

# SAINT JOHN OF GOD

## Office Telephones

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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

Deacon Tim M. Killmeyer  
Deacon Leonard M. Thomas  
Rev. Regis J. Ryan, ret.  
Rev. Louis F. Vallone, ret.

## Staff

Ms. Elna Johnson, *Director of Music*  
Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, *Director of Finances*  
Mrs. Janice Lipa, *Parish Secretary*, [parish@sjogparish.com](mailto:parish@sjogparish.com)  
Mr. Wayne Summers, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Mr. Jacob R. Williamson, *Director of Engagement*

## Safe Environment Coordinator

Mrs. Karen Vinci-Stack,  
412-303-7745

## Scheduler of Ministries

Jeri Stotlemeyer,  
[sjogscat@gmail.com](mailto:sjogscat@gmail.com)

[www.news.va/en](http://www.news.va/en)  
(Vatican News)

## 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.





## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 20 to Sunday, July 28, 2019**

**Vigil, July 20:** 4:30 PM Church  
Jim & Dolly Pachasa (Neighbors in Norwood)

**Sunday, July 21:** 9:45 AM Church  
Paul Gallick (Bonny Giedl & Family)

### WEEKDAYS — 9:30 AM CHURCH

**Monday, July 22:** Helen & Roman Placon (Family)

**Tuesday, July 23:** Michael Vinci (Phyllis Tokar)

**Tuesday, July 23:** St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's

**Wednesday, July 24:** For the Living-Health & God's Blessings for Susanne Varley (Mother, Irene Pagliai & Brother, Mark)

**Thursday, July 25:** Deceased of Leja Family (Family)

**Friday, July 26:** Robert Esser (Esser Family)

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

**Vigil, July 27:** 4:30 PM Church  
Thomas Diehl, Sr. (The Marions)

**Sunday, July 28:** 9:45 AM Church  
Mom, Dad & Daniel (Maxine, Cynthia, & Donna)

### Readings for the week of July 21, 2019

**Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/  
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

**Monday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-9 [2]/  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21-15:1/Ex 15:8-17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 [24b]/  
Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-6 [5]/  
Mt 20:20-28

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/  
Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/  
Mt 13:24-30

**Next Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/  
Lk 11:1-13

*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.



## BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will continue this Monday, July 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!

## BAPTISMAL PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

The next class will be held Sunday, **August 11**, 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.

## WEDDING BANNS

*II Erin Hemphill and Jason Werden*

## SANCTUARY CANDLE - WEEK OF JULY 21

ST. MARY'S - IN MEMORY OF TOM SUSHINSKI BY TERRY

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

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon**

## When Are The Churches Open?

Church Building	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St. Malachy	7:30 am – 7:30 pm	730 am - 5:30 pm Locked after 4 pm Mass	6:45 am - approx. 6 pm
Holy Trinity	8 am - 8 pm	8 am - 8 pm	7 am - 8:30 pm

**SJG-St. Mary** Open for scheduled Masses and other services.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Catholic Day at Kennywood is Tuesday, July 30 and all teens are invited! The day will include Mass at 4:00 and a Festival of Praise at 7:00 in Pavilion 5. Tickets are only \$25 each and can be ordered at [pghpriest.com](http://pghpriest.com).

## CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education program at Saint Malachy is in need of faith-filled volunteers to serve as catechists (teachers) and help pass on the faith to our children. In particular, we need a Kindergarten catechist, a second grade catechist, and a fourth grade catechist for our Monday afternoon session (4:30-5:45 pm). Is God calling you to this important ministry? To learn more, contact Steven Swank at 412-771-7480 or [swankymca@gmail.com](mailto:swankymca@gmail.com).

## PARISH WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

July 13 / 14

Saturday .....	155
Sunday .....	200
Total Weekend Attendance .....	355

PARISH FINANCIAL TOTALS  
For the Weekend of July 13 / 14

Regular Offertory ..... \$3,096.00

(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!..	\$46,965.00
Remaining on 2019 Goal .....	\$22,388.00

(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.)

