

# TWENTY FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 21: SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE

8:00 am (GS) In honor of Matthew Molchen by Mom & Dad

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 am (GS) Wasco Family by Family

Wednesday, September 23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 am (SJ) Danny Scheller by Cathy Johnston

6:30 pm (GS) Shirley Lyden by Muffy Cappabianco

Thursday, September 24

8:00am (GS) Margaret Fedorko by daughter, Mary

Friday, September 25

8:00 am (SJ) Eva Hertneky by Carl Mourovic

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, September 26 Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

4:00 pm (SJ) Fred Otrhalik by wife, Dorothy

5:30 pm (GS) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

Sunday, September 27

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am (GS) Ted DiMarzio by wife, Jean

9:30 am (SJ) Joan Mihalich by Family

11:00 am (GS) A.K.M.S. Juzwa by John Juzwa & Family

# Readings for the Week of September 21

Monday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19;2-5, MT 9:9-13
Tuesday Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20, Ps 122:1-5, Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9, (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8, Lk 9:1-6
Hyg 1:1-8, Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b, Lk 9;7-9
Friday Hyg 2;1-9, Ps 43:1-4, Lk 9:18-22

Saturday Zec2:5-9,14-15a,(Ps)Jer31:10-12b,13 Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday Zec 8:1-8, Ps 102:2, 16-23, Lk 9:46-50

# THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### **Bread and Wine**

(GS) In memory of Charles (Chuckie) Hapich by
Nancy Savie, neighbor & friend
(GS) In memory of Brooks Watkins
by David & Denise O'Brien & Family
(SJ) Walter Rudolph by Louise Rudolph

**Holy Family Shrine Candle** 

(GS) Rainaldi Family by Family

**Blessed mother Shrine Candle** 

(GS) In memory of Margaret Fedorko by daughter, Mary

**Sanctuary Candle** 

(GS) In memory of Harry Polding by wife, Pauline (SJ) Nancy Hudak by Johnna Merkel

# SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S: FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK" -----Tickets are due by September 27.----

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

# SERVANT LEADERSHIP

The Gospel this Sunday illustrates how human the 12 Apostles really were. It must have been *really* frustrating to Jesus at times. The story opens as Jesus and the disciples are on a journey through Galilee. As they walk, Jesus begins to teach them, saying "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." The disciples didn't understand what He was talking about, but were afraid to ask Him to explain.

As they came to Capernaum, Jesus asked the disciples what they had been arguing about as they had been walking along. They didn't answer, because they had been discussing which one of them was the greatest.

Jesus had just finished sharing the prophetic news that He would suffer and die, and all they can think about is which one of them is the greatest and should be the leader among the disciples! It's a wonder that Jesus didn't leave them there and go off to find another group of followers.

Instead, Jesus responded by calling the 12 over. He sat down, and taking a child, He put His arms around it and said, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

It's important to understand that in the Ancient Near East, children had absolutely **no** social status. They were helpless, and in some ways, didn't count for much. Seeing this as a teachable moment for the Apostles, Jesus elevates the dignity of the little child by saying that anyone who receives such a lowly child in His name, receives not only Him, but His heavenly Father as well. Anyone who wants to be first, shall be the last of all and the *servant* of all.

The message may not have fully taken root until the Apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but the message was unambiguous: We are called to lead others by example. We are called to be *servant* leaders, not seeking attention or authority, not seeking a seat of honor at the wedding banquet, but instead, to serve the Lord in humility, trusting that God sees everything and will richly reward those who seek nothing more than to serve Him by serving those God puts in our path.  $\Omega$ 

# **CCD NEWS!**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:** CCD for grades 1 - 5 begins in the school at St. John the Baptist from 5:15 - 6:45 PM.

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.

# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER



# NEWS OF COURTNEY BRIOLA

Courtney became Sister M. Mercy Briola, O.S.F. (Order of St. Francis) on Aug. 10th. She was the only novice to be invested during this special Year of Consecrated Life into the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. She was given the brown Franciscan Habit. Sister Mercy has been granted

permission to go with her order to see Pope Francis. Seven

of the Sisters from her order will stop here prior to going to Washington, DC. If all goes as planned, she will be at Good Samaritan for 8AM Mass on Tues., Sept. 22. Please continue to pray for her as she prays for her home parishes.



### **PIEROGI PROJECT BEGINS SOON!!**

To all Volunteers: St. John's pierogi season begins on Wed., Sept. 30, Thurs., Oct. 1 & Fri., Oct. 2. Please mark your calendars for this very important parish fundraiser. We need your help!

**31 CLUB PRAYER TEAM:** Have you heard of the *31 Club?* Members volunteer to pray ONE ROSARY PER MONTH, on the day of your choice, for an increase in Priestly Vocations. If you missed the registration, but would like to be involved, call the parish office at 724-869-2280.

**FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALKERS:** Ticket stubs and money are due in at the parish office by October 1. Thanks!

### **PARISH SHARE REPORT**

September Deposit: \$980.10 Balance due: \$17,976.45

### **PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS MEETING**

MONDAY, SEPT. 21 AT 7PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 - 6:30 PM

# **BADEN LIBRARY "ROCKIN" WINE PARTY"**

This fundraiser to support our library will be held at the Baden American Legion Saturday, Sept. 26 from 6:00-10:00PM. \$25 tickets are available at the Baden Library and from Gerri Fabanich. For more information, call the library: 724-869-3960.

# **CCM RECIPROCITY DINNER: MONDAY, SEPT. 28**

Christian Mothers of St. John's and guests will enjoy a potluck dinner 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 will provide place settings for ALL.** All women of the parish are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. Call Barb Kincaid, membership chair, for details. 724-869-9148

# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

**CHILDREN:** Beginning Oct. 3, St. John's Ladies of Charity will collect winter items for local children. Your donations will be distributed with the Good Samaritan Ladies of Charity "Coats for Kids" program. **All sizes, styles and colors are needed.** Approximately 300 coats will be provided; we would like to match that number in hats, gloves and socks. Please help the children of our communities. Donation boxes will be at church entrances.

Good Samaritan and St. John the Baptist parishioners will gather at 933 Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh on Sat., Oct. 3, 2015, from 3:00-7:00PM. Please join us as we pray for the end to abortion. We will participate in two 2-hour shifts: 3-5PM and 5-7PM. Car pooling or bus riding are available. *Open your heart to the possibility that your Pro-Life witness could save a life!* See the flyer in this bulletin for more information on the 40 Days For Life Fall Campaign. Call Jan to participate: 724-561-2075.

BEAVER COUNTY LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, Oct. 4, Join us for the Beaver 'LIFE CHAIN' on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 2:30-3:30PM as we line Third Street in downtown Beaver to pray for an end to abortion and all threats to human life, and for the conversion and healing of those involved in and hurting from abortion. Please come to the Gazebo across from the Courthouse by 2:15 for the opening prayer and a sign to display. For more information, visit phlbeavercounty.com or call 724-728-3235.

# **+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

**Sunday, Sept. 20** (GS) CCD Classes begin for both parishes grades 6-8. CCD at 9:30 followed by 11:00 Mass. **Monday, Sept 21** (SJ) CCD for grades 1 - 5 begins in the school at St. John's from 5:15 - 6:45 PM.

7:00 pm (SJ) Finance & Pastoral Council Mtg. in Social Hall **Wednesday, Sept 23** 

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Friday, September 24

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

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

# **†**IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Mark Freed*, *Francis Giammaria*, *Richard Terlesky*, and *John Aloi*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

GOOD SAMARITAN	
Weekly Offering, Sept.13, 2015	\$6,582.58
Bishop's Education Fund	\$563.00
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST;	
Weekly Offering, Sept 13, 2015	\$2,414.00
Bishop's Education Fund	\$231.27