

**MASS INTENTIONS****WEEK 20 IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, August 20: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am (GS) Patricia Jones by Bobby & Ana Jones & Family

**Monday, August 21: Saint Pius X, Pope**  
8:00am (GS) Frank "Duke" Duzicky by Wife & Children

**Tuesday, August 22: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin**  
8:00am (GS) Isabel Bender by Mary Patterson & Family

**Wednesday, August 23: Saint Rose of Lima**  
8:00am (SJ) Anne-Marie Bosse by Mary Ann Cowles  
6:30pm (GS) Sophie & Walter Zywith by Dtr., Mary Kedzlerski Family

**Thursday, August 24: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)**  
8:00am (GS) Betty & Edmund Kolenda by Son, Daughter & Family

**Friday, August 25: Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz**  
8:00am (SJ) Eva Hertneky by Betty & Bill Gaguzis  
8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, August 26: The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
4:00pm (SJ) Jim Connolly by Valene Connolly  
5:30pm (GS) For the Living and Deceased of Our Parishes

**Sunday, August 27: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am (GS) Brooks Watkins by Bill & Sue Scherfel  
9:30am (SJ) Donna Chinchilla by Family  
11:00am (GS) William G. Strugalski by Sister, Teresa Surgeon

**Readings for 19th Week in Ordinary Time: August 14, 2017**

**Monday** Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday** Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday** Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16  
**Thursday** Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51  
**Friday** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40  
**Saturday** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12  
**Sunday** Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER****Bread & Wine**

(GS) Frank "Duke" Duzicky by Wife &amp; Children

(GS) George &amp; Richard Villella by Mary villella

**Blessed Mother Shrine Candle**

(GS) In Honor of the Grandchildren by JoAnn Smith Family

**Sanctuary Candle**

(GS) Frank "Duke" Duzicky by Wife &amp; Children

(SJ) Joan DeNucci by Gerald G. DeNucci

**Blessed Mother Shrine Flowers**

(GS) Dorothy Pinkosky by Family

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**On Friday, August 25  
Eucharistic Adoration  
will not begin**

**UNTIL 5:45 PM**

**due to a Friday Wedding at  
Good Samaritan.**

**Adoration will run from from 5:45 - 8:00 PM  
Followed by Mass at 8:00**

**DID YOU EVER WISH YOU WERE JEWISH?**

In chapter 7 of Deuteronomy, the Bible talks about the Jewish people, saying:

**"...the LORD, your God, has chosen you from all the peoples on the face of the earth to be a people specially his own."**

In fact, there are more than a dozen references in the Old Testament about the children of Israel being God's beloved people. Moses told the people:

**"...what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?"**

The readings this weekend expand the definition of *God's Chosen Ones* to include those who love and serve the Lord, even if they do not happen to be Jewish. In the first reading from Isaiah, the Lord promises to reward those who love the name of the Lord and become His servants, and *"all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant,"*

The Gospel reading goes on to tell the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who comes to Jesus seeking help for her daughter. At first, Jesus denies her request, telling her that He was sent to minister to the people of Israel, saying *"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."* Undeterred, she responds *"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."*

Jesus goes on to praise the woman for her great faith, announcing that her daughter would be healed. It seems strange to hear Jesus use common slang of the day to refer to the Gentiles as *dogs*. It is quite possible that those in the crowd listening to the woman call out to Jesus for help were thinking the same thing. *"why is this Gentile dog bothering our Master?!"* I think that Jesus was pushing her to see how persistent she would be in seeking His help. Because of her great love for her daughter, and her great faith in the power of Jesus, she persisted and was rewarded. It was evidence that Jesus came to save *all* of us, not just the Jewish people.

The Preface Prayer #1 sometimes prayed at Sunday Masses proclaims that, by His cross and resurrection, Christ has *"freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for (His) own possession."*

Like the woman from Cana, we have been adopted and are now God's chosen ones. With that great honor comes a great challenge — to live our everyday lives in a way that reflects back on the name of Christian with honor. With each person we encounter, we are called and *chosen* to reflect Christ's love. Ω

# JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF

*What is Journeying Through Grief?*

A new Bereavement Group

Sponsored by:

Good Samaritan

St John the Baptist in Baden,  
and Our Lady of Peace Parishes.



**Six sessions will be held on Thursday evenings  
from September 21 through October 26, 2017  
at Good Samaritan in Ambridge, from 6:30 to 7:45 pm**

Our Lady of Peace, St John the Baptist in Baden, and Good Samaritan are joining together for these 6 sessions to support those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Participants will explore, within a trusting and nurturing environment, their reactions to loss, learn about the grieving process, develop strategies for coping, and begin to integrate this change in order to start healing. Because of the nature of the sessions, we are limiting enrollment to 25 participants.

To register, or if you have questions, contact:

Sister Mary Lou at [outreach@goodsam1.org](mailto:outreach@goodsam1.org) or 724-266-6565 ext 19

Or Cindy Deschaine at [olopdre@verizon.net](mailto:olopdre@verizon.net) or 724-869-3024

*Coming this Fall...*

## **DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Peace to honor all of our deceased loved ones. Following Mass,



Father Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap. will speak on surviving the holidays while grieving. The Memorial Mass and the talk by Father Scott is open to all. There will be a reception to conclude the evening. Anyone is welcome to attend.

