

Mass Intentions

[Week 6 in Ordinary Time]

Monday, February 16: Weekday

8:00 am (GS) In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

Tuesday, February 17: Weekday

[The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order]

8:00 am (GS) Sean Harasin by Mother

Ash Wednesday, February 18: DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

8:00 am (SJ) Miriam Gadowski by Mry Ann Cowles

6:45 pm (GS) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Thursday, February 19: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 am (GS) Mary Ferderbar by Daughter, Pauline

Friday, February 20: Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 am (SJ) Bea Nardelli by Loretta Iorfido

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

Saturday, February 21: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil, John Brooks by Mike, Shelly & Cheryl

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil, For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Sunday, February 22: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am (GS) Vincent Ombres by Ralph DeLuca

9:30 am (SJ) Eva Hertneky by Gene & Lottie Vallecorsa

11:00 am (GS) Mary & Joseph Borowiak by Irene Juzwa & Family

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2015

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Skonieczny & Savie Families (GS) by Nancy Savie

John Moss, Jr. by John & Doretta Moss, Sr.

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Joan Madden (SJ) by Jessica Madden Briggs

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Rose Montagna (GS) by Aunt, Sophie Slappo

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

For the Health of Bill Hrabosky (GS) by Teresa Surgeon

Sanctuary Candles

Charlotte Stojan Magiske (GS) by Family

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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*)

Wednesdays (*not on Ash Wed.*) 5:30-6:20 pm Good Sam.

Saturdays 12:00 - 12:45 pm Good Samaritan

(*Not on Holy Sat.*) 1:15-1:45 pm Saint John the Baptist

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

The tables are set. The fryers are filled. The troops have their assignments. *Fat Tuesday* is upon us. Soon the cafeteria will be filled with the sweet smell of *Pączki*, those savory little donuts rolled in sugar. Last year we produced 900 dozen. Thanks to a feature story by David Highfield on KDKA, they were sold out by 9:30 am! This year's goal is 1,000 dozen. The coming of *Pączki Tuesday* means that Lent is also upon us. Given that Lent is a time of fasting and prayer, it's ironic, if not providential, that the second reading this Sunday talks of food:

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, **not seeking my own benefit, but that of the many, that they may be saved.** **1 Corinthians 10:31-33**

In the time of the Apostles, it was not uncommon for meat sold in the marketplaces to be "second hand." Meat would sometimes be sacrificed to idols, then later sold in the open market. Some felt it was a source of grave sin to eat something that was part of a pagan ritual. Paul goes on to say that the meat cannot harm them, but they should NOT be *servicing it* to someone who feels it is sinful, nor should they eat it in front of them if it is offensive. They should refrain from this meat for the sake of their sisters and brothers whose consciences tell them it is wrong. Paul encourages the faithful to be supportive of one another, realizing that people grow in faith at their own pace.

Lent is a time intended for deep spiritual growth. Some folks fast from foods of one sort or another. Others choose to read, or pray, or attend Mass more often. Giving up coffee or fasting from chocolate are not inherently spiritual things to do, but they can have deep spiritual benefits if taken in the right perspective.

What if I give up chocolate chips (and mind you, I'm not saying I will), and every time I have a craving, it reminds me to pray for someone who is addicted to internet pornography? Or what if each time I crave a cup of coffee, I refrain and say a prayer for a family member who has been away from the Church and really needs to reconnect with the parish?

It breaks my heart to see parents dropping kids off for CCD, then leaving with neither the parents nor the kids attending Mass. Admittedly, some of them have already attended Mass the night before, but it's not at all uncommon in parishes for kids to say they want to come to Mass but their parents don't take them.

Paul's words this Sunday, instructing that we should not be "*seeking our own benefit, but that of the many, that they may be saved*" are profound. Perhaps our sacrifices this Lent can be offered for those who need to draw closer to Christ. In the process, it will draw us closer as well, knowing that our sacrifices are **never** in vain. **Ω**

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, February 18, is a day of Fast & Abstinence.

