

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, January 28** Weekday in Ordinary Time  
 8:00am (GS) Carl Villella by Joe & Milena Narkevic  
**Tuesday, January 29** Weekday in Ordinary Time  
 8:00am (GS) Irene Morelli by Regis Domitrovich  
**Wednesday, January 30 Saint John Bosco, Priest**  
 8:00am (SJ) Catherine Protenic by Chuck Protenic  
 6:30pm (GS) Alfred and Bette Ankowski by Lou & Nancy Ferrand  
**Thursday, February 1** Weekday in Ordinary Time  
 8:00am (GS) Carol Stewart by Tammy Reinsell  
**Friday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord (F)**  
 8:00am (SJ) Helen Arendosh by St. John's Christian Mothers  
 8:00am (GS) Marian Prayer Group  
**Saturday, February 3 Saint Blaise, Bishop; Saint Ansgar, Bishop**  
 9:00am (SJ) For Living & Deceased of Beaver Valley Blue Army  
 4:00pm (SJ) Vigil, Frank Firich by Sophia Chickos  
 5:30pm(GS) Vigil, Charles M. Rihn by Karen, Tom,  
 Dan & Andrew Edwards  
**Sunday, February 3 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00am (GS) Ron Jamery by Rose Marie Volpe  
 9:30am (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes  
 11:00am (GS) Frank C. Salopek by wife Nancy & Family

**Scripture Readings for the Mass**  
**Fourth Week in Ordinary Time, January 29, 2018**  
**Monday** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday,** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
**Saturday** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER**  
**Sanctuary Candle (GS)** Galant Family by Family

**Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild-Good Samaritan Baby Shower, Lifeline of Southwest PA** Baby Shower to help pregnant women with newborn baby items; ie., wash cloths, towels, onesies, blankets, socks, clothing 1-2 years, diapers, sleepers, sweaters, caps, booties, etc. Please place new or gently used items **in Saint Vincent DePaul red receptacles** at the doors of the Church. We will be collecting until **February 4**. Thank you for helping. Any questions, please call 724-266-6886.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

If you are an adult Catholic, 18 or older, and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to prepare for reception of the sacrament during this Lenten season. If you are interested in preparing and being confirmed for our March 24, Confirmation date, call Susan DiPietro, at the Parish Office 724-266-6565 x17 ASAP. Date and time of preparation sessions will be set to accommodate Candidates.

**FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT**

This past week, thousands of people travelled for *hours* to Washington, DC to participate in the 44th annual March For Life. It was their way of telling the country and the whole world that Life is Precious. There are some folks from our parish who didn't need to be convinced.

For the past few weeks we have been praying for one of the youngest members of our parish. He is less than a year old and weighs in at about 10 lbs. Shortly before Christmas, little Rycker was baptized and played the role of Jesus in our CCD Christmas pageant. On January 9, he had open-heart surgery. He is still in critical condition. In 2 days, little Rycker received over 350 get well cards! Someone from England even called long distance to see how he was doing. In his brief life, he has touched people all over the world who are praying for him.



Last week I received a message about another parishioner who was hospitalized. Luke Sciulli, a member of the U.S. Army First Special Forces was out on a mission when an explosion toppled a wall on him. He was moved by medevac to Germany where he underwent emergency surgery on his neck and back. Just last Sunday, he was flown to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington where he will undergo further treatment. It's amazing how someone's life can change in the blink of an eye.

Every day, the television and social media are filled with stories of tragic events and injuries. It's sad that we often become desensitized to it. When the story hits close to home, it takes on a new and more powerful meaning.

Occasionally we hear a commercial for a Veterans' organization or see a heartwarming story about a Veteran whose home was remodeled by volunteers. But how long does the memory linger, and more importantly, does the urge to pray for them continue?

Someone I know recently sponsored a BINGO for the Veterans in the VA Hospital in Aspinwal. She couldn't believe how excited they were to have someone come and bring a few slider sandwiches and some corn curls. Many of them have been forgotten.

It's easy to forget those in need unless we make a conscious effort to remember and to pray. How many realize that in 2014 alone, over 652,639 babies lost their lives to abortion. That's more than World War II, Korea, and Vietnam combined. let's continue to fight the good fight, a fight fought best on our knees.



# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

**PIEROGI RESUMES THIS WEEK!!** All day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday workers will be needed this week as we re-start our Pierogi Project. We hope you are renewed in energy after the break and can return to help in this all-important fundraiser. New volunteers are always welcome; call the parish office if you would like to help. Thank you!



## SAT. & SUN. FEB. 3 & 4 "SOUPER BOWL" 2nd COLLECTION FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

CCD students will be at the doors of the church collecting donations for local food banks. Donations will be sent to the **Baden United Methodist Church's "We Care Food Pantry."** Please be as generous as your means allow; there are many hungry people in our communities.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3,** The Beaver Valley Blue Army (The World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) will hold its 1st Saturday meeting here at St. John's. Confessions begin at 8:15AM. After 9:00PM Mass, members will pray the Rosary. A continental breakfast follows. New members or those interested in our organization are welcome. Any question, please call Colleen 724 375-3846.



## SAT. FEB 10 PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

will be held immediately following 4:00PM Mass. Join us in the social hall for the 5:00PM buffet dinner and entertainment. Please R.S.V.P. to the parish office if you will attend.

**Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat** March 2-4, for Post-Abortion Healing, Tabor House, Millvale, Call 412-352-5348.

**Join Bishop David Zubik, Sunday, February. 11, 2018** 2:30pm, Saint Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Mass for those who have died from drug addiction and to seek healing for those surviving from death of a loved one due to addiction.

### Good Samaritan Parish Cemetery News

Effective January 22, 2018 the Good Samaritan Parish Cemetery will be operated and maintained by The Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. All records and burial information will be kept at the new regional office. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the Good Samaritan Cemetery please call the Allegheny Regional Office at 412.256.9370. Tom Burta is the new Operations Manager of the cemetery.

### Upcoming Ethnic Cooking Class Schedule

**Baklava**, February 13th, taught by *Fran Banks Rich*.

**Risotto**, March 27th, taught by *Carolyn Mariano*.

*Making a basic risotto to create Arancini, Italian Street food.*

**BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS NOW BY CALLING**

**Bob Mikush @724-266-3140, M-F, 9AM-5PM**

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*Attendees really enjoy hands on learning!*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, January 28

- 9:00am (GS) CIC Session (JH Classroom)
- 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8
- 5:30pm (GS) Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)
- 11:00am (GS) Mass-Rite of Intent for Confirmation Candidates
- 2:00-5:00pm (GS) **Bridge to Health Living Well Expo (JH)**

## Monday, January 29

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

## Wednesday, January 31

- 8:00-9:30am (SJ) *Pierogi: Onions Peeled, Sliced, Cooked*
- 9:00am (GS) RCIA (JH Classroom)
- 3:00-5:00pm (SJ) *Pierogi: Potatoes Peeled, Cut*
- 6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice

## Thursday, February 1

- 6:30pm (GS) Adult Choir
- 7:30-10:00am (SJ) *Pierogi: Potatoes Cooked & Mashed*
- 2:00-7:00pm (SJ) *Pierogi: Potato Balls Prepared*

## Friday, February 2

- 11:00am (GS) RCIA (JH Classroom)
- 3:00-7:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00/8:00pm (GS) Confessions-Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer
- 6:00am (SJ) **Pierogi Hotline open for orders: 724-869-9758**

## Saturday, February 3 SOUPER BOWL 2nd COLLECTION

- 8:15am (SJ) Confession, 9am Mass, Rosary, Blue Army meeting

## Sunday, February 4 SOUPER BOWL 2nd COLLECTION

- 9:00am (GS) CIC Session (JH Classroom)
- 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8
- 5:30pm (GS) Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from  
**3:00-7:00 pm Friday, February 2nd**

### GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH

7:00 pm Rosary/Confessions. MASS follows 8:00 pm  
Marian Prayer Group. ALL ARE WELCOME

## ✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed, who died recently, especially **Lois Rotondo**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**SOUPER Bowl**-Feb. 3/4, 2nd Collection, Good Samaritan CCD Student collection for local **Ambridge Center of Hope**.

GOOD SAMARITAN	Our Gift to God
Weekly Offering, Jan. 7, 2018	\$8,223
Parish Share	\$264
Saint Anthony/DePaul Collection	\$1,021
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, January 7, 2018	\$2,488
Saint Anthony/DePaul Collection	\$580
<b>GOOD SAMARITAN</b>	<b>724-266-6565</b>
<b>SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	<b>724-869-2280</b>