

Mass Intentions

[12th Week in Ordinary Time]

Monday, June 22: Weekday

[*Saint Paulinus; Saints John Fisher and Thomas More*]

8:00 am (GS) Living and Deceased of our Parishes

Tuesday, June 23: Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Dominic Catanzariti by wife, Angie

Wednesday, June 24: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 am (SJ) Tony Burzese by Evelyn B. Kuny

6:30 pm (GS) George & Mary Mourovic by daughter, Carol & Harry Molchen and Family

Thursday, June 25: Weekday

8:00 am (GS) 60th Wedding Anniversary, JoAnn & Charles Smith

Friday, June 26: Weekday

8:00 am (SJ) Richard Kuny by Carmen & Frank Hribar

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, June 27: Weekday [*Saint Cyril of Alexandria*]

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil, Victoria Simoni by M/M Sam Gagliardi & Family

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil, Herb Gallagher by Children

Sunday, June 28: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am (GS) William P. & Christine Strugalski by daughter, Theresa Surgeon

9:30 am (SJ) Living and Deceased of Our Parishes

11:00 am (GS) Guy & Carmen Cafarelli and Ronald G. Brennan by Rose & Carl Filipponi

Readings for the Week of June 22, 2015

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

(GS) Walter V. Raven by daughter, Cher

(GS) Michael Rompala by Children

(GS) Louis Guido by wife, Catherine & daughter, Rachelle & granddaughter

(SJ) Edward Cottage by John & Doretta Moss

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

(GS) Mary Roginski by Irene Stueber

Holy Family Shrine Candle

(GS) Arthur J. Conti by Wife & Children

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

(GS) In Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of JoAnn & Charles Smith by Family

Sanctuary Candle

(GS) Ted & Gertrude Karolak by Daughters

Altar Flowers

(GS) Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary Chester & Martha Mesko by Mesko & Mavrich Families

SECOND COLLECTION PETER'S PENCE ON JUNE 28



From Father Joe

This past weekend, Bishop Zubik ordained a young man named Anthony Sciarappa to the Diaconate at Saint Paul's Cathedral. Even more exciting was the news that our newest deacon is to be assigned here to Good Samaritan and Saint John the Baptist for the summer!

Deacon Anthony R. Sciarappa, whose home parish is Saints John and Paul, is attending Theological College, the National Seminary at Catholic University in Washington, DC. We are excited to have him here at our parishes.

Most people don't know much about the ministry of a deacon. There are two kinds of Deacons, *Permanent Deacons* (like Deacon Tony Giordano), and *Transitional Deacons*. A Transitional Deacon is one who is preparing to be ordained to the priesthood. The ministry of the Diaconate dates back nearly 2,000 years to the time of the Apostles. There were complaints in the early Church that the Apostles were neglecting the needs of the widows and orphans in their midst. The Apostles realized they couldn't do it all by themselves, nor could they neglect the preaching of the Gospel, so they appointed good, holy, mature men to help them to serve those who were in need.

The title "Deacon" comes from the Greek word *διάκονο* (*diakoneo*), which means "to serve". That tradition of service continues to this day. It is a ministry that involves dying to self and serving others. The second reading this weekend from St. Paul's to the Corinthians, is so appropriate. Saint Paul writes:

Christ indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him, who for their sake, died and was raised.

From a sacramental standpoint, a Deacon can do many of the things a priest can do, except the celebration of the Mass, hearing Confessions, and Anointing the Sick. An ordained Deacon can proclaim the Gospel, preach, witness weddings, celebrate funeral liturgies outside of Mass, perform baptisms, distribute the Holy Eucharist, and various other roles in the Church.

The normal role of the Deacon at Mass is to proclaim the Gospel and to distribute the Precious Blood. He is not an *Extraordinary Minister* of the Holy Eucharist, in canon law, he and the priest are considered the *Ordinary Ministers* of the Holy Eucharist. Subsequently, when a Deacon is present at Mass, it is customary for a Eucharistic Minister to allow the Deacon to distribute Communion.

I know you will love Deacon Anthony. He is bright, prayerful, energetic, and filled with the Spirit. We are blessed to have him among us! Please keep him in your prayers.



Deacon Anthony Sciarappa

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, PARISH FEAST DAY!

