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# Evangelion

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



HE is HERE! | July 11, 2021 | 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## **FIRST READING—Amos 7:12-15**

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos,  
“Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah!  
There earn your bread by prophesying,  
but never again prophesy in Bethel;  
for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal temple.”  
Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet,  
nor have I belonged to a company of prophets;  
I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores.  
The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me,  
Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

## **RESPONSORIAL—Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14**

**Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps.

## **SECOND READING—Eph 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,  
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,  
to be holy and without blemish before him.  
In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ,  
in accord with the favor of his will,  
for the praise of the glory of his grace  
that he granted us in the beloved.  
In him we have redemption by his blood,  
the forgiveness of transgressions,  
in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us.  
In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us

## *SCRIPTURE SPEAKS*

Let God reveal Himself to you in His Word. As you reflect on these readings, feel free to use available space to make notes, mark, or highlight anything that speaks to you.

## **SECOND READING—Eph 1:3-14 (continued)**

the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

## **GOSPEL—Mark 6:7-13**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## **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.





# modern fertility care

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY



One of the most exciting things going on in our area is a movement of women unleashing the freedom of God's gift of fertility found in ongoing scientific research. It seems like the science is catching up to what many women such as my Grandmas (and doctors such as Pittsburgh OB John McCarthy) have known all along: fertility is a superpower to be freely understood, learned and applied to everyday life.

To suppress the beauty of a woman with chemicals, metals, shots and pills does a great disservice and injustice to women all over the world. It is so beautiful how science and faith, through research, sound medicine and Church teaching stand side by side, supporting and loving women for who they are. Through modern fertility awareness, a woman, at any age or stage in her life, can freely embrace her feminine genius, learn the language of her body, understand the delicate interplay of hormones and chart her cycle.

To me, every woman and her doctor should know her body through cycling before any diagnosis takes place. Solutions like birth control chemicals—whose side effects can cause major mood changes, hair loss, and fertility issues—are not treating or curing the underlying issue. They act like a band-aid, covering-up the symptoms and essentially stopping a woman's body from cycling at all. One basic thing every doctor and female patient should know is her cycle of fertility. Then, they can pinpoint her ovulation and understand what some doctors are now calling "the fifth vital sign" of women's health.

So I invite all women to check out [modernfertilitycare.org](http://modernfertilitycare.org)

This movement of women is teaming up with doctors, medical experts and schools of medicine, to pioneer new ways to free women, unmute their superpower, and give them healthcare options that are effective and reliable, and which highlight the beauty of every woman. 

# TRUE SUPER HEROES

**CHRIS PATSCH**

Coordinator of Faith Formation  
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There are many who walk (or work) among us and never call attention to themselves; yet our lives are forever enhanced by their presence and dedication to their calling. They are the true superheroes. Recently, you saw the center of the *Evangelion* splashed with photos of all the fun that happened at our Vacation Bible School. Many aspects of our time together were depicted in the photos. What was missing was all that happened after hours. Our tireless Maintenance team, headed by **Bobby Aloe**, made certain we were ready for our campers to arrive each evening.

As you can imagine, there were loads of trash and other debris that accumulated nightly from over 50 campers and more than 40 helpers. To say the least... WE MADE A MESS! Yet, **Michael Deschaine** and **Marco Fiorante** handled it all as if it were just another day! We were all so grateful for what they did. Because of their attention all the helpers and I were able to leave at the end of a tiring evening knowing we would return to a fresh space.

**Len Fritsch** made sure we were able to run our sessions in comfort. He made certain the air conditioning and venting systems were programmed to run when we needed them most. He was on stand-by for any issues that may have arisen.

These four men are true superheroes! They never complained about the messy conditions they encountered daily, they served the Lord and each of us with quiet efficiency, and they showed up to face the next disaster each morning.

Thank you Maintenance crew! God sees all that you do. 



# Welcome.

CRHP 2.0

## There is More to Life

**A**re you thriving or just surviving? Are you in a pandemic slump and trying to find your new sense of normalcy? Matthew Kelly, founder of *Dynamic Catholic*, started the *Welcome* program to re-engage and revitalize parishes. *Welcome* is an experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. The missing link for me was a growing need to deepen my relationship with Our Lord and foster a faith-sharing community with other women from our Great Grouping.

In March of 2019, I was blessed to be a part of the *Welcome 1 Core Team* that took me on a wonderful spiritual adventure. It was an incredible experience growing in my prayer life, strengthening spiritual bonds with old and new acquaintances. We shared real life stories of how we struggled with our faith and how God awakened our desire to say "yes" to His plans. As retreatants, it gave an opportunity to connect and grow closer to other women seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus and others.

As one of the leaders on the Core Team, I was encouraged to share my story in a warm, loving and comfortable environment... my story of how God transformed me and helped me through unexpected storms of my life. When I have lost sight of Him, I feel like I am drowning with no sense of direction or control because I wanted to have control of everything. God helped me realize that I needed Him to be my anchor and my guide.

