

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 4: Saint John Vianney [18th Week]

8:00 am (GS) Leo Topolski - Bob Moran & Family

Tuesday, August 5: Weekday

[The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major]

8:00 am (GS) In Honor of Phil Safran- Rick Cortez

Wednesday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am (SJ) Thomas Paul Restak - Flora Tomaino

6:30 pm (GS) Edward Klavin II - Br. Thomas Hartman, BHS

Thursday, August 7: Weekday [St. Sixtus II; St. Cajetan]

8:00 am (GS) Elizabeth Vlasic - JoAnn & Chuck Smith

Friday, August 8: Saint Dominic

8:00 am (SJ) Steffie Eaton - Lori & Jack Carey

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, August 9: Weekday [St. Teresa Benedicta ; BVM]

9:00 am (SJ) The Living & Deceased of Beaver Valley Blue Army

4:00 pm (SJ) John Cappabianco - M/M Sam Gagliardi

5:30 pm (GS) Satino & Frances Maruca - Daughter, Beverly

Sunday, August 10: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

9:30 am (SJ) Fr. Anthony Dukich, OFM - George Rozman

11:00 am (GS) Rudolph & Anthenette Branowitz- Daughter,
Jeanette & Family

2:00 pm (SJ) Padre Pio Prayer Group

Readings for the Week of August 4, 2014

Monday Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2,
10-14

Wednesday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Thursday Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

Friday Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Joan DeNucci (SJ) by Husband & Family
William Raymer (GS) by Carl & Jean Pietroboni,
Ashton and Camden

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Ida Bevacqua (GS) by Sister, Mary Villella
Milton Hertneky (SJ) by Helen Ringel

Sanctuary Candle

John Panek (GS) by Son, Robert

Altar Flowers

Genie Marsilio (SJ) by Mom & Dad

Blessed Mother Flowers

Dorothy Rotolo (GS) by Ernie & Donna

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: August 15, 2014]

Thursday, Vigil Mass: 6:00 pm Saint John the Baptist

Friday, Holy Day Masses: 8:00 am Saint John the Baptist

9:00 am Good Samaritan 7:00 pm Good Samaritan



From Father Joe

SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME

About a year ago we began a tradition in the parish. Whenever we celebrate a funeral, we place a small wooden cross on the casket and explain to the family that their loved one's name will be placed on the cross along with the date of their passing from this world to the next. The crosses are then mounted on the wall of the church, in the hope that folks will remember them as they pass, and pray for the deceased and those who mourn their loss throughout the year. Around All Souls Day, families are invited to return for a Mass when we celebrate the lives of all those who have died the previous year, and the crosses are then given to the families.

I stopped at McDonald's the other day and ran into a friend who is a Lutheran Minister. She mentioned the crosses on the walls of the church in remembrance of those who have died. I told her that sometimes when I'm having a bad day, I'll look up and see the name of one of the parishioners who used to be an altar server for me at funerals, and I'll reach up and touch his name and it brings great comfort; I know in my heart of hearts, that he is still watching over me, praying for me. Whatever the *crisis du jour*, I know I will get through it.

Our second reading this weekend is taken from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **ROMANS CHAPTER 8**

It is Paul's way of telling us that God is with us always, no matter what is going on in our lives. Psalm 34 reminds us "*The Lord is near to the broken hearted.*" Sometimes in our humanness, we need a tangible reminder that God is always watching over us, and that He knows exactly how it feels to suffer the loss of a loved one. After all, Jesus wept at the grave of His own friend Lazarus.

To be honest, it saddens me to think that those crosses will be taken down this coming November, because they are a source of great comfort — and yet I know that they will always be with us. Love never dies. Each time we gather to celebrate Mass, we are surrounded by those unseen, the Communion of Saints. I hope you will join in saying a prayer as you pass the crosses on the wall each Sunday. Pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, and for those who mourn them. Pray especially for those who have no one left to pray for them, and trust with all your heart, that they will return the favor.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Needs Your Support!

Good Samaritan St. Vincent de Paul Society members are requesting monetary funds to help those in need in our area. At this time many more people are asking for help. We would appreciate any support you may be able to offer. Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. Thank you for your kind generosity!

**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.

Good Samaritan Volunteer State Clearance Forms

A reminder to our volunteers. Please complete and return State Clearances Forms to **Rose Curcio ASAP**. Thank You

2014-2015 DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS

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. 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 in the Diocesan Music Office 412-456-3042 before August 19.

Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, August 16, 9:00 am-Noon, Sheraton Four Points, Cranberry Twp. Kathy Wabick shares her conversion at the bedside of her dying mother who was blessed with a Divine vision. This led to her ministry that prays at the bedside of the sick & dying. Cost: \$20. Call Christine 724-443-5473 or register at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org by Aug. 8.

