

MASS INTENTIONS**FOURTH WEEK OF LENT****Monday, March 27:** Lenten Weekday

8:00am (GS) Guy Cafarelli by Danny Martino

Tuesday, March 28: Lenten Weekday

8:00am (GS) Richard Bartosh by Ron & Jackie Bialorucki

Wednesday, March 29: Lenten Weekday

8:00am (SJ) Donald Chismire by Frank Thomas

6:30pm (GS) Dolores Jamery by Mary Cellini

Thursday, March 30: Lenten Weekday

8:00am (GS) Vincent Ombres by Mary Lewicki

Friday, March 31: Lenten Weekday

8:00am (SJ) Mary Buffalini by Donato & Maria Martino

8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, April 1: *Optional Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00am (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of Beaver Valley Blue Army

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

5:30pm Vigil (GS) In Honor of Leslie & Dolores Smith, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, April 2: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am (GS) Frank Aloe by Family

9:30am (SJ) Mary Buffalini by Bob & Lorraine Buffalini

11:00am (GS) William Cameron, Sr. by DeMaris Cameron

Readings for the Week of March 27, 2017

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 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER**Sanctuary Candle**

(SJ) Abby Marie Gadomski by Mark & Mary Gadomski

(GS) Frank Duzick by Wife & Children

Bread & Wine

(GS) Charlotte Stojan by Cousin, Nancy Savie

THIS WEEKEND -- MARCH 25 & 26:

The Sisters of St. Joseph are selling raffle tickets after all Masses at both parishes as part of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Auxiliary's 55th Annual Spring Luncheon event, which benefits the Sisters and their ministries. Your support of this important fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

Also This Weekend: Second collection for Catholic Campaign Human Development, Catholic Home Missions Appeal & National Collection for Black & Indian Missions

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD DRIVE

We are particularly low on canned meat, tuna, pasta sauce, cereal, pancake mix, syrup and Easter candy for children. Food can be deposited in the **RED RECEPTACLES** at the church doors. Monetary donation can be deposited with the Sunday Collection in an envelope marked **SVDP**. *Thanks for your support!*

WHY ME, LORD?

The Gospel reading this Sunday relates the story of a man born blind who was miraculously cured by Jesus. The disciples posed a curious question. *"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"*

In response, Jesus replied that neither he nor his parents had sinned. It was that the works of God might be made visible through him.

It sounds like a strange question, but it wasn't uncommon in the time of the Old Testament for people to believe that folks who were holy were blessed with good fortune -- many children, good health, and prosperity. On the other hand, if a person experienced loss, like a fire that destroyed their vineyard or a severe injury from an accident, it must have been because they had greatly sinned and were being punished by God. This was understandable, given that some of the Jews, especially the Saducees, believed that there was no afterlife, and that there were no rewards or punishments after death.

In working the miracle of curing his blindness, Jesus proved that He possessed the power of God. This miracle made many sit up and notice Jesus. Once cured, the blind man began to follow Jesus. The deeper lesson from the story is that Jesus cured not only the man's physical inability to see, but his spiritual blindness as well. It calls to mind the words of the hymn *Amazing Grace*, *"I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see."*

It's hard at times when we experience great loss or tragedy in our lives not to wonder whether we are being punished for something. At other times, suffering just seems so unfair and we are tempted to ask *"Why me?"* It's difficult to grasp why some really good and even *holy* people occasionally suffer such great tragedies or suffering in life. The story of Lent and the saga of the cross of Christ are reminders that sometimes God is working behind the scenes in ways we can neither see nor understand to use that suffering for our ultimate good -- or maybe for the good of those we love. Consider all of the people who turned to God in the aftermath of the tragedy of 9-11.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Time and again, I have witnessed people who have experienced a great tragedy, like the loss of a child, provide solace to those in a similar crisis. They are able to bring God's healing touch in ways that no counselor or psychologist could ever hope to provide. It's one of the reasons it saddens me when people choose not to have a visitation at a funeral home. Often the hugs, and stories, and assurances of prayer bring great comfort. The amazing part is that in comforting others, God often brings healing to us, making our crosses just a little easier to embrace.

