

**MASS INTENTIONS****WEEK 16 IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, July 24:** *Saint Sharbel Makhlūf*  
8:00am (GS) Bevacqua Family by Mary Vilella

**Tuesday, July 25: Saint James, Apostle (F)**  
8:00am (GS) Alice Harvatin by Kay Aloï & Tina Aquino

**Wednesday, July 26 Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:00am (SJ) Genie Marsilio by Mom  
6:30pm (GS) Pane Family by Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Ombres

**Thursday, July 27:** Weekday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am (GS) Mary Posega by Children

**Friday, July 28:** Weekday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am (SJ) Gerry Presto by Dottie Rosso  
8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, July 29: Saint Martha**  
4:00pm (SJ) Anthony (Ace) Adams by Wife, Genny & Family  
5:30pm (GS) Giammaria & Mutschler Families by Grandsons, Jack & Bob Giammaria

**Sunday, July 30: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00am (GS) For the Living and Deceased of Our Parishes  
9:30am (SJ) Mom, Dad, Jack & Aunt Mary by Bauer Family  
11:00am (GS) Helen Rygalski by Son, Rick & Linda

**Readings for 16th Week in Ordinary Time: July 24, 2017**

**Monday** Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

**Wednesday** *Memorial* Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17

**Friday** Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday** Ex 24:3-8 (400)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Sunday** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER****Bread and Wine****(SJ)** Alfred Gaudino by Dolores Gaudino**Blessed Mother Shrine Candle****(GS)** Joan Nenadovich by Anna Munny**Sanctuary Candle****(GS)** Bill Shanholtz by Wayne & Debbie, Matthew & Tracy Catanzarite**(SJ)** Alfred Gaudino by Dolores Gaudino**Mission Cooperation Plan Appeal**

*Father Chike Anyigbo, CSSp*, will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. We urge you to respond to this appeal for the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. (Spiritans)

**ATTENTION: Safe Environment Forms Return Responses for Good Samaritan Volunteers**

Please return any of the required forms necessary for compliance in the Safe Environment database ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation and all that you do to protect the children entrusted to our care

**From Father Joe**

Below is an article relating to the merger of 4 of our parishes as part of On Mission for the Church Alive. It was written by Brad Dornish, of Saint John the Baptist Parish. Brad is a member of Saint John's On-Mission Parish Team, a member of the Most Holy Name Society, and an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, but I think his *real* claim to fame is that he is married to our own lifelong parishioner Debbie (Chismire) Dornish.

**Taking Some Mystery Out of "On Mission"***A reflection by Brad Dornish*

Have you visited the other churches slated to become part of our parish? By nature, people are afraid of what we do not know. We wonder and worry whether we will like a food we have never eaten, a person we have never met, or a place we have never been? The best way to end the wondering and worrying is to jump right in and try it. The worst that can happen is that you learn that you don't like something, someone or someplace. More likely, you learn to accept something new, and may even find a new friend, favorite food or favorite destination.

Many of us have some apprehension about the unknowns in the likely merger of our parishes -- Our Lady of Peace, Saints John & Paul, Good Samaritan and St. John the Baptist. Will we all get along? Will we like the other priests, and will our friendships and traditions be maintained? Which churches will close? We can't answer the question about churches for quite some time, but we can start to get to know each other and the other churches. Going to Mass at the other churches is a great way, and a very simple way to start that process.

One weekend recently, we decided not to go to Mass at St. John the Baptist. Instead, we slept in a little later and went somewhere we had never been before. We went to 11:00 Mass at SS John & Paul. It actually took about the same amount of time for us to drive there as it does to come to St. John the Baptist. We arrived early and found lots of parking, with nice wide spaces so we did not have to squeeze out of our car. We saw people flowing into the church from many entrances, and being warmly greeted by members of the parish.

The church is much bigger than ours, with a long main section of pews, two side sections and a balcony. When we arrived, we were pleasantly surprised to see that the pews had cushioned seats and backs, and were spaced farther apart to make it easier to get past people who were not taking communion. In a few minutes, every pew on the first floor was comfortably full, with many young families, lots of small children, (*continued*)

*(continued)* ... and babies. Ushers helped everyone coming in to fill the pews evenly, and then opened the balcony a few minutes before Mass started. Music filled the church, a permanent deacon helped with the Gospel, and Father Mac gave a stirring homily. He could not come down into the pews as Father Joe does, since he had to speak to people in three different directions and on two floors, but he engaged all of us. We brought our own envelope for the collection, since our pastors have all agreed to forward our contributions to our home churches when we visit their parishes during the On Mission process.

