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.
This week, we thank MICHAEL F. DRAGONJAC, D.M.D. & JOSEPH M. DRAGONJAC, D.M.D. General Dentistry.
BUS TRIP TO TWO OF THE SHRINES IN PITTSBURGH
St. John the Baptist Church in Monaca is planning a bus trip to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to St. Nicholas Church on October 17, 2019. Cost of the trip is 18 dollars per person. Please call the parish office at 724 775-3940 to reserve your seat. The bus will leave at 9 am. and is expected to return by 2 pm. We will be stopping for lunch (the location has not yet been determined at this time).

Payments are due by September 30th and do not include lunch money or money for any souvenirs. Payments in the form of cash or check, payable to St. John’s, can be mailed, dropped off at St. John’s or placed in your individual church collection baskets as long as they are labeled “St. John’s Payment for Oct. 17th Bus trip to Shrines”
This will be a wonderful, prayerful trip and a chance to mingle within our grouping.

REST IN PEACE
Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls Who are Members of Our MACH1 Grouping
ROSE CLIMO
ELAINE LAWRYK
EUGENE FILIPPELLI
DANIEL D’ANTONIO
MARGARET BARILLA
LOU TOVEY

In Memoriam & Sanctuary Candles
BLESSSED SACRAMENT SANCTUARY CANDLES
In Memory of
Rita Everett
By Family
In Memory of
Mary Monach
By Monac Family

BLESS MOTHER SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Memory of
Paul Fronko
By James Fronko

MACH1 Grouping
Parish Mission 2019
FOLLOW the FOOTPRINTS
Disciples of Jesus in a Real World
Monday – Thursday, October 7–10
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Monday, October 7: St. Frances Cabrini, Center
Tuesday, October 8: St. Titus, Aliquippa
Wednesday, October 9: Our Lady of Fatima, Hopewell
Thursday, October 10: St. John the Baptist, Monaca
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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY We will meet on Wednesday September 18th at 9:30 am in the Faith Formation room located in St. John the Baptist Pastoral Center. We will continue our study of Job Ch. 16-18 in the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible (RSV 2nd Catholic Edition by Scott Hahn & Curtis Mitch). Please join us to discuss our faith. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut.

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.

50 + FRIENDS SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday October 2nd will be our next meeting. Join us for bingo, cards, games & a good time for all in Msgr. Farri Hall at Noon.

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.

COMING SOON: SHOP 'N SAVE GIFT CARDS! In addition to the many other cards we already offer: Aldi, Giant Eagle, Walmart, Home Depot, Barnes & Noble, Steak 'N Shake, to name a few! Check out the variety we offer by stopping by our table, now located in the BACK of the CHURCH, after either of our Sunday Masses (or the Parish Office during the week)! Cash or checks, made Payable to: OLOF are accepted for payment. A portion of each purchase benefits Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School. Gift Cards may also be purchased online (with Credit Cards or Presto Pay) at ShopwithScrip.com, use OLOF’s Enrollment Code: ABD561E158672. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION
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!

*How can you stay close to God, no matter what happens in your life?*

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. Tickets for this fun, faith filled afternoon are $10. Please register on or before Sunday, Sept. 29th.

On Sunday, September 15, from 6 - 8 p.m., high school students of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Frances Cabrini, St. John the Baptist and St. Titus will meet at SFC for our monthly Youth Mass followed by a presentation in O'Connell Hall by nationally acclaimed youth minister, Kris Frank. Join us for faith, fun and fellowship.

**Youth Group Text Service**

Join us and get REMINDers via text message:
Youth, text this message:
@hmcilw

Parents, text this message:
@hmcilwa

To this number:
61010

*Youth group text messages will be managed by one of our volunteers, Holly McIlwain. For more information, email us at ym@mach1diopitt.org*
**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: Wed., September 18th 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.

Homemade Spaghetti / Gnocchi Dinner at St. Titus Parish, Aliq. Wednesday, September 18th. Dinners are served from Noon to 6:30 pm. Your dinner includes choice of homemade spaghetti or gnocchi, 2 meatballs, dinner salad & roll. All dinners are $9.50. Take-outs are available by calling 724-378-2734.

Designer Purse Bingo to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Sunday Sept. 22nd Doors open at 1 pm. Bingo starts at 3 pm. Pre-sale tickets: $25  Day of the Event: $30 (Tickets Include Door Prizes and 20 Games of Bingo) Located at Center Stage 1495 Old Brodhead Rd. Monaca, Pa 15061  To Purchase Tickets: Visit Eventbrite.com Search Walk MS Purse Bingo or email: teamnomsingaround@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for Saturday Oct. 5th at 7 pm. when the St. Monica Youth Group proudly presents "Murder and Merry Men". The mystery dinner theater event will take place in Founders Hall 116 Thorndale Drive in B. F. Presale tickets are $25 each or $40 a couple and are available at the St. Monica office or by calling Janet at 724-846-7540 ext. 6. Don't miss this evening of Murder, Mystery and Merriment. Proceeds will benefit the SITG ministry in Beaver Falls."

Monaca Community Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees are: John DiMarzio, Dr. Joseph Horzempa, and James Nichol. Tickets are currently on sale for the 35th banquet to be held at Monaca Turners on Saturday October 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $25. for Adults and $10 for children under 12. All tickets must be purchased prior to the evening of the dinner. Deadline is Monday, October 14th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please contact Pat Dixon at 724-728-0248 for tickets or you may purchase them from any board member. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INDUCTEES!

**Prayers for Healing** is a monthly setting of evening prayer that continues the first Monday of each month Oct. 7 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 Nov. 4, Dec. 2 in 2019, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, (no April), and May 4 in 2020.