

# Mass Intentions

## SECOND WEEK OF LENT

**Monday, February 22 THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER  
THE APOSTLE (Feast)**

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

**Tuesday, February 23 Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr**

8:00am (GS) Bernie Skonieczny by Larry and Audry Mutschler

**Wednesday, February 24**

8:00am (SJ) John Shumsky by Barbara Kincaid

6:30pm (GS) Matilda (Tillie) Benkowski by Kohar Family

**Thursday, February 25**

8:00am (GS) Albert Rabovsky by Jeri Giammaria & Marlene Verigood

**Friday, February 26**

8:00am (SJ) Joseph Monzi by Ed Waskiewicz

8:00pm (GS) William Freed by Helen, Allen & Amy Andrascik

**Saturday, February 27**

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) Nick Costa by wife, Barbara

5:30pm Vigil (GS) Phyllis Chirumbolo by Jill & Marty Chirumbolo

**Sunday, February 28 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

9:30am (SJ) Ruth Evanko by Elmer Evanko

11:00am (GS) Zbigniew Dudkiewicz by Tomasz Dudkiewicz

### Readings for the Week of February 22, 2016

<b>Monday</b>	1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23;1-3a:4-6 Mt 16:13-19
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sunday</b>	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

### CCD LENTEN BANKS

The CCD students have been given their Lenten Banks. Our Almsgiving will go to Father Scott Seethaler's mission hospital in Oaxaca Mexico. There are banks at the church entrances if you wish to join our Project. The banks are to be turned in on Palm Sunday. *Gracias!*

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Sanctuary Candle

(GS) in memory of Cecile Tabinowski by Darlene Kopp  
(SJ) John Brooks by Mike, Shelly & Cheryl

### 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



### SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 27-28

#### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be at all Masses at Good Samaritan and Saint John the Baptist.

### HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

The Gospel for this second Sunday in Lent retells the story of the *transfiguration* of Jesus.

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying, his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John along to witness His transfiguration. These three would become pillars in the newly established Church once Christ had ascended into heaven. Peter was the first pope -- the rock upon whom Christ built His Church. James would go on to become the first of the Apostles to be martyred. John would be the last of the Apostles to die. Each played a pivotal role.

Jesus allowed these 3 to see Him standing next to Moses, the great forefather who gave the Law to the Israelites, and Elijah, arguably the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. Before their eyes, Christ was transfigured and began to glow. Mind you, Christ was not *transformed* on the mountaintop; He was *transfigured*. He didn't change. He merely allowed His followers to see a glimpse of Himself as He truly was inside.

In Genesis we're told that we were all made in the image and likeness of God. Occasionally we see a glimpse of that image of God in another, often in the innocent eyes of a child, or of a mother comforting one of her little ones. Mostly, we live our lives surrounded by walls that we've put up to shelter ourselves from the world and from those who might hurt or embarrass us.

I got a call just tonight from a friend who was in seminary with me. He lamented the fact that he hates to watch the news because the world is filled with such tragedy and violence. I smiled and told him that there is still hope. After a recent funeral, I was heading back to the sacristy to change and a man walked by with his little girl at his side. Another person walked up to me and smiled. He pointed to the little girl and said, *"That child is someone special."*

I didn't know what to make of the comment. He went on to say *"I watched her during the funeral. Her dad was choked up at the thought of his grandmother's passing. Without a word, his little daughter put her arm around her father's shoulder. For twenty minutes, I watched her rub her father's back and comfort him. What a special little child."*

Sometimes in the midst of great sadness and pain, God allows us to see an act of such pure and innocent love that we are reminded that He is inside each of us. Once in a while, we open our hearts -- allowing others to catch a glimpse of His image and likeness that lies within us. This Lent, may we all become like that little child.

# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Holy Name Society will be serving up their "ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT" pancake, French toast, waffle & sausage breakfast beginning at 8:00AM to 11:30AM in the church social hall. The cost is only \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids 5-10 yrs. of age. Younger than 5 are free. Come down and treat yourself to a delicious breakfast.



**BAKE SALE!** St. John's Choir will be selling baked goods during the pancake breakfast. **Donations of baked items are appreciated.** Thank you!

**SUN., FEB. 28, CCM GENERAL MEETING** St. John's Confraternity of Christian Mothers will gather for 9:30AM Mass followed by our meeting in the social hall. A program will be presented and light refreshments will be served. All women of the parish are invited to join the Christian Mothers. Feel free to attend any meeting to get to know us.

**CRS RICE BOWL** Each Lent, our yellow "Rice Bowl" comes out for almsgiving. Catholic Relief Services sponsors this faith-in-action program which aids people in need around the world. Consider having a smaller-than-usual meal and donate the money you didn't spend at a restaurant to the Rice Bowl. Daily reflections and Stories of Hope are available at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

**HELP!! WE ARE IN A PINCH!**

**PIEROGI PROJECT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Please volunteer if you can! Potatoes are peeled and cut up on Wednesdays from 3PM—5PM. Potato mashing is done on Thursdays beginning at 8AM. Pinching, cooking, packing and clean-up happens on Fridays beginning at 6:30 AM. By afternoon, washing of pots and dishes starts. **More helpers are definitely needed for this time period.** Can you lend a hand for an hour or two? Call the parish office if you wish to become a new volunteer: 724-869-2280.

**CATHOLIC MAN'S NIGHT**

Join us on Thursday, March 3rd at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 6th Street and Melrose Avenue in Ambridge for an hour of silent reflection and a short talk by Fr. Joseph Matlak. Open to all Catholic men who aspire to meet, get to know, and build a relationship with Jesus Christ. Informal dinner to follow. Free of charge. For details, please contact Ray Fedorko at 412-758-7623. Flyers available in the church vestibule.

**✠ IN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially for *Irene Mashenic, James Edward Dzedzic, Catherine Zychowski, Mary Uhernik, William Polinsky,* and *Diane K. McCartney Cerra,* who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

# +UPCOMING EVENTS+

**Sunday, February 21**

8:00am-11:30am (SJ) **HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND CHOIR BAKE SALE**

9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass (GS) **No CIC/Teen RCIA today**

2:30pm Rite of Election for CIC Catechumens, Teen RCIA Candidates and RCIA Candidates  
(Bus leaves GS Church parking lot @12:30pm.)

**Monday, February 22**

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

7:00pm (GS) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 2 (JH Classroom)

**Tuesday, February 23**

6:30pm (GS) RCIA Session (Church)

**Wednesday, February 24**

3:00pm -5:00pm (SJ) Potato peeling for pierogi

6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice

7:15pm (GS) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 2 (JH Classroom)

**Thursday, February 25**

8:00am (SJ) Pierogi potato mashing

7:00pm (SJ) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus"- Session 2 (SJB Social Hall)

**Friday, February 26**

7:30am (SJ) **St. John's Pierogi Project: Pierogi Making Starts**  
**Pierogi Hotline 724-869-9758**

**Orders Taken starting at 6:00am until sold out**

11:00am (GS) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 2 (JH Classroom)

**11:00am-7pm (GS) Good Samaritan Lent 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



**Saturday, February 27**

(GS) **Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild SOUP SALE**

(In Jericho Hall after all Masses at Good Samaritan)

(GS & SJ) Little Sisters of the Poor at all Masses

**Sunday, February 28**

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)

9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass

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GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering Feb. 14, 2016	\$5,948.62
Children's Offering	\$56.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,603.75
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering Feb. 14, 2016	\$1,714.00
Ash Wednesday	\$650.00