

Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan 13: [Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]
 8:00 am (GS) Louise Szymoniak - Patty Cicconi
Tuesday, Jan. 14
 8:00 am (GS) Angelo Messia - M/M Ronald Carrodus
Wednesday, Jan. 15
 8:00 am (SJ) William Puhalla - Rudy Puhalla
 6:30 pm (GS) Carmen G. Razo, Daughter
Thursday, Jan. 16
 8:00 am (GS) Josie Pasquarella - Norbert & Joanne Cohn
Friday, Jan. 17: Saint Anthony, Abbot
 8:00 am (SJ) Vincent DePace - Ted & Miriam Gadowski
Saturday, Jan. 18: [Blessed Virgin Mary]
 4:00 pm (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes
 5:30 pm (GS) John, Mary, & Ron Connelly - John Connelly
Sunday, Jan.19: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am (GS) Mary E. Deiter - David, Missy, Adam & Rachel
 9:45 pm (SJ) Beth Anne Petcash - Mom & Dad
 11:00 am (GS) Rupert Lagleva - Family

**Readings for the Week of January 13, 2014
 Week 1 in ordinary Time**

Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45
Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Walter Rudolph (SJ) by Louise Rudolph
 Louise Szymoniak (GS) by Fay Escoto Herring

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

In Honor of Elizabeth Raymer (GS)
 by Carl & Jean Pietroboni, Ashton & Camden

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Carolyn Vincent (GS) by Anna & Gaylord Munny

Sanctuary Candle

Walter Rudolph (SJ) by Louise Rudolph
 Virginia Rossi (GS) by Harry & Carol Molchen

Holy Family Shrine Flowers

Blascol & Bevacqua Families by Ben Lewis

Tabernacle Flowers

In Honor of our 14th Wedding Anniversary (GS)
 by Jim & Dotty Loebig

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISHIONER
 2013 TOTAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

Name _____

Envelope Number _____

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If you would like a 2013 end of year statement for tax purposes, please return this form to the Parish Office with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you.

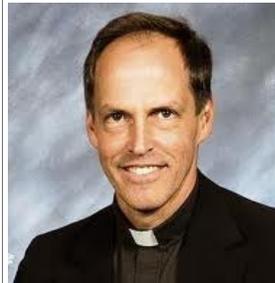


From Father Chuck Baptiste

A POST-CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

by Father Chuck

What gifts we have received! It begs the question over and over again, 'Why me Lord?'. May I ask your patience while I recollect on some of those, "Why me Lords"?



Why me Lord, was I born to parents that wanted me and nurtured me with food, shelter and love? Why me Lord, was I nurtured in family values and with the gift of the Catholic faith? Why me Lord, was I given the gift of good health for 56 years with hardly a pill or a doctor needed?

Why me Lord, was I given the gift of a good education and supportive teachers? Why Lord, did you give me grandparents who were true witnesses of unconditional love? Why Lord, was I able to comprehend Your presence in nature in the beautiful places you've let me experience?

Why me Lord, was I given family and friends that loved me at my worst and have forgiven me so much throughout these 56 years? Why Lord, was I given the opportunity to preach the Word, something I can preach with all my heart and soul? Why was I assigned to parishes with faithful people so ready and willing to hear and accept God's Word?

Why was I so richly blessed to be sent to be pastor of the flock in Clairton, and parochial vicar at St. Frances Cabrini, Good Samaritan, St. John the Baptist, St. Bernadette and St. Vincent Strambi in Jamaica? Could there possibly have been a more accepting people of a backward and shy priest?

Since the accident in August of last year, I have had time to ponder many things. The more I pondered, the more I felt that I have *truly* been blessed all my life, and even more so lately. You may be asking 'why' as I have lost my ability to walk and even take care of some basic needs. Well, through it all, I have been so blessed by competent and caring medical and nursing staffs. There is no way that I could have dreamt of the outpouring of prayers, cards, Masses, and gifts of every kind. In fact, there were so many cards that, in my condition, I wasn't even able to open some of the cards sent from August until now. There is no way that I will even be able to thank everyone in writing. Even now, more cards are coming. It humbles me as I know that I am not worthy of the out-pouring of Love that I have received. Even now I have been again blessed with the gift of parents accepting me back into their home as they nurture me for the second time.

As the thoughts have perked in my little mind, it has dawned on me that what you have done is to celebrate the faith that has been proclaimed throughout the centuries!

