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# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING—Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people:

"If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**—**Psalms 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37** R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness: in your great mercy turn toward me.

#### R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help, O God, protect me. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

#### R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive!

For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not."

#### R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The descendants of his servants shall inherit it,

and those who love his name shall inhabit it.

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## SECOND READING—Colossians1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

## Sunday, July 10, 2022

### GOSPEL—Luke 10:25-37

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There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, "Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back." Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### 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.

# **GRATEFUL** FOR OUR CLERGY TEAM

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY

When I recall the four Superbowls the Steelers won in the 70's, I think of what a stacked team we had. From Bradshaw to Franco to Lambert to Greene, the litany goes on... and then there is the Emperor—Coach Noll. When the Bishop called me into his office a few weeks ago to give us our new name—Saint Luke the Evangelist—as our parish patron, I was so thrilled that he gave me six envelopes with letters, asking our other six clergy to remain on our team.

All four of us priests were pastors. From the beginning of the merger process, I felt that any of us could lead, but God chose me. I feel that they all have my back despite my impetuous nature, and the challenges of running around to four churches. Also I felt when I received the call to lead our grouping (and now Saint Luke Parish) my number one task is to pray and support our priests. Father Jack, Father Joe and Father Mike are God's chosen men, and divine gifts to me. Not just because practically speaking I can not be at four places (or even two!) at once, but because each of them has a style and way to receive Jesus' priesthood and spiritually father our community.

The origin of my priestly vocation was a call to spiritual family or religious community. When I realized the Lord was leading me to the diocesan priesthood, I realized this would be a huge struggle for me, because who would I find for brotherhood? Religious life meant living, praying and working with a community of priestso: up to 400 in a center or 4 in a house in nearly every major country in the world! Now as a priest of Pittsburgh, my reach is Saint Luke Parish, and the brotherhood is even deeper and more personal because of the close friendships we have formed.

The deacons might not have positions like QB or middle linebacker, but the way they serve Jesus is just as heroic as we priests do, and they impact our Parish with such courage and steadfast faith. I find Saint Luke to be a place where deacons are just accepted, but vocations to the diaconate are thriving. We have such great deacon tradition that in addition to Jim Olson, Tom Boucek and Tony Giordano, we have three men studying to become deacons. Each of our three deacons have qualities that compliment each other and our clergy team, and again I cannot imagine moving ahead as a parish without each of them.

Saint Luke is the author of a two-part series in the Bible: *The Gospel of Luke*, and Acts of the Apostles. The relationships of the first clergy team and the first generation of Christians was never perfect. In fact, you can see Barnabas and Paul not always getting along, but in the end the mission of following Jesus and leading people to Him by the Holy Spirit, was the uniting force despite the differences. It is a great testimony to Christians that despite our differences of opinion on key matters, we can see that Jesus is our God and our guide and for Him we unite—not ignoring our differences but elevating to serve a higher purpose, even if we need our ideas to be humbled.

So, as I receive the title of "Pastor," I really know that the Lord put me on this position for team Saint Luke, and that I can always count on a clergy team that just wants Jesus Christ to reign in our hearts and in the lives of those we serve.

Saint Luke the Evangelist, Pray for us!



his week, we begin a four-week trek through Saint Paul's *Letter to the Colossians*. Colossae was a city of declining importance by the time Paul wrote to them from a Roman prison around 60 A.D. He also never visited the mostly Gentile church there. This highly Christocentric letter (centered on understanding who Jesus is) addresses some very modern topics: a vague spirituality that emphasized angels with a tendency toward oriental mysticism and a strong dislike of created matter, like the bodies we are supposedly "trapped" within. In short, it is a letter for our own age as much as it was for first century Colossae.

**JESUS** 

In this introductory section, the Spirit presents us with an incredible description of Jesus. He is the visible face of the invisible God. Everything that exists was made through him, in him, and for him. Even the things we cannot see and may not fully understand, things of the spiritual realm such as angels (thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers are four of the nine choirs of angels), all of it is Jesus' handiwork. I know plenty of people who believe in angels who have different spiritual powers to heal or to hurt, but they are not so sure about Jesus or even a personal deity. Today the Spirit reminds us that Jesus created these spirits, he is above these spirits, and they exist for him.