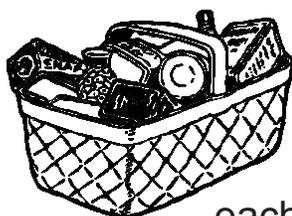
A great measure of how many people attended Mass that day was the number of extraordinary Eucharistic ministers who assisted with Communion. We counted about twenty. After Communion, we got a better view of the many children attending Mass when Father Mac asked the young children to come forward for a special blessing, while the choir sang a hymn about children being the treasures of the Church. From babes in their parents' or grandparents' arms, to the many children not yet ready to share communion, we could feel that the blessing made those who participated feel more connected to the church and to all of us there.

Father Mac spoke of the On Mission program, ended with a beautiful prayer for the parish, and had to direct us to the bulletin for all the activities going on, since there were too many parish activities to mention. The bulletin had 11 pages of content before the ads, with planned activities for everyone.

We pray every week for vibrant parishes, and there is no question SS John and Paul has all the elements of a vibrant parish. It is also very likely that the beautiful, large and modern church there, with separate social hall, a large new picnic pavilion, and lots of parking adjacent will be one of the campuses of our new, merged parish.

Don't get me wrong. I love the small, intimate feeling of Mass at St. John the Baptist, where we know many parishioners by name. I love knowing that I am not just welcome but needed by our small parish in activities like serving as a Eucharistic Minister, fill-in usher and member of the Holy Name Society. I will miss that sense of intimacy and being needed when we merge. I will miss knowing when someone isn't in his or her regular seat in the pews on Sunday. But after visiting the biggest church planned to become part of our new parish, I know I will like a lot of things about our new parish, too.

We will be visiting Our Lady of Peace, and return to Good Samaritan as well in the near future, but those churches are much better known to us than SS John & Paul. I invite every one of you to visit all of the other churches in our proposed new parish for Mass soon, and to attend functions at any of the parishes. The more we know each other, the easier the parish reorganization will become. After all, we are one Church.



## **DONATIONS NEEDED: FOOD BASKET WHEEL**

One of the *really* popular booths at the Good Samaritan Festival each year is the Food Basket Wheel! Folks take their chance at winning baskets of groceries and related items.

We can use donations of canned goods & **Non-Perishable** food items for our Food Basket Wheel this year. Below are examples of the items we can use:

- ◆ Spaghetti Sauce
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Soup Cans
- ◆ Pancake Mix
- ◆ Syrup
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Napkins & Kleenex
- ◆ Cake or Brownie Mix
- ◆ Macaroni & Cheese
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Flavored Drink Mixes
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ And other stuff...

**Donations can be dropped in the RED RECEPTACLES**  
at the doors of the Church, or taken to the Parish Center.

**MANY THANKS** to those of you who have donated so far!

**PLEASE, NO EXPIRED ITEMS and NOTHING PERISHABLE!!**

**Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh** is a FREE dental clinic, where our underserved friends and neighbors can receive the care they need. The clinic will be held on July 28-29 at the A.J. Palumbo Center [on the Duquesne University campus] and volunteers who can provide dental and medical services, as well as general support—from greeting people to helping them fill out paperwork—are critical to its success. This event is truly life-changing for the most vulnerable members of society by giving them the support they need to move on to a better phase in life.

Details for the event, including how to become a volunteer are located at [www.mompgh.org](http://www.mompgh.org). If you have questions please contact Kayleigh Fontana at (412)391-6369.

### **Elegant Junk Sale**

**St. James Church, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley**

**Saturday, July 29, from 8:00 am-2:00 pm**

**Early Bird Shopping Begins: 7:30 am, \$5/person**

Items in the Cafeteria: Household Items, Toys, Linens, Artwork, Jewelry Boutique, Lamps, Designer Purses, Collectibles, Vintage Items, Holiday Decorations.

Items in the Garage: Furniture, Bikes, Tools, Small Working Appliances.

**INDOOR FLEA MARKET – Saint John of God Parish, McKees Rocks, Fabulous Indoor Flea Market and Bake Sale on Saturday, July 29, 8 am to 4 pm and Sunday, July 30, 9 am to 1 pm in the Social Hall.** An Early Bird Pre-Sale on Friday, July 28, from 6 to 8 pm. \$5 admission to pre-sale. No one under 12 will be admitted to the pre-sale. For more info please call Lucille at 412-298-6106.

