

Mass Intentions

SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, July 18 *St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

8:00am (GS) John Bionda by Wife, Natalie & Family

Tuesday, July 19

8:00am (GS) Deceased Members of the Joseph Zagar Family
By Alan Evanish

Wednesday, July 20 *St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr*

8:00am (SJ) Diane Cerra by Evelyn Graham

6:30pm (GS) Anthony Pane by Wife, Helen

Thursday, July 21 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00am (GS) Mary Ann Josapak by Frances Veloski

Friday, July 22 *St. Mary Magdalene*

8:00am (SJ) Mary Ann Lindauere by the Francis & Carey Families

8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, July 23 *St. Bridget, Religious*

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

5:30pm Vigil (GS) Edward Rygalski by Wife, Helen Rygalski

Sunday, July 24 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am (GS) Millicent Ziberna by Husband, Anthony

9:30am (SJ) Alfred Gaudino by Dolores Gaudino & Family

11:00am (GS) Dawn Finnegan by Husband, Dan

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2016

Monday Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-8 Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday Jer 1:1, 4-10 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15, 17 Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11 Mt 13:10-17

Friday Jer 3:14-17 (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday Jer 7:1-11 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11 Mt 13:24-30

Sunday Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER...

SANCTUARY CANDLE

(GS) Stejskal Family by Sivy Family

(SJ) In Memory of Frederick J. Ringel, Sr.
by Helen Ringel

BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE CANDLE

(GS) Ted & Gertrude Karolak by Family

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE CANDLE

(GS) In Memory of Anita Lewis by Ben Lewis

BREAD & WINE

(SJ) In Memory of John M. Bungo by Bungo Family

Our Parish is Committed to Protecting God's Children

ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-932-0313 ☎

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3060

GOOD SAMARITAN

724-266-6565

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

724-869-2280

What's Lacking in the Suffering of Christ?

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul makes an incredibly bold statement:

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church.

Colossians 1: 24

How could *anything* be lacking in the afflictions and suffering of Christ? To understand the statement, it's necessary to break it down. First of all, Paul says his suffering is "*for your sake.*" The pain Paul is experiencing (both physical and emotional) in this life is for the benefit of those who are observing the trials he is undergoing. Second, Paul acknowledges that the afflictions that Christ endured were "*on behalf of His body, which is the Church.*" It was an act of love.

Many of the afflictions Jesus suffered were very visible, like the crowning of thorns, the scourging at the pillar, and being nailed to the Cross. As horrible as these afflictions were, they pale in comparison to the suffering that went unseen -- the emotional suffering of knowing that His best friends had abandoned Him, and that His persecutors were part of His Father's own chosen people. Sometimes the pain that can't be seen is the most difficult to bear, like the loss of a loved one or being hurt by a friend.

Paul doesn't just bear these pains; he says he *rejoices* in his sufferings, because they are for the sake of those to whom he is ministering. Suffering entered the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Most of us just endure suffering as a necessary part of life, but Paul actually embraced his suffering, knowing that his suffering could bear much fruit. It wasn't just the fact that he suffered, but rather *the way in which he suffered willingly* that touched the hearts of those who witnessed his pain. Even unbelievers scratched their heads and wondered if there must be truth in what Paul had to say if he was willing to suffer or even die to share his faith in Jesus Christ.

Christ's suffering was perfect. He could have opted to remove every bit of suffering from the world, but He stopped short of returning us to the state of Adam and Eve before they ate the forbidden fruit. Instead, He allows us to experience suffering in this world in order that we might appreciate what He was willing to innocently endure for our sake. If I never hit my thumb with a hammer, how could I possibly begin to imagine the pain of being nailed to the Cross? If I never had my feelings hurt by a friend, how could I ever imagine how it felt when the disciples abandoned Jesus. If I never broke a sweat to plant a garden, how could I ever fully appreciate the sweetness of the first home-grown tomato?

It's sometimes in our suffering that we begin to appreciate what Christ has done for us, and bearing our own afflictions without making those around us suffer is sometimes the greatest witness to our faith.

On Mission for The Church Alive!

On Mission for The Church Alive! will help us envision how our parishes, schools, and ministries can best respond to the changing landscape of our communities so they can be vital centers of worship and service. Since, 2000, Mass attendance across the diocese has fallen 40 percent, half our parishes are running operational deficits, and pending retirements will mean far fewer priests will be available in the future to serve God's people. But the possibilities and opportunities are endless!

