

# Mass Intentions

[Week 3 in Lent]

**Monday, March 2: Weekday**

8:00 am (GS) Alan Berger by Pam & Keith Richter

**Tuesday, March 3: Lenten Weekday [Saint Katharine Drexel]**

8:00 am (GS) Helen Bova by Jan Bova

7:00 pm (GS) Intentions of Confirmation Candidates

**Wednesday, March 4: Lenten Weekday [Saint Casimir]**

8:00 am (SJ) Robert Lindauere by Lindauere Family

6:30 pm (GS) Louise Szymoniak by Terry & Brenda Gaona

**Thursday, March 5: Lenten Weekday**

8:00 am (GS) Stephen Hramika by wife, Annette

**Friday, March 6: Lenten Weekday**

8:00 am (SJ) Thomas Napoleon by Ellen, Tom Jr. & Donna

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

**Saturday, March 7: Lenten Weekday [Saints Perpetua & Felicity]**

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

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil, Elizabeth Bungo by St. John's CCM

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil, Josephine Matzie by Michael & Marsha Spolarich

**Sunday, March 8: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

9:30 am (SJ) Lou Marsilio by Dick, Barb & Karen O'Neill

11:00 am (GS) Frances Pockey by Gino & Ezia Romano

**Readings for the Week of March 2, 2015**

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER**

**Blessed Mother Shrine Candle**

Anita Lewis (GS) by Husband, Ben

**Holy Family Shrine Candle**

Richard F. Bartosch (GS) by Jeanne Melton

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

(Fridays during Lent)

2:30 pm **Good Samaritan**

6:00 pm **St. John the Baptist**

7:00 pm **Good Samaritan**



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

(extended times for Lent, not on Holy Sat.)

**Wednesdays 5:30-6:20 pm Good Samaritan**

**Saturdays 12:00-12:45 pm Good Samaritan**

**Saturdays 1:15-1:45 pm St. John the Baptist**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Drive Good Samaritan**

Non-perishable food **NEEDED FOR THE POOR**. Please place your items in the **red containers** at the doors of the Church and **monetary donations** in the Sunday collection in an envelope marked for **SVdP**. Thank you for your help.



**From Father Joe**

**GRADUATING FROM BEING CATHOLIC**

I cannot even BEGIN to imagine what it must be like for someone to have their child die. It's just not part of the natural order of life. We expect to bury our parents, not our children.

This weekend we hear the story of Abraham being asked to sacrifice his son Isaac to God. For years and years, Abraham and his wife Sarah had prayed to God for a child. When God announced that Sarah would have a child in her old age, Abraham and his wife were just ecstatic! It was a miracle. Years later, when Abraham was asked to sacrifice his beloved son to God, he must have been devastated. There is no doubt in my mind that Abraham would have preferred to die himself. Despite his love for Isaac, and his pain at the thought of losing his only son, Abraham was willing to make the sacrifice for his God. What an incredible act of faith. What an incredible act of love!

Ultimately, an angel stopped Abraham from making the sacrifice. It was just a test. God already *knew* what Abraham would do, but Abraham's willingness to sacrifice for God served as an inspiration to future generations.

This coming week, the Bishop will come home to Ambridge to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. I am excited that some of these young people may grow to be an inspiration to future generations of Catholics. There are really some wonderful young people in the group! They will be future Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers... and maybe even a few pierogi pinchers.

Unfortunately, some folks in our modern culture seem to see Confirmation as the end of the spiritual road; they have all their sacraments of initiation, and don't think they have to do anything more. After Confirmation, many Catholics don't return until they are ready to be married.

I love to hear stories of "the Good Old Days," when priests like Father Nee at Saint Veronica, or Msgr. Labujewski at Saint Stanislaus would have CCD programs all the way through high school. Legend has it that Father Farina at Christ the King would tell kids that if they *ever* wanted to be married at his church, they better continue until they were seniors!

There are so many, many distractions that can pull young people away from weekly attendance at Mass. That's why picking a sponsor for Confirmation or a Godparent for Baptism is so critically important. Like Abraham, they should be witnesses of the faith in what they say and what they do, even when it means they have to make sacrifices to practice their faith.

It's been said that true faith isn't taught -- it's *caught*. The kind of faith that sustains people through the darkest moments in life is something learned by watching others.

This Lent, please pray in earnest for the people in our faith formation programs, and those who will receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year, that they may feel the fire of God's love, and ignite others.

Saint Alphonsus School in Wexford is now enrolling preschool, full-day kindergarten, and grades 1st through 8th for the 2015-2016 school year. The school offers a 125 year legacy of stellar academic achievement and faith-centered education. Contact the school office at 724 935-1152 for more details or to arrange a tour of this first-class diocesan school.

