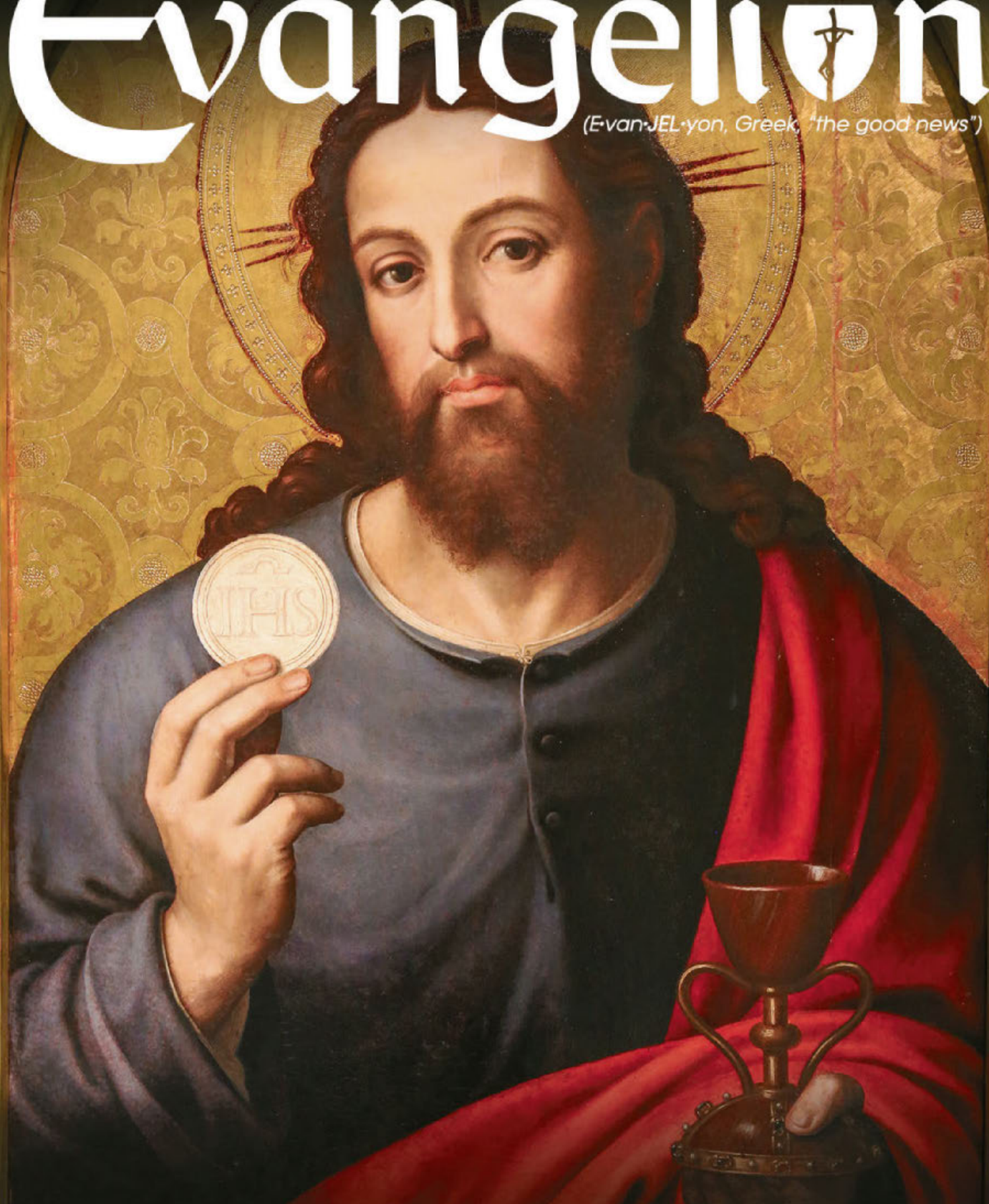


SAINTS JOHN & PAUL | GOOD SAMARITAN | OUR LADY OF PEACE | SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR THE GREAT PARISH GROUPING

Evangelion

(Evan-JEL-yon, Greek, "the good news")



HE is HERE! | June 19, 2022 | Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

FIRST READING—Genesis 14:18-20

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words:

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
the creator of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who delivered your foes into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The LORD said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand
till I make your enemies your footstool.”

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion:
“Rule in the midst of your enemies.”

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

“Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor;
before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you.”

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent:

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

SECOND READING—1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Sunday, June 19, 2022

SEQUENCE—Please Remain Seated

ALLELUIA—Please Rise

GOSPEL—Luke 9:11b-17

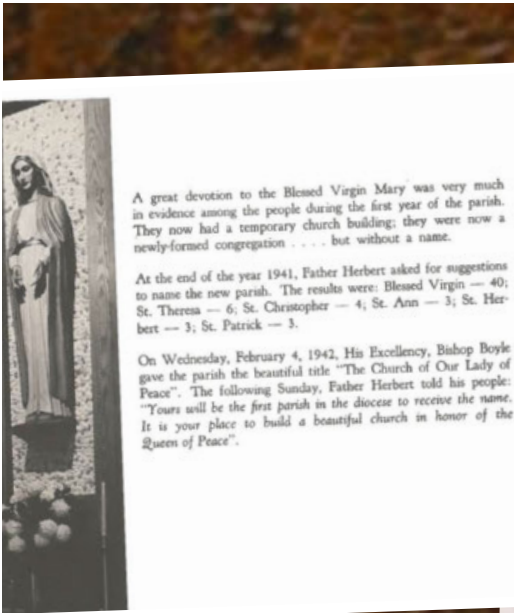
Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, “Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here.” He said to them, “Give them some food yourselves.” They replied, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.” Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty.” They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.


