



September 1, 2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John
St. Joseph
St. Mary of the Assumption

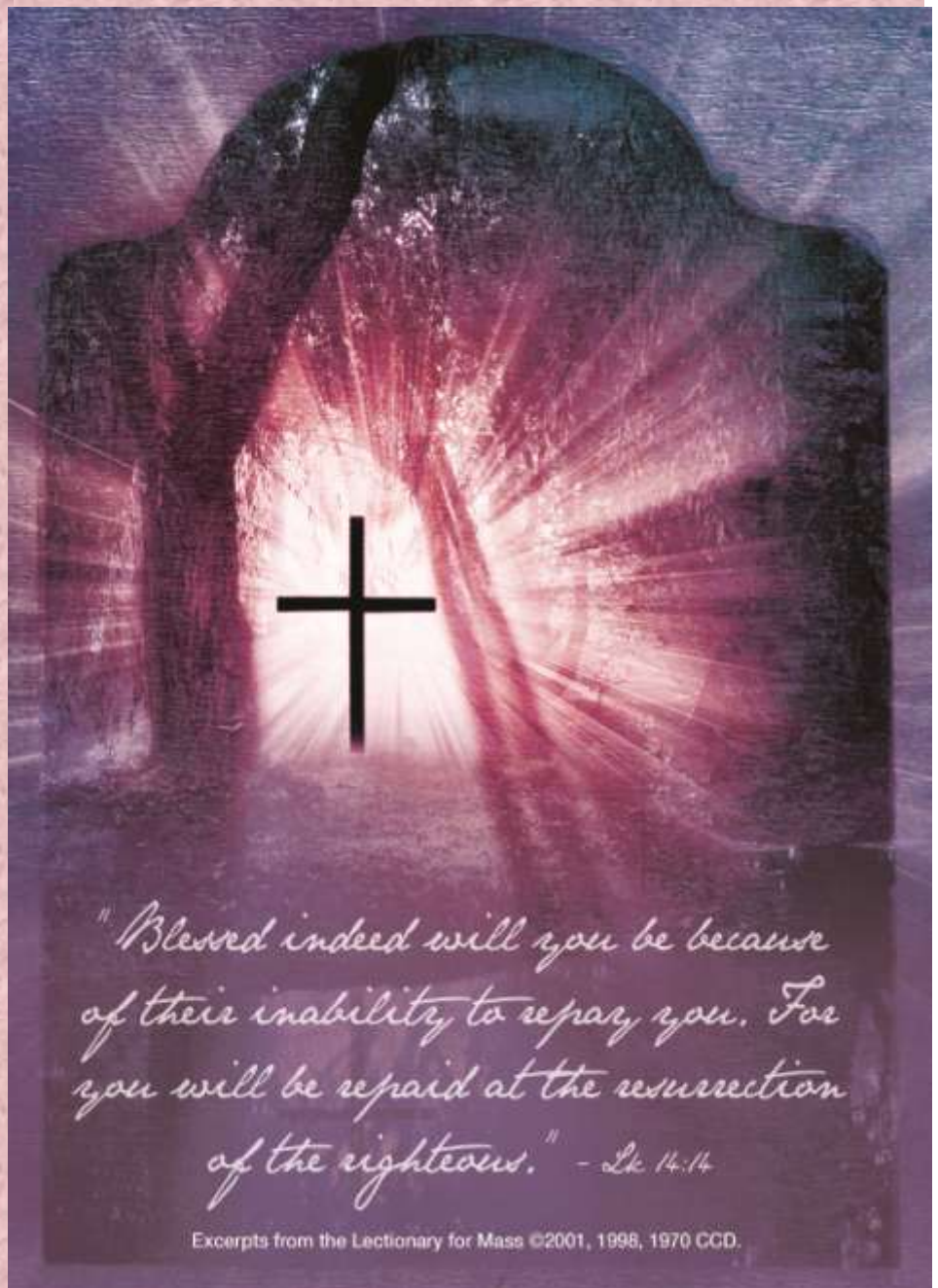
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Staff and Contacts

Sacraments:

Baptism

Instruction is required for first time parents. Please call the Parish Office for arrangements.

