

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 17: Lenten Weekday** [Saint Patrick]

8:00 am (GS) Charles & Mary Deiter - Family

**Tuesday, March 18: Lenten Weekday** [Saint Cyril of Jerusalem]

8:00 am (GS) Anthony Lissi - John & Debra Zabucky

**Wednesday, March 19: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am (SJ) In Thanksgiving - Private Intention

6:30 pm (GS) Louise Szymoniak - Carol & Harry

**Thursday, March 20: Lenten Weekday**

8:00 am (GS) Louis Guido - Granddaughter Emily Cook

**Friday, March 21: Lenten Weekday**

8:00 am (SJ) Dorothy Szymoniak - Jaynie Pisarcik

**Saturday, March 22: Lenten Weekday**

4:00 pm (SJ) Mary Resanovich - Regina LaRue

5:30 pm (GS) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes

**Sunday, March 23: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 am (GS) Eugene Wezorek - Carol Kubicki

9:45 am (SJ) Vincent DePace - Betty & Bonnie Francis

11:00 am (GS) Lawrence & Ann Mutschler - Jeri

### Readings for the Week of March 16, 2014 Second Week of Lent

<b>Monday</b>	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	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
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sunday</b>	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Bread and Wine

William Roberts (GS) by Wife, Catherine & Daughter, Rachelle

Joseph Sasinovich (GS) by Don, Mary Jo & Matthew Sivy

#### Holy Family Shrine Candle

Joseph Sasinovich (GS) by Wife, Mary Ann

#### Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

In Honor of St. Joseph (GS) by JoAnn Smith

#### Sanctuary Candle

Lillian Venute (SJ) Diane

Joseph Lento (GS) by Lois Himes

Today, **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** are at all Masses to seek financial support for their ministry to the elderly, and poor. They are counting on your continued support. Your generosity provides for the needs of the elderly at their home on Benton Avenue in Pittsburgh.

**Good Samaritan  
Saint John the Baptist**

**724-266-6565  
724-869-2280**



## From Father Joe

### TRANSFIGURE US OH LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him. **Matthew Chapter 17**

This shouldn't surprise anyone who knows me, but I used to *love* reading the comic strip Calvin & Hobbes. Calvin was a modern version of Dennis the Menace. One of his many imaginary inventions was his *transmogri-fier*, a cardboard box that allowed Calvin to turn himself into something else, like a giant dinosaur or a tiger.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. As Jesus takes his closest disciples, Peter, James and John to the top of the mountain, suddenly His face and clothes begins to glow brighter than imaginable. The image calls to mind stories from people who have had near-death experiences where they encounter a light at the end of

a long tunnel. The light is brighter than anything they have ever seen, yet it doesn't hurt their eyes. It is the Light of Christ, beckoning them toward heaven.

Unlike the comic book character and his imaginary machine, Jesus is not being **t r a n s f o r m e d** o r

“Transmogri-fied” into something He isn't. Instead, the Apostles are given a rare glimpse of Jesus as He really is, in His divine glory.

Genesis tells us that each of us is formed in the image and likeness of God. Inside each of us is that breathtaking light. It is the love of God shining through. Occasionally we see that light in the eyes of a mother as she stares at her newborn child, or feel it in the hug of an innocent child. Unfortunately, as we grow older, sin sometimes clouds the image of God within us and it becomes harder to see the light of Christ in us. Lent is a time for us to look into our heart and bare our conscience. It is a time to ask God to reveal our shortcomings and to work hard at becoming more Christ-like and loving. Sometimes this involves trying to see Christ in others, even when it is hard to see.

I don't think it is a matter of being transformed into something we are not, but rather a question of being the loving, forgiving, patient person God calls us all to be. Through our prayers, through Lenten sacrifices, and through the sacrament of penance, may God help us to grow in holiness this Lent. May he make each of us a Light unto our world.

