

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
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Confessions: Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM

Parish Clergy

Rev. David G. Poecking
Rev. Robert J. Zajdel
Rev. Alan E. Morris
Rev. Michael R. Ruffalo

Deacon Tim M. Killmeyer
Deacon Leonard M. Thomas
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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 appoint-
ment.

Holy Eucharist: Available for those
who are sick and confined to home.
Call the Parish Office and we will
bring the Eucharist to you.

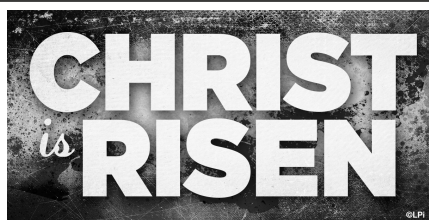
Anointing of the Sick: Available for
those who are seriously ill or antici-
pating surgery after Mass every
Sunday at the Church.

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.





**EASTER
SUNDAY**
Alleluia! Alleluia!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20 to Sunday, April 28, 2018

Easter Vigil, April 20:

Mass at 8:30 pm in Holy Trinity

Easter Sunday, April 21:

9:45 AM Church

Parish Family of Saint John of God

WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

Monday, April 22: Jean Kyle (Family)

Tuesday, April 23: Dec'd Members of Spada & Lalama Family (Family)

Tuesday, April 23: St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church and at **6:30 PM in St. Mary's Church**, (week 6)

Wednesday, April 24: Brother & Marge McMahon (Family)

Thursday, April 25: Charlie Weigl (Flora)

Friday, April 26: Joseph Orlich (Family)

Friday, April 26: Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church

Vigil, April 27:

4:30 PM Church

John "Boo-Boo" King & Philip & Rose Crivelli (Mom & Daughter, Lydia)

Sunday, April 28:

9:45 AM Church

Theresa Milanak (Family)

Readings for the week of April 21, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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.



CLOSED FOR EASTER

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22. Please hold all calls until Tuesday, April 23, unless it is an emergency. *Happy and Blessed Easter!*

EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES

Each year the bishops of the Diocese of Pittsburgh welcome families to St. Paul's Cathedral in the afternoon on Easter Sunday. You are invited! Come meet Bishop David Zubik and auxiliary bishops William Waltersheid and William Winter. Families will receive an individual greeting, blessing and photograph. (Rumor has it that chocolate may be involved, too!) Our bishops will receive families any time on Sunday, April 21, between 2:00 and 5:00 pm. Join us for this beautiful Easter tradition!

NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY



Throughout our lives we call upon the saints to intercede for us and help guide us on our way in life. **We will continue the 13-week solemn novena to St. Anthony this Tuesday, April 23.** The novena prayers will be recited after the 9:30 A.M. Mass and again at 6:30 P.M. in St. Mary's Church. Let us come together to honor St. Anthony and ask his help for the special needs that each of us have.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will continue this **Mon., April 22**, 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!

SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF APRIL 21

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF HELEN SCHRINER BY PATTI AND BILL

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Attention Teens: Need service hours? Volunteering at Vacation Bible School this summer is an easy and fun way to earn 15+ hours. To learn how you can help, please contact Steve Swank 412-771-7480 or swankymca@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Jesus Day, a retreat for children preparing for First Communion, will be held this Saturday, April 27. Children with last names beginning with the letters A to L will attend from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Children with last names beginning with letters M-Z will attend from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Please keep all of these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.

PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

April 13 / 14

Saturday.....	368
Sunday.....	387
Total Weekend Attendance	755

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS

For the Weekend of April 13 / 14

Regular Offertory \$3,926.00

(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	\$69,353.00
PSP Collected beginning 12/1/18 ..Thank You!..	\$30,797.00
Remaining on 2019 Goal	\$38,556.00

(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.)



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 Karen McGowan and Josephine Jazudek whom God has called home. Please remember her 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."

✠ QUOTE FROM THE POPE ✠

"During this week of Easter it would do us good every day to read a passage from the Gospel which speaks of the Resurrection of Christ." 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

April 22 (Mon.) - Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 PM , Gathering Place at St. Mary's

April 23 (Tues.) - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church and at 6:30 P.M. in St. Mary's Church (week 6).

April 24 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO in MOS Social Hall - Doors open at 5 PM Early Birds, 7 PM and Regular Games begin at 7:15 PM.

