

Mass Intentions

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, January 25 Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

8:00am (GS) Patricia Cooper by aunt, Margaret Stanhope

Tuesday, January 26 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:00am(GS) Charles Cvitkovic by Carl Mourovic

Wednesday, January 27 Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

8:00am (SJ) William Puhalla by Rudy Puhalla

6:30pm (GS) McCartney Family by daughter, Dorothy Skonieczny

Thursday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00am (GS) Joseph R. Narkevic by Children

Friday, January 29

8:00am (SJ) Bea Nardelli by Loretta Iorfido

8:00pm (GS) Marian prayer Group

Saturday, January 30 BVM on Saturday

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) Philip DeMailo by DeMailo Family

5:30pm Vigil (GS) Lottie Acciarito by John Cunnard Family

Sunday, January 31 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am (GS) Maria Armstrong by Migliore & Chickness Families

9:30am (SJ) Kay Protenic by Chuck

11:00am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2016

Monday Acts 22:3-16 or or Acts 9:17-22 Ps117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday 2 Tm1:1-8 or Ti1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10/ Mk 3: 31-33

Wednesday 2 Sm 7: 4-17/Ps 89:4-5,27-28,29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday Sm 7:18-19 24-29/Ps132:1-2, 3-5,11,12, 13-14/Mk 4: 21-25

Friday 2 SM 11;1-4a,5-10a 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/
Mk4:26-34

Saturday 2 Sm 12:1-7a 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14--15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday Jer 1;4-5:17-19/Ps 71 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15--7/1 Cor 12:31-13/
Lk 4:21-30

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Sanctuary Candle

(GS) In memory of Barbara Kinder by mother,
Genevieve Kinder

(SJ) John & Helen Hertnecky by Helen E. Ringel

Holy Family Shrine Candle

(GS) In memory of Sandy Egercic by Lois Himes

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

(GS) In memory of Sandy Egercic by Lois Himes

Bread and Wine

(GS) Sister Marise Hrabosky by Terri Surgeon



3-IN-1 YOUTH GROUP

On behalf of the 30 students and 6 adults who participated in the **World Vision 30 Hour Famine**, our most sincere thanks to all who so generously donated to our fight of world hunger and the continual efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John's & Good Samaritan. This project was sponsored by the 3-in-1 Youth Group, serving the youth of Good Samaritan, St. John the Baptist, and Our Lady of Peace Parishes.

Hungry for the Lord

The Gospel this weekend relates the story of Jesus returning to His home town of Nazareth. He entered the Synagogue and was handed a scroll that contained the writings of the prophet Isaiah. He read from the scroll:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

After reading these words of Isaiah, Jesus sat down and said to those who were present, *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

The fascinating thing in this scripture passage is the message itself. In essence, it is a *Mission Statement*, summarizing the ministry Jesus was about to undertake.

Jesus **proclaimed liberty** to those who were captive to worry, telling them to take up His yoke and place their trust in a Heavenly Father who loved them enough to send His own Son to suffer and die for them. Jesus **gave recovery of sight to the blind**, not only curing their physical blindness, but their spiritual blindness as well. He allowed them to understand the Law of Moses in a new way. Jesus **let the oppressed go free** by taking the weight of their sins on the cross, and giving the Apostles the power to forgive sins -- allowing sinners a fresh start.

Perhaps the most shocking part of Christ's Mission was **proclaiming good news to the poor**. In ancient Israel, it came as a great surprise when Jesus declared how difficult it was for a rich person to enter heaven. It was easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle. In contrast, Jesus always had a soft spot in His heart for the poor and the hungry. He promised a reward in heaven for those who cared for the less fortunate.

This past weekend, more than 2 dozen young people from our parishes fasted for 30 hours to give them a sense of what it feels like to go hungry. They not only fasted, they prayed as well. A few came to Mass last weekend and shared what they learned -- including the fact that over 1 billion people in the world survive on \$1.25 a day. Each day, thousands of children die due to lack of food.

