

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24: Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Joseph Salopek - Family

Tuesday, February 25: Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Arthur Rudis - Geri Giammaria

Wednesday, February 26: Weekday

8:00 am (SJ) Milton Hertneky - Barb & Dick O'Neill

6:30 pm (GS) Louise Szymoniak - sister, Marcella Razo

Thursday, February 27: Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Anthony Rossi - Frances Soriano

Friday, February 28: Weekday

8:00 am (SJ) Raymond Sutton - Cathy Johnston

Saturday, March 1: Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]

9:00 am (SJ) Living & Deceased of Beaver Valley Blue Army

4:00 pm (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes

5:30 pm (GS) Ted Lotowski - wife, Nancy

Sunday, March 2: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am (GS) George & Mary Mourovic - Carol, Harry & Family

9:45 am (SJ) John Cappabianco - SJB Sunday Ushers

11:00 am (GS) Josie Pasquariella - Dorothy Matika

Readings for the Week of February 23, 2014 Week 7 in Ordinary Time

Monday	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

In Honor of Jill Chirumbolo (GS) by Antonio & Sofia Chirumbolo

Holy Family Shrine Candle

In Thanksgiving for All God's Blessings (GS) by Jim & Dotty

Sanctuary Candle

Anthony & Virginia Rossi (GS) by Amy Tresky

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

March 5, 2014

8:00 am	Mass	St. John the Baptist
12:00 Noon	Word Service	Good Samaritan
4:00 pm	Word Service	Good Samaritan
6:30 pm	Word Service	St. John the Baptist
6:30 pm	Mass	Good Samaritan

Sacrament of Reconciliation (extended times)

Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:20 pm Good Samaritan

(Not on Ash Wed.)

Saturdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm Good Samaritan

(Not on Holy Saturday)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Fridays during Lent)

2:30 pm	Good Samaritan, Ambridge
6:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Baden
7:00 pm	Good Samaritan, Ambridge



From Father Joe

AN EYE FOR AN EYE

Last Sunday's readings challenged us to look into our hearts and question if we have harmed others, even with our words. Matthew quotes Jesus, who said, "*whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment*"

This week, we hear the words of Jesus who not only warns us not to hurt others by word or deed, but He also calls us to forgive those who may have harmed us.

You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. **Lev. 19**

The words Jesus chooses are interesting. He says that we may from time to time need to reprimand or correct others, but that we should not incur sin because of them.

How often does the devil see a golden opportunity to attack us when we are innocent victims? Satan isn't satisfied that he may have provoked someone to do us harm. He wants it to escalate by our retaliating and even *escalating* the conflict. You can almost imagine the conversation around the tent in ancient Israel: "*He thinks he can get away with carelessly killing one of my goats? I'll show him! I will kill TEN of his sheep!!*"

That phrase "*do not incur sin because of them*" sticks with me. It makes me realize that holding a grudge does no harm to the other person, and it certainly doesn't help make up for the wrong we suffered (real or imagined). All it does is make us bitter and more likely to take it out on the next person we encounter, even if it's a family member.

Clearing a parking spot of ankle-deep slush in front of my house this past week made me think back to the blizzard of 1993 when more than 23 inches of snow fell in 24 hours. I can still recall spending more than an hour shoveling a parking spot for my dad in front of the house. A little while later a young neighbor pulled his car into the spot. (I hate to admit what I wanted to do to the car). I trudged up the long hill to ask him to move his car. "*Where else can I park. The whole street is buried in snow.*" he said. Biting my lip, I calmly said, "*Take the time to shovel a spot in front of your own house. I spent an hour shoveling a spot for my dad who is almost 70.*"

Thankfully, it worked out okay. There were no Hatfield and McCoy grudges, but if the devil had his way, one or the other of us could have turned it into a huge argument instead of an opportunity to calmly address a disagreement.

It's *only* with the help of God that we can let go of grudges or calmly deal with conflict. In the end, even if I had to clear another spot, would it be worth creating an enemy for life? What bothers me is that I still recall the incident 20 years later. The roots of anger run deep, but the Grace of God is unending. As we approach Lent, let us pray particularly for those who find it hard to forgive.

*Enrich Your Lenten Journey
with a Catholic Spiritual Study on*

**“Seven Deadly Sins and
Seven Lively Virtues”**

This Lent, begin the journey from sin to sanctity with
Fr. Robert Barron’s 4-Week Spiritual Study Program
that explains the nature of the seven deadly sins,
offers a corresponding virtue for each, and
gives practical advice on how to instill this virtue in your own life.

Wednesdays at Good Samaritan (Ambridge)

(March 12, 19, 26 and April 2)

7:15 PM – 8:15 PM in Church

and

Thursdays at St. John the Baptist (Baden)

(March 13, 20, 27 and April 3)

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in Church Hall

and

Fridays at Good Samaritan (Ambridge)

(March 14, 21, 28 and April 4)

11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon in St. Joseph House Convent

This is a **“no prep, no homework, no cost” 60-Minute Catholic Spiritual Study for Adults and Teens with DVD Presentation by Fr. Robert Barron** as well as time for prayer and reflection. An accompanying Study Guide will be available for \$15 at each session, but it is not necessary in order to fully participate.
For more information, call Susan at 724-266-6565 Extension #17.

