

MASS INTENTIONS

21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, August 28: Saint Augustine
 8:00am (GS) Frances Moran by Son +Randy Moran
Tuesday, August 29: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
 8:00am (GS) George & Mary Evanish by Alan Evanish
Wednesday, August 30: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am (SJ) John Cappabanco by Daniel & Patricia Palombo & Family
 6:30pm (GS) Mary Anne Mrozewski & Linda David
 by Rosary Novena Sisters
Thursday, August 31: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am (GS) George & Mary Mourovic by Son, Carl
Friday, September 1: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am (SJ) Bill LaRue by Eugene & Lottie Vallecorsa
 8:00pm (GS) **NO Marian Prayer Group**
Saturday, September 2: The Blessed Virgin Mary
 9:00am (SJ) For Living & Deceased of Beaver Valley Blue Army
 4:00pm (SJ) Ed Turnour by Dona & Family
 5:30pm (GS) **POLKA MASS** Walter V. Raven by Daughter, Cher
Sunday, September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am (GS) Bette Ankowski by Pat & Don Gunther
 9:30am (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of Our Parishes
 11:00am (GS) For the Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society
 by The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Readings for 21st Week in Ordinary Time: August 28, 2017

Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23: 13-22
Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8, Mk 6: 17-29
Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13, Mt 23: 27-32
Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13, Mt 24: 42-51
Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8, Mt 25: 1-13
Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11, Mt 25: 14-30
Sunday Jer 20 7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread & Wine

(SJ) Philip DeMailo by Family

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

(GS) Peter Pucci by Daughter, Rachel

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

(GS) Eugene Zielinski by Wife, Anne Zielinski

Sanctuary Candle

(SJ) Ronald Tetrick by Muffy Cappabianco

VOLUNTEER Safe Environment Forms!!!

Please return to Good Samaritan the required forms for compliance in the Safe Environment database ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation to protect the children entrusted to our care!

GOOD SAMARITAN CHURCH PARKING LOT

WILL BE CLOSED

**Following the 11:00 AM MASS
 Sunday, August 27th until
 Monday, September 4th**

BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

"I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. " MATT 16

We had a meeting the other night in preparation for our Parish Festival, which is next weekend. It was a typical meeting, as meetings go, making last minute plans, checking to see if we have forgotten anything, and lamenting the fact that we need more volunteers. But then something different happened. Someone who had been sitting there quietly the whole meeting said that he had to say something before we dismissed the meeting. Seeing the serious look on his face, I held my breath, anticipating the worst.

Motioning toward a couple sitting in the middle of the room, he said, *"I just had to point out this family. They volunteer every year, and not only do they come, but their children come and help. And their children, come with the grandchildren. That's what this festival is all about. It's about family."*

I thought a lot about that comment. It has been projected that 85% of our children are projected to leave the Church by the time they are 21. I shudder to think what will happen when those 85% experience times of crisis. Will they have the foundation of faith that our parents and grandparents instilled in our generation? If not, where will they turn?

For those young people who are rooted in their faith, and rooted in parish life — not just on Sunday — there's a greater chance that they will know where to turn. We can teach kids about God, preparing them to answer questions like "What are the 7 Sacraments?" and "Name the 10 Commandments", but there's a huge difference between *knowing about* Jesus and *knowing* Jesus. Knowing Jesus comes from encountering others who know and love and serve Jesus in their everyday lives.

Moving the knowledge from the head, to the heart may be only a trip of 18 inches, but it may just be the most important 18 inches a child may ever travel. How do they make the trip? That's a hard question to answer, but I know that joining others in serving Jesus in the parish is a great start. I've watched the ways grandparents and parents instill a sense of pride and ownership in their kids while working (and sometimes sweating) together.

I praise God for the many parents who invest their children with a love of serving the Lord, whether it's as an altar server, a choir member, a reader, or a Festival volunteer. It's not about the hot dogs we serve, or the building in which we pray, it's about the family of faith we discover in the process. They help us form a firm foundation. A foundation in Christ. **Father Joe**

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 or 724-266-6565 ext 19

Or Cindy Deschaine at 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

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

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.

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, 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, skill 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 or 724-601-4262.

Bishop Canevin High School

16th 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: www.bishopcanevin.org.

