

## 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct. 1 to Sun., Oct. 9, 2011

<b>Saturday Vigil, Oct. 1:</b> In Honor of St. Theresa (Charlotte)	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 2:</b> Josephine Frankl (Les & Mary J. Frank)	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 2:</b> Dominic, Virginia & Chris DiNardo (Son)	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 2:</b> Peter & Helen Mochnach (Family)	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 2:</b> Parish Family of Saint John of God	<b>7:45 PM Church</b>

### WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

<b>Monday, Oct. 3:</b> Paul M. Reilly (Cousins)
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 4:</b> Veronica & Albert Markovich (Daughter, Nancy)
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 5:</b> Charles Klue (Wife)
<b>Thursday, Oct. 6:</b> Anniv - Anthony DeLia (Wife, Rose Rita & Family)
<b>Friday, Oct. 7:</b> Carol Ann DeFrancesco & Mary Theresa Dedola (Parents & Grampy & Grandma)

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 1:00 PM, St. Mary Cemetery Chapel**  
Mass celebrated for all our beloved dead of our parish  
and those buried at our cemeteries

<b>Saturday Vigil, Oct. 8:</b> Helen Schriener (Charlotte & Patti)	<b>4:30 PM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 9:</b> Robert Arch (Kyle Family)	<b>7:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 9:</b> Anniv - Edward Coppola (Family)	<b>9:30 AM Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 9:</b> Dennis Butter (Family)	<b>11:30 AM Church</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 9:</b> Parish Family of Saint John of God	<b>7:45 PM Church</b>

### Readings for the Week of October 2, 2011

Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday:	Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-20/Mt 22:1-14

## PREPARING FOR THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

### The Liturgy of the Word



On the First Sunday of Advent, November 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*. This week, we explore the Liturgy of the Word.

We know from the Gospels that Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience God's presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself, and we recognize the story of God acting in the past and in our own lives as well. The homily helps us to see these connections more clearly. Then through the Profession of Faith (Creed) and the Prayer of the Faithful, our response to the readings prepares us to enter into the Eucharistic Prayer that follows.

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

### STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS

September 25, 2011  
Steelers vs. Colts



**Half Time Score: Steelers 10 Colts 13**

Lina owned by Lina DiLisio \$100  
LALA owned by Joe Lachowicz \$100

**Final Score: Steelers 23 Colts 20**

McNally Maulers owned by Mary Ann Holland \$150  
TIV owned by Fran Vith \$150

**CONGRATULATIONS and LET'S GO STEELERS!**

### REMINDER TO THOSE WHO USED THE PARTIAL PAYMENT OPTION FOR THE FOOTBALL POOL

The remainder is due October 5. Thank you.

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon**

**YOUTH NEWS**



All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to Kennywood for "Phantom Fright Night" on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 7 to 11 PM. Tickets are only \$23.99 each if you turn your money and permission form into the Youth Office by Monday, Oct. 3. After that, tickets will be \$26.99 each. For more information, contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or [sigyouthmin@yahoo.com](mailto:sigyouthmin@yahoo.com).

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE  
September 24 / 25**

Saturday .....	287
Sunday.....	634
Total Weekend Attendance .....	921

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS  
For the Weekend of September 24 / 25**

Regular Offertory Collection .....\$ 5,757.00

(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 .....	\$83,601.25
Excess Parish Share.....	\$ 700.25

We have successfully raised and paid off the Diocese on our PSP assessment for this year! Thank you for your generosity. From this point on, we get to keep for ourselves all PSP contributions to the end of the year, and tax-free at that. Please continue to use your monthly envelopes at the same rate - it is a year round campaign for us. God bless you for your cooperation.

**HOSPITAL**

Please remember in your prayers all those who are in the hospital, especially: **West Hill Rehab.** - Rosemary Homer **Caring Heights** - 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 Florence Gendel whom God has called. Please remember her and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers. *"May the Choirs of Angels receive them, and may they with the once poor Lazarus have rest everlasting."*

**CONFIRMATION NEWS**

Our **Confirmation Program** continues this Sunday, Oct. 2, from 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. This time frame will include Mass at 7:45 PM.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish holds the exact same program on Saturdays from 4 PM to 6:30 PM. If you cannot come to St. John of God, you have the option to go to St. Catherine's. Call John Fatula at 412-331-8501 for any further information.

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.

**FLEA MARKET NEWS**

Flea Market items will be accepted every Friday in October at the Pizza Kitchen from 8 AM until 3 PM. Please call Lucille at 412-298-6106 for any further information.

**PIZZA KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS**

We are in need of a few volunteers to help during the busy time on Fridays (10 AM to 1 PM). Help is needed with dressing the pizzas, writing boxes, stretching dough and baking the pizzas. If you are interested, please contact Rose Dombrowski at 412-771-7438. Even one hour once a month would be very helpful and much appreciated. Thank you.

**ST. MARY'S CLASS OF 1956**

Next Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 the members of the 1956 St. Mary's High School Graduating Class will be celebrating their 55th anniversary at the 4:30 PM Mass. *Congratulations!!* May those living and deceased be remembered in your prayers.



