

Mass Intentions

[Week 6 in Lent]

Monday, March 30: Monday of Holy Week
 8:00 am (GS) Ann Ordons by Ray & Judy Alsko
Tuesday, March 31: Tuesday of Holy Week
 8:00 am (GS) Emercine Narkevic by Rich & Barb Benkowski
Wednesday, April 1: Wednesday of Holy Week
 8:00 am (SJ) Abby Marie Gadomski by Mark & Mary Gadomski
 6:30 pm (GS) Barbara Fitzpatrick by Children
Thursday, April 2: HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 7:00 pm (GS) Arthur J. Conti by Wife & Children
 7:00 pm (SJ) Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday, April 3: FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Good Friday: (See Passion Service Schedule in the bulletin)
Saturday, April 4: HOLY SATURDAY
 8:30 pm (GS) Newly Initiated CIC/Teen RCIA and RCIA
Sunday, April 5: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 8:00 am (GS) Frank Hribar by St. Vincent de Paul Society Members
 9:00 am (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes
 11:00 am (GS) Veloso & Sagun Families by Minda Aquirre Family

Readings for the Week of March 30, 2015 Holy Week in Lent
Monday Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-1
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 4:5-14/ Is 5:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Mk 6:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER
Bread and Wine

Abby Marie Gadomski by Mark & Mary Gadomski
 In Honor of the Passion of the Lord, Mary & Frank Pingitore (GS)
 by Pingitore Family

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Charles Jurcak (GS) by Ladies of Charity

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

Strugalski Family (GS) by Teresa Surgeon

Sanctuary Candle

Abby Marie Gadomski (SJ) by Mark & Mary Gadomski
 Carl & Helen Zubik (GS) by Children

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

7:00 pm Mass at Good Samaritan

COLLECTION FOR THE POOR: During the offertory, Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting food items as well as cash donations at the Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015

Annual Diocesan Holy Land Collection

GS Sacrament of Reconciliation, Wed. April 1, 5:45-6:30pm



From Father Joe

Looking back to when I was little, I realize how much we used our imaginations. We weren't allowed to sit around in the house and watch TV. It was during the 1st century BC (Before Computers). Our parents would throw us out and tell us to find something to do. We got out our old Tonka trucks, and we would pretend we were truck drivers. Sometimes we would play cowboys or play cops & robbers, taking turns being the good guy.



This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday, with the dramatic reading of the Passion of Christ. Lent is nearly over, and Holy Week is upon us. It's such

a busy time, filled with powerful scripture readings and awe-filled liturgies. Sadly, there is so much packed into such a short time, that we seldom take time to break it open and embrace the Mystery that we celebrate.

One of the most powerful ways to enter into the Sacred Mysteries of Holy Week is to rekindle that imagination of our youth. If we can immerse ourselves in the readings, they come alive. Who would we be if we were there during Palm Sunday or during the Agony in the Garden? What role would we have played on the road to Calvary?

What would it have been like to have been a waiter at the Last Supper? Would we have meticulously picked up the crumbs left over from the bread that became the Body of Christ? Would we have fallen asleep in the Garden like the Apostles when Jesus asked them to pray? Would we have been brave enough to push through the crowd and offer comfort to Christ, like Saint Veronica who wiped the face of Jesus? Would we flee from Christ and turn our back like many of the Disciples? Would we be like Joseph of Arimathea, who risked his reputation to claim the body of Christ and lay it in his own rock-hewn grave?

Would we be like Saint John the Beloved Apostle, standing at foot of the Cross with Mary Magdelene, comforting the Blessed Mother as her Son hung there dying on the Cross? ...or would we have heard about it all second hand from others who had been there? Would we have missed it all because we had pressing work to do, or because we were preparing for all of the relatives coming over to celebrate the holidays?

From the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral when the sacred oils are blessed, to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday Evening, to the reading of the Passion and Adoration of the Cross on Good Friday, there are so many powerful opportunities to enter into the Mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. No matter what else is on our plate, no matter what else may be going on in our lives this coming week, I hope we can take the time to make this journey with our Christ during the holiest week of the year.



SAINT JOHN'S CORNER



APRIL 1 FIRST WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass and continue until 2:30 PM closing. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord.

SPRING CLEANING Volunteers are needed to clean the church in preparation for Easter on Monday, 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. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please call the parish office: 724-869-2280.

Blessed John of Vercelli Award Banquet On Sunday, April 19, at 4:30 PM the Beaver County Holy Name Society will sponsor its 49th annual awards banquet. Twelve men will receive the Blessed John of Vercelli Award for their outstanding contributions to the Church, the Holy Name Society and their respective communities. Jeffrey Rudek from St. John's Holy Name Society will be honored. Reservations may be made by calling Bill Cahalan at 724-869-5209. Tickets cost \$28.



EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

On Easter Sunday, Bishops David Zubik, William Waltersheid and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocesan to the annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland, beginning at 2:00 pm.

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witness to The Faith. Come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are, and the gifts that you bring to our *Church Alive!* of Pittsburgh. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home; and the children will receive a sweet treat. May the Risen Christ bless you always!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

2:00 pm *Passion of the Lord & Adoration of the Cross at both Parishes*
 6:00 pm **St. John the Baptist**
 7:00 pm **Good Samaritan**



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. Text us at: 985-630-9742, or Email: youth@goodsam1.org

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS:

Mon, Mar. 30, Bible Study, 8-9:30 pm *Come bring a friend!*

2015 PARISH TRIDUUM & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE 2015

Good Samaritan Parish

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015

Mass 7:00 pm Good Samaritan
 Eucharistic Adoration Until 11:00 pm, with Night Prayer at 10:45

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

Morning Prayer 9:00 am Good Samaritan
 Passion of the Lord 2:00 pm Good Samaritan
 Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Good Samaritan

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015

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

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday Mass 8:00 am Good Samaritan
Easter Sunday Mass 11:00 am Good Samaritan

Saint John the Baptist Parish

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015

Mass 7:00 pm Saint John the Baptist
 Eucharistic Adoration Until 11:00 pm Saint John the Baptist

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

Passion of the Lord 2:00 pm Saint John the Baptist
 Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Saint John the Baptist

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday Mass 9:00 am Saint John the Baptist

NO 8:00 AM MASS, Holy Thursday, April 2 at GS
NO CONFESSIONS, Holy Saturday, April 4
NO VIGIL MASS, April 4 at St. John the Baptist

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, March 30

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

Wednesday, March 31

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Friday, April 3: Good Friday

GS/SJ Offices Closed

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (GS) Pierogi Sales - Take out Only (JH)

No (SJ) Pierogi Sales

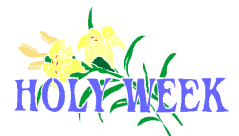
No (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, April 4: **Holy Saturday**

No (SJ) Blue Army Prayer Group

Sunday, April 5 **Easter Sunday**

No CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)



✠**IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of *John Ciccone*. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

| Good Samaritan | |
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| Weekly Offering, March 22, 2015 | \$5,843.11 |
| St. John the Baptist | |
| Weekly Offering, March 22, 2015 | \$2,011.66 |
| GOOD SAMARITAN | 724-266-6565 |
| SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST | 724-869-2280 |