> GIN HIM, ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER." -Colossians 1:17

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In everything, Jesus is first. He is first in creation (because he existed before anything else did), first in being born from the dead, first in the Church. He is preeminently first because "in him all the fullness [of divinity] was pleased to dwell." Paul will reinforce this message later in the letter when he says, "For in [Jesus] dwells the whole fullness of the deity in bodily form" (2:9). If the whole fullness of deity can dwell within the body of Jesus of Nazareth, then the Lord can also live within our lowly bodies. It is in fact his intention to live there.

As science advances, we continually discover just how incredible these lowly bodies are and how amazing their Creator is. *Laminins* are a protein in the human body that serve as a foundation for most cells and also serve an important role in cell adhesion. They literally hold our bodies together. If you look up an image of a laminin molecule, you will see that they are cross-shaped. When our Creator fashioned our bodies, bodies in which he planned to dwell, he held them together with an image of his Cross. Paul's words ring even more truly: "In him, all things hold together."

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Today the Spirit reminds us of some incredible truths. God has a visible, bodily form and he wants to dwell within your body. He fashioned your body with his own signature within its cellular structure. He holds you together, and he holds the whole universe together. And he offers peace to you and to me through his Cross.

# HOLY MATRIMONY

Tom Peters & Lisa Symons June 18, 2022

Saints John & Paul Grotto

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#### WHAT WE DO SPEAKS SO LOUD

Billy and Isaiah were talking about religious beliefs and they got around to Billy participating in Eucharistic Adoration. You see, Billy was Catholic and Isaiah was Jewish. Isaiah asked, "You believe that your God is in that piece of bread?"

"We do," said Billy.

"Your Church teaches he is really there... that what you're looking at is the man who was God?"

"Yes," Billy responded. "It's the 'Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity' of Jesus Christ"

"And you believe that?"

"Yes."

Isaiah wanted to say something, but stifled it. Billy asked, "What?"

Isaiah said, "I don't understand."

"I know. It sounds very shocking," Billy said.

No, that's not what I mean. I don't mean to insult you, but..."

"Really," Billy encouraged him, "I won't take it as an insult. Tell me what's on your mind."

"Well, you say that's what you believe, but I don't think so," Isaiah said.

"Oh! I know what you mean. You can't relate to anyone who believes such a thing. You could never get down on your knees and worship something so ordinary."

"No, just the opposite... I don't see how I could ever get up off my knees! If I believed that ordinary thing, that little round piece of bread was really Yahweh Himself, I think I would just faint. I would fall at His feet like a dead man."

My son Billy looked carefully at my reaction as he reported Isaiah's words. My eyes opened, and he smiled. "What did you say to him?" I asked.

"Nothing", he said to me, Then, after a while, "Just 'Yes.'"

Billy is a now just a little bit wiser.



I do believe, Lord. Help my unbelief."

-Mark 9:24

# **RECLAIM IT**

Fre you making the most of your weekends? In creation, God set apart a day specifically for this purpose. This is something that has mostly been lost with the changing of the culture.

The Third Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work" (*Deut 5:12-15*).

It may seem like a pain or just another rule to follow, but it is not. It is not about the do's and don'ts. It is about REST. On Sundays, we are called to truly rest in the Lord and leave all other things behind. We are called to step back from the busy pace of life we are used to and be present to God, to ourselves and to others. Sunday is not another day to complete what you didn't during the week. God gave us this day of rest because he knows that it is what we need. It is not a day of laziness or idleness, but one of leisure. It is unique to humans that we can take this break from work and chores for leisure, as the other animals must work all the time in order to survive. Other animals cannot help but follow their instincts, but humans are rational beings who choose their actions.