Confession Schedule

St. Mary of the Assumption
Saturday: 11:00AM - 12:00PM
and by request/appointment

St. Joseph

Saturday: 12:00PM - 1:00PM and
by request/appointment

St. John

By request/appointment

Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Sacramental Emergencies

Fr. Ward 724-777-9432

Fr. Jim 412-421-3962

Readings of the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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All Parish offices and Diocese offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day.

Labor Day Mass for the parish grouping will be held at 9:00am on Monday at St. Mary of the Assumption in Herman



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Saturday, August 31	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Ken, Tim, Pete	Pam
	5:30 PM	St. Joseph	Walter & Mary Harchuck	Ken & Vicky Mikolas
Sunday, September 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Clement & Helen Syput	The King Family
	8:30 AM	St. John	Lou Bauldoff	Chariot & Charioteer Fans
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Parishioners of St. John, St. Joseph, & St. Mary Parishes	
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Phil Kocon	Gerard & Karen Conroy
Monday, September 2 Labor Day	9:00 AM	St. Mary	Frank Cornelius	Gary & Louise Martin
Tuesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Dr. of the Church	8:00 AM	St. John	Irene McLafferty	Randy & Beth Flick Family
Wednesday, September 4	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Helen Cypher 107th Birthday	
Thursday, September 5	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Janet Macurdy	Dale & Sally Eichenlaub
Friday, September 6	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Robert King	The King Family
Saturday, September 7	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Priest's Intention	
	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Leo Rosenbauer Jr.	Bernie & Joan Kriley
	4:00 PM	St. Joseph	Marino Joseph Quercio	Traggiai Family
	6:00 PM	St. Joseph	Caroline Isabel Lang	Frank Toth, Sr.
Sunday, September 8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Grandparent's Day	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Parishioners of St. John, St. Joseph, & St. Mary Parishes	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Harold S. Kramer	Family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Mary Ann Maier	Joanne Meehan

Prayer REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick, suffering, and homebound of our parish community, especially those listed below from our parish grouping.

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| Joseph Tomsey Sr. | Alex Yonker |
| Lawrence Kladny | Nicholas Miller |
| Mike Spohn | Mary and Victor Carbin |
| Aimee Fritz | Joyce Steele |
| Marcella Dawson | Art Schnur |
| Marianne Cornetti | Jim Edwards |
| Dick Leroy | C.J. Kriley |
| Carol Rowley | Loretta Schnur |
| Alice Spinneweber | Janet Biscetlia |
| Dan Jonczak Jr. | Fr. Victor Kriley, OFM, Cap. |
| Judy Convery | |

Please remember to call your Parish Office or email Jenn at stmarybulletin@zoominternet.net to add or remove names from the grouping prayer lists.

St. Michael, the Archangel,

Defend Us In Battle....



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| Michael Fritz | Brandon Bauer |
| Tylor Grant White | Trevor Cottage |
| Melanie Whalen | Jordan Cottage |
| Matthew McCandless | Nicholas Cottage |
| Jimmy Adley | Stephen Konyha |
| Russell Bauer | Dustin Michel |

Pray For... ... our brothers and sisters who are ill, hospitalized, recuperating or struggling. May **God's blessing bring them and their caregivers comfort and peace.**

Please note the important numbers for Reporting Child Abuse below:
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
Office: 412-456-3093
Hot Line: 1-888-808-1235



PA Childline: 1-800- 932-0313
Call 911 immediately if a child is in immediate danger.

An update from Father Ward

How Goes Our *On Mission* Initiative - What lies ahead?

The goal of the *On Mission* Initiative for our grouping has been, and remains, the formation of one new parish from our three existing parishes. To arrive at this goal, we need to look at what our three parishes presently have in the areas of personal, active ministries, growth needs, and resources. We also need to consider what the ministry needs of the new parish will be, and how to respond to those needs.

So, where are we in this process?

It is projected that the decree for a new parish, with a new name will become effective in January 2021- The New Parish begins. No decisions on buildings will be made at this time! All actions directed to the formation of our new faith community will be documented in writing, as required by the Diocese. By mid-August 2020, we will be putting together the necessary documentations for the merger request submission. In the months prior to this time, the various councils and groups in the parishes will be working together to prepare the requirements for this process. Through August 2020 into September 2020, we need to submit recommendations to Bishop Zubik for a new parish name. We will conduct parish assemblies in September 2020 to discuss this naming process and any other issues as we prepare the necessary documentation for requesting the merger. All of this material will be presented to our Regional Vicar in October 2020. Our petition for a merger will then be presented to the Bishop and his Priest Council during October-November 2020. The Bishop will officially announce the decree for a new parish in late November or early December 2020. The decree for a new parish will, God willing, become effective January 2021.

