TENY SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc
Dear sisters and brothers,

They say you can’t wear white after Labor Day. Many people consider this weekend the end of summer. While that’s not exactly true, it always feels like that with school starting and the weather turning a bit cooler; summer warmth and relaxation end. I hope that everyone enjoys a longer weekend and has a safe and happy ending to the summer season, enjoying a nice picnic or day at home with family and friends. One of the picnic playground rides that I don’t see much in our present time, probably because insurance companies have determined that they aren’t safe, are see-saws. The see-saws I do see now are modified to lessen the impact or the chance of falling off. Many adults grew up with them though and remember the quick whip of switching from downward movement to upward movement and the reverse.

One of the most important things I do every day, and especially every weekend, is to say those words at Mass, “This is my Body,” and “This is my Blood.” For a priest at Mass, it’s a high point, to be able to share those words as Jesus shared them, to be another Christ (alter Christus), for God’s people. It’s a very special moment for every priest and for all people. But the very next moment, the priest is on his knee in humble worship of our God in Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament that is now on the altar. It’s quick and swift, to be another Christ, and then suddenly to be on one’s knee before our Lord and God. Nevertheless, it’s a good exercise. I don’t mean the kind of exercise that makes the body stronger, nor even the playful exercise of riding a see-saw. But it has that same quick whip from exaltation to humility.

Pride is usually the opposite of humility and also the root of many of our personal problems. Pride was a problem for Adam and Eve who wanted to be like God. That kind of pride can afflict any of us. People who are famous or popular, people in the public eye might be tempted to get prideful with the place that they hold. But we can also be prideful about our physical appearance, the beauty of our home, the success of our garden crops (who has more zucchini and tomatoes right now?). Pride can come from the amount of wealth we have accumulated or even the jobs we hold. While we should be proud of our children and their accomplishments personally, we should avoid the unhealthy pride that can come from number of children we have or their successes. Leon F. Seltzer, PhD discusses “8 Crucial Differences Between Healthy and Unhealthy Pride” in Psychology today. You can look up all 8 here: (cf. https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/evolution-the-self/201609/8-crucial-differences-between-healthy-and-unhealthy-pride) The basic message that Dr. Seltzer shares is that healthy pride is never merely self-focused. My mother might have a healthy sense of pride that she has two sons, and that they are priests, but she could also have an unhealthy pride about those things too. The distinction might be if she were to be proud only of her sons, and never other people’s sons or their accomplishments. Humility is not focused on shedding our self-worth, or healthy self-confidence. The key to praying for healthy humility is to recognize that the gifts, skills, beauty, accomplishments and more that we have are not simply from our own work, but initiated in us by God’s will, and fed by others who have helped us throughout our lives, even by those who challenge us.

I hope that everyone in our five parishes will take the opportunity this week to go to adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in each of our churches for some time of prayer. When any of us kneel before the Lord, we do not set ourselves aside and lose our self-worth and self-confidence, but we recognize that our God calls us into a relationship with our heavenly Father, with Jesus, his Son, through the Holy Spirit. This time before the Lord, placing ourselves in humility, can take away some of the unhealthy pride that keeps us from being more loving, and the unhealthy pride that keeps us from being open to the love of God and others. Jesus tells us in the Gospel this weekend:

*For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.* -Luke 14:11

Whether it’s for an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, or just a momentary genuflection in respect, let’s humble ourselves, so that one day, we might be exalted and raised up with Him.

In Christ’s love,

Father Kevin
RE reading I  
SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and aims alone for sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
PS 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the LORD.
R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.
R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.
R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

READING 2  
HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A
Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia  
MT 11:29AB
Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL  
LK 14:1 7-14
On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.
He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”
Then he said to the host who invited him, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Consejos para la oración
Cuando comencemos a orar es muy conveniente hacer un ejercicio de reflexión para preparar nuestro corazón. Consiste en detenernos un momento a pensar que es lo que estamos haciendo, con quién estamos hablando.
Dedicar cada día unos minutos a la oración personal. Así como dormimos, comemos, trabajamos y descansamos, la oración debe formar parte de nuestra vida diaria.
Algunas recomendaciones prácticas que cada persona puede adaptar a su estilo de vida:
- Lugar: Escoger un lugar específico para orar. No importa cuál sea, mientras nos ayude a obtener el silencio interior que necesitamos.
- Horario: Revisar nuestro horario y escoger para la oración un momento en el que nos encontremos en paz y no tengamos muchas ocupaciones y que tampoco nos encontremos muy cansados. Procurar que esta hora sea siempre la misma y mantenerla fija lo más que se pueda.
- Postura: La postura es importante, mas no indispensable. La oración no es cuestión de ejercicios físicos, es algo espiritual.

