

## Mass Intentions

### 21st WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday, August 25: Saint Lewis; Saint Joseph Calasanz**  
 8:00 am (GS) Catella Palladini by Friends & Family

**Tuesday, August 26: Weekday**  
 8:00 am (GS) Anthony Len by Steve & Loretta Krol

**Wednesday, August 27: Saint Monica**  
 8:00 am (SJ) Thomas Napoleon by Ellen, Tom Jr. & Donna  
 6:30 pm (GS) William G. Strugalski by Theresa Surgeon (sister)

**Thursday, August 28: Saint Augustine**  
 8:00 am (GS) Edward Rygalski by wife, Helen

**Friday, August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
 8:00 am (SJ) Richard Kuny by SJB Holy Name Society  
 8:00 pm (GS) No Marian Prayer Group Mass

**Saturday, August 30: Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil - For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes  
 5:30 pm (GS) Polka Mass  
 (1) Virginia Elbrecht by Brother Ambrose  
 (2) Walter Kasper by Brother Ambrose

11:45 am (GS) Intentions of Festival Workers' Mass

**Sunday, August 31: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 am (GS) Mary Frances Gallagher by John Gallagher Family  
 9:30 am (SJ) Paul Valecora by Mom and Dad  
 11:00 am (GS) William Dreyer by Rose Trautman & Melanson Family

### Readings for the Week of August 24, 2014

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33; Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Edward Rygalski (GS) by wife, Helen Rygalski

#### Holy Family Shrine Candle

Catella Palladini (GS) by Friend & Family

#### Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

Eugene Zi elinski (GS) by wife, Anne

#### Altar Flowers

Christine Surgeon (GS) by daughter, Terri Surgeon

#### Blessed Mother Flowers

Janet Gaona (GS) by Brenda & Terry Gaona

### CCD REGISTRATION FORMS 2014-2015

#### Good Samaritan and Saint John the Baptist

**Please call Rose Curcio at 724-255-6565 ext. 12 to register if you did not received a CCD registration or will be new to CCD this school year.**

**Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 21, grades 6-8**  
**Classes begin Monday, Sept. 22, grades 1-5.**



### From Father Joe

I recently caught part of a movie on television called *"We Were Soldiers"*. The movie is based on the experiences of Lt. Colonel Hal Moore in the early days of the Vietnam War. Colonel Moore was in charge of the 7th Cavalry during the Battle of Ia Drang Valley. Unknowingly, his unit of 400 men were deployed near a camp of 4,000 enemy soldiers. At one point in the battle, a platoon of soldiers were cut off from the rest of their unit and reinforcements were unable to get to them. The men radioed for *"Air Cover,"* requesting aircraft to ward off the attack of the enemy until reinforcements could rescue them. They spent the night hoping and praying that someone would come.

A devout Catholic, Moore retired as a General, and his driver wrote a biography entitled, *"A General's Spiritual Journey."* In an interview with *Our Sunday Visitor* 6 years ago, General Moore mentioned that he tried to make it to Mass every day.

On August 7, *Catholic News Service* reported that Pope Francis was asking Catholics around the world to pray for tens of thousands of Christians in northeastern Iraq who were forced from their homes in the middle of the night by Islamic State militants. The article goes on to say that fighters belonging to the Islamic State attacked towns and villages in Ninevah province overnight. According to the article, "The Christians, about 100,000, horrified and panicked, fled their villages and houses with nothing but the clothes on their backs."

The Vatican has appealed to the United Nations to intervene and end the violence and persecution. Last week, Bishop Zubik encouraged us all to pray for peace in Iraq and for the protection of those Catholics and other religious minorities who are being mercilessly persecuted.

Hearing the reports about Iraqi Christian men, women and children fleeing for their lives, I can't help but wonder how many are hiding and holding their breath, even as I write this article, hoping beyond hope that they will not be discovered and killed. I wonder how many children are praying that *someone*, somewhere knows of their plight and is praying for them. The picture in my mind of the terrified soldiers in Vietnam who were cut off from reinforcements comes to mind. Just as they prayed for *"Air Cover,"* we need to continue to provide *"Prayer Cover"* for the children who are scared and running for their lives. Pray that Michael the Archangel and his troops will watch over our brothers and sisters, hiding them from the eyes of those who seek to do them harm.

It is easy to read a newspaper article and feel detached from those who are suffering — especially when they are half a world away. If we were the ones hiding among the rocks holding our breath for fear of being discovered, wouldn't we be hoping that someone out there was covering us in prayer? May God bless and protect them.

