

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 21 Weekday [16th Week in Ordinary Time]

[Saint Lawrence of Brindisi]

8:00 am (GS) Margaret & Steve Soltis - Pauline Polding

Tuesday, July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 am (GS) Edward Pitts - Yola & Family

Wednesday, July 23 Weekday [Saint Bridget of Sweden]

8:00 am (SJ) Thomas A. Venanzio - Cathy Johnston

6:30 pm (GS) Juliana & Harry Kaye, Sr. - Family

Thursday, July 24 Weekday [Saint Sharbel Makhluf]

8:00 am (GS) Steve & Stephen Furis - Rita Furis

Friday, July 25 Saint James, Apostle

8:00 am (SJ) Richard Kuny - Al & Helen Kuhni

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

Saturday, July 26 Saints Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm (SJ) Walter & Helen Prusick - Sons, Walter & David

5:30 pm (GS) Mary Himes - Lois Himes

Sunday, July 27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (GS) Antoni Jankiewicz - Wife, Marian

9:30 am (SJ) Joseph Lyden - Family

11:00 am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

Readings for the Week of July 21, 2014

Monday Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 (396)/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18*

Wednesday Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

Sunday 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Frederick J. Ringel, Sr. (SJ) Helen Ringel

Valdmir Kejas (GS) by Wife & Family

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Anita Lewis (GS) by Husband, Ben

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Carmella Pucci (GS) by Daughter, Rachel

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

Juliana Kaye (GS) by Family

Sanctuary Candle

Joan DeNucci (SJ) by Husband & Family

Harry Kaye, Sr. (GS) by Family

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

If you are celebrating your **50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime in 2014, and would like to be invited to the Diocesan Celebration at **St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 2:30 pm**, please call the parish office **no later than August 10th**. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. Cathedral and hall are both handicap accessible.



From Father Joe

WHAT'S THE STORY WITH ALL THE STORIES?

Jesus loved to tell stories. Sometimes the Disciples understood them right away. At other times, Jesus had to explain them in private.

In the Gospel from last weekend, we hear the disciples asking Jesus why He chose to speak in parables. He responds by saying, *"This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see, and hear but do not listen or understand."*

Perhaps Jesus presented some of the parables as riddles, forcing us to ponder what He meant, so that when we finally grasp the meaning, and have that **'Ahah!'** moment, we truly appreciate the *depth* of what He was trying to say.

Take for example, the story of the man who planted a field and an enemy snuck in and sowed weeds among the wheat. The servants asked their master if they should pull the weeds. He told them to let the weeds and wheat grow together, lest they accidentally uproot the wheat. At harvest time he instructed them to pull the weeds and bundle them up to be burned.

It's a simple, yet profound story. It's worth pondering the depth of its meaning. How many times has God allowed a person to stray from the path and live a life of sin, only to have them eventually repent and turn their life around. Look at the Good Thief on the cross. Instead of punishing us immediately, God often gives us time to recognize our faults and turn back to Him. If He is willing to wait for judgment, who are we to be quick to judge? We are all works in process. How many young people have started out as bitter enemies and ended their lives as best of friends? It's food for thought.

Father Joe

DRESSING APPROPRIATELY FOR CHURCH

The other day, someone sent me a joke from a parish bulletin that read:

"Plans For Parish Swimming Pool Scrapped"

Parish Finance Council has determined that it is not feasible to construct an indoor swimming pool in the church, so those who have been arriving for Mass dressed like they are ready to go swimming need not do so any longer.



I thought the joke was kind of funny, but unfortunately, there is some truth to it. Now that we are already in the midst of summer, I'm reluctant to say something from the pulpit for fear of embarrassing someone, but please consider what you are wearing to Church before leaving the house. If you are a parent, please look at what your children are wearing. I know it's hot, but we have an air conditioned Church. Clothes don't need to be expensive, but they *should* be appropriate. We are thrilled to have the pews filled, but please bear in mind Who it is we are coming to see and dress respectfully and modestly. Thanks for your understanding with regard to this matter.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠



ALTAR SERVERS St. John the Baptist Church Students in third grade and older are welcome to register for training. Please complete this form and return to the parish office via collection basket or mail to PO Box 171, by August 4.

NAME _____
 AGE _____ PHONE# _____

St. Vincent de Paul Society Is Requesting Your Support
 Three times a year at Good Samaritan St. Vincent de Paul Society requests monetary funds to help those in need in our area. At this time many people are asking for help. We would appreciate any support you may be able to offer. For your convenience, there is an envelope in this month's July envelope packet. A second collection will be taken up at the Masses on the July 27 weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you & may God bless your kind generosity.

