

# Our Lady of Joy



2000 O'Block Road,  
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(Holiday Park - Plum Borough)

May 27, 2012  
Pentecost Sunday

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Father Albert L. Zapf, *Pastor*  
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## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening:..... 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: ..... 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:..... 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday:..... 6:30 p.m.

## PARISH RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

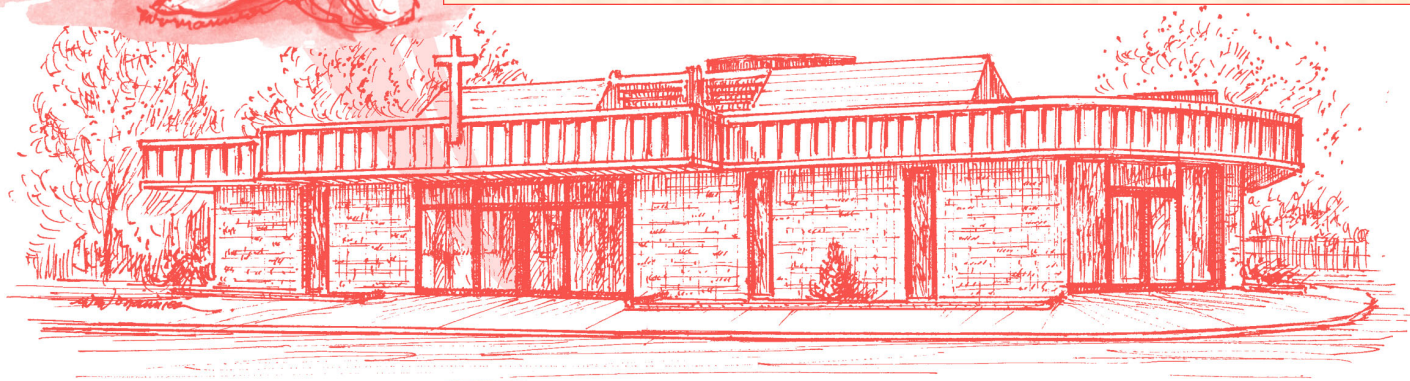
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, MATRIMONY OR ANOINTING OF THE SICK ..... Call Parish Office for appointment.

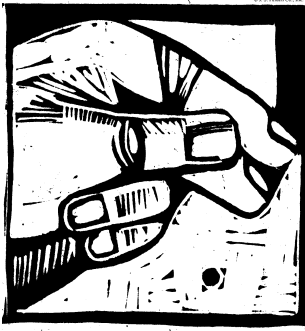
New parishioners are asked to register by calling the parish office.

### Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Joy Parish is a Catholic community of faith dedicated to Mary, the cause of our joy. We are centered in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist. We are a welcoming family, striving to see Christ in all and responding to the needs of the members of our parish and community. Called to act in faith, hope and love we seek to become a visible presence of Christ in the world.



## GLAD TIDINGS



Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season and turns our focus to the Holy Spirit. Jesus said about himself, quoting the prophet Isaiah (61:1): The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted.

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism and upon the disciples at Pentecost. The Spirit gave us new life at our baptism and gave us strength to be Christ's followers in confirmation. The Spirit inspires and strengthens us each day to live as disciples. If we trust the promptings of the Spirit, we will always speak and act with faith and truth. Our words or deeds may be just one small seed sown in someone's soul; we sow, then entrust the Holy Spirit to nurture that seed. The Spirit of God is upon us, so share the glad tidings!

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH May 28 - June 3, 2012

#### MONDAY

- Weekday Mass - 8:30am

#### TUESDAY

- Weekday Mass - 8:30am
- Scripture Study - 9:15am

#### WEDNESDAY

- Weekday Mass - 8:30am

#### THURSDAY

- Divine Mercy - 3pm
- Weekday Mass - 6:30pm

#### FRIDAY

- Weekday Mass - 8:30am

#### SATURDAY

- Weekday Mass - 8:30am
- Sacrament of Penance - 5pm - 5:30pm
- Vigil Mass - 6pm

#### SUNDAY

##### *The Most Holy Trinity*

- Sunday Masses - 8:30am, 10am and 12 Noon
- Senior Mass - 10am
- Senior Breakfast - 11am

### From the Pastor

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Today, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit, the Consoler, the Counselor, the Paraclete, was sent into the world to 'renew the face of the earth'. What a wonderful day as we give thanks for the great gifts of the Holy Spirit of wisdom, understanding, right judgment (counsel), courage (fortitude), knowledge, reverence (piety), and wonder and awe (fear of the Lord). As the Blessed Mother and other women, and the Apostles and disciples were gathered in the Upper Room, the Spirit came in the form of tongues of fire, and ignited by the fire, the Church was born. They went out to all the world and brought the good news. We are all thankful to God for this wonderful day of renewal and strength, which completes the Easter Season. May this day also bring us excitement in our faith, so we can not only praise and glorify the Lord, but also, so that we may go forth and be disciples, to live as Jesus did, and to help others in need, beginning here at Our Lady of Joy such as helping in ministries and with the festival and other programs, but also to our families and in our daily encounters of life.