As with all time lines of human creation, there is a need to be flexible and open to adjustments depending upon the circumstances that may arise with our efforts and schedule changes.

As always, the positive cooperation of all parishioners is truly appreciated and necessary. These are uncharted waters for all of us. Forming a new parish is not an easy task, nor a task that can be accomplished by just a few. The prayers of all are needed. An open and positive attitude will go a long way in helping this process move forward. We need to continue to trust in and cooperate with the Holy Spirit working in and through each of us, especially those in leadership roles. Do not hesitate to spread your positive approach and encouragement to others. We are all in this together and with the best guidance we could have-The Holy Spirit. Remember that nothing is impossible with God.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

St. John

- Sept. 1 Fall Festival Pre-orders due
- Sept. 4 Fall Festival Planning meeting, 6pm
- Sept. 9 Rummage sale drop-offs begin at hall by appointment
- Sept. 15 **Children's Faith Formation classes**
Pre K-Gr 5 resume-9:45-11am
- Sept. 16-27 Rummage sale drop off and set up, daily from 10am-4pm
- Sept. 17 Confirmation class (8th grade) 6-7:15pm
- Sept. 24-27 Festival Food Prep daily from 10am-3pm & 6pm-9pm
- Sept. 28 Fall Apple Dumpling Festival, 8am-4pm
- Sept. 29 Rummage sale leftover Box/Bag sale 10am-2pm

St. Joseph

- Sept. 3 1st day of Preschool
Catechist Meeting 7 PM
- Sept. 4 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-Noon
Edge Core Meeting 7 PM
- Sept. 5 Faithful Friends Bible Study 10 AM
- Sept. 6 First Friday Confessions 8:30 AM
- Sept. 7 Vocation Holy Hour 10 AM
- Sept. 8 FALL FESTIVAL 11 AM—6 PM
- Sept. 12 Faithful Friends Bible Study 10 AM
- Sept. 15 Catechetical Sunday
CGS 9:15-10:45 AM & 12:15-1:45 PM
CFF 9:15-10:45 AM
Edge 6-7:30 PM
- Sept. 16 AFF Revelation at St. Mary, Herman 9:15-11 AM
- Sept. 17 Christian Mothers & Women Meeting 6 PM
Festival of Praise Meeting 6 PM Cafe

St. Mary

- Sept. 2 Labor Day Mass for Parish Grouping 9 AM
Parish Office Closed
- Sept. 3 **St. Monica's Prayer Group 1** - 2 PM
Worship Meeting 7 PM, Library
- Sept. 4 First Day of Preschool
Men's Scripture Study 9 AM, Marian Hall
Women's Scripture Study 9 AM, Library
SFO 7PM, Marian Hall
- Sept. 5 Picnic Wrap Up Meeting 7 PM, Marian Hall
- Sept. 7 Sport Raffle Early Bird Drawing 8 PM
- Sept. 10 Pastoral Council Meeting 7 PM, Marian Hall
- Sept. 14 Baskets for the Sports Raffle Due
- Sept. 16 Preferences for Ministry Schedule Due
- Sept. 28 Ultimate Sports Raffle 11 AM - **6 PM R. C. Men's Club**

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 7 -St. Mary

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| Servers | Claire Nebel
Victoria Nebel |
| Lector | Charlotte Ruediger |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Volunteer Needed
Gina Stutz
Volunteer Needed
Patty Jackman |

Sunday, September 8 -St. John

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| Servers | Zack Saeler
Carter Brestensky |
| Lector | Maxine Yonosko |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Dixie Mennor
Joyce Mennor
Yolanda Cypher |

Sunday, September 8 -St. Mary

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| Servers | Jordan Davis
Kira Lis |
| Lector | Beth Lis |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Brad Marra
Rick Hoffman
David Lis
Mickey Weiland |



Calling all High School Seniors! If you are planning to graduate in the spring of 2020, we want to celebrate that milestone with you in some fashion when that time arrives. We need to know who you are, what school you will graduate from, your address and phone. Please call the Parish Office at your church and provide that information. Call Jenn at St. John- 724-287-7590; Karyn at St. Joseph- 724-352-2149; Linda at St. Mary- 724-285-3285

St. John the Evangelist

Don't forget! Fall Apple Dumpling Festival

Pre-orders are due TODAY, September 1st!

