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# Evangelion

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



HE is HERE! | April 18, 2021 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

"Supper at Emmaus," by Caravaggio, 1606

# 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER + APRIL 18, 2021

## **PROCESSIONAL—“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, His the victory alone; Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how; though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise? "I am with you evermore!"

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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—Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19**

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

## **RESPONSORIAL—Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9**

**Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer! (R.)

Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one; the Lord will hear me when I call upon him. (R.)

O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart. (R.)

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling. (R.)

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## **SECOND READING—I John 2:1-5a**

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

## **GOSPEL— Luke 24:35-48**

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

## **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.

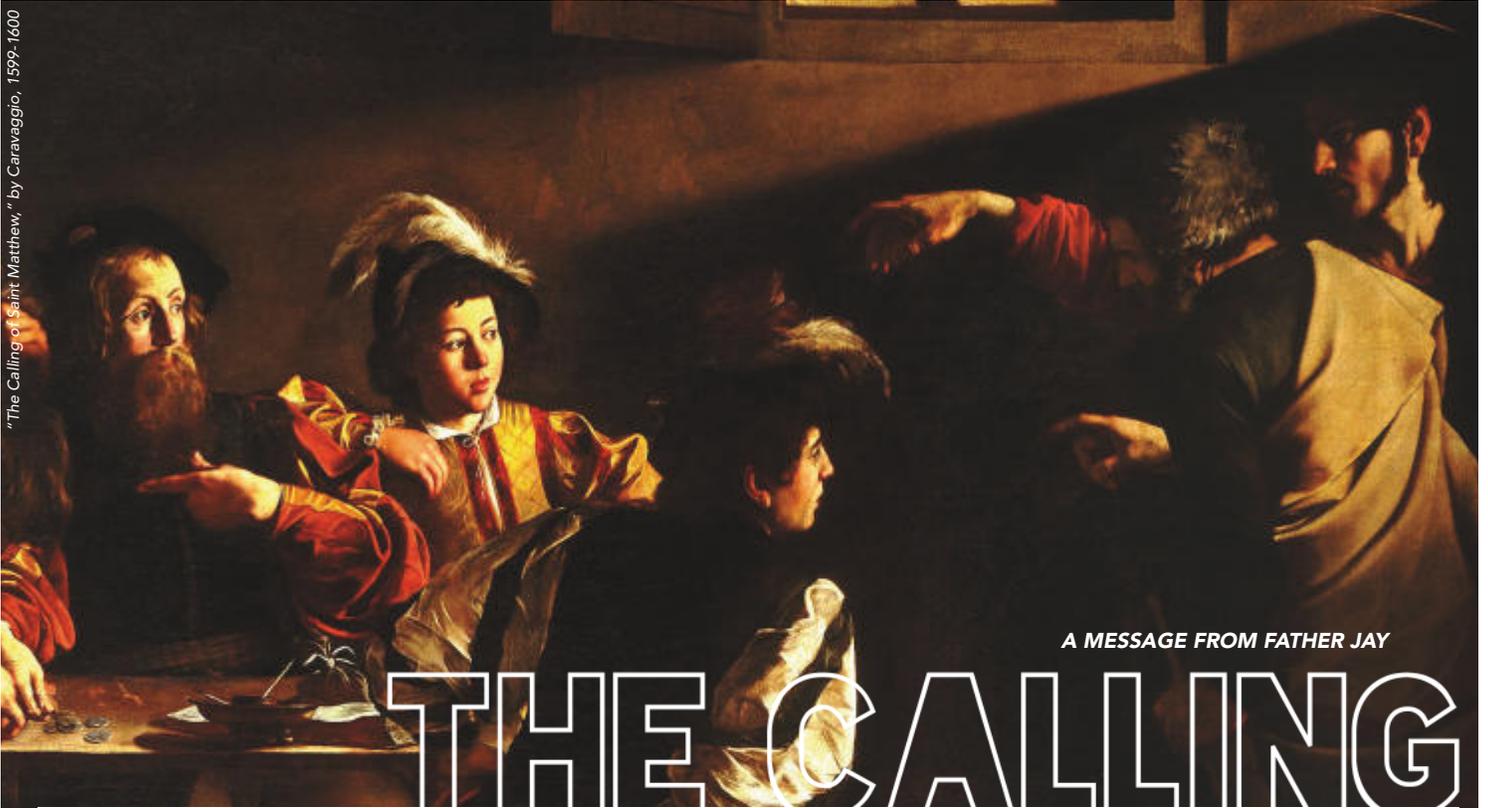
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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—"At the Lamb's High Feast"**

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King. Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side. Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast: Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured, Death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.