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Meditation by Fr. Chuck Baptiste

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You have reminded me of the Love of God. It seems to me that you have given Christmas gifts all year! In fact, most of the cards recalled the healing and redemptive gifts of Christ.

You have taken on the long and painful task of loving, forgiving, healing and caring despite everything. You forgave me for thinking I could break one of God's most obvious laws, that law being Gravity.

It seems to me that you have lived out the faith in which we have been formed; you have given that priceless gift of love throughout the year, and I am grateful. I hope that others who are as undeserving as me will have the opportunity of knowing God's love through you as I have. I already know His love through you and I pray others may know that gift as well.

Wouldn't it be something if everyone would know the Love of Christ you have poured out on me — a love totally undeserved, yet abundantly given, a love not paid for, but given freely, a love poured out and not measured. Isn't that the love we have been given as the Christ Child was born of the Virgin Mary, a child born in poverty and not a 'privileged' child. Isn't this the love we witness as we recall His Passion every year as we recall the Easter mysteries? Isn't this the love we received as He was being crucified and He spoke the words, *'forgive them Father, they know not what they do'*? To this we might all ask, *'Why me Lord?'*

It is with great love and thankfulness that I wish you a most blessed Christmas Season and a year full of the realization of the Christ Child's love for you. God bless you always. I love you,

Father Chuck

Holy Name Society

"ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST!"

Next Sunday, January 19

**From 8:00 am
Until 12 Noon.**



The Holy Name Society of Saint John the Baptist in Baden is having a **Pancake/French Toast & Sausage**

Breakfast in the social hall from 8:00 am until 12 Noon. Cost is only \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 10, and children under 5 yrs eat for free!

PRAY WITH THE BISHOPS TO END ABORTION

On January 22, 2014 our nation will remember the 41st anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Since that tragic decision, more than 55 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and the lives of millions of their parents have been shattered.

In prayerful recognition, "Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage" will take place January 18-26, 2014. Visit: <http://www.usccb.org> for daily prayers and reflections.

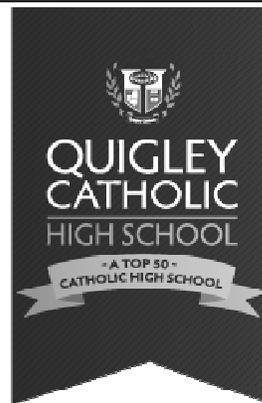
Lucky March Raffle benefits the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. A donation of \$10 provides 26 chances to win \$125-\$1,000 during March. Only 1,000 tickets are available, & winning numbers are taken from the 7 pm PA 3-digit Lottery. For tickets call 412-243-4651, ext.647. Check are payable to the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. Ticket deadline, February 26, more info visit www.scsch.org.

Franciscan University Pilgrimage to Rome for Papal Canonizations lead by Fr. Sean Sheridan. April 25-May 1 pilgrimage includes 5 days in Rome. Details contact Kelli Beatty 740-284-5812 or www.franciscanedu/pilgrimages/.

Our Lady of Peace is sponsoring a bus trip to Norfolk's Azalea Festival, featuring Virginia International Tattoo Show, Thursday, April 24 - Sunday April 27. Inclusive 4-day trip is \$548 per person/double occupancy, includes lodging, breakfasts, dinners and tours. Final payment due March 5. Call 724-869-9908, travel insurance is available.

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra invites you to CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT HEINZ HALL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014

Student performance in the Grand Lobby at 7:15 PM
Concert at 8:00 PM To purchase tickets, please visit www.pittsburghsymphony.org/catholicschoolsnight or call 412-392-3347 Tickets start at \$17 for students.



QUIGLEY CATHOLIC ALIVE & THRIVING

A number of our parishioners are alumni of Quigley Catholic High School. Recently, rumors have been circulating that Quigley may be closing with the anticipated opening of the new high school in Cranberry. We have spoken with the principal of Quigley, who assures us that the school continues to be debt free, continues to be among the Top 50 Catholic High Schools in the country, and that they plan to be around for a long while, serving students who enjoy the intimate atmosphere and excellent academics at Quigley Catholic High School.

To contribute electronically to GS visit our website *Online Giving* link



OUR CAMPAIGN FOR
**THE
CHURCH
ALIVE!**

We are in the home stretch of Good Samaritan's ***OUR CAMPAIGN FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!***

Today's in-pew Commitment Weekend will undoubtedly have a significant impact on our efforts to successfully wrap up our campaign. Not knowing in advance who and how much was committed this weekend, we still wanted to say **Thank You!**

To those parishioners who made their pledge before this weekend, **Thank You.** Your commitments brought us to where we are today.