- Drop in Box in back of the Church
- Drop off at the office
- Call Jen Thornton @ 724-256-1968



Boscov's Purchase a Shopping Pass for \$5 and receive a 25% discount on your purchases at **Boscov's on October 16th. Passes will be available after Mass through October 13th.**

Rummage sale donation drop off at the hall will begin on September 9th, by appointment, call Dixie Mennor at 724-285-3934 to set up a time. Drop off and set up will begin daily on September 16th, from 10am-4pm. Any and all volunteers are welcome to come and help unpack and setup any day September 16-27!



KEEP CALM AND SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

Fall Raffle Ticket sales are going great! Pick up a packet, or more, after Mass! The Grand Prize \$ Tree includes, **\$1000** cash and **\$750** in Gift cards/certificates! Plus 8 more amazing prizes. Call or stop in to the office on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or contact Dixie Mennor at 724-285-3934 if you need tickets or have any questions.

Drawing to be held on November 24th~Tickets due by November 17th

This Wednesday, September 4th at 6pm in the hall

Fall Festival Planning meeting

Please stop in to help finalize plans for the big day!!



We need your help!! Many volunteer opportunities are available for the day of the festival, as well as days and weeks leading up to it!

- Rummage sale set up will be going on everyday from 10am-4pm starting September 16.
- Cooking and food preparation will be going on September 24-27 everyday from 10am-4pm and in the evenings from 6pm-?

Stop in to the hall to lend a hand any of these times!

There are many jobs to be done on Festival Day, inside and out! All **help is greatly appreciated, even if you're only available a few hours.** This is also a wonderful opportunity for our Confirmation students to earn some well deserved service hours!! Check out the sign up sheet before or after Mass or feel free to call Jen Thornton at 724-256-1968, or the parish office to volunteer or with any questions.

PARISH Support	
August 25, 2019 Collection	
Sunday Offertory:	\$2,343.20
Weekly Goal:	\$2,125.00
PSP/EMR:	\$105.00
Assumption:	\$182.00
Catholic Relief:	\$20.00
Votive Candles:	\$24.00
2019 Parish Share Goal:	\$27,371.00
Collected to date:	\$13,804.50

Baptism *Atticus David Kriley*
 Son of Noah Kriley & Morgan Vlassich,
 was Baptized on **August 25, 2019** at St. John Church.
 May he grow in strength and wisdom with the Lord.

St. Joseph



Festival Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 7, 4pm and 6 pm
 Sunday, September 8, 8 am ONLY

We Could Use Your Help . . .

- Tuesday, Sept. 3 & Wednesday, Sept. 4
6 PM Final Hall Setup
- Wednesday, Sept. 4 & Thursday, Sept. 5
8:30 AM & 6 PM Clean out Chicken Pit and Clean 38 Grates
- Thursday, Sept. 5
6 PM Tent Setup
- Thursday, Sept. 5, Friday, Sept. 6, Saturday Sept. 7
8:30 AM Pre-Food Preparation
- Saturday, Sept. 7
8:30 AM Outside Counter Setup

Fall Festival In ONE WEEK

A Few Notes

If you are in charge of a tent or booth, you are asked to come on Saturday, September 7, at 8:30 AM to arrange for your counter, table or electrical setup. Nothing will be added to the tent unless the chairperson or representative is present. If that is not possible, please call Bob Danehy at 724.524.1161.

Pie Pans are available in the narthex for your donation of pies for the Fall Festival. When baking your pie in a foil pan, be sure to place it on a metal sheet pan before you place it in the oven to bake. Mark your Cake or Pie donation for the Dinner or Country Store.

Raffle Tickets may be turned in as late as 5 PM on Festival Day. But, to avoid forgetting them, why not turn them in before that.