ORAR ES ALGO SENCILLO
Si Jesús insiste tanto en el Evangelio sobre la oración, tenemos que decir que es una cosa demasiado importante. Y si es tan necesaria a todos, por fuerza Dios la ha hecho fácil y al alcance de cualquiera.
Nosotros nos perdemos en nuestra relación con Dios porque complicamos las cosas. Y la oración, como nos dijo de una manera inolvidable Teresa de Jesús, no es más que tratar de amistad con Aquel que sabemos que nos ama. (De amistad!) ¡Qué expresión tan bella! Tratar a Dios como un amigo, ya que Dios se ha hecho en Jesús esto: un amigo nuestro al hacerse como uno de nosotros. Entonces, para hablar a Jesús, y en Jesús a Dios, no hay como acudir al Evangelio para saber cómo hemos de hablar con Jesús. Con la misma naturalidad que todos usaban con Él y le exponían sus necesidades. Cualquier situación nuestra tiene su exponente en el Evangelio.
- ¡Señor, que veas!, le decía el ciego.
- ¡Dame de esta tu agua, para no tener más sed!, le pedía la Samaritana.
- ¡Señor, enséñanos a orar!, le decían los discípulos.
- ¡Señor, que perezcamos!, le gritaron los apóstoles en la barca que se hundía.
- ¡Señor, mándame a tirar!, le pidió Pedro.
- ¡Señor, ten compasión de mí, que soy un pecador!, murmuraba el publicano.
- ¡Señor, si quieres puedes limpiarme!, le suplicaba humilde el leproso.
- Mira que tu amigo, quien tanto quieres, está enfermo, mandó decirle Marta.
- ¡Auméntanos la fe!, le pidieron los discípulos.
- ¡Acuédate de mi cuando estés en tu reinol!, le suplicó el ladrón.
- ¡Señor, danos ese pan!, le pidieron los oyentes cuando prometió Eucaristía.
- ¡Señor, tú sabes que yo te quierol, le protestaba Pedro.
- ¡Mira, Jesús, que no tienen vino!, se limitó a decirle María por los otros cuando los vio en apuros...
Así le hablábamos a Jesús. Imposible mayor sencillez. Y Jesús no dejó de atender ningún deseo.
Si así son las cosas con Jesús, nos ponemos a pensar. ¿Nos damos cuenta de lo que ahora le deben gustar a Jesús estas mismas súplicas, cuando se las repetimos hoy nosotros? ¿Le traemos a su mente unos recuerdos tan queridos?... ¿Por qué no le hablamos con las mismas palabras que escuchó entonces y que le enternecían el corazón?...
Sería la oración más fabulosa y segura salida de nuestros labios. Éste es el método más fácil de orar. Y es posible que sea también la manera de oración que más le gusta oir a Jesús. Aquí todo es amor, confianza, amistad. Todo es actualización del Evangelio.
Le podemos pedir ahora de nuevo a Jesús:
- ¡Señor, enséñanos a orar!
Pero es casi seguro que Él nos va a responder:
- Ya os he enseñado. ¿Por qué no rezáis así?...
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**CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTS**

Come Away and Rest: *Retreat, Relax and Renew* is the theme of a convocation for all priests of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including the priests of this parish, beginning Monday, September 30, and concluding on Thursday, October 3. The convocation to be held at the Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia, is an opportunity for priests to join with Bishop David Zubik for spiritual renewal, pastoral and professional developments, and priestly fraternity.

Three of our priests will be away until Thursday afternoon during this vocation. Father DeWitt will be celebrating all weekday masses and be available for funerals and emergencies.

