

SAINT JOHN OF GOD

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Mass Schedule

~ *Low Gluten Hosts Available For Communion* ~
 ~ *See Priest Before Mass* ~

Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM Church
 Sunday.....9:45 AM Church
 Weekday Schedule
 Monday—Friday.....9:30 AM Church
 Confessions: Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM

Parish Clergy

Rev. David G. Poecking	Deacon Tim M. Killmeyer
Rev. Robert J. Zajdel	Deacon Leonard M. Thomas
Rev. Alan E. Morris	Rev. Regis J. Ryan, ret.
Rev. Michael R. Ruffalo	Rev. Louis F. Vallone, ret.

Staff

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 Mr. Wayne Summers, *Maintenance Supervisor*

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Scheduler of Ministries

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www.news.va/en
 (Vatican News)

Bulletin Deadline:
 Tuesday Noon



Celebration of the Sacraments

Infant Baptism: Second Sunday
 Please 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 (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 Mass every Sunday at the Church.

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.





**SIXTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019

Saturday Vigil, Feb. 16: 4:30 PM Church
Paul & Marie Sabol (Family)

Sunday, Feb. 17: 9:45 AM Church
Anniv - Eugene Ritter (Family)

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, Feb. 18: Ann Padgelek (Janet L. Pockl)

Tuesday, Feb. 19: Greg Gardner (Frances Haman)

Tuesday, Feb. 19: St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church

Wednesday, Feb. 20: Shelly Cerrone (Virginia Field)

Thursday, Feb. 21: Joseph Marko (Bill & Kathy Marko)

Friday, Feb. 22: Marco Spada (Family)

Friday, Feb. 22: Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

Saturday Vigil, Feb. 23: 4:30 PM Church
August Vignone (Family)

Sunday, Feb. 24: 9:45 AM Church
James Crivelli (Family)

Readings for the week of February 17, 2019

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Saint John of God, Pray for us.

AN OPEN INVITATION OF WELCOME

Non-Catholics and non-parishioners are always welcomed guests.

Inactive, unsure or irregular Catholics are lovingly encouraged to reconnect with the Faith.

New parishioners are joyfully received in our community. Please call the parish office.

Our hearts are large and there is plenty good room for all.



**HELP MAKE GNOCCHI
AT THE PIZZA KITCHEN**

Once again, we will offer gnocchi for sale during Lent (Lent begins on Wed., March 6). We will begin making the gnocchi **this Monday, February 18, at 9:00 A.M. in the Pizza Kitchen**. If you are able, please come and help us with this endeavor. No experience is necessary! Any questions??? Call Eleanor Vith at 412-331-3832 or Nancy Leto at 412-331-3282.

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW
AND EXPECTING PARENTS**

The next class will be held on Sunday, March 10, from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. in the Gathering Place at St. Mary's. For more information or to register, please call Tom Adams, 412-999-2985.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will continue this **Monday, Feb. 18**, from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Gathering Place. For more information, please call Tom Adams at 412-999-2985. Everyone is welcome!

**ANNUAL CEMETERY
CLEAN-UP NOTICE**

In order to maintain the appearance of St. Mark and St. Mary cemetery properties and ensure the safety of visitors and employees, The Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association will be conducting the Annual Cemetery Cleanup during the month of March. Please note that all Christmas items will be removed from all graves during the Cleanup. Please remove any items you wish to keep prior to March 1. Thank you for your cooperation! It is greatly appreciated.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to the Silver Ring Thing: Unaltered Tour on Wednesday, March 27th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Seton LaSalle High School. SRT is a radical response to culture's view of love and relationships. The live event inspires teens to defy the meet-up, hook-up, and break-up culture of today and discover true life found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. This goes way beyond 'purity' to embrace our identity and pursue a lifestyle that brings honor and glory to God. Tickets are \$6 online (unalteredtour.com) or \$8 at the door (tickets are free for Confirmation candidates). For more information or to sign up, contact Steven Swank at 412-771-7480 or swankymca@gmail.com.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE**February 9 / 10**

Saturday.....	382
Sunday.....	346
Total Weekend Attendance	728

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS**For the Weekend of February 9 / 10**

Regular Offertory \$3,675.00

(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 2019 \$??
 PSP Collected beginning 12/1/18 ..Thank You!.. \$19,668.00
 Remaining on 2019 Goal \$??