*Father Joe*



## RCIA RITES ENCOURAGE ALL CATHOLICS TO ENTER INTO LENT MORE DEEPLY

### ***Why do we celebrate the RCIA Rite of Sending this weekend?***

Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on the first two Sundays of Lent will welcome those sent by their parish to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Rite of Sending, celebrated at our 5:30 p.m. Mass this weekend, offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress our catechumens and candidates have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to our bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church sacramentally at Easter Vigil.

### ***What is the Rite of Election and the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion?***

The following 4 Catechumens preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist to be sent to Bishop Zubik this Sunday, March 16, for the Rite of Election are: ***Laura Wargo, Gillian Walsh, Alyssa O'Neill, and Sean O'Neill***. This Rite marks a key moment for the catechumens. It signifies that they have been called by Christ and attests to the reality that only those mystically claimed by Christ will enter Heaven. In this Rite, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect", as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God. From this point forward, they are no longer catechumens but are called the "Elect". They have been chosen to enter into the final period of preparation for initiation, and called by the bishop, their shepherd, to the holy mysteries celebrated at Easter Vigil.

The following 7 Candidates preparing for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church, Confirmation and First Eucharist will also be sent to the bishop this Sunday for the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion: ***Julianna Jones, Jessica Rhawn, Ryan Salles, Lauren O'Neill, Cecilia Szekely, Connor Szekely, and Samantha Pisano***. For these candidates, the reality of being chosen and claimed by Christ took place at their Baptism. Therefore these candidates are "called to continuing conversion", and thus their intention to be fully initiated and share in the Eucharist is recognized. Together with the Elect, the candidates are thereby moved by this Rite into a period of intense spiritual preparation throughout the Lenten season.

### ***What can I do this Lent to support our Elect and Candidates?***

During Lent, the Church calls us to reflect on our own baptismal graces, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As their Church family, we are also called to be models of faith and offer our prayers for those who are approaching the Easter sacraments of initiation. We ask you to please remember them in your prayers this weekend as well as throughout their final period of preparation for the sacraments at Easter Vigil.

If you would like to send a card of congratulations and encouragement to one of the above persons, they may be sent to the Parish Office, c/o Susan DiPietro or call Susan at 724-266-6565 Extension #17 (Office) for more information.

**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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*(weekly extended times)*

Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:20 pm Good Samaritan  
 Saturdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm Good Samaritan  
 Saturdays 1:15 - 1:45 pm St. John the Baptist

*(Not on Holy Saturday)*

**Additional Penance Services**

Tuesday, March 25 7:00 pm St. John the Baptist  
 Tuesday, April 1 7:00 pm Good Samaritan  
 Monday, April 7 7:00 pm Our Lady of Peace  
 Wednesday, April 9 2:30 pm Good Samaritan

**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.*

**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

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fast and 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.

# LENTEN FISH FRY

## GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH

### EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

Good Samaritan Cafeteria (Jericho Hall)  
8th and Melrose Avenue — Ambridge, Pa



**Hours of Operation: 11:00 AM -7:00 PM**



Call ahead for pickup  
**724-266-6010**

We deliver to the Ambridge local area.  
All offices and companies  
welcome to order !!  
Call to place your order !  
Minimum order: \$20.00

#### FISH FRY DATES

March 7  
March 14  
March 21  
March 28  
April 4  
April 11

#### Easter Bake Sale

April 12-13

#### Good Friday Pierogi Sale

April 18

#### MENU

Fish Sandwich ( <i>fried or baked</i> )	\$8.00
Fish Dinner ( <i>fried or baked</i> )	\$10.00
Crab Cake Dinner	\$10.00
Shrimp Dinner	\$10.00
Francine Special Combo Dinner	\$10.00
<i>(Combination plate includes: 1 piece of fish, 2 shrimp &amp; 1 Crab Cake, one side, coleslaw or applesauce, dessert &amp; beverage)</i>	

#### Side Orders:

Mac & Cheese	\$2.50
French Fries	\$2.50
Halushki	\$2.50
Cole Slaw or Apple Sauce	\$1.50

**\*A LA CARTE ITEMS AVAILABLE ALL DAY**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**April 18, Good Friday  
PIEROGI SALE**

