

Mass Intentions

TWENTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 7 Labor Day - National Holiday

8:00 am (SJ) Anne Knighton by Marge & Lynn Berckmiller

10:00 am (GS) William Cameron by Helene Goodbread

Tuesday, September 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am (GS) Staff & Parishioners of Good Samaritan
by Sister Marise Hrabosky

Wednesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 am (SJ) Donald Chismire by John & Martha Franc

6:30 pm (GS) Living & Deceased Members of SVdP Society by
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, September 10

8:00am (GS) Peter & Teresa Gatta & Dorothy Bull by Rita Furis

Friday, September 11

8:00 am (SJ) Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, September 12 Vigil

4:00 pm (SJ) Louis Antonini by Regina LaRue

5:30 pm (GS) Mutschler Family by Marlene

Sunday, September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (GS) For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parishes

9:30 am (SJ) Ted & Miriam Gadowski by Dick, Barb & Karen
O'Neill

11:00 am (GS) 65th Wedding Anniversary of Eugenio & Ezia
Romano

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2015

Monday Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Mi 5:1-4a /Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Sunday Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

(GS) In memory Donna Cermak by Cousin, Nancy Savie

Sanctuary Candle

(SJ) Thomas Napoleon by Ellen & Donna

(GS) Health of Robbie Wittman by Grandma & Pap

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S "FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK"

Saint Vincent de Paul Society is in need of more walkers and sponsors for the 'Friends of the Poor' walk. If you would like to participate, tickets are available in the parish office. Thank you to those who already signed up. All proceeds stay in the parish to help the needy.

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

When I was in seminary and learning to preach, I remember approaching an older priest to ask for advice. He seemed impatient when I stopped to ask his opinion. I told him that I was scheduled to preach in a homiletics class, and the assignment was to imagine an audience of senior citizens in an older parish. I went on to explain that there were 50 other seminarians in the class, and I felt God calling me strongly to share the Gospel reading in a way that would challenge them.

"Then what's the problem?" he asked. "*Just preach what you feel called to preach.*"

I replied, "*But I would feel like a hypocrite, because I would be challenging them to stop doing something I struggle with myself!*"

Suddenly the priest no longer seemed in such a hurry. His expression completely changed, and he looked at me with a very fatherly look and said something I will never forget. "*Sometimes as a priest you are forced to preach about things that you struggle with yourself. We're human too; ordination doesn't suddenly make you perfect. If you didn't keep the bar high, and only preached about sins and weaknesses you've already overcome, then the highest level of holiness the people could ever aspire to would be the holiness of their priest, and wouldn't that be tragic.*"

This weekend, we hear the reading from Saint Mark in which Jesus is asked to cure a man who is deaf and mute:

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" -- that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed and he spoke plainly. **From Mark 7: 33-35**

One of the rites in the Baptism of infants and children is the *Ephphatha* Rite. It is an optional prayer. After the water has been poured and the child has been baptized, taking his right thumb, the priest touches the ears of the infant and then the lips, saying "*The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth, to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.*"

As I write this article, we're preparing to celebrate our 20th Anniversary Parish Festival. The tents are up, but the parking lot is empty. There is an eerie calm. In a little while, the grounds will be swarming with volunteers. When the weekend is over, we will be tired and sweaty. Nerves will undoubtedly be frazzled, tempers may flare. I've already lost my cool with one poor person. In the end, I know that the success or failure of our festival will not be measured in dollars and cents, but in the way we touched the lives of others in the process. Whether visitors or fellow volunteers, I pray that each person leaves this parish with the sense that in some small way, they've encountered Christ. May it be *ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, all for the Greater Glory of God.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

31 CLUB PRAYER TEAM Have you heard of the *31 Club*? Members volunteer to pray 1 ROSARY PER MONTH, on the day of your choice, for an increase in Priestly Vocations in our Diocese. We will have sign-ups after Masses during the weekends of Sept. 12-13 and Sept. 19-20. See the volunteer registrar for more information.

MANY THANKS! Thank you to Helen Ringel who cleaned, refurbished and repainted the Blessed Mother statue in the choir loft. She looks beautiful! Also, we express our gratitude to Mike Meerdo for crafting a new wooden pedestal for the statue. We appreciate your time and talents!

With love, St. John's Choir

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 2:00-4:00 PM. **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!**

TEA LUNCHEON! CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION BENEFIT:

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 Join family and friends for this Benefit event which begins at 1:00PM here at St. John's. \$20 donation for tickets; order by calling Debbie Helterbran at 724-457-0655. See bulletin flyer for more details.



SAT., SEPT. 26, BADEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY "ROCKIN' WINE PARTY"

This fundraiser to support our library will be held at the Baden American Legion from 6:00-10:00PM. \$25 per person includes wine tasting, hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, Chinese auction, music and dancing. Featured are folk, country and classic rock by DREAM MACHINE. Tickets are available at the Baden Library and from Gerri Fabanich. For more information, call the library: 724-869-3960. Hope to see you there!



MON., SEPT. 28, CCM RECIPROCITY DINNER

It's that time again! Christian Mothers of St. John's and guests will enjoy a pot luck dinner beginning at 6:00PM followed by an entertaining program. 50/50 drawing and "Feed a Family" collection will be held. You will receive a call asking what dish you would like to bring. **This year, we are providing place settings FOR ALL.** At this event you may also pay your \$5 yearly dues.

Please Support our Festival Sponsors

Many local businesses have donated to our 20th Annual Good Samaritan Parish Festival. You will see signs with their names in the tents and booths, as well as in our programs. Please support them, just as they have supported us in our efforts to raise funds for the parish. Thank you.



FESTIVAL TEAR-DOWN

Our Parish Festival closes on Sunday. We can use your help on Monday to tear down and put things away. If you can spare even a few hours it would be really appreciated.

Labor Day - Monday September 7

Starting at 9:00 am

Lunch will be served for all our volunteers.

OLSH GOLF CLASSIC 2015

Benefits Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. Saturday, October 10, 2015 at The Club at Shadow Lakes. 8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast. 9:00 am Shotgun Start. 2:00 pm Lunch, Silent Auction & Awards. Individual Golfer \$125 Includes green fees, cart, lunch. contact: Cathy (724) 544-1793 or ccochran@olsh.org



+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, September 7 (SJ) & (GS)

All Parish Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day.

(SJ) 8:00 am Labor Day Mass

(GS) 10:00 am Labor Day Mass

(GS) **FESTIVAL TEAR-DOWN DAY 9:00 AM**

Wednesday, September 9 (SJ)

(SJ) Coffee & donuts in the Social hall after 8:00 AM Mass

(GS) 6:30 pm Beaver County St Vincent de Paul Mass

Friday, September 11 (GS)

(GS) 3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

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

Sunday, September 13

(SJ) Liturgy of the Word with Children during 9:30 Mass

(SJ) **PARISH PICNIC AT ECONOMY PARK**, Noon-5:00 pm

(SJ) Padre Pio Prayer Group, Mass at 2:00 PM

✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Robert Bezuk, Blanche Stewart, and John Salopek**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

GOOD SAMARITAN	
Weekly Offering, August 30, 2015	\$ 6,657.83
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, August 30, 2015	\$ 2,105.00
GOOD SAMARITAN	724-266-6565
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	724-869-2280