

Mass Intentions

[Week 4 in Lent]

Monday, March 16: Lenten Weekday
 8:00 am (GS) Annette Konarski by Family
Tuesday, March 17: Lenten Weekday [Saint Patrick]
 8:00 am (GS) Charles & Mary Deiter by Family
Wednesday, March 18: Lenten Weekday [Saint Cyril, Jerusalem]
 8:00 am (SJ) Barbara & George Maletic by George Rozman
6:00 pm (GS) Joseph Sasinovich by Wife, Mary Ann *TIME CHANGE
Thursday, March 19: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 am (GS) Dorothy Matusak by JoAnn & Chuck Smith
Friday, March 20: Lenten Weekday
 8:00 am (SJ) Connie Gazda by Margaret Onuska
 8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass
Saturday, March 21: Lenten Weekday
 4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil, Charles Cvitkovic by Frank Thomas
 5:30 pm (GS) Vigil, Mutschler Family by Grandsons, Jack & Bob
Sunday, March 22: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:00 am (GS) For the Living and Deceased of the Parishes
 9:30 am (SJ) William Wright by Wilma
 11:00 am (GS) Jennifer Scharf by Debra Zabrocky & Family

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2015

Monday Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Joseph Lento (GS) by Lois Himes
 Marty & Joan Madden (GS) by Jess & Paul Briggs
 "Digger" Joe Sasinovich (GS) by Mary Jo & Don Sivy
 Mary Moss (SJ) by John & Doretta Moss

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

In honor of Saint Joseph (GS) by JoAnn Smith

Sanctuary Candle

William Wright (SJ) by Wife, Wilma Wright

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCDH's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Fridays during Lent)

2:30 pm Good Samaritan
6:00 pm St. John the Baptist
7:00 pm Good Samaritan



From Father Joe

IDA KNOW

The local papers used to carry a comic strip called "Family Circus". Whenever a vase or a glass was broken and one of the parents asked who did it, the kids would always respond, "Ida Know!" In the background of the comic, you would see a little gremlin running from the scene with the name **Ida Know** written on their chest.

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent offer a grim reminder of our tendency as humans to shy away from admitting our sins and our shortcomings.


The first reading, from 2 Chronicles, retells the story of how the nation of Judah had turned away from God and become arrogant and sinful. Out of love and compassion, the Lord sent prophets to warn them, but the people mocked and ignored His prophets. Eventually, the Lord allowed their enemies to overrun Jerusalem, tearing down its walls and setting its palaces ablaze. Many were then carried off to Babylon, never to see their homes again. All of this could have been avoided had they simply listened to the prophets, looked into their hearts, admitted their faults, and asked for God's forgiveness.

In the Gospel from Sunday, we read:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." **John 3: 14-15**

This reading references the story from the 21st chapter of Numbers. Moses had just led the people out of slavery in Egypt. Instead of being grateful, some of the people complained bitterly that they were hungry and thirsty -- that they would have been better off in slavery in Egypt. It doesn't take long for a few complainers to poison a whole crowd. In response, the Lord unleashed deadly seraph snakes on the camp. They prayed to God for mercy, and God instructed Moses to fashion a bronze serpent and affix it to the top of his staff. Anyone who gazed upon the serpent would be saved.

People (and even pets) who are caught red-handed doing something wrong have the natural tendency to look down, avoiding eye contact at all costs. Looking up at the serpent forced the Israelites to face their sins and openly recognize their faults if they wanted to be healed by the Lord.

Lent is a great time to step aside from our hectic schedules and invest time in our future by looking into our hearts, allowing God to help us face our faults and our sins. It is also a chance to take advantage of opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation. This Wednesday evening, March 18, parishes throughout the Diocese will have their doors open for "The Light Is Still On For You" program. Local churches will be open and a priest will be available to talk, to listen, or to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation. Good Samaritan will be open from 6:30 until 9:00 pm, and Fr. Gregory Madeya will be at Saint John the Baptist from 6:00-9:00pm. Invite a friend!! 

Saint Anthony Volunteer Form
Liturgical Ministers St. Anthony Novena
 All Masses at 7:00 pm - Closing Mass at 6:30 pm

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Altar Server Extraordinary Minister Lector

Tuesday, April 14 _____

Tuesday, April 21 _____

Tuesday, April 28 _____

Tuesday, May 5 _____

Tuesday, May 12 _____

Tuesday, May 19 _____

Tuesday, May 26 _____

Tuesday, June 2 _____

Tuesday, June 9 _____ Closing Mass

Place in the collection basket or return to the parish office by Monday, March 23.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
EXTENDED TIMES FOR LENT

(No Confessions on Holy Saturday)

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

Wed., March 18, 6:00-9:00 pm St. John "Light is On"

Wed., March 18, 6:30-9:00 pm Good Samaritan "Light is"

Note that on March 18, Mass at Good Samaritan will begin at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm.

