

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*





TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug. 20 to Sunday, Aug. 28

Saturday Vigil, Aug. 20: Mary Litterini (Family)	4:30 PM Church
Sunday, Aug. 21: Mary Mell (Butch Kane)	7:30 AM Church
Sunday, Aug. 21: Anniv - William Stropkaj (Wife & Family)	9:30 AM Chapel
Sunday, Aug. 21: Anniv - Christine Calabrese (Husband, Joe and Daughters, Angelica & Ariana)	11:30 AM Church

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Aug. 22: In Thanksgiving, Jesus, Mary, Joseph	
Tuesday, Aug. 23: Parish Family of Saint John of God	
Wednesday, Aug. 24: Emma & Louis Rosner (Daughter, Joan)	
Thursday, Aug. 25: Bob Kleber (St. Mary's Class of '59)	
Friday, Aug. 26: Evelyn D'Orazio (Sisters, Loretta & Marian)	
Saturday Vigil, Aug. 27: Wilfred "Bob" Roussey (Wife & Family)	4:30 PM Church
Sunday, Aug. 28: Stanley J. Roman, Sr. (Dave & Mary Ellen Redmerski)	7:30 AM Church
Sunday, Aug. 28: Anna Hudak (Fuhr & Ruffing Families)	9:30 AM Chapel
Sunday, Aug. 28: Anniv - Frank Pavlakovich (Wife, Jennie)	11:30 AM Church

Readings for the Week of August 21, 2011

<i>Sunday:</i>	<i>Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20</i>
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13</i>
<i>Saturday:</i>	<i>1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30</i>
<i>Next Sunday:</i>	<i>Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27</i>

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF AUGUST 21

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF REGE URAM BY MOTHER, JEAN AND FAMILY

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF ROSE MYCHALISHYN BY FAMILY

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will begin on September 11, 2011. Parents please note that if your child is not registered in a Catholic School this fall, he/she will need to be registered in our Sunday School Program (CCD). For more information and to register, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

PIZZA KITCHEN NEWS



It's only three Fridays away!!! We're getting ourselves prepared for another Pizza Kitchen Season! We have volunteers to work the Falagone Section, **BUT we need someone** to come forward to coordinate the Section. They would be responsible for the Thursday evenings & Friday mornings (remember only the 1st Friday of each month). The ordering of supplies for the Falagones is already done by someone else. Please contact Rose Dombrowski at 412-771-7438 if you are interested in taking on this endeavor. If we cannot find a volunteer to head up the Falagone Section of the Pizza Kitchen, we unfortunately will not be able to have falagones for sale.

Also, any person who has volunteered in the past and hasn't already done so, please contact Rose Dombrowski (412-771-7438) so she can update the volunteer list. Volunteers are needed Thursdays (7:30 AM until 11:30 AM) for prep work and Fridays starting at 6:30 AM until 3:30 PM. No experience is needed! We are also hoping to offer Gnocchi for Advent and Lent and will place notices in the bulletin when we will be making them.

AFRICAN DROUGHT RESPONSE

At the request of Bishop Zubik, the second collection this weekend is for the African Drought Response. Catholic Relief Services is already on the ground providing as much aid as they can in Somalia and eastern parts of Africa to aid the victims of the terrible drought and famine now taking place in this area of the world. CRS is our official international relief agency and they have a proven record of excellence in dealing with all kinds of humanitarian disasters. CRS can use all of our help in this current tragic situation to literally feed thousands and provide clean water, shelter and life-saving support. Please be as generous as your means allow in the second collection today. All proceeds of the collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services for the African Drought Response.

YOUTH NEWS

All teens entering grades 8-12 are invited to join the Youth Group! Beginning September 7 we will meet on Wednesdays alternating between afternoons and evenings. Fall schedules are available in back of the Church and Chapel. For more info, contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you are an adult volunteer who has not yet attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, below is a list of upcoming workshops in our area.

- Saint Margaret Mary Parish in Moon Township on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 6:30 PM. Contact Cathy Morihaltko at 412-264-9368 to register.
- Holy Child Parish in Bridgeville on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:00 PM. Contact Marilyn Spitzig at 412-221-6514 to register.

A link to the list to all upcoming workshops is available on our website. If you have any questions regarding the Safe Environment guidelines, please contact Steve Swank at 412-331-8525.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
August 13 / 14**

Saturday	270
Sunday.....	458
Total Weekend Attendance	728

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of August 13 / 14**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 4,832.00

(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	\$74,058.50
Remaining on goal.....	\$ 8,842.50

(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.)