## Vincentian Home

### Personal Care Full-time/ Part-time Resident Aides

Contact Joy Rivett at [412 367-2451](tel:412-367-2451) [jrivett@vcs.org](mailto:jrivett@vcs.org)

Primary responsibilities include assists residents with daily living activities which may include personal hygiene, dressing, dining and transporting needs.

### Personal Care Casual Activity Aide

Contact Sara Thimons [412-925-8315](tel:412-925-8315) or [sthimons@vcs.org](mailto:sthimons@vcs.org)

Primary responsibilities include providing the residents with a variety of quality programs, one-to-one visits, and enhance the quality of each resident's life.

**Personal Care in McCandless** is looking for volunteers to escort for outings, provide friendly visits (including pets & children), and assist in social events. If interested, please contact Sara Thimons, Activity Supervisor, [412 925-8315](tel:412-925-8315) or [sthimons@vcs.org](mailto:sthimons@vcs.org).

**Patriotic Rosary** - Join us for a Patriotic Rosary on Tuesday, August 22, at 6:30 P.M. in St. Mary's Church of Saint John of God Parish in McKees Rocks. For each mystery we will offer brief reflections written by our founding fathers and patriotic hymns. Please plan on taking 45 minutes from your week to pray the Rosary together for the spiritual renewal in our families, communities, states and nation. Won't you join us? Information: 412-771-5646

**Catholic Charities Golf Outing** -- This September 11, Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center hosts its annual Golf Classic at Long Vue Golf Club in Verona, PA. Supporting exceptional, free medical, dental, and specialty care to those who otherwise would have none, the Golf Classic offers a relaxing opportunity to entertain clients, colleagues, and friends while supporting those who rely upon our services. See Catholic Charities' website, [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org), for information about how to support the Free Health Care Center.

**Saint Monica Catholic Academy hosting a Golf Outing at Grassy Lane Golf Club, 470 McCaughty Run Rd Darlington, September 16th at 9 AM.** Enjoy 18 holes with cart, donuts beforehand, raffle baskets, 50/50, skills prizes, beer, and a lunch afterwards for \$70 per golfer. We accept team and individual registrations. **Deadline to sign up is September 6th.** Email Mary Ann Schweitzer [maschweitzer@saintmonicaacademy.org](mailto:maschweitzer@saintmonicaacademy.org) or 724-601-4262.

## Bishop Canevin High School

### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Crusader Classic Golf Outing

The Crusader Classic is a shotgun scramble featuring 18 holes of golf, greens fees, complimentary golf carts, locker room privileges, box lunch, 19th hole reception, signature Chartiers dinner cookout buffet, skill prizes, golfer gift bag, and more. Registration begins at 11:00 am. For more information, call 412-922-7400, ext. 219. Proceeds benefit Bishop Canevin High School. To register for the Crusader Classic, visit [www.bishopcanevin.org](http://www.bishopcanevin.org).

## Vocation Office Hosting: *COME AND SEE*

High school men come to encounter the Lord through a day of prayer, fun, and brotherhood, **Saturday, Sep. 16, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at St. Paul Seminary.** The day will include Mass, adoration, laser tag, games, dynamic talks, and witnesses by seminarians. No cost. To register, email Theresa Sullivan at [tsullivan@diopitt.org](mailto:tsullivan@diopitt.org) by Sept. 8.

Faith  
**AFLOAT**  
October 15, 2017

Who has God created and called you to be? How is He inviting you to serve Him? Delve into your deepest

identity as a son or daughter of God and learn how to witness your Catholic faith to the culture through **Faith Afloat, a cruise for high school students on the Gateway Clipper Empress on Sunday, October 15, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.** The cruise will include dinner, a talk by Father Tom Sparacino, a witness by Theresa Sullivan, and praise and worship led by Dave Belkowski. Vocations Director Father Mike Ackerman will emcee the event. The cruise costs \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Register by October 2 by visiting [PGHPriest.com](http://PGHPriest.com) or by talking to your youth minister.

## Survey on Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment

-- Pope Francis and Bishop Zubik need your advice! The Holy Father has called a Synod of Bishops in October 2018 to study "Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment." To prepare for the Synod, we are asking for all young people (ages 14-39) to give their advice to Pope Francis and Bishop Zubik via this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PittSynod>. The survey is open to any young person now through September 8, 2017.

## RETRouvaille - SAVE OUR MARRIAGE

This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. **The next Weekend begins September 8.** Please call for confidential information at 412-277-3434 or see <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

## Health Hike for Special Children

**Sunday October 1, presented by Knights of Columbus Council 604 & Wampum Chapter of the North Country Trail Association.** Hike a 4, 6.5, or 10-mile segment of the North Country Trail in South Beaver Township to raise funds for the **McGuire Memorial Foundation & Saint Anthony School Programs.** Gather 8:00-10:00am at the Darlington site of Saint Monica Parish to be shuttled to the PA/OH State line to begin your hike. Hikers and event sponsors are needed. Register [www.saintmonica.us/health-hike](http://www.saintmonica.us/health-hike) or Dennis Garrett 724-827-2350, [cggolf@gmail.com](mailto:cggolf@gmail.com).

