

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS
Sat., Sept. 10 to Sun., Sept. 18

Saturday Vigil, Sept. 10: 4:30 PM Church
Anniv - Lisa DeAngelis (Mary DeAngelis)

Sunday, Sept. 11: 7:30 AM Church
Mary Mell (Tammy Kelneckis)

Sunday, Sept. 11: 9:30 AM Chapel
Christina & Thomas Fissora (Family)

Sunday, Sept. 11: 11:30 AM Church
Lucy Giuliani (Ted & Patty Terlesky)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Sept. 12: Helen Lubinski (Son, Harry)

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Parish Family of Saint John of God

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Clementine Zanfino (Phyllis Seibert Family)

Thursday, Sept. 15: Deceased Faculty of Stowe, McKees Rocks, Sto-Rox and St. John of God Schools

Friday, Sept. 16: Louis Rosner, Jr. (Sister, Joan)

Saturday Vigil, Sept. 17 4:30 PM Church
Andrew Litterini (Family)

Sunday, Sept. 18: 7:30 AM Church
Josephine Vogel (Husband & Family)

Sunday, Sept. 18: 9:30 AM Chapel
Antonio Cirigliano (Wife & Children)

Sunday, Sept. 18: 11:30 AM Church
Frank Pavlakovich (Bill & Marie Krobot)

Readings for the Week of September 11, 2011

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY DELIA BY WIFE, ROSE RITA

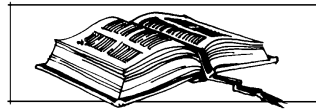
MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF ALFRED AND DELINA ALFARONE BY DAUGHTER ALFREDA WILSON

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PREPARING FOR THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

What is a Roman Missal?



On the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011, Catholic parishes in the United States will begin

praying the texts of the Mass using a new English translation of The Roman Missal. The Roman Missal contains what the Church refers to as the "proper" antiphons for entrance and Communion time (in the United States, with the approval of our bishops, we commonly substitute hymns and songs for these "proper" antiphons). The Missal also contains prayers such as the Sign of the Cross and the greetings used at Mass. The opening prayer or Collect, the prayer over the bread and wine at the preparation of the gifts, and the prayer after Communion are all found in the Missal, as are the different Eucharistic Prayers that are used at Mass and the blessings at the end of the liturgy. The Missal also contains all of the parts of the Mass that the people say or sing, such as the "I confess," the Gloria, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Lamb of God, and our other responses. Some of these prayers are changed with the new translation; others remain the same.

Note: This is part two in a twelve-part series. Hopefully this information will make adjusting to the upcoming changes a bit easier for all of us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School classes for St. John of God begin this Sunday, Sept. 11, in the Mother of Sorrows Chapel building promptly at 9:00 AM. The children will be attending the 9:30 AM Mass. After Mass this Sunday, Sept. 11, the children will return to their classrooms for a snack and the parents are encouraged to come meet the teachers. The children will be free to go home after this. Please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501 for any further information.

STEEPLE CHASE STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL UPDATE

Thank you for once again supporting this "funraiser" for our parish. We have completed two (2) pools and by now you should have your copy. If you have NOT received your copy, please call Charlotte, 412-331-2453 or Terry 412-331-3443 . . . Go Steelers!!!!

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

YOUTH NEWS

All teens entering grades 8-12 are invited to join the Youth Group! Our next gathering is Wed., Sept. 14, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the SJG Youth Center. Complete fall schedules are available in back of the Church and Chapel. For more info, contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or sgyouthmin@yahoo.com.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

September 3 / 4

Saturday	225
Sunday	509
Total Weekend Attendance	734

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS

For the Weekend of September 3 / 4

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,301.00

(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	\$77,357.50
Remaining on goal.....	\$ 5,543.50

(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

The Baptismal program will be held this 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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into God's Family the newly baptized: *Brody James Zyroll*.

May you continue to grow in God's love.

USHERS PICNIC

The Ushers Club picnic will be held this Sunday, Sept. 11 from 2 PM to 5 PM in the Gathering Place. All are welcome to attend. For those of the Parish who are not Members of the Ushers Club, will be responsible to pay \$2.00 for the picnic. We ask those attending to bring a covered dish to share. Any questions??? Please call John Taormina at 724-472-7788.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



Next Sunday, Sept. 18, at the 9:30 AM Mass in Mother of Sorrows Chapel, St. John of God Parish will join with parishes around the United States in the celebration of Catechetical Sunday. The theme for this year is "Do This in Memory of Me" and emphasize the importance of the Eucharist in our Catholic life. All R.C.I.A. Catechists, Sunday School Catechists and those helping in the Baptismal Program and Youth Ministry Program will be commissioned to serve. Light refreshments will follow this Mass in the Social Hall. Let us keep in our prayers all those involved in the crucial ministry of catechesis in our Parish.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Bishop William J. Waltersheid will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for those preparing for this important Sacrament on Sunday, November 20, 2011 in Saint John of God Parish during the 11:30 A.M. Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Our **Confirmation Program** will begin on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM at Mother of Sorrows Chapel. This time frame will include Mass at 7:45 PM. Parents and those to be confirmed are required to attend this first session on Sept. 25. The remaining six sessions and the Confirmation Retreat are for the confirmands.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish will hold the exact same program on Saturdays from 4 PM to 6:30 PM on Sept. 24. If you cannot come to St. John of God, you have the option to go to St. Catherine's.