PRESCHOOL at St. John the Baptist in Monaca

3 year old program: Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Cost is \$65 per month. **4 year old program:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Cost is \$80 per month. In addition to our regular curriculum, our program will include gym and computer time.

Extended Care Program - St. John the Baptist, Monaca Monday thru Friday from Noon to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$4.00 per hour. Students will have the opportunity for story time, gym and computer time. For more information, call our Pastoral Center at 724-775-3940.

Please notify the Parish Office if you have a change in Phone Number or Cell Phone. It's important, especially in case of emergencies. Thanks!

POLISH DAY - Kennywood Park - August 5

All are invited to come and join with family and friends for a fun filled day enjoying the ethnic foods, music, dancing and participate in the Mass at 3:30 pm. For more information contact Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, (Polish Hill) 412-621-5170.

**Rusyn Food Festival - August 7, 8, & 9**

St. John's Orthodox Parish Center, Fifth Street, Ambridge. Thurs., Fri., & Sat. from 11 am to 8 pm enjoy Carpatho-Rusyn foods, baked goods, Rusyn folk songs and folk dancing. Ethnic & religious items available for sale.

Fish Fry - Saint Cecilia - Friday, August 8

St. Cecilia Social Hall, 632 Virginia Avenue, Rochester. 11 am to 7 pm Serving Fish Dinners, Fish Sandwiches, Shrimp Dinners, Fish Salads. Side dishes will be available. Eat in or Take out. Call 724-775-3775/3776.

Saint Ferdinand Family Festival - White Elephant Flea Market, on August 8, 9 & 10, 2535 Rochester Road, 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. \$12,000.00 Grand Raffle, Bingo, Kiddieland, Concessions and more.

Beaver County Theology On Tap - Wed., August 13

Beaver Brewing Company, 1829 7th Ave., Beaver Falls, from 7-9 pm, Topic "*History of Brewing.*" Call *MaryAnn* 724-846-7540 email theologyontapbc@gmail.com. Website www.theologyontapbc.org. Bring a friend!

Germanfest- Saturday, August 16

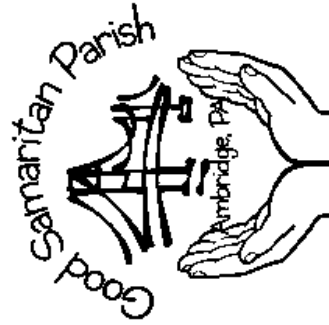
German Mass at 4:00 pm honoring the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Catherine of Sweden, 2554 Wildwood Rd, Allison Park. Schnitzel & Sausage Dinner from 5-9 pm; Cash Bar; German Band; *Josef Wendel Orchestra*, 6-10 pm; D'Lustigen Isartaler Bavarian club dancers and chorus performing. Tickets/RSVP: \$25 adults, \$20 Sr. Citizen, \$10 event only/no food. Call Marianne 412-398-0586, more info www.isartalerpittsburgh.org.

A FREE overnight Circle Camp for Grieving Children

Includes transportation to and from the camp for bereaved girls, ages 9-14, who have experienced the death of a parent, Circle of EKC, Emma Kaufmann Camp in Morgantown, West Virginia, August 17-22. The Circle Camps programs integrate traditional overnight camping activities and the opportunity for campers to explore their grief in a safe and caring setting. Under the guidance of licensed bereavement staff, and surrounded by supportive peers, campers share their stories and remember the parent who died. We understand the impact of helping children talk about their losses. Campers have a summer week filled with fun, meaning and bonding. For camper application, please contact Sandi Lando Welsh, Camp Director: 412-687-6116, sandiwelch@circlecamps.org. Circle Camps is a 501c3 organization incorporated in Pennsylvania in 2002.

Good Samaritan Parish Community

19th Annual Parish Festival – August 28-29-30-31, 2014
 8th & Melrose Avenue, Ambridge, PA - More Information 724-266-6565



FESTIVAL HOURS .

Thursday, August 28: 6:00-10:00 pm
 Friday, August 29: 6:00-11:00 pm
 Saturday, August 30: Noon to 11:00 pm
(booths open at 2:00 pm)
 Sunday, August 31: 1:00-10:00 pm

BIG MONEY RAFFLE

Drawing to be held on August 31 at 9:45 pm
 Winner need not be present to win.
 Tickets are \$2.00 each or book of 15 for \$25.00

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

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

BINGO • Face Painting • Hourly 50/50 Raffle • Bake Sale • HUGE Silent Auction
 • Dancing on Hardwood Floor • Ethnic Food • Beer & Bar Tent • Wheelbarrow of Gifts & Certificate Raffle and Live Ethnic music and much more !