I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



A great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary was very much in evidence among the people during the first year of the parish. They now had a temporary church building; they were now a newly-formed congregation . . . but without a name.

At the end of the year 1941, Father Herbert asked for suggestions to name the new parish. The results were: Blessed Virgin — 40; St. Theresa — 6; St. Christopher — 4; St. Ann — 3; St. Herbert — 3; St. Patrick — 3.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1942, His Excellency, Bishop Boyle gave the parish the beautiful title "The Church of Our Lady of Peace". The following Sunday, Father Herbert told his people: "Yours will be the first parish in the diocese to receive the name. It is your place to build a beautiful church in honor of the Queen of Peace".


A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Intertwined with so much of the history that includes Old Economy and antedating many of its neighbors, the early story of the parish of Saint John the Baptist in Baden gives the historian an interesting picture of the "missionary" efforts of early Pittsburgh Catholics. Few parishes of our diocese can match it in this respect.

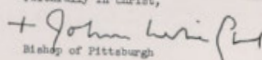
The first growth of Saint John parish was nurtured by two sources - pioneer priests for whom sacrifice was not a word but a way of life, and Sisters for whom the Providence of God was as clear and as compelling as highway direction signs.

In the subsequent hundred years Saint John parish has seen the Beaver Valley open its arms to people from the Old World seeking opportunities.

In the beginning, an Economy home was the scene for the first Mass offered for the parish; a handful of God's people gathered to give Him worship. Since then two church buildings have served for that same worship. Today, more than three thousand souls are cared for in the third parish church. That care continues to be given by priests and Sisters with the same spirit and zeal for God's service as marked their pioneering predecessors. They are aided by a laity no less dedicated to the work of the Kingdom of God than were less privileged forebears in the Faith.

A century has been witness to how Saint John the Baptist parish follows the vocation of its patron in announcing God's Kingdom; may God grant it grace to continue to do so for generations to come.

With every blessing to Father Walter and all who help him in the work of the Lord in Baden, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

Bishop of Pittsburgh

A REFLECTION about the parishes of **OUR LADY of PEACE** and **SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST** on the occasion of their **FINAL MASS CELEBRATIONS**


A MESSAGE
FROM FATHER JAY



Our dear families of Conway and Baden are asked for the greatest of sacrifices by our Church... the yielding of our church buildings from weekend to devotional use. As one parishioner said, "if these bricks could talk..." The memories made within the blue Marian church in Conway and the reddish wood church in Baden are grace-filled. Tears mixed with fears are appropriate because they reflect hearts full of love for our Catholic way, our connections in our Catholic family, and our Lord's loving actions in our Catholic sacramental life.

I wonder how can we cherish personally the goodness of God working in us as easily as we fondly remember all the "thin" moments when heaven touched earth in these churches. I was at a Capuchin retreat center and read about "thin places" from Celtic traditions in Ireland. In Irish Celtic lore, "thin places" are those locales where the veil between this world and the otherworld is porous. The space here on earth takes on the hue of the sacred among peoples whose connection to a place is heartfelt (kevinkochdriftlessland.net/the-thin-places---ireland--the-driftless.html). Traveling in the Holy Land, this is most apparent when you see all the sites of Jesus' life as the ultimate thin places, because right here is where Jesus was conceived; or right here Jesus was born; or right here Jesus was crucified; or right here Jesus rose from the tomb!

This is not the same as going to the site of Three Rivers Stadium, where the feet of the Steelers' Franco Harris touched the turf as he caught the Immaculate Reception—but there is a connection. Places hold meaning: cheering on great moments or crying through losses. But when Jesus is the reason—the "why" for our emotions—then they get connected from this earthly space to an eternal place. So, let us enter these "thin" churches for our final parish celebrations, confident that Jesus, who made these moments grace-filled through His eternal love, continues to connect us to His place in heaven. Heaven is where Jesus is preparing a "mansion" with hues of joy and sounds of friendships, with the memories, people, and love that we have felt from 1866 for **Saint John the Baptist** parish, and from 1941 for **Our Lady of Peace** parish.

Saint John the Baptist, Pray for us! Our Lady of Peace, Pray for us! Saint Luke the Evangelist, Pray for us! 

FIND OUR PARISH CELEBRATION SCHEDULE ON PAGE TEN OF THIS EVANGELION

TRUE PRESENCE

Today is *Corpus Christi*, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (otherwise known as the Eucharist), and for this special day the Church offers us a second reading that is so familiar that most of us can recite most of it from memory (who says Catholics cannot cite Scripture?). The familiarity brings a great challenge: how can we hear this reading with open hearts and minds when we already “know” it so well?

