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, & 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, & Saturdays: 8:30 AM
Wednesdays: 6:30 PM
Holy Days: as announced

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RECONCILIATION
Wednesdays: before/after evening Mass
Saturdays: 12:15 PM to 1 PM
Anytime by appointment.

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
TS  8:30 am † Fr. Joseph Kleppner (by Reid Family)

Sunday, September 22
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
TS  8:00 am † Grace Yarosz (by Family)
JM  10:30 am † Cosimina & Albert Rubino (by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Rubino)

Monday, September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
NO MASS

Tuesday, September 24
Weekday
TS  8:30 am † Dr. Nancy Monyak Mackenzie (by Lorraine Antoline)

Wednesday, September 25
Weekday
RA  6:30 pm † Living and Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (by S.V. de P. Society)

Thursday, September 26
Weekday
TS  8:30 am Michael Horzempa (by the Horzempa Family)

Friday, September 27
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
NO MASS

Saturday, September 28
Weekday
TS  8:30 am † For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (by Anonymous)

Sunday, September 29
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
OSB  8:00 am † Joseph Silvestri (by Luigina Sebastian & Family)
MB 10:30 am † John DiMarzio (by Fausti Family)

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 info., please contact Deacon Bob at 724-375-7626 or at rbittner@diopitt.org.

Bereavement Session -- Chaplain Andrew Kurzawski, M.Div., of Mother Teresa Hospice, Monaca, will be offering the 4th of his four monthly bereavement sessions at St. Frances Cabrini on Wednesday, September 25, at 7 pm. in Rm. 102. Chaplain Andrew is a graduate of St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, and St. Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pgh. 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 previous sessions or not. Registration, by calling or emailing the Parish Office at 724-775-6363 or info@sfcabrini.us, is necessary as no one showed up at the last session, and Chaplain Andrew made the trip for nothing. If no one pre-registers, the session will not be held.

Please note that Sunday Mass announcements must be received by the Pastoral Center office by noon on Thursday. Articles & information for publication in the Parish bulletin must be received by the Pastoral Center office by noon on Thursday of the previous week as to which bulletin you would like the information published. The best way to send information is through our email addresses. Mary H. receptionist1409@gmail.com & Deb K. officesjbp@gmail.com
Thank you very much for your co-operation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

St. John the Baptist Church received a memorial donation
In Memory of Rose Climo from Mr. & Mrs. James Taormina.
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Dr. Nancy Monyak Mackenzie from Mr. & Mrs. James Taormina.

St. John the Baptist St. Vincent de Paul Society received a memorial donation
In Memory of Eugene Filippelli from Mr. & Mrs. David Masumoto.
BUS Trip to Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Nicholas Church in Pittsburgh

St. John the Baptist Church in Monaca is planning a bus trip to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary & to St. Nicholas Church on October 17, 2019. Cost of the trip is $18 per person. Please call our 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).

Payments are due by September 30th and are for bus transportation only. 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.

In Memoriam & Sanctuary Candles

BLESSD SACRAMENT SANCTUARY CANDLES
IN MEMORY OF
GERARD, ED & DAVID SCHACHERN
BY SUE HENDERSON
IN MEMORY OF
JOHN & VERONICA MATTICA
BY RICHARD & LINDA DEBACCO

BLESSD MOTHER SANCTUARY CANDLE
FOR SPECIAL INTENTION
BY ANONYMOUS

This week, we thank BRACES BY MARTONE.

Each year the Diocese of Pittsburgh recognizes the crowning achievement of those couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in the current year with a Mass presided by Bishop Zubik at St. Paul’s Cathedral, followed by a light reception. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Golden Wedding Anniversary will take place later than usual. The celebration will now occur on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Mass will begin at 2:30 pm. If you and your spouse are celebrating your 50th anniversary this year and would like to participate, please RSVP (due October 11) by contacting your parish office which will turn your names in to the Diocese. Please give the parish office the following information:

* Husband name  ___________________________________________
* Wife name (including maiden name)  ___________________________________________
* Date of marriage  ___________________________________________
* Couple’s mailing address  ___________________________________________
* Couple’s best phone #  ___________________________________________

Participants will receive a personal invitation with instructions from diocesan offices after the parish submits the names of those who will attend. Couples are welcome to bring as many loved ones to the celebration as they wish.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET or Mail to ST. JOHN THE BAPTISST PARISH
“Attention Golden Wedding Anniversary Participants”
PARISH LAY APOSTOLATES AND FAITH FORMATION

In today’s Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
We will meet on Wednesday September 25th 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. 19-21 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
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
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.