Women of All Ages
are invited to begin their Lenten season with our first

"Mary and Martha Monday"
Women's Bible Study

on **Monday, March 10, 2014**
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
in **Good Samaritan Church** (Ambridge)

This is a ***"come as you are, no prep, no homework, no cost"***
Bible Study for Women of All Ages
with ***DVD Presentation/Performance by Anita Gutschick***
(Catholic Women's Conference Speaker and Actress)
as well as time to pray, share,
and forge Church family friendships.

- o Give yourself the gift of ***90-minutes once a month to take a break from your daily "Martha" responsibilities*** in order to ***become more Christ-centered like "Mary"***.
- o ***Come to be enriched and challenged*** as you ***experience His Word revealed in Women of the Bible***, like Martha, the Woman at the Well, Sarah, Elizabeth, and many more.
- o ***Laugh and cry with them*** as Anita Gutschick's endearing portrayals help you to ***see yourself in their stories*** and ***claim their revealed biblical truths for yourself***.

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SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

Christian Mothers meeting after 9:45 am Mass followed by general meeting in the social hall. A presentation, refreshments and business meeting are on the agenda. All women are invited to join the Christian Mothers. Please come or call Barb Kincaid, membership 724-869-9148.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 The Beaver Valley Blue Army (the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) First Saturday meeting, March 1st at St. John the Baptist Church. Confessions begin 8:15 am. Mass at **9:00 am** Following Mass, members will pray the Rosary. A continental breakfast will follow. All are **WELCOME** 724-375-3846.

HELP WANTED: PIEROGI VOLUNTEERS!

Do you like playing with your food, pinching dough or rolling balls of cottage cheese and mashed potatoes? Do you appreciate curly hair due to cooking in a steamy kitchen? Do you enjoy time visiting with friends while helping in a worthwhile fund raiser? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you could have these desires fulfilled by becoming a St. John's Pierogi Worker! If you would like to become a new volunteer, call the parish office at 724-869-2280. Positions are open for Thursday mornings and all day on Fridays. Don't delay! The rewards could be heavenly!

Catholic Charities invites you to eat out during Lent and "**Get Hooked on a Great Cause**" our Lenten restaurant campaign. Enjoy select menu items at 25 partnering restaurants, March 5-April 17, and a portion of the sales will be donated to Catholic Charities. Get a list of restaurants at www.ccpgh.org.

Catholic Charities Beaver County Spring Dinner Dance On Sat., March 22, at 6:00 pm, **2014 Spring Dinner Dance** at Monaca Turners, 1700 Old Brodhead Road. **Touche'** will perform your favorites in support of Catholic Charities. Tickets are \$20, available at SS Peter & Paul, Beaver 724-775-4111 or St. John the Baptist, Monaca 724-775-3940.

Theology On Tap Beaver County

Thursday, March 6, 7-9 pm at Ba Runi Bar & Grill, Baden. Julie Amatangelo introduces John Paul II's "**Theology of the Body.**" Contact Mary Ann Schweitzer 724-846-7540 or check website theologyontapbc.com.

What is the New Evangelization? Saints John & Paul Church, 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd. Sewickley. Thursday, Feb. 27th at 7:30 pm, a presentation by **Dr. Scott Hahn**, theologian and author. RSVP at www.stsjohnandpaul.org under "Theology Night Club" or contact Mary Bulger 412-364-6199 or mayme4@verizon.net.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

St. James Parish Gathering Space on Saturday, March 1st 9:00 am - Noon, Call Susan Ponticello 412-741-6650 x315.

Peter Pan Musical Production at Ambridge High School Ambridge Area High School presents "**Peter Pan: The Musical.**" Thursday-Saturday, March 6-8 at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, March 9th at 3:00 pm. For advanced tickets call 724-494-1563.

THANK YOU to all parishioners of St. John the Baptist & Good Samaritan, who donated their blood to the American Red Cross for my senior project which was very successful. Thank you to all those who participated. **Zachary Pinkosky**

St. Ferdinand Church is hosting its annual **Ethnic Food Fair 2014** on **Saturday, March 1** (noon to 8:00 pm) and **Sunday, March 2** (11:00 am to 6:00 pm). Come for fun, live entertainment, raffles, fellowship, and great foods from around the world. Admission is free; take out is available.

St. Gregory Church, Zelienople a Mardi Gras Mixer on Saturday, March 1 from 7:00-11:00 pm. Music, mingling, fun in our Bergman Events Center. DJ, Gary Lesh, with music from 50's-80's. Beer, mixers, coffee and snacks are provided. Tickets available after weekend masses or call the church 724-452-7245 or school 724-452-9731. Cost is \$10/person. Must be 21 years of age to attend.

St. James Women's Guild Fashion Show in Sewickley "**Spring into Fashion**" on **Sunday, March 9th at 1:30 pm** Tickets are \$10 person and will be sold after Masses or call 412-741-2845 or email mkrmonchi@aol.com Space is limited! Refreshments & Door Prizes.

+UPCOMING EVENTS**Monday, February 24**

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

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Thursday, February 27

8:00 am (SJ) Pierogi workers cook potatoes. Help needed

6:00 pm (SJ) Roll potato balls

Friday, February 28

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, March 2: Parish Share Appeal

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

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

11:00 am (SJ) CCM Board Meeting

5:30 pm (GS) RCIA (SJH)

✠ **IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Dorothy Piltz and Dolores Johnson**. 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 16, 2014	\$6,757.01
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, February 16, 2014	\$2,489.00