Indoor Food Event - St. Titus Parish, Aliquippa
Thursday, Friday & Saturday, July 31 & August 1 & 2
 Event Hours: Thurs. & Fri. Noon-8 pm; Sat. 3-8 pm. Dinners served until 6:30 pm. Thursday: Spaghetti/Gnocchi; Friday: Fish; Saturday: Stuffed Pork Chop. Ala Carte: Stuffed Cabbage, Pierogies, Haluski, Meatball & Hot Sausage Sandwiches. Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Flea Market, Bingo. For more info please call, 724-378-8561.

Lawn Fete St. Gregory Parish, Zelienople
Thursday, Friday & Saturday, July 24, 25 & 26
 Thursday & Friday hours begin at 7 pm & Saturday after 5pm Mass. Dinners served from 4-7 pm. Thursday: Pasta and Meatballs; Friday: Baked or Fried Fish; Saturday: BBQ Chicken. Food Booths, Bingo, Games, Entertainment, Auction Baskets and White Elephant Sale. Come and enjoy the summer evening. Call 724-452-7245 with any questions.

Saint Ferdinand Family Festival & White Elephant Flea Market, Thur., Fri., & Sat. on August 8, 9 & 10
 2535 Rochester Rd., Cranberry. Dinners in Oldenski Hall. Friday: Italian Buffet 4:30-8 pm; Saturday: BBQ Chicken 4-8 pm; Sunday: Turkey Breast or Ham 3-8 pm. \$12,000 Grand Raffle, Bingo, Kiddieland, Concessions and more.

Registration is now open for the 2014-2015 school year.
Saint James Catholic School, 201 Broad St., Sewickley
Kindergarten through 8th grade
Sr. Christy Hill, CSJ Principal
Fr. Thomas J. Burke, Pastor
Preschool: 3 year-old program 8:30 am - 11:30 am (T/TH)
 4 year-old program 8:30 am- 11:30 am (M/W/F)
 4 year-old full day program 8:30 am - 2:00 pm (M/W/F)
After school care program: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00 pm
 Call for information packets or to schedule a tour.
 Phone: 412-741-5534-ext. 100 - Fax: 412-741-9038
 www.stjamesschool.us

Pilgrimage to the National Shrines of the Immaculate Conception & St. John Paul II, Washington DC-Oct 4th
 Our Lady of Peace will sponsor a one day bus trip with our Diocese, led by Bishop David Zubik. Cost is \$50 a person. Call Cindy 724-869-4723 or email, olopdre@verizon.net

Crafters and Vendors Needed at Our Lady of Fatima
 Church, Hopewell Township, Fall Craft Show, Saturday, November 15 & Sunday, November 16, from 8 am - 2 pm. Cost of one space, 8 ft x 3.5 ft table & two chairs is \$15 each or \$20 with electricity. Contact Carol 412-977-1996. This show includes food for purchase and a Silent Auction.

Pittsburgh Largest Ukrainian Food and Fun Festival
Thursday thru Saturday, July 23, 24, 25 & 26
 St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 116 Ella St, McKees Rocks. Food service begins at 5 pm, bingo, lamb roast, live entertainment daily, tented stage & seating. Call 412-331-2362 or email frtim1@aol.com. Online: ukiefestrox.com.

Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast
 Saturday, August 16, 9:00 am to Noon at Sheraton Four Points, Cranberry Twp. Kathy Wabick will share her deep conversion of faith at the beside of her dying mother who was blessed with a Divine vision at the time of her passing. This led to her ministry that prays at the bedside of the sick and dying. Cost of the breakfast is \$20. Register at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org or call Christine 724-443-5473, Pam 412-461-8906. Registration deadline Aug. 8th.

Elegant Junk Sale - St. James Women's Guild
 On Saturday, July 26th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. James Church, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley. Household items, toys, jewelry, small electronics, DVD's, designer purses, etc. in the cafeteria. Furniture, bikes, tools and more in the parking lot garages. Early bird shopping begins at 7:30 am for a \$5.00 donation.

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, July 21
 9:00 am (GS) Meatball Making (JH)
Friday, July 25
 3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
 7/8 pm (GS) Rosary/Confessions/Mass-Marian Prayer Group
SECOND COLLECTION - JULY 27th WEEKEND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

✠IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Joseph Cerone, Peter Galvan, Jr., Philomena (Fanny) Kosis, Theresa Mayer, Dorothy Monzi and John Varhol, Sr.* May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, July 13, 2014	\$6,132.87
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, July 13, 2014	\$2,175.33