**MUSIC PREPARATION**

The Adult Choir and Cantors are preparing music for the implementation of the new Roman Missal. The Congregation parts for the Mass will appear in the new Sunday's Word Book Cycle B, starting with Advent, 2011. Members of the SJOG congregation who would like to "sing thru" the new Masses with the Choir, are invited to attend the first 45 minutes of Choir rehearsal on Tuesday, October 11, in St. Mary's Church at 7 PM. Parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are permitted to start singing the new Mass parts during the Sunday Masses as of September, 2011.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection next weekend, Oct. 8/9, will be for the Parish Share Program. There is a blue envelope in your packed of envelopes for this purpose. If you forget to bring your envelope next weekend, you may bring it any time that is convenient. Thank you.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Oct. 3 (Mon.)** - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins at 6:30 PM.

**Oct. 4 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

**Oct. 4 (Tues.)** - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in St. Mary's Church - Call Elna at 412-812-4549 for info.

**Oct. 5 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO** in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin at 7:15 PM.

**Oct. 7 (Fri.)** - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

**Oct. 7 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN AND IT'S FALAGONE FRIDAY!** To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM to 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

Our Parish will collect non-perishable food as well as paper products and soap for the needy among us. You may bring your donation with you to any Mass next weekend, October 8/9. Thanks in advance for helping us to help others.

**ST. MALACHY NATIONALITY FESTIVAL**

This year, St. Malachy's Nationality Festival will be held on Thursday, October 6 (4 PM to 10 PM), Friday, October 7 (4 PM to 11 PM) and Saturday, October 8 (2 PM to 10 PM). Featuring a variety of food booths, baked goods, games, bingo, entertainment and more! For more information please call St. Malachy parish office at 412-771-5483.

"**SLAVJANE**" will be performing at the festival on Sat., October 8 at 6:30 PM (some of the children performing in this group are parishioners of SJOG as well). The best way to describe it would be a Junior Tamburitzan Group. Many parishioners are already familiar with their performing talents and may want to come see this presentation.

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

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 2011**

This Sunday, Oct. 2, we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. This year's theme is "*I came so that all might have life and have it to the full*" (John 10:10). Catholics across the nation will pray for - and renew their resolve to bring about - a culture of life and an end to the killing of innocent human beings, especially those who are vulnerable due to their age, size, health or dependency.

**Renew Your Commitment to Protect Life**

Pray that our national leaders pass legislation that promotes a "culture of life."

Pray for women faced with difficult pregnancies.

Pray for women and men who have experienced the personal tragedy by having or participating in abortion.

Pray for the unborn children who have died by abortion.

Keep yourself informed by checking on current pro-life information.

Pray for and visit those with serious illness and those in hospitals and nursing homes.

Pray that health care is not rationed.

Assist local crisis pregnancy centers.

For current pro-life information please monitor these sites:

National Right to Life [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)

[www.nrlactioncenter.com](http://www.nrlactioncenter.com)

[www.stoptheabortionagenda.com](http://www.stoptheabortionagenda.com)

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

[www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife)

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The Baptismal program will be held next Sunday, October 9, from 1-4 PM in the Chapel at Mother of Sorrows. To register or for more info, call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF OCTOBER 2**

**ST. MARY'S** - IN HONOR OF ST. THERESA BY MARY

**MOTHER OF SORROWS** - IN MEMORY OF LOUIS VIGNONE BY ELAINE, LOUIE AND MARIA

**PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

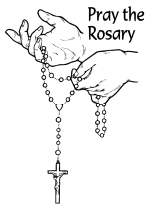
*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.*

**BOUNTIFUL HARVEST RAFFLE**

The Steeple Chase Drive is sponsoring a **Bountiful Harvest Raffle** on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011. It will be based on the winning number taken from the PA Lottery 1st Number Drawing at 7 PM that date. All numbers are played straight as drawn. One winner will receive a harvest full of gifts such as: Macy's \$200 Gift Money, Get Go \$100 Gift Card, The Cheesecake Factory \$50 Gift Card, Silver Star Meats Deli Shop \$25 Gift Certificate, Boni's Floral Shoppe \$50 Gift Certificate, Pierogies Plus \$60 Gift Certificate, and \$25 Edible Arrangements Robinson.

Tickets courtesy of **Anthony M. Musmanno Funeral Home** will be on sale soon at a cost of \$5 per ticket. However, if you want **any special three-digit number in advance** or are interested in selling these tickets, please call Charlotte, 412-331-2453 or Terry, 412-331-3443. The seller of the winning ticket will receive a \$50 gift card.

**OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**



The Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers are recited every Monday evening in St. John of God Parish at 7:00 PM with recitation of the Rosary beginning at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Church. As always, everyone is welcome to come pray the

Rosary, especially during the month of October, and honor Mary, our Blessed Mother as she intercedes for us with her Son. The Rosary is also prayed at 9:00 AM before the 9:30 AM Mass Monday through Friday in St. Mary's Church.