(We have not yet received our assessment for 2019, but all contributions to Parish Share beginning Dec. 1 will be allocated to our assessment for 2019. 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.)

**ST. MALACHY
FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Religious Education classes will not be in session this Sunday, February 17 and Monday, February 18 due to the Presidents' Day holiday. Classes will resume on February 24 & 25.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Please keep all our eighth grade students in your prayers as they attend their Confirmation Retreat today, Sunday, February 17.

† QUOTE FROM THE POPE †

"Jesus wants to be found by those who look for him. But to look for Him we have to get up and go out."
Pope Francis

The **Rosary** is prayed at 9:00 AM before the 9:30 AM Mass Monday through Friday in St. Mary's Church.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Feb. 18 (Mon.) - Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 PM in Gathering Place at St. Mary's

Feb. 19 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church

Feb. 20 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin at 7:15 PM.

Feb. 21 (Thurs.) - Ladies of Charity Meeting, 7 PM in the Gathering Place

Feb. 22 (Fri.) - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

Feb. 22 (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.

HOSPITAL

Please pray for all parishioners who are in the hospital. Also for all 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 Roberta Giles and Fay Kovach whom God has called home. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers.

"May the Angels lead them into paradise, may the martyrs receive them at their coming and take them to Jerusalem, the holy city."

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY SANDROCK BY GRANDPARENTS

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Passionist Nuns will host a Vocation Discernment Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery, 2715 Churchview Ave., Pittsburgh, 15227. For more information or to register, contact Sr. Grace at 412-881-1155, passistnuns@gmail.com or www.passionistnunspgh.org.

ST. MALACHY SPEAKER SERIES

Fr. Richard S. Jones — Making a Meaningful Lent

Join Fr. Richard S. Jones as the St. Malachy Speaker Series continues with "Making a Meaningful Lent", **this Tuesday, February 19th** at 7:00 pm at St. Malachy Church. Fr. Jones is a priest known for his humility, compassion, and willingness to serve the faith community. He is a Pittsburgh educated native who has served area parishes for 30 years. He is renowned as a speaker and he has written for the *Pittsburgh Catholic* for the last 18 years. He has written four books, all available via Amazon. He has recently returned to his position as in-residence Institutional Chaplain at UPMC Mercy Hospital. Light refreshments to follow.

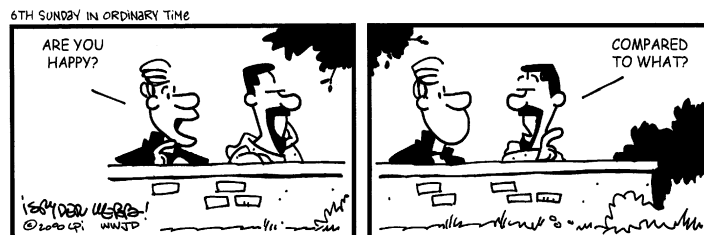
SWEET HEART RAFFLE

Thanks to everyone that participated in the "Sweet" Heart Raffle. The winner was Dana Wissinger. This raffle was held to benefit the Pizza Kitchen.

PLACEMENT TESTS

Bishop Canevin High School will administer the High School Placement Test on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 12 pm to 3 pm (doors open at 11:30 am). All applicants for ninth grade must take the Placement Test in order to determine appropriate course selections and to be considered for scholarships. Register by calling 412-922-7400, ext. 224. \$10 fee may be paid in advance or at the door on the day of the test.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School will be offering its Placement Test for the Class of 2023 on Saturday, March 30. All students who are interested in entering the freshman class in the fall of 2019 should attend one of two testing sessions that day - 9:00 to 11:00 am OR 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Register today under the Admissions page of the website at www.olsh.org (go to *Important Dates*), or call Jessica Sellman '02 at 412-262-3300 or jsellman@olsh.org.



