

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*





SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 23 to Sunday, July 31

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)	

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, July 25: Elvira Angelilli (Tom Giacomino)	
Tuesday, July 26: <i>Parish Family of Saint John of God</i>	
Wednesday, July 27: Helen Lorenz (Kathy Phillip & Family)	
Thursday, July 28: Josephine Frankl (Betty Jo Walsh)	
Friday, July 29: Elizabeth Pochatko (Bernice & Carl Parisi)	
Saturday Vigil, July 30:	4:30 PM Church
Margaret Cerovski with George remembered (Daughter, Mary & Family)	
Sunday, July 31:	7:30 AM Church
Anniv - Anna Ritter (Family)	
Sunday, July 31:	9:30 AM Chapel
Minnie Pszolkowski (Lucille Coppola)	
Sunday, July 31:	11:30 AM Church
Anniv - Harry Wagner (Family)	

Readings for the Week of July 24, 2011

Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
Monday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1-11, 15-37/Jn 11:19-27
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JULY 24

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH POCHATKO BY BERNICE AND CARL PARISI

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF WIFE, MARY AND SON, THOMAS GIACOMINO BY THOMAS GIACOMINO

THANK YOU
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Our Parish Family of St. John of God wishes to extend special thanks and appreciation to Lucille Coppola who once again chaired our Flea Market. Lucille

and her helpers worked very hard and many long hours to make the Flea Market the success it was. Great job!!! THANK YOU!

We, along with Lucille, are very grateful to those who donated their "treasures" and a HUGE thank you to those who purchased them! THANK YOU also to everyone who donated the yummy treats for our bake sale and all those who helped to make the falagones, pizza, etc. for our luncheon menu. Um Um Good!!! Your help and support of this important fundraiser for the parish is very much appreciated! Stay tuned for profit report.

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.

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.

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 our next outing on Wednesday, Aug. 3. We will be spending the day at the Settler's Cabin wave pool. For details, contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com. Also, mark your calendars for Sandcastle Water Park on Aug. 15!

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Young adults age 21-39 are invited to happy hour this Friday, July 29 at Bocktown Grill in Robinson from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Our next Bible Study is Tuesday, Aug. 2. For more information regarding the Young Adult Group, contact Steve Swank.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
July 16 / 17**

Saturday	260
Sunday.....	440
Total Weekend Attendance	700

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of July 16 / 17**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,615.00

(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	\$68,173.00
Remaining on goal.....	\$14,728.00

(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 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 Jane R. Preininger and James W. Ritenour, Sr. 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."*

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

July 25 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

July 26 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

July 27 - 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 29 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.



LADIES OF CHARITY NEWS

Please save the date, Thursday, September 15, 2011. There will be an important organizational meeting that day. Stay tuned for more information.

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

**STEEPLE CHASE
GAS & GO RAFFLE**

All 1,000 tickets were sold. We definitely have a winner, but we are unable to announce the winner this week due to bulletin deadline. Our thanks to all the dedicated sellers and buyers of the tickets. Watch for next week's bulletin for the name of the winner and the seller of the winning ticket. Thanks for your support!

Saint John of God, Pray for us.

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

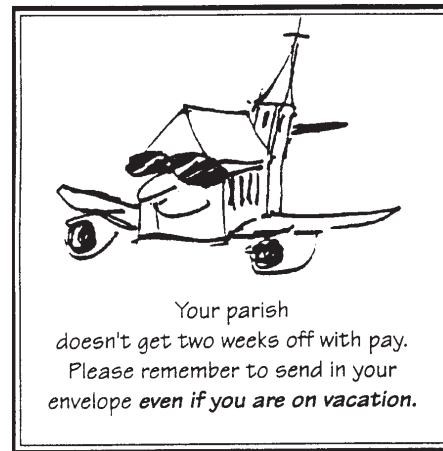
Enclosed is _____ (Full Payment) or _____ (\$40 partial - remainder due Oct. 5, 2011)

I would like to name my square(s) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



Your parish
 doesn't get two weeks off with pay.
 Please remember to send in your
 envelope *even if you are on vacation.*

HOLY TRINITY FESTIVAL

5718 Steubenville Pike
 Robinson Township
 August 3-4-5-6

Visit website: www.htsfestival.org

Ethnic Foods, Bake Sale (*homemade fudge, nut rolls & more*), Bingo, Casino, Largest White Elephant in area, Cash Raffle, Huge Chinese Auction, Rides, Games, Shuttle Parking - Try your luck on a brand new care *And so much more!* For more information, please call the Holy Trinity parish office at 412-787-2140.