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**Eucharist Adoration Volunteer Sign Up**

Eucharistic Adoration volunteer sign up is now available for all OPV churches. We will be using our online Volunteer Scheduler Pro scheduling software to schedule Eucharistic Adoration. Those who are not online can contact the parish office to be placed on the schedule.

The schedule for the first week in September is online now. If you volunteered for the SJB fish fry or the OPV family festival, use the same profile you used to volunteer. Or you can create a new profile. You can find the buttons on our website at [https://opvcatholic.org/volunteer-at-opv](https://opvcatholic.org/volunteer-at-opv). If you do not have internet access, please call the rectory at 412-793-4511 to have your name added to the schedule.

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**St. Januarius:** Offertory: $1,327.00  
PSP: $128.00  
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**St. Irenaeus:** Offertory: $4,937.00  
PSP: $324.00  
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**St. John the Baptist:** Offertory: $10,762.00  
PSP: $2,691.00  
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**St. Joseph:** Offertory: $3,982.00  
PSP: $96.00  
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**Our Lady of Joy:** Offertory: $6,612.00  
PSP: $915.00  
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**TOTALS:** Offertory: $27,620.00  
PSP: $4,154.00  
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**MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER**

Mass Intentions are available by calling Joyce Doyle at St. Joseph Parish office (412-795-5114) Mondays from 1 PM - 4 PM and Tuesday through Thursday 8 AM - 4 PM or by stopping in the rectory at St. Joe’s during those hours.

You can also email her at: office@opvcatholic.org
The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, September 18 at St. Joseph Church, 825 Second Ave., Verona, PA 15147. We will meet at 7:00PM in the church for the Rosary followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support.

For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709
RCIA Inquiry Begins Next Week!

Have questions about Jesus Christ or the Catholic Church? If so, let’s talk about them! We invite any and all questions! We also welcome you to attend RCIA Inquiry which begins at **7:00 on Wednesday, September 11** in the St. Zachariah Room of St. John the Baptist Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for those who are not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those who are baptized Catholic who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Attending RCIA Inquiry is not an obligation to become Catholic. It is an opportunity to ask your questions and to gain understanding of some foundational beliefs of the Catholic Church. We welcome your questions about RCIA and invite you to contact Ronald Donatelli, Coordinator of RCIA, at rcia@opvcatholic.org. You may also call 412-793-4511. We ask all our OPV parishioners to let those who have questions about the Catholic faith know about our parish RCIA.

**>> How to Build a Culture of Life**

**WHO:** Respect Life Committee  
**WHERE:** SJB St. Elizabeth Room  
**When:** Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 PM

**THE PROBLEM:** ... Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

**OUR RESPONSE:** ... Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus – the source of joy and love. Jesus promised his disciples, “I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt 28:20)

**WHERE TO BEGIN:** On Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00pm in the St. Elizabeth Room (Church Annex) at SJB, we will be showing the movie, Unplanned (the conversion story of Abby Johnson, a former director for Planned Parenthood who made the decision to leave her job and to support the efforts of 40 Days for Life).

Respect Life issues are many and we want to know what is on your heart. There will be a brief meeting before the movie to talk about what a Respect Life Group might look like for our OPV Catholic Community and also ways to honor Respect Life Month (October).

Please take a moment to reflect on the 2018-2019 Respect Life Theme: **EVERY LIFE: CHERISHED ~ CHOSEN ~ SENT**

- **Cherished:** Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life.
- **Chosen:** God creates every person for eternal union with Him.
- **Sent:** We are called to be messengers of God’s Love.

Please RSVP to opvrlg@gmail.com or call/text Fran Morrow at 412-965-9874.

