is simply the dignity of the person. Nor do I refer to the struggle of equal pay for equal work, male or female. That is simple justice. Nor do I disagree with the intention of preventing women from being treated like property or objects, sexually or personally. That is merely what love demands. But some of the struggles in the women's movement have had disastrous effects: The most self-defeating victory of the movement has been the devaluation of the dignity of motherhood as a worthwhile and fulfilling career. Some women have come to believe that it is somehow shameful, or beneath them, or less than the best to be "simply a mother."

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The aphorism "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" is not just idle talk. Though many women have not held high positions of authority by title and office in the world, there is no doubt that considerable power has always been exercised directly and indirectly by mothers: through the formation, the always necessary support, and the sustenance of their children. Furthermore, even the ministry of Jesus Himself, before the apostles got hold of it and passed it onto bishops, first belonged to His Mother Mary, whose original "Yes" to the bearing of the Son of God gave the world its Messiah. Without Mary, there would have been no Jesus, and no Church to carry on His work. The month of May is dedicated to Mary and this Sunday in particular is dedicated to all mothers. Let us never lose sight of the real victory that truly devoted mothers have given to us all by the dignity, justice, love and glory that belongs to motherhood in its own right, or we will all be losers.

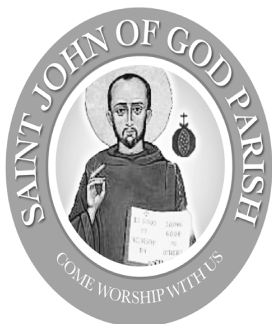
Happy Mother's Day!



Blessing Prayer for Mothers

Dear Lord and Creator: Bless now with your love and protection all mothers, that they may treasure the lives and spiritual well-being of their children. Bless my own mother, she who gave me the great gift of life, that I may continue to be a loving and grateful child. Bless all those who had a mother's influence in my life. Bless all those close to me who are mothers, and bless all those carrying life within them at this moment. Amen.

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.