

# Mass Intentions

## FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

**Monday, March 14**

8:00am(GS) Lucy Klingelhofer by Richard Klingelhofer, James Montagna, Traci Schoeneweis, & Family

**Tuesday, March 15**

8:00am (GS) Mary Bufalini by Joe, Janine, Joseph & Elliott

**Wednesday, March 16**

8:00am (SJ) Patricia & Earl Matthias by daughter, Shirley

6:30pm (GS) Dorothy Hoffman by John & Joan Peduzzi

**Thursday, March 17 Saint Patrick, Bishop**

8:00am (GS) In honor of St. Joseph & St. Patrick

by JoAnn & Chuck Smith

**Friday, March 18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Doctor of the Church**

8:00am(SJ) Ray Sutton by Joe & Bonnie Makarewicz

8:00pm (GS) Marian Payer Group

**Saturday, March 19 SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Solemnity**

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) Anthony Adams, Sr. by Celia DiVito

5:30pm Vigil (GS) Joseph Sasinovich by Mary Jo & Don Sivy

**Sunday, March 20 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

8:00am (GS) Mr & Mrs Joseph Ombres by Mr & Mrs Bruno Ombres

9:30am (SJ) Abby Gadomski by Mark & Mary Gadomski

11:00am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

**Readings for the Week of March 13, 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
<b>Sunday</b>	Lk 19:28-40 38:1s 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23- 24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER**

**Bread & Wine**

(GS) In memory of William Freed by Annette Hramika

(SJ) Mary Moss by John & Doretta

**Blessed Mother Shrine Candle**

(GS) In memory of Lucy Klingelhofer by Richard Klingelhofer

**Holy Trinity Shrine Candle**

(GS) In memory of Debbie Kimmelman by Teresa Surgeon

**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



GOOD SAMARITAN  
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

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**Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.**

The readings for this 5th Sunday in Lent include the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery. As Jesus was teaching in the temple area, some scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to Him and announced that she had been caught in the act of adultery. In an attempt to test Jesus, they said, *“Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?”*

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with His finger. When the Pharisees pressed Jesus for an answer, He looked up and said those familiar words, *“Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.”*

No one really knows what Jesus wrote in the sand with His finger, but the fact that John mentions it in the Gospel is significant. Some have suggested that He was writing the sins of those who were handing her over to be judged.

A few weeks ago I met with the parents of young people who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and their First Reconciliation. I encouraged the parents to go to confession when their children come for the first time. It is a powerful witness.

One of the parents asked me an interesting question. *“Do you remember the sins that people confess to you, and do you think of it every time you see them in church?”* It was a really great question, but I had to laugh because anyone who knows me can tell you that I have the memory of a 95 year old, and the attention span of a 4 year old on a sugar high. If I don’t write something down, it is forgotten in 5 minutes. The fact that I remember my homilies is nothing short of miraculous. When someone asks me on Wednesday what I preached about on Sunday, I often have no idea unless I look up the scripture readings.

When we were in seminary studying the sacrament of Penance, a wise old monk told us *“You won’t understand this until you’re ordained, but nothing in your ministry will drive you to your knees in prayer like hearing confessions.”* He was right. Many times I have left the confessional and dropped right to my knees -- sometimes in thanksgiving for the gift of my priesthood and being able to bring comfort to some poor soul who had just unloaded a burden they had been carrying around for decades. Sometimes I’ve left in awe of the reverence and holiness of some of the folks who come in to confess. I recall more than once wishing that I was as holy as the person on the other side of the confessional screen.

In the end, the priest is not there to be a judge. He is in the confessional more as a doctor, offering insights and a penance that hopefully serves as a prescription to help the penitent to overcome a fault or weakness. The act of hearing confessions is a truly humbling experience, reminding each of us as priests that we too are human, and that one day we will all stand before Christ in judgment for the bad that we have done and the good we have failed to do. Thank God for His infinite Mercy. **Father Joe**

# EASTER BAKE SALE

**ORDER ASAP!**

Good Samaritan Parish  
PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Good Samaritan, Jericho Hall (Cafeteria)  
8th Street and Melrose Avenue, Ambridge, PA

**CALL TO PRE-ORDER!**

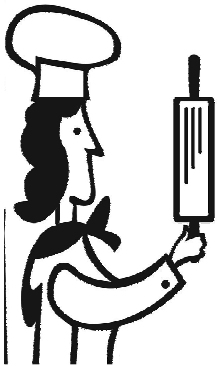
Call after 9:00am Monday - Friday

**724-266-5742 or 724-869-7677**

PRE-Orders will be accepted

until 12:00 noon on Monday, March 14

ON DAY OF SALE ONLY, CALL (724) 266-6010



## MENU

<b>Whole Nut Roll</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>Half Nut Roll</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Whole Poppyseed Roll</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>Half Poppyseed Roll</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Whole Apricot Roll</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>Half Apricot Roll</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Easter Paska Bread (<i>Jumbo 1½ lb. Twisted Loaf</i>)</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Orange/Lemon &amp; Anise (<i>Limited Supply</i>)</b>	
<b>Potato/Cheese Pierogi, Dozen (<i>Frozen</i>)</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>