Quigley Catholic High School Honor Roll Students from Good Samaritan Parish. Highest Honors: *Anna Majewski*, High Honors: *Nicholas Schroeder, Kathryn Kaunert*, Honors: *Stephanie Kazmierczyk, Cassandra Tisak*

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. **March 20-22**, Gilmery Retreat Center, Moon Twp. Info: www.BeginningExperience.org or for a confidential call **Mary 412-523-2405 or Steve 412-367-4948.**

Join Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Maronite Catholic Mission on Fridays during Lent for a speaker series. The guest speakers are Fr. Kim Shreck on Friday, March 20, and Fr. Lou Vallone on Friday, March 27. Beginning 5:30 pm Adoration and Confession, 6:30 pm Mass and Benediction of the Cross. St. Monica, Darlington Campus, 3357 Constitution Blvd, Darlington. Info call 724-827-5024.

Quigley Catholic Fashion Show & Luncheon Saturday, March 21, St. Frances Cabrini Church Social Hall, 115 Trinity Dr., Center Twp. Doors open 11:00 am. Tickets are \$30. Purchase tickets by Mar 16. Tickets not sold at doors. Quigley Catholic [724-869-2188](tel:724-869-2188) or Fundraising@QCHS.org.

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

GOOD SAMARITAN and SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Easter Volunteer Form
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

9:00 am _____ SJ 8:00 am _____ GS

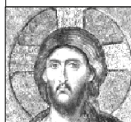
11:00 am _____ GS

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*

In a troubled marriage? Retrouvaille can help.

Go to <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY POSTPONED

"JESUS: PRIEST, PROPHET, KING"

By Fr. Robert Baron, April. 8th to May 15th.

St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Monica Parish Sponsors
SUNDAY MASS AT 9:00 AM on
Radio Station 1230 AM WBVP, Beaver Falls and
Radio Station 1680 AM WMBA, Ambridge

5th Annual Vera Bradley Purse Bingo

Sunday, March 22 at Baden Legion

Doors open at 12:00 pm, 271 State Street, Baden

Benefits: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Donation: \$25 includes Lunch & 20 Games of Bingo

Information: Call Theresa Szymoniak at 724-869-2577

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School

Saturday, March 28, Annual Ham Bingo, 6 cards \$5
at Angela Activities Center (OLSH Gymnasium).

Doors open 5:00 pm; Early Birds 6:00 pm; Bingo 6:30 pm.
 Includes food, bake sale & ticket auction. 412-264-5140

FRATERNITY OF PRIESTS, HEALING MASS

April 15 - St. Alexis, Wexford 724-935-4343

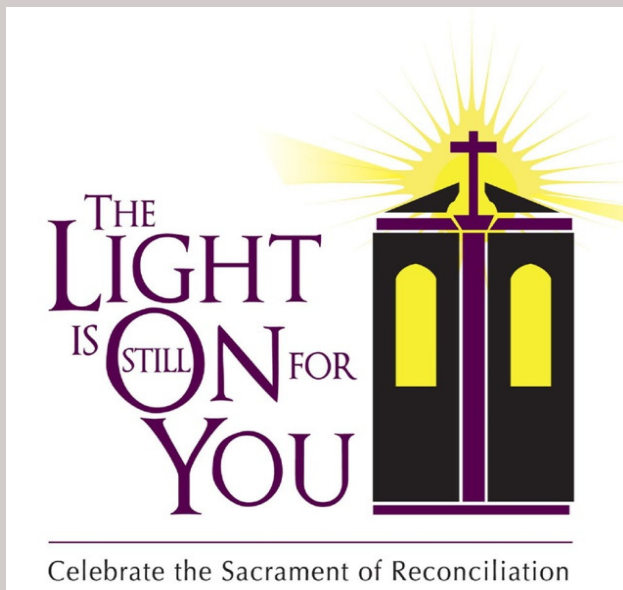
May 20 - St. Mary, Cecil, 412-221-1560

June 10 - St. Clare of Assisi, Clairton, 412-233-7870

- ◆ 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, MARCH 18

“The Light Is Still On For You”



From 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Wednesday, March 18, the doors to most churches in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be open and priests will be available to talk, to listen, or to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

6:00 pm Mass at Good Samaritan

following Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation *“Light is Still On For You”*

6:00-9:00 pm *“The Light Is Still On For You”*

St. John the Baptist Parish, confessions, *with Fr. Gregory Madeya, BHS*

6:30-9:00 pm *“The Light Is Still On For You”*

Good Samaritan Parish, confessions, *with Fr. Joe Carr*

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?