>> ALL ARE WELCOME <<

**BISHOP’S EDUCATION FUND APPEAL**

The annual Bishop’s Education Fund collection will be taken up next weekend, September 7th & 8th. Since the fund was established in 1995, more than $24.4 million has been raised. In the past 24 years, approximately $17 million in assistance has been given to nearly 47,000 children from nearly every parish in the diocese. Many students in our Diocese want a Catholic school education, but a number of those students can only do so with financial assistance. The Bishop’s Education Fund makes such assistance available. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

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. **Due to scheduling conflicts, the Golden Wedding Anniversary will take place later than usual. The celebration will now occur 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 our parish office which will turn your names in to the Diocese. Please give the parish office the following information:

- Husband name / Wife name (including maiden name) / Date of marriage / Couple’s mailing address / Couple’s best phone contact 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.
JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Text ‘OPVJYM’ to 84576 for Junior Youth Ministry
Text ‘OPVSYM’ to 84576 for Senior Youth Ministry

Questions: Contact Kristin Consuegra, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at youth@opvcatholic.org

Sign Up for Flocknote Announcements

OPV Catholic Youth Ministry

Junior Youth Kick Off
15 SEPT
Come see what Junior Youth Ministry is all about from 7-8pm at the Saint John the Baptist Youth Room

Senior Youth Kick Off
22 SEPT
Start off this year with an evening of prayer, games, & snacks from 7-9pm at the Saint John the Baptist Youth Room

JYM & SYM Movie Night
29 SEPT
Need to kick back and relax with some popcorn and a good flick before the busy school week begins?! Come hang out from 7-9pm at Saint John the Baptist and bring a friend

Stay Up-To-Date on events!
For Junior Youth text 'OPVJYM' to 84576
For Senior Youth text 'OPVSYM' to 84576

all students grades 6-8 welcome to attend all Junior Youth Ministry (JYM) events
all students grades 9-12 welcome to attend all Senior Youth Ministry (SYM) events

Contact Kristin Consuegra at youth@opvcatholic.org with any questions
East Hills Young Adults [18-39]  
Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

NEW WAYS TO PRAY
How Jesus and the Apostles Prayed

September 15th
2pm-3pm
St Januarius
Ever wonder what it was like for Jesus to "go to church"? Join us as we learn about and experience the ancient tradition of praying the same way Jesus did. Each month we will feature a new way to pray.

To be Determined
Join us at Kayak Pittsburgh North Shore for a private tour of the best views of the city! Tacos and drinks nearby right after. $5 donation suggested. Spots are limited! RSVP before they're gone! 724-433-3916
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ST. IRENAEUS PARISH NEWS

Thank You!
St. Irenaeus Parish would like to thank Ingrid & Fred Streich and the residents of Lighthouse Pointe for their donations in memory of David Thon; and Barb & Frank Renosky and Kathleen Yearm for their donations in memory of Elizabeth Eiler.

Office Hours
Just a reminder that the St. Irenaeus Office is open Mondays and Fridays from 8 AM to Noon. Mass Intentions are available by calling or stopping in to St. Joseph Parish office Mondays from 1 PM - 4 PM and Tuesday through Thursday 8 AM - 4 PM.

St. Irenaeus Adult Choir is welcoming new members to join and further enrich our beautiful choir and music ministry. Previous choral experience or the ability to read music is welcomed, but not required. Please contact our Director of Music and Worship, Andrija Andelic, at musicdirector@saintirenaeus.org or 412-794-4006.

If you would like to have the sanctuary candle burned in memory of a loved one, please contact the office. Candles are $10.00 per week and your dedication will be included in the bulletin.

Mass Intention Adjustments
Please note that with the new Mass schedule, the previously scheduled Sunday 7:45 AM Mass intentions will now be celebrated at the 11:00 AM Masses.

BULLETIN ADDITIONS
Any information you would like to have included in the Bulletin should be sent to: Karen Deemer at bulletin@opvcatholic.org. Information must be submitted at least two weeks in advance.

The St. Irenaeus
Fall/Holiday
Flea Market
opens on
Tuesday, September 17th.

Halloween, Autumn and
Christmas Decorations, Clothing
and Accessories, Household
Items, Furniture, and Much More!

Meetings Coming Up
Overeaters Anonymous
Contact Dee for more information
At 724-339-3617.

All meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

All are welcome to attend the meeting!
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH NEWS

Sanctuary Candle for Sept. 1 - Sept. 7
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Desolina Belisario
By Gerri & Steve Kopelic

>> CHURCH CLEANING <<
If you could spare some time on Thursday mornings, the church cleaners could use some extra help with their weekly cleaning. They start at 9:00 AM. Any help would be much appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

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Other Volunteers
Money Counters: J. LoAlbo, K. Bruno, M. Colaizzi
Giant Eagle Sellers: 5:30 PM Bell/Vrscak
8:30 AM Noonan/Skoda

Liturgical Ministers (September 7 & 8)
Altar Servers:
5:30 PM H. Bell/S. Korbanic
8:30 AM G. Bernsdorff/D. Niznik
Cantors:
5:30 PM S. Skeba
8:30 AM R. Schwoegl
Lectors:
5:30 PM T. Doyle/K. Schimmel
8:30 AM L. Dedousis/B. DeSantis
Extraordinary Ministers:
5:30 PM J. & D. Doyle, R. & B. Franciscus,
G. Lorence, J. Maisto, D. Tappe
8:30 AM E. Johnson, M. & J. Kegges, P. Schimmel,
S. & C. Sparacino, Deacon J. Vanucci

Giant Eagle/Community/Labriolas
Thanks to all those who continue to purchase the grocery gift cards. This is a simple but very effective way to help our school. To those of you who have never tried this program, won’t you consider beginning to help? Many of our parishioners have scaled back their budgets due to the economy, however, the need to purchase gas, prescription drugs and food never ends. Please consider purchasing Giant Eagle, Community and Labriolas gift cards. These cards are sold every week after all Masses and during the week at the Parish Office. Our school receives 5% back on Giant Eagle and Community and 10% back on Labriolas at no additional cost to you.

St Joseph Choir
The St. Joseph Adult Choir begins rehearsal on Monday, September 9th at 7:30 PM in the church. New members are always welcome to assist us in enhancing our Music Ministry. Please contact the Music Minister, Sue Scuro, at suescurosjv@gmail.com or 412-980-2667.

Giant Eagle/Community/Labriolas

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEWS

WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS
Christopher & Sharon Broker, Landon, Coleton & Braden
Dr. Michael & Kristen Pazman, Michael & Layla
Rafael Rodriguez

Altar Flowers for Sept. 1 - Sept. 7
Altar flowers are in memory of: Paul & Mary O’BLock
By Family

Bulletin Deadline
Please submit bulletin information two weeks prior to when it needs to appear in the bulletin.

Giant Eagle/Community/Labriolas

If interested or for any questions, please contact
Jon Parrotta at 412-519-2058
Pre-Baptism Class

A class is required for any new parent(s) wishing to have their baby baptized at Our Lady of Joy Parish. The class will be offered at 7:00pm in the Father Marchukonis Hall on Thursday, September 19, 2019.

Call St. John the Baptist at 412-793-4511 to register.

MASS INTENTION ADJUSTMENTS

Please note that with the new Mass schedule, the previously scheduled Sunday noon Mass intentions will now be celebrated at the 8:00 AM Masses.

SCRIPTURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
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

Welcome Our Newly Baptised!

Connor Ryan Kotewicz - SJB

MASS INTENTION ADJUSTMENTS

Please note that with the new Mass schedule, previously scheduled Mass intentions may need to be adjusted to coincide with the new Mass schedules.

St. Januarius - Sunday, 7:45 AM intentions will now be celebrated at the 11:00 AM Mass
St. John the Baptist - Sunday, 11:00 AM intentions will now be celebrated at the 11:30 AM Mass
St Joseph’s - Saturday, 6:00 PM intentions will now be celebrate at the 5:30 Mass
Our Lady of Joy - Sunday 12:00 Noon intentions will now be celebrated at the 8:00 AM Mass

NOTE: Mass intentions dedicated to someone who is not deceased will be offered for their Spiritual & Temporal Welfare (S&TW)
My name is Vania Glenwright and this is my first year at St. Joseph. I grew up in Monroeville and still live there with my husband and 2 daughters who are 3 and 5. I graduated with my Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education last May and am so blessed to be given this opportunity. For the past 11 years I have been training adults to use computers, and I am so excited to be able to teach children now! I am looking forward to an amazing school year with your kids!

Hello! My name is Cathy Krchnavy, and I am the new MWF 4 year old teacher in the Purple room at St. John’s. I have taught preschool for 28 years, both at a special needs preschool and the Penn Hills YMCA, and I love working with this age group. This is my first year at St. John’s, and I am truly blessed to be part of a school that is so welcoming and supportive! I look forward to years to come in the St. John family, and more children to bless and teach along the way!

