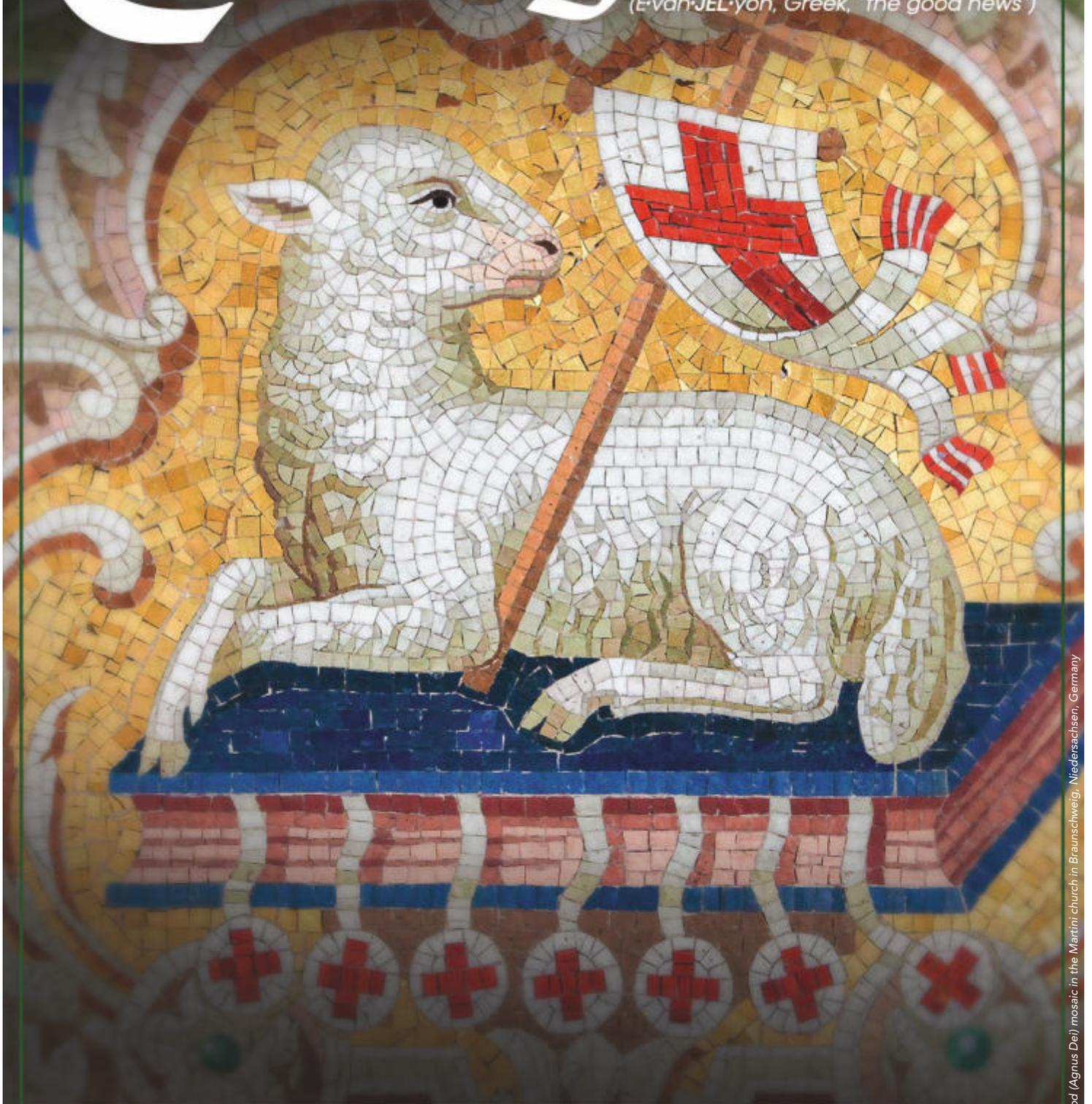


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Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) mosaic in the Martini church in Braunschweig, Niedersachsen, Germany

HE is HERE! | January 17, 2021 | 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

PROCESSIONAL—"Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior "

Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior, Word of the Father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of the darkness; you are the Word who leads us into light. you are the Word who brings us through the desert: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING—1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

RESPONSORIAL—Psalm 40

Response: Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

Long was I waiting for God, and then he heard my cry.

