

Mass Intentions

[Week 2 in Ordinary Time]

- Monday, January 19: Weekday**
8:00 am (GS) Rupert Lagleva by Family
- Tuesday, January 20: Weekday** [Saint Fabian; Saint Sebastian]
8:00 am (GS) Josephine Matzie by Carol & Harry Molchen
- Wednesday, January 21: Saint Agnes**
8:00 am (SJ) Lawrence Rozman by George Rozman
6:30 pm (GS) Richard Kopp by Darlene
- Thursday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
8:00 am (GS) John Fedorko by Daughter, Mary
- Friday, January 23: Weekday** [St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope]
8:00 am (SJ) Daniel & Helen Kelly by Wilma
8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass
- Saturday, January 24: Saint Frances de Sales**
4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil, Elizabeth Bungo by Bungo Family
5:30 pm (GS) Vigil, Hovanec Family by Family
- Sunday, January 25: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes
9:30 am (SJ) Marlene Miketa by Bonnie Shutak
11:00 am (GS) For Safe & Healthy Birth of Baby Tisak by Family

Readings for the Week of January 19, 2015

- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Josephine Matzie (GS) by Niece & Nephew
Michael & Marsha Spolarich

Sanctuary Candle

Barbara Kinder (GS) by Mother, Genevieve

Altar Flowers

John & Helen Hertneky (SJ) by Helen Ringel

Tabernacle Flowers

Blasco & Bevacqua Families (GS) by Ben Lewis

GOOD SAMARITAN CHOIR SEEKING MEMBERS

Choir rehearsals begins Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room. We are inviting high school seniors and adults to join our Music Ministry, for more info see Brother Ambrose.



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY AT ALL MASSES SUNDAY, JANUARY 17-18

St. Anthony School Programs & DePaul School for Hearing and Speech

The Pittsburgh Diocese recognizes these educational programs for children with special needs. Your support & donation is critical to further their goals of providing quality educational programs and services to their students.

✠ From Father Joe

“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

As Christmas Season comes to an end, we have entered into the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. The scripture passages this weekend are about being called by the Lord to service. They start with the story of young Samuel, a boy living in the Temple in Jerusalem with the prophet Eli. When young Samuel hears the voice of the Lord calling him in the middle of the night, he thinks it is Eli, and asks the prophet what he wants. Eli tells the boy to go back to sleep. He thinks Samuel is having a dream. It takes a couple of tries before Eli finally realizes it is the Lord who is calling Samuel. Finally, Samuel catches on and tells the boy that if he hears the voice again, to say “*Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.*”

The Gospel tells the story of the first Apostles being called by Christ as they tend to their fishing nets. No matter where we are in life, no matter how old, or how young, we are all still called by God. Whether it is the 4th grade student called to be an altar server, or the 80 year old who helps at funeral Masses, God still calls each of us to serve Him. Like Eli and Samuel, the question is whether we hear and understand the voice of the Lord.

A very dear friend of our Sister Marise came to visit this week. She asked if she could come and help around the parish by dusting in the church or something because she can’t stand to just sit around. At 91, she may not hear as well as she once did, but the voice of God is still clear to her. Hopefully there are others who are hearing the whisper of God and will come and volunteer. Even if you’ve never tried it before, come and get involved.

For the *Greatest Generation*, church and family were at the center of their lives. As a generation of volunteers pass from our midst, we need to raise up the next generation of disciples who love and serve God. ...and *Thank You* to all of you who have already heard and answered God’s call!

CELL PHONES IN CHURCH?

Over the holidays someone saw me use my cell phone in church. They commented, “*I can’t believe the priest is answering text messages during Mass!*” What they didn’t know is that we recently installed new controls for the sound system at Good Samaritan, allowing me to use my iPhone to adjust the volume of the microphones. If you see



me or another priest with a cell phone at Mass, don’t assume we are sending text messages. Many of us have downloaded our morning & evening prayers and *Liturgy of the Hours* onto our phones. Should you happen to see one of us doing something that seems odd or inappropriate, please don’t hesitate to ask. Often there is more than meets the eye.