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. (MONDAY THRU FRIDAY)**

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP STEEPLE CHASE

Are you looking for another way to help the Steeple Chase Fundraising efforts? Be one of those groups, businesses and individuals who is a proud sponsor of a Steeple Chase Steelers football game payout in our upcoming football pool. Maybe you know of a business or corporation that would be willing to be a sponsor. Would you contact them? This is not limited to St. John of God parishioners. We've had pool participants from Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, North Carolina as a sampling. It could be half-time (\$100), final (\$150) or full game (\$250). Your name or the business name would be printed on the football pool as a sponsor. You can pick the game you would like to sponsor ~ first come, first served. It's easy. Just call Terry (412-331-3443) or Charlotte (412-331-2453) before August 30 with the game your prefer and the amount of your tax deductible donation.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Our local Sto-Ken-Rox Meals on Wheels is in need of drivers on Thursdays and Fridays. If you can help please call Connie, mornings, at 412-771-4304.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Aug. 22 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Aug. 23 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Aug. 24 - 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.

Aug. 26 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

KIDS NEEDED TO HELP

The Bingo Kitchen is in need of kids, ages 9 to 13, on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 PM. to help take orders from the kitchen to the Bingo players. This is a good way to fulfill service hours needed or just to help our parish with this important fundraiser. All you need to do is just show up at the Social Hall on Wednesdays.

**STEEPLE CHASE
STEELER FOOTBALL POOL UPDATE . . .**

AUGUST 30, 2011 is fast approaching and that is the last day you can participate in the Steeple Chase Football Pool. We have ONE POOL FILLED and are STARTING ON THE SECOND ONE. Don't be left out! Come on, join in on the fun. If you already purchased one square, consider getting into the second pool. It is easy; all you have to do is name your square, write a check, send in the form, enjoy the game and we do the rest. This is YOUR fantasy football! Remember, the cut-off date is Tuesday, August 30, 2011, so don't be left out!!

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 Sept. 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.

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

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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

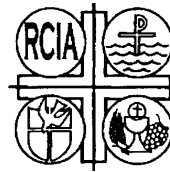
Enclosed is _____ (Full Payment) or _____ (\$40 partial - remainder due Oct. 5, 2011)

I would like to name my square(s) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



**HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME
A CATHOLIC?**

The R.C.I.A. Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sees to the needs of adults who wish to become Catholic.

If you or someone you know are interested, please contact John Fatula at 412-331-8501 for information.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SEMINAR

Do you know a loved one or dear friend who has stopped practicing their Catholic faith? Are you concerned about how our society has changed over the years, especially with regard to the role and place of faith and religion in our culture? For these reasons, the "new evangelization" has been a continuing theme in the pontificates of Blessed John Paul II and Benedict XVI. Come and learn about the "new evangelization" with Father James Wehner, a priest of our Diocese, who will explore the who, what, and how of the new evangelization as it applies to each and every Catholic in the Church today. There will be a FREE lecture open to the public on Friday evening, Sept. 2, at 7 PM. On Saturday, Sept. 3, there will be an all-day seminar. Registration is required only for the Saturday seminar. For pricing and to register, please go online at www.gilmmarycenter.org or call the Gilmmary Center at 412-264-8400.

Catechetical credits will be available for both nights. Forms will be available at the event.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The St. Malachy PTG will hold its Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, Aug. 28 from 8 AM to 1 PM in Weirauch Hall in the bottom of the Church. Breakfast will include delicious pancakes, sausage or bacon, coffee, tea or juice. Adults \$5 and kids (ages 2-12) \$3. Tickets available at the door.

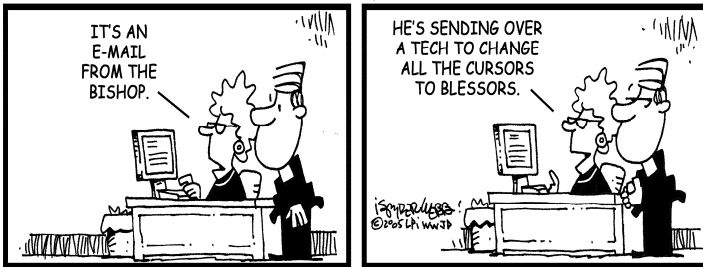
HELP FOR GRIEVING SINGLES

Widowed, divorced or separated? Beginning Experience offers help to hurting "single again" folks. The weekend and optional post weekend sessions focus on a personal inward journey to begin a new life with renewed courage and hope. Grief, regrets, confusion, self doubt? You don't have to go through this alone. There are others walking this hard road. We know the pain. Come to a safe place. Travel from heartache to hope.