St. Paul wrote this very familiar passage in the mid-50’s A.D. as part of his broader response to questions from the Church in Corinth, Greece, a large metropolitan center of economy and pagan culture. It is very likely the earliest written record of Jesus’ words during the Last Supper when he instituted the Eucharist. It is interesting that Paul points out that he got these words not from the Apostles but directly from the Lord himself. Jesus saw his own instructions on consecrating the Eucharist as so important that he gave them to the Apostles at the Last Supper and then again, in nearly identical fashion, to Saul of Tarsus, soon to be St. Paul, a few years later.

Another interesting feature of these very familiar words is the repetition of the command, “Do this in remembrance of me.” Why does Jesus say this twice? He certainly is emphasizing the importance of what he is telling them to do, but there is more going on. Jesus said these words in the context of a Passover meal, a liturgical remembrance for the Jewish people. In their minds, they were not just looking back fondly on events of the past, our common understanding or remembrance. Jewish liturgical rites were a way of making a past event mystically present now.

JASON GAWALDO

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During the Passover liturgy, a child would ask, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” The leader of the liturgy responded, “Because of what the Lord did for me when I was a slave in Egypt.” Not because of what the Lord did for our ancestors, but because of what he did for me, more than a thousand years before I was even born. By performing the liturgical rites, they made the past event present now. They participated in it. When Jesus commanded the Apostles, the leaders of the liturgical rites of the New Covenant, to perform a certain rite “in remembrance” of him, and then he said it again, the message was clear: “Do this to make me present.” In this context, of course they would have taken his words as literally true when he said, “This is my body...This is my blood.”

And so even today when the successors of the Apostles (the bishops) and the ordained men who share in their ministry (the priests) perform the liturgical rites explained by Jesus at the Last Supper, something mystical happens. We do this to make him present. And what exactly is made present? Not merely a lively memory of the one who died for us, but, according to his own words, his body and blood, indeed his soul and divinity. These very familiar words still have much to tell us.

“DO THIS
IN REMEMBRANCE
OF ME.”

THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT

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I DON'T KNOW HIM!

In the musical, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, these are the words that Peter screamed in the scene of his denial of Christ in the courtyard of the high priest.

"At that he began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know the man'"
(Matthew 26:74).

This is a feeling that most if not all Catholics have had at some point in their spiritual journey. Not the feeling of denial or even ignorance but more a feeling of wonder, a feeling of missing something, a sense that something is not complete.

We know all about Jesus, where he was born, the flight into Egypt, His getting "lost" as a kid when he was actually in the Temple sort of teaching the Pharisees. We know of his miracles of healing, casting out demons, and raising from the dead. We know of his passion, death and resurrection ...

We do know all ABOUT Jesus, but:

- Do we truly know the Man-God Jesus Christ?
- Do we have a living relationship with Him?
- Do we really want to?
- Does He have a living relationship with us?
- Does He want to?

The first three questions are individually subjective and purely personal. They are all "Do we?" ...or even more specific, "Do I?" questions. The last two are split.

Does he have a relationship with us? He won't force Himself on you or me, so that depends. He knows us better than we know ourselves. But relationships... they're a two-way street. It takes two.

Does He want to? He is dying to... and he has made himself present for us to spend time with Him, personally and physically. He is here for you in Eucharistic Adoration. Here to listen, speak, laugh and weep.



KNOW HIM.

“Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, ‘Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do.’ ...And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply.”


—St. Catherine Labouré



An Invitation to the Perpetual Profession of Vows of Sister Mercy Briola of Saint John the Baptist

Our parish will be celebrating the perpetual profession of Sister Mercy Briola, a parishioner from Saint John the Baptist in Baden, as she takes her final vows in the *Sisters of St Francis of Perpetual Adoration* in August! Father Michael Roche and Cindy Deschaine will be leading a pilgrimage to be present at the *Perpetual Profession of Vows Mass* in the **Motherhouse Chapel in Mishawaka, Indiana.**

The bus will leave Good Samaritan on **Monday, August 1, 2022**, in the early morning hours and travel to Indiana. We will stay in a hotel near Notre Dame and attend the Perpetual Vows Mass on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. There will be a reception immediately following Mass. Plans are still being made, but the trip will include a tour of the Notre Dame campus, a tour of the Motherhouse where Sister Mercy resides, and a few other points of interest. We will return to Good Samaritan on August 2, 2022, late in the evening.