**PIEROGI SALE on Good Friday, March 25, 2016**

9:00 AM—5:00 PM - \$8/dozen Pierogi Sold: Cooked or Frozen

Call in Orders, Beginning 6:00 am: Jericho Hall 724-266-6010

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

## PENANCE SERVICES:

Monday, March 14 at 2:30 PM at Good Samaritan

Monday March 21 (Holy Week) 7:00 PM at Good Samaritan

Confession also available Saturdays during Lent (except Holy Saturday)

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)

## OTHER PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA:

Sunday, March 13 - 7 p.m. at St Cecilia, Rochester

Monday, March 14 - 7 p.m. at St. Frances Cabrini, Center

Tuesday, March 15 - 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, Hopewell

Wed., March 16 - 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace, Conway

Thursday, March 17 - 7 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul, Beaver

Saturday, March 19 - Noon at St. John the Baptist, Monaca

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER**

**TODAY, MARCH 13, SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION Divine Child Jesus/Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet here at St. John's. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 PM followed by 3:00 Holy Hour and 4:00 meeting. All are welcome.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18, LAST PIEROGI BEFORE EASTER!** This is the last week for pierogi sales before Easter. We will be very busy, especially all day on Thursday and Friday. Can you help us out for an hour or two? If you have never volunteered for the Pierogi Project before, don't be shy, we will teach you what needs done! New volunteers, call the parish office: 724-869-2280.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS** We will meet on Monday, March 28, in the social hall at 7:00pm for a meeting which will include presenting the slate for elections in April. Please plan to attend.

**Baden Borough Council Meeting** Wed., Mar. 16 at 7:00PM

***Journey from Grief to Healing***

St. Joseph Spirituality Center will sponsor ***Journey from Grief to Healing***, conducted by Sister Mary Ann Thimons, on the fourth Tuesday of each month (March 22 to June 28) from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Sessions consist of input, sharing, and mutual support – helping us to learn coping, surviving, and healing skills during a time of grief. There is no fee for this program. To register, call 412-600-3247.

**Cup o' Joe Café** Come visit the Cup o' Joe Café at Villa St. Joseph, 1030 State Street in Baden. It's a welcoming spot for refreshments, light fare and conversation. Open to the greater community, Cup o'Joe Café is a neighborhood gathering place for camaraderie and affordable meals in a tranquil setting. It is home to a variety of social activities, classes and life-enhancing programs. A monthly calendar of events is available on our website: [villastjoseph.org/cup-o-joe cafe](http://villastjoseph.org/cup-o-joe cafe). **Proceeds from purchases at the Café help Villa St. Joseph to serve the needs of those with little or no economic means who require long-term residential care.** Stop by today for a full lunch including dessert for only \$5.00.

Call with any questions: 412-321-6300.

**BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI HONOREE**, Fr. 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.

**Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild Meeting:**

The Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild of Good Samaritan Parish will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 16th in Jericho Hall after the 6:30 PM Mass. Everyone is welcome and members are encouraged to attend.

**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

**Sunday, March 13**

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)  
 9:00am (GS) Baking Prep (Jericho Hall)  
 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass

**Monday, March 14**

9:00am (GS) Baking Prep (Jericho Hall)  
 2:30pm (GS) Lenten Penance Service  
 5:15-6:45 pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5  
 7:00pm (GS) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 4 (JH Class)

**Tuesday, March 15**

3:00pm (GS) Pierogi Making  
 6:00pm (GS) Parent Meeting—First Eucharist (Jericho Hall)  
 6:30pm (GS) RCIA Session (Susan's Home)

**Wednesday, March 16**

9:00am (GS) Paska Bread Making  
 3:00pm -5:00pm (SJ) Potato peeling for pierogi

**6:00pm (GS) Evening Liturgy**

\*\*Christian Mothers will meet after mass

6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice  
 7:15pm (GS) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 4 (JH Class)

**Thursday, March 17**

8:00am (SJ) Potato mashing for pierogi  
 7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice

**Friday, March 18**

**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**

(GS) Bake Sale Set-up  
 11:00am (GS) "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" Session 4 (JH Classroom)

**11:00am-7pm (GS) Good Samaritan Lent Fish Fry**

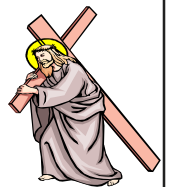
2:30pm (GS) Stations of the Cross  
 3:00pm to 7:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration  
 5:30pm (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (Susan's Home)  
 6:00pm (SJ) Stations of the Cross  
 7:00 pm (GS) Stations of the Cross  
 8:00pm (GS) Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, March 19**

8:00am-2:00pm (GS) Bake Sale  
 9:00am-2:00pm (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA Lenten Retreat (Parish Office and Church)  
 10:00am (SJ) Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

**Sunday, March 20**

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)  
 9:00am (GS) Baking Prep (Jericho Hall)  
 9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass  
 6:00-7:30pm (GS) 3-in-1 Youth Ministry Stations



**✠IN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially for **Frank Santry** and **Paul Klengler** who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Financials for the week of Feb.28 will be included next week**