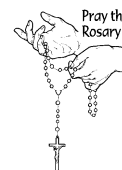
## VBS "TURN ON THE WATER" PROJECT

At Roar African Safari VBS, our students learned how the children in Africa do not have clean water readily available to them. Family members, often children, must walk great distances to obtain fresh water for drinking, cooking, and bathing. To help with this difficult situation, we held a "Turn on the Water" collection. In a few short days, our VBS families raised \$192! These funds have been sent to Catholic Relief Services to help them provide clean water to children around the world (learn more at [education.crs.org](http://education.crs.org)). THANK YOU to everyone who made a donation and supported this project! God bless you!

## ✠ QUOTE FROM THE POPE ✠

*"Faith is a gift that keeps alive a profound and beautiful certainty: that we are God's beloved children."* 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

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

**July 23 (Tues.)** - St. Anthony Novena Prayers recited following the 9:30 AM Mass in St. Mary's Church

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

**July 26 (Fri.)** - Mother of Sorrows Novena Prayers recited following 9:30 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church.

**PIZZA KITCHEN IS ON SUMMER BREAK!**

## 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

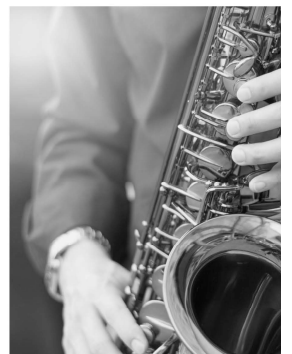
We wish to extend our sympathy to the Family of William Dudash, Jr. and Victoria Halaski whom God has called home. Please remember them and all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers.

*"May the Choirs of Angels receive them and may they with the once poor Lazarus, have rest everlasting."*

## HELP THE HOMELESS

The RockenRo Ladies of Charity are collecting **travel size toiletries** to benefit *Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety*. Please place your items in the bin labeled **Ladies of Charity** located in the back of the Church. Your generosity for the homeless of Pittsburgh is greatly appreciated. God bless you for your kindness! Questions? Contact Claudia Van at 412-859-6734 or [cmv611@comcast.net](mailto:cmv611@comcast.net).

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



# GROUPING PICNIC TODAY!

1:00-4:00 PM

FAIRHAVEN PARK

1:00 PM Mass

2:00 PM Picnic Begins

Food, games, bounce house, live music, and more!

*All are Welcome!*

**BYOB, BRING A CHAIR,  
& COOKIES TO SHARE AT THE  
COOKIE TABLE!**

FOR MORE INFO:

**[HTTPS://ROCKENROCATHOLICS.ORG/PICNIC](https://rockenrocatholics.org/picnic)**

## CALLING ALL BAKERS

**Do you make a delicious dessert?**

The Holy Trinity Festival (August 1-3) to benefit Archangel Gabriel School will once again have a sweet treats booth. Donations of cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies, bars or any kind of baked treats are needed for the booth. Please bring your treat packaged and ready for sale the day of the festival starting at 5:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Susan Sinicki at 412-802-0686 or [sksinicki@yahoo.com](mailto:sksinicki@yahoo.com).

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 catechetical year! Parents of children enrolled last year should have received a letter in the mail which included a registration form. All forms should be returned to the Faith Formation Office by July 31. This year, parents also have the ability to register and pay for their child(ren) online at [rockenrocatholics.org/FaithFormationRegistration](https://rockenrocatholics.org/FaithFormationRegistration). If you have questions, please call 412-771-7480.



## INTRODUCING EDGE: COMING THIS 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

**What is EDGE Middle School Ministry?** An exciting new option that combines faith formation and Catholic youth ministry designed specifically for grades 6-8. It provides a safe and fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, get answers to their questions about faith, and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. This year, EDGE will be offered both as an option for 6-8 grade religious education and as the Middle School Youth Ministry for the Holy Trinity/St. John of God/St. Malachy Grouping.

**How can you get Involved?** Seeking adult volunteers who desire to use their gifts and talents to invest in the youth of our Church. **Core Team:** Take an active role in being present to and in relationship with our middle school youth. **Support Team:** Support EDGE nights in various ways, primarily in planning, preparing, and serving the food for EDGE Nights. For more information, visit <https://rockencatholics.org/edge> or contact Kristin at [khays@holyltrinityrobinson.org](mailto:khays@holyltrinityrobinson.org).

### MOTORCYCLE RIDE

"The Teamster Horsemen" charity motorcycle ride will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2019 to benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor and their work with the elderly poor. The ride begins at the Teamsters Temple 4701 Butler Street in Lawrenceville at 10:00 am and ends at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home at 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 where the Sisters and Residents will welcome riders. A picnic lunch will follow. For more information call Lenny Boyd, 724-898-3058 or Mike Ceoffe, 412-526-7646.

