

MASS INTENTIONS**WEEK 22 IN ORDINARY TIME****Monday, September 4** Weekday in Ordinary Time **LABOR DAY****8:00am** (GS) Irene Morelli by Sister, Mary & George DeVine**Tuesday, September 5** Weekday in Ordinary Time**8:00am** (GS) Terry Ricciardi by Nieces & Nephews,
Vita & Riccardi Families**Wednesday, September 6** Weekday in Ordinary Time**8:00am** (SJ) Joseph Turco by Dr. & Mrs. Linda Turco & Sons**6:30pm** (GS) Russell & Mary Berger Family by Anna Zagrocki**Thursday, September 7** Weekday in Ordinary Time**8:00am** (GS) Teresa & Peter Gatta & Dorothy Bull by Rita Furis**Friday, September 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)****8:00am** (SJ) Miriam Gadowski by Dottie Rosso**8:00pm** (GS) Marian Prayer Group**Saturday, September 9** Saint Peter Claver**4:00pm** (SJ) Brett Varccha by Dolores Meyers**5:30pm** (GS) Albert & Frances Krol by Krol Family**Sunday, September 10 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****8:00am** (GS) Ted & Gertrude Karolak by Family**9:30am** (SJ) Anthony Samangy by Judy & Dave Fulton**11:00am** (GS) For the Living and Deceased of Our Parishes**2:00pm** (SJ) Padre Pio Prayer Group**Readings for 22nd Week in Ordinary Time: September 4, 2017****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** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23**Saturday** Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5**Sunday** Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER****Bread & Wine****(GS)** Walter V. Raven by Daughter, Cher**(SJ)** Arnold Doyle by Family**Blessed Mother Shrine Candle****(GS)** Charles & Kathryn McGarvey by Kathy Geffel**Holy Family Shrine Candle****(GS)** John Dziack by Wife, Rose Dziack**Holy Trinity Shrine Candle****(GS)** Irene Morelli by Niece Cheryl Holmgren**Sanctuary Candle****(GS)** Health of Robbie Wittman by Grandma & Pap**(SJ)** Arnold Doyle by Family**Blessed Mother Shrine Flowers****(GS)** Irene Morelli by Sister, Mary & George DeVine**Altar Flowers****(GS)** Gene Harrison by Wife Judy & Family**(GS)** Irene Morelli by Niece, Shirley Heater & Family**What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? MATT 16:26**

It's Wednesday morning, August 30, as I sit and write this article. There's an eerie calm around the Good Samaritan Parish grounds. The festival booths with their red and white striped roofs are lined up like little soldiers on Melrose Avenue. Huge plastic Jersey Barriers are in place to direct the traffic. Rows of tables and chairs line the parking lot, as the Big-Top tent looms in the distance like a sleeping giant waiting to awaken. ...And it will!

Soon the parking lot will be filled with people bustling to and fro loading supplies and making last minute adjustments to their booths. It won't be long until the Big-Top tent will be filled with the sound of the *Cassanova*, or the *Jaggerz* or Polka music from the *Dick Tady Orchestra*.. Folks will gather from throughout the tri-state area to relive the glory days as they disco dance on the wooden parquet dance floor to the sound of *Dancing Queen*, or reminisce about their first car or first date as they listen to the harmonies of Johnny Angel and the Halos.

Last night the priests had a Vicariate meeting with Father Sam and the Bishop. They spoke about *On Mission for the Church Alive*, and the mergers that will occur over the next 5 or 6 years. It made me think back to a conversation I had with a young priest friend when this all began. I mentioned that two of the things that brought our parishes together after our merger was the parish festival and our pierogi making. He quickly responded "*Well, after the mergers, you won't need to do that anymore! You won't have to do that kind of fundraising.*" I shook my head and explained that it wasn't all about fundraising. It's about friend-raising. Despite my best efforts, he couldn't seem to grasp the idea that when people come together and work and sweat to make pierogi or nutrolls like their grandparents, or to prepare for a festival that was started by their parents, they are keeping *traditions* Alive.

Every once in a while, you'll see a volunteer stop for a second and watch a couple on the dance floor, or a little child with eyes as big as saucers, gleefully licking an ice cream cone. For just a moment, they realize that *this* is what it's all about. It's about making the past present and making memories that will last a lifetime. It's about families gathering to work and sweat side by side so that families can gather, and eat, and talk, and laugh, and have good old fashion fun.