Quigley Catholic High School invites you to their SPRING OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, March 8, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Quigley Catholic is a college preparatory high school that places a high priority not only on academics, but also on faith formation. Quigley Catholic is consistently recognized among the top Catholic high schools in the nation. All are welcome to come and see what the Quigley family is all about! **The Placement Exam will be on Friday, March 13th. The deadline date for registering is March 9th.** If you would like more information please call 724-869-2188, email us at [admissions@qchs.org](mailto:admissions@qchs.org), or visit our website at [www.qchs.org](http://www.qchs.org).

**Our Lady of Fatima School Registration: Registrations for the 2015-2016 school year are now being accepted.** We offer an excellent academic program in a faith-filled environment. There is still time to enroll in our Kindergarten through 8th grade program and our 3 year old and 4 year old preschool program. **Financial aid is available with a deadline to apply by March 16, 2015.** You can visit our website at <http://www.ourladyoffatimahopewell.org/>, Call us at 724-375-7565, or email us at [olofschool@comcast.net](mailto:olofschool@comcast.net). You can also set up a visit to our school for firsthand information.

**Limited grant monies available for attendance and participation in the World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit in Philadelphia in September, 2015.** Contact Rose Curcio at Good Samaritan, if interested or if you have any questions. Financial grant for up to 50% of Pilgrimage Package, nominees required to submit to the diocese a completed registration and letter of nomination from the pastor and an idea of how they intend to share their experience with their community upon return. Grant recipients will be responsible for remaining costs of meals and out-of-pocket expenses. Registration materials available on the diocesan website: <http://diopitt.org/pittsburgh-pilgrimage-packages-world-meeting-families-and-papal-visit>.

## 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 newest DVD 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 were “baptized into Christ.”

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

***STUDY GUIDES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$25 AT INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS***

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

or

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

or

**Friday, March 6 at Good Samaritan, Ambridge 11:00 AM** (Classroom in Jericho Hall)

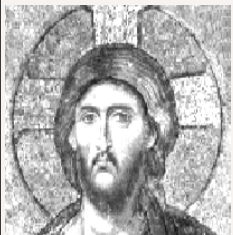
*\*Please note change of location for Friday's session.*

**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.***



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.

**AMBRIDGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS**

***The Adams Family Musical***

**Thurs., Fri., Sat., March 5, 6, 7th at 7:30 pm**

**Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 pm**

**For Tickets Call: 724-266-2873 ext. 2220**

**Beaver County Theology On Tap Wed., March 4, 7-9pm,** Beaver Brewing Co. 182 7th Ave, Beaver Falls. "The Actual Suffering of Christ," Dr. Michael Kruczek, MD presents the medical aspects of the crucifixion & what Christ endured during his passion & death. Call 724-846-7540, email [theologyontapbc@gmail.com](mailto:theologyontapbc@gmail.com) [www.theologyontapbc.org](http://www.theologyontapbc.org)

**RETRouvaille SAVE OUR MARRIAGE** This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. The next Weekend begins April 10, 2015. Please call for confidential information at 412-277-3434 or see <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

**A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is the opportunity for a husband and wife to renew their relationship with fresh love and energized new beginnings.** All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together. Info: [YourMarriageIsWorthIt.org](http://YourMarriageIsWorthIt.org), (814) 823-4600 or (412) 635-7775, WWME-Western PA *Find us on Facebook!*

**SILVER RING THING**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**QUIGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOLL**

All teens 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend the Silver Ring Thing (SRT) that St. Monica's is hosting at Quigley Catholic! It's an intense evening filled with music, lasers, and tons of special effects, all creating the background for a great message on Chastity. You can sign up by going to [www.silverringthing.com](http://www.silverringthing.com). To purchase a Chastity Ring the cost is \$20. This night is so important because it sends a powerful message that is ESSENTIAL for our young people!!! An adult must accompany 7th Graders. Parents Session that evening. Info: email Mary Ann Schweitzer, Youth Minister, Saint Monica Parish [youth@saintmonica.us](mailto:youth@saintmonica.us)

**GOOD SAMARITAN and SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Volunteer Form for Liturgical Ministers  
Easter Schedule 2015\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Altar Server     Extraordinary Minister     Lector

**March 29, Vigil, Palm Sunday Mass**

4:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ SJ                      5:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ GS

**March 29, Palm Sunday Mass**

9:30 am \_\_\_\_\_ SJ                      8:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ GS

11:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ GS

**April 2, Holy Thursday Mass**

7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ SJ                      7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ GS

**April 3, Good Friday Passion Service**

2:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ SJ                      2:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ GS