**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER** ✠

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, FIRST WEDNESDAY**  
**September 3 (each first Wednesday of the month.)**  
 Eucharistic Adoration follows the Wednesday 8:00 am Mass until the 2:30 pm closing. Please consider spending an hour with our Lord in quiet meditation.

**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PICNIC!**  
**Sunday, September 14th**  
 Parish Picnic at the Barn, Economy Park. Sign up to attend in the book near main church entrance. All are welcome!



**Good Samaritan Parish Festival Raffle**  
 Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

**Good Samaritan Volunteer State Clearance Forms**  
 Please complete & return to Rose Curcio ASAP. Thanks

**NO CONFESSIONS** on Saturday, August 30th during the Good Samaritan Parish Festival.

Please notify GS Parish Office if you have a change in Phone# or Cell #. It's important, especially in case of emergencies.

**Protecting God's Children Workshops**

Do you volunteer at your parish? Do you still need to comply with Safe Environment Policy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh "Protecting God's Children?"  
 Sign up to register for one of the following workshops.  
**Saturday, September 13, at 9:00 am**  
*St. Frances Cabrini, Center Twp. Call 724-774-4888*  
**Thursday, September 18, at 6:00 pm**  
*St. Ferdinand, Cranberry Twp. Call 724-776-9177*

**In a troubled marriage?** Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands; it can help you. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 26, 2014, contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or e-mail 3041@retrouvaille.org. More info is available at www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org. A brief video on YouTube at: Retrouvaille helped Allan and Teresa.

**Mother Teresa's Feast Day**

Come celebrate the feast day of Mother Teresa on Saturday, September 6th with Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Maronite Catholic Mission, 3357 Constitution Blvd., Darlington, PA. The special guest is Father Boniface Hicks, OSB, from WAOB (We Are One Body) 106.7 FM Radio. The celebration will begin at 6:30 pm with a talk by Fr. Boniface, followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00 pm, and then a Maronite Divine Liturgy at 7:30pm. Light refreshments will be served after Mass at 8:30 pm.



**CAREGIVER WANTED:** For a 93 year old bedridden mother in her New Sewickley Twp. home. Please contact Kathy at 724-601-0825 for more details. Thank you



**BAKERS NEEDED**

**Festival Bake Sale - Aug. 28-31**  
 Good Samaritan needs your homemade *bread, cakes, cookies, pies and other ethnic treats*. Please drop off at **Jericho Hall beginning at 10:00 am**. Place cash donation in the collection basket at **Mass in envelope marked Bake Sale**. Sugarless treats are needed. Parishioners with last name initials bake as follows or any day that is convenient.  
 Thank You **Thursday, August 29** A to G  
**Friday, August 30** H to M  
**Saturday, August 31** M to R  
**Sunday, September 1** S to Z

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society**  
*The Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run*  
 During the month of September, a National Program with the purpose of providing local SVdP with funds to help support their special works projects that help local people living in poverty. Members are seeking walkers and sponsors to commit to walking 10,000 steps, approx 5 miles, and recruit sponsors for a \$5 donation. Walkers receive a pedometer & a Walk T-shirt for participating. All sponsors will be entered in a drawing for prizes. 100% of the money raised stays in our parish to help provide basic needs such as food, clothing, furniture and utility assistance. Your support is appreciated.

**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

**GOOD SAMARITAN FESTIVAL AUGUST 28-31**  
**Monday, August 25**  
 6:30 pm (GS) Women of WELL-come (Susan's Home)  
**Tuesday, August 26**  
 10:00 am (GS) Preparing Onions & Peppers (JH)  
**Wednesday, August 27**  
 8:00 am (GS) Preparing Chicken Wings (JH)  
**Friday, August 29**  
 8:00 am (GS) Breeding Fish (JH)  
**NO (GS) Adoration or Marian Prayer Group**  
**Saturday, August 30**  
**NO SATURDAY CONFESSIONS (GS)**

✠**IN SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Mary Lou Gaughan, Frank Firich, Samuel Marenkovich, Antoniette Palumbo, Bill Skidmore, (husband of Carol) and Tina Marie Tanski*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Assumption, August 15, 2014	\$1,695.60
Weekly Offering, August 17, 2014	\$6,121.87
St. John the Baptist	
Assumption, August 15, 2014	\$611.00
Weekly Offering, August 17, 2014	\$2,075.00

**GOOD SAMARITAN** 724-266-6565  
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