

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, August 11: [19th Week] Saint Clare**

8:00 am (GS) Mary Zelinski - Blanche & Bob Hovanec

**Tuesday, August 12: Weekday [Saint Jane Frances de Chantal]**

8:00 am (GS) Sophie & Walter Zywith - Granddtr., Donna Copfer

**Wednesday, August 13: Weekday [Saint Pontian; pope and Hippolytus, priest]**

8:00 am (SJ) Lois & Frank Briola - Courtney Briola

6:30 pm (GS) Elizabeth Astorio - Mary Ann Sasinovich

**Thursday, August 14: Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

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

6:00 pm (SJ) Vigil Mass- Lawrence Francis - Francis Family

**Friday, August 15: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am (SJ) Bob Lindauere - Mary Ann Lindauere

9:00 am (GS) Cherubina Testa - Ted & Doris

7:00 pm (GS) Martha Rusnak Williamson - Family

8:00 pm (GS) NO Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, August 16: Weekday [Saint Stephen of Hungary; Blessed Virgin Mary]**

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

5:30 pm (GS) Leo, Bertha & Robert Lenda - Phyllis & Bill Chidester and Irene & Tom Rosenberger

**Sunday, August 17: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am (GS) Frank Aloe - Wife, Costanza

9:30 am (SJ) Ted & Ann Krofcheck - Mary Ann & Bernie

11:00 am (GS) Roberta Basinger - Children, Renee Wolf & David Basinger Families

### Readings for the Week of August 11, 2014

<b>Monday</b>	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
<b>Thursday</b>	Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
<b>Friday</b>	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
<b>Saturday</b>	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Bread and Wine

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption and Mary & Frank Pingitore (GS) by Pingitore Family

Alvie Rosso (SJ) by Dottie Rosso & Family

#### Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Sophie & Walter Zywith (GS) by Daughter, Cookie Kedzierski & Family

#### Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

Michael Pavkovich (GS) by Son & Wife

#### Sanctuary Candle

Antoinette Rossi (GS) by Godmother, Frances Soriano

Dorothy DeNoble (SJ) by Ed & Gerri Fabanich



### From Father Joe

#### THE HOARSE WHISPERER

This Sunday, we hear a story about Elijah the prophet. Elijah has just come from a great victory. The King of Israel and his wife Jezebel were supporting 450 false prophets. Elijah defeated the false prophets in an epic showdown. In response, Queen Jezebel vowed to put Elijah to death, so Elijah fled into the wilderness to a cave where he encountered God.

Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave. 1 KINGS 19

The Lord made Himself known in a tiny whisper.

God still speaks to us. In the endless line at the grocery store, He speaks to us. Stuck in traffic on our way to work or in agonizing over a major decision, He speaks to us. When we are faced with a moral dilemma, He speaks to us... but are we still listening?

It can be hard to hear the voice of God, because He doesn't generally take out a full page ad in the newspaper. He doesn't do it through a post on Facebook. God generally speaks to us in soft, persistent whispers. We may call it our conscience, but He whispers to our heart when we need Him. It's easy to ignore the whispers. We can drown them out by filling our lives with so much activity that we don't have time to listen. If we disregard the whispers long enough, they become easier to ignore. Yet He still Whispers to us. God may not speak immediately, but if we strain to hear, He will make His Will known. Sometimes it's a matter of turning off the TV, shutting off the cell phone, or logging off the internet.

When is the last time we sat quietly and listened to God? Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful way to increase our ability to hear God's whisper. Just sitting quietly in the pew for a little while before or after Mass can be a good way to get back in touch with the voice of God.

When a young couple starts to date, they generally talk nonstop. When they reach the point where they can sit quietly together for an hour without saying a word, it's a sign that the relationship has grown by leaps and bounds.

The same is true with God. It's great to sit and talk with friends before Mass, but sometimes it's important to sit in silence and awe in God's presence. God may be waiting to speak to us and we might miss His voice, or worse, maybe we're keeping others from hearing His gentle whispers.



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

**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER** ✠

Today, Sunday, August 10, Second Sunday of the Month, DIVINE CHILD JESUS Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet at St. John the Baptist Church, Baden. Holy Mass 2:00 pm; Holy Hour 3:00 pm; Social Meeting 4:00 pm All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik, Chaplain.

**PARISH SHARE REPORT**

July payment: \$1,883 August balance: \$19,332

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

**SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** St. John's parish picnic at the Barn in Economy Park. Register to attend in the book at the church's main entrance. All are welcome!

**Protecting God's Children Workshops:**

- Tues., Aug. 19, 6:30 pm - Sts. John & Paul, Sewickley  
Call to register 724-935-2104 x 228
- Sat., Sept. 13, 9:00 am - St. Frances Cabrini, Center Twp.  
Call to register 724-774-4888
- Thurs., Sept. 18, 6:00 pm - St. Ferdinand, Cranberry Twp.  
Call to register 724-776-9177

**Part Time Position: Faith Formation Program Assistant** 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.

**PRESCHOOL St. John the Baptist, 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. Program includes gym & computer time. **Extended Care Program:** 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 please call Pastoral Center 724-775-3940.

**Germanfest- Saturday, August 16**

St. Catherine of Sweden, 2554 Wildwood Rd, Allison Park. German Mass 4:00 pm. Schnitzel & Sausage Dinner 5-9 pm; *Josef Wendel Orchestra*, 6-10 pm; Tickets/RSVP: \$25 adults, \$20 Sr. Citizen, \$10 event only/no food. Info call 412-398-0586 or more info [www.isartalerpittsburgh.org](http://www.isartalerpittsburgh.org).

**REUNION: First Street, Valley Road & Bank Street Ambridge Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 20th.** Everyone is welcome! Tickets are available at Maple Restaurant, 463 Maplewood Ave. or contact Jerry Roppo 724-869-5556.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Friday, 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 & 7:00 pm at Good Samaritan**

**BLESSING OF FLOWERS ON THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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.



**"Mary and Martha Women's Bible Study" will NOT meet this Monday.** We will resume on Monday, September 8th to celebrate the Birth of Our Blessed Mother and begin Pope Francis' favorite Marian devotion, a nine month novena to "Our Lady, Undoer of Knots".

**A REMINDER TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

**Good Samaritan Volunteer Clearance Forms**  
 Please complete and return State Clearance Forms to **Rose Curcio** ASAP. Thank You

**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

- Monday, August 11**  
(GS) No "Mary Martha Monday" Women's Bible Study
- Friday, August 15 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(GS & SJ) Offices Closed  
 3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration  
(GS) No Marian Prayer Group because of Holy Day Mass
- Sunday, August 17**  
11:00 am (SJ) Farewell Reception for Courtney Briola

**✠IN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Richard Miller and Donna Welling. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, August 3, 2014	\$8,019.75
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, August 3, 2014	\$3,133.00

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