

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS
Sat., Oct. 15 to Sun., Oct. 23, 2011

Saturday Vigil, Oct. 15: Louis Stanson (Charlotte & Patti)	4:30 PM Church
Sunday, Oct. 16: Mildred Hoffman (Son, William)	7:30 AM Church
Sunday, Oct. 16: Olga "Honey" Crivelli (Children)	9:30 AM Chapel
Sunday, Oct. 16: John Schiralli (Tom Giacomino)	11:30 AM Church
Sunday, Oct. 16: Parish Family of Saint John of God	7:45 PM Church

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Oct. 17: William Eberle (Estate)
Tuesday, Oct. 18: Mark C. Benzenhoefer (Lipa Family)
Wednesday, Oct. 19: Joseph R. Csigi (Bill & Dolly Gerwell)
Thursday, Oct. 20: John & Cecilia Ellek (Son, John)
Friday, Oct. 21: Anniv - Elvira Angelilli (Husband, Edward & Family)

Saturday Vigil, Oct. 22: Wilfred "Bob" Roussey (Wife & Family)	4:30 PM Church
Sunday, Oct. 23: Josephine Frankl (Joyce Skepanski)	7:30 AM Church
Sunday, Oct. 23: Dina, Jerry & Sparta Torri (Ida & Family)	9:30 AM Chapel
Sunday, Oct. 23: Elvira Angelilli (Nick & Shirley Kotek)	11:30 AM Church
Sunday, Oct. 23: Parish Family of Saint John of God	7:45 PM Church

Readings for the Week of October 16, 2011

Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday:	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

PREPARING FOR THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

Communion and the Concluding Rites



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 Communion and the Concluding Rites. Our great prayer of praise and thanksgiving leads through the Lord's Prayer, our petition for daily bread, into the action of Communion. We sing together even as we rise and move forward in procession to the altar. We must move to receive Communion because the Eucharist is transformed—it demands action of us, internal as well as external. We do not receive the sacrament in silence, but with a dialogue that is a profession of faith: "The Body of Christ." "Amen." "The Blood of Christ." "Amen." Our "Amen" is also a prayer that we may become what we receive, the Body of Christ, living and active in the world. So it makes sense that after Communion we are dismissed—not just let out, but sent forth with a mission "to announce the Gospel of the Lord." This leave-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God's continuing protection as we go out on our way.

Note: This is part seven 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

October 9, 2011
Steelers vs. Titans



Half Time Score: Steelers 21 Titans 3
B.J. owned by Betty Jean Thiele \$100
Lucky owned by Mary Zalewski \$100

Final Score: Steelers 38 Titans 17
C A T owned by Carolyn Tankosh \$150
Qorban owned by Fr. Lou Vallone \$150

CONGRATULATIONS and LET'S GO STEELERS!

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.

YOUTH NEWS



Our next Youth Group meeting is Wednesday, October 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the SJG Youth Center. This will be our Halloween party! All teens in grades 8-12 are invited! Join us for fellowship, food and fun! For more information, contact Steve at 412-331-8525 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com.

**PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE
October 8 / 9**

Saturday	305
Sunday.....	710
Total Weekend Attendance	1,015

**PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS
For the Weekend of October 8 / 9**

Regular Offertory Collection\$ 5,061.50

(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	\$85,576.25
Excess Parish Share.....	\$ 2,675.25

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. *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 Willard Adkins, Helen Tarantino, John Rubolino, Marie Faherty and Norma Tannous (aunt of Fr. Lou) whom God has called. Please remember them 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."*

Saint John of God, Pray for us.

SVDP FUNDRAISER

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's fundraiser, "The Good Samaritan 10,000 Step Walk", has officially begun. Raffle tickets to sponsor walkers are \$5.00 each, giving you a chance to win one of three prizes: 1st Prize \$3000 Visa Card, 2nd Prize \$500 Wal-Mart Card, 3rd Prize \$250 Giant Eagle Card. See one of our walkers from SJG Sunday School grades Seven and Eight to purchase a ticket. One of our SVDP members will also be selling tickets after Mass. Our designated walker for the Parish's SVDP is Mike Ivosevic, a disabled veteran and student at Duquesne University, who will be wearing his pedometer only at Mass on Sundays and on official SVDP business. Your support will aid us in assisting the poor within the SJG community. Thank you for all of your support!

IT'S GNOCCHI TIME AGAIN!!!

The Pizza Kitchen is looking for volunteers to **help make Gnocchis** for sale during Advent (Dec. 2, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16). We will make Gnocchi in the Pizza Kitchen from 5:30 to 8:00 PM on the following Monday evenings: October 17, 24, November 7 and 14. We will start at 5:30 PM and be finished by 8:00 PM each evening. If interested in volunteering, please contact Rose Dombrowski at 412-771-7438.