The people in our pews were obviously touched by the efforts of these young people. I am amazed at the outpouring of your generosity. Even though there were already 2 collections, our parishioners donated nearly \$3,197 to help the hungry. Half of the money will stay with our Saint Vincent DePaul Society, while the rest will be sent overseas.

Many of our parishioners grew up in the Great Depression or lived through prolonged strikes in the Steel Industry. They know first hand what it is like to go hungry. A handful of our young people took it upon themselves to fast and pray for children half a world away. May God bless them, and *all of you* for your generosity. **Ω**

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

SUNDAY, JAN. 24, LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN will be held during 9:30 Mass.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER— Please call or email the parish office by Monday, January 25th to reserve your place! 724-869-2280 or stjohnsbadenpa@yahoo.com! Our Caterer is Aurora's Catering & our DJ is Mike Romigh. Plan to enjoy dinner music and dancing!

PIEROGI START UP— We plan to start back up on February 5th! We will need more volunteers on Thursday's between 8 & 10AM, to cook and mash potatoes. Friday afternoons for packing and clean up. We need YOUR help! Can you spare a few hours?

POST-ABORTION HEALING

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for post-abortion healing will be held on January 22-24, 2016, at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. To register or for more confidential information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email toniafj1@comcast.net

Ignatian Living Room Retreat -- As a Jesuit, Pope Francis developed his spirituality based on the founder of the Society of Jesus, St. Ignatius Loyola. His prayer, life, and ministry flow from this spirituality. Following in this spirituality, St. Joseph Spirituality Center in Baden is offering an Ignatian Living Room Retreat. Sister Catherine Higgins guides this retreat during six Wednesday afternoons of Lent (February 17 - March 23) from 1:00 – 2:30 pm with daily prayer based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

This "retreat in daily life" is non-traditional in that it does not require a person to go away to a retreat center. Rather, those participating are asked to spend 20-30 minutes in quiet prayer at home each day reflecting on the Scripture passages assigned for the week and then meet once a week with a group to share the fruits of one's prayer. A fee of \$50 includes materials. To register, call 724-869-6587 by Feb. 2.

ONLINE GIVING

Parishioners of Good Samaritan who would like to contribute to the Parish electronically can go to our website, www.GoodSam1.org and click the **ONLINE GIVING LINK** and follow the instructions.



Our Parish is Committed to Protecting God's Children
ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-932-0313 ☎
 Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3060

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Sunday, January 24

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)
 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass

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5:15-6:45 pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5
 6:30pm (GS) Women of Well-come (JH Classroom)

Tuesday, January 26

6:30pm (GS) RCIA (JH Classroom)

Wednesday, January 27

6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Thursday, January 28

7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice

Friday, January 29

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

Sunday, January 31

9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass
 9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)
 12:15pm (GS) Volunteer Meeting for Fish Fry & Easter Baking

**YOUTH COLLECTION FOR THE POOR & HUNGRY
 Last Weekend**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	\$1,427.05
GOOD SAMARITAN	\$1,769.91

Preserve our ethnic heritage. Learn or teach ethnic cooking. Classes to be held in Jericho Hall. Share your expertise! Palachinka, Croation donuts, pasta, bread, strudel, gnocchi and more! Call Bob Mikush for more information at 724-266-3140 Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm.

✠IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially Louis Colorito, Gilbert "Neil" Nesbitt, Helen Betty Harasin, and Nancy Pucci. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering Jan. 3, 2016	\$7,159.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$3,629.15
Children's Offering	\$33.75
Weekly Offering Jan. 10, 2016	\$5,541.35
Solemnity of Mary	\$115.00
Children's Offering	\$25.00
Weekly Offering Jan. 17, 2016	\$6,749.01
St. Anthony & DePaul Schools	\$1,409.89
Children's Offering	\$46.00
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering Jan. 3, 2016	\$2,176.00
St. Anthony & DePaul Schools	\$705.00