

## Mass Intentions

24th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows**

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

**Tuesday, September 16: Saints Cornelius and Cyprian**

8:00 am (GS) Vincent G. Sacco by Wife, Theresa

**Wednesday, September 17: Weekday** [Saint Robert Bellarmine]

8:00 am (SJ) Chester Mickey by Denise & Tony Buccilli

6:30 pm (GS) Living and Deceased Members of CM/LG

**Thursday, September 18: Weekday**

8:00 am (GS) Joseph Ferderbar by Daughter Pauline

**Friday, September 19: Weekday** [Saint Januarius]

8:00 am (SJ) Lillian Venuti by Diane Barto

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

**Saturday, September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn,  
and Paul Chõng Ha-sang**

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil-Fred Otrhalik by Wife, Dorothy

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil - Stanley Slawianowski by Wife & Children

**Sunday, Sept. 21: 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

9:30 am (SJ) Agnes Kato by St. John the Baptist CCM

11:00 am (GS) Terry McDowell by Nicholas /Joanne Tisak Family

### Readings for the Week of September 14, 2014

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27\* or  
Lk 2:33-35\*

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Bread and Wine

Juliana & Harry Kaye, Sr (GS) by Family

Charlies (Chuckie) Hapich (GS)

by Friend, Nancy Savie

#### Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Stella Kerecman (GS) by Beverly Woessner

#### Holy Family Shrine Candle

Juliana & Harry Kaye, Sr. (GS) by Family

#### Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

Matthew & Katie Grguric (GS) by Bernie & Mary Ann Janicki

#### Sanctuary Candle

Sivy & Stejskal Families (GS) by Family

Gerald Holz (SJ) by Shultz Family

### GOOD SAMARITAN CEMETERY NEWS:

Effective Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Matthew Sivy will be the new Cemetery Manager. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the cemetery, please contact Matt at 724-266-6565 x16.

GOOD SAMARITAN  
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

724-266-6565  
724-869-2280



### From Father Joe

This weekend we celebrate the feast of *The Exultation of the Cross*. Someone once told me that they had a lot of crosses to bear, some of which they didn't choose. Their comment stuck with me. Most of us think of *crosses* as something God gives to us, or at least something that God allows us to suffer. I never thought much about the idea of *choosing* a cross.

None of us likes to suffer, but in looking at the lives of the saints, it is not uncommon to hear stories of *truly* holy men and women who chose to endure hardships or pain, sometimes self-inflicted pain, as a way of drawing closer to Christ or as an offering for souls in Purgatory.

There is a tale in the Old Testament of King David, who once ordered his men to take a census count of the number of troops under his command. Doing so was a sin against humility. David had been so successful in battle, that he had begun to rely on the strength of his army, instead of recognizing that it was God who gave him victory.

God confronted David for his sin, and asked David to choose his punishment. He could flee from his enemies for three months, he could endure a famine for seven years, or he could endure three days of a deadly epidemic. Recognizing his wrongdoing, David entrusted the decision to God, because David was confident that, in His mercy, God would choose the least painful cross for David and his followers to bear.

Looking back on my own life, I can see now the wisdom of God in the crosses He has chosen for me. Each of them have left me with life lessons that I would not trade for anything. At the time, I would probably not have chosen to bear those crosses, but in retrospect, I can see not only His wisdom, but God's Love at work as well.

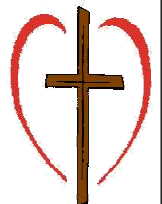
There is a statue of Saint Jerome that depicts him with a lion at his feet. Legend has it that the animal came to Jerome with a giant thorn in his paw. Once Jerome removed the thorn, the lion became his shadow, providing him both protection and companionship.

Like the lion at Jerome's feet, those who have been with me through times of trial and tribulation hold a special place in my heart. As we celebrate the Exultation of the Cross of Christ, it's a good time for us to reflect on the crosses in our own lives, whether we are still carrying them, or whether they are crosses that have passed. Those crosses have made us who we are and help us to empathize with those who have just begun to take up their cross.

Sometimes the simple act of letting another know that we have shouldered the same cross and made it through the storm is enough to lighten their load. In the process, we become Simon on the road to their Calvary.

Whatever crosses you are now bearing, may God strengthen you and give you peace even in the midst of suffering, trusting that God *always* knows what's best.

