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.

BAPTISMS

Celebrated the first and third Sundays at 11:45 AM by appointment.

MARRIAGES

Please schedule this sacred commitment at least six months in advance. The date can only be confirmed after consultation with the Parish Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are most welcome! Please register with the Parish Office and notify us of changes in address and/or phone number.
TO FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD
is the greatest romance;
to seek Him the greatest adventure;
to find Him, the greatest human achievement.
— St. Augustine

BIBLICAL VERSE TO PONDER:
I SPOKE, O LORD, OF YOUR DECREES BEFORE KINGS AND WAS NOT CONFOUNDED;
I PONDERED YOUR COMMANDS AND LOVED THEM GREATLY.
Psalm 119 (118) :46-47

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST at QUIGLEY CATHOLIC H. S. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome to attend TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST YOUTH CONFERENCE held at Quigley Catholic on Saturday, Sept. 28th 9 am. - 10 pm. Guest speakers include Fr. Mike Ackerman, Sr. Mary Gianna, Genevieve Jackson, & many more! Eucharistic Adoration, Music, Mass, & Confession. $35 - admission ($20 half-day)/Sibling discount: $25 ($12 half-day). Meals & t-shirt included. (Register by September 9th to be guaranteed a shirt). Register online at QCHS.ORG. "Financial assistance is available to cover the cost of the Conference. Please call the Parish Office at 724-775-3940."

August 29, 2019

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Please pray for Vocations.
REST IN PEACE
Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls Who are Members of Our Mach1 Grouping
Nick Cavoulas
Guido Lucente

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.

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. For more info., contact Joanne Basko, 724-728-4702 or precana@sfcabrini.us.

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle
MB 8:30 am † Joseph Silvestri (by Darlene & Chuck DeChellis)

Sunday, August 25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
TS 8:00 am † Renate Bove (by Jeri Selby)
JM 10:30 am † Robert Frank (by Wife & Family)

Monday, August 26 Weekday
NO MASS

Tuesday, August 27 St. Monica
TS 8:30 am Living & † Deceased Members of Flore & Palmquist Families (by Family)

Wednesday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop & Dr. of the Church
RA 6:30 pm For Special Intention:-John Kohser (by Horzempa Family)

Thursday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
TS 8:30 am † Regina Anderson (by Bill & Norma Rudolph)

Friday, August 30 Weekday
NO MASS

Saturday, August 31 Weekday
TS 8:30 am † Ann Rowan (by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Springer)

Sunday, September 01 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am † Mary, Helen and Emma (by Brother, Dan)
10:30 am For Special Intention (by Sue Henderson)

RS 9:30 am † Mathew Roush (by Wife & Family)
JM 10:30 am † Robert Frank (by Wife & Family)

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls Who are Members of Our Mach1 Grouping
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In Memoriam & Sanctuary Candles

BLESSED SACRAMENT SANCTUARY CANDLES
In Memory of Joseph Phillips
By Family

In Memory of Joseph Turbish
By Family

BLESSED MOTHER SANCTUARY CANDLE
For an Increase in Devotion to the Rosary

RA Fr. Regis Alberth
MB Fr. Martin Bartel, OSB
TS Fr. Thomas More Sikora, OSB
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JB Dn. Joe Basko
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In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us to “strive to enter through the narrow gate.” Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others. In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing food, financial assistance for utility bills, rent, & etc. Thank You!

We will be meeting in September. Mark your calendars for September 4th. Come play cards, bingo and have some FUN! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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 am. 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:  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.

PLEASE NOTE: Once registration in any of the 4 parish programs is complete and classes begin, please attend in the religious education program only for the duration of the 2019-20 Sessions. Thank you.

Women of Faith
Are you a woman who desires to grow spiritually? Do you look for fellowship with other women? Women of Faith is a faith sharing group open to all women that focuses on prayer, study, and fellowship. We meet the first Thursday evening of the month at St. Frances Cabrini in room 108. This year we will study Bishop Robert Barron’s Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 5th at 7 pm. in Rm. 108. Please contact Joanne Basko, 724-728-4702 jobasko@comcast.net for more info. or to register. Cost for materials is $18.

Interested in becoming a Catholic or coming into full communion with the Church?
Who should come to RCIA classes? Have you or someone you know been baptized and never been educated in the other sacraments or received them? Perhaps you been baptized into another Christian faith and wish to learn more about the Catholic faith or you may be married to a Catholic and want to know more about your spouse’s faith or even if you have never practiced any faith and wish to learn about the Catholic faith then you should attend. Classes will begin in mid-September. There is no commitment to make at this time, only for you to explore and discern if you wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact Deacon Bob at 724-375-7626 or email him at rbittner@diopitt.org.
My name is Mary MacMurdo and I have been teaching at Our Lady of Fatima School for 32 years. That sounds a lot longer than it has felt. I truly still love what I do! I have taught many grade levels over the years and am currently teaching Fourth Grade. We are so blessed to have our Catholic School, which gives our community the opportunity to choose a Catholic education for their children. It is an honor and privilege for me to watch our students grow academically, socially, and spiritually. We have the unique task of teaching our students life skills, morals, and values that reflect our faith. One of my greatest joys is to have former students update and inform me of their paths in life. “Because you can’t stop every scrape, heal every broken heart, or banish every bully, but you can teach your child to pray.” Max and Denalyn Lucado
Peace and Blessings,
Mrs. Mac

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. Please stop by our table right after either of the Sunday Masses (or the Parish Office during the week) for a complete list and to make your purchases. You may pay by cash or check (Payable to: OLOF). A portion of each purchase goes to benefit Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School. 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! We appreciate your help!

