

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, January 22 Day of Prayer

for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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

Tuesday, January 23 Saint Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope

8:00am (GS) Mary Posega by Childen

Wednesday, January 24 Saint Francis de Sales

8:00am (SJ) Richard Kuny by Dottie Rosso

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

Thursday, January 25 Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle (F)

8:00am (GS) Carol Stewart by John & Nancy Edmondson

Friday, January 26 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:00am (SJ) John Cappabianco by Joe & Suzanne Pavkovic Family

8:00am (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, January 27 Saint Angela Merici

4:00pm (SJ) Vigil, Ray Sutton by Barbara Shaban

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

Sunday, January 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

9:30am (SJ) Marlene Miketa by Family

11:00am (GS) Rozann Barczak by Marie & Tom Panutsos

Scripture Readings for Mass Week of January 22, 2018

Monday	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Friday	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Sanctuary Candle

(GS) Hovanec Family by Family

(SJ) Philip DeMailo by Family

Altar Flowers

(SJ) Mr. & Mrs. John Piroso, Jr. by Family

Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild-Good Samaritan are having a shower for Lifeline of Southwest Pennsylvania, who help pregnant women with their babies.

We are asking for newborn baby items; ie., wash cloths, towels, onesies, blankets, socks, clothing appropriate to 1-2 years, all sizes of diapers, sleepers, sweaters, caps, booties, etc. Items do not need to be gift wrapped, and they can be placed **in the red St. Vincent DePaul receptacles** at the doors of the Church. Items should be new or gently used.

We are collecting through February 4, 2018. Thank you so much to those who have already given, and in advance for those who will give to help these children and their Moms. Any questions, call 724-266-6886. GOD BLESS!

"If abortion isn't wrong, then nothing is." St. Teresa of Calcutta

...For the world in its present form is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:31

These words may have been written by Saint Paul to the people in Corinth nearly 2,000 years ago, but they seem all the more relevant today. A writer once said *"The only thing constant in life is change."*

Part of me longs for the "Good Old Days" growing up in a neighborhood where everyone knew one another and the neighborhood was more of an extended family than a place where you lived.

Times have changed. In some ways our society is not doing well. Two things I find most troubling are the projections that 85% of our young people will no longer be practicing their faith by the age of 21. The second concern is the number of our young people dying prematurely, either due to drugs or suicide. We used to think of people who overdosed on heroine as hard core addicts who lived in abandoned houses, but that's not the case any more. It's the kid next door or the young person down the street who used to shovel sidewalks in the winter for pizza money.

The sad reality is that there are lots of young people out there who are hurting and confused. For every young person struggling with alcohol or drug addiction, or depression, or bullying, there is a family struggling to cope with the problem. Often they are trying to hide the problem for fear of what others might think.

I wish there were a simple answer to these problems, but there isn't. What I do know is that being rooted in a faith community is at least part of the answer. Parents can do all the right things, and say all the right words, but the reality is that kids lives are so busy and complex that I don't know when they have a chance to just be kids any more.

One thing I've noticed in church is that when adults take a healthy interest in the kids who come, the kids seem to just glow. They feel welcomed and accepted. I've seen little ones "adopt" older parishioners as surrogate grandparents. Something as little as complimenting them on their new shoes can bring a big smile and a little less argument the next time mom tells them to get ready for church. I wish godparents would make it a point to get involved in the lives of their godchildren,. Asking them how CCD classes are going and what they learned is a great start.

Teenagers inevitably hit an age when they can't talk to their parents about stuff that's troubling them. Wouldn't it be great if they could turn to a godparent or a friend from church? Maybe it's an idea that could bring back a little piece of the *good old days*.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

DATE CHANGE FOR VOLUNTEER PARTY

Due to Feb. 4 being the date of the Super Bowl, we have changed our Parish Volunteer Party to

SATURDAY, FEB. 10th AFTER 4:00PM MASS.

Immediately after Mass, please come to the social hall for dinner entertainment. A new reservation form is included in this bulletin. Please submit the form, or call the parish office to RSVP 724-869-2280. We need to know how many are coming for the caterer's benefit. Remind your St. John's Volunteer friends to register! We look forward to a very fun evening with you!

SUNDAY, JAN. 21, THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY will be serving up their "ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT" pancake, French toast, waffle & sausage breakfast beginning at 8:30AM to 11:30AM in the church social hall. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids 5-10 yrs. of age. Younger than 5 are free. Come down and treat yourself to a delicious breakfast.

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM REPORT

December Payment \$908.00 Balance \$13,812.00

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult Catholic, 18 or older, and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to prepare for reception of the sacrament during this Lenten season. If you are interested in preparing for our March 24 Confirmation date, call Susan DiPietro at the Parish Office 724-266-6565x17 ASAP. Date & time of preparation sessions will be set to accommodate Candidates.

Quigley Catholic High School OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 from 6:00-7:30 PM. Quigley Catholic, college preparatory high school that places a high priority on academics, & faith formation. Info call 724-869-2188 or email asmissions@qchs.org.

OLSH High School Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Info Night-Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6:30pm

Information session regarding scholarship opportunities and financial aid. RSVP requested to Kelly Pontiere 412 424-4615 or kpontiere@olsh.org. **Apply Now for the OLSH Class of 2022!** Info or schedule a visit contact Jessica Sellman @osh.org.

McGuire Memorial, 2119 Mercer Road, New Brighton HIRING. Full Time Employees offered benefits with FREE Family Medical Insurance, Vacation, Sick Days. Applications are welcome to walk in or call 724-843-3400 x1152 doravitz@mcguirememorial.org.

Upcoming Ethnic Cooking Class

February: Fran Banks Rich teaching Baklava

Get up-to-date information on **ETHNIC COOKING ACTIVITIES** sent to your phone. Go to your phone, enter 81010 and text this message @ethnico or email.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 21: Second Collection: St. Anthony School Programs, DePaul School for Hearing & Speech

8:30-11:30am (SJ) HNS *All You Can Eat* Pancake Breakfast

9:00am (GS) CIC Session (JH Classroom)

9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8

5:30pm (GS) Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)

Monday, January 22

5:15-6:45pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5

Tuesday, January 23

6:00pm (GS) Parent Meeting 2nd Grade CCD

Wednesday, January 24

9:00am (GS) RCIA (JH Classroom)

6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Thursday, January 25

6:30pm (GS) Adult Choir

6:30pm (SJ) Ladies of Charity Meeting

Friday, January 26

11:00am (GS) RCIA (JH Classroom)

3:00-7:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7:00/8:00pm (GS) Confessions-Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer

Sunday, January 28

9:00am (GS) CIC Session (JH Classroom)

9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8

5:30pm (GS) Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)

11:00am (GS) Rite of Intent for Confirmation Candidates

2:00-5:00pm (GS) **Bridge to Health Living Well Expo (JH)**

CCD STUDENT OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Middle-School, High-School or Parochial School students wanting 2018 envelopes contact Rose Curcio, Parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **3:00-7:00 pm on Friday, January 26th**

AT GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH

7:00 pm Confessions. MASS will follow at 8:00 pm Marian Prayer Group. ALL ARE WELCOME



✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed, who died recently, especially, **Tim Wiltrek**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering, Jan. 14, 2018	\$5,208
Offerings from 2017	\$370
Parish Share	\$332
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, January 14, 2018	\$2,098

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SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 724-869-2280