St. Alphonsus' Harvest Home Weekend, Sept 8-10

St. Alphonsus Parish, Wexford, Harvest Home Weekend with a 5K run /walk, a farm-to-table dinner, Country Store, Chinese Auction, Selfie Scene, Bonanza Raffle, festival games and more -- from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 8 to 10. The proceeds benefit St. Alphonsus Church & Blessed Francis Seelos Academy, 201 Church Road, Wexford. Info: SaintAlphonsusWexford.org/HarvestHome or email harvest@SaintAlphonsusWexford.org.

Vocation Office Hosting: *COME AND SEE*

High school men come to encounter the Lord through a day of prayer, fun, and brotherhood, **Saturday, Sept. 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 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 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.

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 or Dennis Garrett 724-827-2350, cggolf@gmail.com.

Beaver Valley Choral Society's Open Membership

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

Jadran Beaver Valley Junior Tamburitians are now accepting new members! Tammies will learn music, song, & dance of Eastern European regions & perform a yearly Spring Concert/Social. Practices are Wednesday evenings. Come check us out! For more info visit Facebook@Jadran Beaver Valley Tammies or call Barb 724-777-4700.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

FRI., SEPT. 1, FIRST FRIDAY Join us for 8:00AM Mass and Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



SAT., SEPT. 2, The Beaver Valley Blue Army (the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) will hold its First Saturday meeting here at St. John's. Confessions begin at 8:15AM. After 9:00AM Mass, members will pray the Rosary. A continental breakfast follows. New members or those interested in our organization are welcome. Please call Colleen (724) 375-3846 if you have any questions.

Recycling of Papers - It has come to our attention that the Abitibi Company, who was responsible for the recycling bins on our church properties, has been sold. The bins are full and are not being emptied. Until further notice, we ask that you **DISCONTINUE** bringing papers for recycling. We will keep you updated as any information becomes available. Thank you.

"Even when God's will does not correspond to your own desires, it is always beneficial for you." ~ St. Arnold Janssen

NO PAPER RECYCLING DURING THE FESTIVAL



Due to space constraints, we cannot accept newspaper or other paper until after the festival. Please DO NOT leave items near the dumpster.

GOOD SAMARITAN — SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

SVDP Festival Booth

St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a booth at the Festival where sponsors can purchase **"Friends of the Poor" 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.

Annual Saint Vincent de Paul "Friends of the Poor Walk"

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 after all of the **Masses on Sept. 9th & 10th**. Walkers receive a T-shirt and a pedometer. Prizes will be listed on the tickets. All proceeds help the poor in our community. Your support is greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 27

9:30AM (SJ) Liturgy of The Word with Children during Mass
10:00am (GS) Last Rehearsal - Sing at 11:00am Mass

Tuesday, August 29

9:00am (GS) Peppers & Onions (JH)

Wednesday, August 30

9:00am (GS) Stuff Chicken Breast (JH)

Thursday, August 31

6:00-10:00pm GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH FESTIVAL

Friday, September 1

8:00am (SJ) First Friday Mass, Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:00-11:00pm GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH FESTIVAL

NO (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

NO (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, September 2

8:15am (SJ) Confession; 9:00am OLF Mass, Rosary; Meeting- Beaver Valley Blue Army Prayer Group

5:30pm (GS)

POLKA MASS

with the Dick Tady Orchestra

2:00-11:00pm GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 3: NO PARKING IN PARKING LOT

1:00-10:00pm GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL FOOD PREP

IN JERICHO HALL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 9:00 AM

Peppers & Onions - cut and clean

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 9:00 AM

Stuff Chicken Breasts

**HELP NEEDED! FESTIVAL TEAR-DOWN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 9:00 AM**

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✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed who died recently, especially **Mary (Branowitz) Karp** (aunt of Jean (Branowitz) Ward and **Anthony "Frank" Thomas**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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| Weekly Offering, August 20, 2017 | \$7,145.09 |
| Parish Share | \$644.00 |
| Assumption, August 15 | \$1,768.00 |
| SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST | |
| Weekly Offering, August 20, 2017 | \$1,975.00 |
| Assumption, August 15 | \$451.00 |

Good Samaritan Parish

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Saint John the Baptist Parish

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