Festival Baskets

Wait till you see us!
 Thanks to all!

All Parishioners . . .

There is a work station for YOU!

Whatever your pleasure— pre-festival, festival day, post-festival, inside, outside, games, bingo, carry-in, carry-out, sell tickets, spin the wheel, service inside food, serve outside food, work in the country store. Just be part of our fabulous festival— Sign Up! Sign up in church on the weekends or thru the week online at—

stsjjmatholic.org
 (What To Watch For)

Check out the flyer in today's bulletin for last-minute notes and regarding parking, signup and lots of other info.



+ Rest In Peace +

Our sympathy and prayers to Seth, Sr. and Elizabeth Heller on the loss of their infant son, Marvin Donald Heller. May the angels welcome Marvin to the arms of our Lord and may he rest in eternal peace.

Remembering The Envelope . . .

. . . It's Working

We have been receiving a few more envelopes each week. **Thank you for "remembering " to take it with you, no matter what parish.**

So Long, Marian

Last week we accepted the resignation of Marian Goetz, Director of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation. Marian was offered the position of Director of Religious Education for All Saints and St. Bonaventure parishes. She accepted that offer and will begin her new employment September 3. We wish her well and thank her for the many services she has provided for our people over the last five years.

Our hope is to fill this position as soon as possible. If you are interested in being considered for the position, please call Karyn at St. Joseph Parish Office at 724-352-2149 **this week.**

All Tied Up

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who donated ribbon for the needs of the Prayer Blanket Ministry and the Festival baskets throughout the summer. **You've made our jobs easier. We** will continue to ask for your help in replenishing our supply, but you may not see a weekly announcement in the bulletin. Just drop it off. Grazie!



Happy Birthday to Helen Cypher

Who celebrated her 107th
 Birthday on September 5!
 May the Lord continue to bless her
 and keep her smiling!

Financial Report Fiscal Year 2019-20

	Needed Weekly	Needed YTD
OFFERTORY (adjusted)	\$6,213	\$49,704
Offertory Received 8-25-19	\$4,790	
Online Received 8-25-19	\$755	
Total Offertory Received	\$5,545	
Difference	-\$668	
		Received YTD
		\$51,023
		Difference YTD
		+\$1,319
PARISH SHARE GOAL	\$71,578	
Parish Share 8-25-19	\$0	
Parish Share Online 8-25-19	\$35	
Total Parish Share Received	\$34,556	
Votive Candles 8-25-19	\$86	

St. Mary of the Assumption

St. Mary of the Assumption

Ultimate Sports Raffle

September 28, 2019

Location: R C Men's Club

Beef - Pig - Chicken BBQ

Prizes Given Every 10 Minutes

\$25.00 Donation

For tickets or information call:

Gary Martin 724-991-3370

Leann Bauer 724-822-7381

Becky Kriley 724-283-7850

Parish Office 724-285-3285

\$500.00 Early Bird Drawing September 7 at 8:00 PM

The list of prizes may be seen on our website, stsjmatholic.org

Click on St. Mary's Tab, Resources, Parish News.

The Sports Raffle Basket Raffle Committee is requesting donations of large baskets, completed baskets, and ideas for businesses who may donate baskets. Donations may be dropped off at the church office by September 14. For more information please call Louise at 724-256-6029.

Would you like to make a little extra money? St. Mary Church is looking for a general part time Maintenance Person for the Church and facilities. This is estimated to be 12 hours per week at \$12 per hour. (Hours may be adjusted to accommodate jobs at hand). Please call the Parish Office for information. 724-285-3285

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

As we celebrate the economic and social contributions of laborers and workers this holiday weekend, please join our Parish Grouping on September 2 for 9 am *Labor Day Mass at St. Mary Church.*

Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day,
We thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all.



Amen from Our Sunday Visitor

Financials - August 25, 2019

Offertory	\$ 2,609.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,100.00
Candle Money	\$ 18.40
Assumption	\$ 96.00
Parish Share Goal	\$ 52,381.00
Total Donations Collected	\$ 30,663.00

58 % of PARISH SHARE GOAL!!