Learn how to get involved at one of this week's Summer Sessions, 7-8:30pm: Tues. July 19 at St. Monica in Beaver Falls/Chippewa Twp.; Thurs., July 21 at St. Margaret Mary in Moon Twp., or July 21 at St. Paul cathedral in Oakland with Bishop David Zubik. Visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Vatican Exhibit Coming to Local Parish



The Eucharistic Miracles of the World will be on display at Our Lady of Peace Church on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 17th and 18th. This informative production will be given by Tim and Jenny McAndrews of Life Foundation Ministries which was presented and featured on EWTN. It will begin after mass on Saturday with the story of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and moves to the message of Jesus' Divine Mercy and the promises revealed to St. Faustina. It finishes with the Holy Shroud where you will witness a pictorial representation of the resurrection. You will see the Divine Mercy Image walk through the Shroud, and you will see how the features in the image and the Shroud match. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition from around the world will be on display Sat. and Sun. where we will experience a "Virtual Visit" where miracles occurred, including the Miracle of the Eucharist in 740 AD in Lancino, Italy and how it relates to the Miracle of the Eucharist in 1994 involving Pope Francis. More information on this presentation will be updated in future bulletins.

This is a must see, dynamic presentation for everyone! For information call Jackie @ 724-869-9908. Both the presentation after Mass and the Vatican International Exhibition are **FREE OF CHARGE**. This is not the same speaker or presentation as last year. The presentation after Saturday Mass will be about one hour fifteen minutes.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Sisters of St. Joseph

Young at Heart 2016 Casino Night & Auction

Dealing Care a Winning Hand



Villa St. Joseph Young at Heart is our premier fundraising event. Proceeds from this event, which features fine dining, auctions and entertainment, benefit Villa St. Joseph Benevolent Care and Music Therapy. This year's event will be taking place on **Friday, September 23, 2016** at the Pittsburgh Marriott North.

You can participate in the 2016 Young at Heart in several ways:

- Attending the event
- Considering a program advertisement or sponsorship: levels range from \$75 to \$10,000
- Donating an item for the silent or live auction
- Becoming a Young at Heart Sponsor or Joining the Young at Heart planning committee.

Tickets for Young at Heart are \$135 per person.

For more information, call David Dix at 724-869-6321 or email ddix@villastjoseph.org

Bishop Zubik is calling for a new class of Deacons

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is initiating the nomination and application process for admitting a new class of interested and qualified Catholic men into the Deacon Formation Program. Prospective applicants should consult their pastor about submitting a nomination on their behalf. The deadline for nominations is September 15, 2016. Applications without a pastor's nomination will not be considered. For more information: deacons@diopitt.org or 412-456-3124.

Celebrant Singers at St. Cecilia—Jon Stemkoski's Celebrant Singers, a fresh and dynamic Christian singing group from California, featuring ten singers with a twelve-piece orchestra, will minister through music, song and testimony on July 27th at 7:00 PM at St Cecilia Church, 628 Virginia Avenue in Rochester. All seats are free, and all are encouraged to attend this inspiring service. A free-will offering will be taken after the Concert to support the ministry.

Capuchin Café at St. Felix and St. Cecilia—Please join the Capuchin College Preaching Band on Monday, July 18, at 7pm St. Felix Parish, Freedom, PA; Thursday, July 21st at 7pm St. Cecilia Parish; Parish Social to follow.

FAMILY FRESH HAM DINNER at St. Cecilia—Turn your oven off and come to our Family Fresh Ham Dinner (Includes: Sweet or scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Desert, & Beverage) WED. JULY 20, 3-7 PM at St. Cecilia Social Hall, Rochester PA Tickets \$8 for adults, \$4 for Children 6-12

Register for the Discovering Christ Conference!—The Discovering Christ Conference will take place July 22nd, 6:30 – 9:00 pm and July 23rd, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton. Presented by the ChristLife team headquartered in Baltimore, this retreat-like conference trains volunteers, pastors, and parish staff members to launch the Discovering Christ course in the parish. Visit www.diopitt.org and click on the Discovering Christ Training Conference to learn more and register.

Handbell Concert at St. Francis Cabrini Church—Mrs. Sue Garton will perform a handbell concert, accompanied by organist Mary Rita Rossetti, at Saint Francis Cabrini Church on Saturday, July 23, at 5:30 p.m. Sue is highly regarded, both nationally and internationally, for her skill and artistry as a handbell soloist, composer and clinician. Sue was one of only two soloists selected from across the country to perform for this event. We are thrilled to have Sue at St. Frances Cabrini. You simply must come and hear her for yourself. Free admission.