The Feast of St. John the Baptist occurs this Wednesday. Join us for 8:00 AM Mass to celebrate the love, courage and devotion of our Patron Saint. "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" Mark 1:3

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN: All children are invited to join us for Liturgy of the Word with Children which is held during 9:30 AM Mass. Parents should feel free to accompany your little ones as we break open the Word of God on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

PARISH SHARE REPORT May Payment: \$3,171.00. Balance: \$22,791.55. Thank you for your payments.

Sunday, June 28th, during the 9:30 mass at St. John the Baptist Parish, St. John's Holy Name Society will induct its new class of members. In addition to its spiritual activities in devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, the Holy Name Society sponsors our annual parish picnic, runs pancake and waffle breakfasts, the breakfast with Saint Nicholas, and hosts the parish Mothers' Day breakfast. We are still looking for a few good men to join us in these efforts and in fellowship. Call President Bill Cahalan at (724)869-5209, or Secretary Brad Dornish at (724)869-0129, e-mail bdornish@comcast.net.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

AN EVENING OF ADORATION - This coming **Wed., June 24 at 7 p.m.**, Catholics from across our diocese will join hands in prayer for *On Mission for The Church Alive!* All are invited to attend an Evening of Adoration scheduled at 12 parishes throughout the diocese. Please choose the best location for you: **Sacred Heart** in Shadyside; **North American Martyrs** in Monroeville, **Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament** in Natrona Heights, **St. Ann** in Waynesburg; **St. Camillus** in New Castle; **St. Catherine of Siena** in Beechview (Spanish/English Service); **St. Frances Cabrini** in Center Township; **St. Francis of Assisi** in Finleyville; **St. Michael the Archangel** in Butler; **St. Patrick** in Canonsburg; **St. Sebastian** in Ross Township; or **St. Sylvester** in Brentwood. To learn more, visit OnMissionChurchAlive.org

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden thank you for supporting their Pick 4 Raffle during the month of May. It was very successful. The winners for 2015 came from the following parishes: \$2,500 St. Frances Cabrini, Hopewell Ticket 2786. \$1,500 St. Benedict the Moor, Hill District Ticket 8745. \$500 St. Bernadette, Monroeville Ticket 8280. \$500 CSJ Associate Ticket 6419. May each one who bought a ticket or gave a donation be blessed for your kindness.

Festival of Praise-Praising God for the upcoming ordination of 6 men and asking Him to stir the hearts of many more to answer the call. The event will include Bishop David A. Zubik and Connor Flanagan and will be held on Thursday, June 25, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Saint Paul Seminary, Cardinal's Great Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Crafton.

Musings from Sister Marise

Several months ago I scheduled my annual retreat-not knowing then that there would be a change in my ministry! Retreat begins June 22nd and ends June 29th and my GS contract ends the 30th-definitely NOT good timing!

The past week has been one of cleaning, moving, visiting parishioners, preparing the office info, etc and trusting that our Provident God will guide me and sustain me.

Emily Dickenson wrote "Our life's work is a pilgrimage to heaven, all the way to heaven is heaven". Indeed YOU have made my ministry at Good Samaritan a joyful, grace filled experience by the love and support you have given to me and my Mom. Thank you! Thank you! As I spend a week of special time in prayer, you will be lifted up, your intentions, your needs. See you in July! God's Peace



GOOD SAMARITAN MEMORIAL FUND

A sincere thank you to the following who made donations to the Good Samaritan Memorial Fund.

In Memory of Frank D. Strano, Sr: Lynn & Margaret Berckmiller, Karen & Tim Cassidy, Maple Restaurant, Mary Ross, Paul & Mary Pisano, Lawrence & Frances Rich, Rose Marie Volpe, +Philip Volpe, Strano Family, Gena & John Bartimac, Virginia Ross, Marilyn Sobata, Joeila Wrafter, Frederick Ross, Angelo DiPietro.

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+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, June 22

4:00 pm (GS) Pierogi Making, Dinner at 5:30 pm (JH)

Friday, June 26

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

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

Sunday, June 28: Second Collection, PETER'S PENCE

9:30 am (SJ) Liturgy of the Word with Children at Mass

✠ **IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of *William Cameron, Jane Hudak, George Joseph and Catherine Vlastic*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, June 14, 2015	\$7,826.86
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, June 14, 2015	\$3,217.00

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