

Mass Intentions

22ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, August 31

8:00 am (GS) Gene Harrison by Karen & Jim Ivancik

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 am (GS) Norma Navalance by Bob & Bobby

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 am (SJ) Robert Rinaldi, Jr. by John Lane

6:30 pm (GS) Annette Konarski by Dave & Grace McGinnis

Thursday, September 3 Saint Gregory the Great,

8:00am (GS) Gene Harrison by wife, Judy

Friday, September 4 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (optional votive)

8:00 am (SJ) Mary DeMacio by the Francis/Carey Family

Saturday, September 5 Blessed Virgin Mary (optional votive)

4:00 pm (SJ) Ed Turnour by Dona & Family

ANNUAL POLKA MASS

5:30 pm (GS) Virginia Elbrecht & Walter Kasper by Br. Ambrose

Sunday, September 6

8:00 am (GS) Ted and Gertrude Karolak by Daughters

9:30 am (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes

11:00 am (GS) Kyle Eugene Hochevar by Nick & Joanne Tisak

Readings for the Week of August 31, 2015

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

(SJ) Abby Marie Gadomski by Mark & Mary Gadomski

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

(GS) John Dziack by wife, Rosel

Holy Family Shrine Candle

(GS) in memory of Peter Pucci by daughter, Rachel

Sanctuary Candle

(SJ) John Brooks by Mike, Shelly & Cheryl

Altar Flowers

(SJ) Abby Marie Gadomski by Mark & Mary Gadomski

**NO CONFESSIONS ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
DUE TO THE FESTIVAL**

**St. Vincent de Paul members will be at all
Good Samaritan Masses this weekend for
“Walk a Mile in My Shoes” signup**

Our Parish is Committed to Protecting God's Children

ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-932-0313 ☎

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3060



From Father Joe

DOERS OF THE WORD

It's hard to believe it. In a few days, our parking lot will be filled with literally thousands of visitors, young and old, from near and far. I'm saddened that our young Deacon Anthony won't be here to experience our *20th Anniversary Good Samaritan Festival*, but he has classes to attend as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood. In his short stay at the parish, he was able to experience just a *little* of the passion that the folks in our two parishes have for their Church, as well as the ethnic traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation.

When I was a teenager, I used to wish that I could see into the future — at least to see a snapshot of where I would be and what I would be doing some day. Now I realize why God didn't give me that gift. I could never have imagined a year ago all the things that have taken place in our parishes over the past 6 months, some good changes, some bad, some tragic. Had I been able to see into the future a year ago, I think I might have started looking for a padded room!

Slowly but surely, God has unfolded His plans, and despite all the challenges we have faced, God has brought us through it all. By and large, there has been a peace about it. As each challenge has surfaced, people have emerged to fill the gaps and take up the yoke, pulling far more than their own load. In his short stay this summer, I can't help but think that our young Deacon got to see some of the challenges that will face him in the future as a priest. He also got to see God's faithful rise to the occasion and help to carry the crosses that have appeared out of nowhere. The second reading this Sunday From the Letter of James contains profound words

*Humbly welcome the word that has been
planted in you and is able to save your souls.
Be doers of the word and not hearers only*

I never questioned why they sent us a brand new “baby Deacon” this summer. The Diocese knew we needed help, and in fact, he *was* a great help in his short stay. Some folks thought that he came to be taught, but what little he may have learned from me is nothing in comparison to what he learned from the faithful at Good Samaritan and Saint John the Baptist. He saw trials and tribulations, challenges and conundrums, but he also saw first hand that our pews are filled with people who are not just hearers of the Word of God, but *doers*. In the endless procession of people coming and going through the office doors, he saw people giving much more than donated gift baskets; he saw folks giving of themselves. He saw people going far beyond the call of duty to support the parish they love in its time of need. As he prepares for the priesthood, my fervent prayer is that in his time of greatest need, that he may be surrounded by people like those he encountered this summer. You are truly God's gift to His priests.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2 FIRST WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass and continue until 2:30 PM closing. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4 FIRST FRIDAY

Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be recited following 8:00AM Mass.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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 will be heard beginning at 8:15AM. Mass begins at 9:00AM and after Mass, members will pray the Rosary. A continental breakfast will follow. New members or those interested in our organization are welcome to attend. Please call Colleen (724) 375-3846 if you have any questions.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 ST. JOHN'S PARISH PICNIC

Join us at the Barn in Economy Park from noon until 5PM. Our Holy Name Society is providing a wonderful menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, BBQ spareribs, coleslaw, halushki, potato salad and corn. In addition, Brewster's Ice Cream will be served from 2:00-4:00PM. **There is no need for donated desserts this year**, so take a break from baking. St. John's Ladies of Charity will host games for young children and, at 3:00PM, 25-cent per card Bingo. Sign up to attend the picnic in the book at the main church entrance. **All are welcome!**

VISIT OUR GOOD SAMARITAN ARCHIVES ROOM DURING THE PARISH FESTIVAL.

View the history, heritage and traditions of Divine Redeemer, Christ the King, St. Stanislaus, Holy Trinity, and St. Veronica. Archive Room hours during the festival are as follows:

Saturday, September 5 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sunday, September 6, - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



NO PAPER RECYCLING DURING THE FESTIVAL

Please **DO NOT** bring your newspaper or recyclables to Good Samaritan until after Labor Day. We need to move

the recycling bins temporarily and can't move them when full. During the Festival, paper may be recycled using the Paper Retriever dumpster at Do It Best Home Center on 4th Street if necessary. Thanks for your cooperation.



20TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

The Festival is nearly here. Please invite your family & friends to attend.

Come to enjoy great food, the Big Money Raffle, and our Silent Auction, as well as the best in Live Entertainment.

Don't forget to tell them about our Annual Polka Mass Saturday, September 5th at 5:30 pm.

OUR REPUTATION'S AT STAKE!

Our parishes are *legendary* for the meals and baked goods we provide. Sadly, many of our bakers have passed on to their reward. Now is **our** time to step up and keep the tradition alive! Pull out *Babcia's* recipe book and whip up your family's finest! We need donations for the festival bake sale. See the bulletin insert for details. *Thanks!*

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

- Sunday, August 30** (GS) St. Vincent de Paul signup for "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" at all Masses
- Wednesday, September 2:** (SJ) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction at 2:30pm
- Thursday, September 3** (GS) Festival 6:00-10:00pm
- Friday, September 4** (GS) Festival 6:00-11:00pm
- NO MARIAN PRAYER GROUP DUE TO FESTIVAL**
- Saturday, September 5** (GS) Parish Festival Noon-10:00pm
- NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY DUE TO FESTIVAL**
- Sunday, September 6** (GS) Festival 1:00-10:00pm

✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Hope DiCicco*, *Amedeo DiNardo* (uncle of Dominic DiPietro & Christine Strano), and *Brooks Watkins*, grandson of Bill and Sue Scherfel. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

GOOD SAMARITAN	
Weekly Offering, August 23, 2015	\$ 6,780
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, August 23, 2015	\$ 2,037
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