9-Week Living Novena "Mondays with Mary"

Women of All Ages are asked to bring your Rosary and join us this Monday at 7:00 PM in Good Samaritan Church as we continue our Living Novena prayers to ask Our Lady to "undo the knots of confusion" in our lives.

Afterwards, we will all gather in the Jericho Hall Upper Classroom for refreshments and a 15 minute DVD presentation by Dr. Ted Sri as he explains the beauty of the confusing words spoken to Mary at the Annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel. For more information, please contact Susan at 724-266-6565 Ext #17.

Alzheimer & Dementia Lecture, Sat., April 1, 10am

Good Samaritan & St. John the Baptist Parishes along with Economy Ambulance Service will sponsor a lecture on Alzheimer and Dementia in Jericho Hall, Good Samaritan. Judy McClelland, Education & Outreach Coordinator at Alzheimer's Association, presenter. For reservations call: Bobby 724-266-6565x15, Sr. Mary Lou 724-266-6565x19.

2017 REGIONAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

April 1 Sat. 10am Good Samaritan, Ambridge
 April 2 Sun. 7pm St. Cecilia, Rochester
 April 3 Mon. 7pm St. Frances Cabrini, Center Twp.
 April 4 Tue. 7pm Our Lady of Fatima, Hopewell
 April 5 Wed. 7pm Our Lady of Peace, Conway
 April 6 Thur. 7pm Sts. Peter & Paul, Beaver
 April 8 Sat. 10am St. Titus, Aliquippa
 April 8 Sat. Noon St. John the Baptist, Monaca
 April 10 Mon. 7pm Holy Family, New Brighton



Good Samaritan & St. John the Baptist LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6:00-6:20 pm Good Samaritan
 Saturday 12:00-12:30 pm Good Samaritan
 Saturday 1:15-1:45 pm St. John, Baden

*No Confessions on Holy Saturday
 Times may be adjusted due to Funerals.*

2017 Parish Triduum & Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00pm Mass Good Samaritan Adoration until 11:00pm
 7:00pm Mass St. Johns, Baden Adoration until 10:00pm

Good Friday, April 14

9:00am Morning Prayer Good Samaritan
 2:00pm Passion of the Lord Good Samaritan
 2:00pm Passion of the Lord St. John the Baptist

Holy Saturday, April 15

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

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00am Mass Good Samaritan
 9:30am Mass St. John the Baptist
 11:00am Mass Good Samaritan

FATHER JOE FREEDY

Vocations Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh

LENTEN MISSION

at Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

404 6th Street, Ambridge, PA

Monday, April 3 *Living Life to the Full*

Tuesday, April 4 *Getting God Right/Forgiveness*

Wednesday, April 5 *Being Set Free*

6:30 PM

Confessions will be available each evening at 6:00 pm and after the Mission.

Father Joe Freedy will preach at all weekend Liturgies, including:

Saturday, April 1, at 6:00 pm and

Sunday, April 2, at 8:00 am & 11:00 am

EASTER NUT ROLL BAKING SCHEDULE, JERICHO HALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 26	DOUGH & FILLING	9:00 am
MONDAY, MARCH 27	MAKE ROLLS	8:30 am
SUNDAY, APRIL 2	DOUGH & FILLING	9:00 am
MONDAY, APRIL 3	MAKE ROLLS	8:30 am

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 PARISH ALTAR SERVERS & LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA MASSES

Please return to the Parish Office by April 3. Indicate your choices & place in the collection basket.

- Altar Server
- Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist
- Lector

- 1 7:00pm Tuesday, April 18
- 2 7:00pm Tuesday, April 25
- 3 7:00pm Tuesday, May 2
- 4 7:00pm Tuesday, May 9
- 5 7:00pm Tuesday, May 16
- 6 7:00pm Tuesday, May 23
- 7 7:00pm Tuesday, May 30
- 8 7:00pm Tuesday, June 6
- 9 6:30pm Tuesday, June 13 **Closing**

NAME _____
 PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

**Our parish is Committed to Protecting God's Children
 ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-932-0313
 Diocesan Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3060**

CALLED BY NAME

Sunday, April 30, 4-8:30 pm
Saint Paul Seminary. No Cost

We're all called to holiness, but what does that mean? How does God invite us to holiness through His perfect plan for our lives? Come and explore our universal call to holiness as well as the particular vocations to Priesthood and the Religious Life at the second annual *Called by Name* event, Sunday, April 30, 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary. The evening for high school men and women features Fr. Matt McClain and Sr. Bethany Madonna (from the Sisters of Life) as speakers. Ben Walther, a nationally-renowned worship leader, will play during Mass and a time of adoration. Visit PGHPriest.com to register.