It was he who taught this song to me, a song of praise to God. (R.)

You asked me not for sacrifice, for slaughtered goats or lambs.

No, my heart, you gave me ears to hear you, then I said, "Here I am." (R.)

You wrote it in the scrolls of law what you would have me do.

Doing that is what has made me happy, your law is in my heart. (R.)

I spoke before your holy people, the good news that you save.

Now you know that I will not be silent, I'll always sing your praise. (R.)

SECOND READING— 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

GOSPEL—John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

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.

RECESSIONAL—"Go Make of All Disciples"

"Go make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord, that comes from you, our Father, in your eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer, and let our daily living reveal you ev'rywhere.

"Go make of all disciples," Baptizing in the name of Father, Son, and Spirit--from age to age the same. We call each new disciple to follow you, O Lord, redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

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GO TO

SAINT JOSEPH!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY

As the hockey season is starting, I remember the losing years as a Penguins fan in the late 70's and early 80's. The team wore blue (and so were the fans). It was so bad, the team's actual live penguin mascot died of a type of *coronavirus* for our Pittsburgh *spheniscidae* (Latin for "aquatic flightless birds"... yes, I looked it up on *Wikipedia*).

It was once said that "the victory bell will be heard when the faithful recognize the sanctity of St. Joseph." After nearly 12 months of countless "Corona Time" losses, we need a big-time victory!

Well the victory bell sounded for the Pens in terms of back to back Stanley Cups under the leadership of Mario Lemieux—the silent but proud leader of our hockey team. Mario did not say much... he just was the greatest hockey player ever and has five Stanley Cup Championships to prove it.

Pope Francis sounded the St. Joseph victory bell when he announced 2021 to be the *Year of Saint Joseph*. "From the Heart of the Father" is the title of the Papal letter, seemingly sounding the victory bell. We are encouraged to implore Joseph's help and receive his love. Joseph legally and spiritually named the Son of God on earth, and thus fathered Jesus. Just as Jesus felt, so do we need Joseph's fatherly heart!

Our Father God wanted to bring the ultimate victory to our sinful humanity, so he sent his Son Jesus, and entrusted him to Mary and Joseph. Are you ready for a victory in our family, in our Great Grouping parishes, our diocese, our country, and our world?

I invite all who read this article to go to Joseph and sound the victory bell! Take the example of St. Andre Bessette—who inspired the world's biggest shrine to St. Joseph, and discovered the victory over sin and the victory of God's miracles by going to St. Joseph! Crutches on the wall of the shrine stand for the cripple who came and walked away. This St. Joseph shrine is fittingly in Montreal, where the team with the most NHL victories plays...

Invite St. Joseph into your home by praying daily an *Our Father* and entrust yourself, your loved ones, and our parish family to the fatherly heart of Joseph this year... and be ready to for the victories St. Joseph will win!

Coming soon, we will offer many ways to implore St. Joseph's help. Please find resources for the Year of St. Joseph or ask Father Michael Roche, our champion of St. Joseph this year!

St. Joseph, Terror of demons, Head of the Holy Family, and Patron of the Catholic Church, pray for us!

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HOPE, OPTIMISM

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“AND SO I TELL YOU, PETER: YOU ARE A ROCK, AND ON THIS ROCK FOUNDATION I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND NOT EVEN DEATH WILL EVER BE ABLE TO OVERCOME IT.”

