

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, February 10: Saint Scholastica**  
 8:00 am (GS) Stanley Dennis - Victoria Razo  
**Tuesday, February 11: Weekday [Our Lady of Lourdes]**  
 8:00 am (GS) Stana Zivic - Zivic - Curcio Family  
**Wednesday, February 12: Weekday**  
 8:00 am (SJ) Joseph Span - Marge & Andy Span  
 6:30 pm (GS) Mary & George Mourovic - Carol & Harry  
**Thursday, February 13: Weekday**  
 8:00 am (GS) Joseph Himes - Lois Himes  
**Friday, February 14: Saints Cyril and Methodius**  
 8:00 am (SJ) Wayne Lindsey - Jennie, Mark & Michele  
**Saturday, February 15: Weekday: [Blessed Virgin Mary]**  
 4:00 pm (SJ) Ed Turnour - Dona & Family  
 5:30 pm (GS) Walter V. Raven - Daughter, Cher  
**Sunday, February 16: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:30 am (GS) Jeffrey S. Bauman - Costanza - Bouman Families  
 9:45 am (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes  
 11:00 am (GS) George & Richard Villella - Mary Villella

### Readings for the Week of February 9, 2014 Week 5 in Ordinary Time

**Monday** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10  
**Sunday** Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or  
 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER Bread & Wine

John Moss, Jr. (SJ) by John & Doretta Moss, Sr.  
 Bill Shanholtz - Wife, Mary

### Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Jeannie Hamilton (GS) by  
 Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren

### Holy Family Shrine Candle

Testa & Gerhardt Families (GS) by Ted & Doris

### Sanctuary Candle

Mary Resanovich (SJ) by Karen Savie  
 Steve Hramika (GS) by Wife, Annette

### WANT TO WIN A CLASSIC CORVETTE?

McGuire Memorial, is raffling off a vintage **1961 Corvette** to raise money to support the special people cared for at McGuire. Representatives will be present to sell tickets at St. John's and Good Samaritan after Masses on February 15-16 weekend. Tickets are \$25 each. The winner drawn auction event on March 1, at the Westin Hotel in Pittsburgh. Any question contact Donnie Despines 412-909-1310 despines@comcast.net. McGuire is a joint ministry of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Felician Sisters.



## From Father Joe

### A CALL TO ARMS

Just the other day I celebrated the funeral of one our parishioners who was 98 years old! I had to smile at the stories his children told of their dad and his beloved wife. There was the story of mom and dad who just *loved* to polka, gliding effortlessly across the dance floor. There was the story of dad, who borrowed a neighbor's horse to ride into town to get milk and food for the family when the snow was waist high and the roads were impassable. Perhaps the most touching story was how the kids would watch from their bedroom across the hall as mom and dad would kneel at the side of their bed and pray each night before going to sleep.

This Sunday, we celebrate World Marriage Day, and I can't help but think back on some of the couples I've come to know here in our parishes. When I talk to young engaged couples I often tell the story of an old man who used to come faithfully to Mass each week with his wife. I would see him round the corner with one hand on his wife's hand as she hobbled along with her walker. In his other hand was his wife's purse. I used to tease him that the purse didn't match his shoes, but it didn't deter him a bit. He was escorting his wife of more than 50-years to church. He loved her, and if he had to carry her purse, that was okay with him. That's the stuff that *happily ever after* is made of.



Our world is changing so rapidly that things we've always taken for granted seem to be slipping away. There has been an enormous push to redefine marriage as something other than what God intended, a sacred union between a man and a woman for the whole of life. There have been lots of debates with people fighting over the issue. Of all the debates and propaganda over the past year, I think the most profound were the words of a young girl who was apparently allowed to testify in an open hearing in front of some legislators. She posed a question that all of the lawyers and all of the political geniuses couldn't answer. She said she believed a marriage could only be between a dad and a mom, and that each one brought different gifts to the family. She went on to ask the adult legislators, "*Tell, me which one would you do without, a mom or a dad?*"

Anyone who has ever grown up in a family without a mom or dad could tell you that something was missing. In an ever-changing, chaotic world, there are some things we *should* be able to take for granted. We need to stand up in the face of efforts to bully society into redefining marriage, and *kneel down* to beg God that our voices are heard. May God bless those who still witness God's love in our midst through their marriages. We need more of you. **Fr. Joe**

# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

## BADEN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Join Baden residents at 7:00 PM in the Borough Community Room, lower level near Police Station, for updates and discussion on recent events in the borough. The *Neighborhood Watch* works under the guidance, and approval of the mayor and police chief.

