

Mass Intentions

17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, August 3: Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Walter & Pauline Ostrowski by Bob & Bobby

Tuesday, August 4: Saint John Vianney

8:00 am (GS) Dorothy Rotolo by Ernie & Donna

Wednesday, August 5: Weekday

8:00 am (SJ) Stella Stashick by Francis/Carey Family

6:30 pm (GS) Bernie Grzegorek by daughters,
Geri, Evie, Judy & Kami

Thursday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am (GS) Caroline Rosenberger by Angelo Paliani & Family

Friday, August 7: Weekday

8:00 am (SJ) Wayne Lindsey by Joe, Janice & Torri Zumbrunnen

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, August 8: Saint Dominic

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil, Jawni Kazmierczyk by wife, Maureen &
children, Becky, John, Stephanie & Jeremy

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil, In Honor of George & Dorothy Rhawn,
65th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, August 9: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am (GS) Alan Berger by Lizanne & Sara Berger

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

11:00 am (GS) Violet Simoni by children, Frank, Debbie & Cathy

Readings for the Week of August 3, 2015

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

(SJ) Milton Hertneky by Helen Ringel

(GS) William V. Raymer by Betty Raymer & children

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

(GS) Guilio & Pierina Vettorazzi by children & grandchildren

Holy Family Shrine Candle

(GS) Joe & Betty Tabinowski by family

Sanctuary Candle

(SJ) Joan DeNucci by Gerald G. DeNucci & Family

(GS) Mary Roginski by Irene Steuber

Altar Flowers

(SJ) Louis Marsilio by Marie Marsilio

Blessed Mother Shrine Flowers

(GS) In Thanksgiving of the 100th Birthday of Antoinette Bufalini
by Rose Dziack and Johnny Derochis

Our Parish is Committed to Protecting God's Children

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3060



From Deacon Anthony

Curé d'Ars

*“Thank you for showing me the way to Ars,
now I will show you the way to heaven.”*

St. John Vianney

There are a lot of big feast days this upcoming week. The 6th is the Transfiguration of the Lord, and the 8th is the feast day of St. Dominic. Still, I feel drawn to write about the feast day of John Vianney, which is celebrated on the 4th. He is the patron saint of parish priests. So, yeah, I'm a little biased.

John Vianney grew up during the French Revolution. It can be easy to forget what a horrible and dangerous time this was to be a Catholic. The calendar was changed to remove all Sundays and feast days, hundreds of priests and religious were put to death during this time, and cults dedicated to the “goddess of reason” arose. It's shocking how quickly all of this happened in what was predominantly Catholic France. Despite this, there were still faithful Christians who risked their lives to uphold the faith. Priests would have masses and teach catechism in secret. Young John Vianney was inspired by the faith and courage of these priests.

While John felt a call to the priesthood, revolution and war made it difficult for him to receive basic instruction. Back then, seminarians were taught all of their theology in Latin. Vianney struggled learning Latin and was nearly kicked out of seminary many times (Luckily, for me, Latin isn't as much of a requirement now... I barely passed my one Latin class!) Yet, John's devotion and holiness was easily recognized. His priest mentor saw this and fought to keep him in seminary.

When John was ordained he was sent to the small French town of Ars. Even in this simple task he struggled; he couldn't find his way to the town! He eventually got directions from a farmer outside of Ars. He thanked the young man for showing him the way and said, *“Now I will show you the way to heaven.”*

John quickly became known for his inspiring homilies and loving mercy in the confessional. Toward the end of his life, pilgrims would come from miles around so that John could hear their confession. He would be in the confessional up to sixteen hours a day. He was known simply as Curé d'Ars (the priest of Ars.)

John Vianney shows us that holiness isn't about skill, intelligence, talent or anything like that. Holiness is our love of God and love of neighbor. God doesn't choose the worthy, he makes worthy the chosen. We are all chosen by God as his beloved children. His story also reminds us to pray for our priests. The call to the priesthood has never been easy, and all of our priests need our prayers. St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, *ora pro nobis!*

Deacon Anthony

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE
INVITATION TO PRAYER - Bishop David Zubik invites all Catholics to the third Evening of Prayer as part of On Mission for The Church Alive! A Festival of Praise with sacred music will be held on Wed. Aug. 12, 7:00 pm at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood. The event will feature adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, traditional and contemporary praise music and an extended address by Bishop Zubik. For details visit OnMissionChurchAlive.org. See you there!

DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS
Auditions for the 2015-2016 Diocesan Choir will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne, Diocesan Music Office 412-456-3042 before Aug. 24.