God bless you.  
Fr. Al+

### LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT



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In today's responsorial psalm the Church sings out: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called cowering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading Paul's words reach out into the future to us: "we were all given to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

It is our task to truly pray today's psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries.

## SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK



### Human Sickness and its Meaning in the Mystery of Salvation



Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage. From Christ's words they know that sickness has meaning and value for their own salvation and for the salvation of the world. They also know that Christ, who during his life often visited and healed the sick, loves them in their illness.

Although closely linked with the human condition, sickness cannot, as a general rule, be regarded as a punishment inflicted on each individual for personal sin (see John 9:3). Christ himself, who is without sin, in fulfilling the words of Isaiah took on all the wounds of his passion and shared in all human pain (see Isaiah 53:4-5). Christ is still pained and tormented in his members, made like him. Still, our afflictions seem but momentary and slight when compared to the greatness of the eternal glory for which they prepare us (see 2 Cor. 4:17).

Part of the plan laid out by God's providence is that we should fight strenuously against all sickness and carefully seek the blessing of good health, so that we may fulfill our role in human society and in the Church. Yet we should always be prepared to fill up what is lacking in Christ's sufferings for the salvation of the world as we look forward to creation's being set free in the glory of the children of God (see Col. 1:24 and Romans 8:19-21).

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## PARISH NEWS



### Pre-Marriage Class

The next weekend for our Marriage Preparation Program will be September 7 & 8 2012. Couples must attend both the Friday evening session 7:00 pm - 10:15 pm and the Saturday morning session 9:00 am-1:00 pm to complete the diocesan requirements for marriage instruction. To register call the Parish Office.

### Pre-Baptism Class

A class is required for any new parent(s) wishing to have their baby baptized at Our Lady of Joy Parish. The class will be offered at 7:00 pm in the Father Marchukonis Hall on June 6, 2012. Call the Parish Office at 412-795-3388 to register for the class.

### Help Exceptional Children

On the weekend of June 2 & 3, before and after all Masses, the members of the Knights of Columbus will be asking for donations to help educate, train and care for "Exceptional Children" at St. Anthony School and McGuire Home. Your generosity (cash or checks made payable to the Knights of Columbus) is greatly appreciated. Donations also accepted in an envelope marked "Exceptional Children - K of C" and placed in the collection basket.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or *Galatians 5:16-25*.

**Gospel** — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or *John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

## Readings For the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

## Guide Us Today

Holy Spirit, you who pointed out the way for your disciples to announce the Gospel, we pray to you: As in the time of the apostles, guide today's messengers of the Good News.

## Living Stewardship Now

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are as follows: wisdom, understanding, counsel (meaning right judgment), fortitude (meaning courage), knowledge, piety (meaning reverence), fear of the Lord (meaning wonder and awe in God's presence). Without these we cannot be true followers of Christ. Pray for an increase of whichever you need most.

**This Week's  
Priest's Private Mass Intentions**

**Monday - May 28**

8:30 am Dolores McKaveney  
(Husband, Joe)

**Tuesday - May 29**

8:30 am Stephen Ocel  
(Frank Ocel)

**Wednesday - May 30**

8:30 am Norene Krantz  
(Grandchildren)

**Thursday - May 31**

6:30 pm Mario A. Sansosti  
(Virginia Sansosti & Family)

**Friday - June 1**

8:30 am Fred Mitsch  
(Wife, Ann & Family)

**Saturday - June 2**

8:30 am Howard Kingan  
(Kingan Family)

6:00 pm For all the People of the  
Parish

**Sunday - June 3**

8:30 am Carmella Miele  
(Husband, Joseph)

10:00 am Elio Mangene  
(Eileen & Martin Wichner)

12 Noon Special Intention for  
Reverend David Driesch  
(James Morris)

**In Memoriam**

In your charity please pray for the  
repose of the soul of **Jean Rose**,  
mother of Marlene Lewandowski and  
**Carl Piekarski**, husband of Fran  
Piekarski and father of Susan Reese.

May their souls and the souls of all  
the faithfully departed rest in peace.  
Amen.

<p>Last Week's Sunday Collection \$10,178.85</p> <p>Parish Share Total \$86,863.00</p>
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**PARISH NEWS**



**Church Flower Gardens**

If you are taking care of a Church  
Flower Garden here at Our Lady of Joy  
or would like to do so, please call  
Jeanette at the Rectory. We need an  
update on who is taking care of what  
garden. Happy weeding!



**College Connection**

Any student who would like to be a part of our mailing list or any parent who would like to add a student, please call Kathy Ballina @ 412-795-4717. Also for current students, please notify us with any changes in student addresses. The College Connection is a ministry group who sends packages to college students for midterms and finals and cards throughout the year to keep them in touch with their parish.