**MORE INTRODUCTIONS NEXT WEEK**
Our Faith Formation Program is actively seeking volunteers to help in various positions at St. Irenaeus and St. John the Baptist sites. We are looking for catechists, substitutes, aides, office help, and parking lot help. The best way to ensure a future Catholic faith is to nurture the youth who are here to learn about it now. You do not need have an education degree or know everything about the Catholic faith to volunteer, all you need is a willingness to work with children and a want to share the faith. Our new program this year offers pre-written lessons to give you a starting point. If you would be willing to volunteer or know anybody interested, please contact Steph Williams by calling 412-793-4511 or email reled@opvcatholic.org.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS
Sunday, September 8th at 6:30 PM - St. Irenaeus Church
and
Monday, September 9th at 7:00 PM - St. John the Baptist Church

If you have a child making their confirmation this year, please plan on attending one of these meetings.

<<< Faith Formation Volunteers are Needed! >>>

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS
The Wilkins Elks Lodge has scholarship available for 2020 graduating seniors. The Scholarships range from $4,000 to $50,000 paid over 4 years. There are over 500 scholarships available. The scholarship is called the Most Valuable Student Scholarship. In addition, there are other scholarship awards that piggy back off of this applications that you are automatically applying for. Applications are all online at: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm. The site also includes frequently asked questions and deadlines for filling. The deadline for submitting your application is a Nov 5, 2019. No affiliation with the Elks is required and there are no costs associated with applying. Any questions, please contact Debbie Raible 412-860-7088.

OPV Catholic Women's Retreat
September 13th - 15th, 2019
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
Southside, Pittsburgh

"Blessed by God Who Surround You With Loving Compassion"
Retreat information and registration form are available online at opvcatholic.org.
Carpooling to and from retreat will be available.
For more information contact these promoters:

STI: Mary Lou Kissane (412) 337-0178 /Mary Sutton (412) 334-4922
SJAN & SJB: Betsy Yaklich (412) 527-1170
SJV: Lisa Cannillo (412) 427-2295 /Barb Johnson (412) 795-1876
OLOJ: Sandy Barca (724) 733-2163 /Kathleen Float (724) 325-2482

For Financial Assistance, Contact Your Parish Promoter

Catecismo en Español: Cuarto Sábado y Domingo de cada mes
(Primer día Septiembre 28)
Sábado 11:00 am -12:30 pm
Domingo 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Catechesis in Spanish: 4th Saturday and Sunday each month (first day September 28)
Saturday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sunday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Inscripciones de catecismo para la comunidad latina.
Email solimariorio@gmail.com o reled@opvcatholic.org. Se puede dirigir por
más preguntas a Abigail Delgado (412) 596-7801
CCD registration for Latino Community email to solimariorio@gmail.com or reled@opvcatholic.org. Additional questions can be directed to
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CCD REGISTRATION FORMS
CCD Registration Forms are now available on the website for all children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. You will find it under "Joint Efforts" at the top of the page, then under "Faith Formation". All students who plan on attending CCD this year will need to fill out a new form. These forms can be completed and sent directly from the website at www.opvcatholic.org.

If you need a copy mailed to you, please contact Karen Deemer at (412) 795-4511 or email her at bulletin@opvcatholic.org.

Additional questions can be directed to Steph Williams at reled@opvcatholic.org or at (412) 795-4511.
MEET THE STAFF

In the coming weeks some of our staff will be speaking during the Masses to explain their mission at the OPV churches. Stephanie Williams (along with little Jonah) and Kristin Consuegra have been the first to speak about the Religious Education Program and the Youth Ministry Programs, respectively. In the bulletin this week, we will introduce you to Kristin...

Kristin Consuegra, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Kristin comes to the OPV Catholic parishes after previously being employed at Our Lady of Joy. She has been the Youth Minister at OLOJ for the last three years and most recently also worked as the Co-Coordinator of Religious Education. In addition to her role as YM & CRE, Kristin has been a catechist and has led numerous Hearts Afire groups since becoming a parishioner at Our Lady of Joy eight years ago. When asked what she loves most about her role in the church, she lights up and responds, “I really enjoy walking alongside teens as they encounter Christ in their own unique way. Each person has a different personal relationship with our Lord and getting to help develop and witness that bond is beautiful.”

