

## Mass Intentions

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Monday, January 18

8:00am (GS) Joseph Zielinski by Family

#### Tuesday, January 19

8:00am(GS) Rupert Lagleva by Family

#### Wednesday, January 20

*Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

8:00am (SJ) Wayne Lindsey by Jennie, Mark & Michele

6:30pm (GS) Richard Kopp by Darlene Kopp

#### Thursday, January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

8:00am (GS) Bernie Skonieczny by Barb & Brandie

#### Friday, January 22 Day of Prayer for Protection of the Unborn

8:00am (SJ) William & Leona Towcimak by George J. Rozman

8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

#### Saturday, January 23 *Saint Vincent, Saint Marianne Cope*

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

5:30pm Vigil (GS) Hovanec Family by Family

#### Sunday, January 24 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00am (GS) Rose Marie Montagna by James Montagna,  
Suzanne Kubick & Mark Kubick

9:30am (SJ) Marlene Miketa by Michele J. Miketa

11:00am (GS) Matilda (Tillie) Benkowski by Joe Narkevici

#### Readings for the Week of January 18, 2016

**Monday** 311: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16b-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday** 312: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday** 313: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2,9-10 Mk3:1-6

**Thursday** 314: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 Mk 3:7-12 see  
516: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 13:44-46

**Friday** 315: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday** 316: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7  
Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday** 69; Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6,8-10, ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30  
or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4: 14-21

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND St. Anthony School Programs & DePaul School for Hearing and Speech

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

(GS) In memory of Rose Marie Montagna  
by James Montagna

#### Sanctuary Candle

(SJ) Walter Rudolph by Louise Rudolph

#### Holy Family Shrine Candle

(GS) In memory of Marie Shanholtz by niece, Janice &  
husband, Rick Mihalik & sons Ryan & David,  
& Ronald & Sherry Hoffman & sons Brett & Blaine

#### Bread and Wine

(SJ) Walter Rudolph by Louise Rudolph

## ANGELS UNAWARE

Last Sunday the Christmas season officially ended and “Ordinary Time” began. This weekend, the Gospel reading tells the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana, where Jesus worked His first public miracle, the changing of water into wine. The story is filled with symbolism.


This first miracle marks the beginning of Christ’s public ministry. John refers to miracles as “Signs” because it’s not the miracle itself that is important, but what it signifies. In John’s Gospel, the story of the wedding feast begins with the words “*On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.*” Jesus began His ministry on “the third day.” He rose from the dead on the third day. In His first public Sign, Jesus turned water into wine. At the Last Supper, Jesus turned wine into His Precious Blood. In the first miracle, when He was informed that the wine had run out, Jesus told the waiters to fill the jars used for ceremonial washing with water. Scripture talks about our being *washed clean of our sins* in His Precious Blood.

Mary first recognizes that the wine is running low (something that would be incredibly embarrassing in their culture), and informs Jesus. The response of Jesus is symbolic; He refers to His mother as “Woman” and tells her His hour has not yet come. On the surface, this seems like an insult to call His mother *Woman*. But in a sense, He is bestowing a title upon the Blessed Mother. Just as Jesus represents the New Adam, Mary will come to represent the New Eve.

In Genesis, Eve is called the mother of all the living. At the foot of the cross, Jesus once again calls the Blessed Mother *Woman* as He says “*Woman, behold your son*” and looking at the beloved disciple, He says to John, “*Behold your Mother.*” By His gift, Mary became the mother not only of John, but the adoptive mother of us all.

I think that the most profound thing in the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana is the faith that the Blessed Mother had in Jesus and in His compassion. Mary never asked Jesus to work the miracle; she merely brought it to her Son’s attention that someone was in need of His help. Even though Jesus responded by saying that His Hour had not yet come, Mary simply pulled the waiters aside and told them, “*Do whatever He tells you.*” They are the last words spoken by Mary in sacred scripture.

It’s doubtful that the bridegroom was even *aware* that the wine was running low, yet Mary interceded for them. She intercedes for us still with her beloved Son; I suspect at times, she does so without our even knowing.