Saint Vincent Camerata to Hold Auditions
Camerata auditions for 2015-2016 season at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, by appointment on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings on August 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, & 22. Camerata rehearses on Tuesday evenings in Saint Vincent Basilica and in sectionals as needed. For more information or to schedule an audition contact Fr. Stephen Concordia OSB, assistant professor of music in the music department at Saint Vincent College, 724-805-2019, or stephen.concordia@stvincent.edu.

St. Ferdinand Church
2535 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township
Family Festival August 7, 8 & 9
Concession & Craft Booths, Games, Prizes. Giant Bingo, Spirit of St. Ferdinand Train Rides, Kiddieland, Raffle Baskets. White Elephant Flea Market Sale. Dinners in air-conditioned Oldenski Hall, Grand \$12,000 Raffle,
Festival Grounds Hours
Friday, August 7: 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Saturday, August 8: 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Sunday, August 9: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
For more info call 724.776.2888 or go to <http://stferd.org>

Registration Open Preschool Through 8th Grade
Excellent Minds. Exceptional Hearts.
Saint James Catholic School
201 Broad Street, Sewickley, PA
Call 412-741-5540 x100 today for information packets or to schedule a tour. www.stjamesschool.us
Preschool Program
3 year-old program: 8:30 - 11:30 am (T/TH)
4 year-old program: 8:30 - 11:30 am (M/W/F)
4 year-old full day program: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm (M/W/F)
After Care Program: 2:30 - 6:00 pm (M-F)

23rd Annual Bob O'Connor Cookie Cruise --
Wednesday, August 19, 2015 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. with boat sailing at 7:30 p.m. Picnic style buffet, dancing, and fireworks. All proceeds benefit the Bob O'Connor Foundation which honors Bob's legacy of public service. Tickets are \$40.00. For more information or tickets visit www.boboconnorfoundation.com or call Bob's daughter, Heidi Garth, at 412-427-5235. All are welcome!

Ladies: Come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, August 8, from 9 am to Noon at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. The speaker is Kate Valentine, award winning author. Illness led her close to death several times. In an encounter she was sent forth anew by God with a message that would help many others. She will talk about her tragedies and rock solid faith. Breakfast is \$20. Register: Kay 724-772-6749, Pam 412-461-8906 or www.magnificatpittsburgh.org by July 31.

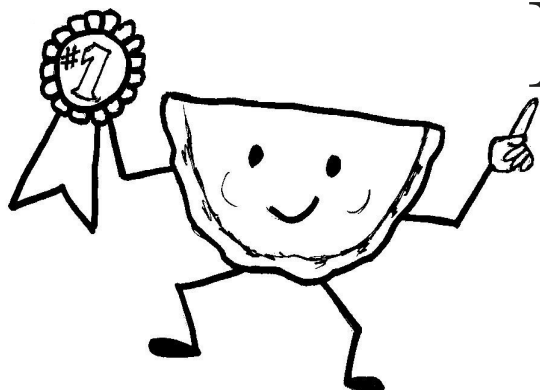
 **Christian Home Health Care is seeking home health care aides.** No experience necessary. They will train. Currently interviewing for full & part time positions. Call 412-323-0203 ext. 6119.

Need help in caring for an elderly loved one at home? Christian Home Health Care provides assistance in applying for services through the PA Office of Long-Term Living. If someone you love needs help in the home with companion services, personal care assistance, respite care, or other in-home services, call Jeanne at 412-323-0203 ext. 6115 or Ashlee at ext. 6119 to see if you qualify.

Help for Young People Experiencing the Loss of a Family Relationship
The loss of a parent through death, or a changed parental relationship through divorce or separation can be a traumatic experience for young people. The **Young People's Beginning Experience** program provides a safe, secure environment where teens ages 13-18 can sort out with other teens their feelings of loss and pain while strengthening their self-esteem and self-acceptance. **Young People's Beginning Experience** weekend is scheduled for August 7-9 at Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Twp. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more info, explore our website www.BeginningExperience.org or make a confidential call to Carol 412-295-7026 or Steve 412-720-8694.

Gilmary, A Catholic Retreat Center
Be an evangelist and spread the good news about Catholic marriage. Host a dinner and a spiritual conference at Gilmary Center for which you set the date and time. Info call 412-264-8400 or visit our website gilmarycenter.org.

Respite Care: Senior parishioner available to be **part-time** companion/helper for adult with moderate disability or dementia. Can assist several days a week up to 5 hours per day. References & clearance, call Marjorie 724-266-2111.