The **Confirmation Program** is for those in ninth grade and up and any adults who are Baptized and who received First Eucharist. We are sending a letter with this information to our ninth graders. Those in tenth grade and up, including adults, who wish to prepare for Confirmation at this time must contact John Fatula at 412-331-8573 to register or for any questions.

**LADIES OF CHARITY NEWS
PICNIC DINNER FOLLOWED BY MEETING**

This Thursday, September 15, the Ladies of Charity will have a picnic dinner at 6 PM in the Gathering Place followed by an important meeting at 7 PM. Please RSVP to Paulette at 412-736-7885 or Joann at 412-331-5043 if you are planning to attend this important meeting and what favorite dish/snack you would like to bring.

**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.

BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

This weekend, Sept. 10/11, the annual collection for the Bishop's Education Fund will be taken at all Masses. Your donation will help ensure that the great tradition of our Catholic Schools will continue. Many students in our Diocese would like to benefit from a Catholic school education, but a number of those students need financial assistance. The Bishop's Education Fund makes that assistance available. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sept. 12 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Sept. 12 (Mon.) - St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting, 7 PM in the Gathering Place

Sept. 13 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Sept. 14 - 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.

Sept. 16 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

Sept. 16 (Fri.)- PIZZA KITCHEN OPEN! To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM to 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

Please Note: The Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home has been changed from Monday, Sept. 12 to Monday, Sept. 26 at 1:30 PM.

Saint John of God, Pray for us.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group from people who are separated or divorced. If you know of someone going through a divorce, make sure he/she knows about DivorceCare. It might just be the best thing you could do to help. DivorceCare seminar meets from 7-9 PM every Monday **beginning September 12** for 13 weeks at St. Philip's Parish, 50 West Crafton Avenue in Crafton. For more information, please contact Mary Jo at 412-279-0299/

ADULT CHOIR NEWS



The St. John of God Adult Choir will rehearse every Tuesday in St. Mary's Church from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM beginning September 13.

Anyone interested in joining the Choir should contact the Music Director, Elna Johnson, at 412-812-4549 to schedule an audition. The audition requirements are minimal.

Adult Choir members should bring their repertoire of general Choral Anthems and their Gather Choir Hymnal. The first rehearsal of the season usually lasts from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, with full rehearsals beginning the week after. The Adult Choir and Cantors will concentrate on preparation of music for use with the New Roman Missal which will begin with Advent this year.

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

PARISH SHARE

The second collection next weekend, Sept. 17/18, 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, you may bring it anytime that is convenient. Thank you in advance.

HOSPITAL

Please remember in your prayers all those who are in the hospital, especially: **Ohio Valley** - Deetza Lutz. 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 Robert A. Johnson, Lillian L. Grgurich, Edward J. Pastin Sr., and Frances Spada LoPresti 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."

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

**MISSIONARY IMAGE
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

St. Titus Parish in Aliquippa will be hosting a visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe October 1 through October 9, 2011. This image (seen on EWTN) began its journey in June of 1991. It is a 4' x 6' exact digital replica of the original Miraculous Image left on St. Juan Diego's cloak. The Image has visited over 1,000 parishes in every state of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Ireland, England, Europe, Russia, China, Japan, Israel, Australia, the Czech Republic, Poland, France, Portugal, Italy and more. It has been a source of many blessings, signs and wonders to all who come and visit the Image. Please come and make a pilgrimage to honor Our Lady. For more information about the visitation Church hours and times of scheduled devotions, please call Mary at 724-495-7919 or St. Titus parish office at 724-378-8561 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

DUQUESNE'S FALL OPEN HOUSE

Duquesne University's Fall Open House will be held on Sunday, September 18, from 8 AM to 1 PM (Registration begins at 8 AM). Duquesne's 2011 Fall Open House is an opportunity for current high school seniors from all religious denominations and their families to speak with representatives from admissions, financial aid, academic departments and administration. Register with Duquesne's Office of Admissions online at www.duq.edu/admissions or at 412-396-6222.