We do not have a total for the trip yet, but we need to gauge interest, which will help in planning. If you are interested in going on this journey to witness one of our parishioners make her perpetual profession of vows, please contact Cindy Deschaine at cdeschaine@greatgrouping.org, or leave a message at (724) 318-8402 **by June 20.** 



STAGES OF THE MERGER PROCESS



EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022: NEW MASS SCHEDULE

As part of the third stage of the merger process, a parish-wide survey was undertaken to help determine the new Mass schedule. Based on input from our parishioners, staff & clergy, and Pastoral & Finance Councils, the following Mass schedule has been approved by the diocese, **and will become effective July 1, 2022:**

WEEKENDS

Saturday

4:00 PM at Good Samaritan

5:00 PM at Saints John & Paul

Sunday

7:30 AM at Saints John & Paul

8:00 AM at Good Samaritan

9:00 AM at Saints John & Paul

10:30 AM at Good Samaritan

11:00 AM at Saints John & Paul

4:00 PM Spanish Mass at Good Samaritan

WEEKDAYS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00 AM at Good Samaritan

9:00 AM at Saints John & Paul Grotto

Tuesday

7:00 AM at Saints John & Paul Grotto

9:00 AM at Saints John & Paul Grotto

6:30 PM at Good Samaritan

Thursday

7:00 AM at Saints John & Paul Grotto

8:00 AM at Good Samaritan

9:00 AM at Saints John & Paul Grotto

This Mass schedule becomes effective July 1, 2022.

If you have any questions or comments, please email questions@greatgrouping.org

VISIT greatgrouping.org/merger FOR MORE INFO

VIAL OF LIFE



We have a duty to God, our families, and society not only to take care of our health but to take precautions that will maximize the chances of a successful outcome if we become seriously ill. I can tell you from professional and personal experience how valuable accurate medical condition, medication, and allergy information is to emergency medical personnel, as well as the doctors and nurses who would take care of you in the hospital.

And think of the comfort it would give your loved ones if they didn't have to be rummaging through your cabinets and paperwork to figure out your medical conditions and medications when minutes count. The Vial of Life simplifies this process and makes it more reliable.

Please consider participating in this worthy program. Think of it as a gift to your family and yourself.

—Andrea Grennan, RN, MSN, FCN

PURPOSE: The *Vial of Life* makes it easier for people to have medical information available in one place so family and rescue workers can locate it in an emergency.

WHAT IS THE VIAL OF LIFE?: It is an empty prescription bottle containing the following:

1. A form to list your prescription and over the counter medications as well as vitamins, minerals, supplements, herbal remedies, etc. Topical medication should also be listed.
2. A form to provide important medical information such as health conditions, allergies, surgeries, health insurance, doctors, emergency contact information, etc. Please update as necessary.
3. A *Vial of Life* participant sticker

WHO IT IS FOR?: It is useful for seniors, those with chronic health conditions, those with special needs, or anyone who feels they can benefit by it.

WHY?: Being a participant allows Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel who are familiar with the program and family quick and easy access to important health information in an emergency situation when time is of the essence. Having this information in one place prevents scrambling to gather it under stressful circumstances which can lead to a delay in obtaining necessary medical attention. The information will alert rescue workers of any allergies, chronic health ailments, or health conditions they need to know about to treat you effectively.

WHERE THE VIAL SHOULD BE STORED: The vial should be stored on the top shelf of the refrigerator and be visible at all times. It also can be placed in a glove compartment of your car.

WHERE THE STICKER SHOULD BE PLACED: The sticker should be placed either on your front door, if the vial is placed in your refrigerator, or on your car windshield if the vial is placed in your glove compartment indicating to EMS that you are a participant in the program. They will know the *Vial of Life* is in the refrigerator or glove compartment upon seeing the sticker.

HOW TO OBTAIN A VIAL OF LIFE: Vials are available in the narthex at Saints John & Paul.

The *Vial of Life* program has been supported by the Saints John & Paul Men's Club, CVS Wexford, Giant Eagle Wexford, and Medicap Pharmacy Millvale. We are grateful to all our supporters!



PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Good Samaritan
SATURDAY, JUNE 18 at 4PM

Saints John & Paul
SUNDAY, JUNE 19 at 11AM

Scan to Courtesy RSVP:



Our Lady of Peace
SATURDAY, JUNE 25 at 4PM

Saint John the Baptist
SUNDAY, JUNE 26 at 10AM

SAINT LUKE
THE EVANGELIST



PARISH FESTIVAL

2022
26TH
ANNUAL

★ *at Good Samaritan in Ambridge* ★

We can use donations of
canned goods & Non-Perishable
food items for our

FOOD BASKET WHEEL

where people come to win a
BASKET OF FOOD ITEMS!

WE CAN USE THE FOLLOWING:

Spaghetti Sauce • Pasta • Rice • Soup Cans
Pancake Mix • Syrup • Cereal • Canned Fruit
Cake or Brownie Mix • Macaroni & Cheese • Cereal
Flavored Drink Mixes • Napkins & Kleenex • And other stuff...

Donations may be dropped off at the Good Samaritan parish center or at Saints John & Paul office.
Thanks for all your support.

PLEASE—NO EXPIRED ITEMS, AND NOTHING PERISHABLE!

MANY THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE DONATED SO FAR!

THURSDAY—SUNDAY★LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 1-4★THURS-FRI 6-10PM★SAT-SUN 2-10PM

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Questions? Concerns? Contact Bobby Aloe or Rose Filippini | (724) 266-6565 x215

SIX STEPS TO SANITY ...in memory of Seppe

Gone of the happiest days of my life was when I gave birth to our precious son Seppe; the worst and saddest day of my life was the day we laid him to rest two years ago. It was on July 4, 2020 we received that dreadful call informing us that he had died of a heroin overdose. He died of a disease we call *addiction*.