**9:00 AM — 5:00 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE: TAKE OUT ONLY ON THIS DATE**

Call-in orders on **DAY OF SALE ONLY**  
beginning at 8 AM

**724-266-6010 SOLD COOKED OR FROZEN**

**Lenten Nullity Presentations** – The Tribunal Office will be providing a 45-minute presentation in each of the four Vicariates of the diocese. The purpose of the talk is to provide information about the nullity process and help those wanting to begin the process to do so by receiving the initial paperwork. The talk is directed toward those who have a desire for adult education regarding this often misunderstood subject. People involved in RCIA as teachers or directors may have a special interest in attending this talk. Registration is not required, but to plan for chairs and refreshments please let us know that you are coming at [tribunal@diopitt.org](mailto:tribunal@diopitt.org) or call 412-456-3033. Presentations at other parishes throughout the diocese are scheduled as follows: March 18, Saint Camillus, New Castle; March 25, Ascension, Ingram; March 31, Saint Fidelis, Meridian; April 2, Saint Thomas More, Bethel Park; April 3, Saint Athanasius, West View; April 8, North American Martyrs, Monroeville; and April 10, Ave Maria, Bentleyville. All presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. and are free.

**“Back to the Font: Baptism’s call to discipleship and leadership” District Lenten Mini-Retreats**, Our Lady of Fatima, Sun., March 16 thru Tues., March 18, 7-8:30 pm. **Sunday:** Opening Prayer Service, intro and reflection questions. **Monday:** The Challenge of Leadership: Living as Catholics in the 21st Century. **Tuesday:** Shaped and Sent: From Mass to Mission. Call 724-375-7626

#### Day of Recollection

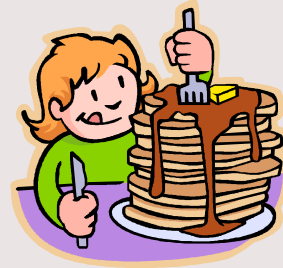
**Christian Mothers, St. Frances Cabrini, 115 Trinity Drive, Aliquippa, Tuesday, March 25, from 9:30 am-3:00 pm, Fr. Angelus M Shaughnessy, OFM Capuchin, National Executive Director, Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers, conference, confessions, devotions, lunch and celebration of the Eucharist. Cost 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.**

#### DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH FR. SAM ESPOSITO

**St Titus Christian Mothers & Women’s Guild Day of Recollection on Wednesday, March 26th at 9 am. Speaker, Very Reverend Sam Esposito, Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate 3. Fr. Sam will celebrate Mass, and recite the rosary and Stations of the Cross. Confession available. Cost is \$15.00 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Join us for faith and fellowship. For info and reservations, call Helen Cortese at 724-378-1878.**



# HUNGRY?

St. John the Baptist, Holy Name Society

*“All You Can Eat”*

**PANCAKE, FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE  
and WAFFLE BREAKFAST**

**This Sunday, March 16**

**8:00 am to 11:30 am**

**in the Parish Social Hall**

**Come and try our NEW  
waffles with fruit toppings!**

Cost is only \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 10. Kids under 5 years old eat free.

And don't miss our

**CHOIR  
BAKE SALE**



**(Donated baked goods are appreciated)**

#### *New Evangelization Workshop*

‘Unpacking’ Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation

*Evangelii Gaudium*

(The Joy of the Gospel)

Saturday, March 22

10:00 - Noon

O’Connor Hall at St. Paul Seminary

2900 Noblestown Road,

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

**Presenter:** Michel Therrien, STL, STD

There is no cost for the workshop but registration is required.

