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# Evangelion

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

"Jesus Among the Children," from St. George's Anglican Cathedral, Jerusalem, 19th c.

HE is HERE! | September 26, 2021 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FIRST READING—**Numbers 11:25-29**

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

## 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.

## RESPONSORIAL—**Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11, 15**

**Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit, Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.  
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the command of the LORD is clear, enlight'ning the eye. (R.)

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the statutes of the LORD are true, all of them just. (R.)

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## SECOND READING—**James 5:1-6**

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire.

You have stored up treasure for the last days.

Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters

have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.

You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

## **GOSPEL— Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

At that time, John said to Jesus,

"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.

Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.

And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna.

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out.

Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

## **THE NICENE CREED**

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

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

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



# A GREAT SEASON TO SEASON YOUR MARRIAGE!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY

We just kicked off another year of our Marriage Enrichment Ministry on Friday night. Over 50 couples enjoyed great food, drinks and conversations. Our couples began the dive into the "Five Love Languages" as key to a healthy emotional climate for their marriage and kids. Please consider joining us!



**[greatgrouping.org/marriage-enrichment-ministry](http://greatgrouping.org/marriage-enrichment-ministry)**

Also "Renew the I Do" Marriage Foundation is inspiring couples to venture beyond surviving to a thriving marriage. We have unique date nights over the next nine months.



**[renewtheido.org/date-nights](http://renewtheido.org/date-nights)**



# LIFE CHAIN

**M**y dad, Lou Tovey, loved babies! He talked to them with the cutest little voice and he had a special rocking and swaying motion when he held them. There are stories of him holding random babies in restaurants so the parents could eat. Dad also loved the unborn. He fought for them his whole life. He took us on various Pro-Life endeavors as we were growing up. When we started our family, we knew that we also wanted to introduce our kids to the importance of the Pro-Life movement in order to raise a generation that turns our culture from a culture of death to a culture of life.

There is a local event that is a nice introduction to the importance of defending the unborn. It's called *Life Chain*. *Life Chain* is actually held all across the country! ([lifechain.net](http://lifechain.net)) When you join in a *Life Chain* here, your prayers are being united with thousands of participants across the US. All ages join in a silent, peaceful protest against abortion. Participants hold signs along the sidewalk while praying for an end to abortion, a conversion of doctors and nurses, for women in crisis pregnancies, etc. The signs read, "Abortion hurts women" and "Adoption is an option" and "Jesus heals and forgives." You stand in rain or shine for an hour in witness for the voiceless. It may seem like a small thing, but you never know whose heart might be moved by others praying for this cause.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

**WEXFORD**

**2:00-3:00 PM**

**Corner of Church Road & Route 910**

Park at St. Alphonsus Church (St. Aidan Parish) parking lot where we gather for opening prayer, then you can get your sign and walk down to the sidewalk at the intersection.

**BEAVER**

**2:30-3:30 PM**

**Intersection of 3rd Street & College Avenue**

Signs can be picked up near that location

I hope you will consider spending an hour in prayer and witness for the unborn. If you are unable to attend, please keep the *Life Chain* in prayer that day so that it may bear many fruits! When my dad passed away in 2019, I was comforted at the thought of him surrounded by all the little lives he prayed for and defended in his lifetime. Lord willing, our family will continue to pray for and defend life at all stages in his memory and because it is the right thing to do.

—Becky Lieb

Beaver Valley Parishes



# Ladies of Charity COAT DRIVE

I love the fall weather. After such a hot, humid summer, it feels great to put on a jacket or a sweatshirt on a chilly evening. As I was grabbing a jacket the other evening, I thought it would soon be time to start the annual Coats for Kids coat drive. The next day I received an email from one of the schools we work with asking if we were going to sponsor the coat drive this year! That confirmed that it is time to get in gear for a busy "coat season!"

The Ladies of Charity have been working on the drive since January—yes January! We have sorted the coats we have and have shopped the sales to add to our depleted inventory. We have been in contact with the agencies and schools that aid us in distributing the coats. Soon we will be again sorting the coats and bagging them for distribution to schools and agencies for next month.

The need for warm coats for our area's children is great. No matter how prepared we think we are, we will not have all the requested coats in our inventory and will be needing to purchase extra coats. In addition, we receive calls well into the winter months asking if we have a certain size coat for a child in need. If we do not have the size, a member will purchase the coat.

There are two ways you can help us in this year's coat drive. First, call or text the Ladies of Charity at (412) 671-0377 if you know of a child who is in need of a warm winter coat. Second, please consider contributing to our annual coat drive when we collect at our Beaver Valley churches' doors on **October 9 and 10**. We want every child in our area to have a brand-new warm coat for the coming winter!