The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18 - 59, unless a medical condition should prevent them from safely fasting. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS...

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **Fast & Abstinence**. The Fridays of Lent are days of **Abstinence** in the United States
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18 - 59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

ENRICH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Join us for a 6-Week Catholic Spiritual Study by Renowned Author, Fr. Robert Barron

“JESUS: PRIEST, PROPHET, KING”

Through the release of his new of his new film and study program, “Priest, Prophet, King”, Father Robert Barron 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.”

TO LEARN MORE, COME TO ONE OF THE FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS:



Wednesday, March 4 at Good Samaritan in Ambridge
7:15 PM – 8:15 PM (in Church)

or

Thursday, March 5 at St. John the Baptist in Baden
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (in Church Hall)

or

Friday, March 6 at Good Samaritan in Ambridge
11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon (in St. Joseph House Convent)

Sessions will run Wednesday Evenings at 7:15 pm at Good Samaritan, starting March 11
or Thursday Evenings at 7:00 pm at Saint John the Baptist-Baden, starting March 12
or Friday Mornings at 11:00 am at Good Samaritan, starting March 13

For more information, call Susan at 724-266-6565 Extension #17.

GOOD SAMARITAN CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & LADIES GUILD

HOMEMADE SOUP SALE



Please place order by February 17
*Complete order blank and return in collection basket
or call 724-266-4656.*

_____ Potato Soup _____ Chicken 'n' Rice Soup
_____ Kielbasa Vegetable Soup

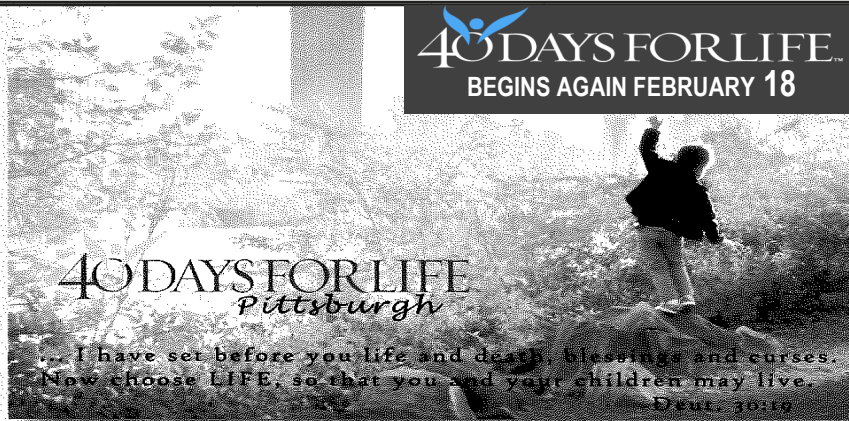
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Soup may be picked up in Jericho Hall after all Masses on February 21 & 22.

Donation \$7.00 per quart

\$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

This May, Good Samaritan CMLG will be awarding one each \$500.00 scholarship to two graduating seniors of the class of 2015. Applications are available from 1/31/15 to 2/28/15 by emailing gspcmglg@comcast.net and providing your name and mailing address. An application packet will be mailed to you. Applicants must be members of Good Samaritan Parish. Consideration will be given to school, parish and community activities and responses to questions posed.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE.
BEGINS AGAIN FEBRUARY 18

40 Days for Life

is a peaceful, prayerful –
and proven effective –
pro-life campaign that has
already been embraced by
more than half a million
people worldwide, saved
9,699 lives from abortion,
led to the conversion of
107 abortion workers, and
seen 59 abortion facilities
close.