Call 412-456-3157 or

e-mail: [cradcliffe@diopitt.org](mailto:cradcliffe@diopitt.org)



**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER** ✠

**TODAY: SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

**St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society *All You Can Eat* PANCAKE, FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST & CHOIR BAKE SALE**

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

**PARISH SHARE 2014 HAS BEGUN!** During the past week all registered parishioners should have received in the mail a Parish Share Pledge Card, brochure from the Bishop, a letter from Father Joe, and a return envelope. If you have not received this package, please call or e-mail the parish office and we will send one out to you. The Initial Pledge phase and parishioners' updates are due to the parish office no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. A report will be sent into the Diocese on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and the first billing statement will be mailed from Our Sunday Visitor on May 12, 2014. Our Goal this year is \$36,696. Please prayerfully consider what you can give, and make a pledge to our Parish Share Program. Thank you.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING**

Sunday, March 23, gathering will begin with 9:45 am Mass followed by The Stations of the Cross. A business meeting with refreshments will follow in the hall. All women of the parish are invited to become members of Christian Mothers. **All parishioners are welcome to stay to participate in the Stations of the Cross.**

**LENTEN READING** Our Catholic Book Lending Library in the social hall has many inspirational publications for your reflection and meditation. Kindly return books within 2 weeks of borrowing.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' RICE BOWL**

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Rights and Responsibilities*, and be reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all around the world, that we may come to know and protect the rights of **all** people.

**Good Samaritan Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild**

CM/LG monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 19th** in Jericho Hall after the 6:30 pm Mass. Terry Mylan will speak about Servant Leadership: Taking an active roll in the Church through service.

**St. James School 2014-2015 Admissions Open House Sunday, March 23.** Learn about opportunities awaiting you & your child. Tour the school and meet with our teachers, parents, principal and pastor. 201 Broad Street, Sewickley. [www.stjameschool.us](http://www.stjameschool.us).

**Silver Ring Thing Saturday, March 22, Quigley High School, Grades 7-12,** Student Session: 7-9 pm; Parent Session: 7:00-7:45 pm Topics: guys, girls, dating, waiting, love. Cost: \$8 at door, \$6 on line [www.silverringthing.com](http://www.silverringthing.com).

**Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, March 23,** St. John the Baptist School cafeteria, 1501 Virginia Ave., Monaca. Noon to 5:00 pm. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, age 12 and under. Proceeds benefit St. John's Catholic School.

**Vera Bradley Purse Bingo, Sunday, March 23**  
Doors open at Noon, Baden Fire Department, 47 Firehouse Lane, Baden. Benefits: *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Light the Night Walk*. \$25 donation includes lunch & Bingo. Info call Theresa Szymoniak 724-869-2577.

**+UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Monday, March 17**  
No CCD - Grades 3-5  
9:00 am (GS) Dough Making (JH)
- Tuesday, March 18**  
8:30 pm (GS) Baking Project (JH)  
6:30 pm (GS) First Eucharist Parent Meeting (JH)  
7:00 pm (GS) Study Facilitators Meeting (SJH)
- Wednesday, March 19**  
6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice - Church Hall  
6:30 pm (GS) CMLG Meeting (JH)  
7:15 pm (GS) "Seven Deadly Sins" Study-Week 2 (GS-Ch)
- Thursday, March 20**  
7:00 pm (SJ) "Seven Deadly Sins" Study-Week 2 (SJ Hall)
- Friday, March 21**  
9:00 am (SJ) Pierogi Sales until sold out. Call 724-869-9758  
11:00 am - 7:00 pm (GS) Fish Fry - Call 724-266-6010  
11:00 am (GS) "Seven Deadly Sins" Study-Week 2 (SJH)  
3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration  
7/8 pm (GS) Confession/Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer Group
- Saturday, March 22**  
10:00 am (GS) Confirmation (at Our Lady of Peace)
- Sunday, March 23**  
9:00 am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (SJH)  
9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8 & Reconciliation (GS)  
11:00 am (GS) LINKS Children's Liturgy during Mass  
11:00 am (SJ) CCM Monthly Meeting  
2:00-4:00 pm (GS) Palm Weaving Workshop (JH)

**✠IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Edward Klavin II (Grandson of Annette Hramika), Albert Rabovsky, Michael Pavkovich and Pauline Veltry.* May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<b>Good Samaritan</b>	
Weekly Offering, March 9, 2014	\$7,466.74
Ash Wednesday	\$1,704.02
<b>St. John the Baptist</b>	
Weekly Offering, March 9, 2014	\$2,962.00
Ash Wednesday	\$476.55