Oftentimes, as families who have a loved one who is dealing with substance abuse, we are overwhelmed, lost, broken and ashamed of our loved one's addiction. We are angry and as families we feel like failures because we can't fix them or make them better, and more importantly we worry about what everyone is saying about our child or about us as the loved ones of an addict.

That is what we call *stigma*. It can be paralyzing and it will only stop you and keep you from doing what needs to be done; it's **toxic** and it's **meaningless**.

We learned within two years of our son's addiction that it was a force much bigger than us. That no matter how much we wanted him to stop, he was really the only one who had the ability to stop and change his own behavior. We knew very little about the disease but realized very quickly that we needed to do several things: First and foremost we needed **God** in our lives more than ever. Of course he had always been part of our life, but not when it came to our son's disease; we thought we had the answers, but we quickly realized we needed **education** on the disease we knew so little about; we then realized we needed **support**, to be with people who had gone or were going through the same ordeal we were going through. As a result we found a ministry called *Six Steps to SANITY* that provided us as a family the tools needed to learn and deal with a loved one's addiction.

We learned that what we thought was loving and caring for our addict (or prodigal, as I prefer to call them because we always have hope they will come back, like in the Biblical story), we were in fact keeping his addiction alive.

How? By enabling him; by not allowing him to face and deal with consequences of his actions; by being in denial; by not having boundaries or by being lax in our expectations of his negative behavior. By always living with the elephant in the room and afraid to say anything about it.

When we finally surrendered him to God we told him that we just couldn't be a part of his addiction anymore. We explained that we would always be there for him as long as he wanted recovery and that no matter what we would always love him. It was through that surrender that he found recovery on his own. He changed his life around and for four years worked at a rehab paying it forward, helping others. He opened up three sober homes, had a beautiful partner, Allie. They had two children—Harley and baby Joel (born 5 months after our son died).

Unfortunately, a variety of factors contributed to our son's death. During the *COVID* pandemic, he lost his job due to closing of rehabs, no purpose, no meetings... an operation that reintroduced him to pain pills and a host of other factors. He dropped his cross and was too ashamed to ask for help.

We are very thankful to God that he allowed us to see our son the last four years of his life in recovery, and for that we were blessed. We aren't angry at God, or even our son, because we believe everyone has freewill. Unfortunately, he also had the demon of a powerful addiction!

Addiction is ugly. It's a monster but we have to stand up to it. How? As I said: **God, education and support!**

No more shame. For those of us who have lost a loved one, let's rejoice that we will one day see them again: if I didn't believe that, there is no way I could be in a state of such peace. Of course my heart will be broken and our lives are forever changed, and we definitely have our weak moments, but we cannot allow our son's death to kill our willingness to live on. We have so much to live for and to give back and to give to others through our pain and experiences; and for those of you whose loved ones are alive but still struggling, I ask you: **What are you going to do about it?** I beg you, don't just do nothing! Don't allow the *stigma* to paralyze you.

Stand up and educate yourself, show your family you will not cower to this monster of a disease; show your prodigal that you love them enough to fight back with knowledge and that you are no longer going to do **nothing**. Empower yourself with a strong support group. Throw shame out the window and do not allow this disease to define your loved one.

They are worthy; they are sick; **they do not want to be an addict**. As long as your loved one is alive there is HOPE. In our case, our loved one is gone so we have redirected our hope to help other families who struggle with a loved one's addiction. To help them and educate them through our own mistakes.

We do that by facilitating the same ministry that helped us, only we do it at our church—Saints John & Paul—and the ministry is called *Six Steps to SANITY*. The next session begins **Wednesday, June 22, 2022 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Lower CDC (Room 8/9)**. This will be an expedited Summer session that will only meet for 9 weeks. The only expense is the purchase of a \$10 book which we use, called, *Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children* by Allison Bottke. (It says "children," but can apply to any loved one.)

Our mission is to spread the ministry throughout and to whomever will listen so we can help others. Our son will live on... not through shame, through brokenness or through memories of sadness. But he will live on like many other young beautiful souls who succumbed to this disease. They will be remembered for the good, for their worth to society, to their families and for all they accomplished in life. We have very little time on this earth and no one ever promised us a life without pain and sorrow. But it's what we do with that pain and sorrow that will make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

I heard a quote recently from a young lady who is facing death at her doorstep due to cancer, and I felt it was worth sharing: **"You can't wait until life isn't hard anymore before you decide to be happy."** Thank you for your prayers, support and most of all for your never-ending love for our Seppe! We miss him immensely!

—Chico & Joe Ficerai
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SUBMITTING MASS INTENTIONS

Over the past few months, we've been preparing to introduce a new way to submit Mass Intentions to our parish.

Beginning **June 13**, you can request Masses either by visiting the Parish Offices at Good Samaritan or Saints John & Paul, or online at greatgrouping.org/mass-intentions.

