

Mass Intentions

22nd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 1: Weekday - LABOR DAY
8:00 am (SJ) Bea Nardelli by Wucyk Family
10:00 am (GS) Norma Navalance by Bob & Bobby

Tuesday, September 2: Weekday
8:00 am (GS) Rocco, Carmela & Pasquale Aloe by Bobby & Family

Wednesday, September 3: Saint Gregory the Great
8:00 am (SJ) In Thanksgiving
6:30 pm (GS) Stanley, Victoria Skonieczny by Brandie

Thursday, September 4: Weekday
8:00 am (GS) Intentions of GS/SJ Parishioners by Ricky Cortez,
 Representative of Diocesan Publication

Friday, September 5: Weekday
8:00 am (SJ) John Cappabianco by SJB Holy Name Society
8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

Saturday, September 6: Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]
4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil - Ed Turnour by Dona & Family
5:30 pm (GS) Vigil - For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Sunday, September 7: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am (GS) Francis, Suzanne & James Berger
 by Eugene & Anna Zagrocki
9:30 am (SJ) Joe & Irene Monzi by Children
11:00 am (GS) Leo & Patricia Topolski (GS) by Children

Readings for the Week of August 31, 2014

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Abby Gadomski (SJ) by Mark & Mary Gadomski
 Mary Frances Gallagher (GS) by John Gallagher

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Health of Robbie Wittman (GS) by Grandma & Pop

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Peter Pucci (GS) by Daughter, Rachel

Sanctuary Candle

Philip DeMailo (SJ) by DeMailo Family

Maureen Placek (GS) by Kathi Wozniak Family

Altar Flowers

Christine Strugalski (GS) by daughter, Terri Surgeon

CCD REGISTRATION FORMS 2014-2015

Good Samaritan and Saint John the Baptist
Classes begin: Sun., Sept. 21, for grades 6-8;
Mon., Sept. 22, for grades 1-5. Registration forms
are available at the entrances of the Churches, or
call Rose Curcio 724-255-6565 ext.12 to register
if you will be new to CCD this school year.



From Father Joe

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED

As I write this week's bulletin article, it's eerily quiet in the parish offices. The parking lot at Good Samaritan is empty, except for a handful of volunteers armed with buckets and cleaning supplies, or wire cutters and zip ties. In the cafeteria are a dozen people, each quietly going about the work of preparing for the Good Samaritan Parish Festival. The big-top tent is set up. The parquet dance floor has been laid down. The ice has been delivered.



Before we know it, more than a hundred volunteers will appear, making ready for the *thousands* of visitors who will descend on the church grounds this weekend. They will come from as far away as Michigan to enjoy the legendary ethnic food and to sample the mouth-watering deserts. They will come to listen to the bands and dance under the big top tent. They will come for the Polka Mass. They will come to renew friendships and to recall with mist-filled eyes, friends from years gone by who are with us only in spirit. They're the ones who made the Festival what it is today.

Occasionally priests will stop by from other parishes. They're often amazed at the sheer magnitude of the festival. More than anything, they are astonished at the dedicated army of volunteers who make it all happen. It's hard to imagine that so many people, young and old alike, will come out and sacrifice of their time and their talents in service to their church. In this day and age, it's counter cultural ...and yet they come. Year after year they come.

The second reading at Mass this weekend is from Paul's letter to the Romans in which he says, "*Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed.*" Each year there are stories of volunteers who are touched in some way by their experience. My favorite Mass of the year is the worker's Mass on Saturday night after the people have left and the grounds are cleared. I look out at them, tired and aching, gathered around God's table. They *are* counter cultural. In an age where society can be so self-centered, these folks choose to take the road less travelled. They choose to be Christ-centered, living out their faith, not just in the pews, but in the parking lot, and in the kitchen, and under the tent.

As I gaze out into the pews filled with the workers, I see the face of Christ. They may be sweaty and rumped, but there's no more beautiful picture on earth. May God bless them, every one. May God bless all those visitors who make our festival such a success. You too are a gift. ❖

Pope Francis' Favorite Marian Devotion
"Our Lady Undoer of Knots"

**Nine Month Novena begins September 8th
 7:00 PM in Good Samaritan Church**

Women of all ages are invited to join us as we begin this
**Second Monday of the Month Novena
 from September 8th through May 13th.**

This beautiful novena allows us to place our prayer requests
 into the hands of our Blessed Mother
 as we ask her to disentangle and untie every "knot" in our lives.
 Novena booklets will be available for \$5 each.

