MISSION STATEMENT
We, the community of St. John the Baptist Parish, Monaca, are rich in ministry and rooted in mission. Through the living waters of Baptism, we are called to celebrate Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. Blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we seek to find the face of Jesus in every person and to reveal the joy of God’s kingdom through charity, faith, and service.

CLERGY STAFF
Administrator: Fr. Martin R. Bartel, O.S.B.
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Thomas More Sikora, O.S.B.
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Joachim Morgan, O.S.B.
Deacon: Joseph N. Basko
Deacon: Robert J. Bittner

OFFICE HOURS
Mondays thru Wednesdays: 9 AM to 3 PM
Thursdays: 9 AM to 2 PM
Fridays: 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

MASS SCHEDULE
Sundays 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays: 8:30 AM
Wednesdays: 6:30 PM
Holy Days: as announced

RECONCILIATION
Wednesdays: before/after evening Mass
Saturdays: 12:15 PM to 1 PM
Anytime by appointment.
Space is available in our school building - We have some very nice rooms available in the school building to rent. It is the space formerly occupied by St. John the Baptist Preschool. Please pass the word along among relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers who may be looking for office space. Interested parties are asked to please call the Parish Office at 724-775-3940 Ext. 3.

Baptism

Baptismal Preparation Class will be held at St. John the Baptist Parish on Monday, August 26th at 6:30 pm. in the Pastoral Center. This class is a one-time requirement for parents wishing to have their child baptized. Topics to be covered include the Sacrament of Baptism, the Rite of Baptism and the need for suitable godparents who regularly practice the faith to serve as worthy role models and mentors for the child in the ways of faith. To register, call the Parish Office at 724-775-3940. The next class will be held at Our Lady of Fatima in late September.

A Thought to Ponder:

“WITHOUT PRAYER WE HAVE NEITHER LIGHT NOR STRENGTH TO ADVANCE IN THE WAY WHICH LEADS TO GOD.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 27 Weekday
TS 8:30 am † Nathan Gianantonio (by Family)

Sunday, July 28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
JM/BB 8:00 am † Grandpa & Grandma Melchiorre & 7 Children (by David, Grandson)
TS 10:30 am † Ann Cercone (by Mary Halama & Family)

Monday, July 29 St. Martha
NO MASS

Tuesday, July 30 Weekday
FM 8:30 am Living & † Deceased Members of the Albanese Family (by Michael & Nicole)

Wednesday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
RA 6:30 pm † Renate Bove (by Dee Christian)

Thursday, August 01 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:30 am † Msgr. Raymond M Dylag (by A Friend)

Friday, August 02 Weekday, First Friday
NO MASS

Saturday, August 03 Weekday, First Saturday
8:30 am † Ralph & Lena Proto (by Marie Proto & Kristina Casimiri)

Sunday, August 04 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am † Jan Michael Yarosz (by Joe & Rose O’Neill)
10:30 am Living & † Deceased Schachern, Schatzinger & Henderson Families (by Sue Henderson)

In Memoriam & Sanctuary Candles

BLESSED SACRAMENT
SANCTUARY CANDLES
FOR SPECIAL INTENTION
LU SEBASTIAN
BY DEE CHRISTIAN

IN MEMORY OF
FLORENCE LUCADAMO
BY FAMILY

BLESSED MOTHER
SANCTUARY CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF
MATTHEW ULIZIO
BY MOTHER

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This week, We thank the WAYNE N. TATALOVICH FAMILY

RA    Fr. Regis Alberth
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MB    Fr. Martin Bartel, OSB
TS    Fr. Thomas More Sikora, OSB
JM    Fr. Joachim Morgan, OSB
JB    Dn. Joe Basko
BB    Dn. Bob Bittner

Bereavement Sessions -- Chaplain Andrew Kurzawski, M.Div., of Mother Teresa Hospice, Monaca, will be offering the third of his four monthly bereavement sessions at St. Frances Cabrini on Wednesday, August 7, at 7 pm in Room 102. Chaplain Andrew is a graduate of St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, and St. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh. He has worked extensively in the Pittsburgh area at a variety of senior care facilities and hospitals providing sacramental, emotional and spiritual care for the dying and their families. All are welcome to reflect with him on faith, community and prayer regardless of whether you attended the first session or not.