Using the online version will allow you to submit your request (subject to approval by the Parish Office). Once approved, you will receive an email confirmation. You will be able to pay online using a credit card.

You may schedule Masses online from July 2022-July 2023, and Memorial Candles & Flowers at Good Samaritan.

We hope using the new system will make it easier to request Masses for your loved ones and for special occasions! If you have any questions please contact the Parish Offices.

**Good Samaritan Office
(724) 266-6565**

**Saints John & Paul Office
(724) 935-2104**

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FRANKLIN PARK

Monday, June 20

- 9:45 AM Mary, Help of Christians (6, Virtual)
- 7:00 PM Welcome Retreat Formation (Conf.)
- 7:00 PM Men's Club (Pavilion/MPR)

Tuesday, June 21

- 7:00 PM A Path Towards Healing (MPR)
- 7:00 PM LifeTeen Bonfire (CDC Firepit)
- 7:00 PM Spousal Loss Support Group (8&9)

Wednesday, June 22

- 10:00 AM HOPE Prayer Walk (Pavilion)
- 7:00 PM Six Steps to Sanity (8&9)
- 7:00 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle (Conf.)

Thursday, June 23

- 10:00 AM LifeTeen Breakfast Club (Pavilion)
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Prayer (Grotto)
- 6:00 PM Confession (Church)
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir (Church)

Friday, June 24

Nothing Scheduled

Saturday, June 25

- 7:00 AM Catholic Men's Fellowship (MPR)
- 7:30 AM Senior Connection (Conf./Offsite)
- 4:00 PM Confessions (Church)

Sunday, June 26

- 10:00 AM Lectio Divino (MPR)
- 1:00 PM Flame of Love (Grotto)

BEAVER VALLEY

Monday, June 20

- 5:30 PM VBS (GS)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (OLOP)
- 7:00 PM A Path Towards Healing (GS)

Tuesday, June 21

- 10:00 AM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (GS)
- 5:30 PM VBS (GS)
- 5:30 PM Confessions (GS)
- 5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (GS)

Wednesday, June 22

- 5:30 PM VBS (GS)
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

Thursday, June 23

- 5:30 PM VBS (GS)
- 6:30 PM Combined Choir Rehearsal (GS)
- 6:30 PM The Way (GS)

Friday, June 24

- 5:30 PM VBS (GS)
- 7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

Saturday, June 25

- 3:00 PM Confessions (OLOP)
- 3:00 PM Confessions (GS)
- 4:00 PM Parish Celebration Mass (OLOP)
- 4:00 PM Guitar Trio at Mass (OLOP)
- 5:00 PM Parish Celebration Reception (OLOP)

Sunday, June 26

- 9:00 AM Confessions (SJB)
- 10:00 AM Parish Celebration Mass (SJB)
- 10:00 AM SJB Choir at Mass (SJB)
- 11:00 AM Parish Celebration Reception (SJB)
- 5:00 PM Latino Dinner (GS)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Save the date(s) for our Parish Celebrations including Mass and a reception to celebrate the rich history of each parish in our grouping. Saturday, June 18 at Good Samaritan 4:00 PM; Sunday, June 19 at Saints John & Paul 11:00 AM; Saturday, June 25 at Our Lady of Peace 4:00 PM; Sunday, June 26 at St. John the Baptist 10:00 AM.

Those attending the St. John the Baptist or the Saints John & Paul Parish Celebrations should RSVP. St. John the Baptist: Please respond via the form available at St. John's or call the parish office (724) 266-6565. Saints John & Paul: Please RSVP online or call the parish office at (724) 935-2104.

BEAVER VALLEY ADORATION

Adoration has moved from Our Lady of Peace to the new chapel at Good Samaritan! Adoration hours are Monday-Thursday, 8AM-8PM. Adorers are needed! Sign up online at greatgrouping.org/adoration or contact Deacon Tom Boucek at adoration4him@gmail.com or (717) 433-3525.

ADORE AT THE DOOR

The Tabernacle at Saints John & Paul that was located in the lower CDC has been removed. We invite everyone to Adoration in the Grotto Chapel 8AM, Sunday-8 AM Saturday. Stop in at your convenience or sign up to be a weekly Adorer. Sign up online at greatgrouping.org/adoration or contact Deacon Tom Boucek at adoration4him@gmail.com or (717) 433-3525.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Our new Mass schedule goes into effect on July 1. Please see page 9 for the new Mass schedule.

MASS INTENTION BOOK OPEN

Mass Intentions at Good Samaritan and Saints John & Paul and Memorials at Good Samaritan for July 2022-July 2023 may be requested by visiting either parish office or online by visiting greatgrouping.org/mass-intention. If you have any questions please contact the parish office.

BEAVER VALLEY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Beaver Valley Parishioners envelopes were mailed to each household for June/July from Our Sunday Visitor. Please do NOT use the July envelopes that are included with June's envelopes. You will receive a packet (July/August) envelopes from Church Budget which are to be used.

