CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Our Confirmation Preparation Program continues this Sunday evening, Oct. 18, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. This time frame includes Mass at 7:45 PM. For more information, call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

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 Service on Monday, Nov. 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 Nov. 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 Monday, November 2, at 6:30 PM. Come and let us remember together. Afterwards, all are invited to share some refreshments in the Gathering Place.

This weekend, October 17 & 18, a second collection will be taken at all Masses for World Mission Sunday. Through prayer and financial help, friends of the Propagation of the Faith help the worldwide missionary work of the Church; the continuation of Jesus’ mission. Please be as generous as your means allow in the second collection this weekend.

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2009

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38
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: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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“YEAR OF THE PRIEST” PARISH PRAYER

God, give us worthy priests in sufficient numbers.
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH RALLY & DANCE

Young People in grades 6-8 and their parents are invited to a faith rally and dance being held on Friday, November 6, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Bishop Canevin High School in Crafton. Come join others from across the Diocese in this fun and exciting evening of music, laughter and dancing featuring Anna Scally, president of Cornerstone Media, Inc. as she uses music that young people listen to every day to promote Catholic values and healthy relationships. Youth admission is only $10 and parents are free! Registration deadline is Friday, October 30; for registration information contact Steve at 412-331-8573 or sigyouthmin@yahoo.com.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWS

We still have the following fundraiser items available:

- Entertainment Books $20.00
- Enjoy Books $27.00
- Kids Stuff Books $25.00
- Monthly Lottery Calendars $ 5.00

Call the school office at 412-331-8501 for more information.

PARENT/CHILD MEETING

A First Penance Parent and Child Meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 2 to 4 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. For any additional information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next class will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in Mother of Sorrows Chapel. To register or for more information, please call John Fatula at 412-331-8573.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

Oct. 10 / 11

Saturday ........................................................ 329
Sunday .......................................................... 768
Total Weekend Attendance ......................... 1,097

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS

For the Weekend of Oct. 10 / 11

Regular Offertory Collection ......................... $ 5,468.60

(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 2009 ............................... $93,361.00
Contributions to date (Thank You!) ................ $93,928.55
Excess Parish Share ........................................ $ 567.55

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.

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

The October 16 issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper has been mailed to every registered household in the Diocese. No bulk copies are available in the Church or Chapel this weekend. Besides the regular news and features, this issue contains Bishop Zubik’s third Pastoral Letter discussing the Church and its relationship to the many life issues of our day.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-800-808-1235
Join us for an autumn drive to Butler County on Sunday, Nov. 8, (no Steeler game) to enjoy a home cooked Thanksgiving dinner like grandma used to make, and yes Virginia, real turkey and all the fixings, including dessert. Take-outs are available. There will be time to visit the Church to offer a few prayers. On the bus ride home, we will pray the Rosary. Before enjoying dinner, we stop at Kraynak’s. The Christmas Store offers shopping in their Toyland, candy and train departments, and browsing through a forest of 85 decorated Christmas trees with different themes. Your purchases may be stored on the bus for the ride home.

The bus will depart at 11 A.M from St. Mary’s Church, returning approximately 6 P.M. Parking will be available in the Church lot. Cost of the trip is $30 for adults; $27 for children 10 years and under. Payment is due by Oct. 20. Space is limited. Don't delay. Reserve your seat now.

In keeping with the harvest season, we are requesting that all travelers bring a non-perishable food product to donate to our parish annual Thanksgiving baskets distribution. For additional information please contact Terry at 412-331-3443 or Charlotte at 412-331-2453.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Oct. 19 (Mon.) - Mass at Mary Pat Rickerd Personal Care Home, 1085 Dohrman St, West Park, 1:30 PM
Mass Intention: Antonelli Family by Jennie Macosko

Oct. 19 (Mon.) - Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers recited in St. Mary’s Church - Rosary begins 6:30 PM.

Oct. 20 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary’s Church.

Oct. 20 (Tues.) - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7-9 PM, MOS

Oct. 21 (Wed.) - 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. 21 (Wed.) - Cub Scout Mtg, 6-7:30 PM, Gathering Place - Call Jeff Kotek, 412-855-1933 for information.

Oct. 23 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary’s Church.

Oct. 23 (Fri.) - PIZZA KITCHEN! To order please call 412-331-8530 on Fridays, 8 AM – 1 PM. Orders must be picked up by 3:45 PM.

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is hosting its annual series of talks specifically focused on prayer and spirituality. The first of the series will be presented by Sr. John Sheila Galligan, IHM, a popular speaker and teacher, whose writings have appeared in numerous publications, including American Theological Inquiry, Spirituality Today, The Catholic Answer, The Living Light, Momentum, and Pastoral Life. Sr. John Sheila’s presentation, “Forgiveness: The Best Revenge” will be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium, Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 PM. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists. The lecture is free - all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

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STEEPLE CHASE DRIVE THANKSGIVING DINNER

PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT COMPLETELY, DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET
OR IN MAIL SLOT AT PARISH OFFICE. Print STEEPLE CHASE TURKEY DINNER on envelope.