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

**PRAYER 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.



OUTDOOR MEN'S RETREAT

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh and The King's Men of Philadelphia are sponsoring a retreat for men called "Into the Wild" at Raccoon Creek State Park from September 8-11, 2011. This experiential weekend features fishing, orienteering, outdoor cooking, archery, and faith presented in a masculine modality. **Bishop David Zubik** will be coming to the retreat for a Friday evening talk. "Into the Wild" is excellent for single or married men as well as fathers and sons. More information is available at www.intothewildweekend.com or call Damian Wargo at 215-906-8878 or Jim Zern at 412-818-3226. A 15% discount is being given with the mention of this bulletin announcement. Financial aid is also available based on need.

ELEGANT JUNK SALE

The annual Elegant Junk Sale, sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. James Church in Sewickley, will take place on Saturday, July 30, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the cafeteria and parking lot garages located at 200 Walnut Street, adjacent to Rt. 65/Ohio River Blvd, near the Sewickley Bridge. Household items, toys, books, small electronics, jewelry, frames, DVD's, and designer purses are just some of the treasures for sale in the school cafeteria. Please call St. James parish office at 412-741-6650 for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday to Jennie Porco who will celebrate her 98th birthday this Wednesday, July 27, 2011. May the Lord continue to bless you!

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 sjgyouthmin@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

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

Thirty years ago this past week, I was appointed to my first pastorate, St. Benedict the Moor in the Hill District, where I served for ten years. Since that time, I have had five other pastorates, some for longer periods of time, some for shorter periods. My successor there, however, Fr. Carmen D'Amico, has been pastor throughout the past twenty years, and now the time has come for him to move on. In the street wisdom it is said: "what goes 'round, comes 'round." In a neat bit of symmetry, because of my new job with Catholic Leadership Institute, I have been hired by the parish to facilitate a team to draw up a pastoral profile to help the search for and give a bit of direction to the new pastor. (In a bit of symmetry that I don't find quite so neat, a babe in arms that I baptized there so long ago, is now a member of their pastoral council!!)

We are certainly aware of many changes in our lives and in our Church. Some are welcome, some are not. We know that this past week a new archbishop was appointed to Philadelphia as a result of the scandals of clerical abuse and its mishandling. We read in the Pittsburgh Catholic this week about three areas in our diocese that are experiencing more reorganization and the merging and/or closing of parishes, or sharing of pastors. We are beginning to inform you about the changes in the liturgy with new and unfamiliar translations that must be instituted throughout the English speaking world the first Sunday of Advent.

People, pastors, parishes, prayers - all come and go. Sometimes we feel we are caught in a cognitive whiplash: Is there nothing that endures and is secure? Well, of course there is! We are the Body of Christ, as a Church. Christ is the same,
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yesterday, today and forever! He is the One True Priest. And no matter what to our senses seems to change, He remains. He is the reality undergirding the ministry of every pastor, the reason for every parish, the object of every prayer. No matter what it may look, sound, taste, smell or feel like: Christ ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE IS!

"The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom shall I fear?' Or what shall I fear? Certainly not new pastors, parishes or prayers. We are a people of faith, hope and love. And like I said, sooner or later, "what goes 'round, comes 'round."



Prayer for Travel

God of our ancestors,
long ago you sent Abraham on a journey of faith to a land promised to him and his descendents. You led the people of Israel through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey where they might live according to your covenant. You continued to protect and guide your people, sending Raphael to watch over Tobiah on his way as he journeyed to fulfill his father's command. Watch over us as we travel and keep us secure. May your angels protect us on our journey and lead us safely home at the end of our trip. Let your provident hand guide us while we're gone and upon our return may we offer you thanks for your protection and watchfulness over our days.
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.