*Please keep our Priests, Seminarians,
Deacons and all Religious in your prayers.*



Rejoice and Be Glad; Your Reward Will Be Great in Heaven - What is it that we live for? What are the motivations of our thoughts, our words, our actions, our entire lives? Is it something in this life - accomplishment, knowledge, wealth, power, prestige? Or is it something else, like heaven and our eternal reward? As Christians, there are countless references in Sacred Scripture and in the teachings from every generation of the Church that remind us that we were not made for this world. For instance, in the First Book of Chronicles, King David prays, "For before you we are strangers and travelers, like all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without a future." (1 Chr 29:15) That means that we are made for something more, the greatest thing, life for ever with God in heaven. However, it does not mean that we can just sit back and enjoy the ride here, as if heaven is a given. Rather, as Jesus reminds us in the Beatitudes in today's Gospel, we must put ourselves and our wants aside and instead live for God and others. *On Mission for The Church Alive!* seeks to provide for the good of the Church so that, in building up the Kingdom of God here on earth, we can be welcomed home God's Kingdom in heaven. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

The Sisters of St. Joseph Auxiliary invites friends and the public to join them Tuesday, March 26, from 9 am to 1 pm for a day of Lenten reflection at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Baden. Led by Sister Carolyn Wiethron, this day of prayer includes continental breakfast, Mass in the Motherhouse Chapel and lunch. There is no charge for the event, but a reservation is required. Space is limited. Register online at auxspringdayofreflection.eventbrite.com or call 724-869-6574.

NEED FREE HEALTH CARE

Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center has been keeping low income adults well in our community for over 11 years! Call for eligibility details at 412-456-6911, option 1.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline
1-888-808-1235

"Don't forget your *Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper*, a weekly gift to you from our parish for your enjoyment!"

LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS

Divorced Catholics and everyone else who may be interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Conzemius, JCL, Tribunal Director and Judge. He will speak at six locations during Lent. Topics will include: theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process; and a process overview. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend please email AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org or call 412-456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made. The presentations are scheduled on the following dates, times, and locations: **Mon., March 11** - Mary, Mother of Hope, New "Castle, Marian Room; **Tues., March 19** - North American Martyrs, Monroeville, DeLuca Hall; **Mon., March 25** - Saint Katharine Drexel, Bentleyville, Drexel Hall; **Thurs., April 4** - All Saints, Etna, Activities Building; **Mon., April 8** - Saint Kilian, Cranberry Twp, Church Hall; **Thurs., April 11** Saint Barbara, Bridgeville, Saint Barbara Hall.

NUNSENCE the MEGA-MUSICAL

Pittsburgh Musical Theater presents *Nunsense the Mega-Musical* on March 21-31 at the Gargaro Theater (327 S Main St., Pgh 15220) Join the Little Sisters of Hoboken as they pull out all the stops including tap dancing, habit humor, and much more! All the fun of the original *Nunsense* has been super-sized with more characters and, a new song and expanded dance numbers! *Nunsense the Mega Musical* has been called "A hail of fun and frolic" by *The New York Times*. Tickets and more information: www.pittsburghmusicals.com/tix-nunsense or call 412-539-0900 x 232.

CALLING ALL MEN! 13TH GATHERING CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC MEN

The 13th Gathering of Catholic Men Conference is a powerful encountering of the Mercy of Christ with dynamic Catholic presenters (Steve Pokorny, Sean O'Hare, Jimmy Mitchell, Holly Kris Frank, Bob Rice, and the honorable Bishop David Zubik). The Steubenville Worship Team will provide uplifting worship music. Mark your calendar for the afternoon of April 6 at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh. Doors open at 12 pm. Contact Santos Hernandez at 1026hernandez@gmail.com or visit www.cmfitt.org for online registration information. \$20 per man. Free to Clergy and Religious.

Winter

In the quietness of this place,
in the sacredness of this hour,
let us leave behind the dust
and noise of our world
and enter the holy hush of
God's presence.

—Rev. Leroy Koopman



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.

PITTSBURGH 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Forty-six years ago, in *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court rendered its historic decision, making abortion legal in the United States. Recently, many made the pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to be the voice of the innocents. Participation in the 40 Days for Life vigil is an opportunity to continue to stand for those who are the most vulnerable in our society.

Pittsburgh's 40 Days for Life campaign will begin on March 6! This is a wonderful opportunity to unite the Body of Christ in and around Pittsburgh in the great spiritual battle to end abortion. Since 2010, during our twice-annual 40 Day campaigns, with the help of hundreds of churches and individual Christians, we have successfully maintained a prayer vigil on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh. God has used the prayerful witness to save precious lives from abortion, and to remind the world that all human lives are precious and are created by God!

Vigil Dates: March 6 through April 14

Vigil Times: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Vigil Location: Outside Planned Parenthood at
933 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh

Contact Info: Nikki Bruni at 412-926-9413 or
nbruni@4daysforlifepgh.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 14, 2019

St. Malachy School

Calendar Party

at the

Pittsburgh Airport Marriott

A ladies (only) luncheon
With auctions, prizes, and raffles.