—Matthew 16:18

People often ask me if I'm optimistic about the future of the Church, with all of its scandals, corruption, and bleeding of members. My answer is no. I'm not optimistic, at least not by the original meaning of the word. It comes from "optimum," or "best thing." The Church is not living out its call to be the "best thing."

My follow up to the question, though, is always the same: I'm not optimistic, but I'm absolutely hopeful.

Why? Because Jesus says he's gonna send us a helper (the Holy Spirit) who will lead us eternally in truth (*John 16:13*), and that the Church will never be destroyed... ever (*Matthew 16:18*)! I'll take Jesus at his word and sleep comfortably with that. If you care about the Church, you should too.

Unfortunately, a lot of well-meaning church-going people mistake these verses as a call to just sit back and let Jesus do his thing while comfortably watching Netflix and scrolling through their social media feeds. But here's what John had to say about the need for an active faith:

"Those who say that they remain in union with God *should live just as Jesus Christ did*" (1 John 2:6).

The first century Catholics brought hope to hundreds of thousands in a relatively short time because they accepted this extremely challenging proposal. How? Because they were filled with the Holy Spirit and prayed in such a way that their hearts were radically hopeful and always open to challenges. They were willing to be inconvenienced for Christ. They established a culture of Catholicism that strove to "live just as Jesus Christ did."

It is time for us to rediscover this calling for our parishes. Not through splashy one-time events, short-lived studies, or ideas with temporary effects, but by looking at how Jesus did it: teaching people how to have a meaningful, life-giving, life-changing prayer life; providing opportunities to discover one's deepest identity and the purpose for God-given gifts and talents (and discerning how to put them into successful action).

This WILL happen in the Valley. Life and excitement and hopeful joy WILL arise. It will take time and courage and perseverance, but it is going to happen. Will you be a part of it?

ANGEL TREE 2020

It was October 20, 2020. I stared at the letter from the McGuire Home asking if we would be willing to include their residents on our Angel Trees. *Ladies of Charity* took charge of the Angel Trees in 2019. It all went so smoothly with only seven gifts not being returned. We purchased and wrapped those gifts and were done. There were no problems whatsoever. So why did I feel uneasy about Angel Tree 2020? There was a one-word answer to that question—COVID!

Thoughts raced through my head... Fewer parishioners were attending Mass; people were experiencing financial difficulties; there would probably be tags left on the trees... maybe even more than last year. Parishioners who took tags might not be able to return their gifts; they might not be able to attend church.

Those initial fears only lasted a moment. During these difficult times, people needed cheering up with an Angel Tree gift even more than in prior years. If we had to purchase and wrap more gifts than usual, so be it. I knew the *Ladies of Charity* would do whatever was necessary to make this year's endeavor a success.

We collected the information and made the Angel Tree tags. My cat, Carly, and I sat for a number of afternoons and entered information for the 207 Angel Tree recipients into a data base. (Actually, Carly was only helpful in telling me when it was time to take a break by stealing tags!) *Ladies of Charity* members added return instructions to every tag and decorated the trees.

As always you, the Great Grouping parishioners, were so generous! The *Ladies of Charity* sorted, logged, and wrapped all the gifts that were brought in (we also shopped for the gifts that still needed to be purchased), then arranged for distribution to their many recipients.

Yes, Angel Tree 2020 was a bit harder, but we *Ladies of Charity* were honored to have taken on this task. It was a huge success because of all of our incredibly generous parishioners. You are the real reason that after my initial fears, I knew we would have a successful Angel Tree 2020 experience. We thank all of you. Because of our loving, caring parishioners, 207 individuals were blessed with Christmas gifts that were chosen with love.