—Susan Komlos

**DONATIONS CAN BE  
MADE AT ALL OF OUR  
BEAVER VALLEY  
PARISHES  
THE WEEKEND OF  
OCTOBER 9 & 10**

# SILENT RETREAT

KAREN WALKER

Pastoral Minister, Saints John & Paul  
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The first silent retreat I ever participated in was in June of 2015 and was held at the *Sisters of St. Joseph* located in Baden. I was extremely hesitant to be spending five days in silence. What would I do all day? How could I be silent for that long? This was a little over a year after my husband had died, so spending intentional time in silence was particularly scary to me.

My spiritual director during the retreat was Fr. Phil Fogarty, SJ and I also worked with Sr. Catherine Higgins, CSJ. Greeting me at the door on the evening of my arrival was Sr. Marguerite Kropinak, CSJ, who I knew from the *Beginning Experience apostolate* I had become associated with. The three of them made the retreat experience peaceful, relaxing, and grace-filled for me. Walking the grounds each day in silence helped me grow closer in my relationship with Jesus Christ and feel a profound sense of His love for me. I spent many hours praying near the grotto at the back of the cemetery where I fell in love with the representation of *Our Lady of Lourdes*, eyes looking upwards towards heaven.

The *Sisters of St. Joseph* are a true gem nestled into the heart of our Great Grouping in Baden. They offer many programs and retreat experiences—some are one-day or one-evening events, some are virtual, and some are overnight or several days in length. Their programs span the spectrum from poetry and art to in-depth spiritual journeys.

Beginning in late September, I've decided to continue my spiritual pilgrimage by participating in the *19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*, offered by Sister Catherine in Trinity House, the converted farmhouse on the Sisters' property. It's quite a commitment—we'll meet in a small group every Tuesday afternoon from September through May, and will commit to daily prayer, scripture reading, and meditation.

Please consider participating in some of the many programs the Sisters have to offer. They are truly our "dear neighbors" in Baden and are a great resource for all of us to take advantage of.



**[stjoseph-baden.org/spirituality](http://stjoseph-baden.org/spirituality)**



## MUSIC MINISTRY

We have a strong, spirited Music Ministry in the Beaver Valley Churches of Good Samaritan, Our Lady of Peace and St. John the Baptist. There are many opportunities for musicians – both instrumental and vocal – to participate in the liturgy. If you sing or play an instrument and you feel that God is calling you to use your talents for praise and worship, please contact Bridget Jarsulic, [bjarsulic@greatgrouping.org](mailto:bjarsulic@greatgrouping.org) or (724) 385-8630. For the Spanish Choir, please contact Hyery Hwang, [hhwang@greatgrouping.org](mailto:hhwang@greatgrouping.org) or call (724) 935-2104 ext. 232.

## EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Join Fr. Jay weekly in Exploring Catholicism! This series airs weekly on Thursdays at 2 PM and is available to view anytime on our YouTube and Facebook pages. On **Thursday, September 30** Fr. Jay will sit down with Josh & Mary Beth Gawaldo. [greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism](http://greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism).

## PRO-LIFE BOOKLETS

A Pastoral Letter on the Human Dignity of the Unborn, Holy Communion, and Catholics in Public Life by the Most Reverend Salvatore Joseph Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco is available for anyone who would like a copy in all of our parishes.

## ROSARY RALLY

Public prayer is powerful: In his monumental work, The Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort states: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." Join me for a public square rosary rally on **October 16 at Park Road in Ambridge**. Anyone interested, please contact Sheila at (724) 683-7447 or [sshilling72@yahoo.com](mailto:sshilling72@yahoo.com).

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Save the Date for our Town Hall Meetings. Each town hall will be in the church immediately after the following Masses: **Saturday, October 16, 4:00 PM at Our Lady of Peace; Sunday, October 17, 10:00 AM at St. John the Baptist & Sunday, October 17, 11:00 AM at Good Samaritan.**

## SAVE THE FISH FRY

The October Fish Fry has been cancelled. We hope to resume in November. We are in desperate need of volunteers to staff these dinners. If we cannot get enough volunteers we will have to cancel our Fish Fry. If you can lend a hand from 11 AM - 3 PM or 3 PM - 7 PM please call Sylvia at (724) 869-5406 to leave a message. Attention all bakers! Baked goods needed for bake sale at our Fish Fry.

## PIEROGI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. John the Baptist Pierogi Project will resume during the **week of September 26**. We need more helpers on Thursday mornings from 7 - 9 AM for cooking potatoes. Also, we are seeking more pinchers on Friday (all day) and a group of 3-4 people to begin work at noon for 2 to 2-1/2 hours for kitchen clean-up. If you are interested in filling any of these positions, please come on down to the St. John's social hall on the days mentioned above. On-the-job training is provided!

**Pierogi Sales begin on October 1**, and will be held every Friday through December 17 (No sales during Thanksgiving week) Orders will be taken on Fridays only until further notice. We cannot accept any pre-orders via phone message. Pierogi Hotline: (724) 869-9758 Potato, Kraut, Cottage Cheese & Prune all \$8.00 per dozen Pick-up will begin on Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM

## COAT DRIVE

Ladies of Charity members will be collecting for the coat drive at all church doors following all Masses the weekend of **October 9 and 10**. Your generosity will help keep our area children warm during the cold winter months.

