

Mass Intentions

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 1

8:00am (GS) Aunt Virginia Jurcak by nieces, Shirley & Barb

Tuesday, February 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

also *World Day for Consecrated Life*

Blessing of candles before Mass for Candlemas Day

8:00am (GS) Blake Kantz by wife, Betty & Family

Wednesday, February 3 *Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr*

7:45am (SJ) Blessing of Throats before 8:00am Mass

8:00am (SJ) Mary Bufalini by St. John's CCM

6:30pm (GS) Marie Armstrong by Michael Pruszenski Family

(GS) Blessing of Throats following 6:30pm Mass

Thursday, February 4

8:00am (GS) John Fedorko by daughter, Mary

Friday, February 5

8:00am (SJ) Donald Chismire by SVDP Society of Beaver County

8:00pm (GS) Marian prayer Group

Saturday, February 6 *BVM on Saturday*

9:00am (SJ) Living and Deceased of the Beaver Valley Blue Army

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) Gary Francis by Betty Francis & Family

5:30pm Vigil (GS) Dan Karas by Darla Karas & Family

Sunday, February 7 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am (GS) Mary & George Mourovic by son, Carl

9:30am (SJ) Living and Deceased of our Parishes

11:00am (GS) Edward 'Brud' Zimmerman by wife, Turina & Family

Readings for the Week of February 1, 2016

Monday	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30:16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7
Tuesday	Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Ps 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12 Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	75:1s 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 5:1-11

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Sanctuary Candle

(SJ) Shirley Smolnery by Mike, Shelly & Cheryl

(GS) In memory of the Galant Family by Family

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

(GS) In thanksgiving for
the continued good works of Carl Dennis
By Good Samaritan Parish Archives

Holy Family Shrine Candle

In memory of Frank, Brigida & Louis Antonini
By Anna & Gaylord Muny

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2: CANDLEMAS DAY
Candles will be blessed before 8:00 am Mass at Good Samaritan.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3: MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE
Throats will be blessed at 7:45 AM at St. John the Baptist, before the 8:00am Mass. Throats will be blessed after the 6:30pm Mass at Good Samaritan.

Why in the world am I here?

I'm pondering the readings for this weekend and wondering just what God wants me to write about. As I sit here staring at an antique picture of St. Therese of Lisieux, *the Little Flower*, the words written by the prophet Jeremiah from Sunday's first reading keep haunting me:

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you.*

I think Saint Therese must have pondered these words. She felt called to become a nun at a tender age, entering the convent at 15. I think she felt in her heart that God wanted her to do something profound with her life. Hidden behind the walls of a cloistered convent, she could hardly do any of the things normally associated with great saints. She couldn't found a religious order like Saint Francis of Assisi. She couldn't establish hospitals or orphanages from behind the convent walls, yet she was born in that very place and moment in time and called to do great things for God. She died at only 24 years of age, and despite her lack of formal education, she was destined to become a Doctor of the Church.

God created sweet little Therese just the way he wanted her. He formed her in His heart before He fashioned her in the flesh. In time, Therese realized that her vocation in life -- her divine calling -- was to Love.

In the convent, she took it upon herself to undertake *any task*, no matter how disgusting or menial, with a smile and a spirit of love. She made it a point to seek out the people that irritated her, the people that would otherwise be social outcasts, and befriend them. In her short life, she lived out the words from Sunday's second reading from 1 Corinthians:

Love is patient.

Love is kind.

It is not jealous; it is not pompous.

It is not inflated. It is not rude.

It does not seek its own interests.

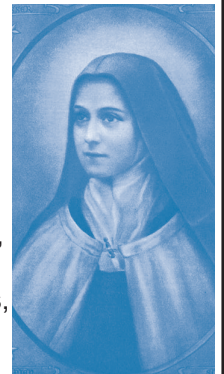
It is not quick-tempered.

It does not brood over injury.

It does not rejoice over wrongdoing,
but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.



In the end, it wasn't so much what Therese was called to do, but rather *how* she was called to do it. In an obscure convent, in an ordinary moment in time, God proved that *no one* is ordinary. Next week we celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life. Each of us has a calling, a vocation. As I look around I see so many people living what they probably think are ordinary lives, but we are surrounded by so many dear souls who quietly go about serving our Church and serving others in the humblest of ways.

