

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*





SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 16 to Sunday, July 24

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

Sunday, July 17: 7:30 AM Church
Antoinetta 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)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, July 18: Anniv - John C. Kyle (George & Marge Wolf)

Tuesday, July 19: Deceased Members of the Lutz and McIntosh Families (Family)

Wednesday, July 20: Parish Family of Saint John of God

Thursday, July 21: Anniv - Anna Ritter (Family)

Friday, July 22: Ethel Martonic (Family)

Saturday Vigil, July 23: 4:30 PM Church
Albert Frydlewicz (Wife, Mary & Family)

Sunday, July 24: 7:30 AM Church
Louis & Josephine Demmel (Son, Don)

Sunday, July 24: 9:30 AM Chapel
Anna Coppola (Lucille)

Sunday, July 24: 11:30 AM Church
Edward E. Martonik (Family)

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2011

Sunday: Wis 12:13-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21---15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JULY 17

ST. MARY'S - SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE VICTOR MAHONEY FAMILY BY DON MAHONEY

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF THE ROMAN PLACON FAMILY BY FAMILY

LAST DAY THIS SUNDAY, JULY 17, 9 AM TO 1 PM FABULOUS INDOOR FLEA MARKET SOCIAL HALL AT MOTHER OF SORROWS

There still may be that one special item you've been looking for available at the Flea Market. Come look around and see what you can find. Lunch and bake goods are also available!



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 this Wednesday, 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. Please call Charlotte, 412-331-2453 or Terry, 412-331-3443 for tickets or for more information. 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.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next baptismal 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.

HOSPITAL

Please remember in your prayers all those who are in the hospital, especially: **Ohio Valley** - Marge Hohl **Health South Rehab. of Sewickley** - Jennie Porco *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 Anne Hitrik and Raymond "Cream" Leone 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."*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON

YOUTH NEWS

All teens (entering grades 8-12 in the fall) are invited to Wildwood Highlands on Wednesday, July 20. There's Go Karts, Miniature Golf, Bumper Boats, and much more. Check out www.wildwoodpa.com for details. To sign-up, contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8525 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com. Sign-up deadline is Monday, July 18.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
July 9 / 10**

Saturday	256
Sunday.....	462
Total Weekend Attendance	718

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of July 9 / 10**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,745.50

(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	\$67,157.00
Remaining on goal.....	\$15,744.00

(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.)

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.

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.

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!

THE WEEK AHEAD

July 18 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

July 19 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

July 20 - 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 22 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

*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.

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PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT COMPLETELY, MAIL TO: SJOG Parish, "Football Pool", 1011 Church Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136, or place in SJOG collection basket or office mail drop off by August 30, 2011. Questions - Call 412-331-2453 or 412-331-3443.

I would like to purchase _____ square(s) on the SJG Steeple Chase Steeler Football Pool @\$80 per square

Enclosed is _____ (Full Payment) or _____ (\$40 partial - remainder due Oct. 5, 2011)

I would like to name my square(s) _____

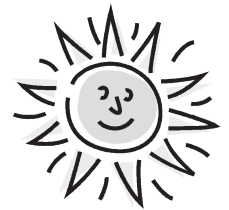
Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

S U M M E R

The orb of the sun,
 Resplendent at its rising:
 What a wonderful work of
 The Most High!
 Great indeed in the LORD
 Who made it.



Sirach 43:2,5

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

A "CELEBRATION ON BROADWAY" is being planned for Saturday, September 17, 2011. There will be food, arts & crafts, flea market, car cruise, and a festival. Stay tuned to the bulletin for more detailed information.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Parents of children who have completed Kindergarten through those 12 years old are encouraged to visit the Gilmary Retreat Center, five minutes from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Gilmary has openings for the current Summer Day Camp. Children may be registered for full or part-time attendance. A tour of the Gilmary facility can be arranged by calling 412-264-8400 or emailing info@gilmarycenter.org. Visit the Gilmary website at www.gilmarycenter.org and register your child for one week or the rest of the summer!