## PET BLESSING

Bring your pets to the Saints John & Paul Pavilion on **Saturday, October 2 at 1:30 PM** for our annual Pet Blessing!

## SPECIAL NEEDS AWARENESS

Special needs committee will hold a meeting on **Monday, September 27 at 7:00 PM** in the multipurpose room at Saints John & Paul. All are welcome!! Any questions contact Drs. Michael or Kathy Lamb at [katlamb53@outlook.com](mailto:katlamb53@outlook.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** (Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Deceased of the Landfried Family (Family)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** (Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Living & Deceased Ladies of Charity (Ladies of Charity)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • In Honor of our Parish Priests (Helen Ringel)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** (Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12)

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Earl Stange (Rick & Joanne Grus)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1** (Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Anna Mae Doyle (Francis/Carey Families)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2** (Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Mt 18:1-5, 10)

4:00 PM Our Lady of Peace • John Wargo (Wargo Family)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan • Al Mendacino (Shirley Heater & Barb Jurcak)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3** (Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16)

9:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Margaret Mannion (Mary E. Loedding)

10:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Helen Ringel (Christian Mothers)

11:00 AM Good Samaritan • John & Florence Kremmel (Kathleen)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan Spanish Mass • Maria Laura Martinez (Fr. Jay Donahue & Cindy Deschaine)

### OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**Dr. Albert A. DeDominicis Jr.**  
Our Lady of Peace Parish

**Michael Petkash**  
Son in law of Mary Elaine Gagliardi

**Clarissa Tabin**  
Sister in law of Paul, Mike & Judy Tabin

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

For the weekend of  
September 12

#### BEAVER VALLEY PARISHES

Weekly Offering—\$8,337  
Online Giving—\$3,300  
Total Offertory—\$11,637  
  
PSP goal—\$158,353  
PSP to date—\$106,035  
PSP remaining—\$52,318

For the weekend of  
September 19

#### BEAVER VALLEY PARISHES

Weekly Offering—\$9,102  
Online Giving—\$3,018  
Total Offertory—\$12,120  
  
PSP goal—\$158,353  
PSP to date—\$106,570  
PSP remaining—\$51,783

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
(GS) In Memory of Dolly Hovan  
by Sally Kuhel

**BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE CANDLE**  
(GS) In Memory of J R Matzie  
by Family  
(GS) In Honor of Brian Heater's Birthday  
by Shirley Heater & Barb Jurcak

**BREAD & WINE**  
(GS) In Memory of Karen Keele & Martha Piontek  
by Friend, Nancy Savie

**MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**  
(GS) In Memory of Rita Krol  
by Terence Brady & James Yaksick  
  
(OLOP) In Memory of Helen Ringel  
by Betty Labuda

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, September 27

4:30 PM CGS Level I & II (OLOP)  
4:30 PM Faith Formation Grades 2-5 (OLOP)  
6:30 PM CGS Level I & II (OLOP)  
6:30 PM Faith Formation Grades 2-5 (OLOP)  
6:30 PM Grief Ministry (GS)

### Tuesday, September 28

10:00 AM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (SJ)  
1:00 PM CGS Level I & II (OLOP)  
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)  
5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (GS)  
5:30 PM Ladies of Charity Evening of Reflection (GS)

### Wednesday, September 29

Pierogi Prep (SJB)  
10:00 AM CGS Level I & II (OLOP)  
6:30 PM Choir Practice (GS)

### Thursday, September 30

Pierogi Prep (SJB)  
10:00 AM Toddler Time with Jesus (OLOP)  
7:00 PM Alpha Team Training (OLOP)

### Friday, October 1

9:00 AM Pierogi Sales (SJB)  
10:00 AM MMPT  
7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

### Saturday, October 2

3:00 PM Confessions (OLOP)  
3:00 PM Confessions (GS)

### Sunday, October 3

9:00 AM Confessions (SJB)  
5:00 PM Latino Reception (GS)  
5:30 PM EDGE (OLOP)

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1-800-932-0313

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Post-Abortion Healing/Project Rachel  
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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**



**3:00 PM CONFESSION at Our Lady of Peace**

**3:00 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan**

**4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Peace**

**4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Good Samaritan**

**4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul**

**5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul**



**7:30 AM Saints John & Paul**

**9:00 AM Our Lady of Peace**

**9:00 AM Saints John & Paul**

**9:00 AM CONFESSION at St. John the Baptist**

**10:00 AM St. John the Baptist**

**11:00 AM Saints John & Paul**

**11:00 AM Good Samaritan**

**11:00 AM Our Lady of Peace (Maronite)**

**4:00 PM Good Samaritan (Spanish)**

## EUCARISTIC 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.