SENIOR CONNECTION WORKDAYS

Senior Connection helps seniors and others with home maintenance when they can no longer do it themselves or when they cannot afford to hire a contractor or handyman to perform the work. No special skills are required but are always appreciated. Our next workday will be on **Saturday, June 25**. We begin with 7:30 AM Mass in Saints John & Paul Grotto Chapel and we will work until around 4:00 PM. Volunteers must be at least 13 and those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up at greatgrouping.org/senior-connection.

SIX STEPS TO SANITY

Six Steps to SANITY Ministry is a safe, confidential environment that offers support and tools to families dealing with an adult loved ones substance abuse or issues dealing with the inability to set boundaries. The next session is starting at **Saints John & Paul on Wednesday, June 22, 7:00-8:30 PM** in the lower level of the CDC. This will be an expedited summer session that will meet for 9 weeks. If you have any questions please contact Chico Ficerai, (724) 612-6991 or email Chico.Ficerai@gmail.com.

Six Steps to SANITY is a faith-based ministry and support group adapted from the best selling book, Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children by Allison Bottke, for people who are dealing with addiction in their families. Using the Setting Boundaries Companion Study Guide workbook, parents and families will learn how enabling and codependency contribute to addiction. Learning and applying these steps with other parents, spouses or other family members will produce healing and sanity in their lives.

LIFETEEN SUMMER SCHEDULE

Bonfires: June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19, July 26 & August 9.

Breakfast Club Bible Study: June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21, & July 28.

Text "SSJPLifeteen" to 84576 to stay updated!

AROUND THE GROUPING

SAINTS JOHN & PAUL GOLF OUTING

With summer upon us, it won't be long before the Saints John and Paul Annual Golf Outing on **September 9**. Even if you've never picked up a club, you can still support this worthy cause which raises money for the church's Non Profit Neighbor fund. A \$50 family sponsorship is acknowledged in the Golf Outing Program Book. For a \$100 donation, your family members or business can be listed on a tee sign that greets golfers on the course on the day of the event. Proceeds from the Golf Outing support our parish's mission trips, the church's food pantry, Habitat for Humanity and the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Department, among many others. Contact Mike Ferko at mferko@newincomellc.com or sandy.ferko@gmail.com to sign up.

SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP

Final payment for the Sight and Sound bus trip to Lancaster to see David is due by August 1. Please make the checks payable to Our Lady of Peace and mail them to either Jackie Gallagher or Ellen Rinaldi. Questions, please call Jackie (724) 869-9908 or Ellen (724) 869-3320.

FRANKIE VALLI BUS TRIP

Payment is due by July 1 for anyone signed up to go on the bus trip to see Frankie Valli at Cleveland Playhouse in September. Please make checks out to Our Lady of Peace for \$159 which included bus, show tickets, dinner, and all tips. Please mail checks to either Jackie Gallagher or Ellen Rinaldi. Questions, please call Jackie (724) 869-9908 or Ellen (724) 869-3320.

ARK & THE DOVE

The Ark and The Dove is hosting an outdoor Festival of Praise on June 24, featuring The Vigil Project. This is a free event, and no registration is necessary! Join us at 5:00PM for a free food truck, followed by the Festival of Praise from 7:00-9:00PM. Family friendly, and everyone is welcome! For more information, thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/FOP

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL GOLF OUTING

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Beaver County 24th Annual Golf Outing will be on **Friday, July 8 at Blackhawk Golf Course**. 4 Man Scramble \$100.00 per golfer includes lite breakfast, lunch buffet, Beer & Pop all day & Bruster's Ice Cream Cart. Questions contact John at (724) 462-5813 or johnjdudo@gmail.com. This Outing is a special project to raise money to help provide assistance to the Maison Fortune Orphanage in Hinche Haiti, which we help sponsor in addition to the SVDP Society. Additional information about the orphanage can be found at mfofoundation.org

MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Men's Club annually recognizes the contributions made by the graduating seniors of the Great Grouping. This year we are fortunate to be able to award over \$10,000 to 6 outstanding graduates. The Men's Club Scholarship is based on a number of factors, but first and foremost is the candidate's volunteer activities in their parishes. We had many outstanding applicants, and these are the six who have been selected: Hunter Badamo, Emily Gierczynski, Michaela Golik, Elsa Lieb, Vanessa Moats, & Sara Weller. The applicants dedicated thousands of volunteer hours to the Parish and other service organizations. They are living examples of Christ among us. It is a privilege to recognize these seniors and to say "Thank you and God bless you" to all of the members of the Class of 2022. While the awards are given from the Men's Club, the financial support comes from your generous support of the fish fry and raffles.