The next weekend will be October 14-16, 2011 at the Gilmary Center in Moon Twp, PA. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, please visit the web at www.BeginningExperience.org or make a confidential call to Lyn at 412-448-9019 or Steve Smith at 412-367-4948 or 412-720-8694.

Saint John of God, Pray for us.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FLEA MARKET

St. Catherine of Siena's annual Flea Market will be held on Friday, Aug. 26; Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Aug. 28 starting at 9 AM on Friday and Saturday and at 10 AM on Sunday. Household items, books, toys, small electronics, jewelry, pictures and holiday merchandise are just some of the things for sale. The Flea Market will be held in the small parking lot and the CCD trailers. For more information, please call St. Catherine's, Crescent Twp., at 724-457-7026.

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

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next baptismal program will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 1-4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.



DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS

Auditions for the 2011-2012 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office (412-456-3042) before August 24.

**ST. MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
FESTIVAL ~ August 24-27
Helen & Ella Sts. McKees Rocks Bottoms**

Wed., Aug. 24; Thurs, Aug. 25; Fri., Aug. 26: Food service begins at 4:00 P.M.

- Church open daily for your prayers and meditation
- Ukrainian Foods and Baked Goods
- Religious Items
- Fun Games for all Ages
- Chinese Auction
- Live Entertainment Every Night
- Great Time for Everyone
- Bring your Family and Friends

For more information, please call 412-331-2362 or e-mail: FrTim1@aol.com.

LADIES OF CHARITY NEWS

Please save the date, Thursday, September 15, 2011. The Ladies of Charity will have an important organizational meeting that day in the Gathering Place at 7 PM. Stay tuned for more information.

HOSPITAL

Please remember in your prayers all those who are in the hospital, especially: **Kindred** - Marge Hohl 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 Jennie Porco and Robert Pitassi (brother of Vickie Fantozzi) whom God has called. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers.

"They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."

**The Pastor's Cornered
18th Edition**

As you all know by now our Pastor did not go to Rome this year – I think his credit line at the Trevi Fountain finally expired. Instead he has been jet setting to more local places like Philadelphia and Los Angeles but he still gets to teach and the gift of knowledge is probably the greatest gift we can give to another.

We are more than half way through August and summer seems to be quickly slipping away. It's as though the fast forward button has been pushed and everything is full speed ahead! Even Fr. Lou mentioned that he was feeling like summer eluded him. It was a different summer at both St. John of God and St. Catherine. Neither parish hosted a summer festival this year. There was no food preparation, no tents going up, no sound systems being tested. There were no delivery of prizes, no volunteers checking in, no fellowship to enjoy. I think the last item is the most missed about the festivals; after all our festivals are all about being with one another. Yes, we raise much needed money and yes, we all enjoy the food, games and entertainment; but really it's each other's company and the sense of reunion that is most looked forward to each year. Our festivals seem to be the one time that you "know" you are going to see so-and-so, the one time you "know" so-and-so will return to our parish for a visit. That didn't happen this summer. There were no visits or "bumping into" people we haven't seen for a year and no catching up with one another's lives. We may all be a little more rested this summer for not having to do all of the festival work, but we may also be a little less connected to one another. That is the down side of not having events that offer the opportunity to socialize with one another.

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Parishes are like our own families. We go about our routine business with little thought or preparation. We attend weekly Mass and participate as we have every Sunday and return home to our daily lives. As families we wake in the morning, go about our day and return home to rest and prepare for the next day. Everything is pretty much predictable and runs like clock work! Then families grow, people move away and the "routine" doesn't involve as many, but we don't really notice any changes until an opportunity to gather again takes place. It might be a wedding, the birth of a baby or even a death, but when the family gathers – everybody feels good about it and thinks to themselves that "we" should do this more often.

At St. Catherine's we just concluded our year long 100th Anniversary celebration. It was great seeing everybody at the Centennial celebration and the new Directories arrived as we are closing out this occasion. At St. John of God our Steeple Chase committee keeps providing us with opportunities for fun fundraising and there was no NFL strike so the football pool will continue again this year. Let's remember all of the enjoyable times we have shared with one another at our parish and support more events throughout the year so that we keep looking inviting to others to "come home" and remain the Church Alive!

(next year if we don't host festivals at either parish we might take a parishioners idea to have an "Un-Festival" where each parishioner donates the amount of money they would have spent at the festival but everybody gets to stay home and relax – but where is the fun in that?)



Remember to keep Saint John of God Parish in your will.

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.