

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 5: Saint John Neumann

8:00 am (GS) Anita Lewis by Husband, Ben

Tuesday, January 6: Christmas Weekday

[Saint André Bessette]

8:00 am (GS) Margaret Mulhern by Jean & Joe Mulhern

Wednesday, January 7: Christmas Weekday

[Saint Raymond of Penyafort]

8:00 am (SJ) Lou Marsilio by Al & Helen Kuhni

6:30 pm (GS) Jerome Indovina by John & Vickie Indovina Family

Thursday, January 8: Christmas Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Theresa Barrett & Glenna Kurz by Rudis Family

Friday, January 9: Christmas Weekday

8:00 am (SJ) Eva Hertneky by Chuck Protonic

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

Saturday, January 10: Christmas Weekday

9:00 am (SJ) Living & Deceased of Beaver Valley Blue Army

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil, Mary Lou Gaughan by Marge & Nelson May

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil, For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Sunday, January 11: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 am (GS) Mary Deiter by Family

9:30 am (SJ) Armsey Family by Burgess Family

11:00 am (GS) Verigood & Mutschler Families by Maura & Ann

2:00 pm (SJ) Padre Pio Prayer Group Mass

Readings for the Week of January 5, 2015

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

John Fedorko (GS) by Daughter, Mary

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Frank, Brigida and Louis Antonini (GS) by Anna & Gaylord

Sanctuary Candle

John M. Bungo (SJ) by Bungo Family

Altar Flowers

Anita Lewis (GS) by Ben Lewis

Paul Miskulin (GS) by Daughter, Paula

Tabernacle Flowers

Ida Bevacqua (GS) by Ben Lewis

Home Blessing Kits for Epiphany at Good Samaritan

In commemoration of the Magi's visit to the Christ child, it has been a longstanding tradition to have our homes blessed at Epiphany. Please find blessing kits, with chalk, incense, prayer, and an explanation, by the manger scene. A free-will donation can be made in the basket next to the kits.



From Father Joe

The Feast of Epiphany

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia* (ἐπιφάνεια) which means an **appearance** or a **revelation**. In the Eastern Church, it is often referred to as the *Theophany*, which is an appearance of God.

It is amazing how God's plan is revealed over centuries. The first reading this Sunday, from Isaiah 60, predicts the appearance of the 3 Magi some 500 years before it happened.

...the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans... from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The Gospel reading from Luke tells of the appearance of the Magi bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gold was a gift befitting the newborn King of Israel. The frankincense heralded His role as the High Priest, and the myrrh was an oil used to prepare bodies for burial. It is also used both in modern and in ancient medicines. Hence it hints that this baby who is to be both King and Priest, will die, but that the death will be a source of healing.

It was to the shepherds of Israel that the Christ Child was first revealed, then shortly later, He was revealed by the Star to the Magi, who were Gentiles from the East. This is another revelation of things to come. In His adult ministry, Jesus came first to the Israelites, God's Chosen people. He then opened his arms to embrace all nations, Jew and Gentile alike.

Scripture is like an incredibly complex novel, revealing hints of the mystery that unfolds as we read. In a well written book or movie, we can look back at the end and see hints revealed a little at a time. In the case of scripture, it is the revelation of God's almighty hand at work in nature and in history.

God still reveals Himself today. From time to time, we see glimmers of His hand at work. Sometimes He is revealed through miracles, but more often, in the subtle clues that He leaves for us to see, if only our eyes are open to Him. Over the past few weeks, I have seen His hand at work in the generosity of many, many people. In some cases it has been in the form of people reaching out to provide donations to those in need. In other cases, it has been people who have given generously of their time to our churches and to one another at the busiest time of the year. Still others have revealed the presence of God in their hearts by offering prayers, often for complete strangers. Please accept my modest Thanks to all of you who have revealed God to me during this Christmas Season. You are such a blessing. May you have a very Blessed New Year, **Father Joe**

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

January 7, 2015, 1st Wednesday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:00 am Mass until 2:30 pm closing benediction. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord.



January 11, 2015, 2nd Sunday Monthly Devotion, DIVINE CHILD JESUS, Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. Johns. Holy Mass at 2:00 pm followed by 3:00 pm Holy Hour and 4:00 pm social meeting in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY SUPPER - WIGILIA

A sincere thanks to all who helped make our 5th Annual Wigilia a success. **To our benefactors, sponsors, wait staff, dishwashers, cooks and those who baked cookies.** God Bless you. See you next year!



December Baptisms: Congratulations and Blessings to Olivia Renee Smith who was baptized at St. John the Baptist Parish in Baden.

Beaver County Theology On Tap Wednesday Jan. 7, 2015 7-9 pm, Beaver Brewing Co., 1820 7th Ave., Beaver Falls. Join us for a testimony by Mark Joseph, Executive. Dir., Christian Outreach, Franciscan University. Info call Mary Ann 724-846-7540 or website at www.theologyontapbc.org.

Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held January 23-25, 2015 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh co-sponsor this retreat. To register call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348. Registration information at www.ccpgh.org.

Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K)—Starting January 5, 2015

A special group to help children heal from the hurt caused by the separation or divorce of their parents. At our weekly DC4K group, kids make friends with other kids who understand how they feel and the things they are going through. **The Divorce Care for Kids** group jointly sponsored by Sts. John & Paul, St. Richard and St. John Neumann Parishes will begin a 13 week cycle of meetings on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Children's Choir Room at St. John Neumann, 2334 Rochester Road, Franklin Park. Anyone who has questions or needs more information and directions, please contact Erik Palmer at 412-491-5511 email: rerikpalmer@gmail.com at St. John Neumann Parish website: www.stjohnneumannpg.org.

GOOD SAMARITAN 724-266-6565
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 724-869-2280

2014 TOTAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Good Samaritan Parishioners, who would like a statement for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Center. Statements will be mailed out. We ask that you please provide a stamped self-addressed envelope.

2014 TOTAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Name _____

Envelope Number _____

Phone Number _____

SECOND COLLECTION - JANUARY 17-18, 2015

St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech (formerly known as The DePaul Institute). The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to these two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs. A special collection to benefit these two organizations will be taken the weekend of January 17-18, 2015 at all the Masses at each parish. Your donation will help to further their goals of providing quality educational programs and services to their students. Your support is critical. Your generosity will help these organizations forever improve the lives of their students and family.

RETROUVAILLE A lifeline for troubled marriages. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. Please call for confidential information at 412-277-3434 or see <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, January 5 5:15-6:45 pm CCD - Grades 1-5
 'ALIVE' High School Youth Group (GS) text 985-630-9742

Wednesday, January 7: Orthodox Christmas
 8:30 am-2:30 pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration
 6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Friday, January 9
 3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00/8:00 pm (GS) Rosary/Mass - Marian Prayer Group

Sunday, January 11
 9:00 am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA
 9:30 - 11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)
 2:00 pm (SJ) Padre Pio Prayer Group
 6:30 pm (GS) RCIA



✠IN SYMPATHY:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Nenadovich. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, December 21, 2014	\$5,647.49
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, December 21, 2014	\$2,475.01