Homemade Dinners

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

★ **THURSDAY** ★
 "Touche" 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

POLKA MASS

Vey Rev. Sam Esposito, Episcopal Vicar, President
 "Dick Tady Orchestra" Church 5:30 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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PLEASE NOTE: All Events & Schedules are Subject to Change

Visit our website at:
www.goodsam1.org
 724-266-6565 ext. 22

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

MANY THANKS FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY St. John the Baptist SVdP is so very grateful for recent donations totaling \$806.86. Your support enables us to serve the less-fortunate of our community.

SUN., AUG. 10 SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION, DIVINE CHILD JESUS Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet here at St. John the Baptist Church, Baden. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 pm followed by 3:00 pm Holy Hour and 4:00 pm meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik, celebrant.

TUES., AUG. 19 CCM OFFICERS' INSTALLATION Christian Mothers of St. John's 2014-2016 officers will be installed at a special Mass on Tues., Aug. 19 at 6:30 pm. Father Joe Carr will be the Celebrant. Everyone is invited to attend. Christian Mothers, please try to be present to support your new CCM Board.

THERE'S A NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN! "Amazing Crafts By You" is open as of Aug. 1 at 540 State Street in Baden. This family-run business offers craft classes in several media, parties and other activities. Call 724-242-5531 or visit amazingcraftsbyyou.com

ALTAR SERVERS at St. John the Baptist Church; Students in third grade and older may register for training as Altar Servers. Return form to the parish office via collection basket or mail (P.O. Box 171) by Aug. 4.

NAME _____
 AGE _____ PHONE# _____

BLESSING OF FLOWERS ON THE ASSUMPTION

The Solemnity of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15. In Eastern Europe, the solemnity is called "Our Lady of the Greens" and occurs during harvest season. It is observed in thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. On the eve of Assumption Day, maidens would fashion herbs, greens and flowers into beautiful bouquets. In some regions, the bouquets would contain wheat, rye, hemp, flex, hyssop, and lavender. The faithful would take their bouquets to Mass to be blessed by the priest. All parishioners are invited to take an active part in this century-old tradition by bringing small bouquets of flowers or herbs to church on the Assumption. The flowers will be blessed at each of the Masses and should have a place of honor in your home.



Part Time Position: Assistant Faith Formation Program St. John the Baptist, Monaca, 10-15 hours per week, Sunday from 9:00 am till Noon. Duties include sacramental prep, parent meetings, opening, monitoring, & closing of the building for classes. Basic computer skills required. Send resume to Deacon Tony Giordano, St. John the Baptist Parish, 1409 Pennsylvania Ave., Monaca Pa. 15061.



American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, August 6, 2014
 1:30 to 7:00 pm, Jericho Hall
 Good Samaritan, 725 Glenwood Ave. Ambridge
Blood is especially needed this time of year, so please schedule your donation today

To Schedule An Appointment: Please call 1-800-RED CROSS; visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Good Samaritan
The American Red Cross has declared an urgent appeal for donations through mid-August. We are down at least 80,000 units nationwide. Please make an appointment to donate at this blood drive to support patients and hospitals in this difficult summer season.

Sweetwater Center for the Arts is in need of volunteers!

Classroom Aides: Love working with kids? You can help students with fun art projects at summer camps for children and teens. Mon. thru Fri., 9am-noon and 1 to 4 pm. (Clearances required for volunteers 18 and older working with children's classes.) **Events:** If you enjoy people, volunteering at any of our fun events, greeting guests, assisting with set up, and helping at our booths are just some ways you can help! **Administrative:** Helping at our Sweetwater office with mailings, fundraising initiatives, distributing marketing materials, and more! Volunteers earn \$4/hour towards most Sweetwater classes, events, and studio time or use your volunteer hours for school credit! The mission of Sweetwater Center is to enrich the lives of children and adults in the communities by providing excellence in arts education and cultural programming. Contact Julie Domineck, if interested, jdomineck@sweetwaterartcenter.org or 412-741-4405. Sewickley Sweetwater Center.org

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

- Monday, August 4**
 9:00 am (GS) Deveining for Stuffed Cabbage (JH)
 6:30 pm (GS) Women of WELL-come (SJH)
Tuesday, August 5
 9:00 am (GS) Rolling Stuffed Cabbage (JH)
Wednesday, August 6
 8:30 am -2:30 pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 pm (SJ) HNS Meeting
 1:30-7:00 pm (GS) American Red Cross Blood Drive (JH)
Friday, August 8
 3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
 7/8 pm (GS) Rosary/Confessions/Mass-Marian Prayer Group

✠ **IN SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Anthony Alsko III, Dr. James & Joanne (Costanza) Coretti and Andrew Gulish.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, July 27, 2014	\$5,309.30
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, July 27, 2014	\$2,097.00