"The Calling of Saint Matthew," by Caravaggio, 1599-1600

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY

# THE CALLING

I was on Spring Break sophomore year of College at the University of Virginia, but did not want anyone to know I was discerning the priesthood. I signed up for a silent retreat in a seminary instead of skiing in Colorado. Mass for me was boring.

I don't remember anything meaningful at Mass for the first 20 years of my life... until the Spring Break retreat Mass which happened to be the Easter Vigil of 1993. It was Gregorian-chanted Latin mass under the soft-lit candles of a seminary in Cheshire, Connecticut by 150 novices and religious. I did not understand what they were singing and praying in Latin, but the truth is I didn't want a worship aid or translation; I would like to think I was experiencing the angels and a heavenly orchestra, at the turning point of history—the very moment our dark, hopeless, and evil world was bound up by Christ as he brought his light, his love and his divinity into our humanity. It was an encounter with divine beauty that touched the depth of my heart.

The next day, as if experiencing the Resurrection was not amazing enough, I found a scripture image that pierced my heart to the core: "The Calling of Saint Matthew," by Caravaggio. Here I found the visual beauty of what I heard the night before.

Jesus, on the right—covered up by Saint Peter—shines the light by pointing at Matthew, who is pointing with his own left hand at himself. Then it hit me! Jesus is shining the beauty of his light into the fraternity-partying-dark-heart of me, and freeing me from worldly attachments to follow him!

The look and the voice of Christ was so captivating that Easter 1993, I finally decided to say "yes" to Jesus! I realized in the beauty of art and creation God's divine masterpiece can pierce the darkest of hearts and change our lives! 

# WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

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**J**ust think what it would be like to live as that first community of believers, just after the Resurrection. In the first reading today, Acts 4:32-35, it says that the community of believers were of “one heart and mind.” Can you imagine? It would be like heaven on earth.

Can we truly continue to live in the moment of the Resurrection? Do you know that Easter does not end with the Resurrection of Easter Sunday? The Easter season continues for an entire 50 days! It is the longest of the special liturgical seasons of the year.

We are Easter people—we believe Jesus has risen; we believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Do we live that belief?

Every day we need to live as Easter people—through prayer and meditation our joy of a life walking with Christ will shine forth through our words and actions. 

*I see trees of green... Red roses too. I see them bloom, for me and you... And I think to myself, ‘What a wonderful world.’*

*I see skies of blue and clouds of white... The bright blessed day, The dark sacred night... And I think to myself, ‘What a wonderful world.’*

*The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky, are also on the faces of people going by... I see friends shaking hands, saying, “How do you do?” They’re really saying, “I love you.”*

*I hear babies cry... I watch them grow. They’ll learn much more than I’ll ever know. And I think to myself, ‘What a wonderful world!’”*

Words and music by George Douglas & George David Weiss, 1967. Lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC

# A LETTER TO OUR PARISH STAFF

I read the following article a few months ago and it made me think of all of you, and I wanted to thank you for the sacrifices that have been made over the past year to keep our churches running and open for us during the pandemic.

*"Any major crisis in your life has the potential to shake your faith. But the opposite can be true too. If you let it, your faith can carry you through a crisis. After suffering a crisis, King David wrote in Psalm 27:13, "I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." In David's darkest time, only his belief in God's goodness kept him going. The same can be true for you. Even when life feels unbearable, believe that God is good. Even when everything is going wrong, believe that God's goodness can pull you through. Believe that God's plan for your life is greater than the problem you're going through. How do you get that kind of faith? You can get it from God's Word, and from the encouragement of faithful friends. There are more than 7,000 promises for us in the Bible. We have to know them to claim them. They will help us to handle the rough winds of life. As your faith in God's goodness grows, you can share your faith with your friends when they are going through a crisis. Friends strengthen their friend's faith."*

— [pastorrick.com/how-to-strengthen-your-faith](http://pastorrick.com/how-to-strengthen-your-faith)

I'm not sure if everyone is aware of your sacrifices over the past year— layoffs, cut hours, less pay, organizing food drives, providing children with a safe place to study, making yourselves available after Masses to offer help and lend advice, outdoor Adoration (this was my saving grace) to name a few. YOU were our help from God. YOU helped us use our faith to carry us through this crisis. YOU are the goodness of God that kept us going. YOU were the love of God personified.