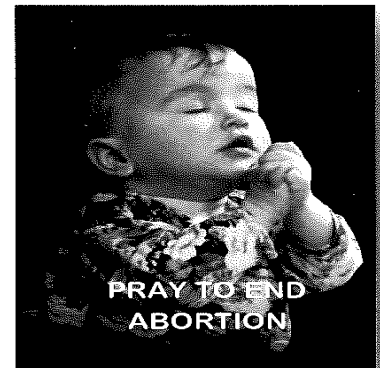
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION February 18th – March 29th, 2015

KICK-OFF Event: Tuesday, February 17th from 7-8:30pm
First Presbyterian Church (sanctuary), 320 Sixth Ave, Pittsburgh
(Followed by a candlelit procession to Planned Parenthood at 8:30pm)

⊕ Prayer and Fasting ⊕ Community Outreach

⊕ Peaceful Vigil in front of Planned Parenthood

Located at 933 Liberty Ave in Pittsburgh, from 7am–7pm every day!



Learn how you can get involved by contacting Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com ~ 412-926-9413

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

McGUIRE MEMORIAL CAR RAFFLE Tickets will be sold following all Masses next weekend, **Feb. 21-22**, at St. John's and Good Samaritan for the chance to win a **2013 Roush Stage 3 Ford Mustang**. Tickets are \$25, and all proceeds benefit McGuire Memorial, an organization that provides educational, vocational and assisted living services for children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities, including those on the autism spectrum. **The drawing is on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015.** More information is available at www.mcguirememorial.org/ouevents and www.mustangdrawing.com.

PIEROGI PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Wed., Thur., Fri., volunteers are needed for various tasks for our pierogi fund raiser for the parish. We need YOU to make it a success. Call the office for more details or if you wish to become a volunteer. 724-869-2280.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22, CCM MASS AND MEETING Christian Mothers will gather for 9:30 AM Mass then prayers and meeting in the social hall. Light refreshments will be served and a program will be presented. This is our first regular meeting since November; please make an effort to attend. All women of the parish are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. Come to any meeting if you would like to see what we are all about!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP Sat., Feb. 21, 2015 beginning at 9AM; St. Monica Parish, 116 Thorndale Dr., Beaver Falls PA 15010. Contact Janet Pavlinich 724-846-7540 rxt. 7 or email janetp@jlhdc.net.

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

The Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild of Good Samaritan Parish will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 18th in Jericho Hall after the 6:30 PM Mass

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. 16: Paczki Making at Jericho Hall! 5:30 pm
Come and bring a friend!
Monday, Mar. 9: Snacks & Spiritual Sustenance, 8-9:30 pm

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

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

Informational Sessions March 4, 5, 7.

Study Session #1: March: Wed., 11, Thurs. 12, Fri., 13. Come and discover Jesus as the Ultimate Priest, Prophet and King, foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew scriptures. Using Biblical insights and engaging stories Father Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. See bulletin insert for more details.

Lenten Nullity Presentations – Very Reverend Thomas W. Kunz, JCD, STL of the Tribunal Office of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be providing a 45-minute presentation. The purpose of the talk is to provide information about the nullity process and help those wanting to begin the process to do so by receiving the initial paperwork. The talk is directed toward those who have a desire for adult education regarding this often misunderstood subject. People involved in RCIA as teachers or directors may have a special interest in attending this talk. Registration is not required, but to plan for chairs and refreshments please let us know that you are coming at tribunal@diopitt.org or call 412-456-3033. Presentations are at parishes throughout the diocese. February 26, Saint Margaret Mary, Moon Twp.; March 11, Saints John and Paul, Franklin Park. All presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. and are free..

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, February 16

5:15-6:45 pm CCD - Grades 1-5
6:00 pm (GS) Women of WELL-come (SJH)
5:30 pm **ALIVE!** High School Youth Group

Paczki Making at Jericho Hall!

Wednesday, February 18

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice
6:30 pm (GS) Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild Meeting (JH)

Thursday, February 19

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

Friday, February 20

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 22

9:00 am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (SJH)
(GS-SJ) McGuire Memorial Home Collection-(Church)
9:30 am (SJ) Liturgy with children, CCM Mass & meeting
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 **Frank Hribar, Mary Ann Roginski and Kathleen Quigley**. 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	\$7,281.96
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, February 8, 2015	\$2,434.00