Worried 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 ✠

SUN., MARCH 15, BAKE SALE & Holy Name Society ALL-YOU- CAN-EAT BREAKFAST Enjoy a delicious breakfast from 8-11:30AM cooked up by the Holy Name Society. Also, the **CHOIR BAKE SALE** will be held this day! Donated baked items are appreciated.

SUN., MARCH 22 CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MASS & MEETING Join us for 9:30 Mass and Stations of the Cross as our March program. Light refreshments and meeting follow in the social hall. Please attend as we will make plans for our May 3, Mother-Daughter breakfast.

ST. JOHN'S EASTER LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS: Please use the form in the main part of this bulletin to volunteer for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. **Thank You**

SPRING CLEANING Volunteers are needed to clean the church in preparation for Easter on Mon., March 30, beginning at 10 AM. Please call the office if you are available. 724-869-2280.

ST. JOHN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY Next May we will be celebrating 150 years as a parish. Anyone interested in forming a committee to plan for the celebration, please sign up by calling the office. Our first meeting will be some time after Easter. 724-869-2280.

The Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild will not hold our regularly scheduled March meeting. Instead, we will hold an evening retreat on Wednesday, March 18, from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at Kearns Spirituality Center, a ministry of the Sisters of Divine Providence. Cost of the retreat will be \$10.00 per person and will include time for spiritual reflection, prayer, a presentation "Meeting Jesus" by Sr. Anne Winschel, CDP and social time with beverages and snacks. Please call Charlene at 724-266-5237 or Rita at 724-266-4656 for reservations and to arrange travel. **Paid reservations must be made by March 16.** If enough people respond, we will try to arrange a bus, otherwise we will carpool, leaving Good Samaritan promptly at 5:15PM.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry is low at Good Samaritan. Non-perishable food items are needed FOR THE POOR. Place food items in the **red containers** at the doors of the Church. **monetary donations** may be placed in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you for helping.

 **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 **Come and bring a friend!**

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS:

Monday, Mar. 16, Dinner/Movie, 6:30-9:30 pm

Monday, Mar. 23, Bible Study, 8-9:30 pm

 **BEING EXTRAORDINARY**

"If the prophet had told you to do something extraordinary, would you not have done it?" 2 Kings

When the prophet Elisha told Naaman, the army commander, to go and wash in the Jordan to cure his leprosy, he balked at the ordinariness of the directive. Is spending a little time praying in front of an abortion clinic "extraordinary"? Maybe. We are asked to pray, fast & do charitable works during Lent. It really is so ordinary, so simple sometimes to do God's will. Get up. Pray. And in the best case, forgo the comfort of home and our preoccupation with our own interests and go down to the abortion center.

Is this extraordinary? For some it may be. It's hard to sacrifice and not do what we want. To give up our precious time for others -- for the unborn. To endure extreme cold and the numb hands & feet that are the result. For others it doesn't seem so extraordinary. It just seems like the right thing to do.

Unlike Naaman, we may not see the results immediately of our prayers and little sacrifices. Planned Parenthood may not close today or tomorrow and all abortion-bound women won't turn away, but **someday** the extraordinary will happen.

So come to the prayer vigil at 933 Liberty Ave. in Pittsburgh. Come now; come tomorrow; come whenever you can. Stay as long as you want. Say a prayer or two. Just come. Extraordinary results will happen if we just help a little. *Written by Tim B., vigil participant.* To read more about the vigil, visit: 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, March 16

8:30 am (GS) Baking Project

5:15-6:45pm - CCD - Grades 1-5

Wednesday, March 18 Note: MASS TIME CHANGE

6:00 pm (GS) Mass - Time change due to "Light is On"

6:00-9:00 pm (SJ) Confessions *The Light Is On For You*

6:30-9:00 pm (GS) Confessions *The Light Is On For You*

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Thursday, March 19

8:00 -10:30 am & 3:00-8:00 pm (SJ) Pierogi Prep (Hall)

Friday, March 20

6:00 am (SJ) Pierogi Sales Call 724-869-9758

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7:30, 8:00 pm (GS) Rosary, Mass - Marian Prayer Group

Sunday, March 22:

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 **Phillip Grzegorek, Ann Ordons, Yola Pitts and Janet Salopek**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, March 8, 2015	\$7,605.35
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, March 8, 2015	\$2,864.00