*"May the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."*

*With a grateful heart,  
—Darcy Deakin*

# OUTREACH UPDATE

**CINDY DESCHAINED**

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**I**n March 2019, the world closed down because of COVID-19.

Everyone was told to stay home unless it was important. No movie theaters, no plays, no school, no church. People were trying to figure out what would come next. Overnight, we saw so many of our family and friends lose their jobs, their sense of security, their livelihoods. The Ambridge Community was about to suffer another loss when the *Center for Hope* had to shut down unexpectedly.

Overnight, the Great Grouping sprang into action. We took the *St. Vincent DePaul Society's* food bank over and made a plea for help on *Facebook*. The people of the Great Grouping responded, the community responded, and we were in the food business. Food and volunteers poured in, and for 5 months we gave out food every day in the Good Samaritan parking lot. Last August, as the pandemic wore on, but people were returning to their jobs, we reduced the amount of days we gave out food to once a week. Over the past 8 months, we have been serving the people of Ambridge with a hot meal every Tuesday and boxes of non-perishables twice a month or on an emergency basis. During the last month or so, we have seen a reduction in the number of people that come through the lines and that are still suffering from being COVID poor.

After many hours in prayer and many discussions with the volunteers, we have decided it is time to pivot our Outreach in different directions to help the community in different ways. As of May 25, we will cease our Tuesday Hot Meal program and box distribution. The food pantry will still be available for emergencies only, as it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will still delivery meals to our seniors without any interruption. We will still offer free eye exams throughout the year and help provide glasses to kids in need as well. As we take the next two months to pray and discern what God is calling us to do with our new *Mama T Mission* (Mother Theresa has been the driving force behind all of this), I ask for you to do the same and discern what our mission looks like post COVID for the Great Grouping. Pray over the Corporal Works of Mercy and see where we can improve our efforts.

Send your ideas to [cdeschaine@greatgrouping.org](mailto:cdeschaine@greatgrouping.org). I look forward to seeing what God has planned for us next... 



## ADORATION

Do you want to keep the strong prayer practice you developed in Lent alive? Consider adding Adoration to your weekly schedule. Spending time alone with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is the most beautiful time you can spend in prayer. Adoration is available to you every **Monday-Thursday from 8AM-8PM at Our Lady of Peace in Conway.**

## SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA

Join us on Tuesdays for the annual St Anthony Novena. **Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 PM at Good Samaritan Fr. Jack Batykefer will be our celebrant.**

## MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

Did you know there is a faithful group of people that gather **every Friday at 7PM at Good Samaritan** for Adoration, reciting the Rosary, and Mass. All are welcome to join in this beautiful evening devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary.

## 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, April 20** Fr. Jay will sit down with Jason Gawaldo. [greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism](http://greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism)

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Good Samaritan Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild April meeting will be held in **Jericho Hall on Tuesday, April 20** following the St. Anthony Novena.

The St. John the Baptist Christian Mothers will meet for our last meeting of the season on **Monday, April 26, at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall at St. John's.** We hope that you can join us!

## GRIEF MINISTRY

You have suffered one of the greatest losses anyone has to experience, the loss of a loved one. Our Grief Ministry will resume meeting on April 18. Grief Share meets every **Sunday beginning at 1:00 PM at Good Samaritan Church in the Conference Room** (in the round building.) For more information or to register contact Deacon Tony Giordano at (724) 385-8628 or [agiordano@diopitt.org](mailto:agiordano@diopitt.org).

