

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.

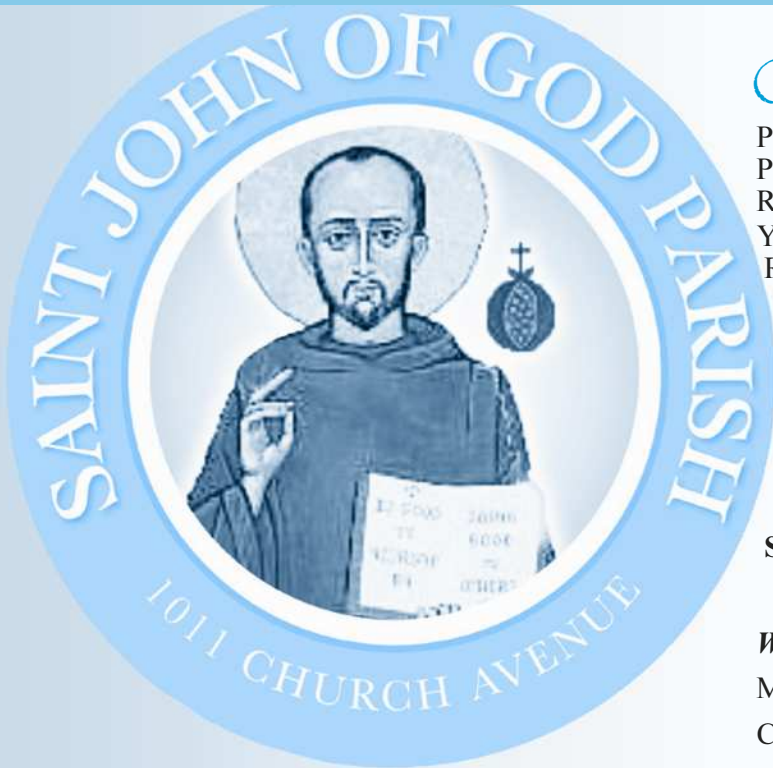
Reconciliation (Confession): 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM (Church) and following the 4:30 PM Mass (Church) and by appointment.

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

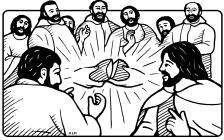
Staff

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*



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER****MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, May 7 to Sunday, May 15****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***WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH****Monday, May 9:** Ann Gahr (Bill, Evelyn & Grandchildren)**Tuesday, May 10:** Elvira Angelilli (Lee DeTondo Land)**Tuesday, May 10: 6:30 PM, Chapel:** Novena Prayers to St. Anthony (week 9)**Wednesday, May 11:** Nellie Sabol (John Rozlosky)**Thursday, May 12:** Rita Mortell (Peg Barker)**Friday, May 13:** Albert Markovich (Daughter, Nancy)**Saturday Vigil, May 14:** 4:30 PM Church
*In Honor of the Blessed Mother (Rosemarie Litterini)***Sunday, May 15:** 7:30 AM Church
*Mary Mell (Family)***Sunday, May 15:** 9:30 AM Chapel
*Rose Mychalishyn (Family)***Sunday, May 15:** 11:30 AM Church
*First Communion***Readings for the Week of May 8, 2011***Sunday:* Acts 2:14-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35*Monday:* Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29*Tuesday:* Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35*Wednesday:* Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40*Thursday:* Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51*Friday:* Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59*Saturday:* Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17*Next Sunday:* Acts 2:14a-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF MAY 8****ST. MARY'S** - IN MEMORY OF ANN GAHR BY BILL, EVELYN AND GRANDCHILDREN **MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF LUCY GIULIANI BY BETTY AND BARRY GARHAMMER**Parish Office Hours:****9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday thru Friday)****Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon****MOTHER'S DAY**

This Sunday, May 8, is Mother's Day. All mothers will be honored at our Masses celebrated this weekend, May 7/8. As a token of recognition, each mother will receive a special gift. *Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all!*

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,
you wrap your arms around your people
and show your everlasting love in the same way
a mother loves her children.
We are grateful for the love you have taught us
through the mothers in our lives:
our own mother who brought us into this world,
the mothers of friends who have welcomed us
into their homes and families,
our grandmothers who took time for us,
and the mothers who have helped us
even though we were not their children.
Bless all the mothers of this world today.
May they know the fullness of love they have shared
and be blessed every day of their lives.
Amen.

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS**RETREAT**

A Retreat for those preparing for First Communion will be held this 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. For any questions, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion next 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.

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May devotions will be celebrated in St. John of God Parish as they are every Monday evening during the year in St. Mary's Church. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 6:30 PM followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers. As always, everyone is welcome to come join us as we honor Mary, our Blessed Mother

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The 13-week novena to St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, May 10 (week 9). 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.