WELCOME BACK - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Classes
Please see below for Registration information for Religious Education classes. If your family is already registered at St. John’s by having attended last year, no registration is required. Please call the Parish Office so that we can add your child’s name to our roster. Religious Education program fees: $25/child $35 per family for St. John’s.

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.

Once registration is completed & 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, Please 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 & a chance to deepen your faith!

This year's theme is Romans 12:12: "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 Pепmeyer will lead praise & worship and Vocations Director Fr. Mike Ackerman will emcee. The cost of a ticket for this fun, faith filled afternoon is $10 & may be purchased by contacting David Schmidt at ym@mach1diopitt.org.register on or before Sunday, Sept. 29th.
Prayers for Healing is a monthly setting of prayer that continues the first Monday of each month (October 7th) and will continue through 2020. Evenings include sung psalms, Sacred Scripture, silence, prayers for petition, and a spoken reflection. All are centered on various needs for healing, both individually and as a community of faith. Open to all faith traditions, prayer will be held from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Sr. of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, located at 1020 State St. in Baden. Reservations are not necessary. Future dates: Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, (no April), and May 4.

A note from the Parish Office…….. To eliminate any type of errors on your contributions, please take a moment and mark your envelope with the amount of your donation. Approximately 1/3 of the envelopes each week are unmarked. By marking your envelopes, you will assist the money counters when they are counting and will help when posting your contribution. Thank you in advance for your co-operation on this matter.

Dave Deiter, Business Manager
St. Titus Parish/St. John the Baptist
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**COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Monaca Community Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees are: John DiMarzio, Dr. Joseph Horzempa, and James Nichol.** Tickets are on sale for the 35th banquet to be held at Monaca Turners on Saturday Oct. 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: Monday, Oct. 14th. No tickets sold at the door. Please contact a board member for tickets or contact Pat Dixon at 724-728-0248. Congratulations to the Inductees!!

**On a Wing & a Prayer:** Are you a Catholic young adult who is passionate about your faith and up for adventure? On October 26, 2019, the Vocations Office presents On a Wing & a Prayer, a young adult bus trip to Buffalo, NY with stops at Our Lady of Victory Basilica & National Shrine; Niagara Falls; and the Anchor Bar, home of the original Buffalo wings. The charter bus will leave St. Paul Seminary (2900 Noblestown Rd., Pgh., PA 15205) at 7:30 am. and return at 9 pm. Tickets: $25 each or $40 a couple and available until Oct. 12th at PGHPriest.com. Be sure to reserve your spot early!

All young adults (ages 18-40) are welcome!

**PITTSBURGH ROSARY CONGRESS** Make a divine appointment with our Eucharistic Lord & His Blessed Mother. The Pgh. Rosary Congress for Reparation, Life, and Peace, is hosting a week of 24/7 Eucharistic adoration with recitation of the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in the Strip District on Oct. 7-13, 2019.

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**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 Thordsdale Drive in B. F. Presale tickets are $25 each or $40 a couple & are available at the St. Monica office or Janet at 724-846-7540 ext. 6. Proceeds will benefit the SITG ministry in Beaver Falls.

**Quigley Catholic H. S.** Fall Open House for parents on Saturday, October 19th. It coincides with the Annual ROCKTO-BERFEST Dance for 6th - 8th graders. To RSVP, please complete the registration form found at www.qchs.org on the front page. If you would like more info, please call 724-869-2188 or email us at admissions@qchs.org. Hope to see you there!

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart H. S.** Fall Upcoming Events: Friday Oct 4th “Free Movie Night for all - Disney’s “Coco”, Grade School Nights @ OLSH Athletics. Go to www.olsh.org/apps/pages/visit for more information and to register for games and other events. You can also contact Jessica Sellman '02 at (412) 262-3300 or jsellman@olsh.org for Charger for a Day Experience!
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