This is a great fundraiser for our parish.

The Pizza Kitchen is in need of volunteers on Friday mornings to help with fried cakes, stretching dough and other assorted duties. If you can only come for one hour or once a month, no help is refused or unappreciated. We hope to hear from you. You can contact Rose Dombrowski at 412-771-7438 or just join us whenever you can. Thank you for your support.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our **Confirmation Program** continues this Sunday, Oct. 16, from 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. This time frame will include Mass at 7:45 PM.

**FIRST PENANCE NEWS
PARENT/CHILD MEETING**

A First Penance Parent and Child Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 30, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Oct. 17 (Mon.) - Mass at Chartiers Manor Nursing Home, 814 Chartiers Ave., 1:45 PM ~ Mass Intention: Kenneth Chestnutt by Family

Oct. 17 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary's Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Oct. 18 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Oct. 18 (Tues.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM in St. Mary's Church - Call Elna at 412-812-4549 for info.

Oct. 19 - 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. 20 (Thurs.) - Ladies of Charity Mtg., 7 PM in the Gathering Place

Oct. 21 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

Oct. 21 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN! To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM to 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF OCTOBER 16

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF SKIP AMITY BY MOM, DAD AND TRACEY

MOTHER OF SORROWS - IN MEMORY OF LYDIA HAWK HOHLMAN AND CHARLES HAWK BY FAMILY

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.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR
NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next program will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 1-4 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. 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: *Micah Nollen Hudson*. May you continue to grow in God's love.

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

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 **are available** at each of the Masses, Pizza Kitchen, Bingo and parish office. And they make nice gifts too!!!

As always, we need your help in selling these tickets **beyond the parish boundaries** ~in the workplace, neighbors, friends, breakfast club, bowling, bocce leagues, card clubs, at your business. The seller of the winning ticket will receive a \$50 gift card, too. Please call Charlotte, 412-331-2453 or Terry, 412-331-3443 if you are interested.



CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday to Thomas Giacomino who will celebrate his 99th birthday this Wednesday, October 19, 2011. May the Lord continue to bless you!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
"Celebrate the Hope that Saves"

Next Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011 Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary on World Mission Sunday. As Catholics around the world - here at home and in the Missions - gather around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Island. Please be as generous as your means allow in the second collection next weekend.

BIBLE STUDY

A Bible Study, led by John Fatula will be held this Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8501.

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day, November 2, is a day on which we remember all the faithful departed. But it is also a special day on which we remember all who have been buried from St. John of God Parish since last All Souls Day. We will have our All Souls Memorial Mass on Wednesday, November 2, at 6:30 PM in the Church at St. Mary's. The name of each deceased person who was buried from St. John of God Parish since last November 2 will be read. A remembrance candle will be lit and remain in Church as a reminder to all of us that the light still shines in the Kingdom to come. A letter will soon be sent to the person who took care of the arrangements for the funeral or the nearest family member only, so please share this information with other family members and invite them to attend this special remembrance on Wednesday, November 2, at 6:30 PM. Come and let us remember together.

**SISTER'S CHRISTMAS CATECHISM:
THE MYSTERY OF THE MAGI'S GOLD**

Sister's Christmas Catechism arrives at Holy Trinity Gymnasium & Cafeteria on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011. Performance time is 7:00 PM (Wine & Cheese Reception begins at 6:15 PM).

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council 11279, this latest addition to the *Late Nite Catechism* series follows Sister's techniques from her favorite TV show, *Forensic Files*, to discover the whereabouts of the Magi's Gold. *Sister's Christmas Catechism*, with hysterical audience interaction, musical highlights, wacky prizes, non-stop laughs and the irrepressible, irresistible sister, is bound to become a must-see holiday tradition. Tickets are available by calling Dave Hess at 412-787-3853. Limited Seating.



NIGHT AT THE RACES

Our sister parish, St. Catherine of Siena in Crescent Township, is sponsoring a "Night at the Races" next Saturday, October 22. The doors open at 5:15 PM. The evening will begin with an Oktoberfest themed menu followed by 10 races as well as an auction race. Also, there will be a Chinese Auction, 50/50 and Instant Bingo. Bring your family and friends and fill a table!