Buildings may come and buildings may go, but the spirit of Good Samaritan & Saint John the Baptist will live on, just as the spirit of St. Veronica, and Christ the King, and Divine Redeemer, and St. Stanislaus, and Holy Trinity live on in hearts, and prayers, and traditions we cherish here in the Beaver Valley. It's rooted in our faith in God and our love for our Church and one another. That's a treasure that moths cannot devour and rust cannot destroy. Thank you all for keeping the memories alive. **Father Joe**

SECOND COLLECTION - BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

September 9-10th, Next Weekend - Diocesan Bishop Education Fund for tuition assistance during the school year for the needy Catholic families to keep their children in our Catholic schools.

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.



Learn more about Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Join us for a six-week course as we explore the Synoptic Gospels. (How they are the same and yet different) Dr. Josephine Crame will be the instructor. **Class will meet 9 am-Noon: 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14. in the Meenan Center, St. Mary Church, 444 Glenfield Road, Sewickley. Cost \$30, make payable to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Contact Barb Venturella 412.741.3959 at b_venturella@saintmaryaleppo.org**

St. Alphonsus' Harvest Home Weekend

St. Alphonsus Parish in Wexford will celebrate its 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 will benefit St. Alphonsus Church and Blessed Francis Seelos Academy, 201 Church Road, Wexford. 5K Twilight Fun Run/Walk at 6:30 pm, North Park at Harmar Pavilion. A One-Mile Kids' Fun Run starts at 6 pm. **Saturday, Sept. 9,** games; Pig Race, Gator Alley, Super Shot and Emoji Launch, open from 6-8 pm on the parish's Wexford campus. Hamburgers, hot dogs & beverages. **Sunday, Sept. 10** include Harvest Home dinner with produce from Wexford Farms, Soergel Orchards, Shenot Farm & Market, and Eichner's Family Farm Market. It is served from 1-6 pm in the school's Ryan Center. Diners get an entrée choice of pulled pork, charcoal-grilled half chicken or Harvest Home Ham. Side dishes include mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, corn, coleslaw.

Shrines of France Pilgrimage with Fr. Terry O'Connor

In partnership with the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, Fr. Terry O'Connor, Pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux, Munhall, is leading a pilgrimage to the Shrines of France from May 25-June 3, 2018. France is so rich in our Catholic faith. Visits include Paris, Lourdes, Lisieux, Rouen, Normandy, Versailles, Mont-St. Michel, Chartres, Ars, and more. You will have an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette Soubirous, St. Catherine Laboure, St. Joan of Arc, St. John Vianney, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Vincent de Paul, and more. Daily Mass will be celebrated in churches so sacred to our faith. This is also a wonderful time to meet new people and grow in Christ's love. The dates are May 25 – June 3, 2018. The price of the pilgrimage is \$4,299 per person based on double occupancy in specially selected hotels. Includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh. Breakfasts and dinners are also included. You can request a roommate and Unitours will try to accommodate you. \$50 discount for registrations before September 20. For itinerary and to book online visit <http://bit.ly/pittsburghfrance> or contact Marianna Pisano at Unitours, phone 800-777-7432 or email mpisano@unitours.com.

Divorced & Separated Support Group

Meetings Starting on September 11

The Divorced & Separated support group jointly sponsored by **Sts. John & Paul and St. John Neumann parishes will begin its next 13-week cycle of meetings on Monday, September 11.** This peer led group provides caring support to anyone who is experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. Topics covered include anger, loneliness, annulment, forgiveness, financial survival and more. Meetings are Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm and will be held at Sts. John & Paul Church, Rooms 8 & 9 in the lower Cardinal DiNardo Center. Anyone who has questions or would like more information should contact Ralph Joy 412-741-5456 or rjoy205@verizon.net. *Sts. John & Paul's address is: 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd., Sewickley, PA. The church is located approximately ½ mile west of the I-79 Wexford exit. For directions please contact Ralph Joy or visit the Sts. John & Paul website.*

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, September 5

Come celebrate the Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Maronite Catholic Mission, 3357 Constitution Blvd, Darlington, PA 16115. We begin with the Maronite Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 7:00 pm with Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, of We are One Body Radio WAOB 106.7 FM, as concelebrant and homilist. There will be a blessing with a First Class relic of Mother Teresa, and everyone is invited for refreshments afterwards in the Social Hall. For more information, call (724) 827-5024.