PIEROGI SALE

Good Samaritan Church
8th and Melrose
Ambridge, PA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

POTATO/CHEESE PIEROGI ONLY

**SOLD FROZEN
OR COOKED**

WITH BUTTER AND ONIONS



\$8.00 per dozen

**ALL PIEROGI PROVIDED
IN OUR CONTAINERS**



**PHONES OPEN TO ACCEPT ORDERS
ON DAY OF SALE ONLY
BEGINNING AT 6 AM**

724-266-6010

“One Parish — Many Traditions”

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER



THIS WED. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass on August 5th and continue until 2:30 PM closing. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of our Eucharistic Lord.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9, DIVINE CHILD JESUS SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION

Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet here at St. John's. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 PM followed by 3:00 Holy Hour and 4:00 meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING ~ Sun., August 9
St. John's Ladies of Charity will meet after 9:30 Mass.

FYI; PARISH PICNIC The 2015 St. John the Baptist Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Barn in Economy Park. More details will be published later date.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

The **Diocese of Pittsburgh** is once again planning its annual **Golden Wedding Celebration** for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2015. The event will begin with Mass at **St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday, October 11, at 2:30 p.m.** Bishop Zubik will be the main celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. The Cathedral and hall are both accessible.

If you are one of the couples celebrating your 50th anniversary any time in 2015 and would like to receive an invitation to this event, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection basket **no later than August 9.**

For Sale after all Masses August 15/16
*Hand Carved Olive Wood from
Holy Land of Bethlehem*

Nativity Scenes, Crucifix, Rosaries, Christmas Ornaments.
Sales will support Christian Wood Carvers of Bethlehem.
VIEW ITEMS ONLINE: www.holylandcarvings.com

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH



Any student in third grade or older, who would like to become a new altar server, is welcome to register for training. **Please complete this form and return to the Parish Office or in collection basket by Aug 12.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Good Samaritan Festival Posters Available NOW!

Good Samaritan Parish Community

20th Annual Parish Festival - September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2015
8th & Melrose Avenue, Ambridge, PA - More Information 724-266-6565

Festival Hours

Thursday, September 3 6:00-10:00 pm
Friday, September 4 6:00-11:00 pm
Saturday, September 5 Noon-11:00 pm
Booths Open - 2:00 pm
Sunday, September 6 1:00-10:00 pm

Homemade Dinners

Thursday - Stuffed Chicken Breast - 4:00-7:00 pm
Friday - Our Famous Fish Fry - 4:00-7:00 pm
Saturday - Stuffed Cabbage Dinner - 3:00-7:00 pm
Sunday - Don't miss our famous Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner - 12:00-7:00 pm

BIG MONEY RAFFLE

Drawing to be held on September 6 at 9:45 pm. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are \$2.00 each or book of 20 for \$35.00

1st Prize: \$6000
2nd Prize: \$3000
3rd Prize: \$2000

BINGO

Please Note: All Events & Schedules are Subject to Change
No Outside Food or Beverages Permitted on Festival Grounds

Entertainment

THURSDAY
"Dancing Queen" 6:00-10:00 pm

FRIDAY
"Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push" 7:00-11:00 pm

SATURDAY
"Dick Tady Orchestra: Noon until 5:00 pm
"Jimmy Ross & The Jaggerz" 8:00-8:50 pm
9:30-10:20 pm

SUNDAY
"The Cavaliers" 1:00-5:00 pm
Ambridge Steel Drum Band 6:00-7:00 pm
"Johnny Angel and the Halos" 7:00-8:00 pm
8:30-9:30 pm
Silent Auction in Cafeteria 9:00 pm

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Bake Sale • Huge Silent Auction • Dancing on Hardwood
Floor • Ethnic Food • Beer & Bar Tent • Wheelbarrow of
Gifts and Certificate Raffle and Live Ethnic Music

Take one and ask your favorite store or restaurant to display it.

Pre Marriage Class, Fr. Scott Seethaler, OFM, Cap
Saint Cecilia Parish, Rochester, Nov. 14. Class: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Cost: \$70 per couple includes lunch. Register: contact Sr. Anne, email agrecensj@comcast.net

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, August 3

9:00 am (GS) Meatball Making (JH)

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 am-2:30 pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, August 7

9:00 am-3:00 pm (GS) Pierogi Sale (JH) 724-266-6010

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

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

Sunday, August 9

2:00 pm (GS) Padre Pio Prayer Group

9:30 am (SJ) After Mass, St. John's Ladies of Charity meet

✠ **IN SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Ann Breslin** (mother of Ellen Strano), **Dawn Finnegan** and **Elizabeth Hawronsky** (mother of Eunice Firich). May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, July 26, 2015	\$6,904.04
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, July 26, 2015	\$2,137.01

GOOD SAMARITAN 724-266-6565
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 724-869-2280