

# Mass Intentions

## THIRD WEEK OF LENT

**Monday, February 29**

8:00am (GS) Ben Lewis by the Lenten Fish Fry Crew

**Tuesday, March 1**

8:00am (GS) Betty Simon by Ben Lewis

**Wednesday, March 2**

8:00am (SJ) Frank Firich by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Durbin

6:30pm (GS) Pauline Stanovich by Pete & Carol Poninsky

**Thursday, March 3** *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

8:00am (GS) Bernie Grzegorek by Paul & Linda Bohn

**Friday, March 4** *Saint Casimir*

8:00am (SJ) Robert Rinaldi by Dick & Evelyn Kuny

8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, March 5**

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

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) Donald Chismire by wife, Marian

5:30pm Vigil (GS) Robert & Mary Braum by

Jean Ann & Joe Mulhern

**Sunday, March 6 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

9:30am (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

11:00am (GS) Phillip Grzegorek by Tom & Mary Vance

**Readings for the Week of February 29, 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3, 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5b, 6,7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23
<b>Friday</b>	Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sunday</b>	Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER**

**Sanctuary Candle**

(SJ) Ruth Evanko by Elmer Evanko

**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



**CATHOLIC MEN'S NIGHT**

Join us Thursday, March 3rd at Saints Peter & 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.

**GOOD SAMARITAN  
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**724-266-6565  
724-869-2280**

**AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

At Mass each week, we begin with a brief examination of conscience and usually pray the Confiteor. (*I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned...*). It is a way of preparing our hearts to encounter Jesus at His sacred altar.

The second reading this Sunday from 1 Corinthians is a stark reminder that, while God is *certainly* a God of Mercy, He is also a God of Justice.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses... All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink... Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us... Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

**From 1 Corinthians 10**


This reading refers to the older generation of Israelites who were rescued from slavery in Egypt and led by Moses into the desert. **This whole generation** died before entering into the Promised Land. As the passage indicates, many in that generation of Israelites grumbled and complained *constantly*. First they complained that they had no water, so God gave them water from the rock. Then they complained they were hungry and would have been better off back in Egypt. Then God gave them Manna to eat. Next they complained that they didn't have meat, so God gave them meat. At one point Moses became so frustrated that he asked God to end his life!


God did not allow them to enter the new land flowing with milk and honey because of their attitude and their hardness of heart. As the passage says, "*These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us.*"

Lent is a time to earnestly look into our hearts, not just for a few seconds on Sunday, but instead, to set aside time to examine our habits and our attitudes, asking God to give us grateful hearts and an uplifting spirit. In the words of Saint Paul, "*Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world.*"

# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

**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. All women of the parish are invited to join the Christian Mothers. Feel free to attend any meeting to get to know us.

 **MARCH 2, FIRST WEDNESDAY ADORATION** Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass and continue until 2:30 PM closing. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord.

 **SAT., MARCH 5, BLUE ARMY MASS** The Beaver Valley Blue Army (the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) will hold its First Saturday meeting here at St. John's. Confessions begin at 8:15AM. After 9:00 Mass, members will pray the Rosary. A continental breakfast follows. New members or those interested in our organization are welcome. Call Colleen 724-375-3846 with any questions.

**THANKS FOR "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" DONATIONS.** "We are always so grateful and thankful for your most kind, generous & faithful remembrance to our ministry. You are our blessing & may you be so richly blest as you have so richly blest. With you and in Him+, *We Care Food Pantry, Baden U. Methodist Church*"

**CARDS FOR SISTER MERCY BRIOLA** As part of Sister Mercy's Lenten fast, she is permitted to receive mail, but not open it until Easter. She loves to hear from her home parishes. This is a difficult time in the formation process. It is only she and one postulant to perform all of the tasks of the professed novices who are at their assigned work duties. If you could remember her with a card it would brighten her spirits. She loves to hear about what is happening in Ambridge & Baden. God bless all who take the time to send a card to her. This act of mercy is greatly appreciated. Sr. Mercy prays for her home parishes daily. Thanks to all of you. Sr. M. Mercy Briola, O.S.F., c/o St. Francis Convent, P.O. Box 766, Mishawaka, IN 46546

**PIEROGI PROJECT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Can you lend a hand for an hour or two? Volunteer opportunities are on Wed. afternoons, Thursday mornings & afternoons and all day on Fridays. Call the parish office if you wish to become a new volunteer: 724-869-2280.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS 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.

**✠ IN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially for *Sister Elizabeth Brown, CSJ, John Cousins, and Richard Sabol*, 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 28**

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)  
 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass  
 9:30am Mass: (SJ) Liturgy of the Word with Children.  
 Christian Mothers meeting following 9:30 Mass (SJ)  
 (GS) **Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild SOUP SALE**  
 (In Jericho Hall after all Masses at Good Samaritan)

**Monday, February 29**

9:00am (GS) Pierogi Making in Jericho Hall  
 5:15-6:45 pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5  
 7:00pm (GS) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 2 (JH Classroom)

**Tuesday, March 1**

6:30pm (GS) RCIA Session (Susan's Home)

**Wednesday, March 2**

(SJ) Eucharistic Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and closes at 2:30pm  
 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, March 3**

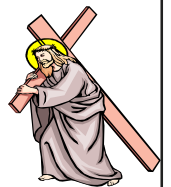
8:00am (SJ) Potato mashing for pierogi  
 7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice  
 7:00pm (SJ) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus"- Session 2 (SJB Social Hall)

**Friday, March 4**

**6:00am (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  
 5:30pm (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (Susan's Home)  
 6:00pm (SJ) Stations of the Cross  
 7:00 pm (GS) Stations of the Cross  
 8:00pm (GS) Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer Group



**Saturday, March 5**

9:00am (SJ) Blue Army Mass

**Sunday, March 6**

8:00am Mass(GS) Scrutiny for CIC Elect Ava & Aedan  
 9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)  
 9:00am (GS) Nutroll Dough Making & Prep (Jericho Hall)  
 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass

GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering Feb. 21, 2016	\$6,636.00
Children's Offering	\$77.50
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering Feb. 21, 2016	\$ 2167.00