Kristin also serves as the Athletic Director for St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist schools. She has always had a passion for sports as prior to working for the church; Kristin was the Head Women’s Volleyball Coach at Chatham University and Assistant Women’s Volleyball Coach at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she received her Masters degree in Sport Science. Kristin played volleyball for four years at Saint Vincent College and earned her Bachelors degree in Communication.

In her spare time Kristin enjoys spending time with her husband, Danny, and her three children; Tyson, 9, Paxton, 7, and Lucy, 5. She and her family love spending time outdoors including running & biking, playing various sports, enjoying the sun and sand at the beach, and even barbecuing on their back patio.

“I feel so blessed to have been called to each unique role in my life and surrounded by a loving and supportive family and community. I am looking forward to our journey in becoming one vibrant parish and continuing serving those around me.”

Clean-Up Day

The Knights of Columbus Council 4242 will be conducting a cleanup of Shannon Road in Verona on September 7th at 8:30AM. Anyone interested in assisting can contact Pete Konieczka at 412-609-4573.

Looking for folks interested in helping with the St. Januarius Pork Roast Dinner

Needed are:

* 50/50 volunteers to help with selling tickets
* Bakers
* Kitchen volunteers for day of dinner
* Wait staff
* Groups or individuals to make and donate baskets for the Chinese Auction
  - Each basket should be worth a minimum of $100.
  - List of items in basket posted on basket

>> Confirmation candidates and high school students...... this is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours! <<

Interested or needing more information contact Sister Lynn at psm@opvcatholic.com

The Meadows Day Trip

Join Our Lady of Joy for a fun filled day at the Meadows Casino on Thursday, September 12th. The bus leaves OLOJ at 9:30 AM and departs the casino at 5:00 PM. Cost is $25.00 per person, casino bonus of $20.00 slot play and $5.00 food (subject to change by the casino). For information or reservations, contact Larry Thomas at 412-793-7576.
Praying for Our Sick

Please pray for all those in our parish grouping who are in need, especially the sick at home, those in nursing homes and hospitals, the unemployed, those who have lost a loved one and those who feel isolated or abandoned.

In particular, we ask you to pray for:


We ask those who have requested a prayer, to please give us an update call when your loved one is better.

We will keep your loved one on our OPV Prayer List for 3 months. After that time, if you would still like your loved one to be on the list, just call your parish office and make a request.
OPV PARISH STAFFS/DIRECTORIES

All Clergy are listed on the cover page. Additional OPV Staff are listed below:

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SJAN Parish Mission Statement

St. Januarius is a Roman Catholic community of faith focused on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are grateful to those who have built up St. Januarius to be welcoming, active, and spiritual parish. With the Eucharist and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to use the gifts and talents given to us by the Father to support the lives of parishioners at all age levels and stages of life. We also pledge to live our lives so that through our words and actions all may feel the presence of Jesus Christ in the world today. St. Januarius, pray for us!

STI Parish Mission Statement

The Faith Community of St. Irenaeus strives for knowledge, service, and faith through our patron’s guidance and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. With love, worship, and solidarity, we are building God’s Kingdom in our families and communities. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, we give ourselves to Christ and His Church for the greater glory of God our Father.

“The proper glory of God is man fully alive.”
~St. Irenaeus

SJJB Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Baptist Parish is located in Plum Borough, Pennsylvania and is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. As a faith community, we strive to imitate our patron Saint John the Baptist who led others to Christ. We are committed to keeping our faith alive and growing through prayer, sacraments, faith formation, and service. Through evangelization and stewardship we encourage full and active participation of all members. We hope to reflect the life and love of Christ by strengthening the faith of our parishioners while reaching out to all God’s people.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us!

SJV Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Joy Parish is a Catholic community of faith dedicated to Mary, the cause of our joy. We are centered in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist. We are a welcoming family, striving to see Christ in all and responding to the needs of the members of our parish and community. Called to act in faith, hope and love we seek to become a visible presence of Christ in the world. Our Lady of Joy, pray for us!

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