This Friday, January 22, is the official Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn. Hundreds of thousands will gather at the annual March For Life. They will pray for the legislators, for the parents, and without their even knowing it, they will pray for the innocent, unborn children whose fate may hang in the balance. Please join them in fasting and prayer for those little ones who do not even know their very lives hang in the balance. 

# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

**SUNDAY, JAN. 17, HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** The Holy Name Society will be serving up their "ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT" pancake, French toast, waffle & sausage breakfast beginning at 8:00AM to 11:30AM in the church social hall. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids 5-10 yrs. of age. Younger than 5 are free. Come and treat yourself to a delicious breakfast. **SORRY, NO BAKE SALE THIS MONTH.**



## PARISH SHARE REPORT

Dec. Payment	\$2,064.68
Jan. Balance	\$11,641.59
Minus Christmas Charities	<u>-824.00</u>
New Balance	\$10,817.59

**CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS** All tax letters for 2015 have been sent out. If you did not receive yours, please call the parish office: 724-869-2280.

## URGENT!! KEEPING CURRENT

With the increase in cell phones, many people have eliminated their home phones. Other folks have moved without telling the parish. There have been times when I have tried **3 different numbers** to return a call to a parishioner, only to find that all 3 phones are disconnected. It is really important, especially in the case of an emergency, to be able to get in touch with parishioners. Please ask yourself the following questions:

- **Did you move?**
- **Did your phone number change?**
- **Did you get a cell phone?**
- **Are you new to the parish and not registered?**
- **Are your envelopes not coming to your home?**
- **Are you a newlywed planning to stay in the parish?**
- **Are you an adult still registered under mom & dad?**
- **Did your mom or dad move in with you, or move to a nursing home?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call one of the parish offices below and update our records.

**Good Samaritan at 724-266-6565 ext. 10**  
**Saint John the Baptist at 724-869-2280**

Many times mail is returned because of an incorrect address. Also, try to use your envelopes occasionally so that we can give you proper credit for your participation and financial support. This is important for your year end income tax prep or so that we can provide a letter of recommendation if you are asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation. Thanks for your help. *Fr. Joe*

**Our Parish is Committed to Protecting God's Children**  
**ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-932-0313 ☎**  
 Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3060

## +UPCOMING EVENTS+

- Sunday, January 17**  
 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass  
 9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)
- Monday, January 18**  
 5:15-6:45 pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5
- Tuesday, January 19**  
 6:30pm (GS) RCIA (JH Classroom)
- Wednesday, January 20**  
 6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice
- Thursday, January 21**  
 7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice
- Friday, January 22**  
 8:45am **8th Grade Confirmation Retreat at OLOP**  
 3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:00/8:00pm (GS) Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer Group
- Sunday, January 24**  
 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass  
 9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)

The **St. Vincent DePaul Society** would like to thank all of our parishioners and the students at Sewickley Academy for the donations of food and money for our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach. Your generous outpouring of kindness helped many, many families to enjoy a good cooked meal for these holidays. May Our Lord bless you and your loved ones just as you have blessed so many!

The **Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild** would like to thank all of those who participated in and donated to our Baby Shower for **Lifeline**. Many newborn babies and their moms will benefit because of your generosity. May you be blessed abundantly!

**St. John the Baptist in Monaca will host its Winter Carnival in Monsignor Farri Hall, 1501 Virginia Ave, Monaca, January 29-31, 2016.** Events include:  
**FRIDAY:** Paddle Party 7pm, doors open at 6 pm.  
**SATURDAY NOON:** Theo's Café until 8 pm, Bake Sale, kid's games & bounce until 5 pm, Magic Show at 2 pm; Adult events: 7-9 pm including music by Mirella Volpe.  
**SUNDAY NOON:** Spaghetti Dinner until 6 pm; Theo's Café, Bake Sale, children's games & bounce until 5 pm; "Sinatra" Singer Guy Matone 2-4:30 pm; raffles and drawings.

### ✠IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially Elaine Graham (sister of Shirley Farmer). May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<b>GOOD SAMARITAN</b>	
Balance of 2015 Offerings will be listed in next bulletin.	
<b>SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	
Weekly Offering, 1/10/16	\$2,596.00