Collection Counters

- Sept. 3 Joann Lindstrom, Josi Nebel, Pam Schnur, Cheryl Weiland
- Sept. 9 Cindy Hay, Sue Siljander, & Joe Stumpf

Picnic

The 2019 Basket Committee would like to thank all of the generous parishioners, vendors, anonymous donors and visitors who came together to help make our Chinese Auction Basket Raffle a huge success. We couldn't have done it without YOU! A special thanks to Linda, Amy and Frank for helping with our set up.

The 2019 Basket Committee - Anne, Bonnie, Cathy, Deb, Jeanie, Juanita, Suzi and Marge

Wrap-Up Meeting - Thursday, September 5 at 7 pm in Marian Hall. All are welcome.

Parish News

Padre Pio Family Fest at Saint John the Baptist

-101 Findley St, New Baltimore, PA
 All are invited to New Baltimore on Sunday, September 8 for an exciting program of prayer, music, games and food. There will be an outdoor Mass at noon. During the afternoon there will be music and games. At 5PM there will be a healing prayer service in honor of Padre Pio. Relics of Padre Pio, including a glove he wore and blood from his stigmata will be available for veneration. The Fest is sponsored by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. Padre Pio who died in 1968 had on his body the wounds of Christ. Padre Pio is well known as an intercessor. God has granted many healings and miracles through Padre Pio's prayers.



With our children heading back to school they may be forming new friendships and relationships. They may be faced with temptations at times too. Please check out the Outreach table in the gathering space at St. Joseph Church for material on Chastity and Abstinence. Perhaps they can help your children to make good decisions or help you to know how to talk with your children about this sensitive and important topic. God bless!

Dear Parishioners,
 I have accepted a new position at All Saints and St. Bonaventure parish. I want to thank Fr. Ward for allowing me to minister to the adult parishioners of St. Joseph Church and recently, St. Mary of the Assumption. I loved my ministry and all the people I had an opportunity to encounter. Thank-you to all who helped me in this ministry. I will treasure my five years serving the community. I have prayed for the parish grouping each and every day. I would stop in to talk to Jesus about you in the Church and also after I made my communion. We all grew in faith of Jesus Christ together and I know the growth will continue. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Keep the faith.

Fondly,
 Marian Goetz

Let's celebrate! St Joseph's Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Women are inviting all current, past and future members along with their spouse or guest to an End of Summer Social on September 21st at 6:30 in the St Joseph Hall. The evening is BYOB and we ask that you bring a dish to share. All those attending must be at least 21. We hope you can join us for a night of fun conversation and fellowship!



If you know of someone who needs a beautiful prayer blanket, please get in touch with your parish office or call Suzanne at 724.360.0027.



RETROUVAILLE - SAVE OUR MARRIAGE
 This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. The next Weekend begins September 6. Please call for confidential information at 412-277-3434 or see <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

All Youth Grades 9-12 SEIZE THE SPIRIT!!



Saints John, Joseph, & Mary Parish

LIFE TEEN

So... What Is Life Teen? (Life Nights)



We will meet starting on **Sunday, September 22, 2019: Social Night and Breakfast for Dinner!!**

Upcoming Dates: Sunday, October 13, 2019

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Saturday, November 2, 2019 Halloween Party!!



Life Nights will be held in the church basement at our St. Mary site from 5:30-8 PM.

Be a part of the frenzy!!

Registration Form @ spirit@nccsinc.com

Each year the Diocese of Pittsburgh recognizes the crowning achievement of those couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in the current year **with a Mass presided by Bishop Zubik at St. Paul's Cathedral**, followed by a light reception. The Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place on November 17, 2019. Mass will begin at 2:30 pm. If you and your spouse are celebrating your 50th anniversary this year and would like to participate, please RSVP by contacting your parish office which will turn your names in to the Diocese. Please give the following information:



- * Husband and Wife (including maiden) names
 - * Date of marriage
 - * **Couple's mailing address and phone number**
- Participants will receive a personal invitation with instructions from diocesan offices after the parish submits the names of those who will attend. Couples are welcome to bring as many loved ones to the celebration as they wish.

Parish News

Can You Help??? Saints John, Joseph and Mary "Life Nights" (Youth Group)

Our ministry is looking for adults to help with our bi-monthly sessions by becoming a Core Member, making light meals and/or decorating to make our Life Nights momentous. We meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 5:30-8 PM. **Will you be our "Life-Support"?**

Core Members: Help plan and assist each Life Night session.

