

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the

Serenity

to accept the

things I cannot change the

Courage

to change the things I can and

Wisdom

to know the difference

Substance Addiction Ministry (or SAM) will provide education about addictive disease; increase awareness of the pain in people's lives and places where help can be found; and offer support, acceptance, understanding and healing.



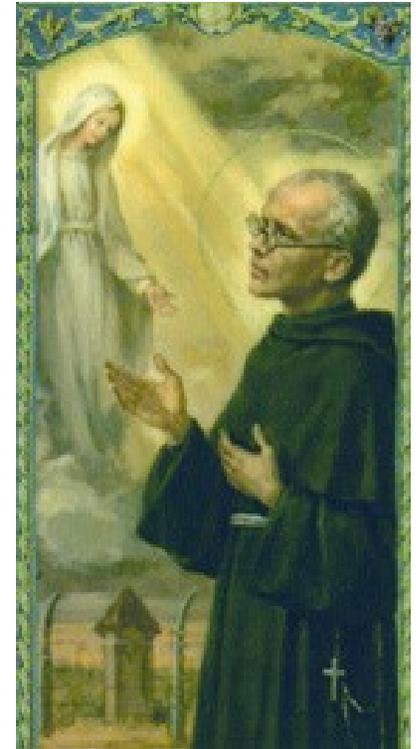
SAM teams are stewards of the parish's most valuable "treasure": its people.

The three-fold ministry of SAM is prayer, presentation and presence, offering hope, healing and reconciliation to those touched by addiction.

SAM teams provide a safe, confidential place for parishioners to come for help and referral.

SAM teams increase awareness of addiction through education to various ministries and groups of people in the parish and in the community.

Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM)



St. Maximilian Kolbe – Patron Saint of Addicts

Offering Help And Healing In

The Eastern Suburban Area

SAM (Substance Addiction Ministry)

The creation of SAM was a direct response to the 1992 pastoral letter of the U. S. Bishops titled “Communities of Hope: Parishes and Substance Abuse.” This new ministry is being established in the Diocese of Pittsburgh to offer hope, healing and reconciliation to both the “afflicted” and the “affected.”

- Addiction is a symptom of the absence of spirituality that disconnects a person from self, loved ones and God.
- SAM's Mission is to help these individuals re-connect with self, loved ones and God.
- SAM is a support ministry that helps people face the challenges that accompany addiction.
- No addict wants to be an addict.

Substance Addiction

Alcohol and drug addiction is an epidemic in our society. The entire family is “affected,” not just the “afflicted” member. Addiction is an illness that devastates the whole person physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Substance addiction is not a moral problem or weakness. The American Medical Association (AMA) classifies alcohol and drug dependence as a primary disease, characterized by distinct stages of development, with specific signs and symptoms. If left untreated, it can be fatal.

Resources

National Catholic Council on Addiction:
nccatoday.org
or call: 1-800-626-6910

Alcoholics Anonymous:
aa.org

Al-Anon Family Groups:
al-anon.org

Narcotics Anonymous:
na.org

Nar-anon Family Groups:
nar-anon.org

Spirituality

You are welcome to come and pray with us. Anyone suffering from addiction deserves our love, our prayers and our support.

Third Wednesday of every month

Please join us at 7:00 PM for the Rosary followed by a gathering 7:30 to 8:30 PM

May 17, 2017 – St. Januarius
June 21, 2017 – North American Martyrs
July 19, 2017 – St. John the Baptist *
August 16, 2017 – St. Michael
September 20, 2017 – Our Lady of Joy
October 18, 2017 – St. Bernadette *
November 15, 2017 – St. Januarius
December 20, 2017 – St. John the Baptist
January 17, 2018 – Our Lady of Joy

* July 19 Presentation -
Mark Joseph's Personal Story
* October 18 Presentation –
“Teens and Addiction”

For More information please call:
North American Martyrs 412-373-0330
Our Lady of Joy 412-795-3388
St. Bernadette 412-373-0050
St. Januarius 412-793-4439
St. John the Baptist 412-793-4511
St. Michael 412-373-2610