Josef Pieper says, "Leisure... is a mental and spiritual attitude—it is not simply the result of external factors, it is not the inevitable result of spare time" [Leisure the Basis of Culture, 46]. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Just as God 'rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done,' [Gen 2:2] human life has a rhythm of work and rest. the institution of the Lord's Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives" (CCC 2184).

-Mary Sabados



# **MY THANKSGIVING**

am so grateful for the return of our Flame of Love Cenacle vocal prayers before the Blessed Sacrament in our Sunday Holy Hours.

I know that Jesus is among us when two or more are gathered in His Name. He said so! When we pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, I experience in my heart the Power and Mercy from the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Who is Jesus Himself. There at the altar, He is really PRESENT: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament! It is truly an Alleluia moment!

The meditations read are so powerful. I feel St. Faustina's and Elizabeth Kindelmann's strong intercession for us. I think that through their intercession in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary's most efficacious intercession, our vocal prayers are purified then wonderfully wrapped together with a beautiful bow. Then, Our Lady gives this to Jesus Who presents it to the Father for His blessings on our prayers in accordance with His Holy Will.

It is my prayer and hope that more people will join us and experience the same power and mercy for themselves. All praise and thanksgiving to God, forever.

—Naomi Stein

## FLAME OF LOVE CENACLE

Sundays, 1:00-3:00 PM in Saints John & Paul Grotto Chapel.

Questions? Contact Tess at jmj.elliott@comcast.net For more information about the Flame of Love Devotion, visit flameoflove.us.

> WE MUST SEEK LODGING FOR MY FLAME OF LOVE, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF." — The Blessed Virgin Mary



The *Men's Club* is perfect for all of you gentlemen with families with young children, living crazy busy lives, or any men looking to get involved but unable to devote a ton of time. We meet monthly, and our focus is helping enable other ministries, which we do through effective stewardship and fundraising (such as through fish frys and the semi-yearly raffles). We have fun—hosting Steelers cookouts, golf leagues, building care packages for our parish's college students, and even simply sharing a few craft beers at *Pomodoro's*. We make an impact—I can't tell you how many times we have received letters of thanks from people throughout this parish and beyond—the work we do and the money we raise makes a difference for our parish, our community, and worthy charities.

I truly encourage you to join us. It's easy and a lot of fun, and great for men of all ages. Feel free to reach out to our President, Chris Cuba at *cubes@zoominternet.net* if you're interested in discussing. Thanks, and God bless you all.

-Matt Garland, Past President

## **NEW MEMBER EVENT!**

We will enjoy grilled burgers and hot dogs along with a beer tasting as part of our next Mens' Club meeting on **Monday, July 18 at 7PM in the Pavilion at Saints John & Paul**. We welcome all new and previous members to this special event. It will be a great evening of food, beverages and fellowship. A small donation would be appreciated to cover the costs of this event. Please send questions or RSVP to *cubes@zoominternet.net*. Looking forward to seeing many previous and new members.



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## THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING ON Respect THE DOBBS CASE

The Dobbs Case ("Dobbs, State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Heath, et al. v. Jackson Women's Health Organization et al.") deals with whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional.

The case was brought in response to Mississippi's *Gestational Age Act* that was signed into law on March 19, 2018. The law protects the health and well-being of pregnant mothers, the life of unborn children, and the integrity of the medical profession by limiting abortions after 15 weeks gestational age except in medical emergencies or for severe fetal abnormality. Please see the chart (opposite page) for the development of an unborn baby by 15 weeks. Mississippi's law is consistent with what more than 90% of countries worldwide already do. In fact, the United States—when it comes to abortion law and policy—is one of only four countries, including China and North Korea, that allows the abortion of a child at any time during a woman's pregnancy.

The specific question before the Court was whether a state may enact limits on abortion before viability, i.e., when the baby is capable of living outside his/her mother's womb. In addition, the Court considered the correctness of its previous rulings in *Roe v. Wade (1973)* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992)* which severely limited the ability of states to protect their interests in unborn life and maternal health. The State of Mississippi explained in its brief that neither the right to an abortion nor a viability line have any basis in constitutional text or history, and that the medical research into fetal development over the last half century (since the *Roe* decision) establishes that states have a compelling interest in protecting unborn life at 15 weeks.