Light Meals: Prepare and serve light meals to our youth. Stove and refrigerator on site!! Clean up

Decorators: Make decorations to coincide with our theme of the evening and decorate our room before our session. (supplies provided)** **All Adults 18+ will need the mandatory diocesan clearances.**

All sessions will be at our St. Mary site in the church basement.

To volunteer: sjreled@zoominternet.net/ 724-352-3030

Morning Bible Study for Fall 2019

Join with the Bible Buddies (Wednesdays at 10am) or the Faithful Friends (Thursdays at 10am) as we study the Old Testament Book of Judges. This study will run for eleven weeks beginning Sept. 11/12 through Nov. 27/28. Judges is an historical book that takes up the story of the Israelites after Joshua completes the conquest of the native peoples. It is a very sad book in that it chronicles the downward slide of Israel from the peak of unity and national pride to the depths of bondage, division and selfish ambition. Again and again they fall away from God, are punished, and then beg favor from God who in his mercy restores His blessings. Key phrases in this book are "every man did what was right in his own eyes" (Judg 17:6, 21:25) and "Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord." (Judg 2:11) Perhaps a lesson for our times... You can register for this study by contacting Jean Hlivko-Neely at mrsjeanforccd@gmail.com or 724 353 1825. Cost for the study guide is \$22.00.

Looking ahead, we will be reading Pope Benedict XVI's "The Infancy Narratives" this winter and delving into the "Theology of Hell and Damnation" by Scott M. Sullivan in the

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven.

St. Mary, Herman, will begin an eleven-week Bible study *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* on **Monday, September 16, at 9:15 AM**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, **visit ascensionpress.com, or contact Marian Goetz at 724-352-3443, sjaff@zoominternet.net or text 724-996-2435**. Participant workbook is necessary and can be purchased directly from Ascension Press for \$26.95 which includes online access to videos.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

Preorder forms for St. John's Fall Apple Dumpling

Festival are due today, September 1st and will be ready for pick up at the Festival on September 28th, from 8am-4pm at St. John Hall. Preorder your favorite soups, haluski, apple dumplings and new this year, pumpkin rolls! Last minute orders can be called in to Jen Thornton at 724-256-1968. To see what's available, check out the order form on our website: stsjmccatholic.org, under the St. John tab, Resources, Links, Fall/Apple Dumpling Festival, Pre-order Form.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

FALL KICK-OFF EVENT!

Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30

in Charvaz Hall (underneath St. Bernard Church in Mt. Lebanon)

311 Washington Road, Pittsburgh

Doors open @ 6:30pm for Pro-Life resource Fair: 90 minute documentary at 7:30 followed by Melissa's testimony.



What is it like for a young pregnant mother to enter an abortion facility? To be escorted past pro-life protesters, and make it all the way to the procedure room where she meets the abortionist? To have a change of heart, get off the procedure table, and walk out? What would it be like to meet her 16-18 years after that fateful day? And how could her story change how we tell the pro-life narrative?

Melissa Colles is the birth mother of the short documentary *Lived on Parker Avenue* about a mother's agency in choosing what's best, the joy of a couple starting a family, and young men's search for where to begin.

www.livedonparkeraave.com

Bringing Pro-Life Pittsburgh together for 40 days for Life!



To Jesus through Mary
The Saint Michael Rosary Makers have been making rosaries for 12 years and have sent over 100,000 rosaries all over the world. If you would like to join this fun, worthwhile organization, consider coming to a meeting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:30pm in the St. Michael the Archangel Parish hall – 432 Center Ave., Butler, Pa. Rosaries are easy and fun to make. All materials are supplied by the Rosary Makers. For more information, contact Barb at 724-287-2805 or Rosemary at 724-282-8834.

We're at it again! Our church community is having another production for your enjoyment. Because of the increased interest, there will be two evening shows this year.

SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday Nov. 9 & Sunday Nov. 10.

If you would like to be a part of this fun event, volunteers are needed and welcomed. We can use help in the kitchen area, decorating, and of course, performers.

Contact Ron or Suzanne at 724-360-0027 or email: rekas1@zoominternet.net or sekas@zoominternet.net.

Stay tuned for more information!