Consider Hosting a Table!

For more information contact:

Lori Kunes

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Denise Corona

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St. Malachy School

412-771-4545

In a Troubled Marriage?

Please call Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or email
3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available
at www.helpourmarriage.com.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Getting ahead in the world is something many see as important. Success, a comfortable life, and worldly securities are seen as what is needed to achieve happiness. Whether or not we like to admit it, these pursuits are operative in many of our lives. As much as we want to believe in the Gospel, we also find it hard not to cling to these other things. Unconditional trust in God must be first if we are going to perceive the kingdom of God. And while God does not want us to go out of our way to be miserable, Jesus clearly gives preference to those who are poor, hungry, weeping, marginalized, vulnerable, and despised. When people encounter these things, they touch God. It teaches us not to get too comfortable with our riches and that there is much more to true life than the stuff we find so important.

**HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S RETREAT
ON RELATIONSHIPS**

The Pittsburgh Religious Vocation Council will host a high school women's retreat on Saturday, March 9 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Baden. Presenter Merritt Donoghue, 24, will inspire students to embrace their relationship with God in high school and through their early twenties. Merritt is an event planner and dynamic speaker who traces her love of people, ministry and communications back to her days at Our Lady of Sacred Heart High School. She serves on the Catholic Women's Fellowship Pittsburgh Conference Team and works as Community Engagement Manager for De Fer Coffee & Tea. Join Merritt and treat yourself to a day of conversion, worship and prayerful exploration on the Sisters' sacred grounds with new and old friends. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered. To register for this free event, email your name, phone number and high school to vzottola@stjospeh-baden.org. Location: 1020 W. State Street, Baden, PA 15005.

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www.pctravelservice.com

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

“Rejoice and Be Glad”

This Sunday's Gospel is Luke's version of the Beatitudes, sterner than Matthew's: Instead of “Blessed are the poor in spirit,” we get “Blessed are the poor”; instead of “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,” we get “Blessed are the hungry.” Yet the main message is the same, and the Beatitudes anchor the Church's teaching on how to follow Jesus. (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, §1716ff.)

Last year Pope Francis published an apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, “Rejoice and Be Glad,” essentially a reflection on the Beatitudes, to call each and all of us to holiness in a practical way. He wants each of us in his own way not to be flawless, but to become the saints God intends. For most of us, that means patience with family, kindness to neighbors, working first for the common good rather than our own interests. Your life is a mission, a way for God to speak his word of love to the world. For this, you will need both prayerful devotion to God and committed service to others. Holiness will require sacrifice, but it leads to the vitality and joy of becoming the person God created you to be. Allow God to transform you.

To be holy you must be oriented to God and others, not too wrapped up in yourself. You can't be too concerned with your own thoughts or feelings, still less whether these are perfectly refined. Nor should you be too absorbed in your own accomplishments or willpower. We begin the walk of holiness by responding to the Lord's initiative, and by continuing in humble dependence upon his favor and forgiveness.

Jesus' first great sermon, the “Sermon on the Mount” (Matthew 5:1—7:28) begins with the Beatitudes, in which Jesus outlines how we can grow in holiness. Elsewhere, Pope Francis has encouraged us to recite the Beatitudes daily:

³*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* ⁴*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.* ⁵*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.* ⁶*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.* ⁷*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.* ⁸*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.* ⁹*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.* ¹⁰*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* ¹¹*Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.* ¹²*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Pope Francis also cites Matthew 25:31-46—“whatever you did for one of these little brothers and sisters, you did for me”—as a guide to holiness. Here Christians can make two mistakes: (1) They can separate their good works from a personal relationship with the Lord, neglecting prayer and grace and Gospel; or (2) they sideline some social engagement, neglecting to see each person in immediate need as like Christ himself.

Some of the signs by which we can navigate our path of holiness are (a) perseverance, patience, and meekness, (b) joy and a sense of humor, (c) boldness and passion, (d) sharing life “in community,” (e) living “in constant prayer.” It will be a constant battle with the Devil, who opposes us on this path and whose goal is to make us stumble or turn away. Make a daily examination of conscience and ask God for the gift of discernment in finding our way.

◇ Please pray for the 8th graders of St. Malachy and St. John of God Parishes, on retreat today in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

—Fr. Dave