

## 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

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> .....	4:30 PM Church - (St. Mary)
<b>Sunday</b> .....	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*





## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 17

**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)

### WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

**Monday, July 11:** Mary Mell (Neve & Regina Mell Family)

**Tuesday, July 12:** Parish Family of Saint John of God

**Wednesday, July 13:** Melina DiPietro (Sister, Josephine)

**Thursday, July 14:** Rita Mortell (Jo Mortell)

**Friday, July 15:** Linda Balzer (Mother & Dad)

**Saturday Vigil, July 16:** 4:30 PM Church  
Betty Jane Vallone (Mr. & Mrs. McNeilly)

**Sunday, July 17:** 7:30 AM Church  
Antoinette Przygucki (Joyce Pecorelli)

**Sunday, July 17:** 9:30 AM Chapel  
Lucia, John & Tony DeSiro (Ida & Family)

**Sunday, July 17:** 11:30 AM Church  
Frank Pavlakovich (Joe Patrick)

### Readings for the Week of July 10, 2011

*Sunday:* Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23  
*Monday:* Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34---11:1  
*Tuesday:* Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24  
*Wednesday:* Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27  
*Thursday:* Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30  
*Friday:* Ex 11:10-12:14/Mt 12:1-8  
*Saturday:* Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21  
*Next Sunday:* Wis 12:13-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

### SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JULY 10

**ST. MARY'S** - IN MEMORY OF FRANK PAVLAKOVICH BY JENNIE  
**MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF LINDA BALZER BY  
MOTHER AND DAD

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

### 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.

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 for more information.

### BINGO NEWS

*There will be NO Bingo this Wednesday, July 13.*

This will give our Flea Market volunteers adequate time to prepare all of the treasures they will be selling this Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17. Bingo will be back the following week, July 20, with a full Bingo schedule and lots of money to give away! Make plans to join us - Early Birds start at 7 PM and regular games follow at 7:15 PM. There is a \$1,000.00 jackpot awarded each night and many other cash prizes throughout the evening.

### 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.*

**YOUTH NEWS**

Teens are invited to visit Saint Anthony's Chapel this 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! Sign-up deadline is Monday, July 11.

Teens are also invited to Wildwood Highlands on Wednesday, July 20. There's Go Karts, Miniature Golf, Bumper Boats, and much more. Check out [www.wildwoodpa.com](http://www.wildwoodpa.com) for details.

To sign-up for either activity, contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8525 or [sigyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sigyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE  
July 2 / 3**

Saturday .....	261
Sunday .....	452
Total Weekend Attendance.....	713

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

Regular Offertory Collection .....\$ 5,688.00

(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 .....	\$62,157.50
Remaining on goal.....	\$20,743.50

(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.)

**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.

**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.*



**CONCERT TO BENEFIT  
HOLY FAMILY INSTITUTE**

This Thursday, July 14, at 7 PM, Danny Ficarra joined by members of the St. John Neumann Adult Choir will perform a beautiful evening of organ, piano and choral pieces **to benefit Holy Family Institute**. St. John Neumann Church is located at 2230 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh 15237 (Franklin Park) (off Camp Horne Rd). Come relax and enjoy a wonderful concert. There is no charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. All donations will benefit Holy Family Institute. Refreshments will follow the concert. For more information or directions, please call St. John Neumann parish office at 412-366-2020 or visit [www.stjohnneumannppgh.org](http://www.stjohnneumannppgh.org).

Remember to keep our Priests, Seminarians, Deacons and all Religious in your prayers.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**July 11 (Mon.)** - Mass in Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Ave., 1:45 PM Mass Intention: Roger Rippole by Family

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

**July 12 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

**July 13 - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO .**

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

**HOSPITAL**

Please remember in your prayers all those who are in the hospital. *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 Charles Bradford and Janet Bernard (sister of George Wolf) 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."*

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

**STEEPLE CHASE STEELER FOOTBALL POOL****Football to be.....or not to be.**

We have no predictions in the NFL labor talks. There could be a shortened season or the entire season cancelled. We are taking a positive approach with the Steeple Chase football pool. We plan for a full 16 game Steeler season. And, here is our back-up plan. For each cancelled regular season game, payout money for these games will go into a "special" Super Bowl pool. Payout will be determined by the number of un-played regular season games. Square names will be the same and updated pool will be provided. So let's play football. If the season is cancelled all monies will be refunded.

The pool includes **16** regular season games beginning Sunday, September 11. There are 100 blocks per game. The payout per game: **\$100** half-time, **\$150** final. Cost for all 16 games is \$80 or \$5 per game. One payment of \$80 is due by **August 30**. Or two payments, \$40 by **August 30** and final \$40 due by October 5. You will retain the same block for each game. The numbers for each game will be drawn in advance therefore your numbers will be different each week. You will receive the completed pool for all 16 games prior to September 11. Purchase a single square or partner with family or friends to buy one. They make great gifts, too! Name your block with your given name or be creative with a name. Winners will receive a check in the mail. Forms are due back to the parish office with payment on or before August 30. Completed forms and payments may be mailed to: St. John of God Parish, 1011 Church Ave., McKees Rocks, PA 15136 by U.S. Mail or placed in the SJOG collection basket or office mail drop off. Any questions???? Call Charlotte @412-331-2453 or Terry@412-331-3443 for more information.

The registration form for the "Football Pool" will be in next week's bulletin.

**FATHER RYAN ARTS CENTER  
FREE WORKSHOP**

This Saturday, July 16, from 10 AM to 12 Noon, a workshop "*Restoring Balance in Your Life*" will be held at the Father Ryan Arts Center. 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. For more information, please call the Arts Center at 412-771-3052.

**IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING  
VOTIVE CANDLES**

Votive candles have been a traditional devotion in the Catholic Church from time immemorial. They are called "sacramentals" - not of the level of the seven sacraments for bringing grace-filled moments to people, but like the true sacraments they appeal to our physical senses to help make us more aware of spiritual realities. Holy water, ashes, palms, medals, crosses - all fall into this category.

It has been a long standing custom for people to light votive candles and say a prayer. The idea is that as long as the candle continues to burn, there is a sign to our senses that the prayer continues to be raised.

However pious this practice is, there are certain secular realities that have to be accommodated. Candles cost money to purchase and make available. The faithful offer a donation to offset the cost. At least as long as I have been Pastor, the accepted offering for the large candles has been two dollars (\$2) and for the small fifty cents (\$0.50). The problem is that the costs have continued to rise, while the offerings have not. As a result, in the past two fiscal years, we have operated on a deficit of over \$7,000. That is, we have spent \$7,000 more on candles than the faithful have donated to pay for them. When you add in labor considerations (taking delivery, switching out empty candles with new ones weekly, disposing of the empties in the trash which we have to pay to have hauled) it is a losing proposition, albeit a pious one.

So the first change is that immediately we ask a three dollar (\$3.00) donation for the large candles and one dollar (\$1.00) for the small. (That is still below the average being charged by most of our Churches in the greater diocesan area.)

Secondly, we have been alerted that since the Mother of Sorrows Chapel is not being used on a daily basis since the closing of the school, unattended open flames are considered a fire hazard and must be discontinued immediately. Therefore, there will no longer be votive candles available at the Chapel site. Instead, envelopes will be provided for donations and intentions there, and weekly we will bring them to the Church at St. Mary to be lit in the stands there since they are monitored daily.

I am sorry we have to make these changes - I have put them off as long as I could. The piety remains the same, but we are being forced to adjust to how we practice it. (In case anyone wants to light a candle for me so that I can withstand the negative uproar and criticism that will inevitably ensue over this decision, I will gladly accept your prayers. But it will still cost \$3.00 and will have to be lit in the Church.)



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE  
SAINT JOHN OF GOD PARISH

FABULOUS, HUGE INDOOR FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE  
(UPPER AND LOWER LEVELS)

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2011 ~~ 8 AM TO 4 PM  
AND  
SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011 ~~ 9 AM TO 1 PM

AT THE MOTHER OF SORROWS  
AIR-CONDITIONED SOCIAL HALL  
10 DESIDERIO WAY, NORWOOD

COME SEARCH THROUGH ALL THE  
"ELEGANT JUNK" TO FIND YOUR "TREASURE"!

YOU MAY BE SURPRISED AT WHAT YOU WILL FIND!



INFORMATION: CALL LUCILLE  
412-298-6106



LUNCHEON MENU

Available for purchase at the Flea Market:

Pizza,



Potato Falagones (Regular & Hot)  
(no phone orders please for the falagones)



Hot Dogs,

Snacks,

Beverages



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

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

Sometimes when adversity hits, there is little to do but take comfort in clichés and aphorisms:

"The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a'glee (translation from Scottish - often go astray.)"

"Man proposes: God disposes."

"If you want to make God laugh, tell Him YOUR plans!"

"The will of God never takes us where the grace of God will not sustain us."

I could probably go on for the rest of the page, but I am sure you have the idea by now. Over the course of several months, I had been working on a plan for the ministry at St. John of God and St. Catherine as the parishes, and I, moved forward in some challenging times. Many changes have taken place in the Catholic Church during my 38 years of priesthood. Some were easy and welcome, some hard and needed adjustment from all of us. One of the biggest has been the severe drop in the number of ordained priests to serve the faithful. But God always helps us find a way out of no way. The number of priests has dropped, but another sacramentally ordained ministry, that of permanent deacon, has arisen. And so the promise of service to parishes through preaching the Gospel, administering the sacraments, and performing the works of mercy could be fulfilled, but under a new configuration.

I had announced in the Pastor's Corner an exciting possibility of combining a full time staff member who is a permanent deacon with one of the

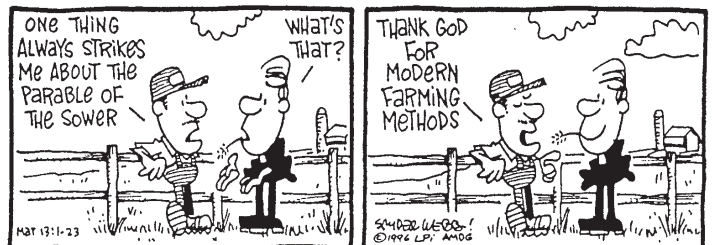
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newly ordained deacons on a part time basis. This is not new (I have personally seen how well it works in places like Houston, Charleston and Los Angeles) but would be a departure for Pittsburgh. I was also thrilled that I would be able to use my new trained skills from Good Leaders, Good Shepherds to organize this initiative. Everything seemed to have fallen perfectly in place, when of course God decided to laugh.

The deacon who was to take the full time position as Pastoral Associate after I announced our plan was offered a position in his primary profession, that of Catholic School principal, in another state. Of course, it was imperative that he be freed to follow that path for his sake, that of his family, for the Church in Ohio, and for the greater honor and glory of God. It just left me with egg on my face for counting my chickens before they were hatched (another cliché!)

And so we move on to plan C, or D, or whatever the letter is now. Deacon Bob Stein will pursue his ministry with us, I will take advisement on the position of Pastoral Associate, having been presented with a lemon, and I will proceed to try to make lemonade (another cliché!)

15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

*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.*