CAR & CRAFT SHOW

When: Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011
12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

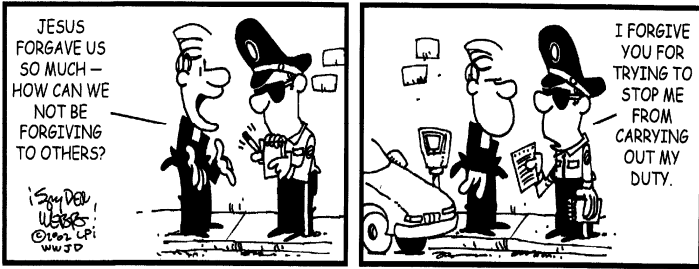
Where: In the heart of the Broadway Business District
Free Entertainment, Admission & Parking!

Put on your walking shoes
and enjoy a day of GREAT FAMILY FUN!!

For more information, call 412-945-0104
or email storoxclc@gmail.com.

Proceeds to benefit future FREE Community Events!
Sponsored by the Sto-Rox Community Life Committee
Rain Date: Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OUTPATIENT COUNSELING SERVICES

Sometimes life is overwhelming, and you find yourself searching for a guiding hand, a sympathetic ear, and a confidential place for help. Holy Family Social Services offers individual, family and couples therapy. For further information, please call 412-766-9020, ext. 222.

Please remember Saint John of God Parish in your will.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

St. Joseph Spirituality Center will sponsor *Caring for the Spirit: Day of Reflection for First Responders* on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. This day offers encouragement and insight for those who serve as law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and emergency medical personnel.

Those sharing their reflections include Sr. Marguerite Kropinak, Trooper Keith Allen (PA State Police, Clarion Station), Susan Battaglia (Emergency Medical Technician, Kittanning #6 EMS and volunteer fire fighter, Kittanning Twp. Fire Dept.), Corporal Govan Martin (Member Assistance Program, PA State Police, Harrisburg) and Chief Nicholas Sohyda (Fire Chief, Mt. Lebanon Fire Dept.) Fee of \$20 includes lunch.

To register, call 724-869-65687 by Sept. 16.

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Fr. Lou Vallone

(I wrote this Pastor's Corner last year, but several people have requested that I repeat it this year on the tenth anniversary of the horrifying events, since it is a Sunday and we should ever keep in mind our commitment to peace in our world.)

There seems to be a mass hysteria going on in our country right now. There is the uproar over building a cultural and prayer center for those who practice Islam near "Ground Zero" in New York. A significant number of people in a recent poll defy all fact and reality and continue to believe our president is a follower of Islam, when nothing is further from the truth. Someone who styles himself a pastor and person of God is running around threatening to burn the scripture of the Islamic faith as a sign of contempt.

Somehow, there are those who think they have been given license to violate the religious integrity and freedom of others here in the land that was built on religious tolerance and freedom. I have been asked to update the following Pastor's Corner and present it again hopefully to bring us to our senses.

"For your faithful people, life is changed, not ended."

These words are from the first preface for the Catholic Funeral Liturgy and are therefore familiar to all priests. Unfortunately, they have been extremely familiar to me since we average about 160 funerals per year at St. John of God and 12 at St. Catherine. In the context of the liturgy, they refer to our faith that once God has called us into existence, we never cease, even if we physically die. The words tell us that life will continue eternally, even if it transfigures to another form that we do not directly experience as yet. This is the supernatural meaning of the words.

This week, however, I am reminded of a more proximate and natural application of that sentence. We are all aware that today, September 11, we mark the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and the World Trade Center in New York City and Flight 93 in Somerset County, PA. A decade has gone by since that horrific assault on our nation by people who have perpetrated an incalculable evil. Their purpose was to destroy the American way of life by destruction of these targets.

There can be no doubt that a part of their goal was accomplished: at least in our lifetimes and probably for generations to come, September 11, 2001 will represent an unalterable demarcation. It ranks as a memorable date with things like the Flood, the birth of Jesus, the signing of the Declaration of

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Independence and the bombing of Pearl Harbor. There is a before and an after for such events that are permanently affixed in people's consciousness.

There are other ways that life in America has changed. Some are very apparent, such as increased security in traveling, or a stricter attention to identification cards. Some are more subtle, such as tentativeness in our dealings with strangers, or a more aggressive form of patriotism in showing the flag. We are probably not even capable of analyzing or enumerating completely how life had changed. But of one thing we are certain: life in America has NOT ended. In this, the terrorists have utterly failed.

There are many ways to assert this fact this week, and in our daily lives. But in particular we might want to put aside some extra time for prayer, or even attend a weekday Mass. By re-emphasizing the practice of our faith, we can show that not only has life not ended, but in some regards may have changed for the better.



"Put on the full armor of God,
 so that you will be able to stand firm
 against the schemes of the devil."

EPHESIANS 6:11

Remembering September 11th

for healing for all the people whose lives were shattered in the attacks. We pray for those who defend our freedom. We pray for wisdom for our national leaders. We pray for peace, for our country and our world, Jesus, beloved Savior, as we remember, hold us in Your loving hands.

Amen.



Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-800-808-1235