

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6: Christmas Weekday
[Saint Andre Bessette]
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17,23-25
 8:00 am (GS) Anita Lewis - Ben Lewis

Tuesday, January 7: Christmas Weekday
[Saint Raymond of Penyafort]
 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Mk 6:34-44
 8:00 am (GS) Virginia Rossi - Rita Furis

Wednesday, January 8: Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
 8:00 am (SJ) Thanksgiving for life of Bret Moyer -
 Andrea Moyer
 6:30 pm (GS) Jerome Indovina - parents, John & Vickie

Thursday, January 9: Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
 8:00 am (GS) Stanley Dennis - Victoria Razo

Friday, January 10: Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
 8:00 am (SJ) Irene Monzi - Fredrick Gilbert
 8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, January 11: Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
 4:00 pm (SJ) Paula Trzcianka - St. John's CCM
 5:30 pm (GS) John & Helen Panek, son, Robert Panek

Sunday, January 12: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 Is 42:1-4,6-7/Mt 3:13-17
 8:30 am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes
 9:45 am (SJ) Mary Jane Tabin - Janice Strojek & Family
 11:00 am (GS) Anthony Pelic - Sister, Mary Miskulin

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine
 John Bungo (SJ) by Bungo Family

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle
 Janet Azich (GS) by Annette Hramika

Holy Family Shrine Candle
 Frank & Brigida Antonini (GS) by Anna & Gaylord

Sanctuary Candle
 John Bungo (SJ) by Bungo Family
 John & Helen Panek (GS) by Son, Robert Panek

2013 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.

2013 TOTAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Name _____

Envelope Number _____

Phone Number _____

From Father Joe

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE...

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Hundreds of years before the three wise men came following the Star of Bethlehem, the prophets predicted the birth of the Lord Jesus. In the words of Isaiah, *"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."* Isaiah even went so far as to say that they would come from afar, bearing gifts of Gold and Frankincense.



As we begin a new year, we have an opportunity to start fresh. Most of us make resolutions to change this or that, but if the truth be told, most of those promises are forgotten by the end of January. This year you and I can make a difference. Recently we heard from Bishop

Zubik that *your prayers* were answered and Catholic Charities as well as other Catholic agencies will not be forced to either pay millions in fines, or to go against their conscience and pay for medical procedures that are against long-held Catholic teaching. You made all the difference.

Around the country, Christian denominations stood beside the Catholic church as we stood up for the right to act according to our conscience and religious beliefs. Please continue to pray and to be a light to others, in your family, and in the public. Others will be drawn to that light of Christ within us if we live out our faith, quietly, humbly, but fervently. This year, be a light to the nations...

A Heartfelt Thank You

On behalf of myself and Father Jeff, Sister Marise, Brother Ambrose and all of our staff, thank you to all of the folks from Saint John's & Good Samaritan who have been so very generous to us and our church over the holidays! Your generosity (and baking skills) never cease to amaze me. Thanks as well to all those who volunteered to make our liturgies so special:

*You cleaned and you polished
 and arranged every wreath.
 You made sure the poinsettias had water beneath.
 You ushered and sang and played with all your heart.
 So many to thank,
 just where should I start?
 You cooked and you baked for all you were worth.
 I guess I should thank you
 for my increasing girth!
 May God bless you now,
 and throughout the new year,
 And know in our hearts
 you will always be dear.*

May this coming year be blessed.
Father Joe

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday, January 8, following 8:00 am Mass until 2:30 pm Closing. Make time to spend an hour with our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. You'll be glad you did.

DIVINE CHILD JESUS SECOND SUNDAY DEVOTION January 12, Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group meets at St. John the Baptist, Baden, Mass at 2:00 pm, Holy Hour at 3:00 pm. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik is the celebrant.

The Christian Mothers Ladies Guild want to thank all those who helped with the Christmas fruit trays. A special thanks to Ann Kowalski for baking cookies for the trays. We appreciate all the women and family members who came to pack and deliver the trays. You are always there when we need you. God Bless, Jo Ann Smith

CCD Church Offertory Envelopes 2014

Parochial and 9-12 grades students envelopes are available for pick-up at the Good Samaritan Parish Office.

House 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.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

St. James Parish, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley will be holding a **Protecting God's Children Workshop on Saturday, January 25, at 9:00 am.** The program will be held in the *Gathering Space* which is next to the Church. Please call Susan Ponticello 412-741-6650 x 315 to register.

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for post-abortion healing on January 24-26, 2014 designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion in a confidential and supportive atmosphere at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or visit www.ccpgh.org.

4 Stages of Marriage – The four stages of marriage are: 1) Romance, 2) Disillusionment, 3) Misery, and 4) Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning weekend on January 17-19, 2014, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or 3041@retrouvaille.org. Information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a tune-up for your marriage! Give a Valentine's weekend for Christmas and cover two gifts in one! Get the info by calling 412-635-7775 or visit

YourMarriagesWorthIt.org



November and December Baptisms: Congratulations and Blessings to Christina Ava Smith and Giosue Robert Aloe who were baptized at Good Samaritan.

A GOLD CHAIN LINK BRACELET WAS RECENTLY LOST IN JERICHO HALL OR THE GOOD SAMARITAN PARKING LOT. IF FOUND, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. A FINDERS REWARD IS BEING OFFERED.

All are invited to the Annual Dr. King Mass on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 12:00 pm (noon) St. Paul Cathedral celebrated by Very Reverend Kris D. Stubna. A light reception, program, and recognition of the Dr. King Student Essay winners will follow the Mass. Sponsored by St. Paul Cathedral Race & Reconciliation Dialogue Group.

10th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive for Life: Support this effort to save lives **Monday, January 20, 2014, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm at St. Benedict the Moor Church** (above site of former Civic Arena). Mark the date on your calendar and invite others to donate. Call to pre-register and for more information: Diocesan Office for Cultural Diversity and Persons with Disabilities, 412-456-3170; Central Blood Bank, 412-209-7245.

+UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 6

5:15- 6:45 pm CCD Grades 1-5 (SJ)

Wednesday, January 8

8:30 am - 2:30 pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Friday, January 10

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7-9 pm (GS) Confession-Rosary-Mass/Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, January 11

9:00 am-5:00 pm - 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat Quigley

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am (SJ) HNS Monthly Meeting

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

7:00 pm (GS) RCIA

✠ **IN SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Betty Boring, Charles Barlow III, Stephen Soltis and Ray Sutton.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, December 22, 2013	\$9,485.35
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, December 22, 2013	\$2,473.15

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