April 26 (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.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next class will be held on Sunday, **May 5**, from **2:00 to 4:00 P.M.** in the Gathering Place at St. Mary's. For more information or to register, please call Tom Adams, 412-999-2985.

SAINT JOHN OF GOD
ADULT CHOIR
EASTER CHORAL PRESENTATION

The Saint John of God Adult Choir will present their traditional Easter Choral Program on two (2) occasions this year. On Easter Sunday, April 21, the program will begin at approximately 9:15 am, 1/2 hour before the scheduled 9:45 am Easter Sunday Mass.

The program will be presented a second time on Saturday, April 27, beginning at approximately 4:00 pm, 1/2 hour before the scheduled 4:30 pm Saturday Mass, celebrating the Octave of Easter.

THANK YOU!!!

A huge THANK YOU to our dedicated and hard working catechists for a wonderful religious education year! Have a peaceful and relaxing summer (you certainly earned it)!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Our grouping is offering two Vacation Bible School programs this summer! "Miraculous Mission" VBS will take place June 17-21 at Holy Trinity and "Roar African Safari" VBS will be held June 24-28 at Saint Malachy. Grab your space suit and pith helmet and join us for both! Registration information is available online at rockenrocatholics.org. Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas for each week. If you would like to help, please contact Deacon Lee Miles at Holy Trinity: 412-787-2140 ext 156 or Steven Swank at Saint Malachy: 412-771-7480.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 18, from 9 am to Noon at the Crowne Plaza, Green Tree. Hear speaker Ann Vucic talk of her spiritual journey and the message to trust God and His plans. Her family moved from near Medjugorje to the U.S. when she was two, but she traveled to her homeland for vacations. On one such visit, at age 15, she had a healing in Medjugorje that also left a deep longing for God and the deep desire to help others encounter His love. Ann went through discernment and uprooting to follow God's Will for her. She left her career for full time ministry and is a pilgrimage guide and interpreter. She speaks extensively at retreats and conferences about faith and spirituality. Cost of the breakfast is \$23. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906 or visit www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. Registration deadline is Friday, May 10.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Alleluia! Christ is risen! We are called, by how we live our lives, to celebrate the risen Christ. How do we do that? Our faith in the resurrection gathers us here today to celebrate this incredible event. The good news is that the doors of eternity are open! We can now understand that the fullness of who we are will be discovered when we one day meet God face-to-face in heaven. Our faith in the truth of who God is and who we are affects how we live our lives and the decisions we make. We are called to love our neighbor...to love those who hurt us...to work on behalf of the poor and the weak...to be people of justice, integrity, and hope...to practice compassion and mercy above anything else. Our lives are meant to be oriented around the axis of the Gospel. Are they?

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



Easter Hope and Joy - We are a people who are changed by the dying and rising of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Paschal Mystery is reflected in the natural process of death to new life. We see this all around us and in our own lives. For example, we experience dying and rising each year in the change of seasons. Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, and ascension show us that new life can come from death, that we can find meaning in difficult times of pain and suffering. Jesus' suffering, death, and new life has forever changed us and given us a different way of living. Death no longer has the last word. Easter is a time of joy and new life as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the gift of eternal life. This new life in Christ requires change in our lives and, while change is never easy, it opens the door to opportunity and growth. As we continue to undergo the changes of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative let us always have Christ our hope before us. He is for us the model of the new life that change can bring. Visit onmission-churchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

HOLY FAMILY SERVICE CORPS

Holy Family Service Corps is a ministry of Holy Family Institute, with placements at Nazareth Prep, Holy Family Specialized Learning.

Holy Family Institute and the Community at Holy Family Manor in Pittsburgh seeks a year and two-of service volunteers. Serve a Nazareth Year in a social service program and receive an education award. Or serve for two years as a Teaching Fellow, attend college classes at Duquesne University in Education to earn a master's degree in special education or in secondary education tuition-free.

The Nazareth Year offers placements in academic mentoring and job coaching, education and social service, family support services, recreational and senior services. Applicants must be 21 years to 30. For more information, contact Lynn Guerra at 412-766-9020 x1304 or Guerra.lynn@hfi-pgh.org or visit the web at <http://www.holyfamilyservicecorps.org/>.