*Father Joe*



CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY  
2014

# Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 21, 2014, and will focus on the theme "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for *all of us* to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

## RESPONSE TO BLACK MASS:

**All are encouraged to participate in Eucharistic Adoration  
on Sunday, September 21**



You may be aware that a satanic group has scheduled a so-called "black mass" at the Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to take place on Sunday, September 21, 2014. This is not some form of dark entertainment. It is a deadly serious, blasphemous, and obscene affront, not only to the Catholic Church, but to all persons of faith.

In response to this event, Bishop David A. Zubik invites the clergy, religious, faithful and people of good will to join him in a special time of Eucharistic Adoration on **Sunday, September 21, 2014, from 6:00–9:00 p.m., in the Bishop McDowell Auditorium at Saint Paul Seminary** The seminary is located at 2900 Noblestown Road, in the Crafton/Greentree area. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 8:45 p.m.

## ***Special Second Collection - Crisis in the Middle East Weekend Masses on Sept. 21, 2014***

***Bishop David A. Zubik, in collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is requesting a special collection during the weekend Masses of September 20 and 21 to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in the Middle East.***

***These funds will be used by CRS (Catholic Relief Services) to provide humanitarian aid such as shelter, sanitation, food, water, medical supplies and other forms of aid to many adults and children being persecuted in Syria, Iraq and other parts of the Middle East. More information is available in the Pittsburgh Catholic.***

## BECOMING FULLY CATHOLIC

**Do you know an adult, teenager, or child who has not been baptized?**

**Have you or your children received all your sacraments?**

**Have you considered learning more about becoming Catholic?**

If you answered "yes" to one of these questions, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process (RCIA) may be for you. For more information, or to begin the RCIA process, please contact Susan DiPietro, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, at 724-266-6565 Extension #17 ASAP.

# MARY

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Dr. Edward Sri



## Dates, Times, Location

Wed., October 1st, 7:15 pm, Good Samaritan Church, Ambridge  
Thur., October 2nd, 7:00 pm, St. John the Baptist Hall, Baden  
Fri., October 3rd, 11:00 am, St. Joseph House, Good Samaritan.

## Cost/Registration

\$25 Study Set with Binder, Questions, and Responses with DVD Notes for each session. Make checks payable to: Good Samaritan Church. Materials for purchase at the first sessions listed above.

## For More Information

Contact Susan DiPietro, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation  
Parish Office: 724-266-6565 Ext.#17, Home: 724-266-3921

**F**ilmed 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](http://BibleStudyForCatholics.com) to learn more!

## 40 Days for Life KICK-OFF EVENT

Where: Catholic Charities Welcome Center, 212 Ninth Street, corner of Liberty and Ninth

When: Tuesday, September 23rd from 7:00 - 8:30pm

*Free Event! Music provided by Jeane Schalk. Speakers include Fr. Tim Kruthaupt of the Greensburg Catholic Diocese, Fr. Jason Charron from the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese and Rev. Bryan Werner, Pastor of Christ Church Ministries in Penn Hills. Come get motivated to begin another 40 days of prayer & fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil at Planned Parenthood! A candlelit procession from the Welcome Center to Planned Parenthood will begin at 8:30pm, where we will gather for a short time of prayer and song. Come help us to prepare the way for this fall 40 Days for Life...in which we pray for many lives to be saved!*

Contact Event Coordinator, Diane Deely with any questions at [deely408@hotmail.com](mailto:deely408@hotmail.com) or go to <http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d93023ad71e72e609e64c2096&id=036e75830f&e=008f00af57> for more information on how you can be involved in this fall's 40 Days for Life campaign!

**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER** ✠

**TODAY! PARISH PICNIC FROM NOON TILL 5 PM**

**TODAY:** September 14, 2nd Sunday Monthly Devotions, Divine Child Jesus, Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group St. John the Baptist, beginning at 2 pm Holy Mass, 3 pm Holy Hour and 4 pm social meeting. All are welcome.

**PARISH SHARE REPORT**

August Payment: \$2,038.00 - Balance Due \$17,294.00  
We have just 4 months remaining in which to pay off our balance. Please help us to meet this commitment.