**April 4, Vigil, Easter Mass**

8:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ GS

**April 5, Easter Sunday Mass**

9:30 am \_\_\_\_\_ SJ                      8:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ GS

11:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ GS

*Please place in the Good Samaritan or Saint John the Baptist collection basket or return to your parish office by March 16.*

*\*Note that the Mass schedule may be subject to some changes*

**Divorced, Widowed, or Separated?**

The *Beginning Experience* weekend is intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated people who would like to pass through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. The next weekend is **March 20-22**, at Gilmory Retreat Center, Moon Twp. Info on the website [www.BeginningExperience.org](http://www.BeginningExperience.org) or for a confidential call **Mary 412-523-2405 or Steve 412-367-4948.**

**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.



**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER** ✠



**MARCH 4, FIRST WED. ADORATION**  
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 8:00 AM Mass until 2:30 PM closing. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord!



**March 7, The Beaver Valley Blue Army**  
(The World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) will hold its First Saturday meeting at St. John's. Confessions beginning at 8:15 AM. Mass at 9:00 AM. After Mass, members will pray the Rosary. A continental breakfast follows. New members or those interested in our organization are welcome. Please call Colleen (724) 375-3846 if you have any questions.

**A POSSIBLE LENTEN SACRIFICE OF YOUR TIME PIEROGI WORKERS ARE NEEDED!** THURSDAY MORNINGS & THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON FRIDAYS more volunteers are needed. Could you spare 2 hours? Call the office for more details or if you wish to become a volunteer: 724-869-2280

**FOR SOUPER BOWL OF CARING COLLECTION:**  
We, of the *We Care Food Pantry*, do not have sufficient words to express our deep & abounding gratitude for your most generous gift to our ministry. Your faithful contributions & support are a constant source of encouragement and blessing. May you be blessed as you have also blessed. Humbly & gratefully, *We Care Food Pantry, Baden United Methodist Church.*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet at St. John's. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 PM followed by 3:00 PM Holy Hour and 4:00 PM social meeting in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

**St. Frances Cabrini Christian Mothers' Annual Day of Recollection, Wed., March 11, Fr. Jean-Luc Zadroga, OSB, St. Vincent College, 9:30 am to 3 pm.** Buffet luncheon at noon by Roma Catering. Cost is \$15/person. *St. John's CCM may make reservation by calling Evelyn Graham 724-869-0538. We will reserve and pay as a group.*

 **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](mailto:youth@goodsam1.org) **Come and bring a friend!**

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS:**

Monday, Mar. 9: Snacks & Spiritual Sustenance, 8-9:30 pm

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

 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**GOOD SAMARITAN & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL SCHEDULE  
Saturday, March 7, from 3:00-7:00 PM**

Volunteers are needed to join us to witness and pray for the end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh. We will have 2 shifts: 3:00-5:00PM & 5:00-7:00PM. Call to specify your desired time: 724-561-2075 (Jan). We can travel/park together for comfort.

**THANK YOU to those who supported the Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild Soup Sale this past weekend.** Proceeds from the sale will fund this year's scholarship program. Additionally, donations to the scholarship program were made in memory of Lil Turney, Ceil Tabinowski and Gertie Orler.

**THANK YOU from Ladies of Charity to those who stayed after 11:00 AM Mass last week to participate in "the great coat rescue."** All of our coat inventory was quickly moved from St. Joseph's Hall to a dry room in Jericho Hall with so much help. Once again Good Samaritan parishioners came through in a time of need.

**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

**Monday, March 2**

8:30 am (GS) Baking Project  
5:15-6:45pm - CCD - Grades 1-5

**Tuesday, March 3**

7:00 pm (GS) Confirmation

**Wednesday, March 4**

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice  
7:15 pm (GS) Intro, *Priest, Prophet, King* Lent Study (Ch)

**Thursday, March 5**

8:00 -10:30 am & 3:00-8:00 pm (SJ) Pierogi Prep (Hall)  
7:00 pm (SJ) Intro, *Priest, Prophet, King* Lent Study (Hall)

**Friday, March 6**

6:00 am (SJ) Pierogi Sales Call 724-869-9758  
11:00 pm (GS) Intro-*Priest, Prophet, King*, Lent Study (Ch)  
3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00/8:00 pm (GS) Rosary/Mass - Marian Prayer Group

**Sunday, March 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

9:00 am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (Classroom in JH)  
9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)  
6:30 pm (GS) RCIA (Classroom in JH)



**✠IN SYMPATHY:** *Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Connelly & Eric Zeigler (nephew-in-law of Sr. Marise) May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, February 22, 2015	\$6,249.00
On line giving January 2015	\$2,770.00
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, February 22, 2015	\$2,145.00