

# Mass Intentions

## FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

**Monday, March 7** *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

8:00am(GS) Fran Veloski by- Wogtovich Family

**Tuesday, March 8** *Saint John of God*

8:00am (GS) Ann Ordons by children, John & Alberta Gos

**Wednesday, March 9** *Saint Frances of Rome*

8:00am (SJ) Lucretia DeMailo by Martha Edge

**6:00PM** (GS) Dorothy Matuscak by Valerie & David Hassen

**NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE ABOVE, DUE TO  
"THE LIGHTS ARE ON PROGRAM"**

**Thursday, March 10**

8:00am (GS) Martha Rusnak Williamson by daughters

**Friday, March 11**

8:00am(SJ) Bill LaRue by Frank Thomas

8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, March 12**

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

5:30pm Vigil (GS) John, Mary, Ron & Kathy Connelly by John Connelly

**Sunday, March 13 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00am (GS) Margaret Besong by husband, Ron Besong

9:30am (SJ) Elizabeth T. Bungo by Bungo Family

11:00am (GS) Mutschler Family by Marlene

### Readings for the Week of March 7, 2016

**Monday** Is 65: 17-21/Ps 30: 2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b/ Jn 4: 43-54

**Tuesday** Ez 47: 1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday** Is 49: 8-15/Ps 145: 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday** Ex 32: 7-14/Ps 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday** Wis2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday** Jer 11: 18-20/Ps 7: 2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-8/Rom 8: 8-11/Jn 11: 1-45

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Bread & Wine

(GS) In memory of Michael Pavkovich  
by wife & family

(GS) In memory of Matilda Benkowski  
by Betty Taormina

#### Sanctuary Candle

(GS) In memory of Anita Lewis by Ben Lewis  
(SJ) Lucretia DeMailo by Alfreda DeMailo

#### Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

(GS) In memory of Anita Lewis by Ben Lewis

### 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



### From Father Joe

Tonight I began getting text messages about the tragic news in the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown. I can't get it out of my thoughts. The first thing that came to mind was how many victims there must have been. What an awful situation.

It's always dangerous to write about these kind of subjects because there is no telling what will upset someone or how someone may misinterpret what is written. Still, I know that by the time these bulletins are distributed in three or four days, the subject will be on all of our hearts. Sometimes the difficult part of shepherding is talking about the elephant in the room that no one wants to mention.

One parishioner asked me tonight how our Church can survive this. It's an understandable question. The only answer is "by the Grace of God."

I have known friends who were victims of abuse and it's something that haunts them. It affects not only them, but everyone who loves them as well. Sometimes it causes problems and pain for generations, and only God's healing hand can bring comfort.

Psalm 55 keeps running through my mind. To paraphrase, it says "If an enemy had done this, I could understand, but it is you, my intimate friend." Sadly, over the years, there have been people who have broken the sacred trust that comes with ordination and have hurt people. Maybe I am naïve, but I long for the days of the Lone Ranger and Gunsmoke, when the good guys wore white hats and at the end of 30 minutes, good always prevailed.

There are certain things in life we should always be able to take for granted, that people in positions of honor and authority like teachers or police officers or priests and ministers will always look out for us. Whenever that trust is broken, our whole world is diminished.

Psalm 55 goes on to give a message of hope for those who are in pain:

I call upon God; and the LORD will save me.  
Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and He will hear my voice. He will deliver my soul in safety.

Please pray for everyone involved in this whole situation. Their pain must be unimaginable. May God bless and heal them all. Pray also for those who are just preparing to enter the priesthood, like our own Deacon Anthony. They are entering a world no one could have imagined 100 years ago. May they always be a source of God's light and hope to others in our world.

Father Joe



GOOD SAMARITAN  
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

724-266-6565  
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Our Parish is Committed to Protecting God's Children  
**ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-932-0313**  
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3060

## *On Mission for The Church Alive!*

Conversion stories are fascinating. Older generations heard the stories of Knute Rockne of Notre Dame or John Wayne, the movie legend, both famous converts drawn to the friendship of Jesus. Others know of the former Protestant theologian Scott Hahn or Norma McCorvey, the former pro-abortion activist. But for each of us, every day is a call to conversion, a call to “reform” our lives to Christ, to grow deeper in faith. Our daily pilgrimage of conversion lasts a lifetime. Ask yourself at the end of each day — what was my moment of conversion today?

To read more, check out “On Mission for The Church Alive!” on page 5 of this week’s Pittsburgh Catholic and visit [www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org).

**FAMILY MINISTRY & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

*Invite you to*

# CELEBRATE EASTER

BREAKFAST with the EASTER BUNNY  
and EASTER EGG HUNT

at

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>**  
beginning at 10AM



Cost \$ 5.00 per person (maximum \$20 per family) for pancake & sausage breakfast.