To those parishioners who made a sacrificial commitment this weekend – **Thank You.** Your commitments have helped us to surpass our goal!

To those parishioners who are praying about their potential commitment – **Thank You.** Your generous sacrificial commitment will help us to complete some critical repairs and improvements around the parish, and to make some of the programs we hope to do a reality!

Working together as one, Good Samaritan has exceeded our goal of \$435,000 because the need is real, our faith is strong, and your generosity is well proven.

May God richly bless you for your generosity and your many, many sacrifices.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, January 19

The Holy Name Society, St. John the Baptist, 377 Linmore Ave., Baden is having a **Pancake/French Toast & Sausage Breakfast** in the social hall from 8:00 am until 12 Noon. Cost: \$5 adults, \$2 children under 10 yrs, under 5 yrs. free.

MANY THANKS to **Syka Funeral Home** for the donation of 2014 calendars to St. John the Baptist Parish, Baden

SEEKING Altar Servers at St. John's Boys and Girls, from 4th grade age and older, who are responsible and respectful may become servers who assist the priest in the celebration of Mass on Sundays, Holy Days and other special occasions. Please call the parish office if you would like to serve in this ministry. Training will be provided. (Adult servers share this ministry for daily Mass and funerals.) 724-869-2280.

TODAY, January 12, Volunteer Help is Needed! We are taking down the Christmas decorations after the 11:00 am Mass at Good Samaritan. Help wanted!

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.

Pro Life Prayer Vigil

There will be a Pro-Life Prayer Service at **SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church** at Sixth and Melrose Avenue in Ambridge. This prayer service will be held at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, **January 15th**. All are invited and all are welcome. Come and help us pray for the Un-Born. There is no greater cause than life. There will be a social with refreshments afterward.

Aquinas Academy's Preschool and Kindergarten Open House, Friday, January 17 from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Come and see how Aquinas Academy can provide the building blocks for success in school and in life. Aquinas Academy is located at 2308 W. Hardies Road, Gibsonia, 15044. Contact Mr. Juan Mata, Director of Admissions, at (724) 444-0722x15 or www.aquinasacademy.info.

JAN. 18—RESPECT LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Join Beaver County Pro-Life residents at the Gazebo in the Park (across from the Beaver Court House) for lighting of luminaries & prayer at 6:00 pm A light refreshments and hot drinks will follow at Trinity Church, 70 Beaver Street. ALL ARE WELCOME. Sponsored by Pennsylvanians for Human Life-Beaver County Chapter

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

CHRISTMAS THANKS: I would like to thank everyone for all of the wonderful cards and gifts over Christmas. I was overwhelmed by your warmth and generosity. I must admit that I am so filled-up with cookies and chocolate at this point. Thank you for your prayer and gifts and treats. God Bless You All, **Fr. Jeff**

Calling All Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers!

St. James Parish, Sewickley is aware of the multiple benefits of music education for very young children. Studies reveal improved math and language skills, success in school, & in future music studies. We are offering a new **early childhood music education program** designed to benefit children ages 0-5. We are registering children for this research-based music education program complete with trained teachers, take-home CDs and songbooks and weekly developmentally-appropriate classes. Classes begin **January 26th and will be held Wednesdays at 10:30 am or at 6:30 pm**. This program is specifically designed for Catholic families to maximize your child's music aptitude with all the benefits. Substantial sibling discounts are offered. For more information on how to register, please visit www.SaintJamesMMPT.com or call 412-256-8603.

+UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Friday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 19: Second Collection: St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing & Speech

9:00 am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA

9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)

7:00 pm (GS) RCIA

✠ **IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Frank Robotka, Kathleen Ronczka, Helen Stricek** (sister of Elizabeth Bungo), **Edward Sapp and Louise Szymoniak**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Good Samaritan	
Christmas Offering, December 25, 2013	\$15,523.44
2nd Collection, Christmas Children/Youth	\$2,484.00
Christmas Flower Donations	\$2,372.00
Weekly Offering, December 29, 2013	\$8,819.69
Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2014	\$2,312.71
Weekly Offering, January 5, 2014	\$5,758.58
St. John the Baptist	
Christmas Offering, December 25, 2013	\$5,259.00
2nd Collection, Christmas Children/Youth	\$1,249.00
Weekly Offering, December 29, 2013	\$3,081.00
Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2014	\$1,027.00
Weekly Offering, January 5, 2014	\$2,457.00