

**Mass Intentions**

**TWENTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, September 14**

8:00 am (GS) Mary Posega by Phil & Terri Piroch

**Tuesday, September 15**

8:00 am (GS) Anita Lewis by husband, Ben

**Wednesday, September 16**

8:00 am (SJ) Tony Burzese by Eleanor Vlastic

6:30 pm (GS) Living & Deceased members of the Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild, by CM/LG

**Thursday, September 17**

8:00am (GS) Joseph Ferderbar by daughter, Pauline

**Friday, September 18**

8:00 am (SJ) Chester Mickey by Anthony & Dina

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, September 19**

4:00 pm (SJ) Living & Deceased of our parishes.

5:30 pm (GS) Louis Antonini by Philip & Rose Volpe

**Sunday, September 20**

8:00 am (GS) Frances, Suzanne, & James Berger by Eugene & Anna Zagrocki

9:30 am (SJ) Walter Rudolph by Louise Rudolph

11:00 am (GS) Andrew K. Gulish by wife, Cathy & sons

**Readings for the Week of September 13**

Monday	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday	1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Wis. 2:12,17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER**

**Bread and Wine**

(GS) Vincent Sacco by wife, Theresa & Children

(GS) Hope DiCicco by Ladies of Charity

**Holy Family Shrine Candle**

(GS) In memory of Vincent Sacco by wife, Theresa

**Sanctuary Candle**

GS In memory of Sivy & Stejskal Families

(SJ) Gerald Holz by Bob & Gerry Shultz

**Altar Flowers**

(GS) 65th Wedding Anniversary of Eugenio & Ezia Romano

**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.

**FAITH IN ACTION**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ...If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

God never ceases to amaze me! When I looked at the scripture readings for this weekend, I was reminded of God's perfect timing. The passage above, from the second chapter of James, talks about living our faith -- not just in words -- but in our actions as well.

A few days ago, thousands of people crowded into our parking lot to celebrate our 20th Annual Parish Festival. Few people realize the *countless* hours that our volunteers put into the planning and preparation for the festival, let alone staffing the event. Occasionally pastors stop by to say hello and savor some of our ethnic delicacies as they listen to one of the bands. They are amazed at the number of volunteers who come and bear the heat and crowds, not for pay, but for the sake of their church.

Even those who comment about the dedication of those of you who come and staff the festival cannot know the countless others who work behind the scenes giving of themselves and sacrificing. There are those beloved souls who donate money or gifts. There are those who underwrite many costs of the festival. There are those who bring in their finest baked goods, knowing they will put smiles on the face of some child (even the kids who have been on Social Security for years).

I can't possibly thank everyone who gave of themselves to make the festival such a success, but I would be remiss if I didn't at least mention the Festival Leadership Team: Annette Hramika, Dave Deiter, Rose Filipponi, Paul Ciarrochi, John Kleemook, John Homich, Bruce Colorito, Brian Olander, Stanley Wozniak, Ben Lewis, Ron Bercik, John Barnhart, Frank Gaguzis, and Tina Aquino... and a special thanks to Sal Aloe, who graciously agreed to step in and chair the festival this year.

Each year we have a Festival Workers' Mass Saturday night after the crowds have gone, and all the booths have been secured and the trash swept away. I couldn't help but look at the wall in church filled with crosses of those who have died. Several of them were with us at last year's festival. I know they watch and pray over us always. As the Polka Mass unfolded, the skies were filled with lightning. All around us, there were torrential downpours, but at the festival there was a light sprinkling for a few minutes -- just enough to display a giant rainbow over the church grounds -- a reminder that the hand of God was watching over us.

Thanks to all who came. Thanks to all who prayed. Thanks to all who gave the gift of yourselves. And to all the unsung heroes, may God richly bless you. **Father Joe**

# 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.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS**  
Do you like to sing for the glory and honor of God? St. John's welcomes new members to our parish choir. Come join us on Wednesday evenings in the choir loft at 6:30 PM.

**WED., SEPT. 16, 7:00 PM BADEN COUNCIL MEETING**  
In the council chambers of the Borough Building.

**TEA LUNCHEON! BENEFITS CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION - SUNDAY, SEPT. 20** - Join family and friends for this Benefit event which begins at 1:00 PM at St. John's. \$20 donation for tickets. Order by calling Debbie Helterbran at 724-457-0655.



**PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING. MONDAY, SEPT. 21 AT 7:00 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL.**

**SATURDAY, 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 - 10:00 PM. \$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!

**MONDAY, SEPT. 28, CCM RECIPROCITY DINNER**  
It's that time again! Christian Mothers of St. John's and guests will enjoy a potluck dinner beginning at 6:00 pm followed by an entertaining program. 50/50 drawing and "Feed a Family" collection will be held. You will receive a phone 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. All women of the parish are invited to join the Contraternity of Christian Mothers. Call Barb Kincaid, membership chair for details at 724-869-9148.

## CCD NEWS!

**SUN., SEPT. 20** - CCD for grades 6 - 8 begins at Good Samaritan from 9:30 - 11:00 AM followed by 11:00 Mass.

**MON., SEPT. 21** - CCD for grades 1 - 5 begins in the school at St. John's from 5:15 - 6:45 PM.

For any family who has not yet received CCD registration forms, including new CCD students, or first graders or others, please call Rose Curcio at the CCD office, 724-266-6565 Extension 12.

**Rediscover Your Marriage - Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending . Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 18, 2015, contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. Further information is available online at [www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org](http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org).

**The F.O.E. Auxiliaries of Ambridge, Freedom & New Castle are sponsoring a PADDLE PARTY** on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Ambridge Aerie #1365, 401 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge. Doors open at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per paddle. There will be a Chinese Auction, Bake Sale & Refreshments. Elevator Accessible.

## 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 [ccoehran@olsh.org](mailto:ccoehran@olsh.org)



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## ✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mark Freed**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

GOOD SAMARITAN	
Weekly Offering, Sept. 6, 2015	\$6,899.46
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, Sept 6, 2015	\$2,525.00

**GOOD SAMARITAN 724-266-6565**  
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