On May 2, 2022, a draft opinion from the Court was leaked and published in the news outlet *Politico* in advance of the Court's official ruling. The 98-page leaked draft shows the Court siding with the State of Mississippi. Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. writes in the purported draft document (which is labeled as the "Opinion of the Court"), "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives." Namely, that the issue of abortion is to be returned to its pre-*Roe* status as an issue to be determined by each state.

On Friday, June 24, the Court released its final decision by upholding the Mississippi law banning elective abortion after 15 weeks except in cases of medical emergencies or for severe fetal abnormality. The Court also addressed the legal precedent established in the *Roe* and *Casey* decisions and overturned those rulings stating, "The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives."

-Marie Pfau, Respect Life Committee

#### SCAN TO READ THE RULING:



## 15 Facts at 15 Weeks

The Supreme Court decision in the *Dobbs* abortion case out of Mississippi revolves around abortion limits at 15 weeks. What does science tell us about the amazing development that babies in the womb have already experienced at just 15 weeks?



here are no words to describe the pain of losing a child, and certainly to lose a child to a drug overdose is beyond explanation and understanding. It has been two years since we received that horrific call informing us of our son, Seppe's, death due to a heroin overdose.

As a result we use the anniversary of his death to share our thoughts with you and to share our knowledge of addiction. Our ministry, *Six Steps to SANITY*, which has been in existence since August 2014 at Saints John & Paul, allows us to help families who are dealing with their loved ones' substance use, a problem that seems to be getting worse rather than better. This issue is due to the incredible amounts of drug use in our society to include everything from vaping marijuana, to opioids, fentanyl, and a variety of other drugs.

No one is exempt from the problem of addiction. Don't think it can't happen because of where you live, or your financial status or social ranking. Addiction knows no boundaries. It doesn't discriminate against age, race, demographics, or socioeconomic status. All populations are at risk for addiction.

The single-most important factor in facing addiction as a family is education! If we empower ourselves with the facts and the knowledge of what we need to do, that in itself is a positive step forward towards dealing with this disease. The second important step is letting go of stigma. This feeling of shame and embarrassment due to a loved one's substance use is a sure step in the wrong direction and a contributing factor of allowing the disease to continue and get worse. Rarely does an addict find recovery on their own, so a family is critical in arriving to the decision of how we deal with our loved ones' disease.

Our ministry provides the education and tools in knowing how to deal with a loved one's addiction. We use a book called *Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children* by Allison Bottke (in addition to a variety of resources) to include our own experience of dealing with our son's disease. We openly share our journey along with the many mistakes we made as we navigated through the most excruciating pain and experience in our lives, prior to becoming educated on the subject. The reason we so openly share is to help people not make the same mistakes we made, and more importantly to encourage people to get help for themselves and for their families. Anyone who has suffered as a result of a loved one's substance abuse knows the dark world that comes with this disease.

My husband Joe and I want you to know we are available to anyone who wants the help in getting through this process. We are committed and passionate about reaching out to others who are walking—maybe stumbling—through this horrific and painful experience.

Finally, the most amazing, beautiful, and rewarding experience that comes with the loss of a loved one is having faith and a strong, relentless relationship with Jesus Christ. We walk this journey knowing He stands with us and holds us up when we are at our weakest; gives us strength to be our best, and to live our lives knowing that He is always present with His grace and mercy. We are blessed to be able to serve God by helping others whose loved ones suffer with this disease. Most importantly, as Christians we believe in eternal life. So, we feel strongly we will one day reunite with our son.

Let there be no shame, and don't be embarrassed to seek help and understanding when it comes to addiction!

Our son died July 4, 2020, and that day was a reminder of how he symbolically found HIS independence from the horrific struggle of this disease we know as addiction! Love and hug your children everyday!