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is resuming at the **Sunday 11:00 AM Mass at Good Samaritan.** Children are invited to join Miss Rose to hear the Liturgy of the Word.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Our Mass Intention book is open through the end of 2021. Forms can be found online at [greatgrouping.org/online-forms](http://greatgrouping.org/online-forms)

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

## MOTHERS DAY CANDLES

Please legibly print the information and return this form by mail (725 Glenwood Ave, Ambridge, PA 15003), drop it in the collection basket or deliver to the parish office, no later than May 1. Donation is \$4 per candle. Please mark the envelope "Mother's Day Candles"

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## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

### MONDAY, APRIL 19 (Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Ronald J. Bercik (Jack & Judy Nelko)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 20 (Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Helen Bayuse (Barbara)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 (Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Regina LaRue (Doretta Moss)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 22 (Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-5)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Fern Carter (Family)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 23 (Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Peggy Konarski (Rhena Bucka)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 24 (Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69)

4:00 PM Our Lady of Peace • Jean O'Connor (Jim & Kathy Blanarik)

4:00 PM St. John the Baptist • Deceased of Farah & Gaudino Families (Gaudino Family)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 25 (Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist (Outdoor) • Healing for Gina Schofield (Jan Culp)

9:00 AM Good Samaritan • Ceci Martini (Bridget Jarsulic)

11:00 AM Good Samaritan • Mary Villella (Walter & Henrietta Kretzler)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan Spanish Mass • Todas almas del Purgatorio (Carmen Hernandez)

## THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

### BREAD & WINE

(GS) In Memory of Helen Bayuse  
by Barbara

(GS) In Memory of Arturo & Assumpta DeLuca  
by John & Dolores DeLuca

### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

In Memory of Helen Bayuse  
by Barbara

In Memory of Pat DeLuca  
by John & Dolores DeLuca

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

(GS) In Memory of Pat DeLuca  
by John & Dolores DeLuca

(GS) In Memory of Linda & Jeff Modrovich  
by Shirley, Jim & Barb

### MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(OLOP) In Memory of Bob Gross  
by: Arthur Columbe, Carolyn Thompson, Mike & Donna  
Prichinello, Karen Hayes, Jeffrey & Katherine Andrews

(GS) In Memory of Delores Vlastic  
by Mary Ann Kuga

## OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### Eugenia Eross

*Parishioner of Good Samaritan*

### Donna Platz

*Parishioner of Good Samaritan*

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For the weekend of April 11

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Easter to Date—\$1,595  
Parish Share to Date—  
\$6,598

### OUR LADY OF PEACE

Weekly Offertory—\$2,507  
Online Giving—\$1,678  
Easter to Date—\$8,490  
Parish Share to Date—  
\$8,050

### SAINTS JOHN & PAUL

Weekly Offertory—\$8,503  
Online Giving—\$5,879  
Offertory EGP—\$18,057  
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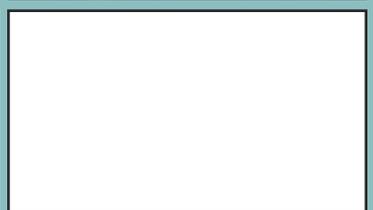
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, April 19

3:30 PM Box Making (GS)  
4:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)  
6:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)  
6:00 PM K-5 Faith Formation (OLOP)  
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)

### Tuesday, April 20

1:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)  
3:30 PM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (GS)  
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)  
5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (GS)  
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)  
6:30 PM GS CCM/Ladies Guild Meeting (GS)  
6:30 PM Mass & St. Anthony Novena (GS)

### Wednesday, April 21

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

### Thursday, April 22

10:00 AM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)  
7:00 PM ESL Class (GS)

### Friday, April 23

10:00 AM Toddler Time with Jesus (OLOP)  
7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

### Saturday, April 24

3:00 PM Confessions (OLOP)  
4:00 PM Contemporary Worship Band (OLOP)  
3:00 PM Confessions (SJB)  
4:00 PM Chancel Choir (SJB)

### Sunday, April 25

1:00 PM Grief Share (GS)  
7:00 PM EDGE/LifeTeen (Quigley)

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## 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 Our Lady of Peace**  
**3:00 PM CONFESSION at St. John the Baptist**  
**4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Peace**  
**4:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist**  
**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 St. John the Baptist (Outdoor)**  
**9:00 AM Saints John & Paul**  
**9:00 AM Good Samaritan**  
**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)**  
**7:00 PM Saints John & Paul**

*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**

## 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 at Saints John & Paul, Sunday-Friday 8AM-8PM.

