

Mass Intentions

[Week 5 in Ordinary Time]

- Monday, February 9: Weekday**
8:00 am (GS) Dolores Jamery by Ed & Jackie Giel
- Tuesday, February 10: Saint Scholastica**
8:00 am (GS) Joseph & Betty Simon by Family
- Wednesday, February 11: Weekday**
8:00 am (SJ) Dorothy Moore by Frank Thomas
6:30 pm (GS) Walter V. Raven by Daughter, Cher
- Thursday, February 12: Weekday**
8:00 am (GS) Joseph Himes by Lois Himes
- Friday, February 13: Weekday**
8:00 am (SJ) Ed Turnour by Dona & Family
8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass
- Saturday, February 14: Cyril, Monk, and Methodius**
4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil, Genie Marsilio by Mom & Dad
5:30 pm (GS) Vigil, Charlotte Stojan Magiske by Family
- Sunday, February 15: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 am (GS) Bernie Grzegorek by Carl Mourovic
9:30 am (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes
11:00 am (GS) Bernie Skonieczny by Andrea Zeranick

Readings for the Week of February 9, 2015

- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Walter V. Raven (GS) by Daughter, Cher

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Louis Antonini, Sr (GS) by Anna & Gaylord

GOOD SAMARITAN AND SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHES

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 18, 2015

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| 8:00 am | Mass | St. John the Baptist |
| 12:00 Noon | Word Service | Good Samaritan |
| 4:00 pm | Word Service | Good Samaritan |
| 6:00pm | Word Service | St. John the Baptist |
| 6:45 pm | Mass | Good Samaritan |

↑ **PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ONLY**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(extended times for Lent)

- Wednesdays** 5:30 - 6:20 pm Good Samaritan
(No Confessions on Ash Wed.)
- Saturdays** 12:00 - 12:45 pm Good Samaritan
1:15-1:45 pm Saint John the Baptist
(No Confessions on Holy Saturday)

✠ From Father Joe

WOE IS US

How tragic it is that many of our kids are not learning the Bible stories that most of us grew up with. Sure, they know the tale of *Noah's Ark*. They may know about *David and Goliath*, but how many would understand what we mean when we say, "*She has the patience of Job!*"

The Biblical story of Job can be confusing, but it's a story all of us should read and ponder. It would be a great thing to do during Lent.

Job was good and holy man. God had blessed him with 7 sons and 3 daughters. Among his many possessions he had 7,000 sheep and 3,000 camels! Job continually offered sacrifices for his children to God, asking God to forgive those he loved if they had somehow sinned.

As the story goes, one day God was talking with *the satan* (the tester) and God asked if he had run across the Lord's servant Job in the course of his travels on earth. The Lord said, "*There is no one on earth like him, blameless and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil.*"

The satan responded by saying that Job was only righteous because God had blessed him with such a good life. He said that if God took away the blessings Job had been given, he would surely curse God to His face!

God gave permission for him to test Job, and so his oxen and camels were carried off by thieves and his servants killed. His 7,000 sheep were destroyed by a great firestorm. His children were then killed in a great storm. As God predicted, Job did not curse the Lord. Instead Job said, "*The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD!*"

Next, Job was afflicted with horrible boils all over his body, to which he responded, "*We accept good things from God; should we not accept evil?*" Job still refused to give in to anger and sin against God.

At length, Job began to despair, saying: "*I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me... I am filled with restlessness until the dawn... I shall not see happiness again.*"

At the time, Job could not see the hand of God at work. He didn't realize that *more than 2,000 years later* his name would be a household word and that Job would be held up as an example of patient endurance, in much the same way that Mother Theresa was held up as an example of holiness even in her lifetime.

Suffering enters each of our lives at times, and we often don't see the purpose or meaning in it. Yet if we trust that God is *somehow* working, we can persevere—and maybe in our trials and tribulations, we can serve as an example to others who are suffering. How many elderly people have told me that, when they think of their aches and pains, they remember Fr. Chuck, and suddenly they find the inspiration to carry on. If we are forced to suffer in life, may we all be blessed with God's Grace to serve as such an inspiration to others in the process... Ω

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Our collection was \$624.02 plus 4 bags of food items. Thank You!

PIEROGI PROJECT RESUMES THIS WEEK!

