

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order]
 8:00 am (GS) Sean M. Harasin - Mother

Tuesday, February 18:
 8:00 am (GS) Angelo Messia - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Asafaylo

Wednesday, February 19:
 8:00 am (SJ) Helen Stricek - Regina LaRue
 6:30 pm (GS) Annette Cirignano - Bonnie & Walt Hamm

Thursday, February 20:
 8:00 am (GS) Mary Ferderbar - Daughter, Pauline

Friday, February 21:
 [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]
 8:00 am (SJ) Steve Chehovits - Mary, Helen & Joe Wesolowski

Saturday, February 22:
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
 4:00 pm (SJ) John Shumsky - Cathy Johnston
 5:30 pm (GS) Joseph Sasinovich - Mary Joe Sivy & Family

Sunday, February 23: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am (GS) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes
 9:45 am (SJ) Vincent DePace - Mike & Pam Meerdo
 11:00 am (GS) Teresa & Fortunato Rigano - Anthony & Dominic

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2014
Week 6 in Ordinary Time

Monday	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
Friday	Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Sunday	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER
Bread & Wine

Walter V. Raven (SJ) by Daughter, Cher

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

In Honor of Ruth Tisak (GS)

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Fr. Chuck Baptiste (GS) by Jim & Dotty, God's Blessings

Sanctuary Candle

Hovanec Family (GS) by Family

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY: LINKS participants will have their photo taken on Sunday, Feb 23rd at 12:20 pm in Good Samaritan Church. Please make an effort to be included.

LINKS: Liturgy of the Word with Children

Liturgy of the Word with Children will be celebrated at Good Samaritan on February 23rd during 11:00 am Mass. All children ages 5-12 are invited to this special liturgy where they can experience the Sunday reading in age-appropriate language that they will understand and remember. Families interested in helping with this Children's Ministry should contact Susan DiPietro at 724-266-3921 for more information and a training session.



From Father Joe

HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. **Matthew 5: 17**

Jesus tells his followers that He did not come to take away the Law of Moses; He came to *fulfill* the Law. In fact, Jesus holds His followers to an even HIGHER standard than the 10 Commandments. He goes on to say:

You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, "*You shall not kill*"... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment... and whoever says, "*You fool,*" will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Jesus elaborates further by saying:

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away... And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

Most of us have never committed a murder, but how many times have our words delivered mortal wounds to someone's ego? Whether on the playground with another child, at a dance as a teenager, or even in the midst of a fit of anger with a loved one, how many times have we said things that were bitterly hurtful? There's an old saying "*If looks could kill!*" I know there have been times when I have given nasty looks to people in anger. Without even saying anything, I have wounded others.



As Catholics, and as Christians, Jesus calls us to a higher standard. It doesn't matter whether a bit of gossip is true or a comment is based in fact. If it is hurtful to another's reputation, why repeat it? If another person wrongs us, we are called to try and be forgiving. It doesn't mean we have to be a doormat, but it means that we are called to try and be understanding, and to leave judgment and punishment to God. He is a God of Justice, and sees every wrong done to us. He is also a God of Mercy. In the end, the more we practice mercy here on earth, the more it allows God to be merciful to us without betraying His infinite Righteousness. The standard is high, but His rewards are out of this world!

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

THANK YOU, CCD STUDENTS!

18 St. John the Baptist students contributed **\$685.00** in offertory donations throughout the 2013 year!! Congratulations and Thank You! This amount has been deposited to the church account.

THANKS FROM WE CARE FOOD PANTRY "Once again, you have been a special blessing to *We Care!*... We are reminded of the fishes and the loaves, for each dollar donated 'translates' into \$3 of Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank buying power. May you be blest as you have so blest. Lovingly, gratefully and with you in Him," *We Care Food Pantry*. (Souper Bowl of Caring 2014)

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING-SUN., FEB. 23
Please join us for 9:45 AM Mass in the church followed by our February general meeting in the social hall. A presentation, refreshments and business meeting are on the agenda. All women of the parish are invited to join the Christian Mothers. Please feel free to come to the meeting or call our membership chairwoman, Barb Kincaid, if you have any questions. (724-869-9148)

Holy Name Society

"ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST!"

**Pancake/French Toast & Sausage Breakfast
THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
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: **ONLY \$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 monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 19th in Jericho Hall after the 6:30 pm Mass. The speaker is Sr. Mary Hall, from St. Joseph Convent. 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.

FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON Quigley Catholic High School is pleased to present its Fashion Show and Luncheon, "*Fashion Paradise*", on Saturday, March 1st at St. Frances Cabrini Church social hall, 115 Trinity Dr., Center Twp. (Monaca). Doors open at 11:00 AM. Special celebrity emcee is **Sally Wiggin** and fashions will be featured from Macy's, Kohl's, Christopher & Banks, Rome Inspirations and David's Bridal along with entertainment and over \$4000 in prizes and raffles. Buffet Luncheon, beverages and dessert are included. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by contacting Mike Rubino at 724-869-2188, Ext. 4 or at rubino@qchs.org by Feb. 21st. Tables may be reserved for groups of 8-12. Seating is limited. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO BRAVED THE ICE, SNOW AND COLD ON SUNDAY for their scheduled Parish Photo Directory appointment. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

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

St. Alphonsus Catholic School Registration, 100 Church Road, Wexford, PA 15090 begins February 17th for full-day kindergarten through 8th grade. Established in 1889, St. Alphonsus offers a dynamic education deeply rooted in Catholic tradition and philosophy. Contact us for a tour or visit our website for more information www.stals.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS: Aquinas Academy High School Information Evening on Wednesday, February 19th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. contact 724-444-0722 x 15 or www.AquinasAcademy.info.

Gilmery Center Family Enrichment Dinner

Thursday, March 6th at 6:30 pm, Fr. John Ezratty presents a talk entitled "The Family, Forge of Saints." Info at www.gilmerycenter.org, or 412-264-8400. register by 3/3.

+UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 17

8:30 am (GS) Cabbage & Inions Prep. (JH)

5:15- 6:45 pm CCD Grades 1-5 (SJ)

Wednesday, February 19

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

6:30 pm (GS) CM/LG Meeting (JH)

Friday, February 21

9:00 am (SJ) Pierogi Sales until sold out call 724-869-9758

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7-9 pm (GS) Confession-Rosary-Mass/Marian Prayer Group

Sunday, February 23

9:00 am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (SJH)

9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)

11:00 am (SJ) CCM Membership meeting

11:00 am (GS) LINKS during Mass

3:00 pm (GS) Doors Open - Volunteer Appreciation (JH)

✠IN SYMPATHY: Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Alfred Pitts and David Taylor (brother of Attorney Robert Taylor)* 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 9, 2014	\$7,335.85
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, February 9, 2014	\$2,040.00