**CCM RECIPROCITY MEETING, MON., SEPT. 29**

dinner will begin at 6 PM followed by an informative program on Advocacy for Children with Disabilities. **Don't forget to bring your place setting and dish to share.** Yearly dues of \$5 may be paid at this meeting. Please plan to attend. If you have any questions, you may call Mary Ann Ellen Kuniewicz: 724-869-4483.

**CCD CLASSES BEGIN:**

Sunday, Sept. 21, @ (SJ) Grades 6-8, from 9:30-11:00 am.  
Monday, Sept. 22, @ (GS) Grades 1-5. from 5:15-6:45 pm.

**Please join our new Pro-Life group, St. Gianna Molla Association,** Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 pm, Gathering Space, St. James, Sewickley, as we strive to provide corporal and spiritual works of mercy for unborn babies and mothers in crisis pregnancies. Info call Cindy Rinaldi 412-779-8429.

**Homemade Spaghetti Dinner. St. Titus, Wed. , Sept. 17**

Dinner includes choice of Spaghetti/gnocchi, meatballs, salad & roll from 12 Noon to 6:30 pm. Adults \$8, (children under 12) \$5.50. Takeouts available call 724-378-2734.

**Gilmary Center Marriage Enrichment Dinner**

**Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 pm.** Enjoy a six course meal and hear "*Marriage: Our Yes to God*" by speakers Ken & Sharon Dorman. Free childcare, info call 412-264-8400 or www.gilmarycenter.org. Please register by **Sept. 18th.**

**Beaver County YMCA "Day of Hope," Sat., Sept. 20**

A large scale community event, "*Day of Hope*", on Saturday, Sept. 20th through our partnership with Convoy of Hope, there will be: Medical Screenings, Grocery Distribution, Live Entertainment, Family Portraits, Career & Education Fair, Community & Social Services, BBQ Lunch, Kid's Zone and Haircuts at **Beaver County YMCA, 2236 3rd Avenue, New Brighton, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm rain or shine. This event is FREE for Beaver County residents.** Register to volunteer or as a guest of honor at www.dayofhopeabc.org or for more info call event coordinator, Rob Lee at 724-209-7007.

**In a troubled marriage? Call Retrouvaille 312-277-3434,**

**email 3041@retrouvaille.org.** Weekend program begins on Sept. 26 plus six post weekend sessions ending on Nov. 14. Click <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org>.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

**Congratulations to Phil Volpe and Chuck Protenic**

Phil & Chuck were honored for their Exceptional Service at the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Meeting. A certificate, signed by Bishop Zubik, was presented to Phil for 57 years, and to Chuck for 61 years of service. They are an example for all to emulate.

**Thanks to all that have already contributed to the Saint Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run.** Walker and Sponsors are still needed. Please sign up at the parish office or place your donation in the Sunday collection basket. Info contact Dave Carr 724-869-2872.

The Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 17th in Jericho Hall after the 6:30 pm Mass. Enjoy friends, make new ones and bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

**SAVE THE DATE! CMLG OKTOBERFEST**

**Saturday, October 25, 2014**  
**Good Samaritan Jericho Hall**

**FESTIVAL WRAP UP MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 16th**

General meeting at 7:00 pm in Jericho Hall for all Festival Volunteers and Chairpersons to solicit feedback. Come with suggestions and ideas for next year's 20th Anniversary Festival! We need your ideas before they are forgotten. Please send your suggestions in writing, if you can't make it.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS Thursday, Sept. 18th**

**Good Samaritan Choir Room at 7:00 pm**  
**New members welcome !!**

**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

**Tuesday, September 16**

6:30 pm (SJ) CCM Board Meeting  
7:00 pm (GS) Festival Wrap-Up Meeting (JH)

**Wednesday, September 17**

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice  
6:30 pm (GS) After Mass, CM/LG Meeting (JH)

**Thursday, September 18**

7:00 pm (GS) Good Samaritan Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, September 19**

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00/8:00 pm (GS) Rosary/Mass - Marian Prayer Group

**Sunday, September 21: "Middle East"-Special 2nd Coll.**

9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8

✠IN SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Rose Allega, Cecilia Bufalini, Marge Carioli and John H. Deakin (father of Rich Deakin).* May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<b>Good Samaritan</b>	
Weekly Offering, Sept. 14, 2014	\$7,929.04
<b>St. John the Baptist</b>	
Weekly Offering, Sept. 14, 2014	\$2,886.31