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.
RCIA Classes
Are you or is there someone you know who wishes to become Catholic? Maybe you wish to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. There is still time for you to become part of the classes. Classes will begin Sept. 15th.
Our grouping is offering the same class twice a week to accommodate schedules.
For more information, please contact Deacon Bob at 724-375-7626 or at rbittner@diopitt.org.

We still have Sanctuary Candles available for Oct. Nov. and Dec. of 2019. If you would like to have a candle lit for your loved one, please fill out the form below and send it into the parish office. You can call for availability at 724-775-3940 Ext. 3. Thank you and God Bless!
Deb K., St. John’s, Monaca

2019 Sanctuary Candles
A Sanctuary candle will be lit for your loved one. Prayers will also be offered for your loved one or special intention during that week. A donation for a candle is $10. Please fill out the information below and return to the parish office with payment. Please note “Sanctuary Candle” on your check and/or envelope. Please check where you want the candle lit:
___ Blessed Sacrament Chapel     ___ Blessed Mother

Please check one:   _____ In Memory of   _____ In Honor of
                     _____ For Special Intention

Name of loved one:                                                                                               

Week requested:   ___________________ Alternate week:               ___________________

Person/Family making request:                                                                                     

Phone number:                                                                                                      

Acknowledgement
St. John the Baptist Church received a memorial donation In Memory of George Maksin from the Leydig Family.

Grandparents Day
"Children's children are the crown of the elderly, and the glory of children is their parentage."
— Prov 17:6
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 07 Weekday, First Saturday
TS  8:30 am † Louise Dixon (by Daughters)

Sunday, September 08 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grandparents’ Day
JM/BB  8:00 am † Renee & Donnie Bove (by S.D.V.P. Society)
TS  10:30 am † Emilio Carrado (by Marian Leo & Family)

Monday, September 09 St. Peter Claver, Priest
NO MASS

Tuesday, September 10 Weekday
TS  8:30 am † Dr. Nancy Monyak Mackenzie (by A. J., Tillie & Family)

Wednesday, September 11 Weekday, Patriot Day
RA  6:30 pm † Marksteiner & Scarmack Families (by Rebecca Marksteiner)

Thursday, September 12 Weekday
TS  8:30 am † Deceased Members of the Horzempa & Simoni Families (by Mary Horzempa & Family)

Friday, September 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Dr. of the Church
NO MASS

Saturday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
MB  8:30 am For Special Intention Mike Simoni (by Kohser Family)

Sunday, September 15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
TS/JB  8:00 am † Jean Hrelec (by Charles Hrelec)
JM  10:30 am † Lou Lonnett (by Rita Catanzarite)

In Memoriam & Sanctuary Candles

BLESSED SACRAMENT
SANCTUARY CANDLES

In Memory of Anna Kostie
By Family

In Memory of Emilio DiBacco
By Daughters

BLESSED MOTHER
SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Louise Dixon
By Daughters

ADVERTISER
SPOTLIGHT

This week, we thank SIMPSON FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES
CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
Welcome back! The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will kick off the year with a Picnic Dinner meeting on **Tuesday, September 17th at 6 pm**, in Msgr. Farri Hall. Seminarian David Schmidt will be our guest speaker. All women of the parish are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. Annual dues of $5.00 may be paid at the meeting. Please bring a food item for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. *Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.*

HOLY NAME SOCIETY
will lead the parish in the Scriptural Rosary at 7:30 am before the 8 am Mass on Sunday September 8th. Our meeting and continental breakfast will follow Mass. Please join us. Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY will meet on September 11th at 9:30 am in the Faith Formation room located in St. John the Baptist Pastoral Center Monaca, Pa. We will be watching a DVD entitled “Elijah and Elisha.” These DVDs are from Steve Ray’s “The Footprints of God: The Story of Salvation From Abraham to Augustine. All are filmed on location with Steve Ray. Please join us as we discuss our faith.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP
The St. John's Young Adult Group is hosting a **Young Adult / Young Family Picnic** on Saturday, Sept. 21st, from 3 pm - 6 pm, at John A. Antoline Park (formerly Allaire Park), Shelter 4 (adjacent to the new playground). Families of young children and adults in their 20's and 30’s are invited to join us for an early evening of food and fun. Grandparents are welcome too! Fried chicken, pulled pork BBQ, drinks & more will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert or snack as your means allow. For planning purposes, we kindly ask that you RSVP by September 18th to daniel.m.rubino@gmail.com. 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.

FAITH FORMATION
Please see below for Registration information for Religious Education classes. If you are already registered at St. John’s 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 at St. John the Baptist begin September 22nd. (Registrations fees are the same as last year.) 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); & 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. **PLEASE NOTE: Once registration in any of the 4 parish programs is completed and classes begin, please attend in that religious education program only for the duration of the 2019-20 Sessions. Thank you.**
What is Faith Afloat?

Back for its third year, Faith Afloat is a cruise for High Schoolers along the Three Rivers where they can celebrate their Catholic faith while taking in gorgeous views of the Pittsburgh Skyline aboard the Gateway Clipper Empress!

Come and enjoy dinner, dancing and a chance to deepen your faith!

This year's theme is Romans 12: "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer." Do you struggle to remain close to God when the circumstances of your life change? Learn more about God's incredible love for you and His great desire to draw closer to you, even during your life's most difficult times.

Sr. Miriam O'Callaghan, TOR, will share how the Lord radically called her from her homeland in Ireland to religious life. Noah Pepmeyer will lead praise & worship and Vocations Director Fr. Mike Ackerman will emcee. Any 9th-12th graders interested in attending should contact David Schmidt at ym@mach1diopitt.org. Cost of tickets for this fun, faith filled afternoon are $10.00. The deadline to register is Sunday, Sept. 29th.
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 friends, family, neighbors or co-workers who may be looking for office space. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 724-775-3940.

GIFT CARD SALES AT ST. JOHN'S:  A large variety of gift cards are now available! We have Eat N Park, Wal-Mart, 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!

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

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: September 11th, & 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. Sponsored by: Simpson Funeral Home.

Prayers for Healing is a monthly setting of evening prayer that begins Mon., Sept. 9th & continues the first Monday of each month throughout the year. Evenings will include sung psalms, Sacred Scripture, silence, prayers for petition & a spoken reflection. All are centered on various needs for healing, both individually & as a community of faith. Open to all faith traditions, prayer will be held from 7 pm. to 8 pm. in the Srs. of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, located at 1020 State St. in Baden. Reservations are not necessary. Future dates include Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 in 2019, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, (no April), and May 4 in 2020.

BOLDLY CATHOLIC SPEAKER SERIES: Ss. John and Paul Church is hosting a series of renowned speakers to share the joy of Catholicism. All talks take place at Ss. John and Paul Church at 7:00 pm. In her talk, “Relationships: It's Complicated,” on September 17th, national Catholic speaker & author Sarah Swafford targets the societal and emotional barriers to forming good, holy relationships. She sets forth a vision for virtuous relationships in the 21st century, one that focuses on beginning with the end in mind, building what will last, and staying off the “Emoticoaster.” No cost to attend any of the talks. Courtesy registration at: https://stsjohnandpaul.org.