### Holy Name Society

**"ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST!"**

**Pancake/French Toast & Sausage Breakfast**

**Sunday, February 16**

**8:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Saint John the Baptist Social Hall, Baden**

*New Menu Items: Made to order Waffles, pure maple syrup and mixed berry topping.*



Cost: \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 10, under age 5 eat free.

Also a **Choir Bake Sale** will be held. Donated baked items are appreciated.

**The Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild Good Samaritan** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 19th in Jericho Hall following the 6:30 PM Mass. The speaker will be Sr. Mary Hall from St. Joseph Convent in Baden. She will give a presentation on "Bread for the World." It is an advocacy program to protect and encourage funding programs for the poor in the U.S.

### Homemade Spaghetti Dinner

Homemade Spaghetti / Gnocchi Dinner at St. Titus Parish, Aliquippa on Wednesday, February 12th, from 12 Noon to 6:30 p.m. Dinner includes choice of spaghetti/gnocchi, meatballs, dinner salad and roll. Adults \$8.00, (under 12) \$5.00. Takeouts are available by calling 724-378-2734

**St. John the Baptist, 1501 Virginia Avenue, Monaca,** invites you to join us for a fun break from the winter blahs at our annual **Winter Carnival February 20-23. Thursday** - Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner, 2:30-7:00 pm; Grocery Bingo 7-10 pm; Carnival games & Bounce 6-9 pm. **Friday** - Merchandise Bingo 7-10 pm; Carnival Games & Bounce 6-9 pm. **Saturday** - Homemade Foods, Bake Sale, Carnival Games & Bounce, Face Painting - Noon-7pm; Chili Contest 1-3 pm (contact 724.775.2389 to enter); Special Mass time 4 pm. **Sunday** - Spaghetti Dinner, Homemade Foods, Carnival Games & Bounce, Everyday - Grand Auctions, Silent Auctions, Raffles - drawings at 6 pm Sunday

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS: Aquinas Academy High School Information Evening on Wednesday, February 19 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.** For information contact 724-444-0722 x15, mata@aquinas.pvt.k12.pa.us or www.AquinasAcademy.info.

**Ambridge Chamber of Commerce Annual Wine & Chocolate Walk**, Saturday, Feb. 15 2:00-5:00 pm Tickets on sale \$15 each/2 for \$25 at the Chamber, 562 Merchant.

### CATHOLICISM: THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SERIES

A 5-week documentary & study series by Fr. Robert Barron is being offered at St. Frances Cabrini in Center Twp. Begins Wed, Mar. 12. Afternoon & evening sessions. Call 724-494-7743 or yministry@comcast.net.

### CARDINAL WUERL NORTH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE , 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

**Sunday, February 23, 2014 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

Current 8th grade students and high school students. Visit the new campus and meet the administration and faculty. For info or to register: www.cwnchs.org/openhouse, or call 412-321-4823x127. E-mail admissions@cwnchs.org

### All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 am-1:00 pm

St. James School Cafeteria, **Sunday, February 23** Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Benefits Emily Jancart Scholarship Fund. **Adults: \$6, Under Five: \$3,** Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Fruit Cups, OJ, Coffee and Tea.

### +UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, February 10

8:30 am (GS) Pierogi Making (JH)  
5:15- 6:45 pm CCD Grades 1-5 (SJ)  
6:30 pm (GS) Women of WELL-come (SJH)

#### Wednesday, February 12

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

#### Friday, February 14

8:00 am (SJ) Pierogi Sales begin (call hall 724-869-9758)  
3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration  
7-9 pm (GS)Confession-Rosary-Mass/Marian Prayer Group

#### Saturday, February 15

(GS/SJ) McGuire Memorial Home *Corvette Raffle Sales*

#### Sunday, February 16

(GS/SJ) McGuire Memorial Home *Corvette Raffle Sales*  
8:30-11:30 am (SJ) Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale  
9:00 am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (SJH)  
9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)  
5:30 pm (GS) RCIA (SJH)

**✠IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Louis Antonini, Sr., George Mott, Mary Ann Manolakos, Vincent Morelli, Edward Skinger, Steve Stranko, Joseph Vukovic, Edward Zimmerman III and Stuart Zietzke (son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Romano)* May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, February 2, 2014	\$9,211.49
Souper Bowl <i>Center for Hope 2/214</i>	\$360.54
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, February 2, 2014	\$3,735.00
Souper Bowl- <i>We Care Food Pantry 2/2/14</i>	\$593.36