Spring Open House Bishop Canevin High School, **Wednesday, April 26, from 6pm to 8pm** **2700 Morange Road, Pittsburgh**

Families and students in grades 6-11 are invited to tour the school, meet current students and faculty and learn more about Bishop Canevin's Jesuit-inspired education. For more information please contact Marianne Reinhart, Director of Admissions and Enrollment, 412-922-7400, ext. 228, or reinhartm@bishopcanevin.org.

Spring Open House La Roche College **9000 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh** **Saturday, April 8**

La Roche College invites high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to explore more than 50 career-focused majors with faculty, staff and current students. Learn more about the admissions process, financial aid and the college's merit-based scholarships, based on SAT/ACT and GPA. La Roche education has a Study Abroad+Study USA program, included in the tuition structure. La Roche visitors will tour the buildings & grounds and enjoy a complimentary lunch. Event is scheduled from 9 am to 2 pm, beginning in the Kerr Fitness Center. Registration is online at laroche.edu. Questions? admissions@LaRoche.edu or 412-536-1272. La Roche College is a Catholic co-educational institution located in Pittsburgh's North Hills, McCandless Twp.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples.

Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The weekend and post sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication, listening, and understanding. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 31, contact Retrouvaille 412-277-3434. More info at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

Join hundreds of single Catholics of all ages at the **National Catholic Singles Conference, May 19th-21st, 2017 held at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree in Pittsburgh, PA.** The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship and more! Space is limited so register now! For information and to register visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com. Use promo code **NCSCPA** to receive a special discount.

Can't find your question answered on the website?

Call 888-267-8885 ext. 4

A CHOCOLATE SUNDAY



On Sunday, April 30, 2017, McGuire Memorial's Marion Gordon Auxiliary will present "**A Chocolate Sunday**" at Seven Oaks Country Club, Beaver County, from 2-5pm. 30 different vendors will be on hand to serve up fine chocolate, fudge, pastries, ice cream and cookies, plus specialties from local restaurants and caterers. Extensive auction of beautiful baskets including food items, seasonal decorations, giftware, floral arrangements, clothing and more! Tickets are \$20. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Pam 724-774-2262, Mary 724-544-2031 or Rosemary 412-973-8290.

Job Opportunity – Personal Care Aide

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden are recruiting a Personal Care Aide (PRN – scheduled as needed). This person will be responsible for assisting residents with daily life functions in a professional and caring manner. Flexibility and willingness to consider covering vacant shifts is vital for the position, including the availability to work weekends and holidays. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Criminal clearance, drug & alcohol testing required. Contact Allie Mooney at 724.869.6544 or email amooney@stjoseph-baden.org. Visit www.stjoseph-baden.org to learn more about the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Please consider supporting Catholic Hospice as you explore volunteer possibilities

Catholic Hospice is inviting you to consider volunteering in support of our pro-life mission towards end of life care. We would love to have people who are open to encountering one of life's most rewarding experiences and also welcoming people who enjoy fundraising, community events or clerical work to join our team as well. Volunteer training for Patient Care on **Friday, March 31, from 9am-4pm** at our Sewickley office. If you are interested in our volunteer opportunities, call Robyn Aguzzi 724-933-6222 or email raguzzi@catholichospicepgh.org. For information on Catholic Hospice go to www.Catholichospicepgh.org.