—Susan Komlos

CECILIA ANN “CECI” MARTINI • FEBRUARY 5, 1949-DECEMBER 12, 2020

Ceci had been our choir director for many years. She worked us hard and wouldn't settle for mediocre results. She had the ability to bring our choir to levels that even we didn't realize we could reach! Along with the hard work there were also times of laughter and camaraderie. Over the years I feel our choir had become family. Ceci was able to treat each of us as individuals with our specific talents & blend us together. She also was a hard person to say “no” to when she asked you to step outside of the box. Knowing that I didn't read music, she still had the confidence in me to work with me to join the Bell Choir for one Christmas season. I was terrified that I wouldn't be able to do it but with her guidance and the support of the group, it was a very rewarding experience for me and one that I was glad I had accepted. Such a musical talent will be greatly missed. She was a beautiful person and friend. I will miss you my friend! Prayers of peace and comfort to Betsy and her family! —Lynne Sparacino

May you rest in God's loving arms in His heavenly house! Play that Heavenly music for all the other Angels my friend. —Jim Blanarik

Ceci has made the world a better place. We all mourn losing her. —Carrie

So many loved you. You will be missed by all those who loved you! —Bonnie

I will miss her. She was a very special person. —Kathy

Ceci took me under her wing and got me to sing in the choir, she was an excellent teacher and taught us to all to harmonize as a group. She was so good at listening to the sounds of our voices and how to make us sound great. The people in the church really enjoyed our singing, I was proud of being in the choir because of her. Thank you, Ceci, and you are missed by so many. Prayers for you always. —Liz Williams

Ceci will always hold a special place in my heart. I learned to play handbells from her when she was the music director at St. Ferdinand Parish. She even allowed me to direct a song when our group played at a nursing home - providing I learned to direct the “proper” way! She was fantastic with my son with special needs. She always knew what to say to him. I LOVED playing in the ensemble when she was at Our Lady of Peace. I will remember you always. —Debbie

So very sad to hear this. Ceci was a true artist & a wonderful person. May she celebrate in Heaven today. Such a beautiful person, talented musical artist & dear friend. She blends her music with the music of the angels now. She will be missed by all she touched. —Betsy W.





MASS INTENTIONS

We have opened our **2021 Mass Book through April 3**. Forms are available online at greatgrouping.org/online-forms and on the Welcome tables at the entries of Quigley. Intentions cannot be submitted via phone. For questions or to have a form mailed to you please call the parish office (724) 266-6565.

HOME BLESSING KITS

Home Blessing Kits are available at Quigley for people to take home.

SECOND COLLECTION

January 16-17 is the Special Collection to benefit the students of St Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ADORATION

Adoration is available Monday-Thursday 8AM-8PM at Our Lady of Peace. Questions? Deacon Tom Boucek tboucek@greatgrouping.org.

ST. SHARBEL DEVOTION

All are invited to join us at Our Lady of Peace in our monthly devotion honoring St. Sharbel. The evening begins at 6PM with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession followed by the Liturgy honoring St. Sharbel at 7PM with guest homilist/celebrant. Upcoming guest celebrants include: **Friday, January 22 Fr. Jay Donahue; Friday, February 22 Fr. Tony Massad; and Friday, March 22 Fr. Carmen D'Amico** For more information stteresamaronite.org

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Join Fr. Jay weekly in Exploring Catholicism! This series airs weekly on Tuesdays at 2PM and is available to view anytime on our YouTube & Facebook pages. **Tuesday, January 19** Fr. Jay will sit down with Michael & Alicia Hernon of The Messy Family Project. They will be discussing Marriage & Family. greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism

HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED?

Many of us have dropped our landlines in favor of our cell numbers. There are times when we need to reach you and if you no longer use the only phone number which we have in our database, that is not possible. If your number has changed, please call the parish office to update: (724) 266-6565.

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR EMAILS?

We issue a monthly email to all of our registered parishioners at the beginning of each month. We also email important **COVID-19** related updates. If you are not receiving these emails please sign up online at greatgrouping.org/welcome.