Then our world was struck with one of the biggest storms: a worldwide pandemic that impacted everybody. No one was spared.

However, God's blessings and graces were still being poured out among the faithful. I was grateful for my *Welcome* sisters who understood the new challenges providing each other support, encouragement and especially prayers. We needed to stay connected as a community so we adapted and met on Zoom calls to continue to strengthen each other. The fruit of our time grew when the Lord prompted us to form the Core Team of *Welcome 3* so we can continue to foster and build a community of faith filled women within our Great Grouping.

Are you seeking new friendships that can open up new opportunities to grow in your faith? Are you constantly weighed down with worry for yourself, family, friends and loved ones? Are you looking for ways to bring that spark of joy and love into your heart? Are you ready to say "yes" to God's plans for your life? If you said yes to any of these questions, then *Welcome* is for you!

We hope you will prayerfully consider attending and joining our *Welcome* community.

—Christie Watson

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QUESTIONS?

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Christie Watson [christiejoy@gmail.com](mailto:christiejoy@gmail.com)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH AUGUST 2

[greatgrouping.org/welcome-retreat](https://greatgrouping.org/welcome-retreat)

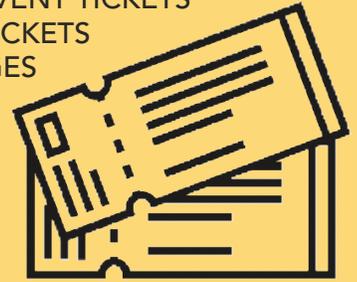
## SILENT AUCTION PRIZES NEEDED

Each year we have an INCREDIBLE SILENT AUCTION in Jericho Hall cafeteria. We are in need of donated items or theme baskets, and are asking that the value of donated auction items be at least \$25. We will also accept items for the LARGE SILENT AUCTION (value of those prizes are \$50 and up).

*If you have any NEW gifts lying around the house you will never use (THEY MUST BE NEW — NOTHING EVEN SLIGHTLY USED WILL BE ACCEPTED), they can be dropped off at the Parish Center or call Theresa (724) 869-3511, Nancy (724) 266-7191, or Janet (724) 869-5081 who will be more than happy to have them picked up.*

Some ideas:

- RESTAURANT OR MOVIE THEATER GIFT CARDS
- THEATRE OR SPORTING EVENT TICKETS
- SCRATCH-OFF LOTTERY TICKETS
- GETAWAY HOTEL PACKAGES
- AUTO CARE PRODUCTS
- PET SUPPLIES
- COFFEE OR TEA BASKETS
- COOKING UTENSILS
- SPORTS JERSEYS
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- ELECTRONICS (such as RADIOS, TVs, or even iPADS!)



**Any sort of theme basket would be appreciated!  
SHOW OFF YOUR HERITAGE WITH AN ETHNIC BASKET!**

### DO YOU KNOW OF A LOCAL BUSINESS THAT MIGHT LIKE TO ADVERTISE AT OUR FESTIVAL?

Each year THOUSANDS of people from all over the region gather to partake of our wonderful ethnic foods and LIVE entertainment. If you know of a business that would like to have a banner prominently displayed on Jericho Hall or elsewhere for all to see, call Rose Filipponi at (412) 298-4734. Space is limited. Call soon!

## DONATIONS FOR THE BAR

Many folks come to our Festival each year and enjoy the chance to dance to a live band, or sit and listen to their favorite Oldies as they sip a drink, have a cold beer or soft drink. Last year, your generosity allowed the bar to have a very profitable year. Thanks for all your donations and gifts of liquor so far. We could really use some more donations, particularly:



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Donations may be dropped off at the parish center or contact Don Sivy, to have your donation picked up by calling (724) 869-9162. Thanks for all your support! It is truly appreciated.

*AND DON'T FORGET: You can make a monetary donation of \$75 to sponsor a Keg of Beer or \$25 to sponsor a case of soda in memory or in honor of a loved one.*

### EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS IN SOON AND YOU COULD WIN \$50!

Starting July 19, a \$50 Ticket Seller's Drawing will be held each week FOR 6 WEEKS for those who turn in the tickets early!





## OFFERTORY BASKETS

Beginning on the weekend of **July 10 & 11**, we will be bringing back the baskets to collect the weekly offerings during the offertory song. Thank you for your patience as we worked out the details involved.

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is open for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year. We offer classes from Birth to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. [greatgrouping.org/formation](http://greatgrouping.org/formation).

## SUMMER STORY HOUR

Summer Story Hour for children 2-10 years old will be on Wednesdays in August from 10:00-11:00 AM at Our Lady of Peace. Parents/Grandparents are welcome to stay.

## OLOP 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Save the Date! On **Saturday, August 14**, we will celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Our Lady of Peace with a Liturgy at 4:00 PM followed by a reception in Stephens Hall. All are welcome!