Make checks payable to ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH. NOT REFUNDABLE IF YOU CANCEL

Number ______ adult(s) @ $30; Number ______ child(ren) 10 & under @$.27
Enclosed is _________ (Total Payment)

Name ____________________________________________

Phone ____________________________________________
FUNDRAISER TRIP FOR ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH
Thursday, November 12, 2009
SENECA ALLEGHENY
$39 Per Person
Receive $20.00 Slot Credit & $5.00 Food Voucher
Boarding - St. Mary’s Church parking lot - 7:00 AM
Departure 7:15 AM
We will be stopping for breakfast at your expense.
Departing Seneca Allegheny @ 6:30 PM;
Quick Stop on Way Home
Arriving Home the Same Day @ approx. 10:00 PM.
RESERVATIONS OR QUESTIONS
Call Lucille @ 412-298-6106
or Gizell @ 412-331-6736.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
St. Malachy PTG is sponsoring a “Pancake Breakfast” this Sunday, Oct. 18, from 8 AM to 1 PM in the Church Hall. $5 for adults & $3 for kids ages 2-12. Tickets are available at the door.

CRAFT TABLES AVAILABLE
Craft Tables are available for the Christmas Craft Show at Holy Trinity Church, 5720 Steubenville Pike, Robinson Township, to be held on Saturday, November 14. All crafts must be hand made. Holy Trinity is handicapped accessible and has plenty of parking. Interested crafters should call Alvie at 412-787-1468 to reserve a table.

SERRA CLUB OF BEAVER VALLEY BANQUET
The annual Serra Club of Beaver Valley Banquet to honor our dear priests is Tuesday, October 27, 2009. The speaker this year is Fr. Angelus M. Shaughnessy, O.F.M. Cap. Hot Hors d’oeuvres and Open Bar at 5 PM, 6 PM Sit Down Dinner at St. Frances X. Cabrini Parish, Center Twp., 115 Trinity Drive, Aliquippa, PA 15001. Entrée: Stuffed Chicken Breast $25.00 covers all. Please call 724-728-8111, ext 21 for reservations. Mention if you wish to reserve a parish table. Mail checks payable to Serra Club of Beaver Valley directly to 232 Center Grange Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001. Reservation deadline is Thursday, October 22, 2009.

SUPER TURKEY BINGO
Risen Lord Parish
3250 California Ave.
Sunday, November 8, 2009
Early Birds - 12:30 PM
Reg. Games - 12:45 PM
Doors open 11 AM
A Turkey will be given away after each regular game. Call 412-761-1507 for tickets and more information. If you purchase your ticket in advance you will be eligible for a special raffle.

DIVORCED? SEPARATED?
DivorceCare, a divorce recovery seminar and support group, will meet at St. Philip Church in Crafton each Wednesday, beginning Oct. 28 at 7:00 PM. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include “Facing My Anger,” “Facing My Loneliness,” “Depression,” “New Relationships,” “Kid Care,” and “Forgiveness.”
For more information, call Mary Joe at 412-279-0299 or Marcie at 412-922-5255.

REDUCING STRESS & PREVENTING BURNOUT: RESTORING BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE
Saturday, November 7, 1 PM to 3 PM
Father Ryan Arts Center
420 Chartiers Avenue in McKees Rocks
Participants in this workshop will be introduced to a program for preventing creative burnout by enhancing satisfaction and balance in their jobs and lives. Therapist, Don Laird, will guide participants to identify skills and practices to reduce stress and burnout. The approach is a simple, holistic overview of the cognitive and philosophical underpinnings that makes each of us uniquely creative, while taking into account the social, spiritual and physical aspects of our lives that often goes under served by the demands of daily existence. Whichever discipline you find is your calling - teaching, business, writing, theatre arts, nursing, medicine, dance or if you simply wish to create some balance in your life, then this workshop is for you. Through contemplative individual and group exercises, participants will develop an individualized wellness plan for personal use. Content is suitable for anyone 18 years of age and older. Member Tuition is $29.75 (price reduced) and non-member Tuition is $35 (price reduced). Call the Father Ryan Arts Center at 412-771-3052 to register or for more information or visit www.FatherRyanArtsCenter.org.
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### Statistics (as of September 30, 2009)

- Active Families: 1,878
- Souls: 3,257
- October Count Attendance: 1,123
- Students in our Catholic School: 146
- CCD Students: 105
- Sacramentals (2008 calendar year)
  - Baptisms: 35
  - First Communion: 41
  - Confirmation: 32
  - Marriage: 14
  - Death: 101
  - Communion Calls: 120