### In a Troubled Marriage?

Please call Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or email [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org). More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

### SENIOR CITIZENS 55+

AARP Chapter #2203 would like to invite seniors over the age of 55 to join this Chapter of the AARP. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Kennedy Township Fire Hall on Pine Hollow Road. A short meeting is held at 12:00 Noon followed by refreshments and bingo. Every other month there is entertainment. Come for an enjoyable afternoon and meet your neighbors and new friends, too. If you have any questions, please call Jean Friel at 412-771-5183.

## ARCHANGEL GABRIEL SCHOOL

Summer Office hours  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Please contact the School Office if you are interested in enrolling, scheduling a tour, or have other questions regarding your enrollment. You can reach the school secretary at [schooloffice@holyltrinityrobinson.org](mailto:schooloffice@holyltrinityrobinson.org) or by calling 412-787-2656 x150.

## SCHOOL FESTIVAL

### Who Likes Carnival Rides?

Come join us on August 1 - 3 on the Holy Trinity Church/School grounds in continuing to celebrate our legacy, with over 40 years of community building and our future, in support of Archangel Gabriel Catholic School! Enjoy carnival rides, games, food trucks, casinos, bingo, raffles, white elephant sale and Good Family Fun! Ride tickets are available in the school office of the Robinson campus of Archangel Gabriel School at 5720 Steubenville Pike. Strips of 10 are only \$10 before the festival (50% off the price at the festival).

We are also collecting donations of 2-liter bottles of pop, small stuffed animals and small toys for some of our game booths and raffle baskets. These donations can be left in the back of Holy Trinity Church or dropped off at the school office during summer office hours, Tues., Wed., & Thurs., 9 am to 1 pm.

Visit us at [www.archangelgabrielpqh.org](http://www.archangelgabrielpqh.org) or email [htrobinsonfestival@gmail.com](mailto:htrobinsonfestival@gmail.com) if you want to get involved or for more information on the festival. All proceeds support Archangel Gabriel School. Contact Heather Murray at 412-303-7648 or [hmurray322@aol.com](mailto:hmurray322@aol.com) with any questions.

### NEIGHBORLY LOVE

We can never love our neighbor too much.  
— St. Francis de Sales

### WORDS TO INSPIRE

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him.  
That is all the doing you have to worry about.

— St. Jane Frances de Chantal

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**HOLY FAMILY INSTITUTE  
SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*27 years of  
Coming Together Through Christ*

**July 22 - 26  
at the Holy Family Institute Campus  
8235 Ohio River Blvd.  
Ages 1 - 99**

**No need to pre-register.  
Call 412-708-4944 for more info**

**ELEGANT JUNK SALE**

The annual Elegant Junk Sale, sponsored by the Women's Guild and Knights of Columbus (Group 328) of St. James Church, Sewickley, will take place on Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. In the school cafeteria and in the parking lot garages.

The school cafeteria and parking lot garages are located at 200 Walnut Street, adjacent to Rt. 65/Ohio River Blvd, near the Sewickley Bridge. Early Bird shopping begins at 7:30 am for a \$5 donation.

**THE ROCKENRO RIDERS**

As our parishes are coming together as one, so too are the many groups and ministries. One group that is changing is the Trinity Trail Trekkers who are morphing into the RockenRo Riders. This intrepid group of cyclists comes together twice a month to check out different bicycle trails in the area. Comprised of people of all ages and abilities they all share a love of enjoying God's beautiful creation self-propelled on two wheels. If you too enjoy seeing the world from the seat of a bicycle, come join them. **Call Deacon Tim Killmeyer at 412-787-1472 if you have any questions or need more information.**

**Next Ride**



Saturday, July 27  
Metro Parks Trail at Canfield, OH Approx. 30 miles.  
Cars leave from Holy Trinity at 10 AM

Tuesday, August 20  
Pike-2-Bike (a 9 mile stretch of abandoned PA Turnpike, including two tunnels, one of which is 2/3 of a mile long) for 18 miles and the 6 mile Coal and Coke Trail in Mt. Pleasant, PA which would add another 12 miles for the day. *Bring a flashlight.*  
Leave Holy Trinity at 10 AM

Saturday, August 30  
Wheeling Heritage Trail - 30 to 40 miles.  
Cars leave Holy Trinity at 10 AM.