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 witness by seminarians. No cost. To register, email **Theresa Sullivan at tsullivan@diopitt.org by Sept. 8.**

Quigley Catholic 50th Anniversary -- Quigley Catholic is holding its 50th Year Anniversary on September 15 and 16, 2017. Friday's Meet and Greet will be held at Quigley Catholic High School from 7-10 pm. Cost is \$40. Saturday, the 50th Anniversary Mass will be held at St. Mary of Mercy, downtown Pittsburgh, celebrated by Bishop David A. Zubik. Dinner to follow at the Wyndham Grand in downtown Pittsburgh. Cost for this event is \$100. Please call 724-869-2188 [1] to reserve your spot today!

Does a troubled marriage spoil your holiday?

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it. Perhaps Retrouvaille will enable you to appreciate future holidays together as you once did. **The next Pittsburgh program is scheduled to start on September 8. Please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434.** More information is available at www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER


SUN., SEPT. 10, 2nd SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION, DIVINE CHILD JESUS Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet here at St. John's. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 PM followed by 3:00 PM Holy Hour and 4:00 PM meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome.

MANY, MANY THANKS! Holy Name Society, we thank you for yet another wonderful parish picnic with great food and hospitality. A fine time was had by all. Ladies of Charity, thank you for providing games and treat bags for all of the children. May God bless you all for your hard work.

~With Love and Prayers, Your Friends from St. John's, Good Samaritan and Our Lady of Peace Parishes.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Altar Servers are needed at St. John's for weekend Masses and for other special liturgies. Please call the parish office if you or your child are interested in serving.

Sept. 6, 1st WEDNESDAY, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:00am Mass until 2:30pm closing. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the peace of Our Lord.

DIAPER DRIVE RESULTS Thank you all for donations of diapers for Catholic Charities' clients of Beaver County. We gathered **1378 diapers!** The families served are so blessed to have your aid. God Bless You!

SAT., SEPT. 9, AMBRIDGE LION'S CLUB PADDLE PARTY
Doors open at 6PM at St. John Social Hall for an hour of visiting the vendors. Bidding begins at 7PM. Your first paddle costs \$5; successive paddles are \$3 each, 20 bidding chips cost \$5. All proceeds benefit the Lion's charitable works in Ambridge.

"Let all nations know that Thou art God alone, and that Jesus Christ is Thy Son and that we are Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture." ~Saint Clement

Annual Friends of the Poor Walk

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Members will be at all Good Samaritan Masses this week seeking sponsors and walkers for their annual event.

Walkers will 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 greatly appreciated!

On Friday, September 8

Eucharistic Adoration at Good Samaritan will not begin UNTIL 3:45 PM due to a Friday Wedding. Adoration from 3:45-8:00 PM Followed by Mass at 8:00 PM



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4: Happy Labor Day!

9:00am (GS) Festival Tear Down

(GS & SJ) OFFICES CLOSED-LABOR DAY

Wednesday, September 6

8:30am-2:30pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration after 8am Mass

Friday, September 8

3:45-8:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm (GS) Confession; Rosary, 8pm Mass, Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, September 9

Second Collection: Bishop Education Fund

(GS) SVDP "Friends of the Poor" selling tickets after Mass

Sunday, September 10

(GS) SVDP Selling "Friends of the Poor" tickets after Masses

8:00am (SJ) Holy Name Society Meeting

9:30am (SJ) Liturgy of The Word with Children

2:00pm (SJ) Padre Pio Mass, 3pm Holy Hour, 4pm Meeting



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.

HELP NEEDED! FESTIVAL TEAR-DOWN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 9:00 AM

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.

THANK YOU

To all our volunteers who *tirelessly* worked for Months to prepare for our Good Samaritan Festival, to all our incredible benefactors who donated so generously, to those who stepped up and took a leadership role., and most especially to God, Thank You.

Father Joe, our Staff & The Festival Leadership Team

GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering, August 27, 2017	\$7,174.00
Parish Share	\$210.00
July on Line Giving	\$3,448.50
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, August 27, 2017	\$1,849.00
Good Samaritan Parish	724-266-6565
Saint John the Baptist Parish	724-869-2280