**Clothing Sale at St. Alphonsus in Wexford -- Need clothes but don't want to pay high prices? St. Alphonsus Parish in Wexford is selling gently used clothing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 6, in the gymnasium beneath the church at 201 Church Road, Wexford (Pine Twp.).** Proceeds benefit the parish's annual Passion Play. Music Director Mary Heagy, who is organizing the sale, says some of the donated clothes from previous years' sales were so new they still had price tags on them as well as designer tags. All types of items will be featured -- belts, jewelry, purses, ties, socks, hats, gloves, scarves and more for adults, teens and children. For info, please contact Mary Heagy at [musicdirector@saintalphonsuswexford.org](mailto:musicdirector@saintalphonsuswexford.org).

**Saint Frances Cabrini Second Annual Golf Outing Sunday, August 20, at Shadow Lakes Country Club.** The outing includes refreshments, team prizes, and a BBQ dinner. For more information, contact Nick Colafella 724-775-3168 or Vince Biancucci 724-770-2277.

**FLEA MARKET ~ BAKE SALE ~ HALUSKI SALE August 11 & 12, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Saint George Center, 1001 Clinton Street, Aliquippa, in Plan 12 neighborhood.** From Main Street turn onto Meadow Street which turns into Clinton Street. Come and find your treasure and other needful things! [www.stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org](http://www.stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org)

### **OLSH Summer Camps**

***Girls Basketball Camp July 24-28, 9am -noon***

This half-day camp is for girls entering grades 5 through 8, and is open to players of all ability levels. Hone your shooting, passing, dribbling, and defensive skills with a daily focus on the important elements of competitive basketball! Camp includes team building activities and positive reinforcement, individual skills practice, and team play. Cost: \$100 and includes a t-shirt and water bottle.

***Strength & Conditioning Camp July 31-Aug. 4, 9am noon***

Learn proper drills technique, core training, lifting training and explosion training with Track Coach, Andy Shirlow. Prepare for your sports season and learn how to prevent injury! This camp is open to any student entering grades 6 thru 12. Cost: \$150 and includes a t-shirt and water bottle.

***Debate Camp July 31-Aug. 4, 9 am to noon***

Students in grades 6 through 8 can learn more about the art of argumentation and how to debate from award-winning Speech & Debate coach Jessica Cerchiaro. This camp will cover basic argumentation skills and mock congressional debate. Campers will have the opportunity to debate each other in small groups and one-on-one throughout the week. Cost: \$50 and includes a t-shirt.

**Register today at [www.olsh.org/summercamp!](http://www.olsh.org/summercamp!)**

**OLSH Accepting Transfers for the 2017-18 School Year**

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School in Moon Township, frequently accepts transfer students to grades 10 and 11 who are seeking an alternative to their current school or environment. High school students who desire a nurturing, academically-focused environment and would benefit from a transfer prior to the next school year, please contact Jessica Sellman, Director of Admissions and Enrollment, at 412-262-3300 or [jsellman@olsh.org](mailto:jsellman@olsh.org).

**Quigley Catholic High School is currently enrolling students for grade 9. We are also accepting transfer students to grades 10 and 11.** Contact Admissions for info or a private tour at [admissions@qchs.org](mailto:admissions@qchs.org) or [724-869-2188](tel:724-869-2188).

### **St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden**

**Companions in Discernment**-prayerful discernment for persons sensing a call to the ministries of spiritual direction or spiritual leadership. Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20 and Feb. 24 from 9-11am. Participants will journey through a discernment process of openness, generosity, courage and interior freedom. Fee of \$300 includes program materials. Learn more or register online: [www.bit.ly/CompanionsInDiscernment](http://www.bit.ly/CompanionsInDiscernment). Questions? Call 724-869-6587 or email [tdunlap@stjoseph-baden.org](mailto:tdunlap@stjoseph-baden.org).

***Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Daily Life***-beginning Sept. 19, weekly through May 8, 2018. Sessions from 1:00-2:30 pm at St. Joseph Spirituality Center with winter breaks. Cost is \$500; limited partial scholarships available. **Registration is limited and ends July 31.** A \$50 deposit is required. Questions? Call 724-869-6525 or email [tdunlap@stjoseph-baden.org](mailto:tdunlap@stjoseph-baden.org).

# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

## PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

June Payment: \$1,285 New Balance: \$19,455

We have 7 months to meet our goal.

