

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 10: Lenten Weekday
8:00 am (GS) Dolores Johnson - Mitzi Harasin
Tuesday, March 11: Lenten Weekday
8:00 am (GS) Hilda Carr - Fr. Joe
Wednesday, March 12: Lenten Weekday
8:00 am (SJ) Arthur McElearney - Diane
6:30 pm (GS) Edward Zimmerman - Sam & Marge Carioli
Thursday, March 13: Lenten Weekday
8:00 am (GS) Joseph Zielinski - Family
Friday, March 14: Lenten Weekday
8:00 am (SJ) Bill LaRue - Vince Percy
Saturday, March 15: Lenten Weekday
4:00 pm (SJ) Ralph Jones - Genny & Tony Adams
5:30 pm (GS) Joseph Sasinovich - Wife, Mary Ann
Sunday, March 9: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 am (GS) Vince Ombres - M/M Tom Sofranko
9:45 am (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes
11:00 am (GS) Juliana & Harry Kay Sr. Family

Readings for the Week of March 9, 2014 First Week of Lent

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Mary Moss (SJ) by John & Doretta Moss
 Esperanza Veloso (GS) by Minda Aquirre & Family

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Helen & Dom Buccilli (GS) by Donna & John Shubert

Sanctuary Candle

Arthur McElearney (SJ) by Diane
 Louise Szymoniak (GS) by Nancy Salopek

“Back to the Font: Baptism’s call to discipleship and leadership” District Lenten Mini - Retreats

Sunday, March 16 thru Tuesday, March 18, 7:00-8:30 pm
Sunday: Opening Prayer Service, introduction and reflection questions. **Monday:** The Challenge of Leadership: Living as Catholics in the 21st Century.
Tuesday: Shaped and Sent: From Mass to Mission.

Catholic Charities Beaver County Spring Dinner Dance
On Saturday, March 22, at 6:00 pm, 2014 Spring Dinner Dance at Monaca Turners, *Touche'* will perform. Tickets are available for \$20 at SS Peter & Paul, Beaver 724-775-4111 or St. John the Baptist, Monaca 724-775-3940.

Good Samaritan 724-266-6565
 Saint John the Baptist 724-869-2280



From Father Joe

KEEPING UP OUR GUARD

As we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Lent, our Gospel reading relates the story of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert. Matthew tells us that at the end of 40 days of fasting and praying, Jesus was hungry. The devil tempted Him, saying “If you *are* the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.” Jesus replied, “One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” The devil went on to tempt Jesus twice more before finally leaving.

Saint John, the beloved disciple, once commented that there are many things Jesus did in His lifetime that are not recorded in the Bible. If everything Jesus said and did were written down, the Bible would have been more like an encyclopedia. It’s sometimes helpful to ponder why the Holy Spirit inspired the authors of the Bible to include certain stories and phrases while excluding others. Given limited space, why would Matthew think it important to mention “Jesus was hungry” after He fasted for 40 solid days in the desert?

Before Jesus began His earthly ministry, He retreated into the desert to fast and to pray. As a human, He would have been pretty weak at the end of 40 days. Spiritually, He had strengthened Himself for the temptations that were to come. The lesson for us is truly profound. The devil loves to attack us when we are at our weakest. When we are tired, or frustrated, or bored, or hungry, or feeling sorry for ourselves, it is *then* that the devil loves to attack.

Lent is a time set aside from Ordinary Time to take a step back and look at our lives. We all have weaknesses. If we look at our own particular faults, whether it is impatience, or anger, or gluttony, or pornography, it’s not unusual to discover that the devil attacks us and tempts us when we are at our weakest. He attacks when we are overly tired, or hungry, or bored. He particularly likes to attack when we get “too busy to pray.”

If you’re still trying to decide on a Lenten Sacrifice, why not spend some time praying to the Holy Spirit to help identify the chinks in your spiritual armor? There have been days when I’ve come home late at night and mindlessly plopped down in front of the TV until midnight. I convince myself that I’m just letting go of the stress of the day. The next morning, is there any surprise that I fell asleep saying my prayers, then woke up groggy and crabby? Instead of giving up potato chips, or chocolate for Lent, maybe God is calling us to be creative. It’s easier to resist temptation when we are well rested and we’ve set aside time to pray.

If you’re still not convinced that getting to bed early and saying some extra prayers is a good way to fast during Lent, why not try running the idea past someone you work with or live with? Unfortunately, I know what the parish sacristans (and secretaries) would tell me... *Father Joe*

*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.

