

Mass Intentions

TWENTY SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
8:00 am (GS) Veronica & Henry Kubicki by Carol Kubicki

Tuesday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
8:00 am (GS) William J. Corso by Caryn & Gary Hoffman

Wednesday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am (SJ) Blanche Stewart by St. John's CCM
6:30 pm (GS) Gino, Ileana, and James Volpe by brother & family

Thursday, October 1

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
8:00am (GS) Kyle Eugene Hochevar
by Gary & Maryann Schultheis.

Friday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
8:00 am (SJ) Staff & Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish
by Sister Marise
8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, October 3 *Optional Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 am (SJ) Living & Deceased of the Beaver Valley Blue Army
4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil: For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes
5:30 pm (GS) Vigil: Robert Lagleva by Family

Sunday, October 4 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am (GS) Eugene Harrison by by Marlene & Geri
9:30 am (SJ) Shirley Smolnery by Smolnery Family
11:00 am (GS) William & Stella Zagrocki by William & DeMaris Cameron

Readings for the Week of September 27

Monday	Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday	Neh 2:1-8/LK 9:57-62
Thursday	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/LK 10:1-12
Friday	Bar 1:15-22, MT18:1-5, 10*
Saturday	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/LK 10:17-24
Sunday	Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

(GS) John, Veronica & Henry Kubicki & Wanda Goodin, by Carol Kubicki

Holy Family Shrine Candle

(GS) In Memory of Arthur J. Conti, by Wife & Children

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

(GS) In memory of Frank Aloe by wife, Costanza Aloe

Altar Flowers

(SJ) In memory of Lucretia DeMailo
by Employees of Metalwerks

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

**Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 am
at Good Samaritan Church Parking Lot**

SACRED SILENCE

We are surrounded these days by *so* much noise, that I wonder if we've forgotten how beautiful silence can be. Between the television, the internet, the radio, and the constant sounds of the city, we seldom get a chance to appreciate silence, but there is something powerful, even *sacred* about silence.

A friend was planning a funeral recently and said he didn't want any music after Communion. It was unusual. People usually have a favorite hymn they really want played, but he said, "*I just want silence.*"

It really made me think. I thought back to receiving Communion as a child and kneeling there quietly after Communion just drinking in all that had happened and contemplating the fact that I had just received Jesus. For just a moment, the world stood still. It didn't matter who was in church. It didn't matter what was going on, or what problems I was struggling with; for a second, it was just me and God.

Church is one of the few places we can still find silence. I recall talking once to a group of people about church and they complained about how long it took me to rinse and clean the chalices after Communion. A young man who had recently entered the Catholic Church through RCIA was with us. He looked at them in shock and said "*I love that time! It's a little pause between receiving Communion and the end of Mass, and I just savor the quiet.*"

Many mega-churches around the country have capitalized on our societal fascination with noise. There are jumbo computer screens and large musical productions, and projectors with song lyrics. There are PowerPoint presentations and videos before or during worship services. It certainly attracts young people, and at times, I admit that I would even enjoy it, but it doesn't hold a candle to sacred silence. It doesn't call us into the *mystery* of our faith.

When I was little, I remember going into church and you could hear a pin drop before Mass. If you needed to say something important, you didn't dare speak above a whisper. There was no question that you were in a sacred space.

I hate to say this, but I've tried several times to come to Mass early and to pray. To be honest, I just can't do it. For some reason, there is *constant* chattering in church before Mass. It's nice to be social and to have fellowship with others, but it's also important to remember that folks are trying to pray. Is what we have to say really important enough to take them away from talking or listening to God?

For the next few weeks, why don't we try and practice reverent silence where possible, and perhaps try to recapture the sense that we have just entered into a place of mystery and awe – that we have entered into *sacred space*.

Father Joe

2016 SPECIAL OCCASION MASSES

Parishioners who will be celebrating a special occasion (25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary) Please call the Parish Center and reserve your date by October 9, before the Mass book opens.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Our thanks go out to the Saint John the Baptist Holy Name Society. Thank you for a wonderful picnic! The meal was delicious. The parish appreciates your time, talent & treasures which you share so generously.

PIEROGI PROJECT BEGINS THIS WEEK!!

Calling All Volunteers: Our pierogi season begins on Wed., Sept. 30, Thurs., Oct. 1, and Fri., Oct. 2. We need your help for this important parish fundraiser. If you wish to become a new volunteer, please call the parish office: 724-869-2280.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALKERS: Ticket stubs and money are due in at the parish office by October 1. If you are paying by check, please make payable to:
Saint Vincent DePaul Society.

DONATE NEW HATS, GLOVES, SOCKS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN: St. John's Ladies of Charity are collecting 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. Donation boxes are at the main church entrance. **Please bring only new, unused items.**

BEAVER VALLEY BLUE ARMY: SATURDAY, OCT. 3

The Blue Army (the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) will hold its First Saturday meeting on October 3rd at St. John's. Confessions begin at 8:15. Mass is celebrated at 9:00 am. After Mass, members will pray the Rosary and a continental breakfast follows. All are welcome. Please call Colleen (724) 375-3846 if you have any questions.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you are an adult, teen, or child (age seven or older), who is in need of Baptism, baptized in another Christian tradition with a desire to become Catholic, baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process is for YOU! We invite you to come and meet faith-filled Catholics from our parish families who would consider it a privilege to get to know you and share the truths of our Catholic faith with you. Our RCIA Inquiry sessions provide a pressure-free, non-judgmental environment where you can learn about Catholicism and get all your questions answered. For more information about our Inquiry Sessions beginning in October, please contact Susan at 724-266-3921 (Home) or 724-266-6565 Ext.17 (Parish Office).

GOOD SAMARITAN 724-266-6565
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 724-869-2280

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP SAVE A LIFE?

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. **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, at 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 3rd Street in downtown Beaver to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion & healing of those involved in or 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 info, visit phlbeavercounty.com or call 724-728-3235.

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

- Sunday, Sept. 27** (GS) NO CCD Classes .
- Monday, Sept 28** (SJ) CCM Reciprocity Dinner 6:00 PM.
- Wednesday, Sept 30** (SJ) Pierogi Potato Prep 5:00 PM
(SJ) Choir Practice 6:30 pm
- Thursday, Oct. 1** (SJ) Pierogi Prep in Kitchen 6:00 PM
- Friday, Oct. 2** (SJ) Pierogi Making & Pierogi Sale 6:00 AM
(Pierogi sales until sold out)
3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
7:00/8:00 (GS) Rosary/Mass -Marian Prayer Group
- Saturday, Oct. 3** 40 Days for Life Prayers in Pgh. 3-7 PM
Blessing of Animals 11:00 am (GS Parking Lot)
Ladies of Charity Coat Drive at All Masses
- Sunday, Oct. 4** LifeChain Downtown Beaver 2:30-3:30PM
Ladies of Charity Coat Drive at All Masses

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sat., Oct. 24 Oktoberfest

CCD NEWS!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: NO CCD TODAY.
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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.

✠IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Lucretia DeMailo, Dorothy G. Franco, and Mary Lou Pendel.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

GOOD SAMARITAN	
Weekly Offering, Sept.20, 2015	\$5,466.69
Bishop's Educational Fund	\$384.00
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST;	
Weekly Offering, Sept 20, 2015	\$2,348.00