DONUT SALE



Donuts will be sold next Sunday, April 28, at St. Malachy Church from 8 am to 12:30 pm in the Fr. Weirauch Social Hall (under the church). Come and get some to satisfy your sweet tooth!

MOUNT ASSISI HOST FINAL SPRING FLING

The School Sisters of St. Francis will host their final *Spring Fling* in 2019, set for 12 to 5 pm next Sunday, April 28, at Mount Assisi Convent. This special day promises food and fun for all ages, carrying on the Sisters' tradition of more than 70 years. Due to aging and increasing physical limitations, this will be the final major spring event for the Sisters.

Spring Fling will include delicious homemade stuffed cabbage and chicken dinners for \$10, a plant sale, bake sale, raffles, fun for kids, and a giant rummage sale. Join the Sisters and make a day of it by bringing the whole family. All proceeds from *Spring Fling*, made possible with the generosity of neighbors like you, will help to support the Sisters' ministries, as well as their retirement needs. The School sisters of St. Francis have been serving the Pittsburgh area since 1913 and have called Mount Assisi home since 1928.

The GPS Address for Mount Assisi Convent is 1515 Quail Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15202. For more information or to order takeout dinners, call 412-761-6004.

KENNEDY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE



The Annual Kennedy Garden Club Plant, Bake, Craft Sale and Raffle will be held at the upper pavilion of Fairhaven Park on Saturday, May 11, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Home and garden flea market items as well as coffee and donuts will be sold. Stop by for a fun time. Proceeds benefit many community projects. For more information call Judy Fritzes at 412-331-6175,

ATHLETICS OF ACTION THANK YOU

The Athletics of Action Organization would like to thank all attendees at the 10th anniversary Memorial Scholarship Luncheon at Holy Trinity Social Hall.

Each of this year's recipients will receive a two thousand dollar scholarship.

~ Montour: Rosina Esposito (attending Susquehanna University); Gina Marie Kamicker (attending Kent State University)

~ Sto-Rox: Cassidy Baradah (attending Robert Morris University); Janae Goolsby (attending West Liberty University)

Over the last ten years the organization awarded fifty thousand dollars to forty-three scholar athletics from the Montour and Sto-Rox School Districts. Upcoming fundraising events include a double elimination bocce tournament at Fairhaven Park on Saturday, August 3, and a golf outing at Shadow Lakes on Saturday, September 14. For information kindly contact Bob Zitelli at 412-331-7341 or email zitellir@hotmail.com. To learn more about the organization visit www.athletesofaction.com.

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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.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Victory and More!

Jesus won his victory on the cross: Despite torture, mockery, and malice, Jesus persevered in loving obedience to God and in loving mercy toward us. From mankind's first awakening, we failed to answer God's call to love, but at Jesus' death we at last fulfill God's purpose for us.

Jesus' victory for us is awesome, but God goes further by raising Jesus from the dead and restoring him to his human body—glorified in divine life, beauty, and power. Follow Jesus on the way of suffering and death, and you also follow him on the way of glory and resurrection.

Jesus intends his followers to respond through life in his Church. His dying command was, "Love one another, as I have loved you." And after his resurrection, he bound his disciples to the shared life of the Church and her mission to bring his good news to the ends of the Earth.

So we're *On Mission for The Church Alive!* At RockKenRo—the three parishes of St. John of God, McKees **ROCKS**, St. Malachy, **KENN**edy Township, and Holy Trinity, **ROBINSON**—we're reorienting our institutions, personnel, and resources toward a contemporary expression of our mission:

- ◇ On February 23, the Diocese of Pittsburgh announced the merger of our two elementary schools, Holy Trinity and St. Malachy, into the new Archangel Gabriel School, with K to 8 at the Robinson campus and the pre-school at the Kennedy campus. The merger will save RockKenRo a great deal of money and, if we can sustain enrollment, will facilitate a broader and better range of programming for the students.
- ◇ Jacob Williamson joins us May 6 as our new director of engagement, responsible for evangelization, communications, youth ministry, and religious education.

Jacob writes:

Happy Easter! I am excited to begin as the new Director for Engagement for the parishes of Holy Trinity, Saint John of God, and Saint Malachy. I was raised in West Kittanning and graduated Kittanning Senior High School in 2006. I have an older brother who lives with his growing family in Bakersfield, California and I have an older sister who lives with her daughter in Raleigh, North Carolina. My mom and the rest of my extended family still live in Kittanning. Unfortunately, my dad passed away in 2014.