Time to make the Pączki again.

Keeping our ethnic traditions alive is very important to us as a parish community. One such tradition is beginning the season of Lent with the delicious donuts known as "Pączki". These treats, eaten on FAT TUESDAY (this year FEBRUARY 17), allow us to use up the "fat" ingredients in our homes before beginning the Lenten Season.

Under the direction of Brother Thomas (ASSOCIATES) and Jerry Heuler, our Pączki Kitchen begins with the Pączki PREP operation on SATURDAY, February 14 starting at 9 AM in Jericho Hall. There will be much to do: measure out ingredients, putting together boxes, attaching labels and tearing paper towels, and other assorted tasks !



PLEASE COME AND LEND A HAND...WE'VE GOT A JOB JUST FOR YOU !!

In years past, you've been very generous in supporting this fundraiser through your time and your donations. Financial donations are appreciated, so we can purchase all our ingredients from the same Wholesale supplier. Should you wish to make a donation, please drop it in the collection marked "PĄCZKI PROJECT." Many folks make a donation in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone. All names will be listed in the bulletin when the project is completed.

Items that we need include:

20 fifths of bourbon (available at any STATE STORE)

We can also use financial donations to purchase the following in bulk:

120 quarts of half and half † 110 pounds of butter † 450 dozen eggs

20 pounds of yeast † 400 pounds of sugar † 600 pounds of flour

1000 cake boxes † 500 pounds of frying oil † 100 rolls of paper towel

Donations apply toward the purchase of the above ingredients and will make a BIG difference in our profit.

our goal this year is 1,000 dozen !!

EVER MADE A PĄCZEK?



We will begin production on MONDAY-FEBRUARY 16, 8:30 AM, and all shifts will end at MIDNIGHT OR EARLIER. We need many people to do many different jobs, to help make our production run smoothly including: dough mixers, packers, runners, sugarers, and fryers just to name a few. Time is short, please call today so we have all spots covered.

PLEASE DECIDE WHERE YOU WILL HELP !!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS !!

Telephone number where to call to volunteer will be announced later.

We will be able find a job for you. WE NEED FOLKS TO HELP UNTIL MIDNIGHT!

We particularly need some brave souls to help with cleanup starting about 11 PM.

SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE

To benefit Good Samaritan Music Ministry

**SATURDAY, January 31 and
SUNDAY, February 1**

**Hoagies sold at the doors of the Church
Before and after each Liturgy.**

**Includes: Ham, Hot Ham Capicola
Provolone Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato
(provided in separate bag with Italian Dressing)**



DONATION: \$ 7.00 each

GRAB and GO !! Get enough for your Super Bowl Party !!
Good Samaritan Choir thanks you for your support.

OUR CAMPAIGN FOR
**THE
CHURCH
ALIVE!**

UPDATE: *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*

Throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh, January 17-18 is a Celebration Weekend to mark the successful conclusion of the Solicitation Phase **in all 199 of our parishes** for ***Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*** The Pledge Redemption Phase continues for five years after the completion of our parish campaign. On Monday, January 26, Bishop Zubik will announce the **results and impact of the Campaign.**

Here at our Parishes, I want to personally thank all who gave of their time, talent and treasure in sacrificial support of the Campaign. In addition to exceeding our goals, the Campaign has helped to raise awareness of our responsibility to the future of our parishes and our Diocese.