The evening will include: **First Month Novena Prayers,
 DVD Biblical Presentation of the "Sinful Woman"**

by Anita Gutzchick, Christian actress and storyteller, and
time for small group sharing with sweet and savory snacks.

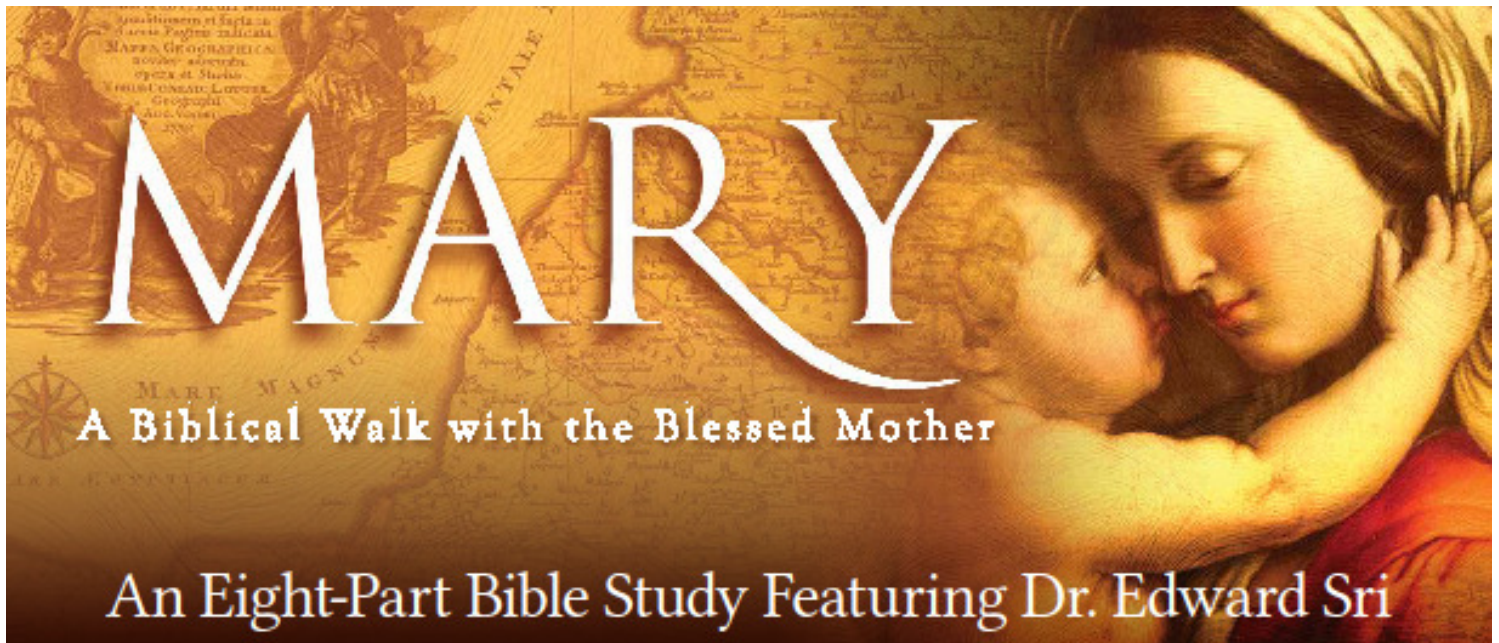
Plan to take time to renew yourself with this once a month "Mary Monday".

For more information, please contact Susan at 724-266-6565 Extension #17 or 724-266-3921.

**Do you know or are you an adult, teenager, or child...
 who has not been baptized?
 from another faith tradition who would like to become
 Catholic or learn more about Catholicism?
 who was baptized Catholic but did not receive
 Confirmation and/or First Eucharist?**

If you answered "yes" to one of these questions,
 then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process is for you.
 Our weekly sessions provide an opportunity for you to learn about Catholicism,
 prepare for the sacraments of initiation, and enter into a prayerful relationship with
 Christ and His mystical Body, the Church.

For more information and to begin the RCIA process, please contact Susan DiPietro,
 Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation at 724-266-6565 Extension #17 or 724-266-3921 ASAP.



Dates, Times, Location

Wednesday Evenings beginning October 1 at 7:15PM
in Good Samaritan Church (Ambridge)
Thursday Evenings beginning October 2 at 7:00PM
in St. John the Baptist Church Hall (Baden)
Friday Mornings beginning October 3 at 11:00AM
in St. Joseph House Convent at Good Samaritan.