Dinner begins at 6:00 PM and Races begin at 7:00 PM. Admission alone is \$10.00. If you wish to purchase a horse in advance, that is \$10.00. A horse and one admission is \$15.00 if purchased in advance. All admission tickets at the door will be \$10.00. For more information, please call Corky at 724-266-5452 or Bob at 724-378-0903.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Following is the Mass schedule for this day in St. John of God Parish:

Monday, Oct. 31, 4:30 P.M. Vigil, Church

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 9:30 A.M., Church
6:30 P.M., Church

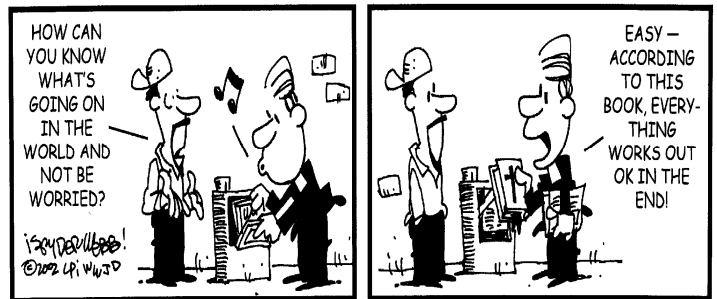
TOWN HALL MEETING

Following the 6:30 PM Mass on Tuesday, Nov. 1 in the Church at St. Mary's, there will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Church. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come hear the Pastor's report and participate in this form of governance for the parish.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The St. Malachy PTG will hold a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, October 16, from 8 AM to 1 PM in Weirauch Hall in the bottom level of the Church. Breakfast includes delicious pancakes, sausage or bacon, coffee, tea or juice. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids (age 2-12) and are available at the door. You will not leave hungry!

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY 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 two and a half months away!

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

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

Last week's Pastor's Corner was the standard yearly financial report to the Parish, according to Diocesan format, for the immediate past fiscal year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.) Included for comparison are the previous 5 years (which were under my stewardship), the 2005 year, prior to my assignment, and the proposed budget for the year we are currently in. This is the raw data. The line item financial report is available to any parishioner at any time at the rectory office and at Town Hall Meetings. In this Corner I will try to give a context to the raw data.

Financial stability for a parish can be defined by four criteria:

1. There is no outstanding debt, or significant bills. We still have a debt of \$1.1 million to the Catholic Institute, which grows by \$2.5K per month in unpaid interest. We also owe \$100K still in unpaid insurances as a result of closing the school.

2. There are no significant fiscal plant issues for major renovation, just prudent maintenance of facilities. We still have many physical plant issues that we are trying to stay ahead of, but there are major repairs and renovations that still lie in our future. We are able to keep operating, but the budget has ballooned \$100K per year since we have to pay all the costs of the former School, now CCD facility at Mother of Sorrows. But we do have over \$100k in a reserved Capital Improvement Fund to help pay for emergency repairs.

3. There are in the checking or operating account at the beginning of each month sufficient funds to cover the standard expenditures for operation (salaries, insurances, utilities, leases, etc.) Our "lock" each month is about \$30K, give or take, and almost invariably we begin each month with this in the bank. This is good news in terms of continuing operation.

4. There are in reserve three months operating expenses in the event of an emergency. In fact, we have almost a full year's reserve in the Catholic Institute gaining interest. This is also good news that helps insure our day to day operation. We also have enough in the Angel Fund to fulfill our financial obligation to St. Malachy School for our 100 students there to supplement tuition aid for this coming year, approximately \$100K.

In addition to these benchmarks, we have done a great deal of plant improvement this year – the parking lot, the roof of the garage, repair of water damage and fans in MOS chapel, electrical work and other lesser projects. And we have scheduled the erection of the

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two front crosses on the Church at St. Mary's. Much of this work has been done with insurance proceeds and several individual donations.

We have as well fulfilled all of our obligations to Diocesan taxes and assessments (Parish Share and the Bishop's Education Fund.) And we are current in forwarding all second collections to the Diocese.

We did function at a deficit this past year, but overage on the Parish Share, insurance proceeds, and the Steeple Chase Fund have helped to keep the cash flow in the black. Unfortunately, there was a significant drop in the Offertory as well as a huge drop in fund raising. This mirrors a drop in attendance. There is a combination of factors that account for this: we have far more funerals than baptisms; more people are moving out of the area than in; the economic situation nationally and locally continues to deteriorate; the people and the plant get older (as do I). We are not in a panic or bankrupt situation as yet. But the positive progress since I became Pastor 6 years ago has slowed, plateaued and is beginning to reverse. Awareness is the first step to fixing it, and that is where we are now. We shall speak much more of this in the future.

Of course, it is our mission to preach the gospel, administer the sacraments and perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that is the most important. That is what the buildings and money are for. There is much good news on these fronts, which I will report on after we have logged our October count.

You have been most dedicated to, active in, involved with and generous to your parish this past year and for the past 5 years. Much progress has been made, and much more lies before us. As your Pastor, I thank you, ask God to bless you, and encourage you to keep the faith and keep on keeping on!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's Gospel; he was firm, honest and direct.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Who is the black sheep in your family? Your spouse's family? Love them anyway. Family is a package deal. Even if you wouldn't pick some relatives as your best friends, they helped form your spouse. A person doesn't need to be perfect to deserve your love.

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