

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 Deacon Robert J. Stein

Staff

Mr. John Fatula, *Director of Religious Ed.*
Ms. Elna Johnson, *Director of Music*
Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, *Director of Finances*
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*





FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 2 to Sunday, July 10

Saturday Vigil, July 2: 4:30 PM Church
In Honor of Saint Anthony (Charlotte)

Sunday, July 3: 7:30 AM Church
Anniv - Brian Stempkowski (Mom, Bea & Stempkowski Family)

Sunday, July 3: 9:30 AM Chapel
Dominic & Julia Primavera and Crecenzo & Virginia DiNardo (Family)

Sunday, July 3: 11:30 AM Church
Marcella Piazza (Pizza Kitchen)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, July 4: *For Our Nation*

Tuesday, July 5: *Parish Family of Saint John of God*

Wednesday, July 6: Anthony Leo Salnoris (Wife, Helen & Family)

Thursday, July 7: John & Cecilia Ellek (Son, John)

Friday, July 8: Joseph Orlich (Kevin & Amy Kochirka)

Saturday, July 9, 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, July 9: 4:30 PM Church
George Cerovski with wife, Margaret remembered
(Daughter, Mary & Family)

Sunday, July 10: 7:30 AM Church
Antoinetta Przygucki (Joyce Pecorelli)

Sunday, July 10: 9:30 AM Chapel
Anniv - Andrew & Mary Stropkaj (Anna Marie)

Sunday, July 10: 11:30 AM Church
Charles Hawk & Lydia Hawk Hohlman ((Wife & Mother,
Marlene & Family)

Readings for the Week of July 3, 2011

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Fourth of July holiday, the parish office will be closed this Monday, July 4. Please hold all calls until Tuesday, July 5, unless it is an emergency. Have a safe and happy holiday!

FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE NEWS

Our Fabulous Indoor Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, July 16, from 8 AM to 4 PM and on Sunday, July 17, from 9 AM to 1 PM in our air-conditioned Social Hall at Mother of Sorrows. We will also have a Bake Sale with lots of yummy treats.

Keep searching your garage, attic, basement and drawers for that "elegant junk" to become someone else's treasures. ***Items may be dropped off at the Social Hall, lower level, two final times which are this Tuesday, July 5, 9 AM to Noon and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.***

Some Items of Interest :

- Dining Room Set
- Pool Table
- Power Washer
- Leaf Blower
- High Chairs
- Assortment of Tools
- Garden Statues and Pottery

If you are interested in any of these items, please call Lucille Coppola at 412-298-6106 for more information.



BAKE GOODS DONATIONS

We appeal to our parishioners to help us out with bake goods for the Flea Market Bake Sale. Turn on your ovens and get out your favorite recipe. If it's too hot for the ovens, a tasty store-bought goodie will be just fine. You may bring your donation to the upper level of the Social Hall on Friday, July 15, Noon to 8 PM or Saturday morning, July 16, from 8 AM to 10 AM. Thank you! Any questions?? Call Lucille, 412-298-6106

HELP! HELP! HELP! TO MOVE ITEMS

This Thursday, July 7, at 6 PM, we will be moving donated flea market items from the lower level of the Social Hall to the upper level. All able-bodied persons who can help us with this "moving items" endeavor are most welcome and needed. See you there and thanks in advance!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. (MONDAY THRU FRIDAY)

YOUTH NEWS



Teens are invited to visit Saint Anthony's Chapel on Wednesday, July 13. The Chapel has the second largest collection of saint relics in the world after the Vatican. Join us for this fascinating and unique experience. To sign-up, contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8525 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Young adults age 21-39 are invited to our next Bible Study this Tuesday, July 5, at Sharp Edge Creekhous (meet at Hope House at 7:30 PM). For more information regarding our Young Adult Group, please contact Steve Swank.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
June 25 / 26**

Saturday	265
Sunday.....	550
Total Weekend Attendance	815

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of June 25 / 26**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 4,971.00

(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 (adjusted)	\$82,901.00
Contributions to date	\$61,687.50
Remaining on goal.....	\$21,213.50

(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

Peter's Pence\$1,145.00

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

**PRAY FOR OUR
SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

**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 will be 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, 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.

HOSPITAL

Please remember in your prayers all those who are in the hospital, especially: **Mercy** - Patty Paul. *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 Josephine DiNardo whom God has called. Please remember her 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."*

THANK YOU

We wish to extend a special thank you to all those who made the social gathering for Sister Theresa's retirement celebration a pleasant and enjoyable time. Thank you, also, to the "gardeners" who planted the flowers along the walkway to the Gathering Place. They look very nice. Let us always remember to give thanks to the Lord our God for the many blessings he has given each of us.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JULY 3
ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF BRIAN STEMPKOWSKI BY SISTER, LINDA CELEDONIA AND DR. JOE STEM AND FAMILY
MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF LUCY GIULIANI BY BETTY AND BARRY GARHAMMER

*Please remember
Saint John of God Parish in your will.*

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

There will **NOT** be a Baptismal Program in July. The next program will be held on Sunday, August 15, from 1-4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register or for more information, please call John Fatula **after** August 1 at 412-331-8501.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Charlie Ronald Marnich*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

THE WEEK AHEAD

July 4 (Mon.) - The Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited privately this week.

July 5 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

July 6 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Air-Conditioned Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin 7:15 PM.

July 8 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

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, July 9/10. Thanks in advance for helping us to help others.

PARISH SHARE

The second collection next weekend, July 9/10, will be for the Parish Share Program. There is a blue envelope in your packet of envelopes for this purpose. If you forget to bring your envelope next weekend, just bring it any time that is convenient.