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 sigyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
April 30 / May 1**

Saturday	302
Sunday.....	656
Total Weekend Attendance	958

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of April 30 / May 1**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,278.00

(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	\$44,212.00
Remaining on goal.....	\$39,288.00

(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.)

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 Family of *Margaret Carroll and Fritz Podnar (brother of Helen Carr)* whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers.

"May the Angels lead them into paradise, may the martyrs receive them at their coming, and take them to Jerusalem, the holy city."

**STEEPLE CHASE
GAS & GO RAFFLE**



Have you checked the price of gas lately? Are you suffering from gas pump shock? We're here to help. Take a chance on Steeple Chase Gas & Go Raffle on July 20, 2011. Spend \$5 and possibly win \$500 in gasoline gift cards. Winning number drawn at 7 PM on the Pennsylvania Lottery that date. All numbers are played straight as drawn. Tickets are available at each of the Masses, Pizza Kitchen, Bingo and parish office. Tickets are courtesy of Anthony M. Musmanno Funeral Home. Thank you.

As always, we need your help in selling these tickets **beyond the parish boundaries** ~~ in the workplace, neighbors, friends, breakfast club, bowling, bocce leagues, card clubs, at your business. The seller of the winning ticket will receive a \$50 gasoline gift card, too. Please call Charlotte, 412-331-2453 or Terry, 412-331-3443 if you are interested.

**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.

**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. For more information, please call St. Bernard Parish at 412-561-3300.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church, 204 Olivia St., McKees Rocks (Bottoms) is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner next Sunday, May 15, Noon to 5 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and are available by calling 412-331-5605 or at the door. *Bake Sale, Take-out Available, Cash Bar, Chinese Auction*

FOCUS ON RENEWAL / HIGHMARK WALK

The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is on Saturday, May 21 (registration 7:45 AM), at Heinz Field. Help support F.O.R.'s emergency food pantry and the many children, families and seniors it serves. F.O.R. is pleased to be one of 67 non-profits participating in the walk. Last year, 67 walkers and numerous sponsors raised \$5,484 for the F.O.R. For more information call 412-771-6460, ext. 300.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, May 14/15, 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 causes. Please be as generous as your means allow.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

A Mother/Daughter Day of Recollection will be held on Saturday, May 14, from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Gilmory Center in Coraopolis. The day is for girls age 10 and up. Relationship building, spiritually encouraging and fun. Age appropriate talks, lunch and much more. Make plans to attend this event at the Gilmory Catholic Retreat Center by calling 412-264-8400. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.gilmorycenter.org under the "Upcoming Events" tab. Deadline to register is Tuesday, May 10.

THE WEEK AHEAD

May 9 (Mon.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 1:45 PM.

May 9 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

May 9 (Mon.) - St. Vincent de Paul Society Mtg, 7 PM, Gathering Place.

May 10 (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 9).

May 11 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin 7:15 PM.

May 13 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

May 13 (Friday) - 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 open through May 20. After that our dedicated workers will be on a well-deserved summer break. Remember, most of our menu items freeze very well. Stock up in the next two weeks for your summer get togethers and parties.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHISTS
AND HELPERS**

We thank in a special way our following Sunday School catechists, aides and helpers for their superb sharing of their time, talent and faith.

1st Grade - Kelly Smarra and Danielle Incorvati;
aide, Mackenzie Wissner

2nd Grade - Sue Bopp

3rd Grade - Giovanna Margo

4th Grade - Andrew Margo and Grace Savatt

5th Grade - Thomas Adams

6th Grade - Phyllis Seibert

7th Grade - Christine Caristo

8th Grade - Steve Tomsco; aide, Anja Weisser

We would also like to thank our office assistants: Amy Beeler, Peggy Mullen, Cindy Sheets and Carla Wissner. May the Lord bless them in a special way now and always.

FANTASTIC**PERFECT AND EXCEPTIONAL ATTENDANCE**

Last Sunday, at the closing Mass for the end of this catechetical year, we gave special recognition to the following students with **Perfect Attendance**:

*Alaina Beeler, Ashleigh Geier, Logan Golling,
Morgan Helfrich and Ava Scrabis.*

We also recognized those with
Exceptional Attendance: (one miss):

*Kevin Barbour, Rachael Barbour, Kylee Clifton,
Jasmine Harbaugh, Brandi Kolas, Daniel Moose,
Rachel Somma, Damon Trombetta
and Dante Trombetta.*

May the Lord bless all of you in a special way and always keep you faithful to Himself.

Not only do we recognize the students for their faithfulness in attending Sunday School, we also recognize their parents for their outstanding commitment to see their children grow in their faith. Keep up the great work and may the Lord bless each one of you in a special way now and in the future.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For this year's Vacation Bible School, we will once again be joining St. Malachy Parish the week of June 20 through June 24. Stay tuned.