After high school, I entered Saint Mark Seminary as a seminarian for the Diocese of Greensburg and began my studies at Gannon University. In 2010, I graduated with my B.A. in philosophy and discerned out of seminary formation.

Since college and seminary, I have worked in both business and ministerial roles. Right after college, I worked in administration at Macy's in the South Hills while, at the same, I volunteered at Saint Anne's in Castle Shannon on their youth ministry core team. After a lot of consideration, I decided to pursue a career in youth ministry and was hired in 2011 at Holy Sepulcher Parish in South Butler County as the Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. During those five years, I encountered God in amazing ways as I was privileged to accompany teens and young adults through some of their most profound joys and sufferings.

In 2016, I ventured to Denver, Colorado to more diligently pursue a graduate degree in theology that I had been working on from the Augustine Institute. While in Denver, I also worked with a small Catholic non-profit called Christ in the City. My time in Denver was short because some people from the Diocese of Pittsburgh and I began talking about the possibility of me moving back home to take on a



new role in the Diocese as the Director for Young Adult Outreach, which I did in early 2017. For the last two years I have worked for the Diocese of Pittsburgh assisting leaders in our parishes to re-vision what ministry for people in their 20s and 30s could be and help them to effectively implement that vision. This work manifested itself not only in that consultative work but also through creating leadership development experiences, facilitating large outreach events, leading international pilgrimages, and raising volunteer teams to minister directly to young adults.

Now, I am excited to begin working here with you. I look forward to meeting you, listening to your ideas and stories, praying with one another, and making this parish grouping an authentic place of encounter where strangers do not exist and all grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Peace,

—Jacob R. Williamson jwilliamson@holytrinityrobinson.org

◇ Brendan Barker, director of music at Holy Trinity, departs June 16. Brendan writes:

Beginning this August, I have accepted a position in the graduate program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign under the instruction of Dr. Andrew Megill. There I will work toward a Doctor of Music Arts degree in Choral Conducting, made possible by a teaching assistantship in the choral division. It has long been a dream of mine to have a career as a collegiate conductor, and this is the next step in that long process. My time at Holy Trinity has been an integral part in that development. It has been a privilege to direct the choir here and refine my real-world choral techniques with an amazing group of people. Walking beside the music ministry as it progressed to excellence has been my proudest life achievement thus far, and I will take with me many of the lessons I learned during that process. I knew from the start that this was an outstanding community from the great vigor with which you sing together during the Mass. I hope that this will only continue to grow with my successor. My last weekend at Holy Trinity will be June 16th; it seemed appropriate for me to end on Holy Trinity Sunday as that was my first weekend on the job in 2016. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the countless people who have approached me after liturgies with kind words of encouragement and appreciation over the past three years. —Brendan

Brendan is a genial man of great talent, and his departure is a loss for RockKenRo, but even so it's a joy to see him advance and prepare to make even more effective use of his gifts.

◇ Jacob Gruber joins us July 1. Jacob is a seminarian for the Diocese of Pittsburgh and has reached the point (usually three years before priestly ordination) where he is expected to spend an internship year in a parish. It's an honor for us to be entrusted with a portion of Jacob's preparation for priesthood. We'll be looking for ways to provide him with helpful experiences.

◇ I expect to adjust the daily Mass schedule (but not yet the Sunday Mass schedule). Beginning mid-June, I'll drop the Friday 8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Church (except when it is required for the future Archangel Gabriel School). For those who want a Friday morning Mass, I will schedule an 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Malachy Church, thus extending the Monday-to-Thursday Mass to all weekdays. Watch for future announcements.

◇ Meanwhile, the work of Christ in his Church continues. We worship our Lord and share Holy Communion. We repent of our sins and forgive sinners. We baptize new followers of Jesus, marry those who pledge themselves as signs of Jesus' love, anoint the sick as signs of Jesus' loving suffering, and we bury the dead in hope of resurrection. We aid those who appeal to us for comfort, and in all things we proclaim the good news of Jesus, who died and rose from the dead.

Through all these transitions, we hope to sustain the good work of Christ and his Church. We also hope to shift our habits of thought and behavior until all of us are newly and deeply aware of ourselves as followers of Jesus, and newly and deeply committed to helping others follow Jesus, too.

—Fr. Dave