FATHER RYAN ARTS CENTER FREE WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 16, from 10 AM to 12 Noon, *Restoring Balance in Your Life* - If you simply wish to create some balance in your life, then this workshop is for you. Through contemplative individual and group exercises, participants will develop an individualized wellness plan for personal use.

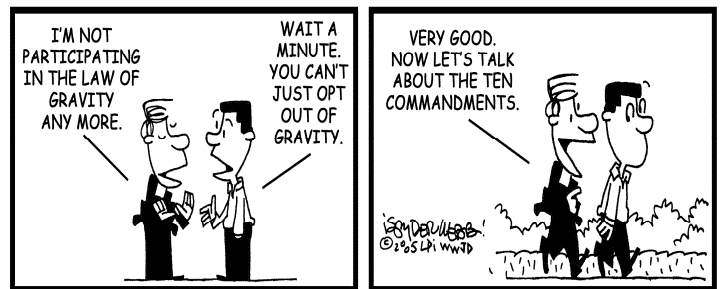
The workshop is free and will be held at the Father Ryan Arts Center, 420 Chartiers Ave, Rox. For more information, please call the Arts Center at 412-771-3052.

PEACE CAMP 2011

Peace Camp 2011 will be offered at the Father Ryan Arts Center, August 1 to 5 from 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM. Children between the ages of 6 and 12 are invited to participate! The camp is a collaborative effort of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Father Ryan Arts Center, MGR Foundation and Deshea Townsend's Pay It Forward Foundation. The camp's theme will revolve around the Family Pledge of Nonviolence as outlined by Families Against Violence Advocacy Network: "to respect self and others, communicate and listen more effectively, forgive, act with courage, respect nature, and play creatively." Dance, visual art, drumming, music and creative play will be incorporated into each day's activities led by professional arts educators and young adult college and high school counselors.

To register online or to download a registration form visit www.FatherRyanArtsCenter.org (click on Events and scroll down to Peace Camp 2011) or call 412-771-3052 for more information.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2011 beginning with a Mass at 2:00 PM (note time change) at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral.

If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2011, and would be interested in attending the celebration along with the other jubilarian couples, please call the parish office or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than August 7, 2011. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

Saint John of God, Pray for us.

KENNYWOOD ETHNIC DAYS

Irish Day, Wed., July 6
 Slovak Day, Thurs., July 21
 Italian Day, Tues., July 19
 Polish Day, Tues, Aug. 2
 Hungarian Day, Wed., Aug. 3



Save money on tickets - See details at www.kennywood.com/events. Click on Community and Nationality Days or call Kennywood Park at 412-461-0500.

SVDP and LOC

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Your contribution in the Charitable Works envelope in your packet of envelopes help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Ladies of Charity bring peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens. Thank you.

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

Join Nativity Church on a spiritual and historical journey into Maryland and discover our roots as American Catholics. Step back into the early 17th century and journey into southern Maryland to see St. Clement's Island where the early colonists landed in 1634 and celebrated the first English-speaking Mass in our country. In Port Tobacco visit the Carmelite Monastery, our nation's first convent. Celebrate Mass at St. Ignatius Church, the oldest active Jesuit parish in the country. Explore St. Mary's City, historic capital of Maryland from 1634-1695. Travel to Baltimore and visit our first cathedral, the recently restored Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Enjoy free time at the Inner Harbor. Travel into the lovely Catoctin Mountains to Emmitsburg where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton began the first Catholic school. Visit the Seton Shrine as well as the beautiful National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes located on Mount St. Mary's. For more information, call Greg Bucci at 412-714-4025.

WORLD MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Mark your calendar now, remaining Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends this year: Sept. 23-25, Sheraton Airport and Nov. 11-13, Gilmary Center, Coraopolis. Call 412-635-7775 or visit the web at www.wwme.org. Facebook: WWME SW PA!

**Please keep our Priests, Seminarians, Deacons
 and all Religious in your prayers.**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

All church personnel (including volunteers in various ministry roles) who have contact with minors are reminded that they are required by the Diocese to complete the following five items: Application in the Diocesan Database, State Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse History Clearance, Code of Pastoral Conduct and Protecting God's Children Workshop. Links to these items can be found on our website: www.sjogparish.com (click on "Safe Environment Page" in the left side menu). If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Steve Swank, SJG Safe Environment Coordinator, at 412-331-8525 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com. THANK YOU for your tireless dedication to our parish and for helping to ensure that it is a safe environment for our children!

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
 1-800-808-1235**

ATTENTION SINGLE, 21 & OVER

If you are looking for a new way to meet people, make friends and share good times with others, check out the Catholic Alumni Club. They offer a variety of different activities including parties, picnics, hiking, sports leagues, dinners, trips, community service, etc. For more information visit www.cacpittsburgh.org, see Facebook page or call 412-341-4070.

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, July 15 and ends with a *bag sale* on Saturday, July 16. 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 Little Sisters Home at 412-307-1100.

SCRIPTURE VERSE

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." - Mt 11:28-30

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

This week is the celebration of the Declaration of Independence—the birthday of the United States as a sovereign government and a new nation—thereby creating a new nationality of people. The consequences of that act are literally uncountable, but an insight can be gotten from the following article which appeared anonymously on the internet, but it was written by an Australian in response to an offer in a foreign paper to reward killing an American, any American:

"An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their

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time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country! As of that morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

Americans welcome the best: the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes. But they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. I've been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American."

On the observance of the creation of the United States and therefore of "Americans" we wish everyone a happy holiday, and may God bless America and all true Americans.



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.