True greatness lies not in what we accomplish on the path of life, but in the love with which each step is taken.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER



WED., FEB. 3, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Can you spend some time with Our Lord this Wednesday? Exposition and Adoration begin following 8:00AM Mass; Closing is at 2:30PM. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord. If you would like to become a Volunteer Guardian, spending scheduled time in Adoration on each First Wednesday of the month, please call the parish office. 724-869-2280

WE NEED NEW VOLUNTEERS!!

PIEROGI PROJECT RESUMES! We plan to start back up on February 5th! We will need more volunteers on Thursdays between 8 & 10AM, to cook and mash potatoes, and also on Friday afternoons for packing and clean up. Can YOU spare a few hours? New volunteers, call the parish office: 724-869-2280.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:

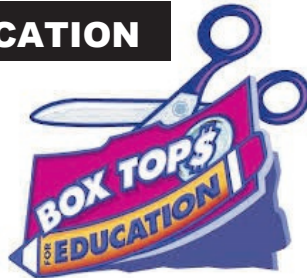
On Super Bowl weekend, February 6 and February 7, our CCD students will collect donations at the church doors after Masses to help feed our hungry neighbors. All donations will be sent to the Baden United Methodist **We Care Food Pantry**. Please be as generous as your means allow.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION, FEB. 6 The Beaver Valley Blue Army (the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) will hold its First Saturday meeting at St. John's. Confessions Begin at 8:15AM. After 9:00 Mass, members will pray the Rosary. A continental breakfast follows. New members or those interested in our organization are welcome. Please call Colleen (724) 375-3846 if you have any questions.

ETHNIC COOKING Preserve your ethnic heritage. Learn or teach ethnic cooking. Classes will be held in a location to be determined. Share your expertise! Palachinka, Croatian donuts, pasta, bread, strudel, gnocchi and more! Call Bob Mikush for more information @ 724-266-3140 Monday- Friday, 9am-5pm.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

You will soon be seeing collection boxes at the rear of Good Samaritan Church to collect **Campbell's Soup** labels and **Box Tops For Education** labels. The box top symbol can be found on General Mills cereals like Cheerios, and other products like Scott Tissue, as well as certain Ziploc and Hefty trash bags. Clip the little coupons and place them in the boxes. The box top coupons are worth 10 cents and Proceeds will benefit UPMC Mercy Child Development Center.



+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Sunday, January 31

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

Monday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 2

6:30pm (GS) RCIA Session (Susan's Home)

Wednesday, February 3

SAINT BLAISE THROAT BLESSING

7:45am (SJ) Blessing of Throats before 8:00am Mass

8:00am (SJ) Mass

8:30am-2:30pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration follows 8AM Mass, with Closing & Benediction at 2:30pm

5:00pm (SJ) Pierogi potato peeling

6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice

6:30pm (GS) Blessing of Throats following Mass

Thursday, February 4

7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice

8:00am (SJ) Pierogi potato mashing in kitchen

Friday, February 5

7:30am (SJ) Saint John's Pierogi Project: Pierogi making starts

**Orders Taken 6:00am until sold out
Pierogi Hotline 724-869-9758**

3:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

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

Saturday, Feb. 6

9:00am (GS) Paczki preparation in Jericho Hall

5:30pm (GS) Choir Super Bowl Hoagie Sale in Church

Sunday, February 7

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)

9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass

8:00 & 11:00am (GS) Choir Super Bowl Hoagie Sale in Church

Please note that the February 5th issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper will be mailed to the homes of all registered parishioners, courtesy of the parish. Limited copies will be available at the entrances of the church that week.

Our Parish is Committed to Protecting God's Children

ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-932-0313 ☎

✠IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially **Herbert Lawson** and **John S. "Jack" Kutzko**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

GOOD SAMARITAN

Our Gift to God

Weekly Offering Jan. 24,
Children's Offering

\$5,972.55
\$56.00

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Our Gift to God

Weekly Offering Jan. 24, 2016

\$2,489.00