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Feb. 11, 12 & 13 our pierogi fund raiser for the parish will be up and running! We need YOU to make it a success. Call the office for details of various tasks done on different days, or if you wish to become a volunteer. 724-869-2280.

PIEROGI SALES begins Friday, Feb. 13! Call ahead to place your order on Fri. beginning 6:00 am: 724-869-9758.

FEB. 15th: ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST!



Sponsored by St. John's HOLY NAME SOCIETY Join us next Sunday for the Holy Name Society pancake, French toast, waffle & sausage breakfast in the social hall from 8:00-11:30 AM. Cost is just \$5 for adults; \$2 for children age 10 & younger; under 5 eat for free. Hope to see you!

CHOIR BAKE SALE Enjoy a sweet treat from St. John's Choir Bake Sale on **Sun., Feb. 15**. Donated baked goods are appreciated too!

Day of Recollection at St. Cecilia Church, Rochester Christian Mothers invites you to their Day of Recollection on Tues., March 3, 10 am to 3 pm. Celebrant Fr. Phil Bernier OFM Cap, lunch, reconciliation & Mass. Cost is \$10. RSVP by Feb. 24, Barbara Ammerman: 724-775-4796.

OUR LADY, MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS NOVENA

Monday, February 9, 7:00 pm, 6th Month Novena Prayers
Women Bible Study and DVD presentations follows with a study on *Herodias* by actress, Anita Gutzchick.

Women of all ages invited to join us at Good Samaritan.

Spaghetti Dinner, St. Titus, Aliquippa, Wed., Feb. 11th Noon to 6:30 pm. Homemade spaghetti/gnocchi, meatball, salad & roll. Adults \$8.50, Children \$6. Call 724-378-2734.

Join Father Sam Exposito, as he leads a trip to Historic England: Saints & Monarchs Tour. May 15-24, 2015. Brochure call 412-456-5648. A few openings still available.

Youth & Young Adult Discipleship

ALIVE! is for High Schoolers, who would like to learn more about God, religion, and the Catholic faith together. We usually meet on Mondays but keep an eye out for special events. Monty Montgomery is in charge of ALIVE. To learn more, text us at: 985-630-9742, or Email: youth@goodsam1.org.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS:

Monday, Feb. 9: Snacks & Spiritual Sustenance, 8-9:30 pm

Monday, Feb. 16: Paczki Making at Jericho Hall! 5:30 pm
Come and bring a friend!

Monday, Mar. 9: Snacks & Spiritual Sustenance, 8-9:30 pm

UPCOMING LENTEN STUDY

FATHER BARRON'S SIX-WEEK STUDY ON JESUS: *PRIEST, PROPHET, KING*

"The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves," Father Robert Barron says about the release of his new film and study program, "Priest, Prophet, King". The renowned priest wants to help viewers discover Jesus as the Anointed One and to embody His way of life. Through this deeply biblical program, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission, received when you are baptized "into Christ." Details available in next week's bulletin.



January Baptism: Congratulations and Blessings to *Anthony Jordan Crawford*, who was recently baptized at Good Samaritan Parish.

Ambridge Area Garden Club welcomes all to free events, garden tours & meetings on 3rd Sat., 10:30 am-Noon, Laughlin Memorial Library, 99 Eleventh Street, Info or email distribution list, contact Anne 724-385-0895 or Roberta 412-855-0511. Facebook Postings on "Committee to Clean and Beautify Ambridge."

Super Bowl Collection at Good Samaritan for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Total \$294.40. Thank You!

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, February 9

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

8:00-9:30 pm **ALIVE!** High School Youth Group (Monty's)

7:00 pm (GS) *Our Lady Undoer of Knots* Monthly Novena, followed by Women's Bible Study on *Herodias* (Ch/SJH)

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Thursday, February 11

6:00-8:00 pm (SJ) Potato Ball Rolling

Friday, February 13

6:00 am (SJ) Pierogi Sales Call 724-869-9758

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

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

Sunday, February 15 World Marriage Day

2015 Parish Share Campaign begins

8:00-11:30 am (SJ) Holy Name *All You Can Eat Breakfast*

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 *Doris Lavelle* and *Christine McGoff Thomas*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, February 8, 2015	\$6,479.86
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, February 8, 2015	\$2,210.31