St. Ferdinand Church Family Festival August 12, 13, 14—With concession booths, craft booths, games and prizes, giant white elephant flea market, Bingo, Spirit of St. Ferdinand Train rides, Kiddieland, bountiful dinners, Grand \$12,000 Raffle, raffle baskets, and more. Festival Grounds hours are Friday, August 12: 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Saturday, August 13: 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM, and Sunday, August 14: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM with dinners and White Elephant Flea Market opening an hour before the Festival Grounds (dinners on Sunday open 3 hours earlier). Come join in the festivities at 2535 Rochester Road; for more info call 724.776.2888 or go to <http://stferd.org>.

ELEGANT JUNK SALE—The annual Elegant Junk Sale, sponsored by the Women's Guild of Saint James Church, 200 Walnuts St., Sewickley, will take place on Sat., July 30, 2016, from 8AM to 2PM. Early bird shopping begins at 7:30AM for a \$5 donation.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

JULY 17 PARISH PICNIC DAY! Join us outside and in the social hall beginning at noon. All are welcome.

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

May Payment \$1,835.00
 June Payment 906.00
 July Balance \$19,603.00

Thank you for your monthly payments to PSP!

BADEN COUNCIL MEETING: Wed., July 20 at 6:30PM.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY ~ Sponsor of the 2016 FRIENDS OF THE POOR 10,000 STEP WALK

During the **Month of September, 2016**, members and friends of our Parish's Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Conference will be participating in the **2016 Annual Friends of the Poor Walk** to raise money to assist local individuals and families in need. Instead of scheduling the Walk on one specific day, during a specific time, at one location, we have created an event in which **YOU CHOOSE** the day (or days), time, and location to walk. You may be a walker or a sponsor. Details and registration forms are available near church entrances and at the parish office. **REGISTER BY JULY 31!**

BADEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Learn how to make *Cut Out T-Shirts*. **Bring your own t-shirt** and get creative on Thurs., July 28, at 5:30PM. **The class is free, but pre-registration is requested.** Call 724-869-3960 or stop at the Library.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MEMORIAL FUND

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Mary T. Buffalini
 by Ken Buffalini

In Memory of Helen Syka
 by Pittsburgh Area Camaro Enthusiasts

In Memory of Ronald Suhayda
 by Wife, Virginia Suhayda

In Memory of Mary Ann Lindauere
 by Frank & Linda Hernandez,
 William & Pamela Johnson, and Aunt Helen



+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Sunday, July 17

9:30am (GS) Children's Choir meets in choir room
 12:00pm-5:00pm (SJ) Parish Picnic at St. John's

Monday, July 18

4:00pm (GS) Pierogi Making for Festival (JH)

Friday, July 22

3:00-8:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00/8:00pm (GS) Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer Group

Sunday, July 24

9:30am (GS) Children's Choir meets in choir room
 9:30am Mass (SJ) Liturgy of the Word with Children

ETHNIC FOOD COOKING CLASS

Jericho Hall at Good Samaritan

Monday, July 25 at 6:00PM

Italian Anise Knot Cookies
 with Gloria Lightner

Call Bob Mikush at 724-266-3140 to register for class,
 Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM



Children's Choir at Good Samaritan

All children 5yrs+ are encouraged to join our new Children's Choir! Rehearsals will begin this Sunday, July 17. They will be in the choir room from 9:30am to 10:15am every Sunday until August 21st. We will sing at the **11AM Mass on 7/31, 8/14, and 8/28** and at the **5:30 Mass on 8/6 and 8/21**.

Call or e-mail Chrystal Shelvey with questions. 724 266-6565
 Extension 21 or musicministry@goodsam1.org.

✦IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially **Joseph Hudicek, Timothy Pride and August Antonini** who died recently. May their souls, 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 July 10, 2016	\$6,414.86
Monthly Collection	\$835.00
Parish Share	\$1,503.00
Children's Offering	\$24.00
Diocesan Peter's Pence	\$55.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$543.00
Mission for Kenya	\$2,484.80
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering July 10, 2016	\$2,643.00
Mission for Kenya	\$1680.00

★ **OLSH HONOR ROLL** ★

Congratulations to the following students from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School who made the honor roll for the 4th quarter of the 2015-2016 school year:

- Jessica Kerecman - HIGHEST HONORS**
- Celeste Kristek - HIGHEST HONORS**
- Ian Polidora - HIGHEST HONORS**