- 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"***.
- ***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.
- ***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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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

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

2014 Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule**GOOD SAMARITAN and
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST****Holy Thursday, April 17**

Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 pm	GS / SJ
Eucharistic Adoration *until 11:00 pm		GS / SJ
*Night Prayer	10:45 pm	

Good Friday, April 18

Morning Prayer	9:00 am	GS
Passion of the Lord	2:00 pm	GS / SJ
Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm	SJ
Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm	GS

Holy Saturday, April 19

Morning Prayer	9:00 am	GS
Blessing of Baskets	12:00 Noon	GS
Easter Vigil Mass	8:30 pm	GS

Easter Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday Mass	8:30 am	GS
Easter Sunday Mass	9:45 am	SJ
Easter Sunday Mass	11:00 am	GS

**GOOD SAMARITAN and
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST****Volunteer Form for Liturgical Ministers
Easter Schedule 2014**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

- Altar Server
 Extraordinary Minister
 Lector

April 12, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass (4:00 pm) ____ (SJ)
 5:30 pm ____ GS

April 13, Palm Sunday Mass 8:30 am ____ GS
 (9:45 am) ____ (SJ)
 11:00 am ____ GS

April 17, Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm ____ GS
 (7:00 pm) ____ (SJ)

April 18, Good Friday Passion Service 2:00 pm ____ GS
 (2:00 pm) ____ (SJ)

April 19, Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 pm ____ GS

April 20, Easter Sunday Mass 8:30 am ____ GS
 (9:45 am) ____ (SJ)
 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 31.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation (extended times)

Wednesdays	5:45 - 6:20 pm	Good Samaritan
Wed., March 12	6-9 pm (GS/SJ)	"Light is On for You"
Saturdays	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Good Samaritan
		<i>(Not on Holy Saturday)</i>

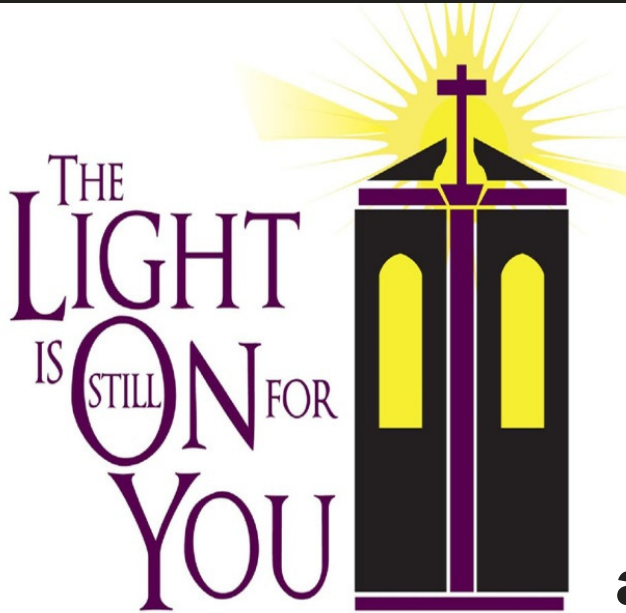
LENTEN REGULATIONS

- Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence in the United States
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- ◆ **Have you been away from church for a while?**
- ◆ **Has it been *years* since you went to confession?**
- ◆ **Are you angry, or upset about something?**

THIS WEDNESDAY

“The Lights Will Be On For You”



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

From 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12 the doors to every parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be open and priests will be available to talk, to listen, and to offer the sacrament of reconciliation.

Now's the time! God is waiting to offer you forgiveness, healing and peace. The light is on, and the confessional doors will be open.

What's stopping you?

- Haven't been to Confession in a while?
- Interested, but worry you don't remember how to make a good Confession?

Try visiting www.diopitt.org/lighton and read "A Short Guide to Confession." Or just stop in. We will have "cheat sheets" available to help you, or the priest will walk you through it.

Consider making a commitment this Lent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love. You'll feel great!

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' RICE BOWL

Our parish is participating in CRS Rice Bowl Lenten program as a way to encounter Jesus through others. Especially through the most vulnerable in our world. This week, we are invited to enter into solidarity with the people of Kenya. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person*, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Kenya and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people. Rice Bowl is at the church entrance.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2nd Sunday Monthly Devotion DIVINE CHILD JESUS Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group
St. John the Baptist, Baden, Holy Mass 2:00 pm, Holy Hour 3:00 pm, and 4:00 pm Social Meeting follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik is the celebrant.

