

Mass Intentions

20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, August 18: Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (GS) Bernie Grzegorek by Denise and Dave Shumsky

Tuesday, August 19: Saint John Eudes, Priest

8:00 am (GS) Deceased Sacco and Osso Families by Vincent J. Sacco Family

6:30 pm (SJ) Living and Deceased of St. John's Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Wednesday, August 20: St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SJ) Blake Kantz by Courtney Briola

6:30 pm (GS) Satino and Frances Maruca by daughter, Beverly

Thursday, August 21: Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00 am (GS) James Denny by family

Friday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am (SJ) Irene Monzi by Frederick Gilbert

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, August 23: Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

4:00 pm (SJ) Anne Marie Bosse' by Mary Ann Cowles

5:30 pm (GS) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes

Sunday, August 24: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (GS) Dave and Missy Dieter 25th Anniversary

9:30 am (SJ) Mildred Stuban by Stuban Family

11:00 am (GS) Mike and Rose Notarianni by Children

Readings for the Week of August 18, 2014

Monday	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Nellie Smolinsky by daughter, Rose

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Yola Pitts by daughter, Marlene

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

To Saint Anthony for favor received
by Dorothy Skonieczny

Sanctuary Candle

Phyllis Pasco by Alfreda DeMailo

Altar Flowers

In honor of Mary Hrabosky's 97th birthday
By Teri Surgeon

Blessed Mother Flowers

In memory of Dorothy Pinkosky
by Family

Holy Family Flowers

Barrett/Lewis Families by Ben Lewis



From Father Joe

A PROUD LEGACY

For the people in ancient Israel, it would have been hard to imagine that God would ever consider sending a Messiah who would associate with *Gentiles*, let alone work miracles for them. After all, the Jews were "God's Chosen People." In some Jewish circles, the foreigners were even referred to as *the dogs or swine*.

In the first reading this Sunday, the prophet Isaiah foretells that God loves all those who love and serve Him, even strangers and foreigners:

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to Him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming His servants — all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to My covenant, them I will bring to My holy mountain and make joyful in My house of prayer... My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

FROM ISAIAH 56

The next few weeks at Good Samaritan will be filled with excitement as the parish prepares for our annual festival. There is food to be cooked, chairs, tables, and tents to be set up. There is equipment to be moved and electrical lines to be run. More than a hundred volunteers will descend on the parish, each with their own gifts and talents. They come with a common goal — to keep alive the incredible ethnic food and traditions that have been handed on for generations.

Each year, people come from as far away as Ohio, Michigan, and even Canada to experience the music and the food and the festivities. They come to enjoy the annual Polka Mass. They come to hear the live bands. They come to forget their troubles for a little while and enjoy family time together.

Next year we will celebrate our 20th year of the parish festival. It remains one of the largest events of its kind in the Beaver Valley. I can't help but feel a sense of pride as I hear people who are first-time visitors who leave in awe that someone *still* makes the kind of homemade delicacies like stuffed cabbage, halushki, pierogi, hot sausage, or nut rolls that remind them of the meals their grandmother used to make. The food, the music, and the smells combine to transport them back to a time long ago.

Of all the many things we offer to strangers who come to visit, by far the most impressive is the welcoming spirit of the people who come and volunteer each year. From the person who serves the halushki to the teenager who hands out prizes to wide-eyed children at the fish pond, we are the face of Christ to strangers who come to visit each year.

To all who will come, and serve, and give of themselves, please accept our heartfelt thanks -- not only on my behalf, but on behalf of all those from years gone by who are no longer with us. Let's make them proud.

Please keep us in your prayers. *Father Joe*

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

On Tuesday, August 19 the 2014-2016 officers for the Christian Mothers of St. John the Baptist will be installed at a special Mass 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.

PARISH PICNIC --- SAVE THE DATE!

St. John's parish picnic will be held on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, at the Barn in Economy Park. Those wishing to attend should register in the book at the main entrance to the church. All are welcome!

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE: We are happy to report that, despite a few setbacks and revisions, our 20th Anniversary Parish Directory is scheduled to arrive the second week of September. Please watch the bulletin for updates on the progress of the book.

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 info, please call Pastoral Center 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. Thank you!

REUNION NOTICE: 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.



AN APPEAL FOR PRAYERS

Bishop Zubik has invited the clergy and faithful of the entire Diocese to unite in a Day of Prayer this Sunday, August 17, for an immediate end to the violence, destruction, and the persecution of Christians and

other minorities in Iraq. Please remember this intention in your prayers this week.

In your kindness, please pray for the success of our parish festival, and especially for good weather and the safety of all our volunteers and guests. The success of the festival is critical to the operation of our parish each year.



"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 18

(GS) No "Mary Martha Monday" Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, August 19

6:30 pm (SJB) Mass for St. John's Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

7:00 pm (GS) General Festival Meeting (JH)

Friday, August 22

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 *William Zaccagnini, Evelyn Rich, Alan Berger.* 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	\$5,877.91
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, August 10, 2014	\$2,580.00

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SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 724-869-2280