**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.

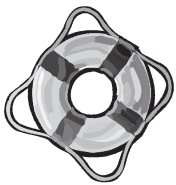
ENGAGED? KNOW SOMEBODY GETTING MARRIED?

Located at all entrances to St. Mary's Church and Mother of Sorrows Chapel are a limited amount of complimentary copies of the *Pittsburgh Catholic 2011 Wedding Guide*. Feel free to take a copy home with you today.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

Once again the Diocese of Pittsburgh has designated the first Sunday of August as "Young Adult Sunday". "Young Adults" are all those, single and married, who fall between the ages of 18-39. On Sunday, August 7, we will call to mind the presence, gifts and talents of this important part of the parish and community. Please consider offering up a prayer for them! For more information on young adult activities in the Diocese check out the website at www.diopitt.org or call 412-456-3140.

FORECLOSURE HELP IS HERE



If you're worried about losing your house, you may be eligible for financial assistance, including new emergency federal loans. In fact, a whole host of programs may help you avoid foreclosure and stay in your home. The first

step is to call today, because funding is available for a limited time. Call 2-2-1 or 1-800-552-4171 to learn more today.

To qualify for an EHLP (Emergency Homeowner's Loan Program) loan, homeowners need to meet certain HUD requirements, including:

- Their current gross income must be at least 15 percent lower than their pre-event income
- They must be at least three payments delinquent on their mortgage
- The property must be owner-occupied and be the homeowner's principal residence
- The property must be a single-family residence - either a one-to-four unit structure or condominium.

Call 2-1-1 today to get connected to help. If 2-1-1 isn't yet in your area, call 1-800-522-4171.

Pennsylvania 2-1-1 Southwest powered by United Way.

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

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.)

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

I was with a group of African priests this past weekend and they complained to me that Pittsburgh is simply too hot. Now, when someone from Africa complains about the heat in Pittsburgh, it must really have been something to endure! They went on to hypothesize various ways that we should investigate to air-condition all of our Churches during these summer months. But inasmuch as we still haven't paid off the heating bills from this past winter, I don't think there is much hope of the financial, not to mention the engineering, challenges to cooling a Church like St. Mary's, repairing the vandalized air-conditioning at Mother of Sorrows, or getting much more cool air circulating at St. Catherine when the Saturday evening attendance is 25% above the seating capacity!

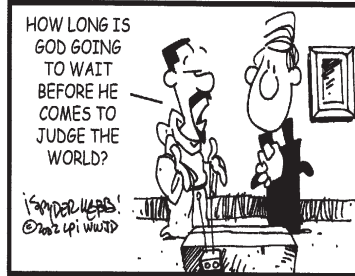
What I continually tell our people every winter also applies for the summer months as well: if the weather poses a health threat to anyone—someone with respiratory problems or the very young or very aged, for example—then do not come to Church! Rather, stay in an environment that will not endanger your well being. The commandment is to honor the Lord's Day. The ordinary way to do so for us Catholics is by physically participating at Mass. But this is to honor God, not to challenge Him. If it is a health problem to be at Mass, it is better to stay at home and pray the Scriptures, watch Mass on TV or read it out of a missal, or some such reasonable way of setting the Lord's Day apart from all others. It is only if we have every opportunity to safely and reasonably attend Mass, and then deliberately refuse to do so, that we incur sin and must confess it. We need our people to be around for the long term, so exercise discretion! (You can always mail in your envelopes or bring them the next time you come to Mass.)

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Now, lest some people think that I am getting soft on our obligations as Catholic Christians in our worship of our Creator, let me share a few pithy sayings that are germane:

- A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- Are you wrinkled with burden? Come in to Church for a faith lift.
- Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to Church. Exercise regularly.
- Give God what's right, not what's left.
- God doesn't want a share in your life, He wants controlling interest.
- Prayer—don't give God instructions, just report for duty.
- Our Church is "Prayer Conditioned".
- To be almost saved is to be totally lost.
- He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.
- See you in Church—as much as possible.

16TH 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.