

# Mass Intentions

## FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday, February 8** *Saint Jerome Emiliani and Saint Josephine Bakhita*  
 8:00am (GS) Pauline Schaefer by Mr. & Mrs. John & Debra Zabruk & Son, Mason

**Tuesday, February 9**  
 8:00am (GS) Holy Face of Jesus (Anonymous)

**Wednesday, February 10** **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**SOLEMN DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**  
 8:00am (SJ) Mass - For Living & Deceased of Our Parishes  
 12:00Noon (GS) Prayer Service and Ashes  
 4:00pm (GS) Prayer Service and Ashes  
 6:00pm (SJ) Prayer Service and Ashes  
 6:30pm (GS) Mass - For Those Suffering From Cancer

**Thursday, February 11** *Our Lady of Lourdes*  
*Thursday after Ash Wednesday*  
 8:00am (GS) Brooks Watkins by Bill & Susan Scherfel

**Friday, February 12** - *Friday after Ash Wednesday*  
 8:00am (SJ) Genie Marsilio by Mom  
 8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, February 13** - *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*  
 4:00pm Vigil (SJ) Regina Strecker by Ed & Chris Bates  
 5:30pm Vigil (GS) Carmen G. Razo by daughter, Marcella Razo

**Sunday, February 14** - **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:00am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of our parishes  
 9:30am (SJ) Irene Mickey by Gene & Lottie Vallecorsa  
 11:00am(GS) Cecile Tabinowski by Darlene & Dale

### Readings for the Week of February 8, 2016

**Monday** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10, Mk 6 :53-56  
**Tuesday** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-39 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11, Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday** Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday** Dt 30:15-20 PS 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday** Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday** Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32  
**Sunday** Dt. 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Altar Flowers

(SJ) Ronald D. Suhayda by wife, Libby Suhayda

#### Sanctuary Candle

(GS) Joseph Pucci - sister, Rachel

#### Bread & Wine

(GS) In honor of Ash Wednesday - Pingitore Family  
 (SJ) John Moss, Jr. by John & Doretta

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(Fridays during Lent)

2:30 pm Good Samaritan, Ambridge  
 6:00 pm St. John the Baptist, Baden  
 7:00 pm Good Samaritan, Ambridge

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



### From Father Joe

#### GONE FISHIN'

It's hard to believe I've experienced Lent for half a century. I'm 58 now, and for 50 of those years, I've probably done the same thing each Lent – giving up candy for six weeks.

Every year, I lose a few pounds, then descend into a chocolate binge on Easter, and by Pentecost I'm back to where I was before Lent began. Nothing much changed except the people at Hershey are just a little bit richer.

Sadly, it has gotten to the point where I often just don't think about what I will do for Lent. I abstain from candy ...but is that what God really intended?

Looking at all the papers on my desk, the Christmas tree in the corner that needs to be put away, the dozens of rolls of paper towels in the hallway for Paczki making, and the stack of phone calls to be answered, I realize how much needs to be done in the next few days – but more importantly – I realize just how *precious* time is. Unlike a Hershey bar or a jelly filled doughnut that can easily be replaced, you cannot buy more time. Once it's gone it is gone.

If you could put a price on time, how would you value it? How much is 15 minutes worth when you are bored and scanning the TV channels trying to find something interesting? How much is 10 minutes worth when you are waiting to get your hair cut? How much is 5 minutes worth when you are saying goodbye to someone you love, knowing you will never see them again?

When I look back at my life, I recall momentary encounters with people that somehow changed my life. There are people who, no matter how busy, took the time to do or say something, to reach out and hug, to offer words of consolation, or just to listen when I needed it most, and I will never be quite the same.

This Lent, why not give a few minutes thought to what you will offer up as a sacrifice to God. If time is so scarce and precious, perhaps the greatest gift we can give to God is to share 5 or 10 quiet minutes with Him every day. Maybe we could seek out *one person* each day and invest 5 minutes in them, listening or talking or sharing. To someone who is alone or lonely or in despair, those 5 minutes could be priceless. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." Throughout our lives, we are all called to be fishers for Christ. Sometimes we're also called to be His bait.



# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

**"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING"** On Super Bowl weekend, Feb. 6 - Feb. 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.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 14**

- The St. John's Holy Name Society will meet at 8:30AM.
- Liturgy of the Word with Children held during 9:30AM Mass.
- St. John's CCM Board will meet following 9:30AM Mass.

**FEB. 14 - Second Sunday Monthly Devotion, Divine Child Jesus/Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet here at St. John's. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 PM followed by 3:00 Holy Hour and 4:00 meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

**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.

**CAREGIVER NEEDED!**

Caregiver needed for elderly man in Harmony Township, afternoon into evening shift. Days may vary but including Saturday and Sunday. Any help would be appreciated. Please call William & Georgia Niznik at 724-622-4240.

**ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY — SAINT TITUS PARISH**

St. Titus Parish, Aliquippa will hold a Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday from 12:00 noon - 6:30pm. Fish Dinners (baked or fried) ,or Shrimp Dinner - \$8.50. Dinners include your choice of Fries/Mac N Cheese and Cole Slaw. Fish Sandwiches - \$7.00. Also available are our delicious pierogi for \$8.00 per dozen. Takeouts available by calling 724-378-2734.

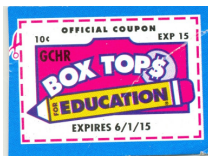
**GOOD SAMARITAN CEMETERY**

This is to advise you that all decorations are to be removed from the graves at our parish cemetery **by February 14**. After that date the staff will go through and dispose of the remaining items. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our cemetery clean and orderly.

*Matt Sivy, Cemetery Manager 724-266-6565 Ext. 16*

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Look for collection boxes at the rear of Good Samaritan Church to collect **Campbell's Soup** labels and **Box Tops For Education** labels. Clip the little coupons and place them in the boxes. Proceeds will benefit UPMC Mercy Child Development Center.



**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

**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  
**Hoagie Sale at Good Samaritan at all weekend Masses**

**Monday, February 8**

5:15-6:45 pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5  
 3:30pm (GS) **PACZKI MAKING** until 9:30 or 10:00pm.

**Tuesday, February 9**

**5:00AM (GS) PACZKI SALE: 5:00am to 2pm or until sold out.**  
**DAY OF SALE: Call 724-266-6010 if you didn't pre-order.**  
 6:30pm (GS) RCIA Session (Susan's Home)

**Wednesday, February 10 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

**DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE!**  
**(See Schedule for Distribution of Ashes Below)**

5:00pm (SJ) Potato peeling for Pierogi  
 6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice

**Thursday, February 11**

8:00am (SJ) Pierogi potato mashing  
 7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice

**Friday, February 12**

**7:30am (SJ) St. John's Pierogi Project: Pierogi Making Starts**  
**Orders Taken starting at 6:00am until sold out**  
**Pierogi Hotline 724-869-9758**  
**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!**

**11:00am to 7:00pm (GS) Good Samaritan Lenten Fish Fry**

2:30pm (GS) Stations of the cross  
 3:00pm to 7:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00pm (SJ) Stations of the Cross  
 7:00 pm (GS) Stations of the Cross  
 8:00pm (GS) Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer Group

**Sunday, February 14**

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**Liturgies & Distribution of Ashes**

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| <b>8:00am</b>  | <b>Mass</b>            | St. John the Baptist |
| <b>12 Noon</b> | Prayer Service & Ashes | Good Samaritan       |
| <b>4:00pm</b>  | Prayer Service & Ashes | Good Samaritan       |
| <b>6:00pm</b>  | Prayer Service & Ashes | St. John the Baptist |
| <b>6:30pm</b>  | Mass                   | Good Samaritan       |

**✠IN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially of **Nancy Pucci**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

| <b>GOOD SAMARITAN</b>         | <i>Our Gift to God</i> |
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| Weekly Offering Jan. 31, 2016 | \$6,759.43             |
| Children's Offering           | \$70.00                |
| <b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>   |                        |
| Weekly Offering Jan. 31, 2016 | \$2,469.00             |