**SOLDIERS IN OUR MIDST:**  
**Supporting Military Families**  
**In Our Communities and Workplaces**  
**Friday, October 21, 2011**  
**St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden**  
**9:30 AM - 4:15 PM**  
*(Six Continuing Education Hours)*

Since September 11, 2001, the United States has activated various units of its "citizen soldiers"-members of the Reserves and the National Guard.

**Soldiers in Our Midst** will help participants to deepen their awareness of the extraordinary emotional, relational, social, educational and financial stressors on these families. It will describe the military system and its effects of military families. Participants will deepen their understanding of "military culture" and learn resources to support and empower families. For cost, registration or any other information, please call Sr. Ann Francis Hanley at 724-869-6587 or 724-869-2151, ext. 6621.

**SVDP FUNDRAISER**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is sponsoring "The Good Samaritan 10,000 Step Walk" during the month of October. The walk is coming here to Saint John of God Parish. Details will be provided in coming weeks. When asked, please be generous and sponsor one of our walkers. For more information about the "walk", visit [www.diopitt.org/pittsburgh-catholic/charity-one-step-time](http://www.diopitt.org/pittsburgh-catholic/charity-one-step-time).

**LADIES OF CHARITY / ANGEL TREE**

In preparation for the Angel Tree in November, we are asking that if you would like to add someone's name to the Angel Tree, to please call Joann at 412-331-5043 or drop a note in the collection basket with your name and telephone number so that we may contact you for particulars (size, age, sex, etc.) There is no age limit. Thank you for your help in this project. Christmas is only three months away!

**BIBLE STUDY**



A Bible Study, led by John Fatula will be held this Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

**A SPECIAL HOUR OF PRAYER**

Please consider spending a little extra God-centered time by attending a special Holy Hour marking the Feast of the Guardian Angels at Guardian Angels Parish in the West End at noon **this Sunday, October 2**. A beautiful hour of devotion is planned with prayers, Taize chant, Latin hymns, choir and instruments.

**ASCENSION FLEA MARKET**

A Flea Market will be held next Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Church of the Ascension, 114 Berry Street, Ingram. There will be tables with donated items for sale which will benefit the Church. For further information, please call 412-922-8820 or 412-922-1187.

**THRIFT SHOP**

The Focus on Renewal (F.O.R.) is opening a Thrift Shop on the lower level of the Health Center at 710 Thompson Avenue. The **Grand Opening** will be on Friday, Oct. 7, from 10 AM to 6 PM. Please call 412-771-6460 for more information.

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

This Sunday is the beginning of the "October count" program of the diocese. Each year we must make an exact count of everyone who comes to Mass, and come up with an average attendance. It is from this figure the diocese makes important decisions like the number of priests assigned to a parish, or indeed even if the parish should continue independently or be yoked somehow to another one, or possibly suppressed altogether.

The general average in the diocese and in the country for Catholic Churches runs between 30 and 35%. That means that 1 out of 3 people who nominally say they are practicing the faith are not practicing very well on any given Sunday. I am sure that each one has his or her reasons that are cogent to them for their absence. But I found this little piece on the internet, and since it is close to the World Series of Baseball, I will leave it to you what conclusions to draw from it.

**Why I Stopped Going To Baseball Games**

1. Every time I went they asked me for money.
2. The people with whom I sat weren't friendly.
3. The seats were too hard.
4. I went to quite a few games, but the manager never called on me.
5. The umpire made a decision with which I disagreed.
6. I suspected that I was sitting with hypocrites - they came to see their friends and eat hot dogs rather than to see the game.
7. Some games went into extra innings and I was late getting home.
8. The organ played some numbers that I had never heard before.
9. Some games are scheduled when I want to do other things.
10. I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was young
11. I recently read a book on baseball and I feel I know as much as the coaches anyway.
12. I don't want to take my children to any games, because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best when they are old enough to decide.

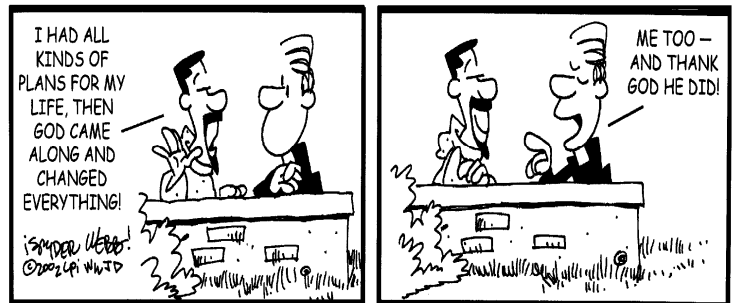
Courtesy of Christian Associates of Shenango Valley, PA

*Saint John of God, Pray for us.*

**ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR**

Duquesne University's 45th Annual College Fair will be held next Sunday, Oct. 9, from 1 PM to 3 PM in the A.J. Palumbo Center. High School juniors and seniors can meet with representatives from over 150 of the best colleges and universities in the country. Questions?? Call Duquesne's Office of Admissions at 412-396-6222.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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](http://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](mailto: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!

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

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.

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