Bring a basket or container to collect your eggs;  
and bring your camera to take pictures  
with the Easter Bunny!!

**RSVP by March 14th:** Submit this form with payment in the collection basket  
at Good Samaritan or St. John's or deliver to either parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

The Light is  
Still On  
for You.



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of Pittsburgh

Has it been a **LONG** time since  
you've been to confession?

Been away from the Church?

**Just need to talk with a  
priest?**

This Lenten season, Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on Wednesday evening, March 9, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away from the Church for a while, or would just like to talk with a priest in confidence, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church.

*"The Light is Still On for You!"*

**THE LIGHT IS STILL ON Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

**Good Samaritan Parish: Mass is at 6:00 PM, (NOT at 6:30 as usual)**

**Followed by confessions/chance to talk with a priest from 6:30- 9:00PM**

**Saint John the Baptist: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM with Fr . Frank Mitolo**

## **Good Samaritan & St. John the Baptist LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES:**

- 1) Saturday, March 12 at 1:15 PM at St. John the Baptist
- 2) Monday, March 14 at 2:30 PM at Good Samaritan
- 3) Monday March 21 (Holy Week) 7:00 PM at Good Samaritan

Confession also available

Each Saturday during Lent Starting this weekend

**12:00-12:30pm at Good Samaritan\***

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

**\*(PLEASE NOTE, TIMES MAY BE ADJUSTED DUE TO FUNERALS)**



# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

### BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI HONOREE

Father Joseph Carr will be honored by the Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist and the Beaver County Holy Name Society with the Blessed John of Vercelli Award at the 50th annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at 4:30PM at St. Titus social hall in Aliquippa. Cost is \$28 per person. Ticket supply is limited. Call Bill Cahalan to order: 724-869-5209. Program ads are also available.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

\*Holy Name Society Meeting 8:00AM

\*Liturgy of the Word with Children will be held during 9:30 Mass. All children are invited to join us to hear the Word of God in language geared to their age group. Parents are encouraged to accompany their little ones if they desire.

\*SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION, Divine Child Jesus/Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet at Saint John's. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 PM followed by 3:00 Holy Hour and 4:00 meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

**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. 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

**STROLL THROUGH TIME** Explore the Chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 13, at 2PM. Explore the history, architecture and use of our Baden Chapel with Archivist Kathleen Washy in celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week. We invite you to bring a nonperishable food item for The Ladle in Ambridge. Register online: [www.bit.ly/BadenChapelTour](http://www.bit.ly/BadenChapelTour), call: 724-869-6574 or email: [cthornburg@stjoseph-baden.org](mailto:cthornburg@stjoseph-baden.org)

**Lenten Mission at Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church** All are invited this Mon-Wed, March 7, 8 & 9, for the annual Lenten Mission which begins with an Akafist Service at 6:30PM each evening. Deacon Paul Abernathy, Director of Focus Pittsburgh, a Ministry of the Orthodox Church in the Hill District, will present a program. There are Confessions before and after the presentation. The location is 404 Sixth Street, Ambridge. Food, clothing, household or personal hygiene items will be collected during the mission.

### ✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially for *Wanda Huppenthal* and *Christian Krauss* 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, March 6

- 8:00am Mass (GS) Scrutiny for CIC Elect
- 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

## Monday, March 7

- 9:00am (GS) Nutroll Baking (Jericho Hall)
- 5:15-6:45 pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5
- 7:00pm (GS) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 3 (JH Classroom)

## Tuesday, March 8

- 3:00pm (GS) Pierogi Making Night (come after work and join us!)
- 6:30pm (GS) RCIA Session (Church)

## Wednesday, March 9

- 3:00pm -5:00pm (SJ) Potato peeling for pierogi
- 6:00PM (GS) EVENING LITURGY (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

### THE LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU

- 6:00pm-9:00pm (SJ) (Reconciliation or just talk to a priest)**
- 6:30pm-9:30pm (GS) (Reconciliation or just talk to a priest)**
- 6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice
- 7:15pm (GS) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 3 (JH Classroom)

## Thursday, March 10

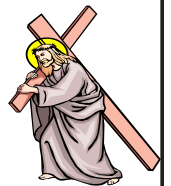
- 8:00am (SJ) Potato mashing for pierogi
- 7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice
- 7:00pm (SJ) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 3 (SJB Social Hall)

## Friday, March 11

- 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 3 (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



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- 1:15pm (SJ) Lenten Penance Service

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GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering Feb. 28, 2016	\$6,425.50
Children's Offering	\$63.50
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering Feb. 28, 2016	\$1,872.00