Saint Cecilia Christian Mothers Day of Recollection **10 AM, Tuesday, April 4, in the Church & Social Hall**

Father Bob Marva O.F.M. Cap., celebrant

\$15 includes lunch, mail checks to:

St. Cecilia Christian Mothers, FA Lewarchik,
754 Charles St., Rochester, PA15074

For reservations call:

Barbara 724-775-4796 or Toni 724-775-2558

Deadline for reservations: March 28th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ambridge Regional Chamber Commerce

Tuesday, April 18, "*Meet the Candidates*" Night

Friday, April 21, *Second Chance Church Bus Tour*

Saturday, April 29, *Spring Home & Garden Show*

More information in next week's bulletin

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Can you give a couple of hours to our Pierogi Project? Fridays are busiest and help is needed, especially in the kitchen during the afternoon hours. Call the parish office to become a new volunteer. 724-869-2280.

SAT., APRIL 1, The Beaver Valley Blue Army (the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) will hold its First Saturday meeting here at St. John's. Confessions begin at 8:15AM. After 9:00AM Mass, members will pray the Rosary, a continental breakfast follows. New members or those interested are welcome. Please call Colleen (724) 375-3846 if you have any questions.

THANK YOU! So many, many thanks are being sent to the parishioners of St. John's for your most generous contributions made via the Souper Bowl of Caring. Your faithfulness to our community ministry has always been & will always be one of our greatest blessings. With you and in Him †, *We Care Food Pantry*

Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing
Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on May 5-7, 2017 at Tabor House in Millvale. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion's aftermath. To register, or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email: toniafj1@comcast.net.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH
3:00 - 8:00 PM Every Friday,
Followed by Mass at 8:00

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild

We will once again award \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors of the class of 2017.

For an application packet, please email your request to GSPCMLG@comcast.net by March 31, 2017.



GOOD SAMARITAN YOUTH CHOIR

Time to raise our voices to the Lord again! All youth in the Church are invited to come and praise the Lord with their voices in song. It is not too late to join us. Children need to be at least 5 yrs old.

Youth Choir Spring Schedule

11am Mass, Easter Sunday, April 16, be in choir room @10:15am
5:30pm Mass, Saturday, April 22, be in choir room @5:00pm
5:30pm Mass, Saturday, April 29, be in choir room @5:00pm



Rehearsals in the Choir Room:
Sundays from 9:30-10:15AM
March 26, April 2, & April 9

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 26

9:00am (GS) Make Dough (JH)
9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)
9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8
9:30am (GS) Youth Choir (Choir Room)

Monday, March 27

8:30am (GS) Make Rolls (JH)
5:15-6:45pm (GS) CCD Grades 1-5
7:00pm (GS) Week #3 "Living Novena" to *Our Lady Undoer of Knots* (Church & JH Classroom)

Wednesday, March 29

1:30pm (SJ) Peeling & Cutting Potatoes for Pierogi
6:30pm (SJ) Saint John the Baptist Choir Practice
7:15pm (GS) *Gospel of John*, Bible Study, Week #3(JH)

Thursday, March 30

7:30-10:00am (SJ) Cooking/Mashing Potatoes-Pierogi
3:00-7:00pm (SJ) Potato Ball Making-Pierogi

Friday, March 31

6:00am - 2:30pm (SJ) **Pierogi Making Project:**
PIEROGI SALES HOTLINE 724-869-9758
11:00am (GS) #3 *Gospel of John*, Bible Study (JH)
11:00am-7:00pm **(GS) LENTEN FISH FRY**
2:30pm (GS) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
3:00-8:00pm (GS) **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
6:00pm (SJ) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
7:00pm (GS) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
7:00/8:00pm (GS) Confession/Rosary/Mass, *Marian Prayer*

Saturday, April 1

8:15am (SJ) Confessions/9am Mass/Rosary/Meeting BVBA
10:00am (GS) Alzheimer & Dementia Lecture (JH)
10:00am (GS) Lenten Penance Service

Sunday, April 2

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)
9:00am (GS) Dough Making (JH)
9:30am (GS) Youth Choir (Choir Room)
7:00pm Lenten Penance Service at St. Cecilia, Rochester
11:00am (GS) Mass: CIC/Teen RCIA, Penitential Rite, Scrutiny & Presentation of the Creed

✠IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed who died recently, especially **Bessie Christner** and **Nick Pasco**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering, March 19, 2017	\$7,679.00
Parish Share	\$556.00
Easter Flowers	\$320.00
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, March 12, 2017	\$2,246.00

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