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

CLERGY CONVOCATION- Due to the diocesan triennial clergy convocation to be held Monday through Thursday of this week, there will only be one morning (8:30 AM) Mass celebrated in our grouping on those days: Monday at Our Lady of Fatima, Tuesday at St. John the Baptist, Wednesday at St. Frances Cabrini, and Thursday at St. Titus.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Tuesdays, Thursdays, & 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.

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 & INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, September 30 St. Jerome, Priest and Dr. of the Church
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 01 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Dr. of the Church
8:30 am Living & † Deceased Members of Grosshans & Patterson Families (by Family)
(Please see Clergy Convocation article on Front Cover of our bulletin regarding Masses for our grouping)

Wednesday, October 02 The Holy Guardian Angels
8:30 am Mass to be celebrated at St. Frances Cabrini

Thursday, October 03 Weekday
8:30 am Mass to be celebrated at St. Titus

Friday, October 04 St. Francis of Assisi
8:00 am † Dustin Formisano (by Paul & Carol Suttelle)
10:30 am † Sam & Evelyn Mandarino (by Pat & Pete Homitz)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

St. John the Baptist Church received a memorial donation
In Memory of Jennie Mancini from Mr. & Mrs. Janis & Carl Falk

St. John’s St. Vincent de Paul received a memorial donation
In Memory of Michael & Nathaniel DeMarco from Mom, Patty DeMarco

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 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.

Blessing of Pets
On Saturday October 5th, there will be the blessing of pets in the Church parking lot at 1:15 pm. rain or shine!

This tradition reminds us that we are all God’s stewards of creation and that we must protect & nurture all of God’s creatures.

Life is a gift from God. We are called to protect and defend the sanctity and dignity of life from womb to tomb. On SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, you are invited to stand, as you are able, or sit for Life on Third Street (Route 68) in Beaver for the Life Chain - Beaver County. We will gather at the Clock Tower (next to PNC Bank) at the corner of Third Street and College Avenue at 2:20 pm then spread out along the sidewalk to prayerfully, peacefully give witness. The Most Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed during this hour. The remaining time is spent in silent prayer. St. John the Baptist parishioners and other members of our grouping, Christian Mothers, and Holy Name Society members have participate in the Life Chain for many, many years.

Please join us to stand for life. Let’s fill up the main street of Beaver!
In Memoriam & Sanctuary Candles

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SANCTUARY CANDLES**
*In Memory of Henry Phillips by Family*
*For Special Intention by Anonymous*

**BLESSED MOTHER SANCTUARY CANDLE**
*In Memory of Dennis Dixon by Sisters*

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**BUS Trip to Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Nicholas Church in Pittsburgh**
St. John the Baptist Church 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 at Grant Street Grill. **Payments are due by October 1st** and are only for the bus.

Payments by check, payable to St. John’s, can be mailed to 1501 Virginia Ave. Monaca, PA 15061 or dropped off at St. John’s. Please label the envelope: “St. John’s Payment for Oct. 17th Bus trip to Shrines.” If you would like to pay by cash, please drop it off at our office. This will be a wonderful, prayerful trip and a chance to mingle within our grouping. Thank you.

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**REST IN PEACE**
Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls Who are Members of Our MACH1 Grouping

**Jennie Mancini Raymond Martichek**

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**SACRAMENTS**

**Celebrate and Welcome Into Our Faith Recently Baptized**

**Abigail Jean Garuccio**

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**29th Annual Father Marcus O’Brien Service Awards Dinner**
Join Catholic Charities as they recognize Christina Starcher for her exemplary service to our parish and the community at the 29th Annual Father Marcus O’Brien Service Awards Dinner, Sunday, October 13, 2019, 4:30 pm at The Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd., Aliquippa. Christina is among this year’s awardees from area Catholic parishes to be recognized. The dinner will feature guest speaker Reverend John F. Donahue, and will include entertainment by Amanda Cantelmi. Tickets are $35 per person with proceeds benefiting Catholic Charities’ Beaver County Outreach. Additional information, including a complete list of award recipients, is available in the parish office, or by calling Deacon Tony Giordano at Good Samaritan Parish in Ambridge (724-266-6565). Ticket deadline is Sunday, October 6th.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTINA AND ALL OF THE AWARDEES!**

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**ADVERTISER SPOTLIGHT**
This week, we thank MRS PHYSICAL THERAPY. for the advertisement.
On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish. In the month of September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor,” by assisting many families, providing food, assistance for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY  We will meet on Wednesday October 2nd 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. 22-24 in the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible (RSV 2nd Catholic Edition by Scott Hahn & Curtis Mitch). Come enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut. Let’s learn, discuss & share Our Catholic Faith!

If you did not register for religious education classes, it’s not too late! Classes began on Sept. 22nd -

You can come to class on September 29th and register. “We welcome back all of our students, and we hope to see FIRST GRADERS this week.” Religious Education program fees: $25/child, $35 per 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.

GIFT CARDS

SHOP 'N SAVE GIFT CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

In addition to the many other cards we already offer: Aldi, Giant Eagle, Walmart, Target, Panera, Eat 'N Park, Lowes, 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!

Blood Drive conducted by the American Red Cross will be held on Friday, Oct. 11, in O'Connell Hall from 1 to 6:30 pm. in memory of long-time parishioner, †Rich DeFilippi. Rich lost his courageous battle with a rare lymphoma last year, but was so grateful for the generosity of strangers for all the blood products that he received that were critical to his care. Please plan to come and bring a friend for this important and lifesaving cause. Schedule an appointment by calling 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org<http://RedCrossBlood.org> and enter: Cabrini. Please feel free to contact Donna DeFilippi at 724-728-8048 if you need help scheduling or have any questions. Younger adults may need parental consent to donate.
Our MACH1 Youth Group will be meeting this Sunday, September 29th from 6 pm – 8 pm. We will gather in the O’Connell Hall at St. Frances Cabrini. All 9th - 12th graders are invited to join us.

Youth Group Text Service

Join us and get REMINDers via text message:
Youth, text this message
@hmci1w
Parents, text this message
@hmci1wa

To this number
81010

*Youth group text messages will be managed by one of our volunteers, Holly McIvor. For more information, email us at ym@mach1diocpit.org

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 Pepmeyer 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@mach1diocpit.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 & 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: Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, (no April), & May 4.

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 & return at 9 pm. Tickets are $25 & are 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.

An evening with the Asservo Project at Ohio UP Church, Longvue Ave. Aliquippa. It is an event that is open to the whole community. It will take place on October 2nd at 6:30 pm. We will be hearing and learning from The Asservo Project, which is an organization that is working to bring awareness, and an end, to human trafficking. Free Admission. An offering will be collected to benefit the Asservo Project. No childcare provided. RSVP ONLINE AT: EVENTBRITE.COM/E/A/EVENING-WITH-THE-ASSERVO-PROJECT-TICKETS-71322612855 OR by Emailing, catecolesar@gmail.com.

Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on Oct. 26th from 9 am. to Noon at the Double Tree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. Don’t miss speaker Barbara Heil who will tell you an amazing conversion story in a very engaging way. Barbara is a strong Catholic and came to Catholicism through a theological search for the truth. As a college student, she was a non-believer led to Christ then to service as a Pentecostal minister evangelizing in over 55 countries. As a Catholic she has traveled the U.S. and world seeing thousands healed and set free and equipping lives for the glory of God. Cost of the breakfast is $23. To register, call Donna, 412-364-0969 or Pam, 412-461-8906 or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. Registration deadline is October 18th.