—Joe & Chico Ficerai

## Six Steps to SANITY at Saints John & Paul, Lower CDC

Contact Chico Ficerai for details about the current session at chico.ficerai@gmail.com or (724) 612-6991



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Monday, July 11 7:00 PM Respect Life (MPR) 7:00 PM Welcome Retreat Formation (Conf.)

**Tuesday, July 12** 7:00 PM LifeTeen Bonfire (CDC Firepit)

Wednesday, July 13 10:00 AM Prayer Walk (Rosary Garden) 6:30 PM Special Needs Ministry 7:00 PM Six Steps to Sanity (8&9) 7:00 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle (Conf.)

**Thursday, July 14** 10:00 AM LifeTeen Breakfast Club (Pavilion) 6:00 PM Confession (Church) 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (Conf.) 7:00 PM Senior Connection (MPR)

Friday, July 15 Nothing Scheduled

Saturday, July 16 7:00 AM Catholic Men's Fellowship (MPR) 4:00 PM Confessions (Church) 6:00 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle (MPR)

Sunday, July 17 10:00 AM Lectio Divina (MPR) 1:00 PM Flame of Love (Grotto) Monday, July 11 Nothing Scheduled

**Tuesday, July 12** 10:00 AM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (JH) 5:30 PM Confessions (Church) 5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (Conf.)

Wednesday, July 13 Nothing Scheduled

**Thursday, July 14** 12:00 PM Pierogi Making (JH)

Friday, July 15 9:30 AM Pierogi Making (JH) 7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

Saturday, July 16 9:30 AM Pierogi Making (JH) 3:00 PM Confessions (Church)

Sunday, July 17 10:00 AM Meatballs (JH)



## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ADORATION IN OUR PARISH

Adoration hours at Good Samaritan are **Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-8:00 PM**. Adorers are needed! Sign up online at *saintluke.net/adoration* or contact Deacon Tom Boucek at *adoration4him@gmail.com* or (717) 433-3525.

Adoration hours at Saints John & Paul are **Sunday 8:00 AM-Saturday, 8:00 AM**. Adorers are needed! Sign up online at *saintluke.net/adoration* or contact Deacon Tom Boucek at *adoration4him@gmail.com* or (717) 433-3525.

#### CONFESSION

Confession is available at Good Samaritan on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM and Saturdays at 3:00 PM. Confession is available at Saints John & Paul on Thursdays at 6:00 PM and Saturdays at 4:00 PM.

#### LOST AND FOUND

The Saints John & Paul Lost and Found is overflowing! Please stop by the Usher's Room after Mass to claim your items. Any items not claimed by **July 17** will be donated or disposed of. Thanks!

#### NEW PARISH T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish t-shirts are available for purchase! \$10 each.

Purchase online at *saintluke.net/tshirt* or call the Parish Office (724) 266-6565.

#### **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.

#### **OFFERTORY GIFT PRESENTATION**

If you have a requested a Mass intention during a Sunday Mass and wish to present the Offertory gifts, please arrive early and inform one of the ushers before Mass.

#### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Online registration for fall programing is open. Visit *saintluke.net/formation* to see program days, times, and descriptions and to register.

#### SUMMER OUTREACH CAMP

There's still time to register for our Summer Outreach Camp the week of **July 25**. Visit *saintluke.net/ summer-outreach-camp* to register.

#### LIFETEEN

Bonfires: July 12, July 19, July 26 & August 9. Breakfast Club Bible Study: July 14, July 21, & July 28.

**LifeTeen Fall Program Registration:** Online registration for LifeTeen, our ministry to high school students, is open. Visit *saintluke.net/lifeteen* to see some of the great things we do and to register. Text "SSJPLifeteen" to 84576 to stay updated!

#### **GRIEF MINISTRY**

Each person approaches grief in their own way and each one's path is different. We are here for you, sessions for those who have lost a loved one are held to support each other in our grief and walk alongside each other during life's most difficult experiences. Grief Ministry meets every **Thursday** evening beginning with fellowship at 6:00 PM at **Good Samaritan** in Jericho Hall Conference Room. For more information or to register please contact Deacon Tony at (724) 385-8628 or agiordano@ diopitt.org.

