

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 24: Lenten Weekday
8:00 am (GS) Anthony Rossi - Rita Furis
Tuesday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 am (GS) Vince Morelli - Charles Jurcak, Shirley & Barb
Wednesday, March 26: Lenten Weekday
8:00 am (SJ) Ray Sutton - Eugene & Lottie Vallecorsa
6:30 pm (GS) Al Rabovsky - Rudis Family
Thursday, March 27: Lenten Weekday
8:00 am (GS) Louis Guido - Annette Hramika
Friday, March 28: Lenten Weekday
8:00 am (SJ) Orlando Gagliardi - Stuban Family
Saturday, March 29: Lenten Weekday
4:00 pm (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes
5:30 pm (GS) Bill Shanholtz - Wife, Mary
Sunday, March 30: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 am (GS) Aloe & Bonavita Families - Grandchildren
9:45 am (SJ) Abby Marie Gadowski - Mom, Dad & Sisters
11:00 am (GS) John Palmer - Family

Readings for the Week of March 23, 2014 Third Week of Lent

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Saturday Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Sunday 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER Bread and Wine

Dolores Johnson (SJ) by M/M Richard Verigood

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Angelo & Perlina Costanza (GS) by Edith Costanza

THIS WEEKEND: LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

will be seeking financial support at doors of the Churches.

"Seven Deadly Sins - Seven Lively Virtues" Study Update

All Parishioners are invited to this week's one-hour Lenten Spiritual Study Session with DVD Presentation by Fr. Robert Barron on the Deadly Sins of "*Sloth and Greed*" as well as their counterbalance in the Lively Virtues of "*Zeal and Generosity*". Even if you did not attend the two previous sessions, you are welcome to join us this week as each session is complete in itself. Sessions will be held on **Wednesday at 7:15 pm** in Good Samaritan Church; **Thursday at 7:00 pm** in St. John's Church Hall; and **Friday at 11:00 am** in St. Joseph House at Good Samaritan. This study is appropriate for families, including children over the age of 12. We hope to see you this week!

Good Samaritan
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From Father Joe

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME CHEESE WITH THAT WHINE?

This weekend, we hear a reading from chapter 17 of Exodus, part of what is commonly known as "the murmuring passages." In today's lingo, we would call it whining. The tribes of Israel have just been miraculously delivered from the hands of the Egyptians who had enslaved them and were ready to slay them as they prepared to cross the Red Sea.

Instead of being grateful for their freedom, they begin to whine that they are thirsty, saying "*Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst?*"

Exasperated, Moses pleaded with God, "*What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!*" God heard the plea of Moses and provided water for the people to drink. When they cried out for food, He gave them manna. When they complained that they were bored with eating manna, God gave them quail to eat. Each time the Israelites complained to Moses that they would have been better off back in Egypt living in slavery.

It's difficult to imagine, but at one point, Moses became so frustrated and worn down from the whining and complaining that he actually asked God to take his life:

"I cannot carry all this people by myself, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you will deal with me, then please do me the favor of killing me at once, so that I need no longer face my distress."
Numbers 11: 14-15

Negativity is probably not one of the sins that most of us think of as we prepare for the sacrament of penance, but complaining can have an *incredibly* destructive effect on our lives and the lives of those around us. How many organizations have either been torn apart, or just withered away and died because of negativity? How many workplaces have become tainted by negativity and hyper criticism to the point that folks begin to dread going to work in the morning? It's an age-old problem. Paul admonished the Philippians in these words:

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe
Philippians 2:14-15

There is a difference between constructive criticism and negative murmuring. The difference is that one is rooted in love and concern, aimed at wanting the person or organization to be the best they can be, while the other is just destructive. Unfortunately, most of us are susceptible to the temptation to complain, but through discernment, humility, spiritual direction, and the sacrament of reconciliation, we can allow God to use us as instruments of His Grace to transform the world around us. God calls us each Lent to become a beacon in the darkness.

Father Joe

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
(Not on Holy Saturday)

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

*Congratulations to our Good Samaritan Confirmandi who received the
Sacrament of Confirmation and were sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit,
Saturday the 22nd, at Our Lady of Peace Church, Conway.*



- ✦ John Cook ✦ Miranda D'Antoni
- ✦ Lauren Fernandez ✦ Savannah Fischer
- ✦ Ryan Knecht ✦ Hannah Kosela
- ✦ Samuel Kovach ✦ Elaina Kuhni
- ✦ Sydney LaCosa ✦ Dominick Lamberto
- ✦ Samantha Pisano ✦ John Prentice ✦ Tessa Vezza.
- ✦ and Theodore Kotula, who received a blessing.