SACRAMENTS

III Jordan Popp & Christina Casimiri
I Tristan Winkle & Cheyenne Black

CELEBRATE AND WELCOME INTO
OUR FAITH RECENTLY
BAPTIZED
XAVIER PRESTON BARKSBY
In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our “Father” and just as a parent’s love for their children is unlimited, so is God’s love and care for us unlimited. **In the month of July, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to aid many families, providing much needed food, utility and rent support. Thank You!**

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

All adults & young adults ages 18 and up are welcome to join upcoming young adult group nights. Stay up to date or if you have any questions, please join our Facebook page (search St. John's Young Adult Group) or email adri3151@yahoo.com.

**SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION**

Please see below for the Registration information for upcoming Faith Formation classes. If you are already registered by having attended last year, no registration is required. However, we do ask that you call the Parish office so that we can add your child’s name to our roster. Religious Education Classes for 2019-2020 –

In connection with the On Mission realignment of parishes in our grouping, families may avail themselves of religious education classes at any of the Parishes in our grouping. The times and contact numbers are provided below:

- **Our Lady of Fatima**: Sundays: 9:30 – 10:45 am. (after 8:30 a.m. Mass); 724-378-8020
- **St. Frances Cabrini**: Sundays: 10 – 11:15 am. (after 9 am. Mass); and Mondays: 6 – 7:15 pm.; 724-775-4888
- **St. John the Baptist**: Sundays: 9 – 10:15 am. (after 8 am. Mass); 724-775-3940, ext. 4
- **St. Titus**: Sundays: Grades K to 6, 8:45 - 9:45 am. (before the 10 am. Mass) with teachers providing Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) at Mass following class. Sundays: Grades 7 - 8, 8:30 - 9:45 am. without CLW; 724-375-7940.

**Pre-Cana (Marriage Preparation)**

Ministry -- Have you ever felt called to marriage ministry? The Pre-Cana team from MACH1 is looking for married couples to serve as facilitators or mentors to couples preparing for marriage. Commitment and preparation is minimal (as little as one or two evenings per year!), and we’ll provide you and your spouse with all the tools you’ll need. Help couples begin their journey to a holy and happy marriage. For more information contact Joanne Basko, 724-728-4702 or precana@sfcabrini.us.

**The Knights of Columbus Bishop’s Project**

The Knights will be collecting after all masses this Sunday for the Bishop’s Project which supports McGuire Home & St. Anthony’s Institute. They also donate $500 twice a year to seminarians. The Knight’s pride themselves on serving, helping & supporting the local community. They join together for a common cause based on our Catholic faith. Please be generous.
Catholic Education has always been a big part of my life and has made me who I am today. I attended St. John the Baptist in Monaca, next, went on to Quigley Catholic High School and then received a double Bachelors Degree in Elementary and Special Education from Duquesne University. Finally, I obtained my Masters Degree in Curriculum Design and Instruction and hope to further my education to a Doctorate in the near future. There was no question that when my husband Brad and I would have children that they would attend Catholic school as well. The village you acquire in a Catholic school to help raise your children can not be beat! It is absolutely incredible to have your child's teacher bring Christ into every moment possible and listen to them tell you about the values and compassion that they learned when needing help to solve a situation. I am so very proud and honored to be the 5th Grade teacher at OLoF and the mother of two students, Zachary, 2nd grade and Hannah, Preschool. I also Chair the golf outing with my husband, Co-Chair the 200 Club and I'm also chair of the Fun Run at the end of each school year. It has also been a privilege to be an assistant coach to our Forensics Team these past two years. In addition, I teach STEM and Robotics. My hope is to have a competition team this coming school year! In my spare time, I advocate for Children's Hospital. I am also Captain of Team Hannah Banana for the Walk for Children. I look forward to many more wonderful years at Our Lady of Fatima. I can't wait to see all of the exciting programs that are to come! God Bless! Tracy Shields, M.Ed.

Hi, my name is Diane Pulcini. I have been a teacher for many years. When I began teaching at Our Lady of Fatima School four years ago, I felt like a first-year teacher again! I was hired to be the second grade teacher and was a little anxious about teaching students so young on a daily basis. I am happy to report that these past four years have been extremely rewarding. It has been an honor and a privilege watching my students grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally. When I see how far they have come from the beginning of the school year to the end, I am so proud of them. My greatest joy, however, in being the second grade teacher is preparing my students to receive two sacraments. I feel my students’ nervousness before their first Reconciliation and their relief and happiness afterward. I am as excited as they are on their First Holy Communion day and share in their joy after receiving Jesus for the first time. What a blessing it is to be a part of Catholic education at Our Lady of Fatima School!