Pledges continue to come in, and we have received the first payments from the Diocese. At Good Samaritan, we are finalizing plans to have critical masonry repairs made to the Parish Center (office building). We expect repairs to begin in the Spring. At Saint John the Baptist, we will begin next week to make some renovations to the kitchen area to bring it up to code. We are also pleased that 'Monty' Montgomery has joined our staff a few hours a week to begin Youth & Young Adult Ministry in our parishes. Your generous pledges have helped us accomplish this. In a few weeks we will give you further updates. Thank you for all your support, and for your sacrifices for the parishes. May God bless & reward you all, **Father Joe**

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

JAN. 18 - HNS PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS BACK!
 The Holy Name Society will be serving up their "ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT" pancake and/or French toast, waffles & sausage breakfast beginning at 8:00AM to 11:30AM in the church social hall. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children; age 5 and under eat for free. Treat yourself to a delicious breakfast. SEE YOU THERE!

2014 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS
 Contribution statements for 2014 will be mailed to all St. John's parishioners by January 23.

LOST: A small gold cross was lost in the church recently. Please call the parish office if you find it. 724-869-2280.

FOUND: Three earrings have been found in church over the past few months. They are in the parish office.

PARISH SHARE REPORT

December payment: \$1,734. Current Balance \$9,473.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society thanks Phil Volpe for his 67 years of service as he accepts the position of President Emeritus. Phil's daughter, Rose Volpe, was elected the new President of the Society. **Reminder: Saint Vincent de Paul Society Food Collection is year round. Non-perishable items can be placed in red receptacle barrels at doors of the Church.**

Pierogi Volunteers Needed at St. Mary's, Ambridge
 Friday's Pierogi Project at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 624 Park Road, Ambridge, is seeking help. All volunteers receive one free dozen of Pierogi for helping. Hours from 6:00 am-2:00 pm. Volunteers welcome to come at anytime. Info call Deacon Tom 724-266-2030. Thank you

Youth & Young Adult Discipleship

High School Students Wanted!

ALIVE! is our new group for High School aged youths. Our new Youth & Young Adult Minister, Monty Montgomery is planning activities for youth ministry, some of which are listed below. You can text him at: 985-630-9742 if interested, or email him at: youth@goodsam1.org.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS:

Monday, Jan. 19: Snacks & Spiritual Sustenance 8:00-9:30pm
 Ever have a sweet tooth AND a question about God or religion that you wanted answered? Satisfy both desires by coming over with a friend and hang out with us for an hour and a half! Text Monty @ 985-630-9742 info!

Monday, Jan. 26, Dinner & Movie, 5:30-8:30 pm

Watch next week's bulletin for more details.

Saturday, January 31: at Skyzone in Leetsdale, 10:00 am-Noon
ALIVE! is going to Skyzone in Leetsdale for two hours of trampoline dodgeball, trampoline basketball, and all-around trampoline fun! **Cost is \$22 and waivers are required, so text Monty @ 985-630-9742 by Jan. 26th for more info!**

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 _____



ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you are a Catholic Adult, 18 years or older, and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we will be offering a four-week series of condensed Confirmation Preparation Sessions during February in order for you to receive Confirmation at our parish on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. If you are interested, please contact Susan at 724-266-6565 ext. 17 or 724-266-3921 ASAP. Session days and times will be determined according to needs of adults attending. Remember, you **must** be confirmed in order to be a Godparent or Sponsor for a Baptism or a Confirmation Candidate.

CCD STUDENTS 2015 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Good Samaritan & St. John the Baptist Elementary students in parochial schools and all students in grades 9-12 wishing student envelopes, may pick them up at the church offices.

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, January 19

5:15-6:45 pm CCD - Grades 1-5

8:00-9:30 pm **ALIVE!** High School Youth Group at Monty's: Text 985-630-9742

6:30 pm (GS) Women of WELL-come (SJH)

Wednesday, January 21

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Friday, January 23

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7:00/8:00 pm (GS) Rosary/Mass - Marian Prayer Group

Sunday, January 25:

9:00 am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (SJH)

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

6:30 pm (GS) RCIA (SJH)

✠IN SYMPATHY:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Miriam Gadoski and Stella Breck** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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Weekly Offering, January 11, 2015	\$8,136.90
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, January 11, 2015	\$1,938.06