## MASS MOVING INDOORS

The 8 AM Sunday Mass at St. John the Baptist has moved indoors. The Mass schedule will be re-evaluated in the fall. Our full Mass, Confession and Adoration schedule can be found on our website by clicking the Mass Times button in the lower right corner. [greatgrouping.org](http://greatgrouping.org)

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Please join us at Saints John & Paul on **Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 PM** as Great Grouping parishioners Adam Ward, School Psychologist at Chartiers Valley School District and Dr. Anthony Isacco, Psychology Professor at Chatham University discuss current mental health needs in our children, adolescents, and adults. We will also discuss the relationship between faith and mental health as well as how to access needed resources and supports such as strategies to find a good counselor. Ideas on how to deepen the mental health ministry within the Great Grouping are invited and appreciated. The presenters plan to keep our time together informal, conversational, and with lots of opportunities for discussion and Q & A.

## SIX STEPS TO SANITY

*Six Steps to SANITY* Ministry is a safe, confidential environment that offers support and tools to families dealing with a loved one's substance abuse. The next session is starting at Saints John & Paul **Wednesday, July 28** at 7:00 PM in the lower level of the CDC Room 8 & 9. *Six Steps to SANITY* is a faith-based ministry and support group for people who are dealing with addiction in their families. Please contact Chico Ficerai, (724) 612-6991 or [ChicoFicerai1@gmail.com](mailto:ChicoFicerai1@gmail.com).

## BUS TRIP TO AMISH COUNTRY

The Apostolate ministry of the Great Grouping, is sponsoring a bus trip to three Amish towns in Ohio on **September 25**. \$75.00 per person. Seating is limited. Please call Jackie (724) 869-9908 or Ellen (724) 869-3320 for reservations or information.

## GREAT GROUPING MERGER FAQ

Many questions and concerns have been raised regarding our merger process we would like to answer them for you. Questions can be submitted to [questions@greatgrouping.org](mailto:questions@greatgrouping.org). Information about the merger and frequently asked questions can be found at [greatgrouping.org/merger](http://greatgrouping.org/merger).

### **Will the finances function separately between the Valley and Franklin Park?**

Jesus talks about the parable of the talents and how generosity is what he desires for his investment of time, treasure and talents. In the area of treasure, the plan is that in the summer of 2022 the Great Grouping will go from four financially functioning parishes to two. Keep in mind that none of the four parishes carry any debt, and all have balanced books. There will be two separate EIN numbers (employer identification numbers), and separate bank accounts. The parishes will maintain a collaborative relationship in terms of shared expenses in areas like priest salaries and staff expenses. Since this is in the early planning phase of the preparation for the parish collaborative, the next 12 months of the process will flush out more concrete details.

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

**MONDAY, JULY 12** (Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Deceased of Mondera & Lino Familes (John & Debra Zabrucky & Family)

**TUESDAY, JULY 13** (Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • David Yanko (Wife, Jackie)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14** (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • For the Health & Welfare of Chrystal Shelvey (Lieb Family)

**THURSDAY, JULY 15** (Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Deceased of Zajac Family (Linda Zajac)

**FRIDAY, JULY 16** (Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • In Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Gaylord & Anna Muny)

**SATURDAY, JULY 17** (Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21)

4:00 PM Our Lady of Peace • Phyllis Chidester (Marisa DePaolis)

4:00 PM St. John the Baptist • Joan DeNucci (Gerald G. DeNucci)

**SUNDAY, JULY 18** (Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • William Potosnak (Tim End)

9:00 AM Good Samaritan • Tom Lesack (Family)

11:00 AM Good Samaritan • Rose M. Platz (Margie Kupper & Family)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan Spanish Mass • Francisco Diaz & Antonia Gonzalez (Gil Diaz)

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE CANDLE

(GS) In Honor of Jim Jurcak's Birthday  
by Shirley Heater & Barb Jurcak

(GS) In Memory of Teodoro DiMarzio  
by Jean, Wife

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

(GS) In Honor of David & Carol Pinkosky  
by Teresa Surgeon

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

(SJ) In Memory of Patrick & Nancy Hudak  
by Merkel/Hudak Families

#### BREAD & WINE

(GS) Special Intention  
Anonymous

#### MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(GS) In Memory of John & Margaret Fedorko  
by Mary Ross

### OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Joni Gagliardi

*Parishioner of Good Samaritan*

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Offertory for July 4 will be in  
an upcoming *Evangelion*.

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, July 12

6:30 PM Grief Share (GS)

### Tuesday, July 13

10:00 AM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (SJ)

5:30 PM Confessions (GS)

5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (GS)

### Wednesday, July 14

Nothing Scheduled

### Thursday, July 15

Nothing Scheduled

### Friday, July 16

7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

### Saturday, July 17

3:00 PM Confessions (OLOP)

3:00 PM Confessions (SJB)

4:00 PM Guitar Trio at Mass (OLOP)

### Sunday, July 18

6:00 PM Core Group Meeting (OLOP)

  
**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**  
**September 2-5**

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1-800-395-4357

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

Pittsburgh Diocese Victim Assistance  
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Crisis Management Services  
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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 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**  
**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*

## 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.