WIDOWED, DIVORCED, SEPARATED?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© will host a one-day seminar, Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program, intended to help those in need work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey. Saturday, July 9, 8:45AM-4:00PM. Fee is \$25.00 (lunch included). Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View. Register by July 3 at beginningexperiencepittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Kim at (412) 352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

† Memorial Mass ‡ Mass for Spiritual & Physical Wellness

MONDAY, JUNE 20 (2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • † Bernie Grzegorek (Wife, Mitzi & Family)

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Lois McFarlane (Loretta Rooney)

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 (2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14)

7:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Francis Johns (Meg Alexander)

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Margaret Bock (Richard Bozzo)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • † George F. Rhawn (Dorothy Rhawn)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 (2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Living & Deceased Members of Musser Family (Andrea Zeranick)

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Frank DeMarco (Michael Miniotas)

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 (Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17)

7:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Marion Gramc (Jenny Root)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • † Ezia Romano (St. Anthony Congregation of West Aliquippa)

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Helen Sabovick (Clergy Team)

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 (Ez 34:11-16/ Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • † Barbara Kincaid (Christian Mothers)

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • Fr. Mike's 11th Ordination Anniversary (Watson Family)

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 (Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Lk 2:41-51)

4:00 PM Our Lady of Peace • † Barry Chamberlain (Sandy)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan • † Jerome Farrar (Lynn Vescio)

5:00 PM Saints John & Paul • † Kathleen Devine-Lebby (Friends for Seniors Ministry)

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 (1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62)

7:30 AM Saints John & Paul • † Parishioners of the Great Grouping

9:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • † Joanne Russo Napoli (Patti & Art Columbe)

9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Fran Crawford (Bible Study Friends)

10:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. John the Baptist (Jan)

11:00 AM Good Samaritan • † Louis & Dorothy Guido (Cheryl Cook)

11:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Laura Seward (Family)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan Spanish Mass • † Imelda Jimenez (Brother, Furgencio Orosco)

PRAYERS FOR OUR PEOPLE

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Dennis Faust

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Margaret Luchini

Mother of Jim Luchini

Sharlene Ellen Reagan

Mother of Raymond Ramey

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Mother of Carl Kunzmann

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by Granddaughter, Emily

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by Tom & Ann Milholland

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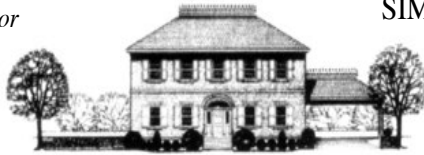
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Please pray for the sick of our parishes, and for the families or friends of our parishioners.

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Names of the sick will be included for a four-week period— if prayers are continued to be needed following four-week period please contact the parish office at (724) 935-2104.

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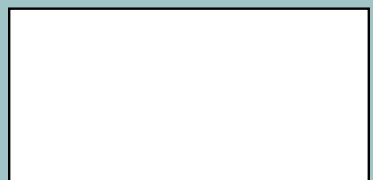

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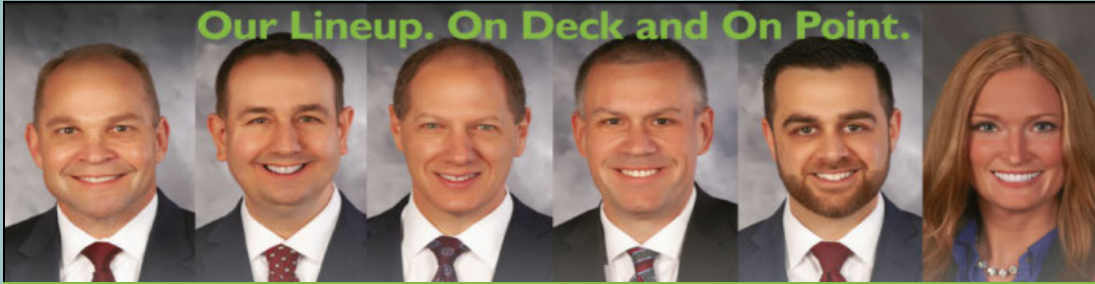
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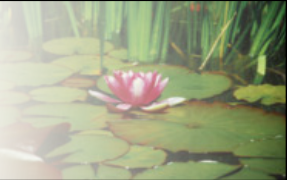
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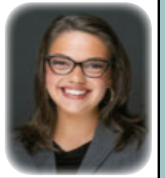
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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekend of June 12

BEAVER VALLEY

Weekly Offering—\$8,699
Online Giving—\$2,042

Parish Share Goal—\$134,865
Parish Share Collected—\$55,035
Parish Share Remaining—\$79,830

FRANKLIN PARK

Weekly Offering—\$18,684
Online Giving—\$16,919
Parish Share—\$2,932

As always, thank you for your kind and generous support of our parish.

REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



8:00 AM Good Samaritan
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
5:30 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan
6:30 PM Good Samaritan



8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul



8:00 AM St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul



3:00 PM CONFESSION at Our Lady of Peace
3:00 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Peace
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Good Samaritan
4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul
5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul



7:30 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Our Lady of Peace
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM CONFESSION at St. John the Baptist
10:00 AM St. John the Baptist
11:00 AM Saints John & Paul
11:00 AM Good Samaritan
11:00 AM Our Lady of Peace (Maronite)
4:00 PM Good Samaritan (Spanish)

For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see WEEK AHEAD (page 15)

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, we believe that Christ becomes truly present within the Blessed Sacrament. As promised by Him, His Presence is abiding, not something that vanishes at the conclusion of Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we can sit silently in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces. Adoration available at Our Lady of Peace, Monday-Thursday 8AM-8PM and perpetually at Saints John & Paul, Sunday-Friday.