BADEN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 pm at the Community Room of the Municipal Building, lower level. Please join us!

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, St. John the Baptist, Baden, Holy Name Society, "All You Can Eat" PANCAKE/FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE BREAKFAST & CHOIR BAKE SALE Donated baked goods are appreciated.



8:00 am until 11:30 am in the Social Hall
Cost: \$5 adults, \$2 children under 10 years
Children under 5 years old eat free.

Silver Ring Thing Sat., March 22, Quigley High School
Grades 7-12, Registration: 6:15 pm; Student Session: 7-9 pm; Parent Session: 7:00-7:45 pm; Cost: \$8 at the door; \$6 on line www.silverringthing.com. Topics are guys, girls, dating, waiting, love, second chances & the best choices. Sponsored by The Diocese of Pittsburgh & local parishes.

Day of Recollection

Christian Mothers, St. Frances Cabrini, 115 Trinity Drive, Aliquippa, Tuesday, March 25, from 9:30 am-3:00 pm, Fr. Angelus M Shaughnessy, OFM Capuchin, National Executive Director, Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers, conference, confessions, devotions, lunch and celebration of the Eucharist. Cost is \$15. Check payable to St. Frances Cabrini Christian Mothers. Mail to: Theresa Colalella, 113 Mengel Ave. Aliquippa. PA 15001 by Tuesday March 18.

A Day of Recollection for Women

St. Cecilia Parish, 628 Virginia Avenue, Rochester, on Tuesday, April 8, from 10 am until 3 pm, Fr. Bob Marva, OFM Cap. Presentation includes continental breakfast, Q & A, catered lunch, Reconciliation and Mass. Cost is \$10. Please call Barb Ammerman, 724-775-4796 or Toni Shutey, 724-775-2558 for reservations by **April 2.**

Seeking: Principal Singing Roles, Dancers, Singers and Superstar Choir, for Jesus Christ Superstar in Concert
Auditions: Saturday, **March 22**, from 10 am - 4pm and Sunday, **March 23** from 1 - 9 pm. To schedule an audition appointment 724-259-6443 or auditions@lppcenter.org
For info about roles & auditions visit centerauditions.org

A Note From Deacon Jim Weiland

Lazarus Bereavement Volunteers, and other interested parishioners, are invited to a meeting on **March 27th 7 PM** in the church basement at **Our Lady of Peace Parish** to review some new changes and I will give an update on the status of the bereavement ministry in all five parishes.

+UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 10

5:15- 6:45 pm CCD - Grades 3-5 Reconciliation 5:20pm-SJ
7:00-8:30 pm (GS) "*Mary & Martha Monday*"
Women's Bible Study Begins - Church & SJH

Tuesday, March 11

6:30 pm (GS) LOC Meeting (JH)

Wednesday, March 12

5:30 pm (GS) Ambridge Italian Women's Club (JH)
6:00-9:00 pm (GS/SJ) "*The Light is Still On for You*" Church
6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice - Church Hall
7:15-8:15 pm (GS) "*Seven Deadly Sins & Seven Lively Virtues*" Spiritual Study Program-Begins-Fr. Robert Barron (GS Church)

Thursday, March 13

7:00 pm (SJ) "*Seven Deadly Sins & Seven Lively Virtues*" Spiritual Study Program Begins-Fr. Robert Barron (SJ Hall)

Friday, March 14

9:00 am (SJ) Pierogi Sales until sold out. Call 724-869-9758
11:00 am - 7:00 pm (GS) Fish Fry - Call724-266-6010
11:00 am (GS) "*Seven Deadly Sins & Seven Lively Virtues*" Spiritual Study Program Begins-Fr. Robert Barron (SJH)
3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
7/8 pm (GS)Confession-Rosary-Mass/Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, March 15: Little Sisters of the Poor Collection
5:30 pm (GS) Rite of Sending for CIC/Teen RCIA, RCIA - (GS/SJH)

Sunday, March 15:Little Sisters of the Poor Collection
8:00 am-11:30 pm (SJ) Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale
NO - CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)
Noon (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA/RCIA - (meeting in SJH)
2:30 pm (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA/RCIA - (St. Paul Cathedral)

✠**IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Richard Bartosch, Helen Contray, Louis Guido and Anthony Rose.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, February 23, 2014	\$7,523.33
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, February 23, 2014	\$2,383.00