**Newly Married Couples**

As a newly married couple, please note that you are no longer registered in any parish under your parents' names. You have begun your married life as a new family and must register in the parish in which you reside. To register at Our Lady of Joy, please call the Parish Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Miniature Golf with Dad/ Pap on Father's Day Weekend**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a miniature golf outing for all children of Our Lady of Joy Parish with Dad and or Pap on Saturday, June 16 at the Stoney Creek Golf Center on Kerr Road in Plum Boro. The cost will be \$3.00 per child (all ages), and \$4.00 for Dad and or Pap. Refreshments and prizes will be provided. We will begin teeing off at 1:00 pm. A good time should be had by all. Call Bob Carozza by June 3 at 412-795-0956 to reserve a spot.

**Vacation Bible School**



Date: July 9 thru 13  
(Family Finale to be announced)  
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Where: Father Marchukonis Hall  
Ages: Preschool (4yrs) to Grade 5  
\$25.00 one child/\$40.00 two children/  
\$50.00 three or more children. Price  
includes a VBS t-shirt for the children  
to wear throughout the week. Please  
make checks payable to: **Our Lady of**

**Joy VBS.** Scholarships available upon request for those needing financial assistance. QUESTIONS?? Please call Mike MacConnell at 412-607-3056 or mmacconnell1109@aol.com

**Beautify Your Church Night**

On May 30 at 6:00 pm all parishioners who are interested are invited to help beautify the Church grounds. We have many gardens on our grounds and many hands make light work. This will also help the Junior Youth Faith Formation/ Garden Project.

Abby Kraeer has volunteered to lead a garden project called, "God's Garden". This will be a vegetable garden which the goal is to provide some fresh vegetables for the Food Pantry. Helpers will be needed to help maintain the garden during the summer. Either attend on May 30 or call the Religious Education Office for further details.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / CCD

### Vicariate Dinner and Evening of Reflection

Thursday, May 31, 2012 all Catechists and aides of Our Lady of Joy are invited to dinner and an Evening of Reflection.

The evening will begin at 5:30 pm at St. Maurice Parish, 2001 Ardmore Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15221. Please call the Religious Education Office if you still need to RSVP.

### Appeal for Catechists/Aides

It is not too soon to consider volunteering for the Fall of 2012 to help as a CCD aide or catechist. Do you have a want/knack to work with children? Are you kind and compassionate? Consider calling the Religious Education Office at 412-795-4389 to become a part of this educational ministry. The teaching material is already mapped out for you with lesson plans, activities and crafts. We pray you consider helping out with this special ministry. We will need several catechists and aides on Monday afternoons from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm and a **Fourth Grade catechist on Tuesday 4:30 pm– 6:00 pm and a Third and Fourth Grade Catechist on Saturday 9:30 am to 11:00 am. We need several aides for Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.**

Please take time to pray about this, the Lord may be calling you to this special ministry.

### Students in need of Sacraments

If your child has not received a Sacrament from a previous grade level please notify the CCD office.

### Great Strides Walk Thank You

Thank-you to all who participated in the Great Strides Walk. Because of your support, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will continue to add tomorrows every day to those with CF.

Fifty years ago, children with CF usually did not live long enough to attend elementary school. Today, because of Foundation-supported research and care, the median predicted age of survival for people with CF is more than 37 years. Please continue to pray for Morgan Valvo and why not join the Great Strides next year?

### Religious Education/Prayers

Remember to keep God in your off time from formal classes. Continue to pray the prayers you have learned and to speak to God informally in your prayer time. Continue to attend Sunday Mass.

### Third Grade Prayers to Know

Our Father, Act of Contrition, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father, Morning Offering, Grace Before Meals, Prayer After Meals, Simple Acts of Faith Hope, Love, A Morning Prayer and Prayer to the Guardian Angel.

If you do not have a copy of these prayers you may obtain them at the Religious Education Office or the Diocesan web site.

## NEWS ELSEWHERE

### St. John the Baptist Car Cruise



2nd Annual Car Cruise  
June 3 from 1pm - 5pm  
(Rain date is June 10)  
DJ - Food - Fun  
Chinese Auction Baskets -  
50/50 Raffle  
Prizes awarded  
Car entry fee - \$5.00

Questions? Contact St. John the Baptist School at 412-793-0555. All proceeds benefit St. John the Baptist School.

Registration will start at 12:45 pm. Please do not come before then to allow for the church traffic to exit the school grounds.

### Did You Know?

#### Know Your Kid's School

Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children play or work that are "off limits" to parents. Such facilities should have a policy that welcome parents to visit the center or school without prior appointment.

**Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1-888-808-1235**

### Saint Joseph High School College and University Scholarship Auction June 11

If someone you know is planning on attending one of the following universities in the fall you are eligible to bid on one of the scholarships:

Carlow University \$3000, Chatham University \$3000, Duquesne University \$5000, La Roche College \$5000, Mercyhurst College \$500, Mt. Aloysius College \$3000, Point Park University \$1000, St. Francis University \$6000, St. Vincent College \$5000, Seton Hill University \$2500, Westminster College \$500.

You do not need to attend the Golf Outing on June 11. You can join us for coffee and dessert at 6:30 pm, or you can send in your bid to the Saint Joseph High School office. Some scholarships may have specific guidelines, and you must bid on at least half of the scholarship amount. Contact the school office for details: 724-224-5552.

### Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples

Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The weekend and post sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication, listening, and understanding. Contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 for the next weekend starting on July 13.