Cost/Registration

\$25 includes Study Set with Binder, Questions, and Responses along with DVD Notes for each session. Make checks payable to: Good Samaritan Church

All Study materials will be available for purchase at the first sessions listed above.

For More Information

Please contact Susan DiPietro,
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Home: 724-266-3921

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows.

You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. **Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever.**

In Mary you will:

- Visit the grotto of Mary's home, the cave where Christ was born, and other rarely seen places in the Holy Land.
- See the significance of Mary as you explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about her.
- Deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way.



"Dr. Sri's amazing teaching and unique insights gave me a deeper understanding and appreciation of Our Blessed Mother."

—John W.



Visit BibleStudyForCatholics.com to learn more!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, FIRST WEDNESDAY
September 3, Eucharistic Adoration follows the 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 14, Parish Picnic at the Barn, Economy Park. Sign up to attend in the book near main church entrance. All are welcome! There is no need for donated desserts this year. Brewster's Ice Cream at 2-4 pm.

BEAVER VALLEY BLUE ARMY, 1ST SATURDAY
September 6, Confessions before the 9:00 am Mass. After Mass, members pray the Rosary & a continental breakfast follows. All are welcome. Info call Colleen 724-375-3846.

THANK YOU! St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society is grateful for the donations of walkers, wheelchairs, etc but cannot accept anymore items as our storage area is full. If you are in need of these aids, call the office 724-868-2880.

Courtney Briola Update:

To the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist & Good Samaritan
 I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all of your prayers and concern during my journey towards religious life. I am happy to announce that I will enter the convent to begin my formation with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, IN on September 7th. Answering God's call has been challenging, humbling, and most definitely rewarding. Please continue to pray for vocations. As a Franciscan sister, I will be participating in 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration. If you have any prayer requests, please submit them online at www.ssfpa.org. Know of my daily prayers for each of you. In God's Love, *Courtney Briola*

Has your MARRIAGE become cold or unloving?

Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? Don't give up -- Give Retrouvaille a try. The next Pittsburgh program begins on **September 26**. Please call contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or e-mail 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org.

Beaver County Theology On Tap Wed., Sept. 3, 7-9pm
Beaver Brewing Co., 1820 7th Ave., Beaver Falls, PA
Presentation by Fr. Jim Farnan, "Marian Apparitions"
Call Mary Ann 724-846-7540 www.theologyontapbc.org

Mother Teresa's Feast Day

Sat., Sept. 6, Feast Day with Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Maronite Catholic Mission, 3357 Constitution Blvd., Darlington, PA. Special Guest, Father Boniface Hicks, OSB, WAOB *We Are One Body* 106.7 FM Radio, 6:30 pm talk, followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00 pm. Maronite Divine Liturgy at 7:30 pm, light refreshments served after Mass at 8:30 pm.



CAREGIVER WANTED: at home, New Sewickley Twp. Please call Kathy 724-601-0825 for more details, Thank you



HELP!!! FESTIVAL TAKE DOWN DAY

Monday, September 1, LABOR DAY

Please come to put back all equipment, tables and chairs that are stored in the Parish Center and help ready up the cafeteria. Take down begins at 9:00 am. Thank you



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

4th Annual The Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run

Sept. 6 & 7, Next Weekend, after all Masses

SVdP at the doors of Good Samaritan Church

A National Program in Sept. provides 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. Contact: **David Carr 724-869-2872. Please stop by at our SVdP Festival Booth to sign up. Your support is appreciated.****

Saint Blaise Church Annual Fall Festival

Fri., Sept. 5 & Sat., Sept. 6, from 4:00-10:00 pm on Eighth Street in Midland. Ethnic foods, adult games, children's area, instant bingo and silent auction. Entertainment on Friday and Saturday from 6:00-10:00 pm "Al Modany Jr."

Saint Catherine's Annual Flea Market

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 5, 6 & 7
Rt. 151 & 51, 199 McGovern Boulevard, Crescent
Early bird, 7-8 am: Sept. 7th hours 9 am-Noon

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, September 1: LABOR DAY-OFFICES CLOSED

9:00 am (GS) Festival Take Down - Parking Lot

Tuesday, September 2

7:00 pm (SJ) Ladies of Charity Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

8:30 - 2:30 pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration

No (GS) Italian Women's Club Meeting

Friday, September 5

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7:00/8:00 pm (GS) Rosary/Mass - Marian Prayer Group

✠IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Edward J. Sabo, T.O.R. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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| Weekly Offering, August 24, 2014 | \$6,085.35 |
| St. John the Baptist | |
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