LENTEN FISH FRY GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

👉 **724-266-6010** 👈

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



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



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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

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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 & 1 Crab Cake, one side, coleslaw or applesauce, dessert & 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**

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 ONLY on DAY OF SALE
beginning at 8:00 AM

724-266-6010 SOLD COOKED OR FROZEN

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' RICE BOWL This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor*, and reminded of Jesus' words: *"Whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me."* Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.

MARCH 23 CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING Our Sunday, March 23, gathering will begin with 9:45 AM Mass and immediately afterward (in church) we will walk with Jesus in the Stations of the Cross. In the social hall refreshments will be served and the business meeting will be held. 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.**

PIEROGI HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED Can you volunteer for a couple of hours on Thursday mornings (8 AM), Thursday evenings (6 PM) or Friday (all day) to lend a hand with our Pierogi Project? As Easter approaches, sales increase and more workers are SO appreciated! If you would like to become a new volunteer, call the parish office: 724-869-2280.

Good Samaritan Cemetery News

You are kindly asked to remove all Christmas wreaths and decorations **before April 1st**. Anything left on the graves after that day will be removed by the caretaker. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Good Samaritan St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Drive

Our food pantry is low except for the canned corn. We are in need of non perishable items for our Easter Food Baskets. Please place your donations in the **red containers** located at the doors of the Church. Your contributions are appreciated.

Beaver Valley Choral Society and Orchestra to Perform

"Even the Heavens are Weeping" in Good Samaritan Sanctuary! **On Saturday, April 5th at 7:30 pm.** This is an exclusive presentation as we are the only hosting church in the area. The 100 member famed Beaver Valley Choral Society and Orchestra are an outstanding choral and orchestral ensemble. Come, bring your children, family, friends and those from other churches to this concert to be uplifted through inspiring anthems and musical arrangements. There is no charge, all are welcome.

Formation for Liturgical Ministry: The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in the Parish to the Homebound or in an Institution. Available for those who have not yet completed the diocesan formation program. **Sat., March 29, 9 am-11:30 am, St Joseph the Worker, New Castle. Contact the parish office to register.**

A Note From Deacon Jim Weiland

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

Beaver Valley Catholic Elementary Schools Pre-School Registration Open 2014-2015, 3 and 4 year old programs. **Divine Mercy Academy**, St. Monica Parish, Beaver Falls, 724-846-5955 office@dmacademy.org, www.dmacademy.org; **Our Lady of Fatima**, Hopewell, 724-375-7565, olofschool@comcast.net, www.ourladyoffatimahopewell.org; **St. John the Baptist**, Monaca, 724-775-5774, sjsmonaca@gmail.com, www.stjohnmonaca.com; **Saints Peter and Paul**, Beaver. 724-774-4450, principal@ssppbeaver.org. wwwssppbeaver.org/school.

+UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 24

9:00 am (GS) Dough Making (JH)
5:15-6:45 pm CCD Grades 3-5; 5:20pm-Stations Cross (SJ)
6:30 pm (GS) Women of WELL-come

Tuesday, March 25

8:30 am (GS) Baking Project (JH)
7:00 pm (GS) Study Facilitators Meeting (SJH)

Wednesday, March 26

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice - Church Hall
7:15-8:15 pm (GS) *Seven Deadly Sins* - Study Week #3 (GS Church)

Thursday, March 27

6:00 pm (SJ) Roll balls for pierogi
7:00 pm (SJ) *"Seven Deadly Sins-Study Week #3* (SJ Hall)

Friday, March 28

9:00 am (SJ) **Pierogi Sale** 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 #3 (SJH)
3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
7/8 pm (GS) Confession-Rosary-Mass/Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, March 29: CCHD Collection at all Masses

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8:30 am (GS) MASS Penitential Rite Scrutiny for CIC/Teen RCIA and RCIA
9:30 am (GS) CIC /Teen RCIA (SJH)
9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)
5:30 pm (GS) RCIA (SJH)

✠ **IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Margaret Besong and Robert Rinaldi Jr.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, March 16, 2014	\$2,597.00