What’s more important than our children's souls?
In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children as young as three to six form deep lifelong relationships with Christ.
http://www.olof.us
Contact Nicole Albanese at 724-375-7626 or at colenmh@gmail.com or olofcgs@outlook.com for more information and a tour of the atrium (classroom).
Please do check the website for session times Sessions begin on Sunday, September 22nd.

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**COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS**

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

Sunday, August 18, 2019

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**Weekly Financial Report**

August 18, 2019

209 donors; 707 envelopes mailed (30%)

- Weekly Offertory: $4,567
- Over/(Under) Annual Off. Budget to Date: $(4,418)
- Parish Share 2019 Year-to-date: $22,640
- Parish Share 2019 Goal: $68,380

**INSPIRING NEWS**

Free Adaptive Bicycles, Strollers, & Communications Devices for Children: Helping Kids, Be Kids

A program by Variety, the Children’s Charity (of Pgh.) provides children with disabilities w/ unique programs, experiences, & equipment throughout 56 counties in Pa. & West Virginia. Specifically, Variety provides at no cost: tailored adaptive bikes for eligible kids to give them those same feelings of joy, customized adaptive strollers to eligible children for easy, on-the-go mobility, & designed communication devices for eligible kids living with a communication disorder to give them a voice. For more info, go to: www.diopitt.org/free-child-adaptive-devices.

**COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Movie in the Park:** Everyone is invited to enjoy Incredibles 2 shown on the big screen at John A. Antoline Mem’l Park, Marshall Rd., on Friday Aug.30th (Rain Date is Aug. 31st). at dusk. Please bring your own chair. Refreshments will be provided free of charge beginning at 8 pm. Sponsored by the Monaca Recreation Bd., Boro, & Council.

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP** - Struggling with the loss of a loved one? We will walk beside you through this grief journey. Where: Monacrest Free Methodist Church 995 Elmira St. (Monaca). Date: August 28th, & every Wed. thru Sept. 18, 2019 7 pm - 8:30 pm. To register or for more info. call Janet Primo grief facilitator at 724-775-6553 or 724-462-7460 (cell). Sponsored by: Simpson Funeral Home.

**Finding Freedom in Christ Healing Retreat:**

Do you want to learn how repentance and forgiveness can change your life? Are you seeking to renounce the lies that hinder emotional freedom? Come to experience the freedom and the blessing of God’s healing love at the Finding Freedom in Christ Healing retreat. Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Sr. Bernadette & Sr. Mary Gianna will lead the retreat based on Neal Lozano’s book, Unbound, on September 6-7, 2019 at the Ark and the Dove Retreat Center (10745 Babcock Blvd., Gibsonia, PA 15044). Check-in is at 6 pm on Friday, Sept. 6 and the retreat concludes at 4:30 pm on Saturday, September 7. Mass will be offered and breakfast & lunch are included. The retreat costs $125. To register, call 724-444-8055 or email dljc@thearkandthedoveworldwide.org.

**First Fridays in Monaca:** free concert by Sgt. Bob will be held at the George Washington Plaza (Fountain Area) on Pennsylvania Ave. on **Friday Sept. 6th, 6 pm. to 9 pm.** Bring your own chair. Sponsored by: Flesh Mechanics, Pin Point Customs, Express Employment Professionals, Monaca Draft House, Harper’s Barber Shop, Tabula Rosa & the Monaca Recreation Bd.

**Pittsburgh Lebanese Festival** at Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Church, Scott Twp. on September 6-8, 2019, Friday & Saturday, Noon - 10 pm., Sunday 12 - 6 pm. Lebanese food & desserts. Said Abi Akl and Band on Saturday at 6 pm. Free admission & parking. Pre-order online at www.pgh.lebanesefestival.com / 412-278-0841.

**Author Dr. Derya Little will speak on her journey from Islam to the Catholic Church,** through Atheism and Protestantism, on Sat., Sept. 7th, following 9 am. Mass in Legras Hall of St. Louise de Marillac Parish in Upper St. Clair. Born and raised in Muslim Turkey, Dr. Little rejected her family’s Islamic faith and became an atheist after her parents’ divorce. During her stormy adolescence, she tried to convince a Christian missionary that there is no God but was converted to Christ instead. The program is free, with a goodwill offering accepted. For more info, visit www.deryalittle.com.
We’re close to Monaca’s families in many ways.

Being part of the Beaver County area for over 50 years, we’ve gotten to know local families by working with them, worshiping with them, and watching our children grow up together. It’s only natural that we’ll be here for you when you need us most.

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