**STEEPLE CHASE  
STEELER FOOTBALL POOL**

It's that time . . . our popular **STEEPLE CHASE STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL** is back. From Arizona to Virginia and places in between, Steelers fans have doubled their fun watching Steelers football when they buy a square in our football pool. You can join in the fun, too.

Our 100 block pool includes 16 regular season games beginning **September 8**. Payout per game: **\$100** half-time, **\$150** final score. Total cost for all 16 games is **\$80**. Names and numbers are randomly drawn in advance. You keep the same block all season, but coordinating numbers change for each game. You receive the completed pool for all 16 games prior to **September 8**. Buy a square yourself or partner with someone and double your fun! They make great gifts too! Name your block with your given name or be creative. *Squares fill on a 1st come basis. When one pool fills, another will be created. Don't be left out...they fill quickly. Unsold squares are assigned to SJOG. Completed forms are due along with payment of \$80 on or before August 22, 2019.* Mail to St. John of God Parish, 1011 Church Ave., McKees Rocks, PA 15136 or place in SJOG offertory basket or office mail drop.

Put "**SJOG STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL**" on the envelope. Don't be left out. The pools fill fast. Questions call Terry 412-331-3443.

Let's go Steelers!



**PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT COMPLETELY, MAIL TO: SJOG Parish, "Football Pool", 1011 Church Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136, or place in SJOG offertory basket or office mail drop off by Thursday, August 22, 2019. Make checks payable to St. John of God Parish.**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ square(s) @ \$80 per square ~ Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print**

Name for my square(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

**On Mission! Together**

When preparing for marriage, the bride and groom sometimes naïvely expect that they “will collaborate perfectly, always talking through each decision with each other.” That’s a lovely but impossible goal. Once the first child comes along, for example, they’ll make decisions faster than they could possibly talk through them. When Junior is about to spill boiling water on himself, will Dad and Mom talk it through before intervening? No, Dad will do what he thinks fathers do, very likely what his own father did, and maybe swoop in gently to redirect Junior. Mom will do what she thinks mothers do, very likely what her own mother did, and maybe shout sternly to startle Junior into momentary paralysis. Which is right? Child psychologists disagree. Dad and Mom must learn to live with and appreciate each other, despite their conflicts of expectation and their inability to talk everything through.

Something similar must happen among RockKenRo’s three parishes. We have three different histories, patrimonies, habits, expectations, hopes, and fears. It’s too cheap for any one community to take pride in its own strengths and lament the weaknesses of the others. If we have any chance of sharing our mission and life in a healthy (“saving”) manner, we’ve got to do better: We’ve got to learn to appreciate each other even when our contributions are not necessarily identical, equal in value, comparable, or—here’s a hard part—even when we do not feel equally appreciated.

- ✘ St. Malachy Parish brings us the neighborly tradition of an annual picnic. Please join your brothers and sisters at our first RockKenRo Picnic at Fairhaven Park this Sunday, July 21. The St. Malachy folk group will play for an outdoor Mass at 1:00 and food will follow beginning at 2:00.
- ✘ RockKenRo hosts a workshop with the St. Gregory Institute, founded by Nicholas J. Will, professor of sacred music at Franciscan University Steubenville, and director of music at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Musicians from the region will learn chant, polyphony, and their place at Mass. Thus these special Masses with very fine music:

Monday, July 22, 6:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity, w/guest priest Fr. Nicholas Vaskov

Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity, English-Latin mix, *Missa de Angelis*)

Wednesday, July 24, 5:00 p.m., at St. Mary Help of Christians (St. John of God)

Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit in the Latin extraordinary form

*Missa Secunda* w/guest priest Fr. Aleksandr Schrenk

- ✘ We’ll explore the possibility of parish consolidation at a series of assemblies:  
 St. Malachy: September 14 at 5:15 or September 15 at 12:15  
 St. John of God: September 21 at 5:45 or September 22 at 11:00  
 Holy Trinity: September 28 at 6:15 or September 29 at 1:15

Your feedback will be accepted at any assembly, even if not in your home parish. Meanwhile, please pray that each of us remain open to the will of our Lord and the movement of his Holy Spirit.

—Fr. Dave

## 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.