#### **HELP IS NEEDED**

We Need Your Help! On **July 15**, we need many hands to help us move the Faith Formation building from Our Lady of Peace to Good Samaritan. If you can spare some time, please meet us at 9:00AM at Our Lady of Peace. Questions? Contact Cindy Deschaine at *cdeschaine@saintluke.net*.

#### **DROPPING OFF ITEMS**

If you have items to donate, please contact the Parish Offices at (724) 266-6565 or (724) 935-2104 before dropping them off to make sure we are accepting them.

#### PARISH FESTIVAL PIEROGI MAKING

Thank you to all of you who helped make 550 dozen pierogi for our upcoming Parish Festival. We have 550 dozen more to make.The schedule for the next pierogi making event at **Good Samaritan in the lower level of Jericho Hall is Thursday, July 14 at Noon** (Clean and Chop Potatoes) **Friday, July 15 at 9:30 AM** (Cook and Ball Potatoes) and **Saturday, July 16 at 9:00 AM** (Pinch and Cook Pierogi) and **Saturday, July 16 at 11:00 AM** (Clean up Crew) If you can help in any way please contact Bobby Aloe at *baloe@saintluke.net* or (724) 266-6565 x215. We are especially in need of clean up help. Please consider volunteering a few hours.

#### FESTIVAL FOOD BASKET WHEEL

Donations of canned goods and non-perishable items are needed for our Food Basket Wheel, a fun game at our festival where people win a basket of food! Donations can be dropped off at our parish offices.

#### PARISH GOLF OUTING

With summer upon us, it won't be long before the annual Saint Luke the Evangelist 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 Saint Luke the Evangelist and mail them to either Jackie Gallagher or Ellen Rinaldi. Questions, please call Jackie (724) 869-9908 or Ellen (724) 869-3320.



#### **HELP NEEDED AT SSJP**

Help is needed to clean the Grotto! **On Saturday, July 16** we will be removing all of the chairs, kneelers, tables, and other items from the Grotto for deep cleaning. Volunteers are needed from **8:00 AM-4:00 PM**. You can volunteer for any portion of the day when you are available. Contact Karen Walker at *kwalker@saintluke.net* for more information or to volunteer, or sign up at *bit.ly/3OX6oVO* 

#### RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. A weekend retreat followed by a post-weekend program focused on rebuilding marriages through better communication and understanding. The next weekend retreat is September 30 - October 2. For confidential information, please visit: *helpourmarriage.org* or call (412) 277-3434.

#### CATHOLIC PLAY

Saint Genesius of Rome Theater Group presents "Champion at Tyburn" a play depicting the heroic story of Saint Edmund Campion. Performances will be held at Saint Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, on **Friday, July 15 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, July 16 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.** There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. For more information visit *sgrtheatergroup.com* or call (412) 491-4415 or (724) 933-7837.

#### HANDBELL CHOIR

Come hear and enjoy a lively concert by the Raleigh Ringers Handbell Ensemble. **Friday July 15 at 7:00 PM at North Catholic High School,** Cranberry Township. Purchase tickets at *ringpittsburgh.org* 

#### FLEA MARKET

Come shop on **Saturday, July 16 8:00AM-2:00PM** and **Sunday, July 17 NOON-5:00PM**. The sale is located at Our Lady of Fatima Kohler Hall, 3005 Fatima Dr. Aliquippa, PA 15001. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School/PTG.

# MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

MONDAY, JULY 11 (Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1) 8:00 AM Good Samaritan • † John and Katherine Burkart (Greg Hyrcza and Family) 9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Jeanne J. Heykoop (Richard Bozzo)

TUESDAY, JULY 12 (Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24)
7:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Rev. Roy Conley (Clergy)
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Margaret Bock (Richard Bozzo)
6:30 PM Good Samaritan • † Marian Chismire (William Cahalan Family)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 (Is 10:5-7, 13B-16/Mt 11:28-30) 8:00 AM Good Samaritan • ‡ Peter (Rock) Hyrcza (Carol and Greg Hyrcza) 9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Pat Dziki (Praskach Family)

THURSDAY, JULY 14 (Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30)
7:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Rudy & Mary Lamagna & Diana Feraco (Feraco Family)
8:00 AM Good Samaritan • † Nancy Herring (Fr. Michel Roche)
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • ‡ Anna Utley (Patrizo Family)

FRIDAY, JULY 15 (Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8)
8:00 AM Good Samaritan • ‡ For the priests of St. Luke the Evangelist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • ‡ Fr. Joe Carr's Birthday (Watson Family)

SATURDAY, JULY 16 (Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21)
4:00 PM Good Samaritan • † Deceased of the Antonini Family (Anna & Gaylord)
5:00 PM Saints John & Paul • † Dolores Erbert (Joe/Noreen Fischer Family)

SUNDAY, JULY 17 (Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42)
7:30 AM Saints John & Paul • ‡ Meg Alexander & † Julianne Mazziotti (Watson Family)
8:00 AM Good Samaritan • ‡ Parishioners of the Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Carol Peterson (Bible Study Friends)
10:30 AM Good Samaritan • † Patrick & Nancy Hudak (Hudak/Merkel Family)
11:00 AM Saints John & Paul • † Terry Donahue (Jeanie Waloschmidt & Family)
4:00 PM Good Samaritan (Spanish) • † Blasina Altamirano, Juana Altarmirano & Janethe Funes (Familia Solis)

# **PRAYERS FOR OUR PEOPLE**

#### OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**Isabel Caul** Good Samaritan Church

**Alexander P. Janis** Our Lady of Peace Church

#### **OUR NEWEST CHRISTIANS**

**Lucas Joseph Hohman** Son of Matthew & Christina (Lynch) Hohman

> **Grayson Michael Bichey** Son of Bradley & Shayna Bichey

**Lincoln James Culley** Son of Chris & Missy (Deschaine) Culley

#### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** In Memory of Tom Kovach

by Sandy Kovach

In Memory of John & Helen Panek by Robert Panek

BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE CANDLE In Memory of Tom Kovach by Scott, Tom & Tim Kovach

In Memory of Margaret Konarski by Great Grandchildren

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

Eric Angle; Dr. Bartlett; Rebecca Beck; Bradley; Chip Byrd; Tom Castillo; Domenik Ceraso; Suzanne Costigan; Jack Culkin; John Dehler; Hudson Donahue; Mary Estep; Mary Fischer; Sara Gallagher; Donna Gerst; Margie Geyer; Michael Heastings; Sue Holleran; Angeles Iriart; Marian Jankiewicz; Mary Kernic; Lia Koach; Josie Kovacic; Robert Meehan; Ellie Nicholson; Pat & Patty O'Brien; Dorothy O'Neill; Michelle Obarto; Michele Pellegrini; Ellen Pels; Alexis Prather; Sally; Julia Ann Saxon; Mark Snyder; Michelle Stawowczyk; Christine Stephenson; Bob Tomaszewski; Tony; Hayden Watson; Cathy Winghart; Joseph Winkler; Tony Zaccagnini

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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## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekend of July 3

Offering Numbers for July 3 will be available in next week's *Evangelion* 

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

## HELP LINES

24 Hour Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-932-0313

Crisis Pregnancy Option Line 1-800-395-4357

Post-Abortion Healing/ Project Rachel (412) 456-3167

Pittsburgh Diocese Victim Assistance 1-888-808-1235

Crisis Management Services 1-888-796-8226

#### **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



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8:00 AM Good Samaritan 9:00 AM Saints John & Paul 8:00 PM Good Samaritan 1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul



3:00 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan 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 8:00 AM Good Samaritan 9:00 AM Saints John & Paul 10:30 AM Good Samaritan 11:00 AM Saints John & Paul 4:00 PM Good Samaritan (Spanish)

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

#### EUCHARISTIC 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 Good Samaritan, Monday-Friday 8AM-8PM and perpetually at Saints John & Paul, Sunday-Friday.