GIFT CARD SALES AT ST. JOHN’S: A large variety of gift cards are now available! We have Eat N Park, Walmart, Giant Eagle, Target and many more. We are working on getting even more cards for your shopping and gifting pleasure! Please stop by our table right after either of the Sunday Masses (or the Parish Office during the week) to view a complete list and to make your purchases. Cash or checks (Payable to: OLOF) are accepted. A portion of each purchase goes to benefit Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, (the only school in our MACH 1 Grouping.)
We are in need of volunteers to help sell these cards after Masses. Please stop by the table, call the parish office, or call/text Phyllis Heckman at 724-683-2424 to volunteer! Your help is greatly appreciated! Thank You!

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Marriage trouble? Retrouvaille can help. For confidential info, please call at 412-277-3434 or 3041@retrouvaille.org. Upcoming weekend: September 6th.

**Weekly Financial Report**
*July 21, 2019*

- 225 donors; 707 envelopes mailed (32%)
- **Weekly Offertory** $4,615
- **Over/(Under) Annual Off. Budget to Date** $ (1,096)
- **Parish Share 2019 Year-to-date** $20,003
- **Parish Share 2019 Goal** $68,380

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

- Offertory Collection $4,615.00
- Bldg Upkeep $370.00
- Peter’s Pence $20.00
- Memorial Brick $25.00

**COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS**

**94th Annual San Rocco Festa:** This year’s Festa will be held August 9th thru 11th at Center Twp. Municipal Park. The San Rocco Festa is a community-wide event with patrons that return yearly from all over the country featuring Italian food, music & dance. Highlights of the Event include:

- San Rocco Mass at St. Titus Parish, a large procession through the local streets, performances by the San Rocco Festa Band, Lights Out Vocals (Frankie Valli & Four Seasons Tribute Band) & many more. View the best private fireworks display in the region and the traditional Italian Fireworks Baby Doll Dance both accompanied by our fabulous Ballabe Band. Other attractions include game booths & a children’s area. We are in need of children to participate in the procession on Sunday, August 11th as communion boys and girls, angels, flag and banner carriers; please contact sanroccoparade@gmail.com. For more info., including a schedule of events please visit our website www.sanrocco.org or call 724-252-7732.

**Movie in the Park:** Everyone is invited to enjoy Incredibles 2 shown on the big screen at John A. Antoline Memorial Park, Marshall Rd., on Friday August 30th (Rain Date is August 31st) at dusk. Please bring your own snacks & chair. This event is sponsored by the Monaca Recreation Bd., Monaca Boro & Monaca Council.

**First Fridays in Monaca:** A free concert by Billy the Kid & the Regulators will be held at the George Washington Plaza (Fountain Area) on Pennsylvania Ave. on Friday August 2nd 6 pm. to 9 pm. Food by Tabula Rosa will be available for purchase. Bring your own chair. This event is sponsored by: Flesh Mechanics, Pin Point Customs, Express Employment Professionals, Monaca Draft House, Harper’s Barber Shop, Tabula Rosa and the Monaca Recreation Board. The next concert will be Friday Sept. 6th. - Sgt. Bob.

**Pro-Life Kickoff Event:** The fall campaign for 40 Days for Life starts September 25th & runs through November 3rd. The campaign kicks off on Tuesday, September 10th at St. Bernard's Clairvaux Hall in Mt. Lebanon. The event features speaker Melissa Coles, the birth mother from the 30-minute documentary "I Lived on Parker Avenue." There will be a pro-life resource fair at 6:30 pm. and a showing of the film at 7:30 pm. followed by Melissa’s testimony.

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Contemplating Christ with Mary. Good Samaritan Parish, Ambridge hosts every Friday night a Marian-Medjugorje gathering. Please join us for a beautiful evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Benediction & Holy Mass, beginning at **7 pm**. Prayers will be offered for: Peace, the Church, the Family and all of your intentions.

**There are students in our grouping who would like to continue their education at Quigley Catholic High School, but lack the financial resources to do so. Would you consider a donation to Quigley Catholic to CHANGE a LIFE and give a local teen the opportunity to be a part of the Quigley Catholic Community? Be a blessing! Donate now to CHANGE a LIFE! Please mail contributions to Quigley Catholic High School, 200 Quigley Drive, Baden, PA 15005. Any questions, contact Admissions at 724-869-2188. On behalf of the students, thank you!**
Compliments of the:
Wayne N. Tatalovich Family
Many of the biggest events that happen in our family happen in a spiritual way. Like St. John the Baptist, we’ll always be here for you when you need us most.