Thank you for supporting the Parish through Parish Share.

**MANY THANKS!** We thank **Regina Slavik & Loretta Thompson** for beautifying the church gardens by planting flowers and devotedly maintaining the areas!

**THANK YOU! St. Vincent de Paul** thanks all who donated to us through the collection. SVdP received over \$700 that we will use to help the poor and disadvantaged. Your generosity is humbling.

## PARISH PICNIC UPDATE

We hope to see you on Sunday, Aug. 20, for our annual parish picnic sponsored by the St. John's Holy Name Society. The picnic will be held here on the parish grounds and in the social hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs, chicken and potato salad will be served. We will also have an ice cream sundae bar! The Ladies of Charity will sponsor outdoor games, weather permitting. Please RSVP in the book near the main church entrance. See you there!

**"Young people need the light of watchful guides to lead them on the path of salvation." ~ St. John Baptist de la Salle**

## Dear Good Samaritan Parishioners,

**The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist, Baden, would like to invite you to our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 20, from noon until 5:00 pm on the church grounds and in our social hall.** We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs, chicken, potato salad, and this year, we are featuring an ice cream sundae bar. Weather permitting, we will have outdoor games sponsored by the Ladies of Charity. All are welcome, but we need to hear from you so that we prepare enough food! If you would like to attend, please call **Jack Firich at 1-878-201-3400. (This IS a local phone number.)** We hope to see you on August 20th!

## GOOD SAMARITAN YOUTH CHOIR

All youth in the Church are invited to come and praise the Lord with their voices in song. Children need to be at least 5 yrs old.



Summer Schedule: July 23, 30 & Aug 6, 13, 20

Sundays: 9:30 - 10:15 am, rehearsals in the Choir Room



**NEW FOR ETHNIC COOKING!** Get up to date info on **ETHNIC COOKING ACTIVITIES** sent straight to your phone ☺Simply go to your phone enter 81010 and text this message @ethnicco

(Free to use) or email [ethnicco@mail.remind.com](mailto:ethnicco@mail.remind.com). Ethnic cooking will resume in the fall. We have volunteers to teach cake decorating, Italian greens and wedding soup and more! Attendees really enjoy learning and the comraderie!!

To volunteer to teach, follow above instructions and let us know if you want to be a student or teacher or call\_724-266-3140, M-F, 9-5, Bob Mikush.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, July 23: Second Collection: Mission Appeal**  
9:30am (SJ) Liturgy of The Word with children at Mass

**Monday, July 24**

7:00pm (GS) *Living Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Fatima-Week 7* (GS Church)

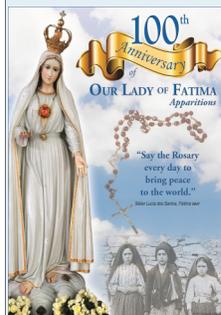
**Friday, July 28**

3:00-8:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7pm (GS) Confessions/Rosary (8pmMass) *Marian Prayer*

**"Monday with Mary" 7pm Good Samaritan Church**  
**"Living Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Fatima"**

**Did you know that you can gain a "plenary indulgence"**



for yourself or the soul of a deceased loved one by praying the "Living Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Fatima" with our sisters in faith on Monday evenings at 7 PM in Good Samaritan Church? All women are invited to bring your Rosary as we publicly pray by meditating upon the Luminous Mysteries in Church before the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle and pray for the Pope's intentions. For the plenary indulgence to be obtained, the faithful must be in a state of grace by having a sacramental confession and receiving the Holy Eucharist within 20 days before or after the indulged act. ("The Gift of the Indulgence" given in Rome at the offices of the Apostolic Penitentiary on January 29, 2000.) For more info contact Susan 724-266-3921 or 724-266-6565 Ext. #17.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH**  
**Every Friday from 3:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Followed by Mass at 8:00PM**

**Congratulations** to the following Good Samaritan students who are on the 4th quarter **OLSH Honor Roll.**

**Highest Honors:** *Sr., Jessica Kerecman, Fr., Brendan Polidora, Jr., Ian Polidora, Fr., Adilia Schmidt.*

## ◆IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed who died recently, especially **Robert Glotzbach.** 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, July 16, 2017	\$6,987.50
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$679.00
Parish Share	\$276.00
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, July 16, 2017	\$1,848.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$753.00
<b>Good Samaritan Parish</b>	<b>724-266-6565</b>
<b>Saint John the Baptist Parish</b>	<b>724-869-2289</b>