## Beaver Valley Choral Society's Open Membership

Anyone who enjoys singing, is invited to preview sessions on Monday, Aug. 21 & 28, at 7pm, in the sanctuary of New Brighton United Methodist Church, 1033 Sixth Ave., New Brighton. Requirement, singing tunefully, no auditioning.

## SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIAPER DRIVE!** Don't forget to bring diapers (any size, any brand) for donation, from now until Aug. 20. **YOU MAY BRING DIAPERS WHEN YOU COME TO THE PARISH PICNIC, TOO!** Thanks for helping Beaver County families who need us.

**SUN., AUG. 27, LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN** All children are invited to join us during 9:30 Mass as we break open the Word of God for them in the social hall. We return to the main sanctuary for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**DO YOU NEED A GOOD BOOK TO READ?** Check out our Catholic Library in the social hall. There are many inspirational writings to borrow and some which are free to take. Enjoy!

*"If we really want to love, we must learn to forgive."  
~Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

"Archbishop of Denver, Samuel J. Aquila, on Jan. 22, 2013 stated: *"I know without a doubt, that abortion is a violent act of murder and exploitation. And I know that our responsibility is to work and pray without ceasing for its end."*

**GENERAL FESTIVAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 6:30 PM  
JERICHO HALL, GOOD SAMARITAN  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Anyone interested in joining? WEIGHT WATCHERS  
Jericho Hall, Good Samaritan on Thursdays at 3:00 PM**

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL GOOD SAMARITAN  
Sunday, August 20 ~ 9:30-10:15 am in the Choir Room**

### Good Samaritan ~ Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Tickets for the annual St. Vincent de Paul "Friends of the Poor" 10,000 step walk and drawing will be available at the doors of the Church, Sept. 9th & 10th. Walkers receive a T-shirt and pedometer. Prizes will be listed on the tickets. All proceeds help the poor in our community. St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a booth at the Festival where sponsors can purchase tickets. - **Please stop by our booth and spend a moment at our shrine to the Blessed Mother on the 100th Anniversary of Her Fatima Apparitions.** Information about Fatima can be obtained at our booth and on the website ewtn.com/fatima. Learn about Fatima Secrets and Mary's message to the world.



**A Mass of Celebration Honoring Our  
Lady of Czestochowa**  
Patroness of Poland & of Polish-Americans  
**Wednesday, August 23, at 7:00pm**  
Saint Paul's Cathedral, Oakland, Pittsburgh

**Good Samaritan Parish 724-266-6565**  
**Saint John the Baptist Parish 724-869-2280**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, August 20: GS Parish Share Collection**  
9:30 -10:15am (GS) Youth Choir Rehearsal (choir room)  
12Noon-5pm (SJ) Parish Picnic

**Tuesday, August 22**  
6:30pm (GS) General Festival Meeting (JH)

**Wednesday, August 23**  
5:30pm (GS) Assemble Food Baskets (Choir Room)

**Friday, August 25 4:00pm (GS) Wedding**  
**5:45-8:00pm GS) Eucharistic Adoration**  
7:00pm (GS) Confessions/Rosary (8pmMass) *Marian Prayer*

**Saturday, August 26**  
9:00am (GS) Festival Set-Up

**Sunday, August 27**  
9:30am (SJ) Liturgy of The Word with Children during Mass



## IN MEMORIAM

**A SINCERE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING  
FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THE  
GOOD SAMARITAN MEMORIAL FUND:**



*Mary Ann Mrozewski by Robert & Frances McFadden*  
*Charles Rihn by Allegheny Health Choices, Inc.*  
*by John Egyud*  
*Carl Vilella by Thomas Pappas*  
*Terry Ricciardi by Thomas Pappas*  
*by James Pappas*  
*Margaret Spolarich by Katherine Palumbo*  
*by Barbara Baranich*  
*Alice Harvitan by Alberta and James Gos*



### Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

If you and your spouse are celebrating your **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** any time this year and would like to be invited to the Diocesan Celebration at **Saint Paul Cathedral, Sunday, October 22, 2:30pm**, please call the rectory or drop a note in collection basket by **Monday, August 21**. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant and a light reception follows in the Cathedral hall.

### ✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed who died recently, especially **Michael Burka, Dolores Fisher, Roseanne Helterwbran, Darrell Kennedy** (brother-in-law of Leah Lesak & Anita Mancinette), **Catherine Klodowski, Mitchell Morsillo**, (grandson of Irene Morsillo) and **Alice Pelic**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

GOOD SAMARITAN	Our Gift to God
Weekly Offering, August 13, 2017	\$6,700.00
Parish Share	\$290.00
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, August 13, 2017	\$2,543.00