"EXPERIENCE JESUS"**A HOLY HOUR WITH MUSIC AND PRAYER**

Led by Michael John Poirier with the theme: *Pray this Mass with Love*, this event is essentially a reflection and meditation as to how we approach prayer and most especially the great treasure of the Eucharist in the Holy Mass. *Experience Jesus* will be held at St. Paul Cathedral on Monday, May 23, from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the event. For more information, call 412-456-3156 or email at evangelization@diopitt.org.

JEWELS OF POLAND TOUR

Fr. Bob Staszewski, St. Ann Church, Bulger, PA, in conjunction with Ponzio International Travel, is offering a wonderful opportunity to visit the country of our beloved Pope John Paul II from September 23 to October 1, 2011. This tour will cover a great deal of Poland. The 8-day pilgrimage will cost \$1,329 (airfare NOT included at this time). For further information, please contact Victoria Sammartino, Ponzio International Travel (412-886-0777/412-563-2600 or email vickisammartino1228@hotmail.com or Fr. Bob Staszewski (724-796-3791).

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the Risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

You gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Ladies of Charity in your Charitable Works envelope in your packet of envelopes show that you are indeed walking with Jesus and recognizing him in the poor and suffering. Thank you for helping us to help others.

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.

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. Drop-off dates to be announced.

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.

OLDIES DANCE

An Oldies Dance, featuring the musical sounds of DooWop Dan and His Oldies, will be held on Saturday, May 28, from 7 PM to 11 PM at the American Legion, Sto-Rox Post 618, 526 Broadway Ave. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$10 per person/\$15 per couple ~ Admission includes snacks with a cash bar available. For more information or directions, please call 412-670-1702.

**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.) Sign-up today by calling the Ascension Office at 412-859-3711.

MEETING

The **Ladies of Charity** will meet on Thursday, May 19, at 7 PM in the Gathering Place. This will be the last meeting for the summer. Meetings will resume in the fall.

"The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia." Luke 24:35

Saint John of God, pray for us.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

This past week, as we do every year, my 1973 ordination class of Pittsburgh gathered to celebrate our anniversary. We are, and always have been, a motley crew. It is more than obvious what 38 years have done to us. We are fewer (three have died, one is completely disabled, one is a bishop - which some might joke is almost the same thing) and several have left the active ministry. We are older, slower, greyer, balder, grumpier, tired and uglier. Not to mention busier.

The years have done much to us, what with the abuse scandals, the polarization of the faithful, the machinations of the hierarchy, the drop in our numbers, the increase in our expectations, and on and on.

But as was evidenced by the laughter, teasing, kidding and all around bon homie that is the hallmark of all of our reunions, nothing has taken away our deep seated joy in our priesthood, our people, our God and in each other.

I thought of writing something more profound, but the following old joke seems more in tune with who and what we are: men of humor, not afraid to laugh especially at ourselves.

A priest was walking along the corridor of the parochial school near the preschool wing when a group of little ones were trotting by on the way to the cafeteria. One little lad of about three or four stopped and looked at him in his clerical clothes and asked, "Why do you dress funny?"

He told him that he was a priest and that this is the uniform priests wear. Then the boy pointed to the priest's plastic collar tab and asked: "Do you have an owie?"

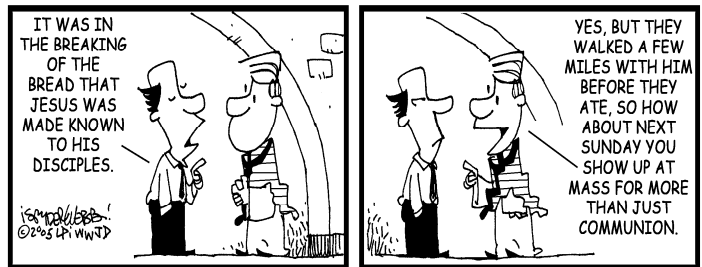
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The priest was perplexed till he realized that to him the collar tab looked like a band aid. So the priest took it out and handed it to the boy to show him. On the back of the tab are raised letters giving the name of the manufacturer. The little guy felt the letters, and the priest asked, "Do you know what those words say?"

"Yes I do," said the lad who was not old enough to read. Peering intently at the letters he said, "Kills ticks and fleas up to six months!"

On this Mothers' Day, please pray to Mary the Mother of Priests for me, my classmates, and all priests. We need it. We need God. We need you.

3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER



RUMMAGE SALE

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Rummage Sale of clothing, tons of furniture, household items, jewelry, books and assorted items. Little Sisters Home is located in Brighton Heights at 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15212. The sale starts Friday, May 13, and ends with a *bag sale* on Saturday, May 14. The hours are from 10 AM to 5 PM daily. Everything must be sold. Hot dogs and snacks will also be available for purchase. For more information or directions, please contact the Home at 412-307-1100.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-888-808-1235

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.