XLT

Save the date for our next XLT on **Wednesday, February 10, 7:00-8:30PM, at Saints John & Paul** in the church. XLT is an evening of worship music led by our contemporary band, Anchor1, an uplifting message from a guest speaker, and Eucharistic Adoration. All ages are welcome.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & LADIES GUILD

The Good Samaritan Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild must postpone the January 17 Christian Mothers Anniversary celebration. We will reschedule at a later date.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Many families are still food insecure. We are accepting food and monetary donations to be able to continue offering Tuesday hot meals and distribution of food boxes at Good Samaritan (3:45PM-5:00PM). Food donations may be dropped off at any of the Valley parishes and at Quigley on weekends. Donation checks may be made payable to "Good Samaritan Parish"—please note "Food Pantry" on the memo line. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at (724) 266-6565. Your continued support is so appreciated by local families.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 18 (Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Joseph Cola (John S. Dunn Family)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 (Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • John & Helen Panek (Son, Robert Panek)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 (Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Living & Deceased Members of Sovich & Rittelmann Families
(Mary M. Rittelmann)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 (Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Ceci Martini (Kim Channels Pardi)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 (Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • John Josapak (Josapak Family)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 (Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21)

4:00 PM Quigley • Janet Gaona (Brenda & Terry Gaona)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 (Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20)

8:00 AM Quigley • Deceased of the DiNello Family (John DiNello)

9:30 AM Quigley • Agatha Bohinsky (Peter & Ausra Gause)

11:00 AM Quigley • Beth Anne Petcash (Mom & Dad)

4:00 PM Quigley • Spanish Mass • Catalina Armazón

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

BREAD & WINE

(SJ) In Memory of Frederick J. Ringel
by Helen Ringel

BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE CANDLE

(GS) In Memory of Janet Demoraty & Son, Tony
By Mary Maddey

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

SANCTUARY CANDLE

(Q) In Memory of Betty Hlesta
by Brenda & Terry Gaona

(GS) In Memory of Helen Andrasick
by Lillian Ulizio

(OLOP) In Memory Maddy Rickman
by Kennedy Family

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

January 3

GOOD SAMARITAN

Offering—\$3,912
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\$43,580

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Online Giving—\$75
Parish Share to Date—
\$8,809

OUR LADY OF PEACE

Offertory—\$4,129
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Parish Share to Date—
\$32,647

SAINTS JOHN & PAUL

Offertory—\$14,646
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Parish Share—\$6,705
Parish Share Online—\$2,030

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

For the weekend of January 10

GOOD SAMARITAN

Weekly Offering—\$3,591
Online Giving—\$1,095
Parish Share to Date—
\$43,900

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Weekly Offering—\$1,266
Online Giving—\$270
Parish Share to Date—
\$8,879

OUR LADY OF PEACE

Weekly Offertory—\$3,083
Online Giving—\$1,994
Parish Share to Date—
\$32,967

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Online Giving—\$6,030
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 18

4:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)
6:30 PM Grief Share (Virtual)

Tuesday, January 19

1:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
4:00 PM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (GS)
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)
7:30 PM Finance Council Mtg (GS)

Wednesday, January 20

10:00 AM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (GS)

Thursday, January 21

10:00 AM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)

Friday, January 22

10:00 AM Toddler Time with Jesus (OLOP)
6:00 PM Saint Sharbel Devotion (OLOP)
6:30 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

Saturday, January 23

3:00 PM Confessions (Quigley)

Sunday, January 24

11:30 AM Maronite Mass
5:30 PM EDGE (OLOP)
7:30 PM LifeTeen (OLOP)

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Father Antoine Kairouz, Maronite Priest-in-residence
Deacon Anthony Giordano, Deacon James Olson, Deacon Tom Boucek

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



9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
3:00 PM CONFESSION at Quigley
4:00 PM Beaver Valley Vigil Mass at Quigley
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 Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
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11:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
11:00 AM Saints John & Paul
7:00 PM Saints John & Paul
4:00 PM Spanish Mass at Quigley

For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see Week Ahead

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

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.

